Rebuttal to the Argument For Measure M\_Final

Promoters of Measure M are trying to put "*lipstick on a pig*" by claiming the \$300 million Floodwall is desperately needed to protect Woodland from flooding. But according to the City's own 2020 analysis, *the City of Woodland has never even experienced flooding*!

<u>So what's the real reason for the Floodwall?</u> Well it's simple - The Floodwall will pull thousands of acres of land just east and southeast of Woodland out of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 100-year floodplain and potentially **open it up for explosive commercial and residential sprawl**.

This could produce tremendous development profits for waiting land speculators. Meanwhile, our <u>longtime farming friends</u> left behind the Floodwall, <u>who are a vital part of our community</u>, could be <u>seriously financially harmed by rising flood waters</u>!

And <u>not disclosed to voters</u> is *the potential liability to Woodland if the Floodwall results in flood damages to our farmers behind the Floodwall*. Standing flood waters can contaminate fields and wells with pathogens and silt and destroy homes, buildings, and expensive agricultural machinery.

Also, while the Woodland City Council "<u>authorizes</u>" Woodland to "<u>accept</u>" up to 99% of project costs, <u>there is no guarantee that money will ever be available</u>. If the money is not all there, there is little to prevent the City itself from **paying millions to build the Floodwall!** 

**No on Measure M** is endorsed by the <u>Yolo County Farm Bureau</u> and the <u>Yolo County</u> <u>Taxpayers Association</u> and everyday working Woodland folks and farmers like you.

Protect our small farmers and taxpayers - NOT wealthy land speculators.

Please Vote NO on Measure M – No on the Floodwall