

# City of Vacaville

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## **VACAVILLE SELECTED FOR \$3 MILLION PRE DISASTER MITIGATION FUNDS**

The City of Vacaville has been awarded \$3 million in Federal Emergency Management Agency funds for development of the Laguna Creek Detention Basin.

The funds were part of FEMA's Pre Disaster Mitigation Fiscal Year 2010 Awards. Vacaville was one of only 19 projects in California to receive funds.

"This money will help make Vacaville a safer place now and into the future and help protect our residents from the devastating damage floods can do to our community," City Manager Laura Kuhn said. "I want to thank our Public Works staff, which worked so hard to secure this vital funding."

Congressman George Miller's office also assisted with the request for funding.

The Laguna Creek Detention Basin will be a 500-acre-foot basin on 80 acres of land adjacent to Laguna Creek, a tributary to Alamo Creek. This will be the last basin in a series of four detention basins recently built, or in design, to mitigate storm flows in Alamo and Ulatis creeks. The Pleasants Valley detention basin was completed two years ago, the Alamo Creek detention basin is in final design and will begin construction next year, and the Ulatis Creek detention basin is just beginning the design phase.

The Laguna Creek Detention Basin will be located near Cherry Glen Road and Pleasants Valley Road. Work on the basin is expected to begin within the next three or four years. Over \$17.4 million in grant funding from various sources has been allocated to the City for the construction of detention basins in Vacaville.

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The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program provides funds to states, territories, Indian tribal governments, communities, and universities for hazard mitigation planning and the implementation of mitigation projects prior to a disaster event.

Funding these plans and projects reduces overall risks to the population and structures, while also reducing reliance on funding from actual disaster declarations. PDM grants are to be awarded on a competitive basis and without reference to state allocations, quotas, or other formula-based allocation of funds.

To see the list of projects awarded FEMA grant funds, go to:  
<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=4316>

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