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MBK Engineers, located in Sacramento, California, is a well-respected consulting engineering firm specializing in water resources, flood control, water rights and environmental documentation. This relatively small firm has a broad understanding of challenging water resources topics and is able to devote its entire professional staff to the resolution of complex water resources projects. MBK personnel specialize in the following areas of water resources engineering; hydrology and hydraulics studies, reservoir operations, flood control studies and analysis, water rights, Reclamation and Irrigation District engineering services, environmental habitat restoration, NEPA/CEQA environmental documentation, environmental documentation including Army Corps Section 10 and 404 Permits, streambed alteration permits, county use permits, and water quality control board certificates. In addition, MBK personnel provide litigation and expert witness services include technical studies and expert witness testimony for litigation involving flood control, seepage, water rights and other water related property issues, hydraulics and hydrology. High-quality work, on time and within budget, is the basis for MBK's outstanding reputation and continued growth.



Photos of levee repair and a pipe replacement by MBK Engineers.

- \* New District 4 Representative

Please welcome our overwhelmingly approved new district representative Derek P. Whitelock, an agricultural engineer out of the USDA-ARS Southwestern Cotton Ginning Research Laboratory in Mesilla Park, New Mexico.

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Mark your calendars now for our annual meeting in February in conjunction with the Tulare Farm Show/World Ag Expo ([www.worldagexpo.com](http://www.worldagexpo.com)).

\* Celebrate agriculture...

Take some time again this month to celebrate agriculture in California... and Nevada! The California State Fair runs through September 7<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento ([www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org)). Check out the exhibits relating to honeybees, potatoes, chicken and poultry, and rice, all crops that are being celebrated in the month of September. Also consider, if you're so inclined, visiting one of the many wine appellations up and down the states of California and Nevada during California Wine Month.

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