

To Interested Parties:

This advance notice is being provided as a courtesy to those who have expressed interest in construction activities pertaining to the Natomas Levee Improvement Program (NLIP). SAFCA is in the process of transplanting trees from Elverta Road south to just north of Interstate 80 (Reach 5A-16) along the land side (east side) of the Garden Highway. The goal of this activity is to preserve as many trees as possible prior to clearing the footprint for levee improvements that are scheduled to begin in Spring 2010.

To assure worker safety and uninterrupted power to customers during the levee construction process, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) will be performing tree trimming near existing power lines in coordination with SAFCA's staff and consultants.

Tree trimming by SMUD contractors, who possess very specialized training required to safely trim trees under and around utility lines, will help facilitate SAFCA's effort to safely transplant and remove trees located over and underneath high voltage power lines. Some trees will need to be completely removed due to their proximity to existing power lines. SAFCA and SMUD have all necessary approvals and permits to conduct this work.

The tree trimming effort is anticipated to take approximately 2-3 weeks to complete. A qualified biologist will monitor the tree trimming activity and evaluate the potential for any tree to be transplanted that is near or overhanging existing power lines.

Additional information regarding the NLIP project is available on SAFCA's website at www.safca.org, click on "SAFCA Projects", "Natomas Levee Improvement Program".

Regards,

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