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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Natomas Levee Improvement Program (NLIP) Landside Improvements Project is now available for public review. The project is located in Sacramento and Sutter Counties, California.

The Sacramento Area Flood Control Association (SAFCA) is proposing the NLIP to reduce flood risks to residents in the Natomas Basin. The project includes early implementation improvements to the perimeter levee system of the Natomas Basin and associated landscape and irrigation/drainage infrastructure modifications. To implement the project, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board has requested the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) issue a letter of permission under Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 ("Section 408") to alter Federal project levees, and SAFCA has requested the Corps issue a Section 404 permit under the Clean Water Act for placement of fill in jurisdictional waters of the United States. Printed copies of the draft EIS are available for public review at the following locations:


- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814
- Sacramento Public Library, Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814
- Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, 1007 7th Street, Sacramento, California 95814
- Sutter County Library, 750 Forbes Avenue, Yuba City, California 95991

The draft EIS may also be viewed on the Corps website at www.spk.usace.army.mil and Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency website at www.safca.org. The 45-day public review period ends on July 28, 2008. Please provide any written comments to Ms. Liz Holland at the following address:

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All comments received on the draft EIS will be considered and incorporated into the final EIS, as appropriate. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Holland at (916) 557-6763 or email: Elizabeth.g.holland@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,


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