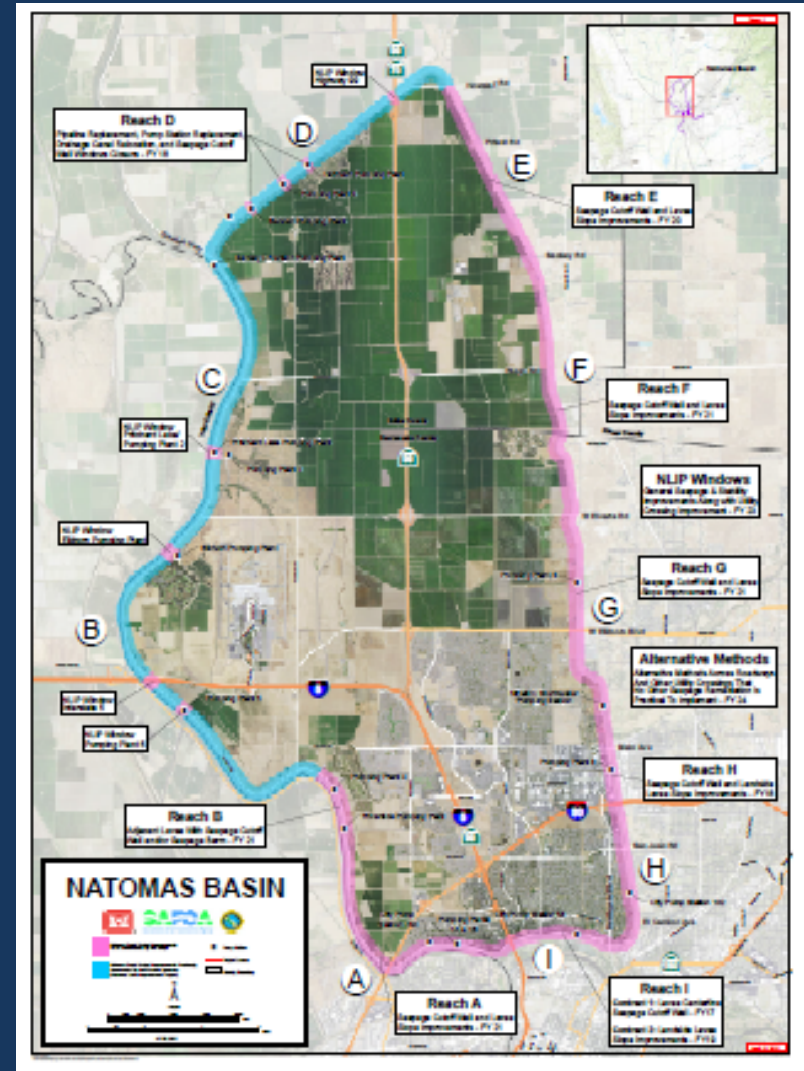


Implementation Guidance for Section 3013 of WRRDA 2014 Vegetation Management Policy

- Section 3013 requires a comprehensive review of USACE guidelines related to vegetation management on levees
- October 19, 2017 - USACE Headquarters issued implementation guidance to the USACE Districts and Divisions
 - Directs the Districts and Divisions to no longer implement the prior vegetation policy
 - Lays out the process for the USACE to develop new guidelines
 - “Until the guidelines are revised, USACE will not seek to require non-Federal sponsors to make specific vegetation management decisions without documenting that vegetation presents an unacceptable safety risk”

American River Watershed Common Features, Natomas Basin Project

- Reach I, Contract 1
 - Contract awarded twice
 - Protested twice
 - Award suspended or cancelled twice
 - Corps is still working on revised evaluation criteria to minimize chances of another protest
 - Solicitation amendment to be issued once criteria is complete
 - Expecting to award December or January
 - Construction start – April 2018



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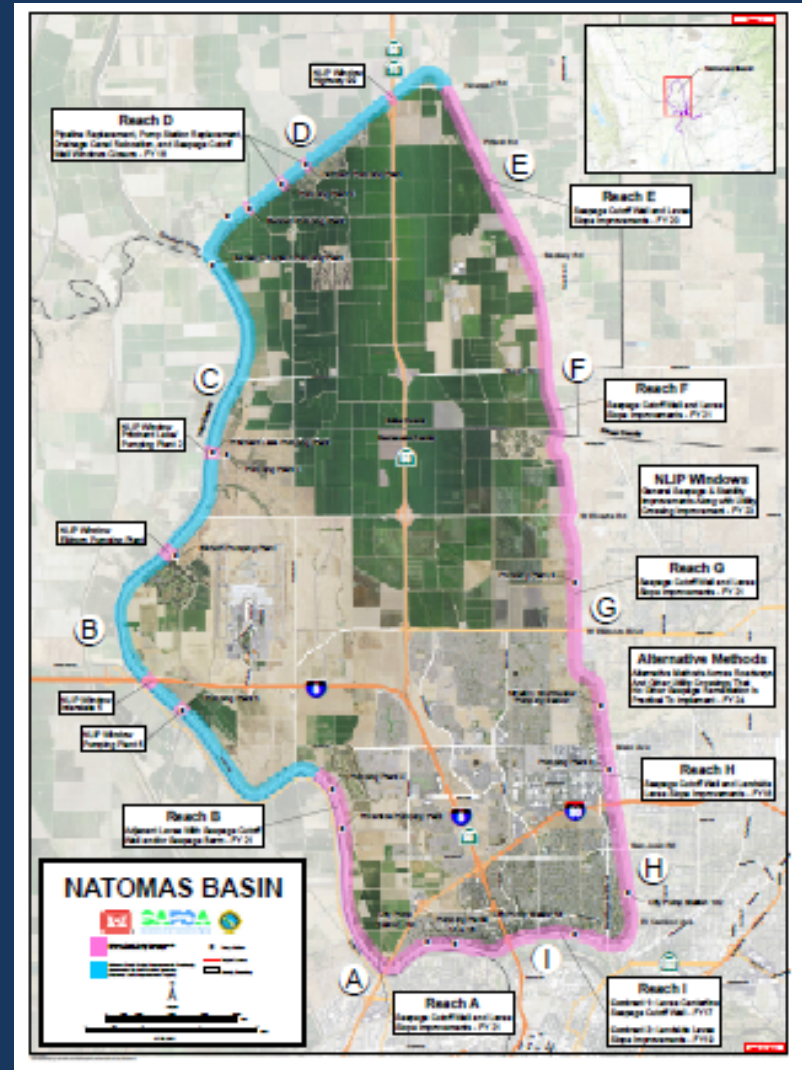
- Reach H
 - Solicitation issued 31 July
 - Bids received 1 September
 - Projected Award – by end calendar year 2017
 - Section 106 consultation contract awarded (cultural resources)
 - Tree cutting began on 13 November
 - Construction – 2018 and 2019



- Seepage and slope stability
 - Trying to avoid what happened at Tyler Island in February this year

American River Watershed Common Features, Natomas Basin Project

- Mitigation Contract
 - Plant 5,000 tree seedlings in March 2018



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- FY 2017 Appropriations
 - Current Continuing Resolution expires December 8th
 - Congress is now talking openly about needing another Continuing Resolution
- National Flood Insurance Program
 - Bill passed House
 - Vote was largely along party lines
 - Vote also largely along those with Districts in flood plains opposing the bill versus those whose Districts are not in floodplains supporting the bill

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works

- Earlier this week, the Senate Armed Services Committee advanced the nomination of R.D. James to serve as the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.
- James, who has been a member of the Mississippi River Commission since 1981, is a strong advocate for the Army Corps of Engineers program.
- The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee is expected to hold a hearing on December 6th.
- The Administration has also appointed Ryan Fisher as the new Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (CW).
- Fisher comes from the Corps' Pittsburgh District, and before that served as the legislative director for Vice President Mike Pence when he was a congressman from Indiana.