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Notice of Availability of the Natomas Levee Improvement Program Landside Improvements Project Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH# 2007062016)

All Interested Parties:

The Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), as lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) addressing the Natomas Levee Improvement Program (NLIP) Landside Improvements Project. The FEIR was prepared in accordance with the requirements of CEQA and provides the public and responsible and trustee agencies with information about the proposed project and its potentially significant direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects.

Project Location:

The project area encompasses existing levees surrounding the Natomas Basin within Sacramento and Sutter Counties. Levee improvements would be made to the Natomas Cross Canal south levee and the Sacramento River east levee. Earthen material borrow areas and habitat protection and enhancement lands included as part of project development are located within the Natomas Basin.

Project Description:

SAFCA proposes to provide the Natomas Basin with at least a 100-year level of flood protection by the end of 2010 and a "200-year" level of flood protection by the end of 2010. Approximately 26 miles of levees surrounding the Natomas Basin require one or more forms of remediation to address the potential for failure in a 100-year or "200-year" flood event. This will require improving conditions along the Natomas Cross Canal south levee and the Sacramento River east levee addressing inadequate freeboard, underseepage and through-seepage vulnerability, and erosion. The proposed project addressed in this FEIR encompasses the second phase of the "landside components" of the NLIP improvements.

Summary of Significant Environmental Effects:

Significant and unavoidable effects identified in the FEIR include: conversion of important farmland to non-agricultural uses; potential effects of construction on known prehistoric resources, damage to previously undiscovered cultural resources, potential discovery of human remains; temporary increase in traffic on local roadways during construction; temporary emissions of air pollutants during construction; generation of short-term construction noise, exposing residents to increased traffic noise from haul-truck activities; and changes in the visual character of the project area.

Availability of the FEIR:

A copy of the FEIR can be reviewed online at the SAFCA internet webpage: <http://www.safca.org>, or the Sacramento Public Library at 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA. A copy of the FEIR may be obtained from the SAFCA office at 1007 7th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Opportunity of Public Comment:

SAFCA will conduct a public hearing to certify completion of the FEIR at the SAFCA Board of Directors meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on November 29, 2007 located in the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 1450, at 700 H Street, Sacramento CA. The public is invited to attend.

Additional Questions:

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