July 24, 2009

To: Interested Parties and Project Neighbors

From: Stein Buer, Executive Director

Re: Natomas Levee Improvement Program (NLIP): Contract 4032 -- Sacramento River East Levee Phase 1B (Reaches 2-4B) Improvements, Elkhorn Irrigation Canal Relocation and Giant Garter Snake / Drainage Canal Construction Project
Construction Update – Garden Highway closure

This memorandum is part of a series of notifications on Contract 4032 construction activities for the Sacramento River East Levee Phase 1B (Reaches 2-4B) levee improvements.

The contract for work to be performed along Reach 2-4B was awarded on July 16, 2009 to Independent Construction. The contractor anticipates beginning to mobilize equipment in the next 2 to 3 weeks. Work is anticipated to begin at Reach 4B, near the Prichard Lake Pumping Plant, just south of the Sutter-Sacramento county line. This site is the location of a flood fight that occurred in January 2006. Significant repairs were made in 2007 and 2008 that required the temporary closure of the Garden Highway in the vicinity of Reach 4B, located between Riego Road and Elverta Road.

Completing the levee improvements required to achieve 200-year flood protection in this section of the levee will again require the temporary closure of the Garden Highway between Riego Road and Elverta Road in 2009. SAFCA staff is working with the contractor to develop a timeline of precisely when the Garden Highway will be closed and re-opened. The Garden Highway closure dates and additional project information will be included in another construction update that will be sent to you as soon as it has been scheduled, in advance of the actual closure date.

Roadside signage announcing the closure will be posted in advance of construction.

Detailed information about the project is available on SAFCA’s web site at www.safca.org. Click on the link “Natomas Levee Improvement Program” located under “Current Construction Projects”.

Again, you may anticipate additional project construction updates coming to you via direct mail, email, or posted on the SAFCA website. Questions or comments can be directed to Jay Davis or Barbara Gualco from Gualco Consulting at (916) 351-0600 or email jdavis@gualco.com.

Attachment: Construction Phasing Map