February 18, 2010

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Stein Buer, Executive Director
Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency

RE: NATOMAS LEVEE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
2010 LEVEE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
Sacramento River East Levee Improvements

The Natomas Levee Improvement Program (NLIP) is designed to provide 200-year flood protection to the Natomas Basin. The project includes the construction of an adjacent levee along the land (east) side of the Sacramento River east levee along the Garden Highway.

2009 Project Accomplishments

During the 2009 construction season, SAFCA completed major levee improvements in the northernmost part of the Natomas Basin along the 5.3 mile Natomas Cross Canal and constructed approximately 1 mile of new adjacent levee along the Sacramento River east levee in Sutter County, just downstream from the Natomas Cross Canal. In addition to the levee improvements, SAFCA transplanted approximately 275 trees that were previously located in the project footprint and planted approximately 4,500 new trees.

2010 Levee Construction Planned

Reach 1-9B: 2010 levee construction along the Sacramento River east levee is anticipated to begin on or around April 15 from the Natomas Cross Canal to just north of Elverta Road (Reaches 1-4B, see attached Construction Phasing Map) and on or around May 15 from just north of Elverta Road to just south of Interstate 5 (Reaches 5A-9B). In order to prepare for the construction of the adjacent levee, contractors are currently clearing the footprint it will occupy on the land (east) side of the levee. This pre-construction activity includes relocating irrigation and drainage canals, as well as tree transplanting and removal and structure demolition. The construction contract for levee improvements in Reach 1 was awarded in April 2009. The construction contract for levee improvements from Reach 2-4B was awarded in July 2009. The construction contract for levee improvements from Reach 5A-9B is anticipated to be awarded in April 2010.

Reach 10-15: The contract for levee improvements from I-5 south to San Juan Road (Reaches 10-15) is currently scheduled for award in August 2010. Pre-construction activities, such as native tree removal, in these reaches will not begin until later in the year, after SAFCA is certain that levee improvements can begin during the 2010 construction season.
Contractors are responsible for developing work plans with detailed construction information, such as methods and timelines, prior to the start of construction. SAFCA anticipates having this information several weeks prior to the start of levee construction. When it is available, SAFCA will forward the detailed construction information. This will include specifics such as where construction will begin, anticipated duration and schedules for any known road closures or detours.

In addition to detailed construction information, SAFCA will be providing information regarding voluntary pre-construction property inspections. SAFCA is offering free pre-construction property inspections that include video recording to document the existing conditions of structures, and water well testing to document water quality prior to construction. A separate letter describing the inspections and instructions on how to schedule an inspection will be mailed in late February to mid March.

Although detailed construction information is not available at this time, levee improvements are anticipated to begin as early as April 15 in Reaches 1-4B and May 15 in Reaches 5A-9B. You can expect additional information in the coming weeks.

Below is a summary of additional information you can expect to receive in the mail:

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| Detailed levee construction information (e.g. schedule of activity, notice of any future potential road closures or detours, who to contact) | Reach 1-4B  
                      Late March - Early April  
                      Reach 5A-9B  
                      Late May - Early June |

In addition to direct mail information, SAFCA distributes a weekly construction update via email. The weekly construction update is also posted, along with additional project information, on the SAFCA website at www.safca.org, click on “Projects”, “Natomas Levee Improvement Program”. If you would like to be added to the weekly construction update email distribution list, or have additional questions, please contact Jay Davis by email jdavis@gualco.com or telephone (916) 351-0600.

Attachment: Construction Phasing Map