July 7, 2010

TO: Resident

FROM: Stein Buer
Executive Director

RE: CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
NATOMAS LEVEE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (NLIP)
SACRAMENTO RIVER EAST LEVEE REACHES 1-9B

SAFCA contractors are currently constructing a new adjacent levee on the land (east) side of the Garden Highway. During the 2010 construction season, contractors will build approximately 9 miles of adjacent levee along the Garden Highway from the Natomas Cross Canal to North Bayou Road.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- The construction of a working platform, a dirt berm on the landside of the levee, is currently underway from just south of the Natomas Cross Canal to Riego Road. This platform will be used to install a cutoff wall in the new adjacent levee.

- From Riego Road to approximately ½ mile north of Elverta Road, contractors are continuing to construct the working platform along this entire section and are currently installing a cutoff wall just south of Riego Road.

- At Teal Bend Golf Club, contractors continue to clear and prepare the foundation where the new adjacent levee and cutoff wall will be constructed.

24/7 CUTOFF WALL CONSTRUCTION

Its contractors have notified SAFCA that 24/7 cutoff wall construction will be necessary for portions of the project. Currently, Independent Construction anticipates that it will begin double 12-hour shifts in mid-to-late July in project Reaches 2 and 3 (see attached map). Nighttime construction will only include cutoff wall construction. Dirt hauling and other construction activities will continue to occur only during daylight hours. Based on SAFCA’s previous experience in cutoff wall installation along the Natomas Cross Canal last year, the activity moves along at a rate of approximately 150-200 feet per day.
SAFCA is offering temporary relocation benefits to residents within 500 feet of nighttime construction activity. This includes reasonable reimbursement of local hotel or short-term rental stays. Based on the anticipated average daily rate of cutoff wall installation, nighttime construction could take place within 500 feet of a residence for 5-7 days.

HOW TO APPLY FOR TEMPORARY RELOCATION BENEFITS DURING 24/7 CONSTRUCTION

The relocation benefits being offered by SAFCA for nighttime construction within 500 feet of a residence is based on a reimbursement basis. Notification should be made to SAFCA prior to you securing a hotel room(s) or short-term rental. A worksheet is attached which provides additional details and instructions.

It is SAFCA’s intent to complete all major construction activities from just south of the Natomas Cross Canal through Teal Bend Golf Club by November 1, 2010. Additional construction will be completed from Teal Bend Golf Club to North Bayou Road by November 1, 2011. SAFCA recognizes the impacts construction may have on residences along the Garden Highway and haul roads and will continue to seek ways to reduce those impacts. NLIP is a large and complex project and some changes to the construction schedule are anticipated as it progresses. Additional project and schedule information will be sent to you as soon as it is made available.

SAFCA distributes a weekly construction update via email. If you would like to subscribe to the weekly update or have questions or concerns, please contact Jay Davis or Barbara Gualco of Gualco Consulting at (916) 351-0600 or via email at jdavis@gualco.com. In addition, project information can be obtained through SAFCA’s website at www.safca.org.
When nighttime levee cutoff wall construction is taking place within 500 feet of your residence, in either direction, you are able to utilize the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency's (SAFCA) temporary relocation benefits. Please review the following for a description of the benefits and the utilization process.

Description of Temporary Relocation Benefits:

SAFCA will reimburse you for the cost of a hotel room(s) or short-term rental stay when nighttime levee cutoff wall construction is within 500 feet of your residence. The reimbursement will be based on the cost of reasonable accommodations. Reasonable accommodations and reimbursement is based on the average market price of hotel rooms comparable to those from chains such as Hilton Homewood Suites or Marriott Comfort Inn, both of which have facilities that are located in Natomas. For families with children or those that provide in-home care to relatives, multiple rooms may be necessary and will be included in the reimbursement. The reimbursement will be for the room(s) only (including taxes) and will not include the cost of food, damages, room service or any other ancillary services or costs, including mileage reimbursement. Reimbursement will be made approximately 30 days after submitting the claim form with all required documentation.

How to Use Temporary Relocation Benefits

Step 1 - Inform SAFCA Representatives:

Inform SAFCA representatives in advance of securing a hotel room or short-term rental. Contact Jay Davis or Barbara Gualco at (916) 351-0600 or by email at jdavis@gualco.com. If nighttime construction is near your residence and you decide to secure a hotel room that same day or evening and it is outside of normal business hours, please notify SAFCA representatives the following business day. Failure to notify SAFCA will result in the Agency declining the reimbursement.

Residents are eligible for reimbursement for as long as cutoff wall construction remains within 500 feet of their residence. SAFCA will monitor the level of nighttime activity and the distance of construction from your residence. SAFCA will notify you in advance when benefits cease due to cutoff wall construction moving beyond 500 feet of your residence. At that point, any additionally incurred relocation costs will not be eligible for reimbursement.
Step 2- Complete the Following:

Property Address:

Name (as it should appear on reimbursement check):

Mailing Address (if different than property address):

Best Telephone Number:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that the costs for which reimbursement is requested have been incurred as a result of the SAFCA construction.

Executed on____________, 2010 at ______________________, California.

By: ____________________________  ____________________________
   (signature)                     (print name)

Step 3- Submit Your Claim for Reimbursement:

Please make sure that you have completed the information requested under Step 2 above. Submit this form and all copies of hotel/short-term rental receipts to the following:

By Mail to:
Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency
Attn: Jay Davis
1007 7th Street, 7th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Or by fax to: (916) 351-9392

Or by email (PDF documents) to: jdavis@gualco.com

Reimbursements will be made approximately 30 days of receipt of the claim and all required documentation and will be sent by mail to the mailing address listed in Step 2.