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To: Residents and Interested Parties
From: Richard M. Johnson
Interim Executive Director
Re: Natomas Levee Improvement Program
Sacramento River East Levee Reach 9B
Pre-Construction Activity

In the spring of 2011, SAFCA contractors will begin the construction of levee improvements along Sacramento River East Levee, Reach 9B (the area around Interstate 5, as shown on the attached map). In order to prepare the area for installation of levee improvements, contractors will be performing pre-construction activities this winter.

Beginning the week of November 15, 2010, contractors will begin the removal and relocation of trees and vegetation located on the land (east) side of the Sacramento River east levee from just south of Elkhorn Boulevard to just south of Interstate 5.

Native trees ranging from between two and twenty-two inches in diameter that are located within the project footprint are scheduled to be transplanted to an area away from the flood control improvements. The equipment used for transplanting trees will be tree spades, backhoes, front-end loaders and other similar machinery capable of extracting large trees. Native trees that are too large or deemed unviable for successful transplanting, as well as non-native trees and vegetation located in the project footprint, will be removed. A qualified biologist will be on-site to monitor all contractor activities.

In addition, this winter SAFCA will be continuing to advance the restoration of woodlands impacted by the NLIP improvements. This restoration will include site preparation activities such as weed management (mowing and diskng), brush removal, and native grass seeding and tree planting.

Traffic impacts are anticipated to be minimal due to the nature of these activities, the location of the work and type of equipment used. However, the contractor will take any and all temporary traffic control measures necessary to ensure the safety of the public which may include flaggers and other traffic control measures for safe exit and entry of work areas from travel lanes.

Detailed information about the NLIP project is available on SAFCA’s web site at www.safca.org. Click on the link “SAFCA projects”, “Natomas Levee Improvement Program”. SAFCA has assigned Gualco Consulting to respond to questions or comments by the community. Please feel free to contact Jay Davis or Barbara Gualco via telephone at (916) 351-0600 or by email jdavis@gualco.com with any questions about the project.