Natomas Basin Project - Reach A

NOTIFICATION OF RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN AVAILIBILITY
FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT
AND DIRECTIONS ON HOW TO PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENTS

September 9, 2019       Delivered: First Class Mail

[Name]
[Address]
[City, State, Zip Code]

Dear [Name]:

In 2007, the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) began constructing improvements to the levee system surrounding the Natomas Basin (“Basin”) as an advance part of a larger Federal project designed to achieve a minimum 200-year level of flood protection for the Basin. By the end of 2013, SAFCA completed 18.3 miles of improvements along the Natomas Cross Canal south levee and the Sacramento River east levee from the cross canal to just south of Power Line Road.

In June 2014, Federal legislation was enacted that authorized the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to construct the remaining 24 miles of levee improvements required in the Basin. Work on the Sacramento River east levee between Farm Road/Lateral 13 (located about 0.5 miles south of San Juan Road) and Gateway Oks Drive, referred to as the Reach A Project (Project), would start no sooner than 2021. The timing and extent of work will depend on the amount of Federal appropriations dedicated to the project in any given year.

USACE, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) and SAFCA are proceeding with the planning of this phase of the Project. This Project may require the displacement of residential and/or business, non-profit, or farming operations. The Project is being funded by federal, state, and local sources. Thus, the Project triggers the federal Uniform Relocation Act (URA) and the California Relocation Assistance Law (CRAL) and Guidelines (Guidelines).

As the project’s local cost-sharing partner, SAFCA is responsible for acquiring right of way in the Reach A area of the Project. The relocation laws and regulations require that a relocation plan be prepared. In accordance with the Guidelines, the relocation plan must be put out for a 30-day review and comment period prior to approval by SAFCA’s Board of Directors. The SAFCA Board of Directors must approve the plan before any displacement can occur.
Overland, Pacific & Cutler, Inc. (OPC) has prepared the draft Third Amendment to the Relocation Assistance Plan (Relocation Plan) for the Project. The Relocation Plan will provide guidance to the relocation team and provides those potentially impacted with an overview of how they are protected and what they can expect from the relocation program. The Relocation Plan will be presented to the SAFCA Board of Directors for consideration for adoption at its October 17, 2019 meeting.

As a landowner or tenant in the Project area, a copy of the draft Relocation Plan has been enclosed for your review.

Please direct written comments and/or questions by mail or email to:

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You may send your comments by mail or by email to the address provided above. Your comments must be received at one of the addresses provided above by October 9, 2019 to be considered in the final Relocation Assistance Plan.

Please be advised that this notice nor the Relocation Assistance Plan are in any way intended to advise persons who may be displaced to begin the relocation process. Please do not take steps to relocate or move prior to receiving advanced notification.

Thank you in advance for your participation in the review and comment process.

Sincerely,

Steve Harris
Project Manager
Overland, Pacific & Cutler, LLC