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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
NATOMAS LEVEE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

July 3, 2008

To: All Interested Parties

From: Stein M. Buer, Executive Director

A public meeting will be held to brief interested parties and elicit comments on flood control improvements proposed in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Natomas Levee Improvement Program issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on June 13, 2008. The DEIS describes levee improvements, potential impacts, and mitigation for proposed construction along the Natomas Cross Canal South Levee and northern portion off the Sacramento River East Levee in detail, and for other portions of the Natomas Basin levees at a less detailed level¹ (Figure 1).

This DEIS is the federal companion document to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) certified by the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) on November 29, 2007 and is required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Meeting details are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2008

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Teal Bend Golf Club
7200 Garden Highway
Sacramento, CA

The open-house style format gives attendees the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the project with project team members. Both verbal and written comments can be submitted at the meeting. The meeting space is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals needing special assistive devices will be accommodated to the best of our ability. For more information, contact Elizabeth Holland at (916) 557-6763 at least 48 hours before the meeting.

This DEIS can be viewed or downloaded from either the SAFCA website (<http://www.safca.org/NLIPDRAFTEIRS.htm>) or from the Corps website (<http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/>). For additional information on how to obtain a copy of or make comments on the draft EIS, please see the enclosed Notice of Availability. The November 29, 2007 certified EIR is also available online at <http://www.safca.org/NLIPDRAFTEIRS.htm> or by calling SAFCA at (916) 874-7606.

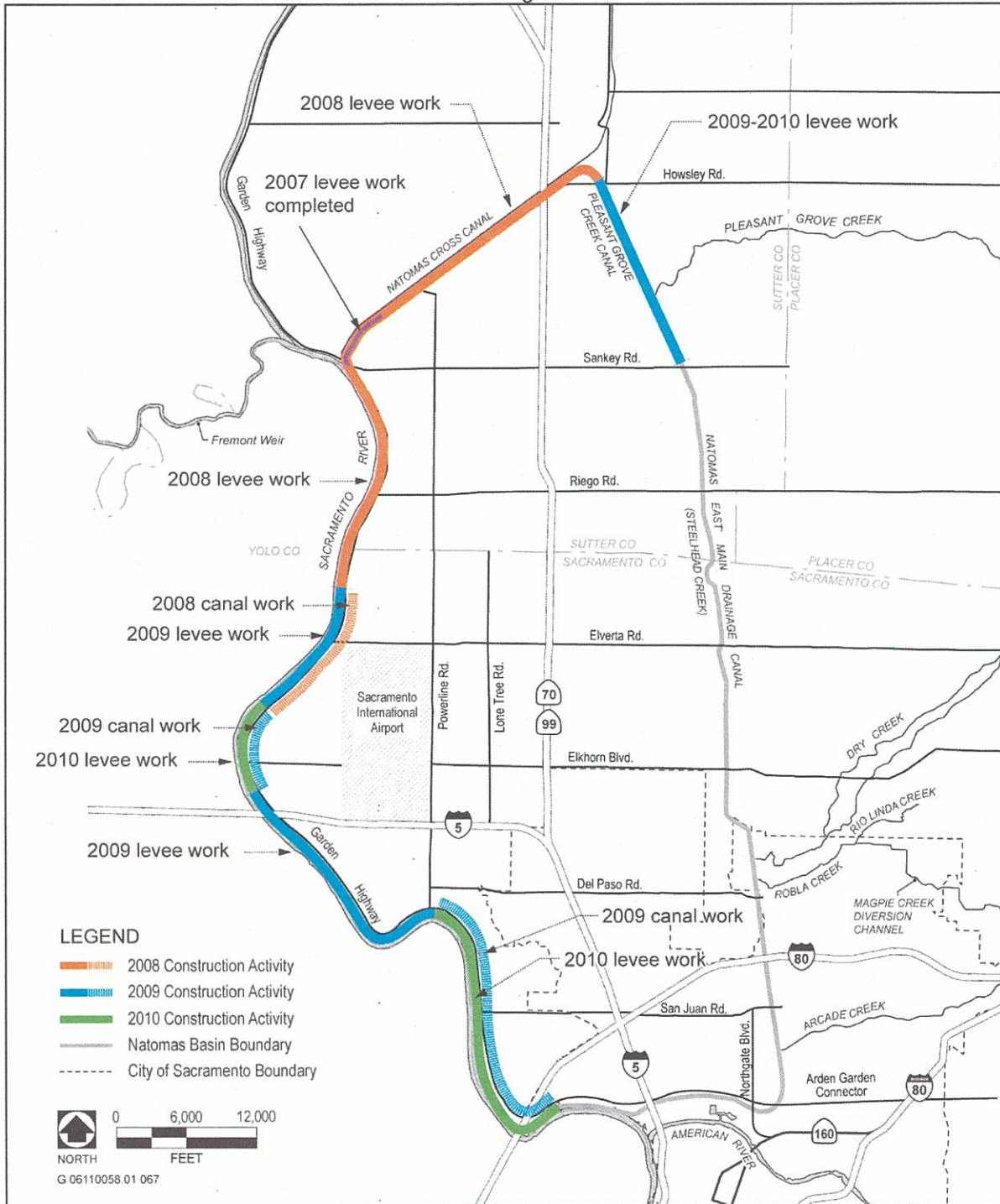
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¹Note: The major levee improvements and relocations described at a project level in this DEIS are described as the “2008 Construction Phase”, although it is anticipated that this work will be largely executed in the 2009 construction season. A series of combined Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report documents will be issued subsequently to describe the next construction phases, their impacts and mitigation measures.

Enclosures: Figure 1- DEIS project map
Draft EIS Notice of Availability

Figure 1



Source: CaSil; adapted by EDAW in 2007

Note: The levee segments colored orange and labeled “2008 Construction Activity” in the legend are analyzed at a **project** level in the DEIS. The other segments are analyzed at a **program** level.



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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Natomas Levee Improvement Program (NLIP) Landside Improvements Project is now available for public review. The project is located in Sacramento and Sutter Counties, California.

The Sacramento Area Flood Control Association (SAFCA) is proposing the NLIP to reduce flood risks to residents in the Natomas Basin. The project includes early implementation improvements to the perimeter levee system of the Natomas Basin and associated landscape and irrigation/drainage infrastructure modifications. To implement the project, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board has requested the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) issue a letter of permission under Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 ("Section 408") to alter Federal project levees, and SAFCA has requested the Corps issue a Section 404 permit under the Clean Water Act for placement of fill in jurisdictional waters of the United States. Printed copies of the draft EIS are available for public review at the following locations:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814
- Sacramento Public Library, Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814
- Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, 1007 7th Street, Sacramento, California 95814
- Sutter County Library, 750 Forbes Avenue, Yuba City, California 95991

The draft EIS may also be viewed on the Corps website at www.spk.usace.army.mil and Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency website at www.safca.org. The 45-day public review period ends on July 28, 2008. Please provide any written comments to Ms. Liz Holland at the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District
ATTN: Ms. Liz Holland, Environmental Resources Branch
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All comments received on the draft EIS will be considered and incorporated into the final EIS, as appropriate. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Holland at (916) 557-6763 or email: Elizabeth.g.holland@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,


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