

**Natomas Levee Improvement Program (NLIP) Update, January 17, 2008**

The Corps has initiated preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to support two separate Federal actions in connection with SAFCA's Natomas Levee Improvement Program: (1) issuance of a Section 404 permit for wetland impacts likely to occur as a result of the 2008 Construction Projects along the Natomas Cross Canal south levee and the upper reach of the Sacramento River east levee, and (2) permission of SAFCA's proposed alterations to the Federal project levee system in these areas. A scoping meeting was held at the Sierra Health Foundation on January 9, 2008 to receive public input on the EIS. The meeting was structured as an informational workshop; about 40 people attended and received information and provided comments to guide the Corps' preparation of the EIS. The Corps anticipates that a Draft EIS will be issued in February 2008.