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Natomas Reach A site preparation activities set to begin this November

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in partnership with the California Central Valley Flood Protection Board, California Department of Water Resources, and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, will be constructing levee improvements along the Garden Highway levee from Farm Rd to Gateway Oaks Dr. This work is part of the American River Common Features - Natomas Basin project authorized by Congress in 2014.

Geotechnical engineering analyses have shown that the levees are susceptible to seepage. Additionally, many portions of the levee have significant stability and long-term operation and maintenance concerns. Upcoming levee improvements are designed to address these deficiencies.

Significant Dates to Know (as of Oct. 1, 2020; subject to change)

- Nov. 2020:** Site preparation activities begin, including tree removal and tree trimming within construction footprint
- Fall 2020:** Natomas Reach A status update presentation
- Fall 2021:** Award construction contract
- Spring 2022:** Begin levee improvement construction
- Fall 2024:** Complete levee improvement construction



What to Expect

Site Preparation Activities

Relocate utilities, remove encroachments, cut and trim trees located within the construction footprint. These activities are scheduled to begin in November 2020, and will be ongoing through February 2022.

Levee Construction

Improvements to the 3.5-mile-long Reach A levee include: construction of an adjacent levee, which will essentially widen the levee on the landside of the existing Garden Highway, installation of seepage cutoff walls, and construction of seepage berms on the landside of the levee. The type of improvements implemented will vary by location.

Traffic Impacts

Expect temporary single lane closures to occur along Garden Highway between Farm Rd and Gateway Oaks Dr during tree trimming, utility relocations, and construction. There may be potential full closures at discrete locations during construction. Additional construction-related information will be included in subsequent updates.

Why Levee Improvements Are Needed

The Natomas Basin is considered by flood risk management experts to be one of the most at-risk regions in the nation for catastrophic flooding. Levee improvements in the Natomas Basin were originally authorized in 1996; however, high water events in 1997 and 2006 identified serious underseepage issues throughout the basin.

In 2010, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed a post-authorization change report that detailed an updated plan for improving Natomas levees, and the project to improve the 42-mile-long ring levee that surrounds Natomas was authorized in 2014. While SAFCA completed construction on the first 18 miles, the Corps began construction on the remaining 24 miles in 2018. The project is scheduled to be complete in 2025.



Frequently Asked Questions

(Visit www.natomaslevees.com for more detailed information and additional FAQs)

When/Where will this work be taking place?

Site Preparation work will be happening along the full 3.5-mile-long extent of Reach A between Farm Rd and Gateway Oaks Dr (see map above). The contractor will be working Monday-Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Residents can expect increased construction traffic and noise for the tree cutting activities.

Why can't the trees along the landside slope stay in place?

Trees are being cut or trimmed to complete vital flood risk reduction work. Removal and trimming of trees is necessary to provide clearance for construction equipment to access the project area and/or because they are located within the levee construction footprint. Only trees necessary for construction and utility relocation are being removed.

Will utilities be relocated underground?

It is anticipated that utilities being relocated to allow for construction of the necessary flood risk reduction features will be relocated in the same manner as their existing configuration.

For More Information

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