



March 7, 2022

Property Owner

**SUBJECT: NATOMAS LEVEE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – REACHES F & G
NATOMAS EAST MAIN DRAINAGE CANAL WEST LEVEE
RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION**

Dear Property Owner:

Please be advised that upcoming levee improvements in the Natomas Basin will impact certain properties located directly adjacent to the Natomas East Main Drainage Canal West Levee.

Between 2007 and 2013, the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), in cooperation with the California Department of Water Resources and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (State), constructed 18 miles of improvements along the north and west sides of the Natomas Basin (Basin) levee system as part of the larger Federal flood control project that was authorized by Congress in 2014. The goal of the project is to achieve a minimum 200-year level of flood protection for the Basin. An additional 24 miles of levee improvements must be constructed to achieve this goal. Work has already commenced by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), which is the lead agency for the balance of the work. The Corps indicates that it plans to begin constructing levee improvements along the northern portions of the Natomas East Main Drainage Canal as early as spring 2023, which are identified as Reaches F and G on the attached map.

Due to the project's impact to properties located directly adjacent to the levee, federal and state laws and regulations require that the project sponsors prepare a Relocation Assistance Plan. The plan provides guidance and an overview of the relocation assistance process, benefits and rights available to property owners and their tenants (farmer or residential) that may be displaced as a result of the project.

It is important to note that SAFCA is required to notify all property owners located in the project area about the preparation of the Relocation Assistance Plan, although it does not necessarily signify that you and/or your tenants will be displaced by the project.

SAFCA has prepared a draft plan that is attached and is also available for public review online at <https://www.safca.org/resources/>. The draft plan is being circulated for a thirty (30) day public review period. Please review the draft plan and return any comments you may have to the

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contacts listed below by April 7, 2022. Comments from the public will be incorporated, as appropriate, into a Final Relocation Assistance Plan which staff anticipates will be presented to the SAFCA Board of Director's for approval at its April or May 2022 meeting.

The project's engineers and designers have prepared a preliminary plan for the levee improvements along Reaches F and G. The improvements will include a combination of cutoff walls, seepage berms and widening of the levee in order to address seepage that can compromise levee integrity. These improvements will increase the width of the levee along the landside of the Natomas East Main Drainage Canal West Levee.


Based on the preliminary plans, it has been determined that the levee improvements will likely impact properties located directly adjacent to the levee. While the Corps is responsible for constructing the improvements, SAFCA is responsible for working with property owners who may be directly impacted by the project in advance of construction.

SAFCA has contracted with right of way consulting firm Overland, Pacific & Cutler, LLC (OPC) to help coordinate this effort. **Steve Harris of OPC has been assigned to work directly with you. Mr. Harris can be reached at (916) 857-1520 or sHarris@opcservices.com.** SAFCA has also assigned one of its long-term consultants, Jay Davis of Gualco Consulting, to act as an Ombudsperson and assist in answering project-related questions. Mr. Davis can be reach by email at jaydavis@gualco.com or (916) 351-0600.

SAFCA encourages you to reach out to Mr. Harris or Mr. Davis to acknowledge receipt of this letter, provide any comments on the draft plan and confirm your contact information so that detailed information regarding specific impacts to your property can be shared with you in a timely manner as soon as it is available from the Corps.

I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Steve Harris, OPC
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Attachments: Draft Relocation Assistance Plan
Natomas Project Map