Work Underway to Repair Levee Protecting the Nicolaus Basin

Construction crews began in the week after Labor Day to repair a damaged section of northern levee along the Natomas Cross Canal at Verona, in south Sutter County. The project is expected to be completed before the rainy season.

Civil Engineering of Loomis is performing the work under a $397,568 contract. Three quarters of the contract will be paid for by the state of California and 25 percent is a local match that will be paid for by the County of Sutter, and in-kind credit for fill dirt provided by Reclamation District 1001, according to RD 1001 Manager Diane Fales.

The construction company is taking down sections of the levee where cracks developed during storms in March of this year. New soil will be brought in and compacted, and a stability berm to support the new section of levee will be constructed on the land side.

The Natomas Cross Canal carries drainage from Placer County across Sutter County and into the Sacramento River at Verona. Approximately 200 farms and homes in the Nicolaus basin would be at risk for flooding if the levee failed. Highway 99-70 would also be threatened.