

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21108.

State Clearinghouse Number (SCH No.): 2009112025

Project Title: Permit No. 20066 – ARCF Project / Natomas PACR / Natomas Levee Improvement Program, Phase 4b Landside Improvements Project – Garden Highway Utility Installation from Orchard Lane to Gateway Oaks Drive

Project Applicant: AT&T, Andrea Galeste, Project Manager; 2700 Watt Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821; 916-606-3952; andrea.galeste@att.com

Lead Agency: Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency; John Bassett, Director of Engineering; 1007 7th Street, 7th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814; 916-874-7606; bassettj@saccounty.net

Project Location: The project is located on Garden Highway between Orchard Lane and Gateway Oaks Drive, Sacramento, CA, at approximately 38.60533 °N, 121.52307 °W, at 38.60533°N 121.52307°W, Levee Mile 17.28 to 18.11, Sacramento River, Sacramento County.

Project Description: Approval of Permit No. 20066, under California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Article 3, Section 6, for work within an adopted plan of flood control: To install twenty-four (24) new wooden Douglas fir poles (10 poles on the waterside and 14 poles on the landside), with heights ranging from 30 to 50 feet, set at depths ranging from 5 to 7 feet below grade along the Garden Highway Levee from Orchard Lane to Gateway Oaks Drive, and to install an overhead communication line along these poles. The overhead communication line includes 5,746 linear feet of overhead line to be attached to seven (7) existing SMUD poles (Board Permit No. 19637-1) and the proposed AT&T poles. Four overhead communication line crossings will maintain a minimum clearance of 23 feet above the top of the levee. A total of 125 linear feet of excavation will occur (approximately 60 feet from the landside toe and on the waterside slope) to place 4-inch plastic ducts near four (4) poles to connect to the existing underground infrastructure. This utility relocation work is associated with Natomas Basin Civil Works Project Reach A construction.

This is to advise that the Board, as the **Responsible Agency**, approved the above-described project on March 27, 2026 and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [will / will not] have a significant effect on the environment (This determination is limited to effects within the Board’s permitting jurisdiction as a responsible agency).
2. [An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) / A Mitigated Negative Declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures [were / were not] made a condition of the Board’s approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan [was / was not] adopted by the Board for this project
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was / was not] adopted by the Board for this project.
6. Findings [were / were not] made by the Board pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Responsible Agency Statement: The EIR, prepared by the lead agency for the project, is available to the general public at the lead agency’s office listed above. The Board’s administrative record related to the Board permit is available for public review at the Board’s office.

Chris Lief

3/27/2026

Signature

Chris Lief, Executive Officer

Date

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21100-21174, Public Resources Code.