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DEAR INTERESTED PARTIES:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) announces the availability of and is requesting comments on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Report (SEA/EIR) Addendum for the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project, Prado Dam Separable Element: River Road Dike, located in the city of Eastvale, Riverside County, California. The Corps, Los Angeles District, is the lead federal agency and the Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD) is the lead state agency for this project.

This Draft SEA/EIR Addendum has been prepared as a supplement to the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and EIR for Prado Basin and Vicinity, Including Reach 9 and Stabilization of the Bluff Toe at Norco Bluffs, dated November 2001. The 2001 SEIS/EIR identified a number of protective dikes and embankments in the Prado basin necessary to provide protection to nearby residential developments, businesses and infrastructure from a proposed expansion of the reservoir. This expansion is part of a comprehensive flood risk management project (the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project or SARMP) that extends throughout much of the Santa Ana River watershed. One of the protective features described in the 2001 SEIS/EIR is the River Road Dike, which is the focus of this Draft SEA/EIR Addendum. Design modifications have been completed. The Proposed Action is detailed in Section 2.0 of the Draft SEA/EIR Addendum.

The Corps has prepared the SEA/EIR Addendum in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 USC 4321, et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508, and Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 230. The Draft SEA/EIR Addendum considers the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative.

An electronic version of the Draft SEA/EIR Addendum is available on the Corps' website at: <https://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Media/Public-Notices/Article/2432566/spl-2020-1202-nlh-draft-seaeir-addendum-river-road-dike/>

The Corps encourages all interested parties to submit comments concerning the analysis presented in the Draft SEA/EIR Addendum. Comments may be submitted starting **December 8, 2020** and ending on **January 8, 2021**. Comments should be as specific as possible and address the analysis of potential environmental impacts. Reviewers should organize their participation so that it is meaningful and makes the agency aware of the viewer's interests and concerns using quotations and other specific references to the text of the Draft SEA/EIR Addendum and related documents. Matters that could have been raised with specificity during the comment period on the Draft SEA/EIR Addendum may not be considered if they are raised for the first time later in the decision process. This comment procedure is intended to ensure that substantive comments and concerns are made available to the Corps in a timely manner so that the Corps has an opportunity to address them.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from the public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Please submit comments or questions regarding the Draft SEA/EIR Addendum to Megan.T.Wong@usace.army.mil with subject heading “River Road Dike Draft SEA/EIR Addendum Review Comments.”

Sincerely,

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