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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 (SARMP), Prado Dam Separable Element: Phase II Alcoa Dike, located in the city of Corona, Riverside County, California. The Corps, Los Angeles District, is the lead federal agency and the Riverside County Flood Control District (RCFCD) is the lead state agency for this project.

This Draft SEA/EIR Addendum has been prepared as a supplement to the 2001 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Prado Basin and Vicinity, to account for minor changes to the Alcoa Dike project footprint and design elements that have emerged since the 2018 Final Alcoa Dike SEA/EIR Addendum. These changes include incorporating a floodgate at Auburndale Street, roadway re-alignments of Rincon Street to cross the dike at grade, re-alignment of Butterfield Drive to connect with Rincon Street, and Lincoln Avenue tie-in adjacent to Temescal Wash extending the dike an additional approximate 200 feet in length. Other modifications or refinements would include the final design for Brine Line protection along Auburndale Street and addition of a segment of the proposed Santa Ana River Trail (SART) within and immediately adjacent to the project footprint. 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/2441218/spl-2020-1209-nlh-draft-seaeir-prado-dam-phase-11-alcoa-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 14, 2020 and ending on January 14, 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 [jenni.j.snibbe@usace.army.mil](mailto:jenni.j.snibbe@usace.army.mil) with subject heading “Phase II Alcoa Dike Draft SEA/EIR Addendum Review Comments.”

Sincerely,

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