

Notice of Availability of Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR for American River Watershed Common Features, Water Resources Development Act of 2016 Project, Sacramento Weir Widening (Yolo County, California) (Project)

Project Location: The Project is in Yolo County, immediately northwest of the City of West Sacramento, California, along the west bank of the Sacramento River near the existing Sacramento Weir. The Project site is in the unsectioned portion of Township 9 North, Range 4 East, and Township 9 North, Range 3 East, Sections 24 and 25 (Sacramento West USGS 7.5-minute topographic quad), at 38.60900°, -121.56111°.

Project Description: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) propose to construct a 1,500-foot-long passive weir, with the associated levee, roadway, rail bridge, and fish passage improvements adjacent to the existing Sacramento Weir at the junction of the Sacramento River and Sacramento Bypass. The Water Resources Development Act of 2016 authorized the broader American River Watershed Common Features (ARCF) Levee Improvement Project. Conceptual components of the Project were analyzed in the American River Watershed Common Features General Reevaluation Report (ARCF GRR) Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR). Some components of the Project, including the passive weir design and the fish passage structure, were not analyzed in the ARCF GRR Final EIS/EIR because design had not yet been sufficiently developed to accurately assess its potential environmental impacts. This Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR addresses project modifications and refinements since publication of the ARCF GRR Final EIS/EIR and meets both National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements.

Project Impacts: The results of the Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR indicate that most potential adverse effects of the Project would either be short term or avoided or reduced to less than significant by using avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures. However, analysis indicates potential significant and unavoidable effects on land use, visual resources, vegetation and wildlife, recreation, and traffic and circulation. The Project site includes the Old Bryte Landfill at 50035 County Road 126 (parcel number 042-280-011), California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) EnviroStor ID: 60001146, Site Code: 102018. On the date of this notice, the Old Bryte Landfill is undergoing remediation under DTSC's voluntary cleanup program.

Public Review: The Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR provides the opportunity for public and agency involvement and comment. During the 45-day public review period (July 31, 2020 – September 14, 2020), a virtual public meeting will be held to discuss the proposed Project and accept public comments and questions. The public meeting will be held on August 19, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. (PDT). Instructions to access the virtual public meeting online or over the phone, sign up for email updates, and download a copy of the Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR can be found online at: www.sacleveeupgrades.com.

Comments on the Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR must be received no later than 5:00 pm (PDT) on September 14, 2020. Written comments may be submitted by e-mail to: SacWeir@usace.army.mil or PublicCommentARCF16@water.ca.gov, or by mail to:

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Copies of the Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR can be made available upon request. A hardcopy version can be accessed through curbside pickup at the Woodland Public Library located at 250 1st Street, Woodland, CA 95695.