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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE 500-YEAR FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT

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To: Interested Parties

From: Kevin Mallen, Executive Director, Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority

Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority 500-year Flood Protection Project, and announcement of virtual public meeting on Draft EIR on February 8, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) prepared by the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA) is available for public review from January 19, 2022, through March 4, 2022.

Project: 500-year Flood Protection Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2021070157)

General Description: The proposed project would improve the Reclamation District 784 urban levee system to reduce flood risk, ensure the system is adaptable to climate change, and address differing flood protection levels resulting from incremental construction and improvement of the levee system over time. Project components include improving approximately 10 miles of existing levees and constructing approximately 3 miles of new levee embankment.

Location: The project is located east and south of the City of Marysville in southwestern Yuba County. In the northern portion of the project area, activities would occur along the western edge of the Yuba Goldfields and along the Yuba River South Levee east of Simpson Lane. In the southern portion of the project area, activities would occur along the Feather River East Levee (between Star Bend and the Bear River), the Bear River North Levee and Bear River Setback Levee (between the Feather River East Levee and the Western Pacific Interceptor Canal [WPIC] West Levee), and along and north of the WPIC West Levee and Olivehurst Detention Basin Ring Levee.

Impacts: Without mitigation, the proposed project would have significant or potentially significant impacts on aesthetics; agricultural resources; air quality; biological resources; cultural resources; geology, soils, and paleontological resources; greenhouse gas emissions; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; noise; Tribal cultural resources; and utilities and service systems. Mitigation measures are proposed to reduce impacts to less-than-significant levels for all resources areas except aesthetics, agricultural resources, and noise. Mitigation measures are

proposed to reduce significant impacts related to aesthetics, agricultural resources, and noise, but feasible mitigation measures adequate to ensure these significant impacts are reduced to less than significant are not available. Therefore, these impacts would be potentially significant and unavoidable.

Review: The DEIR is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 45 days, starting on January 19, 2022 and ending on March 4, 2022. The DEIR is available under “Environmental Docs” at https://trlia.org/i_want_to/download_view/documents/index.php and at <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/> by searching for State Clearinghouse No. 2021070157. Copies of the DEIR are available for public review by appointment only, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in TRLIA’s office, located at 1114 Yuba Street, Suite 218, Marysville and by appointment only at the Yuba County Public Library, 303 Second Street in Marysville. Please contact Ms. Leslie Wells at 530-749-7841 to make an appointment to review the document at the TRLIA office or check <https://www.yuba.org/departments/library/index.php> for Yuba County Public Library hours and phone number to make an appointment. If you are unable to access the DEIR electronically or visit the TRLIA office or Yuba County library and require a paper copy of the DEIR, please contact Anne King at 916-382-7833 or aking@geiconsultants.com.

Public Meeting: A virtual public meeting will be held on February 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. to solicit input from the public and public agencies on the Draft EIR. Access to the virtual meeting will be available by telephone at 213-338-8477 and via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/join> (meeting ID 853 6585 1583, passcode 803554).

Comment Submittal: Written comments may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to:

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Please indicate “500-year Project EIR” in the subject line. For comments by agencies and organizations, please include the name of a contact person for the agency or organization. If comments are provided via e-mail, please include the project title in the subject line, attach comments in Microsoft Word format, and include the commenter’s U.S. Postal Service mailing address. All comments received, including names and addresses of commenters, will become part of the official administrative record and may be available to the public.