



Notice of Availability of Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Report (EA/EIR) for American River Watershed Common Features (ARCF), Sacramento River East Levee Contract 4 (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located in Sacramento, California along the Sacramento River east levee between Railyards Boulevard in the City of Sacramento and Cliff's Marina in Freeport (Sacramento County).

Project Description: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board), and Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) propose to construct levee improvements consisting of an approximately 12,880 cumulative feet (2-3 miles) of levee raises, cut off walls, seepage berm, and other levee improvements. Most of the levee improvements included in this Project were analyzed in the 2016 ARCF General Reevaluation Report (ARCF GRR) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/EIR. This Draft Supplemental EA/EIR addresses project modifications and refinements since publication of the ARCF GRR EIS/EIR.

Project Impacts: Pursuant to requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a Draft Supplemental EA/EIR has been prepared for the Project. The results of the Draft Supplemental EA/EIR indicate that most of the potential adverse effects that could result from implementation of the Project would be avoided or reduced to a less-than-significant level by using avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures. However, the analysis in the Draft Supplemental EA/EIR indicates that implementing the Project would result in potential significant and unavoidable effects on Visual Resources, Vegetation and Wildlife, Recreation, and Transportation and Circulation. In addition, Portions of the Project are included on the Cortese List as identified in Government Code Section 65962.5.

Public Review: This Draft Supplemental EA/EIR is being made available to the public as well as responsible and other potentially interested agencies, stakeholder organizations, and individuals, including all entities that have previously requested such notice in writing, for a 47-day review period from June 15, 2022 to August 1, 2022. A virtual public meeting will be held on July 13, 2022, at 4:30 PM to discuss the Project and accept public comments and questions. Instructions to access the virtual meeting, sign up to receive email notices, and view the Draft Supplemental EA/EIR are available at www.sacleveeupgrades.com.

Comments on the Draft Supplemental EA/EIR will be accepted from June 15, 2022 until August 1, 2022. The Draft Supplemental EA/EIR is available at the Sacramento Central Library, located at 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA, electronically at www.sacleveeupgrades.com or the Board's website at <http://cvfpcb.ca.gov/public-notices/>. Copies of the Draft Supplemental EA/EIR are also available upon request. Written comments on the Draft Supplemental EA/EIR must be directed to the address below via postal mail or to the email below by no later than 5:00 PM on August 1, 2022:

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If comments are provided via email, please indicate "Sacramento River East Levee Contract 4 Supplemental EA/EIR" in the subject line, and either include the comments in the body of the email or attach them in Microsoft Word document format. Please ensure to include the commenter's name and mailing address. For comments by agencies and organizations, please include the name of a contact person for the commenting agency or organization. All comments received, including names and addresses of commenters, will become part of the official administrative record and may be available to the public.