



Notice of Availability of Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement / Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/SEIR) for American River Common Features, 2016 Flood Risk Management Project, Sacramento, California

Project Location: The Project is located along the American River, the Sacramento River, and Magpie Creek in Sacramento County and Yolo County, California.

Project Description and Background: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board), and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) propose design refinements to the 2016 American River Watershed Common Features General Reevaluation Report, Final EIS/EIR (2016 ARCF GRR EIS/EIR), involving Magpie Creek Project (MCP); American River Erosion Contracts 3B, 4A and 4B; Sacramento River Erosion Contract 3; American River Mitigation Site (ARMS); Sacramento River Mitigation Site (SRMS); and installation of a Piezometer Network. This Draft SEIS/SEIR supplements the 2016 ARCF GRR EIS/EIR, which authorized the overall ARCF Project, to address seepage, slope stability, erosion, and height concerns on the levees along the Sacramento and American Rivers for the purposes of flood risk management for the Sacramento Metropolitan area. Portions of the project site are included on the Cortese List (Government Code Section 65962.5).

Project Impacts: Pursuant to requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a Draft SEIS/SEIR has been prepared for the Project. The results of the Draft SEIS/SEIR indicate that many 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 environmental document indicates that implementation of the Project would result in potential short-term significant and unavoidable effects on transportation and circulation, recreation, environmental justice, aesthetics and visual resources, water quality, air quality, noise and vibration, vegetation and wildlife, cultural resources, and special status species. In addition, the analysis indicates that the Project would result in long-term significant and unavoidable effects on aesthetics and visual resources, and cultural resources.

Public Review: The Draft SEIS/SEIR 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. This Draft SEIS/SEIR will be available for a 63-day review period, during which time two

virtual public meetings will be held to discuss the ARCF Project and accept public questions and comments. The public meetings will be held on January 10 and January 16, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. For details and login instructions for this public meeting, or to sign up to receive email notices please visit www.sacleveeupgrades.com. Comments on the Draft SEIS/SEIR will be accepted from December 22, 2023 until February 23, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. The Draft SEIS/SEIR will be made available at the Sacramento Central Library, located at 828 I Street, Sacramento CA, and electronically at www.sacleveeupgrades.com or at the Board's website at <http://cvfcpb.ca.gov/public-notices/>. Hard copies of the SEIS/SEIR are also available upon request. Please include "ARCF SEIS/SEIR" in the subject line when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses of commenters, will become part of the official administrative record and may be available to the public. Written comments must be submitted by mail or e-mail to:

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