

**DATE:** May 31, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **Notice of Availability of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report**

**PROJECT:** TS\_30\_L Levee Improvement Project

**LEAD AGENCY:** San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency  
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Notice is hereby given by the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCA), as the lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), that the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the proposed TS\_30\_L Levee Improvement Project (TS\_30\_L, or Modified Project) is available for public review and comment. This Notice of Availability (NOA) has been prepared for the Draft SEIR, in compliance with Section 15087 of the CEQA Guidelines.

In addition, this Draft SEIR is in compliance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15163 and is a supplement to the San Joaquin River Basin, Lower San Joaquin River (LSJR) Integrated Interim Feasibility Report/Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report, State Clearinghouse No. 2010012027 (2018 LSJR FR/EIS/EIR). The Modified Project is one of six sub-reaches identified and evaluated within the 2018 LSJR FR/EIS/EIR Alternative 7a's Delta Front reach.

**Project Location (Study Area):** The TS\_30\_L levee is situated within the Alternative 7a project area, approximately 1.25 miles south of the proposed Fourteenmile Slough closure structure. The TS\_30\_L levee is a dry-land levee located on the northwestern side of Stockton, bordering North and Central Stockton. It extends just over 1 mile in length and separates the Brookside residential development on the east (landside) and the Wright Elmwood Tract, also known as the Sargent Barnhart Tract, on the west (waterside). The TS\_30\_L levee is bounded on the south by West March Lane and on the north by White Slough/Fourteenmile Slough. In addition to the construction activities at the TS\_30\_L levee, the Modified Project would require development of a borrow site, barge off-haul site, two staging/stockpile areas, haul routes, and one of five potential biological mitigation sites. Collectively, the TS\_30\_L levee, borrow site, barge off-haul site, staging/stockpile areas, haul routes, and potential biological mitigation sites compose the Modified Project site.

**Project Description:** The Modified Project includes approximately 1 mile of cutoff wall construction, levee reshaping, and runoff erosion protection of the TS\_30\_L levee, as well as development of a borrow site, barge off-haul site, two co-located staging and stockpile areas, and haul routes. This Draft SEIR also evaluates five potential biological mitigation sites to fulfill the Modified Project's compensatory mitigation requirements; three sites are evaluated at a project-level of detail and two sites are evaluated at a program-level of detail.

**Anticipated Significant Environmental Effects:** As required by CEQA (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.2), the Draft SEIR objectively assesses and discloses potential environmental effects of the Modified Project. The analysis in the 2018 LSJR FR/EIS/EIR determined that significant and unavoidable impacts may occur in the following resource areas, which remain relevant as significant and unavoidable impacts under the Modified Project: aesthetics, biological resources, noise, recreation, and transportation. The Draft SEIR also identifies potentially significant impacts on air quality; hazards, hazardous materials, and public safety; water quality; groundwater; and utilities, service systems, and public services. Mitigation measures would be implemented to reduce impacts for these resource areas.

**Comment Period:** The Draft SEIR is available to federal, state, and local agencies and interested organizations and individuals who may want to review and comment on the adequacy of the analysis. A copy of the 2018 LSJR FR/EIS/EIR is available at: [https://www.spk.usace.army.mil/lower\\_sj\\_river/](https://www.spk.usace.army.mil/lower_sj_river/). The Draft SEIR is available at: <https://www.sjafca.org/maps/lower-san-joaquin-river-project>. Both documents are available at the Cesar Chavez Central Library at 605 North El Dorado Street.

Publication of the Draft SEIR marks the beginning of a 45-day public review period. The 45-day public review period for the Draft SEIR is Wednesday May 31, 2023 through 5:00 p.m. on Monday July 17, 2023. Please send your written comments to: Omar Al-Hindi, Executive Project Manager, SJAFCA, 22 E. Weber Avenue, Suite 301, Stockton, CA 95202-2317 or by email to: [ceqacomment@sjafca.org](mailto:ceqacomment@sjafca.org). Please also include the name of a contact person if submitting comments on behalf of an agency, tribal group, or organization. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be available to the public.

**Scoping Meeting:** SJAFCA will also conduct both an in-person and a virtual public meeting to receive comments on the adequacy of the analysis included in the Draft SEIR. The meetings will be held on Monday June 26, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. (virtual) and 6:30 p.m. (in-person).

To join the 11:30 a.m. virtual meeting on your computer or Zoom mobile application, please click the following link or join by phone:

Meeting URL: <https://bit.ly/LSJRP-TS30L>

Meeting ID: 898 6149 4998

Or call in (audio only) + 1 669 444 9171 (United States), Meeting ID: 898 6149 4998

Passcode: 172773



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To ensure the best experience for this meeting, please join via the Desktop or mobile Zoom application. The dial-in audio conferencing number should only be used if other options do not work or are not available.

Physical address of 6:30 p.m. in-person public meeting:

**Residence Inn by Marriott**

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