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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Environmental Resources Branch

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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The Draft General Reevaluation Report (GRR) and Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the American River Common Features (ARCF) Project are now available for review. The ARCF Project is a cooperative effort between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District (Corps) and the State of California's Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB). The Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) is the local sponsor and has a Local Cooperation Agreement with the CVFPB. The ARCF Project was originally authorized in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1996 (Public Law 104-303) (110 Stat. 3658, 3662-3663) and modified by Section 366 of WRDA of 1999 (Pub. L. No. 106-53, § 366, 113 Stat. 269, 319-320).

The ARCF Project Draft GRR proposes and evaluates flood risk management alternative plans for the Sacramento metropolitan area. The purpose of the Draft GRR is to investigate and determine the extent of Federal interest in plans that reduce flood risk to the Sacramento metropolitan area. This report: (1) assesses the risk of flooding; (2) describes a range of alternatives formulated to reduce flood risk; and (3) identifies a Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) that would potentially be recommended to Congress for authorization. The TSP involves the construction of fix-in-place levee improvement measures to address seepage, slope stability, erosion, and overtopping concerns identified for the American and Sacramento Rivers, the Natomas East Main Drainage Canal, Arcade Creek, Dry/Robla Creeks, and Magpie Creek. In addition, the Sacramento Weir and Bypass would be widened to divert more flows into the Yolo Bypass during flood events. The Draft EIS/EIR evaluates the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects of the alternatives on the environmental resources in the project area. In addition, the Draft EIS/EIR recommends mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, and compensate for any adverse impacts to the environment.

The Draft EIS/EIR also provides the opportunity for public and agency information, involvement, and comment. During the 45-day public review period, the Corps will host public workshops to discuss the status of the project, and encourage public questions and comments on the project. The workshop dates, times, and locations are detailed in the following table. Public workshops will be conducted in partnership with SAFCA and the State of California to provide information and answer questions about the relationship between the ARCF Draft GRR and EIS/EIR and SAFCA's proposed plan for related levee improvements that support and are consistent with the recommendations in the ARCF Draft GRR and EIS/EIR.

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday April 8, 2015	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Joe Mim's Jr. Hagginwood Community Center 3270 Marysville Blvd Sacramento, CA 95815
Thursday April 9, 2015	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Sacramento Elks Lodge #6 6446 Riverside Blvd Sacramento, CA 95831
Wednesday April 15, 2015	3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Tsakopoulos Library Galleria 828 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814
Friday April 17, 2015	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Arden-Dimick Library 891 Watt Ave Sacramento, CA 95864

The Draft GRR and EIS/EIR are also available online at the Corps' website (<http://www.spk.usace.army.mil>) and the CVFPB's website (<http://cvfpb.ca.gov/PublicNotices/>). Hard copies of the Draft GRR and EIS/EIR can be viewed at the following places:

Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library
7335 Gloria Drive
Sacramento, CA 95831

Arcade Library
2443 Marconi Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95821

Arden-Dimick Library
891 Watt Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95864

Central Library
828 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

The public review period for these documents will extend from March 20 to May 4, 2015. Copies of the report are available upon request. All comments received on these draft documents will be considered and incorporated into the Final GRR and EIS/EIR, as appropriate. Specific responses to the comments will be included in an appendix to the Final EIS/EIR. Please send any comments to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Attn: Ms. Anne Baker, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814. If you have any questions, Ms. Baker may be reached by e-mail: Anne.E.Baker@usace.army.mil or by phone at (916) 557-7277.

Sincerely,



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