## 6.1 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

This section describes the public involvement activities that have occurred during the development of this Draft EIS.

## 6.2 PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER 33 CFR SECTION 325.3

On April 24, 2014, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) issued a Public Notice (PN) to adjacent landowners and posted information regarding the proposed Amoruso Ranch project on its website. The PN was issued to inform interested parties of the proposed activities, and to solicit comments from the public, Federal, State, and local agencies and officials, Indian tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activities. On June 11, 2014, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) submitted a comment letter on the PN. Additionally, on July 8, 2014, the Corps received a letter from Katerina Deaver, Mitchell Chadwick, LLP, on behalf of Jim and Gaynell Gleason (adjacent landowners) requesting, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), a copy of the Applicant's permit application and any other relevant records in the Corps' custody regarding the proposed Amoruso Ranch project. In compliance with the FOIA, the Corps provided copies of the requested documents to the requestor; however, no further comments were received from Mr. and Mrs. Gleason. No other comments or concerns were received in response to the PN.

On August 28, 2014, the Corps provided a comment letter, with enclosures of all of the PN comments and concerns, to the Applicant for their review and response.

# 6.3 PUBLIC SCOPING UNDER NEPA

On May 6, 2016, the Corps published a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Amoruso Ranch project. The NOI provided information on the proposed Amoruso Ranch project and EIS preparation, and provided information about the public scoping meeting and directions for submitting scoping comments. On May 26, 2016, the Corps held a public meeting to support scoping under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The scoping meeting was noticed in local newspapers, and letters were also sent to local agencies and stakeholders. The meeting was held at the Martha Riley Community Library, Rooms 1 & 2, 1501 Pleasant Grove Boulevard, in Roseville, California. No comments from the public were received during the scoping meeting or the comment period, which ended on July 6, 2016. However, on August 4, 2016, the Corps received a comment letter on the NOI from USEPA. On November 21, 2016, the Corps provided a copy of the USEPA comment letter to the Applicant for their review and response.

# 6.4 AGENCY COORDINATION

In June 2011, the Corps participated in several early "pre-application" coordination meetings with the Applicant, the City of Roseville, USEPA, USFWS, and the State Water Resources Control Board. The purpose of the meetings was to provide early "consultation" on processing of future permits and other authorizations for the proposed project. Specially, a majority of the meetings were focused on taking into

account the location of the proposed Placer Parkway. Early coordination meetings concluded in November 2013.

On October 21, 2015, the Corps requested the USEPA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and the City of Roseville to cooperate in the preparation of the EIS because of their jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise. The City of Roseville accepted the role of cooperating agency on October 30, 2015, and USEPA accepted the role of cooperating agency on January 29, 2016. Both agencies participated in project meetings and provided input during the preparation of this Draft EIS. No response was received from the USFWS regarding acceptance or denial of cooperating agency status. Other agencies with discretionary authority or legal jurisdiction over part or all of the Proposed Action include: the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB), and Placer County.

### 6.5 DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

An electronic copy of this document can be viewed and/or downloaded by accessing the Corps website at:

http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permitting/EnvironmentalImpactStatements.aspx.

An electronic copy, provided on Compact Disc (CD), or a hardcopy of this document are available to the public at the Corps address found below. Comments on this document must be submitted within 60 days of the publication of the Notice of Availability. All comments should reference Action ID number SPK-2004-00888 in the subject line and be sent to:

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