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Public Notice of Final Environmental Impact Statement

Action ID: SPK-2009-00480

Comments Period: February 19, 2010 – March 22, 2010

SUBJECT: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, (Corps) is evaluating a permit application to construct the NLIP Natomas Levee Improvement Program - Phase 4a project, which would result in impacts to approximately 19.8 acres of waters of the United States, including 3.5 acres of wetlands. The proposed project would also result in temporary impacts to 1.0 acre of waters of the U.S.

This notice is to inform interested parties of the proposed activity and to solicit comments. This notice may also be viewed at the Corps web site at <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/regulatory.html>.

AUTHORITY: This application is being evaluated under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 for structures or work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States and/or Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for the discharge of dredged or fill material in waters of the United States.

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LOCATION: The project site is located in the Natomas Basin , Section 16, Township 10 N, Range 4 E, Latitude 38.72551°, Longitude -121.55335°, Sacramento County, California, and can be seen on the CA-TAYLOR MONUMENT USGS Topographic Quadrangle.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant is proposing to construct levee improvements to provide 100 year flood protection to the Natomas Basin as quickly as possible, while laying the groundwork to provide "200 year" protection to the basin over time.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) the Corps published a notice in the Federal Register on August 28, 2009, informing the public of the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Natomas Levee Improvement Program Phase 4a Landside Improvements Project (DEIS/DEIR). The DEIS analyzed the potential effects of implementing each of three alternative scenarios for providing the necessary level of flood protection to the Natomas basin. The alternatives considered in detail in the DEIS/DEIR are: the No-Action alternative, the Proposed Action (described above), and the Raise and Strengthen in Place alternative.

Comments were received from federal, state and local agencies, as well as the general public. Responses to these comments are found in Appendix K of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Notice of Availability of the FEIS was published in the Federal Register February 19, 2010. The Corps will accept comments on the FEIS until **March 22, 2010**.

SUBMITTING COMMENTS: Written comments, referencing Public Notice SPK-2009-00480 must be submitted to the office listed below on or before **March 22, 2010**.

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Please note that all comment letters received are subject to release to the public through the Freedom of Information Act. If you have questions or need additional information please contact the applicant or the Corps' project manager Kathleen A. Dadey, 916-557-7253, Kathleen.A.Dadey@usace.army.mil.