

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Rio del Oro Specific Plan Project

Sacramento County, California

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ABSTRACT

This joint Draft Environmental Impact Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/DEIS) documents the analysis of the potential effects of implementing each of five alternative scenarios for a mixed-use development in the approximately 3,828-acre Rio del Oro Specific Plan area, in the City of Rancho Cordova, Sacramento County, California. This abstract is provided in compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. The EIR/EIS documents the existing condition of environmental resources in and around areas considered for development, and potential impacts on those resources as a result of implementing the alternatives. The alternatives considered in detail are: (1) Proposed Project (Applicants' Preferred Alternative); (2) High Density (Increased Densities Consistent with Sacramento Area Council of Governments Blueprint); (3) Impact Minimization; (4) No Federal Action (No Section 404 of the Clean Water Act Permit); and (4) No Project/No Action.

The DEIR/DEIS for the Rio del Oro Specific Plan Project is available for public comment and review 60 days from the date of publication of the notice of availability in the Federal Register. A copy can also be found on the Internet at <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/organizations/cespk-co/regulatory/index.html>.

Your written comments must be postmarked 60 days from the date of publication of the notice of availability in the Federal Register. The notice of availability is expected to be published in the Federal Register on December 8, 2006. Please submit and address your written comments to the individuals noted above by **February 5, 2007**.

NOTE TO REVIEWER

Reviewers should provide EDAW or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the NEPA lead agency, with their comments during the review period of the DEIR/DEIS. This will enable USACE to analyze and respond to the comments at one time and to use the information acquired in preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Report/Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIR/FEIS), thus avoiding undue delay in the decision making process. Reviewers have an obligation to structure their participation in the NEPA process so that it is meaningful and alerts the agency to reviewers' positions and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 533 (1978). Environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completion of the FEIS. *City of Angoon v. Hodel* (9th Circuit, 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Comments on the DEIS should be specific and should address the adequacy of the statement and the merits of the alternatives discussed (40 CFR 1503.3).