



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, SACRAMENTO
CORPS OF ENGINEER
1325 J STREET
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814-2922

Environmental Resources Branch

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The final Environmental Assessment (EA) and final Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Sacramento River Bank Protection Project, 14 Critical Erosion Sites, Sacramento, California, are now available for your information. Eleven of the 14 sites are along the Sacramento River at river miles (RM) 16.9L, 33.0R, 33.3R, 43.7R, 44.7R, 47.0L, 47.9R, 48.2R, 62.5R, 68.9L, and 78.0L. Three critically eroding sites are along Steamboat Slough at RM 19.0R, 19.4R, and 22.7R. The 14 sites are located in Yolo, Sacramento, Sutter, and Solano Counties.

These 14 sites are included as critical erosion sites in Governor Schwarzenegger's February 24, 2006, Declaration of State of Emergency of California Levee System, and March 7, 2006, Executive Order S-01-06. Colonel Ron Light, commander of the Sacramento District of the Corps, also stated that damages discovered in the summer of 2006 at 24 sites along the Sacramento and Bear Rivers, Cache Creek, Steamboat Slough, and Sutter Slough are severe enough to constitute an imminent threat to the people who live behind these levees. He declared an emergency on November 7, 2006. Erosion into the banks at these sites requires immediate work to prevent levee failure.

The EA evaluates the environmental effects of bank protection measures to be implemented at these 14 erosion sites from November 2006 through November 2007. Bank protection measures would be implemented at each of the 14 sites, and the overall project would consist of (1) reinforcement of the bank toe with 9,800 lineal feet of riprap, covering a total area of 8.5 acres; (2) placement of a mixture of riprap and soil (mixture of sand and silt suitable for plant growth) on upper banks and tops of the lower bank riprap to create riparian benches above the mean summer water elevation, covering a total area of 13.4 acres; and (3) planting of the benches and upper banks with vegetation to provide bank stabilization and riparian habitat.

Copies of the final EA and FONSI are on file at the Sacramento Public Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814, (916) 264-2920; and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District's website: <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil>.

The public review period for the draft EA ended on December 15, 2006. Comments received on the draft EA were incorporated into the final document, as appropriate. If you have any questions, Mr. Dietl can be reached at (916) 557-6742 or email: Michael.L.Dietl@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

E. Scott Clark
Chief, Planning Division