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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Following the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment/Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (EA/IS/MND) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) have been prepared for the American River Common Features (ARCF) 2016 Project, Sacramento River, Reach D, Contract 1 (RDC1) Front Street Stability Berm, and are now available for public review.

The Draft EA/IS/MND outlines measures proposed to be taken jointly by the Sacramento District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) to construct a levee improvement consisting of an approximately 400 foot long stability berm against the landside slope of the Sacramento River east levee in Sacramento County, California. The purpose of the RDC1 stability berm is to reinforce the structure and reduce seepage through this section of the Sacramento River east side levee. The proposed action is a component of the American River Common Features (ARCF) Project, which was authorized by WRDA 2016, Pub. L. No. 114-322 § 1322, 130 Stat. 1707. The Draft EA/IS/MND serves as a supplemental NEPA and CEQA document to the Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) prepared for the ARCF General Reevaluation Report (GRR) in 2016. The Corps is the NEPA lead agency and the CVFPB is the CEQA lead agency.

The Sacramento River east levee does not currently meet Corps criteria for seepage and slope stability. The approximately 400-foot-long stability berm would be constructed against the landside slope of the levee, with a base width of 20 feet, a top width of 12 feet, and an average height of 16 feet. The stability berm would be constructed by trimming the landside slope of the levee to the design excavation lines and by placing an engineered fill section with internal drainage against the landside slope.

The Draft EA/IS/MND provides full public disclosure of the environmental effects of the project alternatives and offers an opportunity for public and agency involvement and comment. No significant effects on environmental or cultural resources were identified. Accordingly a FONSI would be appropriate and a Draft FONSI is included with the Draft EA. The results of the evaluation similarly indicate that the proposed Project meets the requirements of an MND under CEQA. The CVFPB intends to adopt the MND and enclosed Initial Study.

The Draft EA/IS/MND will be available for download on December 28, 2018 at the websites below. In addition, hard copies of the Draft EA/IS/MND will be available for review at the Sacramento Public Library Central Branch – 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and at the Sacramento County Clerk's Office – 600 8th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814:

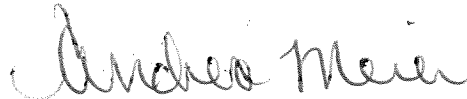
<https://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Media/USACE-Project-Public-Notices/>

<http://cvfpb.ca.gov/public-notice/>

http://www.safca.org/Protection/Environmental_Public_Review.html

Comments on the draft EA/IS/MND will be accepted for 30 days, from December 28, 2018 to January 28, 2019 at 5 p.m. Written comments on the draft EA/IS/MND may be submitted to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Attn: Planning Division – ARCF RDC1, 1325 J Street, 10th Floor, Sacramento, California 95814, or by email to ARCF2016Project@usace.army.mil. For e-mailed comments, please include "ARCF – RDC1" in the subject line and include the commenter's U.S. Postal Service mailing address. Please note that public comments will become part of the public record. All comments received on the Draft EA/IS/MND will be considered and incorporated into the Final EA/IS/MND, as appropriate.

Sincerely,



for Mark T. Ziminske
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