

Notice of Availability of Final General Conformity Determination for American River Watershed Common Features, Water Resources Development Act of 2016 Project (ARCF 2016 Project)

The Clean Air Act (CAA) requires all federal actions to conform to applicable state plans to attain and maintain national air quality standards (i.e., SIP, or State Implementation Plan) (42 U.S.C. 7506(c), section 176(c)). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) prepared a public Final General Conformity Determination for American River Watershed Common Features, Water Resources Development Act of 2016 Project (ARCF 2016 Project), to demonstrate conformity with the [California SIP](#), in accordance with the requirements established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (40 CFR 93.150 *et seq.*).

Project Location: In and around the City of Sacramento, California along the banks of the Sacramento and American Rivers, local tributaries, the associated drainage and levee network, and at the Sacramento Weir and Bypass.

Project Description: Construction of approximately \$1.5 billion in structural improvements to the Sacramento metropolitan area flood protection system of levees and bypasses, as recommended in the American River Common Features General Reevaluation Report (ARCF GRR, January 2016). The USACE, Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB), and Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) joint Project aims to reduce flood damage and protect public safety within the Greater Sacramento area within the next four to five years. Congress appropriated full funding for the ARCF 2016 Project under the Bipartisan Budget Act (Public Law 115-123). Environmental effects of the levee improvements were analyzed in the Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (ARCF EIS/EIR, January 2016).

The USACE released a Draft General Conformity Determination for ARCF 2016 Project through a public notice printed in the Sacramento Bee newspaper on March 23, 2020. The public notice initiated a 30-day public review and comment period in accordance with 40 CFR 156. The Draft General Conformity Determination and notice of availability were posted publicly on the USACE Sacramento District ARCF 2016 Project website. Due to COVID-19 pandemic business operations, the public comment period was extended until May 1, 2020.

The USACE received three comment letters for the ARCF 2016 Project General Conformity Determination. Appendix D to the Final GCD contains copies of these comment letters and respective USACE responses.

The Final General Conformity Determination is available electronically at sacleveeupgrades.com and the USACE website: <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Media/USACEProjectPublicNotices.aspx>, or the Central Valley Flood Protection Board website: <http://www.cvfpb.ca.gov>. Copies of the Final Determination available upon request. Contact our Public Affairs Office at (916) 557-5100, or spk-pao@usace.army.mil.