



Notice of Availability of Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for American River Watershed Common Features, Water Resources Development Act of 2016 Project, American River Contract 2 (Proposed Action)

Project Location: The Proposed Action is located in the City of Sacramento, California along the Lower American River (LAR) right bank (looking downstream) from just upstream of the Howe Avenue bridge to the downstream end of the Campus Commons Golf Course. Mitigation for the Proposed Action is located upstream at Arden Pond and Rossmoor Bar.

Project Description: The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB), and Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) propose to construct an approximately 7,800-foot-long bank stabilization project. Most of the levee improvements included in the Proposed Action were analyzed in the American River Watershed Common Features General Reevaluation Report EIS/EIR (ARCF GRR EIS/EIR). This Supplemental EIS/EIR addresses modifications and refinements since publication of the ARCF GRR EIS/EIR.

The Proposed Action consists of: (1) the installation of approximately 7,800 linear feet of erosion protection and on-site riparian habitat features along two levee segments (Sites 2-2 and 2-3) of the LAR; (2) creation of three off-site habitat restoration sites (Arden Pond and two areas at Rossmoor Bar) for mitigation; (3) associated staging areas, stockpile sites, and haul routes; and (4) reconstruction of the Campus Commons Golf Course. Sites 2-2 and 2-3 were identified as levee segments having a high degree of potential failure during high-flow events due to erosion.

Pursuant to requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR has been prepared for the Proposed Action. The results of the Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR indicate that most of the potential adverse effects that could result from implementation of the Proposed Action would be avoided or reduced to a less-than-significant level by using avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures. However, the analysis in the environmental document indicates that implementing the Proposed Action would result in potential short-term significant and unavoidable effects on visual resources, vegetation and wildlife, recreation, and transportation and circulation.

The Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR provides the opportunity for public and agency involvement and comment. During the 45-day public review period, a virtual public meeting will be held to discuss the Proposed Action and accept public questions and comments. The public meeting will be held on June 29, 2021 at 4:30 P.M. Instructions to access the virtual meeting, sign up to receive email notices, and view the Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR are available at: www.sacleveeupgrades.com

Comments on the Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR will be accepted from June 4, 2021 to July 19, 2021. Written comments may be submitted by mail or e-mail to:

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Hardcopies of the Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR can be made available upon request.