



Notice of Availability of Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment / Environmental Impact Report (EA/EIR) for American River Watershed Common Features Project, American River Contract 3A (Project)

Project Location: The Project is located in the City of Sacramento and in Sacramento County, California, along the left bank of the American River in the same location as Interstate Business 80 (also known as the Capitol City Freeway) and upstream of the City of Sacramento's Sutter's Landing Park in the American River Parkway.

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 3,000-foot-long bank stabilization project at Site 1-1 which is located on the left bank of the Lower American River (LAR) between river mile 3.8 and river mile 4.2. Most of the levee improvements included in the Project were analyzed in the 2016 American River Watershed Common Features General Reevaluation Report EIS/EIR (ARCF GRR EIS/EIR). The Supplemental EA/EIR addresses modifications and refinements since publication of the ARCF GRR EIS/EIR.

The Project consists of: (1) the installation of approximately 3,000 linear feet of erosion protection and on-site riparian habitat features along Site 1-1 of the LAR; and (2) associated staging areas, stockpile sites, and haul routes. Site 1-1 was identified as a levee segment that has a high degree of potential failure during high-flow events due to erosion.

Pursuant to requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a Draft Supplemental EA/EIR has been prepared for the Project. The results of the Draft Supplemental EA/EIR indicate that most of the potential adverse effects that could result from implementation of the Project would be avoided or reduced to a less-than-significant level by using avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures. However, the analysis in the Supplemental EIR indicates that implementing the Project would result in potential short term significant and unavoidable effects on visual resources, vegetation and wildlife, recreation, and transportation and circulation. It is anticipated that the USACE will make a finding of no new significant impact based on the analysis in the Supplemental EA under NEPA.

The Draft Supplemental EA/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 Project and accept public questions and comments. The public meeting will be held on May 5th, 2022 from 4:30 – 5:30 P.M. Instructions to access the virtual meeting, sign up to receive email notices, and view the Draft Supplemental EA/EIR are available at www.sacleveeupgrades.com.

Comments on the Draft Supplemental EA/EIR will be accepted from April 13, 2022 to May 27, 2022. The Draft Supplemental EIR and Draft Supplemental EA will be made available at the Sacramento Central Library, located at 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA, and electronically at www.sacleveeupgrades.com or the Central Valley Flood Protection Board website at

<http://cvfpb.ca.gov/public-notice/>. Hardcopies can be made available upon request. Please include “American River Contract 3A Supplemental EA/EIR” in the subject line when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses of commenters, will become part of the official administrative record and may be available to the public. Written comments may be submitted by mail or e-mail to:

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