

## **Notice of Availability of Draft 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 Draft 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 Draft General Conformity Determination provides the opportunity for public and agency involvement and comment. During the 30-day public review period, the USACE encourages public questions and comments on the air quality General Conformity Determination for American River Watershed Common Features, Water Resources Development Act of 2016.

Comments on the Draft General Conformity Determination will be accepted from March 31, 2020 to May 1, 2020. Written comments may be submitted to: *General Conformity Determination ARCF 2016 – Planning Team*, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814 or email: [spk-pao@usace.army.mil](mailto:spk-pao@usace.army.mil).

The Draft General Conformity Determination is available electronically at [sacleveeupgrades.com](http://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 Draft Determination available upon request. Contact our Public Affairs Office at (916) 557-5100, or [spk-pao@usace.army.mil](mailto:spk-pao@usace.army.mil).