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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Following the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Isabella Lake Dam Safety Modification Project, Kern County, California; Permanent Relocation of the U.S. Forest Service Visitor Center, has been prepared and is now available for public review and comment at <https://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Isabella-Dam/>

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Sequoia National Forest (USFS) are identifying the most suitable environmentally and economically sound option for the permanent relocation of the USFS interim visitor center. The Corps prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement in March 2012. In October 2012, the Corps published a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed remediation of the Isabella Dams. Construction of the Isabella Dam and Lake was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1944 (Public Law 78-534, Chapter 665, Section 10, page 901). The Water Resources Development Act of 2020 provided the Corps with authority to acquire real estate for a permanent visitor center.

A virtual public meeting will be held via WebEx on Thursday, April 22, 2021, from 4 to 5:30 pm. Further details on how to access the meeting are available at the link provided above. The meeting will include a presentation on the NEPA process and the proposed alternatives, followed by discussion with all attendees. The WebEx will be recorded and made available for viewing after the meeting.

The public review period for the draft SEA opens April 12, 2021, and will end on May 12, 2021. All comments received on the draft document will be considered and incorporated into the final SEA, as appropriate. Please send any comments to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Attn: Yari Johnson (CESPK-PDR-P), 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. If you have any questions, Yari Johnson can be reached at 916-557-6937 or [Yari.B.Johnson@usace.army.mil](mailto:Yari.B.Johnson@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,

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