

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SACRAMENTO DISTRICT 1325 J STREET SACRAMENTO CA 95814-2922

Planning Division

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

December 10, 2020

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Following the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a draft supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA)/Initial Study (IS) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) have been prepared for the Marysville Ring Levee (MRL) Project Phases 2B and 3 utility relocation. The draft supplemental EA/IS addresses the effects of the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) utilities relocation activities required to complete the flood risk management project that was authorized for construction in the Water Resources Development Act of 1998, Pub. L. 106-53, § 101(a)(10), 112 Stat. 269, 275, as amended by the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, Pub. L. No. 110-114, § 3041, 121 Stat. 1041, 1116. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the Lead Agency for NEPA. The Central Valley Flood Protection Board is the non-Federal project partner and is the Lead Agency for CEQA. The Marysville Levee District, in Yuba County, California is the local project partner.

This draft EA/IS supplements the MRL, Yuba River Basin, California, Final Environmental Assessment/Initial Study (2010 EA/IS) and the 2019, supplemental EA/IS for Phases 2B and 3 of the MRL project (2019 SEA/IS) by evaluating environmental effects of the removal and relocation of PG&E utility equipment. These features now have new information about their relocation that was not evaluated in the 2019 SEA/IS.

The draft supplemental EA/IS and draft FONSI are available for public review at: https://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Marysville-Ring-Levee/

A virtual public meeting will be held on December 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Detailed information about how to participate is also located at the website identified above.

The draft supplemental EA/IS and draft FONSI will be circulated for 30 days. Comments on these documents will be accepted from December 11, 2020 to January 11, 2021. Written comments on the draft supplemental EA/IS may be submitted to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Attn: Dave Walsh, Planning Division, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814, or Ben Waitman, Department of Water Resources, 3464 El Camino Ave, Rm. 150, Sacramento, California 95821. Comments may also be emailed to dave.h.walsh@usace.army.mil or benjamin.waitman@water.ca.gov. For emailed comments, please include "Marysville Ring Levee" in the subject line and include the commenter's U.S. Postal Service mailing address in the body of the email.

A copy of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

S. Joe Griffin Acting Chief, Environmental Resources Branch

Enclosure