

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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

May 31, 2023

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Following the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment I (SEA) for the San Joaquin River Basin, Lower San Joaquin River (LSJR) Project, Tenmile Slough Reach 30L (TS30L) Levee Improvements in San Joaquin County, California has been prepared and is now available for public review and comment at:

San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency 22 East Weber Avenue, Suite 301, Stockton, CA 95202

Cesar Chavez Central Library 605 North El Dorado Street, Stockton, CA 95202

or online at:

https://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Media/USACE-Project-Public-Notices/

The LSJR Project was authorized for construction in America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (Public Law [P.L.] 115-270), which expedited the completion of the feasibility study as described in Section 1322(b)(2)(F) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (P.L. 114-322). The SEA describes the project refinements developed since the 2018 LSJR Integrated Interim Feasibility Study/Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report pertaining to the design and mitigation at TS30L. The refinements evaluated in the SEA include the identification of a borrow site, haul route, and staging areas; an improved road on the waterside easement; an updated and expanded levee footprint shifted toward the waterside; mitigation sites being considered as compensation for TS30L habitat impacts; and alternatives to the Fourteenmile Slough Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle mitigation site.

The public review period for the draft SEA is Wednesday, May 31, 2023 through 5:00 P.M. on Monday, July 17, 2023. Please send your written comments to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District Attn: LSJR Project, Reach TS30L 1325 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814

or via email to SPK-PAO@usace.army.mil

Please also include the name of a contact person if submitting comments on behalf of an agency, tribal group, or organization. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be available to the public.

Both an in-person and a virtual public meeting will be conducted to receive comments on the adequacy of the analysis included in the Draft SEA. The meetings will be held on Monday June 26, 2023 from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. (virtual) and 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. (in-person).

To join the virtual meeting on your computer or Zoom mobile application, please use the following link: https://bit.ly/LSJRP-TS30L.

The in-person session will be held at Residence Inn by Marriott Stockton, 3240 W March Lane, Stockton, CA 95219.

Sincerely,

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