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ATTENTION OF

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

Environmental Resources Branch

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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The draft Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement (FR/EIS) for the Sacramento – San Joaquin Rivers Delta Islands and Levees, California, Feasibility Study, is now available for public review. In accordance with Conference Report 108-357, which accompanied the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-137), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is conducting this study “to prioritize and evaluate environmental restoration, flood protection and related purposes for the Delta Islands and Levees.” The Corps is the Federal lead agency, and the California Department of Water Resources is the non-Federal sponsor for the study.

The draft FR/EIS presents the draft findings of the Feasibility Study, which formulates and evaluates the benefits, costs, and environmental effects of alternative plans to improve flood risk management and restore ecosystem functions in the Delta. Based on the evaluation, the Corps has identified a Federal interest in at least one alternative plan for ecosystem restoration. Alternatives considered to reduce flood risk do not meet the national Federal criteria for cost effectiveness, because the costs of the plans exceed the benefits they would accomplish.

This draft FR/EIS integrates plan formulation with documentation of environmental effects of the alternative plans and meets the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (P.L. 91-190). These requirements include making the document available for public and agency information, review, and comment. The draft FR/EIS is now available for review on the Sacramento District’s website at <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/SacramentoSanJoaquinDelta> and for viewing at the libraries listed below.

- Sacramento Public Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814
- Cesar Chavez Central Library, 605 N. El Dorado Street, Stockton, California 95202
- Clarksburg Branch Library, 52915 Netherlands Road, Clarksburg, California 95612
- Oakley Library, 1050 Neroly Road, Oakley, California 94561

In addition, a CD copy of the draft document is available from the Corps upon request. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact Mr. Robert Kidd, Public Affairs Specialist, at (916) 557-5100 or e-mail at: deltastudy@usace.army.mil.

The public review period for the draft FR/EIS extends from April 18 to June 2, 2014. During that time, the Corps and State will also host two public meetings to discuss the status of the study, present the draft results of the FR/EIS, and encourage questions and comments. The locations and times for the meetings are provided below.

Old Sugar Mill
35265 Willow Ave.
Clarksburg, California

May 7, 2014
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Sheraton Grand Sacramento
1230 J Street
Sacramento, California

May 9, 2014
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

All comments received by June 2, 2014, will be considered and incorporated into the final FR/EIS, as appropriate. Specific responses will also be included in a comments and responses appendix to the final document. Please send any questions and comments to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Attn: Mr. Robert Kidd, Public Affairs Specialist, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814, or email: deltastudy@usace.army.mil. Thank you for your interest in this study.

Sincerely,



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