Notice of Availability of Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) for American River Watershed Common Features, Water Resources Development Act of 2016 Project, Sacramento River East Levee Contract 3 (Proposed Action)

**Project Location:** The Proposed Action is located in the Pocket-Greenhaven neighborhood of the City of Sacramento, California along the east bank of the Sacramento River, just north of Surfside Way and Cruise Way, to Pocket Canal Parkway.

**Project Description:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB), and Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) propose to construct levee improvements along the Sacramento River East Levee to meet embankment and foundation stability requirements. Most of the levee improvements included in the Proposed Action were analyzed in the American River Common Features General Reevaluation Report Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/EIR (ARCF GRR EIS/EIR). This Draft Supplemental EIR/EA addresses project modifications and refinements since publication of the ARCF GRR EIS/EIR. The project includes a site that is on the Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites (Cortese) List.

Pursuant to requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Draft Supplemental EIR/EA has been prepared for the Proposed Action. The results of the Draft Supplemental EIR/EA indicate that most of the potential adverse effects that could result from implementation of the Proposed Action would be avoided or reduced to a less-than-significant level by using avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures. However, the analysis in the environmental document indicates that implementing the Proposed Action would result in potential short-term significant and unavoidable effects on visual resources, vegetation and wildlife, cultural resources, and transportation and circulation.

This Draft Supplemental EIR/EA is being made available to responsible and other potentially interested agencies, stakeholder organizations, and individuals, including all entities that have previously requested such notice in writing, for a 45-day review period from June 18, 2021 to August 1, 2021. A virtual public meeting will be held on July 14, 2021 at 4:30 P.M. to discuss the Proposed Action and accept public comments and questions. Instructions to access the virtual meeting, sign up to receive email notices, and view the Draft Supplemental EIR/EA are available at www.sacleveeupgrades.com.

Comments on the Draft Supplemental EIR/EA will be accepted from June 18, 2021 until August 1, 2021. The Draft Supplemental EIR/EA is available at the Sacramento Central Library, located at 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA, electronically at www.sacleveeupgrades.com or the Central Valley Flood Protection Board website at http://cvfpb.ca.gov/public-notices/. Hard copies of the Draft Supplemental EIR/EA can be made available upon request.

Written comments on the Draft Supplemental EIR/EA must be directed to the name and address below via postal mail or email by no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 1, 2021:

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If comments are provided via email, please indicate “SREL Contract 3 Supplemental EIR/EA” in the subject line, and either include the comments in the text of the email or attach them in MS Word format. Please ensure to include the commenter’s name and mailing address. For comments by agencies and organizations, please include the name of a contact person for the agency or organization. All comments received, including names and addresses of commenters, will become part of the official administrative record and may be available to the public.