Notice of Availability of Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Report (EA/EIR) for American River Watershed Common Features, Water Resources Development Act of 2016 Project, Sacramento River Erosion Contract 4 (Project)

**Project Location:** The Project is located in the City of Sacramento, California along the east levee of the Sacramento River near Piedmont Drive in the Little Pocket neighborhood (Sacramento County).

**Project Description:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board), and Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) propose to construct levee improvements to address erosion concern along approximately 1,700 linear feet of the east levee of the Sacramento River near River Mile 55. Most of the levee improvements included in the Project were analyzed in the 2016 American River Common Features General Reevaluation Report (ARCF GRR) Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR). This Draft Supplemental EA/EIR addresses project modifications and refinements since certification of the ARCF GRR EIS/EIR.

**Project Impacts:** Pursuant to requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a Draft Supplemental EA/EIR has been prepared for the Project. The results of the Draft Supplemental EA/EIR indicate that most of the potential adverse effects that could result from implementation of the Project would be avoided or reduced to a less-than-significant level by using avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures. However, implementation of the Project will result in potential short term significant and unavoidable effects on vegetation and wildlife and visual resources.

**Public Review:** The Draft Supplemental EA/EIR is being made available to the public as well as responsible and other potentially interested agencies, stakeholder organizations, and individuals, including all entities that have previously requested such notice in writing. This Draft Supplemental EA/EIR will be available for a 45-day review period, during which time a virtual public meeting will be held to discuss the Project. The public meeting will be held on March 22, 2023 from 4:30-5:30 P.M. For details and login instructions for this public meeting, or to sign up to receive email notices please visit www.sacleveeupgrades.com.

Comments on the Draft Supplemental EA/EIR will be accepted from March 1, 2023 to April 14, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. The Draft Supplemental EA/EIR will be made available at the Sacramento Central Library, located at 828 I Street, Sacramento CA, and electronically at www.sacleveeupgrades.com or at the Central Valley Flood Protection Board website at http://cvfpb.ca.gov/public-notices/. Hard copies of the Draft Supplemental EA/EIR are also available upon request. Please include “Sacramento River Erosion Contract 4 Supplemental EA/EIR” in the subject line when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses of commenters, will become part of the official administrative record and may be available to the public. Official comments must be submitted by mail or e-mail to:

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