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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

A draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment/Initial Study (SEA/IS) for the Marysville Ring Levee (MRL) Project, located in Marysville, California has been released for public review. This SEA/IS addresses levee improvements in Phases 2B and 3, which are located along the Yuba River from approximately Jack Slough ditch downstream to F street (just west of Highway 70). The Yuba River Basin, California, Project ("Authorized Project") was authorized for construction in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1998, Pub. L. 106-53, § 101(a)(10), 112 Stat. 269, 275, as amended by the WRDA of 2007, Pub. L. No. 110-114, § 3041, 121 Stat. 1041, 1116. During post-authorization studies, the Marysville Ring Levee was approved for construction as a separable element of the Authorized Project. The MRL Project is a cooperative effort between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the State of California, acting by and through the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB), and the Marysville Levee District (MLD).

The purpose of the MRL Project is to reduce flood risk to the city of Marysville. This SEA/IS evaluates refinements to the authorized design that are needed to address geotechnical concerns related to the seepage and stability of the MRL. All levee segments in the Phases 2B and 3 Project Area require improvements to meet current levee design standards set by the Corps. These improvements include the addition of a cutoff wall in each segment, levee realignment in specific locations, and a levee slope increase to meet the new standard of three feet horizontal to one foot of height (3H:1V).

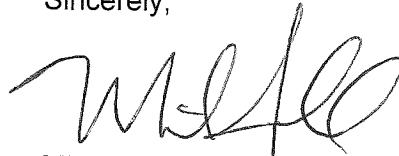
The possible consequences of the work described in the draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment/Initial Study (SEA/IS) have been studied with consideration given to any environmental, cultural, and social resources that could potentially be affected. Results of the evaluation indicate that the Proposed Action would have no significant direct, indirect, or cumulative effects on environmental, social, or cultural resources. Mitigation through implementation of best management practices, avoidance protocols, as well as minimization and compensatory mitigation measures have been identified and coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Feather River Air Quality Management District (FRAQMD), California Department of Transportation (CalTrans), and the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). Consultation with USFWS, as well as the Native American tribes and the SHPO has been ongoing throughout the development of the SEA/IS.

A public involvement workshop will be held in order to address questions and receive comments on the draft SEA/IS. The workshop will be held on April 10, 2019, from 4:00PM to 7:00PM, at the Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th Street, Marysville, CA 95901. A hard copy of the draft document is available at the Yuba County library or it can also be accessed electronically at the following link:

<https://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Marysville-Ring-Levee/>

The 30-day public review period for the draft SEA/IS will end on April 28, 2019. All comments received on the draft document will be considered and incorporated into the final SEA/IS, as appropriate. Please provide written comments to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Attn: Ms. Lillian Corley, Environmental Manager, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814; or by email to Ms. Lillian Corley at Lillian.J.Corley@usace.army.mil. If you have any questions about the proposed improvements, please contact Ms. Lillian Corley at (916) 557- 6688 or at the above email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Jewell", written in a cursive style.

Michael S. Jewell
Chief, Planning Division