



## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT EIR AND PUBLIC MEETING**

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**To:** Agencies and Interested Parties

**From:** City of Woodland  
300 First Street  
Woodland, CA 95695

**Date:** March 23, 2020

**Subject: Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report and public meeting for the Woodland Flood Risk Management Project**

The City of Woodland (City), as the Lead Agency, has prepared a Draft environmental impact report (EIR) for the Woodland Flood Risk Management Project (“Proposed Project”). The City filed a Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft EIR with the State Clearinghouse on March 23, 2020. The public comment period will close on June 20, 2020.

Located in Yolo County, the project area lies mostly north of the City of Woodland and immediately south of the south levee of Lower Cache Creek, and includes the Cache Creek Settling Basin (CCSB) (Figure 1, Project Location Map). Most of the 10,292-acre project area contains agricultural lands consisting of row crops, orchards, or rural homes. The Proposed Project footprint generally extends from between County Roads 97A and 98 in the west to midway along the southern boundary of the CCSB in the east.

The Proposed Project would provide flood system improvements to reduce the risks to public health and safety, property, and infrastructure for the City from flooding of Lower Cache Creek. The proposed improvements include installation of an approximately 5.5-mile-long earthen levee and a drainage channel along Woodland’s northern boundary to redirect overland flood flows to the CCSB and the City’s North Drainage canal; installation of an inlet weir in the existing CCSB west levee to allow flood flow conveyance into the CCSB; improvements to strengthen the CCSB west and south levees; degradation of 3,000 feet of the CCSB training levee to improve sediment distribution within the CCSB; and construction of elevated crossings or closure structures where the proposed levee crosses existing roads or railroad tracks, and installation of

culverts at road and railroad crossings for flood flow conveyance in the proposed drainage channel.

The purpose of the Draft EIR process is to provide stakeholders, agencies, and interested parties with an opportunity to consider the Proposed Project. The Draft EIR describes the project objectives, analyzes the potential impacts associated with the construction and operation of the Proposed Project, and identifies potential measures to minimize, avoid, or mitigate significant adverse effects on environmental resources.

**Public Meeting:** The City will hold a public meeting to receive comments regarding the content of the Draft EIR when safe to do so, given the current public health crisis. The public meeting will include a brief presentation to provide an overview of the Draft EIR and an opportunity for individuals to discuss the analysis with staff. Individuals and organizations on the project’s mailing list will be notified by letter when a public meeting date is set, and the City will announce the date on their website ([www.cityofwoodland.org](http://www.cityofwoodland.org), under “City Projects” on the Home page).

**Availability of the Draft EIR:** In accordance with CEQA, the review period for this Draft EIR will be 90 days, beginning on March 23, 2020 and ending on June 20, 2020. The Draft EIR is available on the City’s website: [www.cityofwoodland.org](http://www.cityofwoodland.org) (under “City Projects” on the Home page). Additionally, hard copies will be available for review at the following locations, during their regular business hours, when the current shelter-in-place orders are lifted:

Woodland City Hall Public counter 300 First Street Woodland, CA 95695	Woodland Community Center 2001 East Street Woodland, CA 95776
Woodland Public Library 250 1 <sup>st</sup> Street Woodland, CA 95695	Yolo Branch Library 37750 Sacramento Street Yolo, CA 95697

**Providing Agency and Public Comments:** Interested parties may provide written comments on the Draft EIR. **Written comments must be provided to the City of Woodland, or postmarked, no later than June 20, 2020.** Please send all written comments to:

Mr. Tim Busch, Principal Utilities Civil Engineer  
City of Woodland  
300 First Street  
Woodland, CA 95695

Written comments can also be submitted by email to: [Tim.Busch@cityofwoodland.org](mailto:Tim.Busch@cityofwoodland.org). Emails should include the subject line “Comments on WFRMP Draft EIR”.

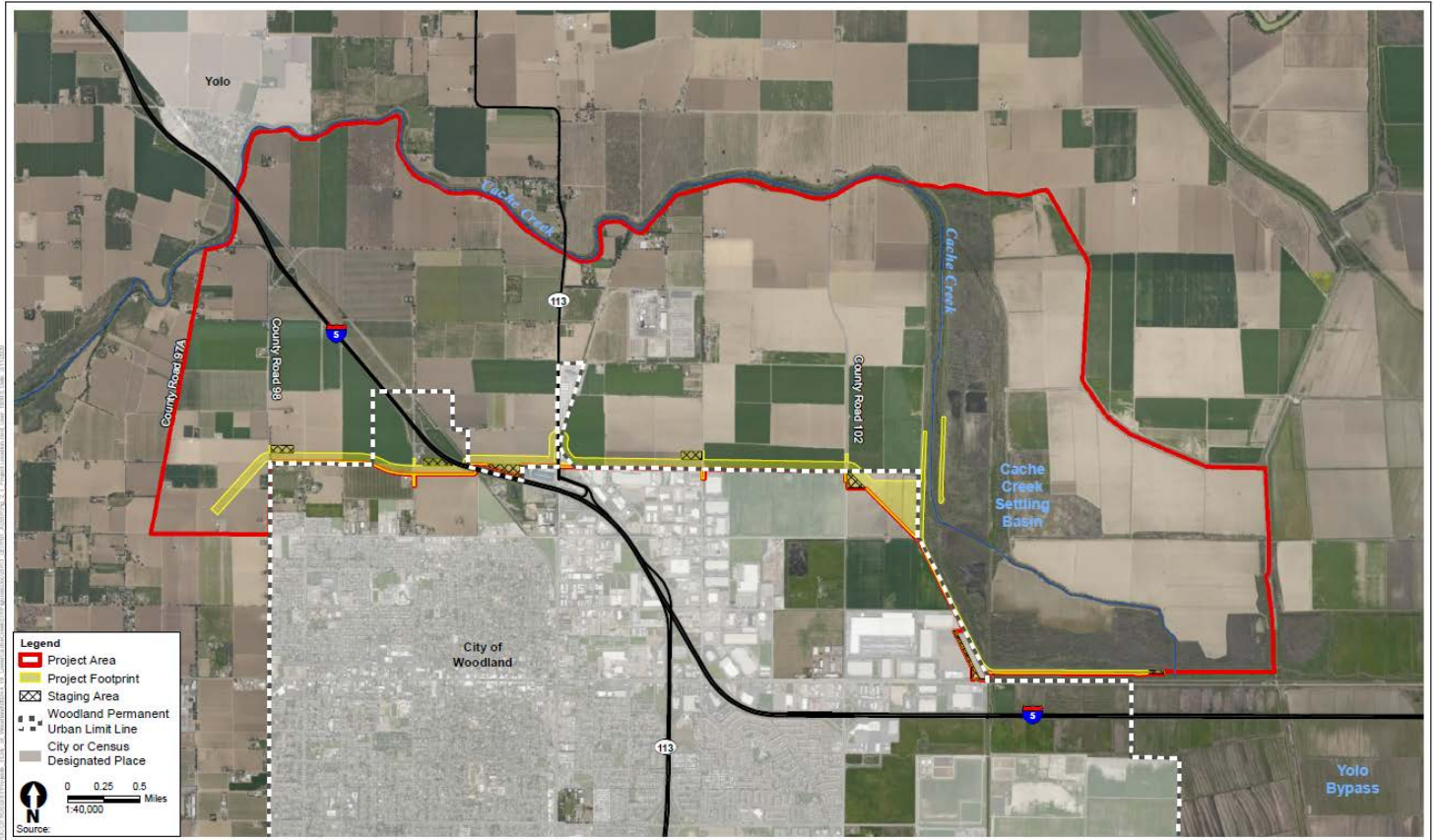


Figure 1. Project Location Map