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Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Regulation 33 CFR 230.11, this letter constitutes the Notice of Availability of the Draft General Reevaluation Report (GRR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the San Francisco Bay to Stockton Navigation Improvement Project. The study area is a 13.2 mile length of navigation channel which spans from Central San Francisco Bay to Avon (just east of the Benicia-Martinez Bridge) and includes the Pinole Shoal Channel and the Bulls Head Reach portion of the Suisun Bay Channel. The proposed project includes deepening the existing maintained channel depth of the Pinole Shoal Channel and Bulls Head Reach (Suisun Bay) from -35 feet to -38 feet Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW), dredging a 2,600 foot sediment trap at Bulls Head Reach with a depth of -42 feet MLLW, plus two feet of overdepth, leveling the rock outcrop located to the west of Pinole Shoal from a peak of -39.7 feet MLLW to -43 feet MLLW, and using the dredged material at permitted beneficial reuse sites.

Public meetings will be held to take comments on the draft GRR/EIS at the Contra Costa County Conservation and Development offices in Martinez, at 30 Muir Road, Martinez, California 94553 from 6pm to 8pm on June 11, 2019.

Fifteen CD copies of the Draft GRR/EIS are enclosed with this letter, and the files are also available for your review on the Corps environmental planning website (from the link, go to "Other Locations", then "SF Bay to Stockton"):

http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/About/DivisionsOffices/Planning/EnvironmentalBranch/EnvironmentalDocuments.aspx

Public comment period is from May 11, 2019 through June 24, 2019. Any comments you may have must be submitted in writing to the letterhead address within 45 days of the date of this letter or email at SFBaytoStockton@usace.army.mil. Questions concerning the Draft GRR/EIS can be submitted to Mrs. Stacie Auvenshine at the letterhead address or via email to SFBaytoStockton@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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