Notice of Availability of Draft Supplemental EA/EIR for American River Watershed Common Features, Water Resources Development Act of 2016, Sacramento River Erosion Contract 1: River Mile 55.2 Left Bank Protection Project

Project Location: The Project is located along the left bank (when facing downstream) of the Sacramento River just downtream of The Westin Sacramento in the Little Pocket area of the City of Sacramento, California.

Project Description: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) propose to construct an approximately 1,150-foot-long bank protection project along the Sacramento River. Most of the levee improvements included in the Project were analyzed in the 2016 American River Watershed Common Features General Reevaluation Report (ARCF GRR) Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR). This Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment/EIR (SEA/EIR) addresses project modifications and refinements since publication of the ARCF GRR EIS/EIR.

Following the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Draft SEA/EIR has been prepared for this Project. The results of the Draft SEA/EIR indicate that most of the potential adverse effects that could result from implementation of the Project would either be short term or would be avoided or reduced to less than significant by using avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures. However, analysis indicates potential short term significant and unavoidable effects on visual resources, vegetation and wildlife, and recreation.

The Draft SEA/EIR also provides the opportunity for public and agency involvement and comment. During the public review period, a virtual public meeting will be held to discuss the proposed Project and accept public questions and comments. The public meeting will be held on July 27, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. Instructions to access the virtual meeting through the internet or over the phone, sign up to receive email updates, and obtain a copy of the draft document can be accessed electronically at the following website:

www.sacleveeupgrades.com

Comments on the Draft SEA/EIR will be accepted from July 11, 2020 through August 26, 2020. Written comments may be submitted by mail or e-mail to:

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Hard copies of the Draft SEA/EIR can be made available upon request.