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 2 (Project)

**Project Location:** The Project is located in the City of Sacramento, California along the Sacramento River east levee between Front Street and the Pocket-Greenhaven neighborhood.

**Project Description:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB), and Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) propose to construct levee improvements consisting of approximately 3.4 miles of bank protection. Improvements will include riprap and planting benches, to reduce erosion risk along the Sacramento River east levee. 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 publication of the ARCF GRR EIS/EIR.

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, the analysis in the Supplemental EIR indicates that implementing the Project would result in potential short term significant and unavoidable effects on vegetation and wildlife, cultural resources, and recreation. It is anticipated that the USACE will make a finding of no new significant impact based on the analysis in the Supplemental EA under NEPA.

This Draft Supplemental EA/EIR is being made available to responsible and other potentially interested agencies, stakeholder organizations, and individuals, including all entities that have previously requested such notice in writing, for a 45-day review period from April 15, 2022, to May 29, 2022. A virtual public meeting will be held on April 26, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the Project and accept public comments and questions. 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 April 15, 2022, until May 29, 2022. The Draft Supplemental EA/EIR is available at the Sacramento Central Library, located at 828 I Street, Sacramento CA, electronically at www.sacleveeupgrades.com or the Central Valley Flood Protection Board website at http://cvfpb.ca.gov/public-notices/. Copies of the Draft Supplemental EA/EIR are also available upon request. Written comments on the Draft Supplemental EA/EIR must be directed to the name and address below via postal mail or email by no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 29, 2022:

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If comments are provided via email, please indicate “Sacramento River Erosion Contract 2 Supplemental EA/EIR” in the subject line, and either include the comments in the text of the email or attach them in Microsoft Word format. Please ensure to include the commenter’s name and mailing address. For comments by agencies and organizations, please include the name of a contact person for the agency or organization. All comments received, including names and addresses of commenters, will become part of the official administrative record and may be available to the public.