

the City of Redlands to the south poses damage to riparian ecosystems from past flooding and groundwater polluting activities. Ecosystem processes that help maintain groundwater supplies must be protected and restored where degraded. Flood risk management measures are a way to support the riparian habitat. Alternatives to be considered are those that will reduce further degradation of the river and the riparian ecosystem; improve the quality of both ground and surface waters; and reduce adverse water quality impacts from runoff.

3. *Scoping Process:* a. A scoping meeting is scheduled for the following three dates, times and locations, as follows: April 9, 2008, 6 to 8 p.m., City of Redlands City Council Chambers, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 2, Redlands, CA 92373; April 10, 2008, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., San Bernardino County Regional Parks Department Meeting Room, 777 East Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415, and; April 11, 2008, 6 to 8 p.m., City of San Bernardino Economic Development Agency Board Room, 201 North E. Street, Third Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92401. For additional information on dates, times, and locations please contact Jim Canady, San Bernardino County Regional Parks Department, at (909) 383-3202. Potential impacts associated with the proposed action will be evaluated. Resource categories that will be analyzed are: Physical environment, geology, biological resources, air quality, water quality, recreational usage, aesthetics, cultural resources, transportation, noise, hazardous waste, socioeconomics and safety.

b. Participation of affected Federal, State and local resource agencies, Native American groups and concerned interest groups/individuals is encouraged in the scoping process. Public participation will be especially important in defining the scope of analysis in the Draft EIS/EIR, identifying significant environmental issues and impact analysis in the Draft EIS/EIR and providing useful information such as published and unpublished data, personal knowledge of relevant issues and recommending mitigation measures associated with the proposed action.

c. Those interested in providing information or data relevant to the environmental or social impacts that should be included or considered in the environmental analysis can furnish this information by writing to the points of contact indicated above or by attending the public scoping meeting. A mailing list will also be established so pertinent data may be distributed to interested parties.

Dated: March 7, 2008.

Thomas H. Magness,
Colonel, U.S. Army, District Commander.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the San Francisco Bay to Stockton (John F. Baldwin and Stockton Ship Channels) Navigation Improvement Project, California

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), San Francisco District, the Port of Stockton, and the Contra Costa County Water Agency are preparing an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) to evaluate the efficiency of the movement of goods along the existing deep draft navigation route extending from the San Francisco Bay to the Port of Stockton. The proposed action consists of altering the depth of the deep draft navigation route. The authority for the San Francisco Bay to Stockton Navigation Improvement Project was provided under House Document 208, House Report 89-973 cited in Section 301 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1965, Pub. L. 89-298, § 204, 79 Stat. 1073. This is a notice of intent to prepare an EIS/EIR, and to consider all reasonable alternatives, evaluate potential impacts of the proposed action, and identify appropriate mitigation measures.

DATES: Two public scoping meetings will be held on the proposed action. The first public scoping meeting will be held in Martinez on March 26, 2008, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The second public scoping meeting will be held in Stockton on April 2, 2008, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The public comment period begins on March 12, 2008. Written comments from all interested parties must be received by April 30, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The Martinez scoping meeting will be held at the Contra Costa County Administration Building, Room 101, 651 Pine Street, Martinez, CA 94553. The Stockton scoping meeting will be held at the Cesar Chavez Central Library, Stewart-Hazelton Room, 605 N. El Dorado Street, Stockton, CA 94553.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions and comments regarding the proposed action can be addressed to: Ms. Nancy Ferris, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, 1455 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94103-1398, telephone: (415) 503-6865, or SPNETPA@usace.army.mil. All written comments can also be faxed to (415) 503-6692 or sent electronically to SPNETPA@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following section will address the study area, and some of the alternatives that will be addressed in this study.

1. *Background:* The San Francisco Bay to Stockton Improvement Project includes the John F. Baldwin and Stockton Ship Channels, which extend 75 nautical miles from the Pacific Ocean, just outside the Golden Gate, to the Port of Stockton. The project is divided into two separate reaches, with the John F. Baldwin Ship Channel extending from the Golden Gate to Chipps Island, and the Stockton Ship Channel extending from Chipps Island to the Port of Stockton. Portions of the reaches have been deepened in the past; however, not all reaches attained authorized dimensions. Currently, the Corps is reevaluating the authorized Federal project to determine the extent to which changes to channel dimensions are warranted.

2. *Proposed action:* Based on the need for improved efficiency of the movement of goods, the proposed action is to alter the depth of the John F. Baldwin and Stockton Ship Channels.

3. *Project Alternatives:* The following are some of the alternatives that will be evaluated in the EIS/EIR:

(a) *No action.* The efficiency of maintaining the current depths of the John F. Baldwin and Stockton Ship Channels will be evaluated.

(b) *Modify the shipping channels to authorized depths.* Following the original plans of the authorized project, the channels will be modified to the authorized project depths. Alternative placement sites for dredged material, including beneficial reuse, will be evaluated.

(c) *Modify the shipping channels to alternate depths.* All or portions of the John F. Baldwin and Stockton Ship Channels will be evaluated for depths differing from current or authorized depths. This will be accomplished in consideration of economic and environmental impacts of the proposed project.

(d) *Alternative transport methods.* Alternative methods for the transport of goods such as truck or rail transport will be evaluated.

4. *Environmental Considerations:* In all cases, pursuant to NEPA guidelines, environmental considerations will include human health, biological resources, geophysical impacts, air quality, water quality, salinity, hazards, noise, utilities and service systems, transportation, land use and planning, historic and cultural resources, aesthetics, recreation, social and economic effects, as well as other potential environmental issues of concern.

5. *Scoping Process:* The Corps is seeking participation and input of all interested Federal, State, and local agencies, Native American groups, and other concerned private organizations or individuals through this public notice. Public scoping meetings will be held in Martinez, CA and Stockton, CA (see **DATES**). Any changes to the date, time, or location will be published in the newspaper or provided by mail to those requesting information. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit comments regarding the potential impacts, environmental issues, and alternatives associated with the proposed action. Public participation will help to define the scope of the environmental analysis in the EIS/EIR; identify other significant issues; provide other relevant information; and recommend mitigation measures. The public comment period starts on March 12, 2008, and closes on April 30, 2008. All comments received will be considered in the preparation of the EIS/EIR.

6. *Availability of EIS:* The public will have an additional opportunity to comment on project alternatives once the draft EIS/EIR is released. The Corps will announce availability of the draft EIS/EIR in the **Federal Register** and other media, and will provide a 45-day public review period for the public, organizations, and agencies to review and comment on the EIS/EIR. All submitted comments will be addressed in the Final EIS/EIR. All interested parties should respond to this notice and provide a current address if they wish to be notified of the EIS/EIR circulation.

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Chief, Operations and Readiness Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Coastal Engineering Research Board (CERB)

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

Name of Committee: Coastal Engineering Research Board (CERB).

Date of Meeting: April 2, 2008.

Place: Marriott New Orleans Metairie at Lakeway, 3838 N. Causeway Boulevard, Metairie, LA 70002.

Time: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquiries and notice of intent to attend the meeting may be addressed to Colonel Richard B. Jenkins, Executive Secretary, Commander, U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Waterways Experiment Station, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180-6199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board provides broad policy guidance and review of plans and fund requirements for the conduct of research and development of research projects in consonance with the needs of the coastal engineering field and the objectives of the Chief of Engineers.

Proposed Agenda: The theme of the meeting is "Regional System-Wide Analysis Lessons Learned from the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration (LACPR) Study and the Mississippi Coastal Improvement Project (MsCIP)." The morning presentations will be given on the lessons learned from LACPR and MsCIP system-based approach and presentations on the oceanographic, sediment, and fresh water systems and ecology aspects of the regional system-wide analysis of LACPR and MsCIP. The afternoon presentations will deal with the economical, sociological and political systems, and the States' perspectives pertaining to the regional system-wide analysis of LACPR and MsCIP. In the evening, the Board will go into Executive Session to discuss ongoing and future action items.

These meetings are open to the public; participation by the public is scheduled for 2:45 p.m. on April 2, 2008.

The entire meeting is open to the public, but since seating capacity of the meeting is limited, advance notice of

attendance is required. Oral participation by public attendees is encouraged during the time scheduled on the agenda; written statements may be submitted prior to the meeting or up to 30 days after the meeting.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Correction notice.

SUMMARY: On March 10, 2008, the Department of Education published a comment period notice in the **Federal Register** (Page 12717, Column 2) for the information collection, "Tech-Prep Demonstration Grants." The responses are hereby corrected to 20 and the burden hours to 1,301.

The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, hereby issues a correction notice as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Dated: March 10, 2008.

Angela C. Arrington,

IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 14, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit responses electronically by email to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or via fax to (202) 395-6974. Commenters should include the following subject line in