

the Sunridge Specific Plan area in Rancho Cordova, Sacramento County, CA.

The purpose of the EIS is to provide decision-makers and the public with information pertaining to the Proposed Action and alternatives, and disclose environmental impacts and identify mitigation measures to reduce impacts. The Proposed Action is the construction of the six projects (collectively, the "Sunridge Properties") which would require the filling of approximately 29.7 acres of waters of the United States, including wetlands. The EIS has been prepared as part of ongoing litigation concerning Department of the Army (DA) permits issued by the Corps between 2005 and 2007 for five of the projects and a pending DA permit decision for the sixth. A stay in the litigation is in place for the Corps to complete the EIS.

The EIS was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Corps' regulations for NEPA implementation at 33 Code of Federal Regulations parts 230 and 325 Appendix B. The Corps is the lead Federal agency responsible for complying with NEPA and information contained in the EIS serves as the basis for decisions regarding issuance of a DA permit.

**DATES:** Comments on the Final EIS must be submitted to the Corps by November 15, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments to Michael Jewell, Chief of the Regulatory Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, 1325 J Street, Room 1480, Sacramento, CA 95814-2922. You may also e-mail your comments to

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Sunridge Specific Plan area is a master-planned area consisting of nine residential and commercial developments located in eastern Rancho Cordova, Sacramento County, CA. The Specific Plan, which was originally approved by the County of Sacramento in 2002, is part of a larger planning effort in the City of Rancho Cordova called the Sunrise-Douglas Community Plan. Three of the nine projects in the Sunridge Specific Plan area have been built. The Proposed Action is the construction of the remaining six projects in the Specific Plan area. Collectively, these six projects are referred to as the Sunridge Properties. The overall purpose of the action is to

construct a large residential development, including supporting infrastructure, in southeastern Sacramento County, California.

Between 2005 and 2007, the Corps completed Environmental Assessments, made Findings of No Significant Impact, and issued DA permits for five of the six Sunridge Specific Plan projects. The permitted projects are Anatolia IV, Sunridge Village J, Grantline 208, Douglas Road 98, and Douglas Road 103. A DA permit decision has not been rendered for the sixth project, Arista Del Sol.

The EIS includes an evaluation of a reasonable range of alternatives, including several on-site and off-site alternatives. Three alternatives were carried through for detailed analysis: (1) The no action alternative, (2) the proposed action (the applicants' preferred projects), and (3) a reduced footprint alternative. The no action alternative is limited to development in uplands, avoiding all waters of the United States. The reduced development footprint alternative involves less development with fewer impacts to waters of the United States.

A Draft EIS was issued on July 2, 2010. The Draft EIS was noticed in the **Federal Register** on July 2, 2010 (Vol. 75, No. 127, page 38502) and a public notice was issued by the Corps, both soliciting public input. The Corps also held public meetings on July 27, 2010, regarding the EIS. During the public review period, the Corps received eleven letters with comments. The Final EIS includes responses to each of the comments received.

Comments on the Final EIS must be submitted to the Corps by November 15, 2010. The public and affected federal, state, and local agencies, Native American tribes, and other organizations and parties are invited to comment. Electronic copies of the Draft EIS may be found on the Corps' Web site at <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/organizations/cespk-co/regulatory/EISs/EIS-index.html>. A hard copy of the Final EIS may also be requested by contacting Michael Jewell. In addition to this notice, the Corps will issue a public notice advising interested parties of the availability of the Final EIS. Interested parties may register for Corps' public notices at: <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/organizations/cespk-co/regulatory/pnlist.html>. All comments on the Final EIS will be addressed in the Record of Decision.

Dated: October 5, 2010.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open 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:* Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board (EAB).

*Topic:* The EAB will discuss national considerations related to ecosystem restoration through integrated water resources management with emphasis on long-term recovery in the Gulf of Mexico, sea level rise in south Florida, and progress and status of South Florida ecosystem restoration.

*Date of Meeting:* October 29, 2010.

*Place:* The Westin Colonnade, 180 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134.

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Thirty minutes will be set aside for public comment. Members of the public who wish to speak are asked to register prior to the start of the meeting. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Statements are limited to 3 minutes.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Rennie Sherman, Executive Secretary, *rennie.h.sherman@usace.army.mil*, 202-761-7771.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EAB advises the Chief of Engineers by providing expert and independent advice on environmental issues facing the Corps of Engineers. The public meeting will include discussion between the EAB and the Chief of Engineers and may include presentations related to the topics of discussion. The meeting is open to the public, and public comment is tentatively scheduled for 30 minutes beginning at 11:15.

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