

*Type of Request:* Emergency.

*Number of Respondents:* 300.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 300.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 60 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 300.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is being submitted as an emergency. The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain information in support of Executive Order 13806: Assessing and Strengthening the United States Manufacturing and Defense Industrial Base and Supply Chain Resiliency. The questionnaire is used to identify, assess, and make recommendations in support of a more robust industrial base.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* One Time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID number and title, by the following method:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, Docket ID number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Frederick Licari.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Licari at WHS/ESD Directives Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 03F09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

Dated: October 20, 2017.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### Environmental Impact Statement Withdrawal and Availability of an Environmental Assessment for the Souris River Basin Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study, Ward County, North Dakota

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

**ACTION:** Notice of withdrawal of an environmental impact statement; notice of availability of an environmental assessment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), on September 18, 2016, the St. Paul District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) initiated the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process to identify and analyze potential impacts associated with flood risk management measures evaluated within a Federal feasibility study for the Souris River Basin within the continental United States. Currently, the Corps has identified a Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) that includes a high-flow diversion and a 1200-ft long levee. However, preliminary analysis of the TSP indicate no significant impacts are expected, therefore the Corps is terminating the EIS process and is withdrawing the Notice of Intent published in the Thursday, September 18, 2016 issue of the **Federal Register**. In its place, a draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment (FR/EA) will be available for a 30-day public comment period beginning October 30, 2017.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft FR/EA may be submitted starting October 30, 2017 through November 30, 2017. If comments are provided by mail, they must be received at the address below no later than November 30, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft FR/EA can be viewed online starting October 30, 2017 at <http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Home/Public-Notices/>.

Comments may be submitted on the draft FR/EA using any of the following methods:

- *Mail:* Attn: David F. Potter, Regional Planning and Environment Division North, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 180 Fifth Street East, Suite 700, St. Paul, MN 55101-1678.

- *Email:* [david.f.potter@usace.army.mil](mailto:david.f.potter@usace.army.mil).

*Instructions:* Direct your comments to Corps of Engineers St. Paul District. Comment letters should include the

commenter's physical mailing address and the project title in the subject line. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the closing date will be marked "late," and may only be considered if time permits. Please note that comments may be part of the public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions regarding this action can be addressed to Mr. David F. Potter, Regional Planning & Environment Division North, by phone: (651) 290-5713, by fax: (651) 290-5805, by email: [david.f.potter@usace.army.mil](mailto:david.f.potter@usace.army.mil), or by mail: Regional Planning and Environment Division North, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 180 Fifth Street East, Suite 700, St. Paul, MN 55101-1678.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Souris River Basin Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study (Feasibility Study) is being developed by the Corps in partnership with the Souris River Joint Water Resources Board (SRJB). The purpose of this study is to collect and evaluate pertinent engineering, economic, social, and environmental information in order to assess the potential for a federal flood risk management project within the basin. The study objective is to define a feasible and implementable project to reduce flood risk which is relatively high within the basin. Due to the potentially significant environmental effects associated with the project, the Corps issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS (76 FR 336) on September 18, 2016.

The Feasibility Study is complementary to the SRJB's local plan, the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Plan (MREFPP). Because of its influence on an existing federal flood project, this non-federal effort has requested permission from the Corps of Engineers to pursue actions under 33 U.S.C. 408 (frequently referred to as Section 408). A separate Notice of Intent was published (FR Doc. 2015-17670 Filed July 16, 2015) for an EIS associated with the Corps of Engineers' decision on the Section 408 request. Additional details on the local, non-federal flood MREFPP can be found at [mouseriverplan.com](http://mouseriverplan.com). During this Feasibility Study, many of the initial flood risk management measures were screened out from further consideration. Major features of the TSP include a high-flow diversion and a 1200-ft long levee. Preliminary analysis indicate that the environmental effects of the TSP are less than significant. For this reason, an EIS is no longer being pursued in favor

of an EA in accordance with Corps regulations at 33 CFR part 230, Appendix C(2).

We are advising the public that a draft integrated FR/EA for the Feasibility Study has been prepared and is available for public review and comment. The FR/EA considers the effects of, and alternatives to, the TSP.

Dated: October 12, 2017.

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Deputy Chief, Regional Planning and  
Environment Division North.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Integrated General Reevaluation Report and Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for the Proposed Lower Pajaro River Flood Risk Management Project, Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, CA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), San Francisco District, announces the availability for review and comment of the draft integrated General Reevaluation Report and Environmental Assessment (GRR/EA) and the draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed Pajaro River Flood Risk Management Project, Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, CA., USACE Procedures for Implementing [the National Environmental Policy Act] NEPA, notice of the availability of this draft GRR/EA and draft FONSI for review and comment is being provided to agencies, organizations, and the interested public.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft GRR/EA and draft FONSI may be submitted starting October 31, 2017, through November 30, 2017. If comments are provided by mail, they must be received at the address below no later than November 30, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft GRR/EA can be viewed online starting October 31, 2017, at: <http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects-and-Programs/Projects-by-Category/Projects-for-Flood-Risk-Management/Pajaro-River-Watsonville/>. Comments may be submitted on the draft GRR/EA using any of the following methods:

- **Mail:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, ATTN: CESP-ET-PB-Pajaro River, 1455 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94103-1398.

- **Email:** [CESPN-ET-PB@usace.army.mil](mailto:CESPN-ET-PB@usace.army.mil).

- Comment letters should include the commenter's physical mailing address and include "Pajaro River" in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Christopher Eng, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, 1455 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94103-1398. Telephone: (415) 503-6868. Email: [CESPN-ET-PB@usace.army.mil](mailto:CESPN-ET-PB@usace.army.mil).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Proposed Action.* USACE and the non-Federal study partners, Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, propose to reduce flood risk to the City of Watsonville and the town of Pajaro by implementing a combination of structural measures along the lower Pajaro River, Salsipuedes Creek, and Corralitos Creek. These measures include: Improving existing levees; constructing new levees, including setback levees; and constructing new floodwalls. The draft GRR/EA presents the draft findings of the General Reevaluation Study and identifies and describes the benefits, costs, and environmental effects of alternatives plans to reduce flood risk to the city of Watsonville, town of Pajaro, and surrounding area. Based on the evaluation, USACE has identified a Federal interest in at least one alternative plan, the Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP), to reduce the risk of flooding while minimizing adverse environmental effects. The TSP is the National Economic Development Plan (NED). The environmental review conducted as part of this study has initially concluded that, with mitigation, the proposed alternatives would not result in any significant environmental effects. This review and its findings are documented in the draft GRR/EA.

2. *Alternatives.* Ten project alternatives, including the no action alternative, have been evaluated in detail in the draft GRR/EA in accordance with NEPA (33 CFR part 230 (USACE NEPA Regulations) and 33 CFR part 325, Appendix B (NEPA Implementation Procedures for USACE Regulatory Projects).

3. *Changes Since Publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI).* An NOI was published in the **Federal Register** on June 8, 2001, (66 FR 30894) to advise the interested public and agencies that USACE planned to prepare a combined

EIS/EIR for the Pajaro River Flood Risk Management Study. Since publication of the NOI, USACE and Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties have worked with stakeholders to identify and incorporate measures to avoid, minimize, and compensate for adverse environmental effects. As a result, the environmental review conducted as part of this study has initially concluded that, with mitigation, the proposed alternatives would not result in any significant environmental effects. Therefore, an EA has been prepared instead of an EIS. Also, USACE now requires water resources planning and NEPA documents to be integrated into a single document, in this case, an integrated GRR/EA. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document for the study is being prepared separately by Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties as the CEQA lead agencies.

c. USACE is consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer and with Native American Tribes to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act, and with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service to comply with the Endangered Species Act. USACE is also coordinating with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to comply with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

4. *Availability of the Draft EA.* The draft GRR/EA and draft FONSI are available for public review and comment 30 days beginning October 31, 2017 and ending November 30, 2017.

5. A public meeting to discuss the status of the study, present the draft results of the GRR/EA, and receive questions and comments will be held on November 8, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Watsonville Civic Plaza Community Room, 275 Main Street, 4th Floor, Watsonville, California 95076-5133.

Dated: October 18, 2017.

**Travis J. Rayfield,**

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, District  
Commander.

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