

**ADDENDUM NO. 1 TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ON THE AMERICAN RIVER WATERSHED
COMMON FEATURES PROJECT/GENERAL REEVALUATION REPORT**

I. INTRODUCTION

This Addendum No. 1 to the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the American River Watershed Common Features Project/General Reevaluation Report (“ARCF-GRR”) (State Clearinghouse No. 2005072046) (USACE/CVFPB 2016) clarifies the description of the property to be acquired in order to extend the Sacramento Weir and Bypass, which is part of the approved ARCF-GRR project (“Project”).

**II. SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS
(AMERICAN RIVER WATERSHED COMMON FEATURES PROJECT/
GENERAL REEVALUATION REPORT FINAL EIS/EIR)**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Sacramento District, as lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA),¹ prepared a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the American River Watershed Common Features Project/General Reevaluation Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2005072046), which was certified by the CVFPB on April 22, 2016. The December 2015 Final EIS/EIR was revised in May 2016 prior to issuance of a Record of Decision by the USACE approving the Project, which was analyzed as Alternative 2 (Improve Levees and Widen the Sacramento Weir and Bypass [Recommended Plan]) in the EIS/EIR. The Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) was a cooperating agency for the EIS/EIR under NEPA and is a responsible agency under CEQA.

The Final EIS/EIR is available at SAFCA’s offices at 1007 7th Street, 7th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and online at SAFCA’s Website:
(http://www.safca.org/protection/Environmental_Public_Review.html).

The following is a list of relevant documents, incorporated herein by reference, consisting of previously analyzed and publicly circulated or generally available information:

February 2007. *Final Environmental Impact Report on Local Funding Mechanisms for Comprehensive Flood Control Improvements for the Sacramento Area*. State Clearinghouse No. 2006072098. Prepared by EDAW-AECOM for the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (Local Funding EIR). (http://www.safca.org/protection/Environmental_Public_Review.html)

December 2015 (revised May 2016). *American River Watershed Common Features General Reevaluation Report, Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report*.

¹ CEQA is found at California Public Resources Code [PRC], Sections 21000 et seq., and the State CEQA Guidelines are found at California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 14, Section 15000 et seq.

State Clearinghouse No. 2005072046. Prepared by USACE/CVFPB. (ARCF GRR EIS/EIR; ARCF 2016). (http://www.safca.org/protection/Environmental_Public_Review.html)

April 2016. *Final Subsequent Program Environmental Impact Report Updated Local Funding Mechanisms for Sacramento Area Flood Control Improvements*. State Clearinghouse No. 2006072098. Prepared by GEI for Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency. (Updated Local Funding SEIR). (http://www.safca.org/protection/Environmental_Public_Review.html)

III. CLARIFICATION OF PROJECT DESCRIPTION – NO NEW OR SUBSTANTIALLY MORE SEVERE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT IN THE EIS/EIR AND GENERAL REEVALUATION REPORT

As more fully described in the EIS/EIR, the Project involves the construction of fix-in-place levee remediation measures to address seepage, slope stability, erosion, and overtopping concerns identified for the American and Sacramento River, NEMDC, Arcade, Dry/Robla, and Magpie Creek levees. The Project also involves widening the Sacramento Weir and Bypass to divert more flows into the Yolo Bypass. EIS/EIR p. 45. The existing north levee of the Sacramento Bypass will be degraded and a new levee constructed approximately 1,500 feet to the north. A new weir would be extended north of the existing Sacramento Weir without impacting the existing structure. The new weir will be extended approximately 1,500 feet and include a seepage cutoff wall below. EIS/EIR pp. 47-48.

The overall construction footprint for the Sacramento Weir and Bypass Expansion portions of the Project is approximately 427.7 acres. EIS/EIR p. 78. Of the area that will be impacted by the Sacramento Weir and Bypass Expansion, the existing land use of 5.1 acres is identified as “Railroad.” [EIS/EIR p. 78, Table 8] As further described in the EIS/EIR, this property consists of “[a] portion of the existing Yolo Shortline Railroad² and its apparent right-of-way, which in this area includes an elevated dirt platform (berm) for railroad uses.” EIS/EIR p. 79. “Construction of the proposed weir extension . . . would directly impact a segment of an existing railroad (Yolo Shortline Railroad).” EIS/EIR p. 80. 2.8 acres of this railroad property is within the footprint of the new extended Bypass. EIS/EIR p. 78.

The EIS/EIR discloses that property will need to be acquired for the Project, and that all property acquisitions will be conducted in compliance with Federal and State relocation law. EIS/EIR p. 80. The Real Estate Plan for the Project, which is Appendix D to the American River Watershed Common Features General Reevaluation Report (GRR), identifies the real estate costs for the Project (Alternative 2 in the EIS/EIR). GRR, Appendix D, p. 33. The property involved in the Sacramento Weir widening and extension is shown in Figure 4 of the Real Estate Plan (labeled “Aerial View of Sacramento Weir”). GRR, Appendix D, p. 16. In addition, a levee easement and flowage easement over 2.8 acres of property owned by the Sierra Northern Railroad needs to be

² The EIS/EIR refers to the Sierra Northern Railroad throughout as the “Yolo Shortline Railroad.”

acquired. GRR, Appendix D, pp. 24-25. The acquisition schedule for the Sacramento Bypass Widening as a whole is between 2018 and 2024. GRR, Appendix D, p. 36.

This addendum clarifies the description of real property, including the Sierra Northern Railroad property, that will be acquired for the Sacramento Weir and Bypass extension.

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION CLARIFICATION

The property that would be acquired, including the Sierra Northern Railway property, consists of the parcels listed in the table attached hereto as Exhibit A and shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit B, all of which are within the footprint of the Project analyzed in the EIS/EIR.

The information in Exhibit A clarifies the sizes and ownership of the properties that would be acquired and that some of the estates to be acquired are now fee title, not easements. Exhibit B clarifies the precise location of the properties that would be acquired, all of which are within the previously analyzed Project footprint (see GRR, Appendix D, p. 18). These clarifications do not involve changes in the Project or new information of substantial importance regarding new significant environmental effects and would not result in a substantial increase in the severity of significant environmental effects evaluated in the prior EIS/EIR. Therefore, this clarification would not result in any new significant or potentially significant environmental effects; substantially increase the intensity or severity of previously identified effects; result in mitigation measures or alternatives previously found to be infeasible becoming feasible; or result in availability/implementation of mitigation measures or alternatives that are considerably different from those analyzed in the prior EIR that would substantially reduce one or more significant or potentially significant effects on the physical environment.

IV. CONCLUSION REGARDING PREPARATION OF AN ADDENDUM TO THE EIS/EIR

State CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 states that a lead agency may prepare an Addendum to a certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary, but none of the conditions described in Sections 15162 or 15163 calling for the preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR have occurred.

As described in the preceding sections, the clarifications to the project descriptions, as described in this Addendum, would not result in any of the conditions described in Section 15162 of the State CEQA Guidelines calling for preparation of a Subsequent EIR or Supplemental EIR. In summary, the proposed clarifications to the project description would not:

- result in any new significant or potentially significant environmental effects,
- substantially increase the intensity or severity of previously identified effects,
- result in mitigation measures or alternatives previously found to be infeasible becoming feasible, or

- result in availability/implementation of mitigation measures or alternatives that are considerably different from those analyzed in the prior EIR that would substantially reduce one or more significant or potentially significant effects on the physical environment.

These conclusions confirm that a subsequent or supplemental EIR is not required, and this Addendum to the prior EIS/EIR pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 is appropriate to evaluate and document the clarifications to the project description. No changes are needed to the certified EIR or the adopted MMRP for the project.

V. REFERENCES

December 2015 (revised May 2016). *American River Watershed Common Features General Reevaluation Report, Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report*. State Clearinghouse No. 2005072046. Prepared by USACE/CVFPB. (ARCF GRR EIS/EIR; ARCF 2016).

December 2015. *American River Watershed Common Features General Reevaluation Report*. Prepared by USACE.

December 2015. *American River Watershed Common Features General Reevaluation Report, Appendix D Real Estate Plan*. Prepared by USACE.

EXHIBIT A

Sacramento Bypass Setback Levee Property Acquisition

Feature	USACE GRR, App. D (2016)		SAFCA EIS/EIR Addendum 1 (2019)				
	10 Ownerships	Estate	Acres	Parcel	Estate	Total Area, acres	Acquisition Area, acres
Bypass Flowage Area	4 Private parcels	Flowage Easement	123.46				
	1 Sponsor owned parcel	Flowage Easement	133.76				
	1 Railroad owned parcel	Flowage Easement	2.8	Railroad	Flowage	2.8	2.8
					Easement or Fee Title		
				042-340-004	Fee Title	592	74.6
				042-280-011	Fee Title	16.7	16.7
Total - Bypass Flowage Area			260.02				274.1
	4 Private parcels	Flood Protection Levee Easement	107.86				
	1 Sponsor owned parcel, 1 County parcel	Flood Protection Levee Easement	1.63				
New Levee				042-340-004	Fee Title	592	51.2
				042-280-007	Fee Title	93.2	15.1
				042-280-007	Fee Title	219	47.9
				042-280-009	Fee Title	34.5	8.1
				042-280-017	Fee Title	26.5	5.9
Total - New Levee			109.49				128.2
Grand Total			369.51				402.3

