

CERP EAA Storage Reservoirs FEIS. Accordingly, this FEIS has been prepared by the Regulatory Division to address the environmental impacts of the SFWMD's proposed project. The Regulatory Division of the USACE is evaluating the SFWMD's proposed EAA Reservoir A-1 while the USACE Civil Works Planning Process continues with a separate and independent evaluation of the CERP project. Any regulatory decision on the SFWMD's proposed project will not affect the planning process and consideration of alternatives for the federal CERP EAA Storage Reservoirs project. The SFWMD's Acceler8 project may ultimately be a component of the federal CERP EAA Storage Reservoirs project. If it is not a part of the federal recommended plan, it will be considered as a locally preferred plan.

Dated: May 11, 2006.

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Major(P), Corps of Engineers, Deputy Commander.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Construction of a Dredged Material Containment Facility in the Patapsco River, at Masonville, Baltimore City, MD

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed construction of a dredged material containment facility (DMCF) by the Maryland Port Administration (MPA). This DEIS was prepared as part of the submission of MPA's application for a Department of the Army permit to construct the facility in the Patapsco River, Baltimore City, MD. This application will be evaluated pursuant to section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

The preferred alternative is for the construction of a stone, sand, and cofferdam structure that would impact approximately 131 acres of waters of the United States, including jurisdictional

wetlands. The structure would be initially constructed to 10 feet above the mean lower low water (MLLW) elevation, with a future temporary elevation to 42 feet above MLLW, and an ultimate elevation of 36 feet above MLLW. The project would also include mechanical dredging of approximately 1.7 million cubic yards of overburden material within the footprint of the proposed disposal site, and the placement of this material at the Hart Miller Island disposal site, Baltimore County, MD. Hydraulic dredging of approximately 1.5 million cubic yards of sand would be performed, and the sand used to construct the outer portion of the containment structure.

Approximately 0.5 million cubic yards of clay is to be mechanically/hydraulically dredged and placed on the inside of this structure. Two new spillway structures and discharge outfalls are to be included in the construction of the DMCF. Other work associated with the construction of the DMCF is the relocation of a city water main line and storm drain systems, and the relocation of a commercial mooring buoy. The total proposed footprint of the proposed project is 141 acres.

DATES: The Baltimore District must receive comments on or before July 7, 2006 to ensure consideration in the final action. A public hearing on the DEIS has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at 7 p.m. Displays will be available and representatives of the project team will be present at 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held in the Baum Auditorium at Harbor Hospital, 3001 South Hanover Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21225. Please send written comments concerning this proposed project to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, Attn: Mr. Jon Romero, CENAB-OP-RMN, PO Box 1715, Baltimore, MD 21203-1715. You may submit electronic comments to jon.romeo@usace.army.mil. Your comments must be contained in the body of your message; please do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jon Romeo, (410) 962-6079.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EIS integrates analyses and consultation required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, Section 401 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Air Act, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and

Management Act. All appropriate documentation (*i.e.* section 7 and section 106 coordination letters and public and agency comments) will be obtained and included as part of the EIS. The decision on whether or not to issue a Department of the Army permit for this project will reflect the national concern for the protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which may reasonably be expected to accrue from the proposal will be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered. Among these are wetlands, fish and wildlife resources, cultural resources, land use, water and air quality, hazardous, toxic and radioactive substances, threatened and endangered species, regional geology, aesthetics, environmental justice, navigation, cumulative impacts, and the general needs and welfare of the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Study, San Bernadino County, CA

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: With the construction of Seven Oaks Dam, during and immediately after storm events, water flows into the pool of water impounded behind the dam may be turbid. Once water is impounded behind the dam, all water flowing in the Santa Ana River that enters Seven Oaks Reservoir must pass through that impoundment before being released at the dam. To the extent that water impounded behind the dam can have a higher level of sediment or algae than water flowing in the Santa Ana River below the Southern California Edison (SCE) No. 1 Powerhouse, the quality of water released from Seven Oaks Dam into the Santa Ana River may be reduced.

The purpose of the study is to evaluate the potential impacts, if any, of the Seven Oaks Dam regarding downstream water quality and to characterize upstream water quality. This will entail characterization of the water quality conditions that existed

prior to dam construction and determination of how or whether the dam has contributed to water quality impairment as part of the "baseline conditions analysis". After the analysis, future studies would be determined with the resource agencies, Local Sponsors, and Stakeholders.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Environmental Resources Branch, CESPL-PD-RN, 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90017. Attention to Randy Tabije, Ecosystem Planning.

DATES: A public scoping meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the San Bernardino County Flood Control District Offices, 825 East Third Street, San Bernadino, CA 92415.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Tabije, Environmental Coordinator, (213) 452-3871 or e-mail at Roland.R.Tabije@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Authorization

A specific appropriation to initiate the study was provided in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill, 2006, approved May 18, 2005: "*Santa Ana River Mainstem, California—* * *; and \$1,000,000 is available for the Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Study.*"

2. Background

The Seven Oaks Dam is part of the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project that provides flood control to downstream communities in three counties. All of the storage space (currently computed at 147,900 acre-feet) behind Seven Oaks Dam is allocated to flood control and estimated sediment deposition purposes. The basic plan of operation is to store flood runoff until the reservoir elevation at Prado Dam (35 miles downstream) peaks and starts to fall. The flood control and environmental operation plan for Seven Oaks Dam provides substantial incidental water conservation benefits. Flood events that normally sweep rapidly past water conservation diversion facilities are now captured by the dam, and released at rates that are much smaller than the inflow to the dam. The relatively slower release of flood runoff is also for a much longer duration than the natural flood event. The anticipated net result is a greatly enhanced capability for water agencies to divert flood runoff than without the dam.

3. Proposed Objectives

The purpose of this study is to evaluate the impacts, if any, of the

Seven Oaks Dam and present an array of recommendations to achieve and sustain water quality to the pre-Seven Oaks Dam level(s). Based on the results of the water quality analysis, determinations would be made for the need of any further studies. No proposed alternative plans have been formulated to date. Proposed objectives are:

- a. Identify links between water quality, water conservation, and other environmental impacts.
- b. Identify degraded water quality and quantify the types and sources of pollution.
- c. Develop targets for water quality, based on pre-dam conditions.
- d. Inventory and evaluate a suite of structural, non-structural, and other measures capable of improving water quality.
- e. Integrate planned and existing water-quality, restoration, and management programs with other Federal, State, Tribal (if applicable), and local programs and projects.
- f. Recommend additional programs and projects needed for improvement of water quality.
- g. Identify appropriate sources of funding.

4. Scoping Process

a. Potential impacts associated with the proposed action will be evaluated. Resource categories that will be analyzed are: land use, physical environment, geology, biological resources, agricultural resources, air quality, ground water, recreational usage, aesthetics, cultural resources, transportation/communication, hazardous waste, socioeconomic 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. Time and location of the Public Scoping meeting will also be announced by means of a letter, public announcements and news release. Public participation will be especially important in defining the scope of analysis in the Environment Impact Statement (EIS), identifying significant environmental issues and impact analysis in the EIS and providing useful information such as published and unpublished data, personal knowledge of relevant issues and recommending mitigative measures associated with the proposed action. 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 (see **ADDRESSES**). A mailing list will also be established so pertinent data may be distributed to interested parties.

Dated: May 9, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Exchange of Government Property at Devens Reserve Forces Training Area to MassDevelopment for Future Development

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 10 United States Code 2869, the Department of the Army intends to enter into an Exchange Agreement with MassDevelopment for the exchange of 13.57+/- acres of Government owned land at Devens Reserve Forces Training Area, Devens, Massachusetts, in exchange for renovations to several buildings at Devens Reserve Forces Training Area. The purpose of this notice is to effect the exchange pursuant to provisions of 10 U.S.C. 2869.

This is a partial transfer of the entire acreage located at the facility. Additional information is on file with the U.S. Army Engineer District, Corps of Engineers, Louisville, Kentucky.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Valerie Doss, 502-315-6979.

ADDRESSES: Documents are on file at U.S. Army Engineer District, Louisville, Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 59, Louisville, Kentucky 40201-0059.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

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Chief, Real Estate Division.

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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.