

Notice of Preparation

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To: State Clearinghouse, County Clerk, From: West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency
Responsible and Trustee Agencies, and Interested Parties 1110 West Capitol Avenue
See distribution list West Sacramento, CA 95691

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials. A copy of the Initial Study (is is not) attached.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to Greg Fabun at the address shown above. We will need the name for a contact person in your agency.

Project Title: Southport Sacramento River Early Implementation Project
Project Applicant, if any: not applicable

Date July 12, 2019 Signature 
Title Flood Protection Manager
Telephone 916.617.4855

Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14. (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375.

**Notice of Preparation of a
Supplemental Environmental Impact Report**

Southport Sacramento River Early Implementation Project

The West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (WSAFCA), as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), publicly announces its intent to initiate the preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Supplemental EIR) for use of the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (SRWTP) Borrow Site (proposed project) for the Southport Sacramento River Early Implementation Project (EIP). The Supplemental EIR is a continuation of the Final EIR prepared for the Southport Sacramento River EIP (State Clearinghouse No. 2011082069) and associated Subsequent EIR for the Borrow One Site. The Supplemental EIR will contain only the information necessary to make the previous EIR adequate for use of the SRWTP Borrow Site. This focus meets the requirements for supplemental analysis under Section 15163 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Project Background

The Southport Sacramento River EIP implements flood risk-reduction measures along the Sacramento River South Levee in the City of West Sacramento, Yolo County, California. The study area encompasses the area of levee risk-reduction measure construction along the river corridor, roadway construction and/or relocation, and potential soil borrow sites. The project brings the levee up to standard with Federal and State flood protection criteria, as well as providing opportunities for ecosystem restoration and public recreation. WSAFCA prepared an EIR for the Southport Sacramento River EIP, which was certified in August 2014. WSAFCA also prepared a Subsequent EIR for use of the Borrow One Site, to provide an additional location for sourcing borrow material during project construction, which was certified in April 2016.

Construction of the Southport Sacramento River EIP features was substantially completed in 2018. Construction involved excavation of borrow material from sites identified in the EIR in the City of West Sacramento to supply fill materials. WSAFCA has identified the need to import up to 600,000 cubic yards (CY) of material to restore borrow sites excavated for the project to desired elevations and contours. Restoration of borrow sites is identified as a project activity in the EIR; however, potential borrow sites identified in the EIR were either used for project construction or are not currently available for sourcing fill material. Accordingly, fill material for restoration of the project borrow sites is proposed by WSAFCA to be sourced from surplus soil stockpiles at the SRWTP. Use of the SRWTP Borrow Site was not identified in the Southport Sacramento River EIP EIR or Subsequent EIR.

Purpose of the Notice of Preparation

WSAFCA has prepared this Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Supplemental EIR to provide opportunity for comment from public agencies, stakeholders, organizations, and interested individuals on the scope of the environmental analysis addressing the potential effects of the proposed project. In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, 14 CCR Section 15000 et seq., WSAFCA acting as Lead Agency is requesting written comments from public agencies, stakeholders, organizations and interested individuals on the scope and content of the environmental information that should be addressed in the Supplemental EIR.

Project Site and Location

The SRWTP Borrow Site is located approximately 1.5 miles east of Interstate 5 at the intersections of Dwight Road and Simms Road in unincorporated Sacramento County, California (Figure 1). The borrow site consists of surplus soil stockpiles at the southeast end of the large SRWTP property. Soil from the SRWTP Borrow Site would be transported to the Southport Sacramento River EIP Site. The Southport Sacramento River EIP Site consists of areas located along the Sacramento River South Levee and borrow sites east of Jefferson Boulevard in the City of West Sacramento, Yolo County, California (Figure 1).

Project Description

Since the Southport Sacramento River EIP EIR covered restoration of borrow sites, the proposed project is limited to hauling of fill material for restoration from the SRWTP Borrow Site. The EIR covered importing up to 2,400,000 CY of fill material from up to 20 miles away; however, without known quantities or location, the EIR did not analyze all of the impacts. The EIR covered hauling to an extent from potential borrow sites within the City of West Sacramento. Use of the SRWTP Borrow Site requires additional hauling on roadways in the City of West Sacramento, Sacramento County, and the City of Elk Grove. Use of the SRWTP Borrow Site and additional hauling activities will be the focus of the Supplemental EIR. The surplus soil stockpiles proposed for use were generated from soil excavated during ongoing construction activities of the Echo Water Project at the SRWTP. Therefore, use of these stockpiles would not result in new ground disturbance. WSAFCA has confirmed soil is of suitable quality for the proposed project and the quantity of material needed for the proposed project—up to 600,000 CY—is available.

Issues to Be Addressed in the Supplemental EIR

It is anticipated that some of the environmental effects of the proposed project will not change from those of the Southport Sacramento River EIP EIR because no new ground disturbance is needed for use of the SRWTP Borrow Site. The impact categories below have been preliminarily identified for analysis in the Supplemental EIR.

- Water Quality and Groundwater Resources
- Geology, Seismicity, Soils, and Mineral Resources
- Land Use and Agriculture
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Transportation and Navigation
- Air Quality
- Climate Change
- Noise
- Vegetation and Wetlands
- Wildlife
- Visual Resources
- Public Health and Environmental Hazards
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Wildfire
- Tribal Cultural Resources

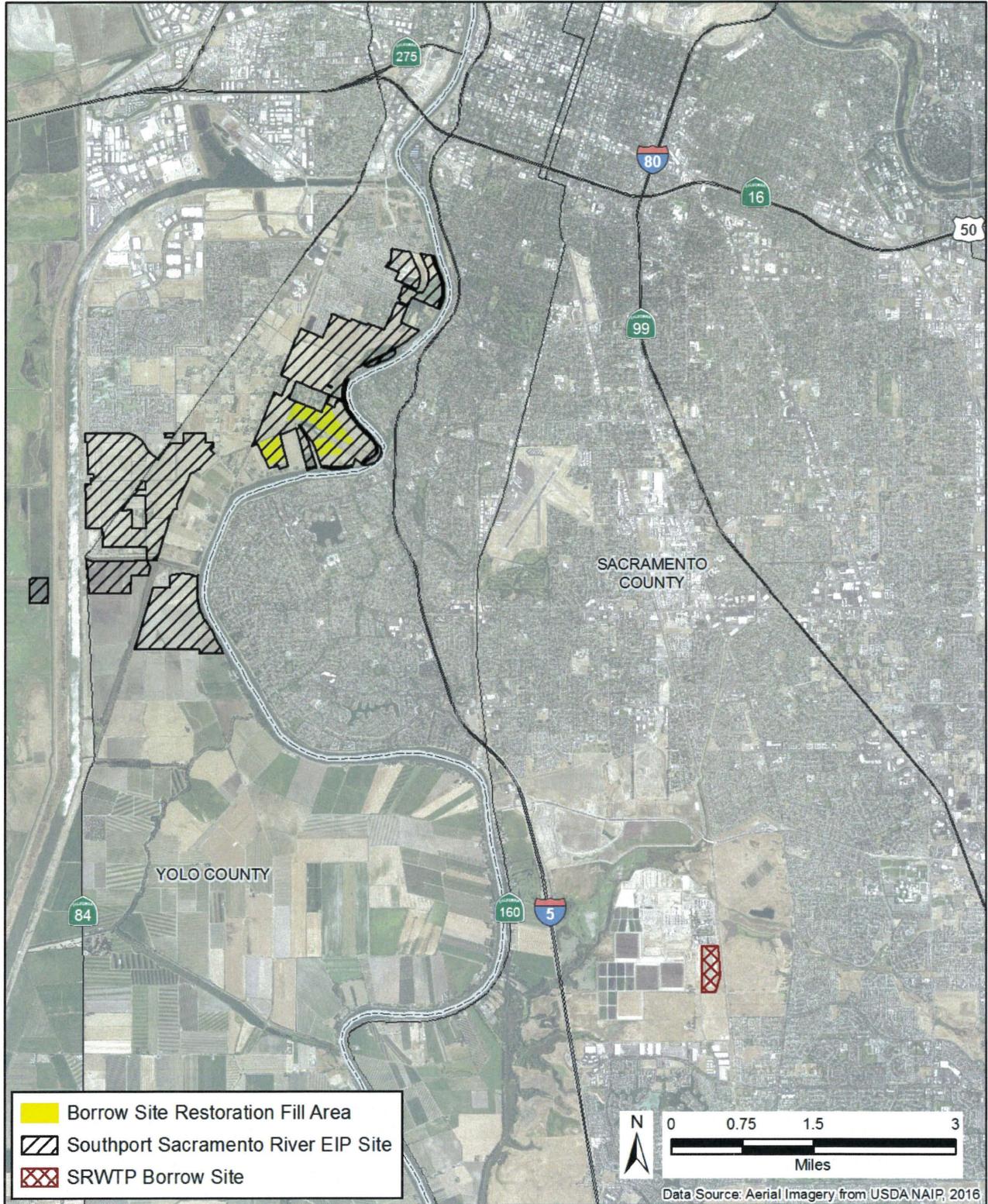
In addition, the Supplemental EIR will address cumulative impacts, growth inducing impacts, and other issues required by CEQA. As discussed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15163, a lead agency may choose to prepare a Supplemental EIR when only minor additions or changes would be necessary to make the previous EIR adequately apply to the project in the changed situation. The Supplemental EIR need contain only the information necessary to make the previous EIR adequate for the project as revised. When the agency decides whether to approve the project, the decision-making body shall consider the previous EIR as revised by the Supplemental EIR. Therefore, the WSAFCA Board will ultimately consider the Supplemental EIR in combination with the previous EIR certified in August 2014.

How to Comment

This NOP is being circulated for a period of 30 days, **beginning July 12, 2019, and ending August 10, 2019**. Comments regarding the scope of the environmental analysis to be conducted for the proposed project may be submitted during this timeframe. When submitting a comment, please include the name of a contact person in your agency or organization. Comments can be received by mail, e-mail, or fax to the address below:

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All comments must be received by August 10, 2019. The City will also host a scoping meeting from **4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on July 30, 2019, at the West Sacramento City Hall Galleria, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691** where interested persons may also submit comments.



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