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NOTICE OF COMPLETION/AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

JOINT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE CORTE MADERA CREEK FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) / Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared to evaluate flood control improvements along Corte Madera Creek from the Town of Ross downstream to the end of the existing concrete channel in Kentfield, Marin County, California. The Corte Madera Creek Flood Risk Management Project Draft EIS/EIR includes a detailed analysis of five (5) action alternatives and a no action/project alternative. The purpose of the project is to reduce flood risk from Corte Madera Creek by increasing creek and floodplain capacity to convey floodwaters and enlarging some portions of the channel through the removal or modification of existing obstructions to flow, thus providing a greater level of flood protection in the Ross and Kentfield areas of the watershed. The federal Corte Madera Flood Risk Management Project (project) was originally authorized under the Section 11 of the Flood Control Act of 1944 and the Flood Control Act 1962. The project was re-authorized under the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986 (PL 99-862, Section 823).

Project construction is estimated to occur in phases from 2020 through 2025 depending on current and future funding availability. In addition to certification of this joint EIS/EIR, regulatory permits from state and federal agencies are required to construct this project. You can access the Draft EIS/EIR and all appendices at the following website: <http://www.marinwatersheds.org/resources/projects/usace-corte-madera-creek-flood-risk-management-project>. In addition, hard copies of the Draft EIS/EIR will be made available at the Fairfax, San Anselmo, Larkspur and Civic Center Libraries and at the Marin County Department of Public Works.

The 45-day public review and comment period for the Draft EIS/EIR commences on October 12, 2018. Commenters are advised to mail written comments postmarked on or before November 27, 2018, to: **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, ATTN: Cynthia Jo Fowler, 1455 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94103-1398**. Comment letters should include the commenter's physical mailing address and the project title in the subject line. Comments may also be submitted via email to Cynthia Jo Fowler, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, [**Corte.Madera@usace.army.mil**](mailto:Corte.Madera@usace.army.mil).

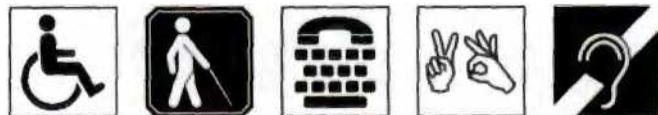
The Draft EIS/EIR evaluates the project with respect to the following resource categories: hydrology and hydraulics, water quality, geology and soils, air quality, climate change and greenhouse gas emissions, biological resources, cultural resources, aesthetics, recreation, noise, land use and planning, human health and safety/hazards and hazardous materials, transportation/traffic, socioeconomics/population and housing, environmental justice, and public services, utilities, and energy.

The Draft EIS/EIR finds that the project would result in significant or potentially significant environmental impacts related to water quality, geology and soils, biological resources, cultural resources, aesthetics, recreation, noise, land use, human health and safety, traffic and transportation, and socioeconomics. Where possible, feasible mitigation measures were recommended to either avoid or reduce impacts to identified environmental impacts. A total of eight (8) impacts pertaining to geology, biological resources, cultural resources, noise, health and safety, and traffic were successfully mitigated to less than significant. The Draft

EIS/EIR identified twelve (12) impacts from project implementation that could not be mitigated to a less than significant level. These significant and unavoidable impacts pertain to water quality, biological resources, aesthetics, noise, land use, traffic and transportation, and socioeconomics. Every project alternative has one or more significant impacts.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a public hearing on the adequacy of the Draft EIS/EIR will be conducted by the Marin County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors and USACE representatives. Oral and written comments on the Draft EIS/EIR may be presented to USACE and the Flood Control District Board at the hearing. The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 5:30 pm, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers (Room #330 - Administration Building) Civic Center San Rafael, California, at which time any and all persons interested in this matter may appear and be heard. Please call the Department of Public Works at (415) 473-6528 on or after Friday, November 9, in order to be informed of the place on the agenda and the approximate time of the hearing or to obtain a copy of the staff report, visit our website at: <https://www.marincounty.org/depts/bs/meeting- archive>. Written material should not be mailed or delivered directly to Board members because it will not be accepted or considered as part of the administrative record for the project. Written material for the District Board of Supervisors should be submitted to the Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District at least three working days prior to the meeting date so that it can be distributed with the staff report. Any written material submitted after this date will be distributed to the District Board of Supervisors prior to or at the meeting.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that if you challenge the project Draft EIS/EIR in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised in written correspondence submitted during the Draft EIS/EIR public review period or at the public hearing described in this notice (Government Code Section 65009[b][2]).



All public meetings and events sponsored or conducted by the County of Marin are held in accessible sites. Requests for accommodations may be made by calling (415) 473-4381 (Voice) 473-3232 (TDD/TTY) or by email at disabilityaccess@marincQuntv.org at least four work days in advance of the event. Copies of documents are available in alternative formats, upon request.