

Public Notice

US Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District 1325 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814-2922 Public Notice Number: SPK-2007-00211

Date: November 24, 2008

Comments Due: December 23, 2008

In reply, please refer to the Public Notice Number

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Natomas Levee Improvement Program (NLIP), Phase 2, Sacramento County, CA

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Sacramento District published a notice in the **Federal Register** (on June 13, 2008) and published a Public Notice (PN; July 1, 2008) informing the public of the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Natomas Levee Improvement Program, "2008 Phase" (now referred to as Phase 2). USACE, Sacramento District has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) in response to comments from interested stakeholders. It is now available for review and comment.

During the comment period on the DEIS and PN, the Corps received written comments from Federal, state, and local agencies; and individuals, as well as written comments at a public meeting held on July 16, 2008. This FEIS has been prepared to respond to comments received on the DEIS, which are reproduced in the FEIS, and to present new analyses and information added to the DEIS as a result of considering these comments and ongoing NLIP planning efforts.

Copies of the SDEIS may be reviewed at the Sacramento District's Web Site: http://www.spk.usace.army.mil.

DATES: All written comments must be postmarked on or before December 23, 2008. All comments received or postmarked by the above date will be considered by the Corps in preparing the Record of Decision. Comments received or postmarked after the above date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted in writing to:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NLIP entails improving the levee system that protects the 53,000-acre Natomas Basin. Phase 2 comprises the first phase of the overall Landside Improvements Program and includes improvements to correct levee levee height deficiencies and seepage potential along the NCC south levee, Sacramento River east levee, and PGCC west levee and related landscape and irrigation/drainage infrastructure improvements in a portion of the Natomas Basin.

The elements of the proposed project include: Levee raising and seepage remediation; Improvements to major irrigation and drainage infrastructure; Borrow site usage; and Habitat development and management: