for the prevention of Japanese encephalitis in humans.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Availability of Surplus Land (Honey Lake) Located at Sierra Army Depot, Herlong, CA

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice identified the surplus real property, Honey Lake, which is located at Sierra Army Depot, Herlong, CA (SIAD). SIAD is located mid-way between Reno, NV and Susanville, CA.

DATES: Letters of intent from eligible public agencies must be submitted in writing no later than April 18, 2003, to Ms. Susan Krinks, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814–2922.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information regarding Honey Lake, contact Ms. Susan Krinks, Realty Specialists, at (916) 557–6815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This surplus property is available under the provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 for public benefit uses, and under 10 U.S.C. 2694a for natural resource conservation uses. Honey Lake is subject to a reversion to the State of California pursuant to California Senate Bill No. 573, Chapter 845. Honey Lake is a shallow, alkaline lake with no outlet. Lake levels fluctuate widely, and during drought years, lake levels are greatly reduced, or the lake may become completely dry. The surrounding area is rural and sparsely populated. Future uses may be limited to those described above.

Marvin D. Fisher,

Chief, Real Estate Division, U.S. Army Engineer District, Sacramento.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Caloosahatchee River Aquifer Storage and Recovery Pilot Project Located Southwest of LaBelle on the Berry Groves Property, Hendry County, FL

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), intends to prepare an integrated Pilot Project Design Report and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Caloosahatchee River Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Pilot Project. The study is a cooperative effort between the Corps and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), which is also a cooperating agency for this DEIS. This project will determine the feasibility of using ASR technology for water storage in the Caloosahatchee River basin as part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program. It will also collect scientific data to address the uncertainties associated with the ASR technology and for future optimization and design studies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan Conner, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, Environmental Branch, PO Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL 32232–0019, or by telephone at 904–232–1782.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

a. *Authorization:* The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2000 (Pub. L. 106–541) was enacted in December 2000. Title VI of WRDA 2000 approved the Comprehensive Plan, provided authorization of an initial suite of projects, and included a number of other provisions including outreach and periodic reports to Congress. The Caloosahatchee ASR pilot project was authorized by Section 601(b)(2)(B) of WRDA 2000.

b. *Project Scope:* The pilot project will determine the feasibility of ASR technology for water storage at the site, the water quality characteristics of source waters, native subsurface waters and recovered waters and appropriate water treatment requirements, and recommend operational goals for a full scale ASR project within the Caloosahatchee River basin. The pilot project includes the construction of one ASR well into the Floridan Aquifer with a capacity of 5 million gallons per day, a source water collection system that will supply water to the ASR system, pre-injection and post recovery water treatment facilities, and other associated piping and treatment systems.

Operational plans for the test pilot are to collect surface water, treat to drinking water standards, and inject water into the Floridan Aquifer System (FAS) for a minimum of two cycle tests. Each cycle test includes a period of water storage followed by a period of recovery and discharge. Recovered water will be monitored and treated prior to discharge into surface water.

c. *Preliminary Alternatives:* Formulation of alternative plans will involve the selection of collection well configuration, water treatment technologies, investigation of intake and discharge sites, and investigation of best configuration of surface facilities of the project.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) evaluation of the pilot project will include an evaluation of adverse environmental impacts, including but not limited to, water quality, socio-economic, archaeological and biological. In addition to adverse impacts, the evaluation will also focus on how well the plans perform with regard to specific technologic performance measure.

d. *Issues:* The EIS will consider impacts on water quality, ecosystem habitat, threatened and endangered species, health and safety, aesthetics and recreation, fish and wildlife resources, cultural resources, water availability, flood protection, and other potential impacts identified through scooping, public involvement, and interagency coordination.

e. *Scoping:* A scoping letter will be issued on March 2003 to interested parties. In addition, all parties are invited to participate in the scoping process by identifying any additional concerns on issues, studies needed, alternatives, procedures, and other matters related to the scoping process. As there have already been meetings held on the ASR technology and the related C–43 Reservoir Project, there is no plan for a public scoping meeting at this time.

f. *Public Involvement:* We invite the participation of affected Federal, State and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties.

g. *Coordination:* The proposed action is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, with the FWS under the Fish and

Wildlife Coordination Act, and with the State Historic Preservation Officer.

h. *Other Environmental Review and Consultation:* The proposed action would involve evaluation for compliance with guidelines pursuant to Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act; application (to the State of Florida) for Water Quality Certification pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act; certification of state lands, easements and right of ways, and determination of Coastal Zone Management Act consistency.

i. *Agency Role:* As cooperation agency, non-Federal sponsor, and leading local expert, SFWMD will provide information and assistance on the resources to be impacted and alternatives.

j. *DEIS Preparation:* The integrated Pilot Project Design Report, including a DEIS, is currently estimated for publication in March 2006.

Dated: March 12, 2003.

James C. Duck,

Chief, Planning Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the C–43 Basin Storage Reservoir Project adjacent to the Caloosahatchee River, Hendry, Glades, Charlotte, or Lee County, FL

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), intends to prepare an integrated Project Implementation Report and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the C–43 Basin Storage Reservoir Project, part 1. The study is a cooperative effort between the Corps and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), which is also a cooperating agency for this DEIS. One of the recommendations of the final report of the Central & South Florida (C&SF) Comprehensive Review Study (Restudy) was the C–43 Basin Storage Reservoir Project. This project includes the construction of an approximately 160,000 acre-feet storage area within the Caloosahatchee Basin to capture and store stormwater runoff and water releases from Lake Okeechobee. Stored water would be used to meet the environmental demands of the Caloosahatchee River and Estuary and urban and agricultural demand as able.

DATES: A public meeting is cheduled for May 1, 2003, 7 p.m. in Hendry County at the Dallas B. Townsend Agricultural Center, 1085 Pratt Boulevard, LaBelle, FL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Susan Conner, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, Environmental Branch, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL, 32232–0019, or by telephone at 904–232–1782.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

a. Authorization: Section 601 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 authorized a framework and guide for modifications to the C&SF Project to restore the south Florida ecosystem and to provide for the other water-related needs of the region, including the C–43 Basin Storage Reservoir Project.

b. Project Scope: The purpose of this project is to capture C–43 Basin runoff and releases from Lake Okeechobee. These facilities will be designed for water supply benefits, some flood attenuation, to provide environmental water supply deliveries to the Caloosahatchee Estuary, and water quality benefits to reduce salinity and nutrient impacts of runoff to the estuary. It is assumed that, depending upon the location of the facility and pollutant loading conditions in the watershed, the facility could be designed to achieve significant water quality improvements, consistent with appropriate pollution load reduction targets. The project as proposed will include the construction of an above-ground reservoir(s) with a total capacity of approximately 160,000 acre-feet, located in the C–43 Basin in Hendry, Glades, Charlotte, or Lee Counties. Water levels could fluctutate up to 8 feet above grade.

c. Preliminary Alternatives: Formulation of alternative plans will involve the selection of the most suitable site or sites for a reservoir, depth and configurations of the impoundment(s), investigation of intake and discharge sites, and investigation opportunities in configuration designs to provide significant water quality improvements for the project.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) evaluation of the project will include an evaluation of adverse environmental impacts, including but not limited to, water quality, socio-economic, archeological and biological. In addition to adverse impacts, the evaluation will also focus on how well the plans perform with regard to specific ecological and other performance measures.

d. Issues: The EIS will consider impacts on water quality, ecosystem habitat, threatened and endangered species, health and safety, aesthetics and recreation, fish and wildlife resources, culture resources, water availability, flood protection, and other potential impacts identified through scoping, public involvement, and interagency coordination.

e. Scoping: Initial project scoping began in February 2002 at a public meeting in Hendry County. A scooping letter was issued in February 2002 to interested parties inviting all interested parties and government agencies to participate in the scoping process by identifying any additional concerns on issues, studies needed, alternatives, procedures, and other matters related to the scoping process. A NEPA scoping letter will be issued in March 2003, along with this notice. A public meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2003 (*see* DATES above).

f. Public Involvement. We invite the participation of affected Federal, State and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties.

g. Coordination: The proposed action is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, with the FWS under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and with the State Historic Preservation Officer.

h. Other Environmental Review and Consultation: The proposed action would involve evaluation for compliance with guidelines pursuant to section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act; application (to the State of Florida) for Water Quality Certification pursuant to section 401 of the Clean Water Act; certification of State lands, easements and right of ways, and determination of Coastal Zone Management Act consistency.

i. Agency Role: As cooperation agency, non-Federal sponsor, and leading local expert, SFWMD will provide information and assistance on the resources to be impacted and alternatives.

j. DEIS Preparation: The integrated Project Implementation Report (PIR) including a DEIS, is currently estimated for publication in September 2004.

Dated: March 17, 2003.

James C. Duck,

Chief, Planning Division.

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