



## **Notice of Availability of Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment for American River Watershed Common Features, Natomas Basin Reach D Pumping Plant 4 Project, Cofferdam Feature**

**Project Location:** The Project is located along the Natomas Cross Canal where the North Drainage Canal enters Pumping Plant 4.

**Project Description:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposes to install a temporary cofferdam on the North Drainage Canal as part of construction at Pumping Plant 4. Construction of a cofferdam within the North Drainage Canal is required in order to dewater the portion of the canal that leads to the pumping plant, facilitating construction of pumping plant improvements. Improvements to Pumping Plant 4 were fully analyzed in the *Final Environmental Impact Statement/Final Environmental Impact Report on the American River Watershed Common Features Project/Natomas Post Authorization Change Report/Natomas Levee Improvement Project, Phase 4b Landside Improvements Project*, dated October 22, 2010, and the *Final Supplemental Environmental Assessment for the American River Watershed Common Features Natomas Basin Project, Reach D*, dated March 2018. This draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) describes the remaining work at Pumping Plant 4 as it relates to the construction of a temporary cofferdam.

Following the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a Draft SEA has been prepared for this project. The results of the Draft SEA indicate that most of the potential adverse effects that could result from implementation of the proposed action would either be short term or would be avoided or reduced to less than significant by using avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures. Construction is scheduled from May through November 2021, with cleanup and non-structural improvements continuing into the spring of 2022. No road closures are anticipated.

The Draft SEA also provides the opportunity for public and agency involvement and comment. There will be a 30-day public review comment period from October 5, 2020 through November 4, 2020. Official comments may be submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Affairs office by email at [spk-pao@usace.army.mil](mailto:spk-pao@usace.army.mil) or by phone at (916) 557-5100.

The document and more information about the project and the environmental assessment is available at the Natomas Levees Website: [www.natomaslevees.com](http://www.natomaslevees.com) or at the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) website: <http://www.safca.org>. Hard copies can be made available upon request.