

## Notice of Availability

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### **Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for the Southport Sacramento River Early Implementation Project**

The West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (WSAFCA) has prepared a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) to analyze the use of a new borrow material extraction site, referred to as Borrow One, for construction of the Southport Sacramento River Early Implementation Project (EIP) (Southport project).

**Project Description and Location.** The WSAFCA Board of Directors has adopted the Southport project to implement flood risk–reduction measures along the Sacramento River South Levee in the city of West Sacramento, Yolo County, California. In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), WSAFCA certified the Southport project. Final EIR and approved implementation of the Southport project at the August 14, 2014, WSAFCA Board meeting. Materials relating to the Southport project, including the Final EIR, technical studies, and Board meeting minutes are available to review at WSAFCA’s website, located at [http://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/city/flood/southport\\_eip/environmental\\_studies.asp](http://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/city/flood/southport_eip/environmental_studies.asp).

Since certification of the Final EIR, WSAFCA has identified the Borrow One site as containing material needed to construct the Southport project. Borrow One is located south of the South Cross Levee and west of southern Jefferson Boulevard in unincorporated Yolo County, California. Up to 300,000 cubic yards of borrow material would be removed from the Borrow One site to support levee work associated with the Southport project. Approximately 95 acres of the 119-acre property would be excavated to an average depth of 2 feet. Borrow activities would require excavation of two drainage ditches that cross the parcel. A 25-foot-wide temporary haul road angled north from the site would be constructed to facilitate ingress and egress from Jefferson Boulevard north of the haul road entry.

To provide material sufficient to return the Borrow One parcel to agricultural production following the completion of borrow activities for levee construction, an approximately 25-acre pond would be excavated on the eastern portion of the site, and the excavated material used to backfill excavated areas on the remainder of the site. The permanent pond would provide irrigation and drainage for the Borrow One site. The stockpiled topsoil from the entire borrow area would be respread on the remainder of the excavation area to restore it to its approximate preconstruction elevation. Following completion of borrow activities, the temporary haul road would be removed and a permanent access driveway would be constructed.

No known hazardous waste sites exist in the project area.

**Significant Environmental Effects.** The certified Final EIR analyzed the effects of borrow material extraction from various similarly situated agricultural sites throughout the Southport area of West Sacramento. Thus, the Draft SEIR is limited to analysis of effects unique to use of the Borrow One site, which is situated immediately south of the study area considered in the Final EIR. Two new significant environmental effects not previously identified in the certified Final EIR are expected to result from material extraction at the Borrow One site. All effects discussed in the Draft SEIR are described in Table 1, attached.

**Comments Solicited.** You are invited to review and comment on the Draft SEIR during the public comment period, ending May 25, 2016. The Draft SEIR can be viewed online at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/city/flood/>. It is also available at the Yolo County Library at 1212

Merkley Avenue, West Sacramento, and City of West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 W. Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. No public meeting is proposed for this project. Interested parties are invited to comment in writing during the comment period. Send comments to the addresses below, **postmarked no later than May 25, 2016**. If commenting on behalf of a public agency or non-governmental organization, please include the name of a contact person.

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

**Table 1. Summary of Effects and Mitigation Measures for the Borrow One Project**

Effect	Finding		Finding with Mitigation	Mitigation Measure
	Direct	Indirect		
<b>FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT AND GEOMORPHIC CONDITIONS</b>				
FR-3: Alteration of Existing Drainage Pattern of Site or Area	Significant	Significant	Less than significant	FR-MM-1: Coordinate with Owners and Operators, Prepare Drainage Studies as Needed, and Remediate Effects through Project Design
<i>FR-8: Change in Under-seepage Associated with Excavation of Borrow Material</i>	<i>Significant</i>	<i>No effect</i>	<i>Less than significant</i>	<i>FR-MM-4: Monitor Project Site for Seepage and Remediate Effects through Maintenance and Operation Activities</i>
<b>WATER QUALITY AND GROUNDWATER RESOURCES</b>				
WQ-2: Release of Contaminants into Adjacent Surface Water Bodies from Construction-Related Hazardous Materials	Less than Significant	Less than Significant	NA	None
WQ-3: Effects on Groundwater or Surface Water Quality Resulting from Contact with the Water Table	Significant	Significant	Less than significant	WQ-MM-1: Implement Provisions for Dewatering
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND NAVIGATION</b>				
TRA-1: Temporary Increase in Traffic Volumes from Construction-Generated Traffic	Significant and unavoidable	No effect	NA	None
TRA-3: Increase in Safety Hazards Attributable to Construction-Generated Traffic	Less than significant	No effect	NA	None
TRA-4: Disruption of Alternative Transportation Modes as a Result of Temporary Road Closures	Less than significant	No effect	NA	None
<b>AIR QUALITY</b>				
AIR-1: Conflict with or Obstruct Implementation of an Applicable Air Quality Plan	Less than significant	No effect	NA	None

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AIR-2: Violate Any Air Quality Standard or Substantial Contribution to Existing or Projected Air Quality Violation—CEQA	Significant	No effect	Significant and unavoidable	AIR-MM-1: Implement Measures to Reduce Exhaust Emissions of NO <sub>x</sub> and PM10 AIR-MM-2: Implement Fugitive Dust Control Plan AIR-MM-3: Provide Advance Notification of Construction Schedule and 24-Hour Hotline to Residents AIR-MM-4: Mitigate and Offset Construction-Generated NO <sub>x</sub> Emissions to Net Zero (0) for Emissions in Excess of General Conformity <i>de Minimis</i> Threshold (Where Applicable) and to Quantities below Applicable YSAQMD and SMAQMD CEQA Thresholds AIR-MM-5: Mitigate and Offset Construction-Generated NO <sub>x</sub> Emissions to Quantities below Applicable BAAQMD CEQA Thresholds
AIR-4: Result in a Cumulatively Considerable Net Increase of Any Criteria Pollutant for Which the Project Region is a Non-Attainment Area under NAAQS and CAAQS	Significant	No effect	Significant and unavoidable	AIR-MM-1: Implement Measures to Reduce Exhaust Emissions of NO <sub>x</sub> and PM10 AIR-MM-2: Implement Fugitive Dust Control Plan AIR-MM-3: Provide Advance Notification of Construction Schedule and 24-Hour Hotline to Residents AIR-MM-4: Mitigate and Offset Construction-Generated NO <sub>x</sub> Emissions to Net Zero (0) for Emissions in Excess of General Conformity <i>de Minimis</i> Threshold (Where Applicable) and to Quantities below Applicable YSAQMD and SMAQMD CEQA Thresholds AIR-MM-5: Mitigate and Offset Construction-Generated NO <sub>x</sub> Emissions to Quantities below Applicable BAAQMD CEQA Thresholds
AIR-5: Expose Sensitive Receptors to Substantial Fugitive Dust Concentrations	No effect	Significant	Less than significant	AIR-MM-2: Implement Fugitive Dust Control Plan

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AIR-6: Expose Sensitive Receptors to Substantial Diesel Particulate Matter Concentrations	No effect	Less than significant	Less than significant	AIR-MM-1: Implement Measures to Reduce Exhaust Emissions of NO <sub>x</sub> and PM10
AIR-7: Create Objectionable Odors Affecting a Substantial Number of People	Less than significant	No effect	Less than significant	AIR-MM-1: Implement Measures to Reduce Exhaust Emissions of NO <sub>x</sub> and PM10 AIR-MM-3: Provide Advance Notification of Construction Schedule and 24-Hour Hotline to Residents
<b>NOISE</b>				
NOI-1: Exposure of Sensitive Receptors to Temporary Construction-Related Noise	Significant	No effect	Significant and unavoidable	NOI-MM-1: Employ Noise-Reducing Construction Practices
NOI-2: Exposure of Sensitive Receptors to Temporary Construction-Related Vibration	Significant	No effect	Significant and unavoidable	NOI-MM-2: Employ Vibration-Reducing Construction Practices
<b>VEGETATION AND WETLANDS</b>				
VEG-2: Loss of Waters of the United States as a Result of Project Construction	Significant	Significant	Less than significant	VEG-MM-2: Install Exclusion Fencing along the Perimeter of the Construction Work Area and Implement General Measures to Avoid Effects on Sensitive Natural Communities and Special-Status Species VEG-MM-3: Conduct Mandatory Contractor/Worker Awareness Training for Construction Personnel VEG-MM-4: Retain a Biological Monitor VEG-MM-5: Compensate for the Loss of Waters of the United States

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VEG-3: Disturbance or Removal of Protected Trees as a Result of Project Construction	Significant	Significant	Less than significant	VEG-MM-2: Install Exclusion Fencing along the Perimeter of the Construction Work Area and Implement General Measures to Avoid Effects on Sensitive Natural Communities and Special-Status Species VEG-MM-3: Conduct Mandatory Contractor/Worker Awareness Training for Construction Personnel VEG-MM-4: Retain a Biological Monitor VEG-MM-6: Compensate for Loss of Protected Trees
<b>WILDLIFE</b>				
WILD-1: Disturbance or Loss of VELBs and Their Habitat (Elderberry Shrub)	Significant	No effect	Less than significant	VEG-MM-3: Conduct Mandatory Contractor/Worker Awareness Training for Construction Personnel WILD-MM-1: Establish a Minimum 20-Foot-Wide Buffer around the Elderberry Shrub WILD-MM-2: Transplant Elderberry Shrubs That Cannot Be Avoided or Implement Dust Control Measures during Construction WILD-MM-3: Compensate for Removal and Transplantation of VELB Habitat
WILD-2: Disturbance or Loss of Western Pond Turtles and Their Habitat	Significant	Significant	Less than significant	VEG-MM-3: Conduct Mandatory Contractor/Worker Awareness Training for Construction Personnel WILD-MM-4: Conduct a Preconstruction Survey for Western Pond Turtle and Exclude Turtles from Work Area

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WILD-3: Disturbance or Loss of Giant Garter Snakes and Their Habitat	Significant	Significant	Less than significant	VEG-MM-3: Conduct Mandatory Contractor/Worker Awareness Training for Construction Personnel WILD-MM-5: Install and Maintain Construction Barrier Fencing around Suitable Giant Garter Snake Habitat WILD-MM-6: Minimize Potential Effects on Giant Garter Snakes during Construction in Suitable Habitat WILD-MM-7: Compensate for Permanent Loss of Giant Garter Snake Habitat
WILD-4: Loss of Swainson’s Hawk Foraging and Nesting Habitat	Significant	No effect	Less than significant	VEG-MM-1: Compensate for the Loss of Woody Riparian Habitat VEG-MM-3: Conduct Mandatory Contractor/Worker Awareness Training for Construction Personnel WILD-MM-8: Avoid Disturbance of Tree-, Shrub-, and Ground-Nesting Special-Status and Non-Special-Status Migratory Birds and Raptors and Conduct Preconstruction Nesting Bird Surveys WILD-MM-9: Compensate for Permanent Removal of Swainson’s Hawk Foraging Habitat
WILD-5: Disturbance or Loss of Western Burrowing Owls and Their Habitat	Significant	No effect	Less than significant	VEG-MM-3: Conduct Mandatory Contractor/Worker Awareness Training for Construction Personnel WILD-MM-10: Conduct Preconstruction Surveys for Active Burrowing Owl Burrows and Implement the 2012 California Department of Fish and Game Guidelines for Burrowing Owl Mitigation, If Necessary WILD-MM-11: Coordinate with Resource Agencies and Develop an Appropriate Compensation Plan for Burrowing Owl

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WILD-6: Loss or Disturbance of Tree-, Shrub-, and Ground-Nesting Special-Status and Non-Special-Status Migratory Birds and Raptors	Significant	Significant	Less than significant	VEG-MM-1: Compensate for the Loss of Woody Riparian Habitat VEG-MM-3: Conduct Mandatory Contractor/Worker Awareness Training for Construction Personnel WILD-MM-8: Avoid Disturbance of Tree-, Shrub-, and Ground-Nesting Special-Status and Non-Special-Status Migratory Birds and Raptors and Conduct Preconstruction Nesting Bird Surveys
WILD-7: Loss or Disturbance of Bats and Bat Roosts	Significant	No effect	Less than significant	VEG-MM-1: Compensate for the Loss of Woody Riparian Habitat VEG-MM-3: Conduct Mandatory Contractor/Worker Awareness Training for Construction Personnel WILD-MM-12: Conduct Preconstruction Surveys for Roosting Bats and Implement Protective Measure
WILD-8: Disturbance to or Loss of Common Wildlife Species' Individuals and Their Habitats	Less than significant	Less than significant	NA	None
<b>LAND USE AND AGRICULTURE</b>				
LU-3: Loss of Important Farmland and Agricultural Production Value	Significant	No effect	Significant and unavoidable	GEO-MM-1: Implement the Reclamation Actions of a Project-Specific Reclamation Plan LU-MM-1: Provide Compensatory Agricultural Land Protection LU-MM-2: Avoid Important Farmland in Borrow Areas



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<b>VISUAL RESOURCES</b>				
VIS-1: Result in Temporary Visual Effects from Construction	Significant	No effect	Significant and unavoidable	VIS-MM-1: Use Native Wildflower Species in Erosion Control Grassland Seed Mix VIS-MM-2: Develop a Soil Borrow Strategy and Site Reclamation Plan VIS-MM-3: Limit Construction near Residences to Daylight Hours
VIS-2: Adversely Affect a Scenic Vista	Significant and unavoidable	No effect	NA	None
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS</b>				
HAZ-6: Changes in Exposure to Mosquitoes	Less than significant	No effect	NA	None
<b>CULTURAL RESOURCES</b>				
CUL-2: Change in the Significance of an Archaeological Resource	Significant	No effect	Significant and unavoidable	CUL-MM-2: Complete Archaeological Inventory and Evaluation prior to Construction and Implement Treatment or Preservation for Eligible and Adversely Affected Resources CUL-MM-3: Implement Inadvertent Discovery Procedures
CUL-3: Disturbance of Native American and Historic-Period Human Remains	Significant	No effect	Significant and unavoidable	CUL-MM-4. Implement Human Remains Discovery Procedures
CUL-4: Effects on Cultural Resources Associated with Excavation of Borrow Material	Significant	No effect	Significant and unavoidable	CUL-MM-5: Implement Cultural Resource Management Protocols for Borrow Areas
<i>CUL-5: Effects on Tribal Cultural Resources Associated with Excavation of Borrow Material</i>	<i>Significant</i>	<i>No effect</i>	<i>Significant and unavoidable</i>	<i>CUL-MM-5: Implement Cultural Resource Management Protocols for Borrow Areas</i>