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Environmental Resources Branch

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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Enclosed for your review is the draft Environmental Assessment/Initial Study (EA/IS) for the Sacramento River Bank Protection Project (SRBPP), 25 Erosion Sites, 2009 and 2010, Sacramento, California. The Corps proposes to conduct levee work under the SRBPP at 25 sites in Sacramento, Yolo, Yuba, Colusa, Sutter, and Tehama Counties in northern California. Erosion into the banks at these sites requires immediate bank protection work to prevent levee failure.

The proposed action consists of implementing bank protection measures along 15,646 linear feet of levees along the Sacramento River and tributaries during 2009 and 2010. Bank protection measures at 22 of the erosion sites would include (1) reinforcing the bank toe with riprap; (2) placing a mixture of riprap and soil on upper banks and tops of the lower bank riprap to create riparian benches above the mean summer water elevation; and (3) planting the benches and upper banks with vegetation to provide bank stabilization and riparian habitat. In-stream woody material would also be placed along the sites to provide bank protection and aquatic habitat. Work at the remaining three erosion sites would consist of constructing setback levees on the land side of their existing levees. The draft EA/IS evaluates the environmental effects of the proposed bank protection work at each erosion site.

The public review period for the draft EA/IS will end on May 8, 2009. Please send any comments to Mr. Donald Lash, Environmental Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814-2922. Comments received on the draft EA/IS will be incorporated into the final document, as appropriate. If you have any questions, Mr. Lash can be reached at (916) 557-5172 or email: Donald.W.Lash@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure