

NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE NORTH SACRAMENTO STREAMS, SACRAMENTO RIVER EAST LEVEE, AND RELATED FLOOD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT & ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

The Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) is the lead agency for the preparation of a combined program environmental impact report (EIR) and project EIR for flood system improvements along the Sacramento River, American River, Natomas East Main Drainage Canal (NEMDC), and Arcade Creek. SAFCA has prepared an NOP pursuant to Section 15082 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. This NOP informs agencies and the public that an EIR is being prepared to address potential impacts resulting from implementation of the proposed project. Agencies should comment on potential environmental effects that are relevant to their statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project.

SAFCA is proposing to implement flood system improvements along the Sacramento River, American River, NEMDC, and Arcade Creek. SAFCA has determined that these flood control improvements may result in significant effects on the physical environment. Therefore, acting as the lead agency for CEQA compliance, SAFCA will prepare an EIR that evaluates the significant environmental effects of these flood risk reduction projects. A subset of the proposed project components that would be constructed before 2020 will be analyzed at a project-level, while longer-term improvements expected to be implemented between 2020 and 2050 will be evaluated at a program-level.

The NOP is available at http://www.safca.org/Levee_Certification.html and contains a more detailed description of the proposed activities.

Due to the time limits mandated by state law, responses must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 15, 2014. **Comments should be submitted to:**

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An EIR scoping meeting will be held at the following time and location:

Wednesday, May 28, 2014
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Sacramento County Administration Building
700 H Street, Hearing Room #1
Sacramento, CA 95814

Additional information about the planning process can be found on the following website:
http://www.safca.org/Levee_Certification.html