

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-037**

Adopted by the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency

**CONSIDERATION OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ON THE AMERICAN RIVER WATERSHED COMMON FEATURES GENERAL REEVALUATION REPORT AS A RESPONSIBLE AGENCY; APPROVING THE RECOMMENDED PLAN; AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE A PROJECT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the American River Watershed Common Features Project (Common Features Project) authorized in the Water Resources Development Acts of 1996 and 1999 calls for construction of levee improvements along the Lower American River and around portions of the Natomas Basin (or Basin) in Sacramento and Sutter Counties; and

WHEREAS, construction of the authorized improvements along the American River has been underway since 1998 under the terms of a Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) between the Department of the Army acting through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the State of California (State) acting through the California Reclamation Board and its successor the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) and under the terms of a Local PCA between the State and SAFCA; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Congress authorized the American River Watershed Common Features - Natomas Basin which identifies improvements to the Natomas Basin levee system and raised the cost ceiling of the American River Common Features program to over \$1.3 Billion; and

WHEREAS, the USACE, State, and SAFCA cooperated in preparing the General Reevaluation Report (GRR) for the American River Watershed Common Features Project (ARCF GRR) which evaluates deficiencies in the existing levee system around the Sacramento Area, describes alternative plans to address these deficiencies, and identifies a tentatively selected plan of improvements (Recommended Plan); and

WHEREAS, the USACE and State prepared a programmatic Final Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) analyzing the environmental effects of the various plans considered in the ARCF GRR, including the Recommended Plan, and issued the ARCF GRR and EIS/EIR in March 2015; and

WHEREAS, the State certified the EIS/EIR on April 22, 2016 and the USACE issued a Record of Decision on the EIS/EIR August 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the SAFCA Board as a responsible agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has considered the EIS/EIR, including all mitigation measures adopted and incorporated into the EIS/EIR by the USACE and State, and found it to be adequate; and

WHEREAS, SAFCA has found there are no new significant or potentially significant effects of the Project that were not analyzed in the EIS/EIR; and

WHEREAS prior to approving a Project Partnership Agreement for the Recommended Plan, SAFCA's Board of Directors, as a responsible agency under CEQA, desires to make certain findings pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations, Sections 15091 and 15096.

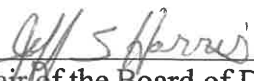
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SACRAMENTO AREA FLOOD CONTROL AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT:

1. The Board of Directors has reviewed and considering the information contained in the Final EIS/IER that is relevant to its approval of a Project Partnership Agreement and has reviewed the CEQA findings contained in the State of California Central Valley Flood Protection Board's Resolution No. 2016-04 including without limitation the Mitigation Monitory Plan and the Statement of Overriding Considerations contained therein, all as relevant to its approval of the Project Partnership Agreement, and, based thereon, the Board hereby concludes all of the following:
  - (a) The State has already adopted the mitigation measures recommended in the Final EIS/EIR, the State has authority to implement those mitigation measures or to seek any required approvals for those mitigation measures, and SAFCA has no direct authority to implement the mitigation measures identified in the Final EIS/EIR and Resolution No. 2016-04; and
  - (b) SAFCA has reviewed and considered the Final EIS/EIR and finds that the Final EIS/EIR is adequate for its use as a responsible agency decision-making body for its consideration of the Project; and
  - (c) Since the Final EIS/EIR was finalized, there have been no substantial changes to the Project and no substantial changes in Project circumstances that would require major revisions to the Final EIS/EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts, and there is no new information of substantial importance that would change the conclusions set forth in the Final EIS/EIR; and
  - (d) SAFCA has not identified any feasible alternative or additional feasible mitigation measures within its powers that would substantially lessen or avoid any significant effect that the Project would have on the environment.
2. Therefore, based upon all of the foregoing, SAFCA hereby adopts said findings within CVFPB's Resolution No. 2016-04 as a responsible agency under CEQA to the fullest possible extent that said findings are relevant to SAFCA's decision to negotiate a project partnership agreement for the Project.

3. The Recommended Plan contained in the ARCF GRR and Final EIS/EIR is hereby approved.
4. The Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby directed to negotiate a Project Partnership Agreement with the USACE and State for the Recommended Plan for the ARCF GRR Project.

ON A MOTION BY Director Frost, seconded by Director Barandas, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, this 21st day of June 2018, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Directors: Ashby, Barandas, Frost, Harris, Holloway, McKee, Nottoli, and Serna  
NOES: Directors: (None)  
ABSTAIN: Directors: (None)  
RECUSE: Directors: (None)  
ABSENT: Directors: Avdis, Conant, Jennings, Peters, and Shah

  
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VICE Chair of the Board of Directors of the  
Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk of the Board of Directors

PG1r/SAFCA's Intent to Serves Localsponsor  
Attachment

**EXHIBIT A**

THIS DOCUMENT MAY BE FOUND IN ITS ENTIRETY ON SAFCA'S WEBSITE AT:

[www.safca.org/programs\\_ARCF\\_GRR.html](http://www.safca.org/programs_ARCF_GRR.html)

# American River Watershed

## Common Features

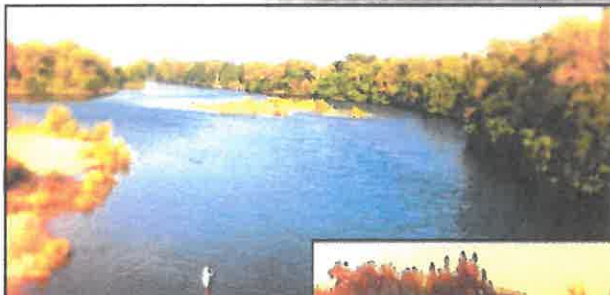
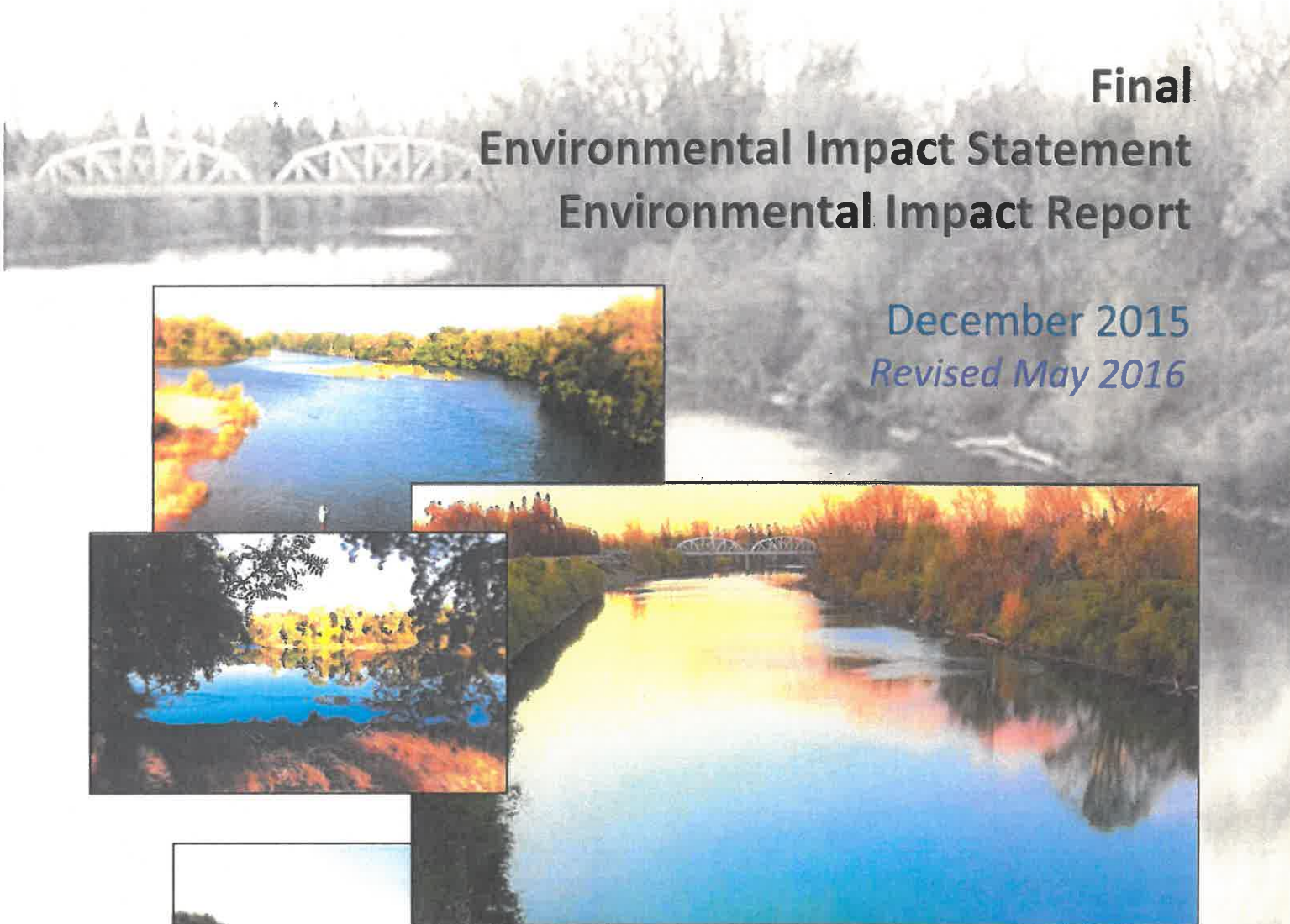
## General Reevaluation Report

### Final

# Environmental Impact Statement

# Environmental Impact Report

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