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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers****Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for an Expansion of the Existing Craney Island Dredged Material Management Area in Hampton Roads, Virginia**

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: An Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared to evaluate environmental impacts, project alternatives, and other public interest review factors for proposed expansion of the Craney Island Dredged Material Management Area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and the DEIS may be directed to: Craig L. Seltzer, U.S. Army Engineer District (USAED), Norfolk, 803 Front Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510-1096, (757) 441-7390.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Proposed Action:* The Corps of Engineers, along with the Commonwealth of Virginia through the Virginia Port Authority, is preparing a comprehensive feasibility investigation report and Environmental Impact Statement to evaluate project impacts, and the need for and interest in an expansion of the Craney Island Dredged Material Management Area (CIDMMA) located in Hampton Roads, Virginia. The proposed expansion would provide dredged material placement capacity and port facilities to support port commerce in Hampton Roads. This activity will require a State permit pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217). A Section 404(b)(1) analysis will be completed and presented in the NEPA document.

2. *Alternatives:* Alternatives to be investigated include, but will not be limited to various expansion configurations of the existing CIDMMA facility, ocean disposal of dredged material, island construction, overboard placement in Chesapeake Bay, other alternative upland sites, and the "No Action" alternative. Alternative construction and access methods which avoid or minimize wetland impacts will be investigated.

3. *Scoping Process:* A NEPA Technical Review Committee has been formed and one meeting has been conducted with Federal, state, local agency and private interest group representatives. Alternatives have been discussed and continue to be developed by this group. The public scoping process may add to or subtract from the list of alternatives that have been discussed.

4. *Public Scoping Meeting:* Because a number of pre-scoping meetings will be held with the Federal, state, and local representatives, no additional scoping meetings are anticipated at this time. Since there has been no opportunity for public input to this point, a public notice and the pertinent maps will be sent to the adjacent property owners, newspapers having circulation in the area, and individuals and organizations having previously asked to receive copies of Corps public notices. Written comments on the scope of the DEIS will be accepted from any interested agency, organization, or individual.

5. *DEIS Availability:* It is estimated that the DEIS will be available to the public for review and comment in the fall of 2001.

Allan B. Carroll,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers****Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Hudson River at Athens, New York Navigation Channel Project: Feasibility Phase.**

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The New York District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to ascertain compliance with and to lead to the

production of a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document in accordance with the President's Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) Rules and Regulations, as defined and amended in 40 Code Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1500-1508, Corps' Principals and Guidelines as defined in Engineering Regulation (ER) 1105-2-100 and (ER) 1105-1-200 and other applicable Federal and State environmental laws for the proposed Hudson River at Athens, New York Federal Navigation Project. This project is an element of the Hudson River, New York to Waterford, New York Project.

The study area includes the Hudson River Main Channel from the Hudson City Light to Athens Harbor, Athens, New York.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information, please contact Jenine Gallo, Project Biologist at (212) 264-0912, Planning Division, Corps of Engineers, New York District, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York 10278-0090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This study is authorized by Section 110 of the Energy and Water Appropriations Act 1997 which reads:

"The Secretary of the Army is authorized and directed to modify the project for the Hudson River, New York, New York City to Waterford, authorized by the Act of June 25, 1910 (Pub. L. 264, 61st Congress, 36 Stat. 635), to include design and construction of a 300-foot wide channel to a depth of 24 feet MLW (mean low water), extending from the existing federal channel in the vicinity of the Hudson City Light to the north dock at Union Street, Athens, New York."

1. *Description of the Previously Authorized Project:* The Hudson River at Athens Federal Navigation Project area is located on the west bank of the Hudson River in Athens Township, Greene County, New York. The purpose of the project is to construct a new navigation channel as a spur off the existing Federal channel. The new channel would serve two terminals in the Port of Athens. Currently, vessels of the classes that typically call at Athens cannot reach the terminals there while fully loaded because the depth of the channel is insufficient. The Project will allow these vessels to reach Athens at low tide (MLW) while fully loaded.

2. Two types of environmental analysis will be conducted; (1) of impacts associated with channel deepening and widening and (2) of impacts_[TH1] associated with placement of dredged material at a site specified by the project sponsor.

3. Public scoping meeting(s) are expected to be scheduled in Spring 2001. Meeting(s) will be held in Athens, New York at locations not yet determined. Results from the public scoping meeting(s) with the District and Federal, state and local agency coordination will be addressed in the DEIS. Parties interested in receiving notices of public scoping meeting(s) should contact Jenine Gallo at the above address.

4. Federal agencies interested in participating as a Cooperating Agency are requested to submit a letter of intent to Colonel William H. Pearce, District Engineer at the above address.

5. *Estimated Date of DEIS availability:* January 2002.

Joseph Vietri,

Deputy Chief, Planning Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Notice of Intent and Notice of Preparation for an Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report for a Proposed Flood Damage Reduction Investigation in Stanislaus County, California

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The objectives of this project are to identify a flood reduction plan that will yield a sound project, both functionally and economically, to reduce flood damages to the populated towns of Newman and Patterson, California, and the surrounding agricultural land. The intent of this project is to improve the hydraulic conveyance of the Orestimba, Salado, and Del Puerto Creeks. Environmental restoration may be a component of the plan if a sponsor can be identified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and EIS/EIR can be directed to Josh Garcia at (916) 557-6778 or sent to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, ATTN: CESP-K-PD-R, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814-2922.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Proposed Action

The Corps, in cooperation with the local sponsor (Stanislaus County), is conducting a feasibility investigation on

the alternative flood damage reduction measures identified during the expedited reconnaissance phase and described in the Project Study Plan dated September 1998. This flood control investigation proposes to reduce the flood hazards currently associated with floodflows along Oristimba, Salado, and Del Puerto Creeks.

2. Alternatives

The feasibility report will address an array of alternatives. Alternatives analyzed during the feasibility investigation will be a combination of one or more flood reduction measures identified during the reconnaissance phase; additional measures may be considered. These alternative measures include detention basins, hydraulic system modifications, creek widening, structural modifications, and snag clearing.

a. No Action. there will be no flood control projects implemented for west Stanislaus County.

b. Detention basin and hydraulic system modifications are proposed for Salado Creek. This alternative focuses on safely conveying floodflows from the Salado creek foothills to the San Joaquin River.

c. Detention basin, creek widening, and structural modifications are proposed for Oristimba Creek. This alternative focuses on conveying floodflows from the Oristimba Creek foothills to the San Joaquin River.

d. Multipurpose detention basin and hydraulic system modifications are proposed for Del Puerto Creek. This alternative focuses on safely conveying floodflows from the Del Puerto Creek foothills to the San Joaquin River. Additionally, this alternative will provide water supply, hydroelectric power generation, and recreation for the region.

3. Scoping Process

a. The project plan provides for public scoping and comment. The Corps has initiated a process of involving concerned individuals, local, state, and Federal agencies.

b. Significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the EIS/EIR include appropriate levels of the flood damage reduction, adverse affects on vegetation and wildlife resources, special-status species, esthetics, cultural resources, recreation, and cumulative effects of related projects in the study area.

c. The Corps will consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to provide a Fish and Wildlife

Coordination Act Report as an appendix to the EIS/EIR.

d. A 45-day public review period will be provided for individuals and agencies to review and comment on the draft EIS/EIR. All interested parties responding to this notice and providing a current address will be notified of the draft EIS/EIR circulation.

4. Public Meeting

A public scoping meeting was held on March 3, 1999, in Newman, California. Public support for these proposed projects was strong.

5. Availability

The draft EIS/EIR is scheduled to be available for public review and comment early in calendar year 2002.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Record of Decision for the Disposal and Reuse of Marine Corps Air Station Tustin, California

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy (Navy), pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C) (1994), and the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality that implement NEPA procedures, 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508, hereby announces its decision to dispose of Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Tustin, which is located in Tustin, California.

Navy and the City of Tustin jointly analyzed the impacts of the disposal and reuse of MCAS Tustin in an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR), as prescribed by NEPA and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Cal. Pub. Res. Code, §§ 21000-21177. The City of Tustin is the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) for MCAS Tustin, as defined in the Department of Defense Rule on Revitalizing Base Closure Communities and Community Assistance (DoD Rule), 32 CFR 176.20(a).

The City of Tustin's proposed reuse of MCAS Tustin is set forth in the Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Tustin Specific Plan/Reuse Plan, dated October 1996, as modified by the MCAS Tustin Specific Plan/Reuse Plan Errata, dated September 1998 (Reuse Plan). The Reuse Plan is set out in Chapters 1, 2 (except Section 2.17), and 5 of these