

## Department of the Army

### Army Science Board; Notice of Closed Meeting

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Army Science Board (ASB).

*Date of Meeting:* 5 and 6 June 1995.

*Time of Meeting:* 1200-1700, 5 June 1995; 0800-1700, 6 June 1995.

*Place:* Atlanta, GA.

*Agenda:* The Army Science Board's Logistics and Sustainability Subgroup will meet for discussions focused on current doctrine, missions, functions, force structures and modules, and technologies reference "Army Logistical Support to Operations Other Than War." These meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c) of Title 5, U.S.C., specifically subparagraph (1) thereof, and Title 5, U.S.C., Appendix 2, subsection 10(d). The classified and unclassified matters to be discussed are so inextricably intertwined so as to preclude opening any portion of these meetings. The ASB Administrative Officer, Sally Warner, may be contacted for further information at (703) 695-0781.

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## Corps of Engineers

### To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) For the Proposed Rio Grande Floodway, San Acacia to Bosque del Apache, Socorro County, New Mexico

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).

#### SUMMARY:

#### 1. Proposed Action

The purpose of the study is to reevaluate the plan of flood protection authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1948 (Public Law 858) for the proposed Rio Grande Floodway, San Acacia to Bosque del Apache, Socorro County, New Mexico, in light of newly listed endangered species and changes in levee design parameters. The proposed action is to provide increased flood protection from San Acacia to Elephant Butte Reservoir, New Mexico. The proposed action is to replace the existing west bank embankment along the Rio Grande with a structurally competent levee capable of containing

high volume, short duration flows up to the design discharge of 51,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) decreasing to 39,000 cfs at the downstream project terminus, as well as low volume, long duration flows. Coincident objectives are the preservation, conservation, and enhancement of biological, recreational, social, cultural and aesthetic values.

#### 2. Alternatives Considered

Alternatives developed and evaluated during previous studies consisted of levee reconstruction (50-, 100-, and 200-year flood frequency levels and the Standard Project Flood), flood and sediment control dams, local levees, watershed land treatment, floodproofing and zoning, intermittent levee replacement, and no action.

This reevaluation involves evaluation of project effects on newly listed endangered species and changes in levee design parameters to accommodate low volume, long duration floods in addition to the previous design for high volume, short duration floods, and possible changes in levee alignment.

#### 3. Public Involvement Process

Coordination is ongoing with both public and private entities having jurisdiction or an interest in land and resources in the middle Rio Grande valley of New Mexico. These entities include the general public, local governments, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, and the Interstate Stream Commission. A fully coordinated final environmental impact statement (EIS) addressing the previous recommendation to construct flood and sediment control dams on the Rio Puerco and Rio Salado was filed with the Council on Environmental Quality in 1977. An early public meeting was held in the city of Socorro in 1979. A supplemental EIS evaluating the effects of the alternative to rehabilitate the existing levee system was filed with the Council on Environmental Quality in 1992. Coordination will continue throughout development of the SEIS through scoping letters, meetings and field visits, and if requested, scoping meetings. All interested parties including Federal, state, and public entities will be invited to submit comments on the draft SEIS when it is circulated for review.

The planning effort is being coordinated with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) as a cooperating agency in the NEPA process. The Bureau was authorized to develop and implement a comprehensive plan for

flood control and water conservation under the Flood Control Acts of 1948 and 1950. The plan includes river channel maintenance activities throughout the middle Rio Grande and construction of the Low Flow Conveyance Channel (LFCC) from San Acacia to Elephant Butte Reservoir, designed to transmit river flows through a critical water-loss area. The proposed levee rehabilitation project parallels the LFCC for most of the project area. Close coordination between the Corps and the Bureau will be maintained throughout project planning.

The planning effort is also being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to the requirements of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1972 and the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Consultation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Officer is ongoing pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

#### 4. Significant Issues to be Analyzed

Significant issues to be analyzed in the development of the SEIS include the effect of the recommended plan on endangered species, floodplain development, water quality, riparian biological systems, wildlife refuge objectives, endangered species, social welfare, human safety, cultural resources, and aesthetic qualities. Development and implementation of mitigation measures will be undertaken for any unavoidable effects

#### 5. Public Review

The estimated date that the draft Limited Reevaluation Report will be completed and the draft SEIS circulated for public review is February, 1996.

#### 6. Further Information

Questions or comments regarding the study and the supplemental EIS may be directed to: Denise Smith, USAED, Albuquerque, P.O. Box 1580, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103, Phone: (505) 766-6569.

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#### Availability of Vint Hill Farms Station

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army, in accordance with the Base Closure