

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.

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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.

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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