

strategies for the environmental restoration of 31 miles of the Mahoning River through environmental dredging. The project is being undertaken pursuant to the authority of section 312 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-640), as amended by Section 205 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-303). Section 312 provides for the removal of contaminated sediments (dredging) within navigable waters for the purpose of ecosystem restoration and identifies the Mahoning River, Ohio and Pennsylvania, due to the severity of contamination, as one of five rivers in the nation given top priority for removal and remediation of contaminated sediments. The District will receive input from local, State and Federal agencies during an agency scoping meeting scheduled for earlier the day of the public environmental scoping meeting, and will use that input to evaluate alternatives and select a recommended alternative for implementation. The District will assess the environmental impacts of the recommended alternative and prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA). If, in the course of preparing the EA, significant impacts to the environment are identified, the District will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). If no significant impacts are identified, the EA will be finalized and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be prepared.

1. *Proposed Action:* The Mahoning Environmental Dredging Project is designed to restore the ecosystem of the Mahoning River by removing contaminated sediment throughout a 31-mile stretch of the river (from Warren, Ohio to the Ohio-Pennsylvania border). The scoping process will solicit alternative methods of removing and disposing of contaminated sediment from the riverbed and riverbank in the most effective method.

2. *Reasonable Alternatives:* The District will evaluate a Future Without Project (No Action) Alternative and Future With Project Alternatives. The exact nature and extent of the projects in the Future With Project Alternatives will be determined as part of scoping during the NEPA process. To facilitate scoping of the environmental effects of the project, the public may initially base comments upon a combination of possible actions that result in the removal of contaminated sediments from the riverbed and riverbank. As the NEPA process continues, the District will refine the analysis and evaluation of possible plans for implementation.

The primary issues to be analyzed in depth during the NEPA process will be

the environmental impacts of proposed actions on the Mahoning River and cumulative impacts of these proposed Federal actions in conjunction with reasonably foreseeable future actions by others. The impacts analysis will include biological resources, cultural resources and socioeconomic effects, air quality, noise impacts, and recreation resources.

These agency and public meetings will serve as the initial scoping effort for this action. In addition to the public notice, a notice will be mailed to all addresses on the Mahoning Environmental Dredging mailing list. Coordination throughout the project will be maintained with the appropriate local, State, and Federal agencies. The need for additional public meetings will be determined as the study progresses. Interested parties are encouraged to provide oral comments relevant to issues to be addressed in the NEPA process at the public forums. Otherwise, the District requests written comments or requests for information be directed to the following study contact: Mr. Carmen Rozzi (*see ADDRESSES* above).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Army Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Joint Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report for Sacramento River East Levee and Natomas Cross Canal Levee Modifications as a Feature of the American River (Common Features), CA Project

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The action being taken is preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/EIR) to address potential improvements to the existing flood control systems. The American River (Common Features) project is located in Sacramento and Sutter Counties. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is currently completing slurry wall work on approximately 20 miles of levee along the lower American River. In 1996 and 1999, Congress authorized modification of 12 miles of Sacramento River east levees and 5 miles of Natomas Cross

Canal north and south levees in the Natomas basin area. Since that time engineering studies have shown that an additional 6 miles of levee improvements along the Sacramento River east levee are required for a total of about 18 miles from the mouth of the Natomas Cross Canal to Natomas Main Drain.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and SEIS/EIR should be addressed to Liz Holland at (916) 557-6763 or by mail to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN CESPCK-PD-R, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2922.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Proposed Action

The Corps, in partnership with the State of California, Reclamation Board and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency are conducting a study on modifying the levees in the Natomas Basin area, which will be documented in the SEIS/EIR. The study focuses on ways to improve flood protection to portions of the City and County of Sacramento and Sutter County lying within the Natomas Basin.

2. Alternatives

The SEIS/EIR will address an array of flood control improvement alternatives. Alternatives analyzed during the investigation will include a combination of one or more flood protection measures. These measures include levee raising, seepage berms, seepage wells, and slurry walls.

3. Scoping Process

a. The project study plan provides for a series of public scoping meetings to present information to the public and to receive comments from the public. The Corps has initiated a process to involve concerned individuals, and local, State, and Federal agencies.

b. Significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the SEIS/EIR include: Adverse effects on vegetation and wildlife resources; special-status species; esthetics; cultural resources; recreation; land use; fisheries; water quality; air quality; transportation and socioeconomic; and cumulative effects of related projects in the study area.

c. The Corps will consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to provide a Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report as an appendix to the SEIS/EIR.

d. A 30-day public review period will be provided for individuals and agencies to review and comment on the draft SEIS/EIR. All interested parties are

encouraged to respond to this notice and provide a current address if they wish to be notified of the SEIS/EIR circulation.

4. Public Scoping Meeting

A series of public scoping meetings will be held from 6–8 p.m. on the following dates: July 25, 2002, South Natomas Community Center, July 30, 2002, Teal Bend Golf Course; and July 31, 2002, Holt of California Conference Room.

5. Availability

The draft SEIS/EIR is scheduled to be available for public review and comment in the summer of 2003.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics; Notice of Establishment

AGENCY: Office for Civil Rights, Education.

ACTION: Notice of establishment of The Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Education announces his intention to establish the Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics. The Commission will be governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463 as amended; 5 U.S.C.A. Appendix 2).

Purpose: The Secretary has determined that the 30th anniversary of the passage of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX") is an appropriate time to review the application of current Federal standards for measuring equal opportunity for men and women and boys and girls to participate in athletics under Title IX. This landmark legislation prohibits recipients of Federal funds from discriminating on the basis of sex. Prior to the enactment of Title IX, schools and universities receiving federal funds were free to discriminate against women (and girls).

Over the last 30 years, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of women's (and girls') athletic teams at both the high school and college levels. From 1981 to 1999, the total number of college women's teams increased by 66%. Despite these gains, many college administrators claim that the Department has failed to provide clear

guidance on how colleges can comply with Title IX. The Secretary believes that it would be in the public interest to establish this Commission for the purpose of collecting information, analyzing issues, and obtaining broad public input directed at improving the application of current Federal standards for measuring equal opportunity for men and women and boys and girls to participate in athletics under Title IX.

The Commission will produce a report, not later than January 31, 2003, to the Secretary outlining its findings and any recommendations as to whether the Title IX standards should be revised, and if so, how the standards should be revised to improve the effectiveness of Title IX and to maintain and build upon the extraordinary progress that has resulted from its passage 30 years ago.

The Commission will consist of not more than 15 members appointed by the Secretary from the public and private sectors, as well as up to three ex officio members from the Department of Education. The members shall include representatives of college, university, and school district officials, such as athletic directors, coaches, and other faculty, and representatives of intercollegiate and secondary school athletics; and may include researchers, state and local officials, and other persons with special expertise in intercollegiate and secondary school athletics or issues of equal educational opportunity. The membership of the Commission will be fairly balanced to reflect representation of a wide range of interests and perspectives relating to men's and women's (and boys' and girls') athletics. Members shall be appointed for the life of the Commission and the Secretary shall select one or more chairpersons from among the members of the Commission.

For Additional Information: Contact Deborah Price, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 708–9132.

Dated: July 5, 2002.

Rod Paige,

Secretary of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability of Solicitation

AGENCY: Albuquerque Operations Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability of solicitation—Research and Development for Truck Essential Power Systems for Increased Powertrain Fuel Efficiency

and Overall Systems Efficiency Improvements.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Office of Heavy Vehicle Technologies (OHVT), is seeking applications for cost-shared research and development for truck Essential Power Systems (EPS). Trucks include Class 2b through Class 8. The Essential Power System is a cross-cutting technology area (technologies and systems) that seeks to provide more efficient, practical, and cost effective management of electrical, mechanical, and thermal power on trucks. The EPS provides a possible technology pathway for future truck electrification.

DATES: Applications are to be received no later than 3 p.m. local prevailing time on August 26, 2002. Any application received after the due date will not be evaluated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Evan M. Dunne, Contract Specialist, DOE/AL, at (505) 845–4798 or by e-mail at edunne@doeal.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The solicitation will be available on the internet on or about July 12, 2002 at the following web site: <http://doe-iips.pr.doe.gov/>. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. Teaming arrangements are strongly encouraged, especially among truck original equipment manufacturers (OEM's) and manufacturers of powertrain/engine and truck systems, to take advantage of the best complementary technologies available from the different companies/organizations. Participation of universities, small businesses, state and local governments, Indian tribes, and DOE Laboratories is also encouraged. It is desired by DOE that the primary applicant be an industrial partner. This promotes timely technology transfer to the private sector and enhances U.S. industrial competitiveness.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).