

project will allow storage of water at a higher elevation during the winter season, with the pool being evacuated before any storm flows enter the basin. This will ensure that there is no impact to the flood control capacity of the Prado Dam. The public will have the opportunity to comment on this analysis before any action is taken to implement the proposed action.

3. *Proposed Action.* The proposed project will allow storage of water, between elevations 494 and 498 feet, between the months of October and March. Current water conservation within Prado Basin allows for storage of water only to elevation 494 during the winter months, and up to an elevation of 505 feet between March and October. The proposed project will allow storage of water at a higher elevation during the winter season, with the pool being evacuated before any storm flows enter the basin. This will ensure that there is no impact to the flood control capacity of the Prado Dam.

4. *Alternatives:* Five alternatives, including a No Action alternative, are evaluated in the Draft EIS/EIR. The alternatives examine conserving water up to different elevations during the flood and non-flood seasons. The flood season is considered to be the period from October 1 through February 28 of each year.

5. *Scoping Process:* The Army Corps of Engineers conducted a scoping meeting prior to preparing the EIS/EIR to aid in determining the significant environmental issues associated with the proposed action. The meeting was held in the City of Corona, California, on November 17, 1997. A public hearing to receive comments on the Draft EIS/EIR will be held in conjunction with the public meeting to present the feasibility report. The location, date, and time of the public hearing will be announced in the local news media, and separate notice will also be sent to all parties on the project mailing list.

Participation by all interested Federal, State and County resource agencies, as well as Native American peoples, groups with environmental interests, and all interested individuals is encouraged. The public review period will conclude 45 days after publication of this notice.

Individuals and agencies may offer information or data relevant to the environmental or socioeconomic impacts by attending the public scoping meeting, or by mailing the information to Mr. Alex Watt at the address provided in this notice prior to October 4, 2004. Comments, suggestions, and requests to be placed on the mailing list for announcements and for the Draft

DEIS, should also be sent to Alex Watt. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the OCWD, the non-federal sponsor, will consider public concerns on the Draft EIS/EIR. A summary of the Public Hearing and written comment letters and responses will be incorporated into the Final EIS/EIR as appropriate.

6. *Availability of the Draft EIS:* Copies of the Draft EIS/EIR are available for review at the following locations:

(1) U.C. Riverside General Library, Government Documents, 900 University Avenue, Riverside, CA 92517.

(2) C.S.U. Fullerton Library, 800 N. State College, Fullerton, CA 92833.

(3) Chino Branch Library, 13160 Central Avenue, Chino, CA 91710.

(4) City of Anaheim, Main Library, 500 W. Broadway, Anaheim, CA 92805.

(5) Corona Public Library, 650 S. Main Street, Corona, CA 92882.

(6) Orange County Public Library, 17565 Los Alamos, Fountain Valley, CA 92708.

(7) Norco Public Library, 3954 Old Hamner Road, Norco, CA 91760.

(8) Orange County Water District, 10500 Ellis Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92728.

(9) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Environmental Resources Branch, 915 Wilshire Boulevard, 14th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90053.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District's Northern Integrated Supply Project

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of a proposed water supply project, the Northern Integrated Supply Project. Construction of the proposed Project is expected to result in temporary and permanent impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States, thereby requiring a Clean Water Act section 404 permit. The Project is a collaborative regional water supply project between 15 water providers

(Participants) and the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District acting by and through the Northern Integrated Supply Project Water Activity Enterprise (District). The Project will provide approximately 37,000 acre-feet of new reliable water supply, which will meet a portion of the Participants' estimated 2025 additional water supply needs. The Northern Integrated Supply Project would be a non-Federal project constructed, owned, and operated by the District.

DATES: Scoping meetings will be held on:

1. September 20, 2004, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Eaton, CO.

2. September 21, 2004, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Fort Collins, CO.

3. September 22, 2004, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Fort Collins, CO.

ADDRESSES: The scoping meeting locations are:

1. September 20, 2004, at the Eaton Country Club, 37661 Weld County Road 39, Eaton, CO.

2. September 21, 2004, at the Fort Collins Lincoln Center, Columbine Room, 417 West Magnolia Street, Fort Collins, CO.

3. September 22, 2004, at the American Legion Post 4, 2124 Country Road 54 G, Fort Collins, CO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions and comments regarding the proposed action and EIS should be addressed to Mr. Chandler Peter, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2232 Dell Range Blvd., Suite 210, Cheyenne, WY 82009; (307) 772-2300; chandler.j.peter@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The COE will be conducting public scoping meetings at three locations (See **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**) to describe the Project, preliminary alternatives, the NEPA compliance process, and to solicit input on the issues and alternatives to be evaluated and other related matters. Written comments for scoping will be accepted until October 25, 2004. The COE has prepared a scoping announcement to familiarize agencies, the public and interested organizations with the proposed Project and potential environmental issues that may be involved. The scoping announcement includes a list of the Participants' water supply requests for the Project. Copies of the scoping announcement will be available at the public scoping meetings or can be requested by mail.

The Participants are a group of growing towns and rural domestic water districts located in Larimer, Weld, and Boulder Counties, Colorado. The Participants are: Berthoud, Central Weld County Water District, East Larimer

County Water District, Eaton, Erie, Evans, Fort Collins Loveland Water District, Fort Lupton, Fort Morgan, Lafayette, Left Hand Water District, Little Thompson Water District, North Weld County Water District, Northern Colorado Water Association, and Windsor.

The District and Participants have identified a preferred configuration of the Project as part of their Phase II Alternatives Evaluation efforts. The proposed Project would occur in Larimer and Weld Counties in Colorado. It would include a proposed Glade Reservoir with a capacity of approximately 177,000 acre-feet. Associated with Glade Reservoir are a forebay, pump station, and canal upgrade to convey water diverted from the Cache la Poudre River to the proposed reservoir. A pipeline connecting the proposed Glade Reservoir to the existing Horsetooth Reservoir is proposed. Glade Reservoir would inundate a section of U.S. Highway 287 and require the relocation of about 7 miles of the highway. Additionally, Glade Reservoir would inundate a section of the North Poudre Supply Canal and a portion of the canal would need to be rerouted. The proposed Project also would include a proposed Galeton Reservoir with a capacity of approximately 30,000 acre-feet. Associated with Galeton Reservoir are a forebay, pump station, and pipeline to deliver South Platte River water to Galeton Reservoir. Water exchanges between the Galeton Reservoir and Glade Reservoir diversion locations are proposed.

Most of the Participants predominantly rely on Colorado-Big Thompson (C-BT) units to meet their growing water supply needs. The Participants recognize that there is a finite amount of C-BT units remaining in the market and that a collaborative effort to secure additional firm water supplies is preferable to each entity independently developing a new water supply. In the future, there could be additional Participants and an increased request for water supply to be provided by the Project because other water providers are considering participating in the Project. The District formed in 1937 under the Colorado Water Conservancy Act and is responsible for the operation of the water features of the Colorado-Big Thompson Project and for the coordination of cooperative water supply and management projects within the boundaries of the District.

The EIS will be prepared according to the COE's procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C.

4232(2)(c), and consistent with the COE's policy to facilitate public understanding and review of agency proposals. As part of the EIS process, a full range of reasonable alternatives, including the proposed Project and no action, will be evaluated.

The COE has invited the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Colorado Department of Transportation to be cooperating agencies in the formulation of the EIS.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Record of Decision for Development of Military Family Housing (MFH) in the San Diego Region

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy (DON) announces its decision to construct up to 1,600 MFH units and supporting infrastructure at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar, San Diego, CA. This will be accomplished by implementing the MFH Site 8A Alternative, as described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Military Family Housing in the San Diego Region. This decision will greatly improve conditions for enlisted service members and their families.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Commander, Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Attn: Sheila Donovan, Code 05G.SD, 1220 Pacific HWY, San Diego, CA 92132-5190, telephone (619)-532-1253.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the entire Record of Decision (ROD) is provided as follows:

Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); and Department of the Navy regulations (32 CFR part 775); the Department of the Navy announces its decision to construct up to 1,600 MFH units and supporting infrastructure at MCAS Miramar. This decision implements the preferred alternative identified in the FEIS for Military

Family Housing in the San Diego Region.

The purpose of the project is to provide suitable, affordable housing units for enlisted military personnel and their families in reasonable proximity to the installations where they are assigned. The projected MFH shortfall for the San Diego region is 2,870 units by 2007. Additional suitable, affordable MFH for enlisted military families is, therefore, required.

The availability of suitable, affordable MFH for enlisted military families will make a positive contribution to their quality of life. This improved quality of life and subsequent increase in morale, job satisfaction, and enlisted service retention rates ultimately have a direct, positive impact on the DON's combat readiness and mission capabilities. Therefore, the provision of suitable, affordable MFH will support the mission of local Navy and Marine Corps commands. The Proposed Action will not completely eliminate the existing and projected MFH shortfall, but it will vastly improve enlisted military family living conditions by providing up to 1,600 MFH units for enlisted military families.

The Federal action will include construction of up to 1,600 MFH units in one 264-acre development area located in the southeastern portion of MCAS Miramar near the community of Tierrasanta. The project will also provide land for two elementary schools and a community center or park within the development area. Access to the site will require an approximately 2.5 mile extension of Santo Road, involving approximately 34 acres. Existing internal roads to eastern MCAS Miramar, also known as East Miramar, will provide secondary emergency access. The extension of Santo Road will provide direct access to State Route (SR) 52 approximately one mile east of I-15. For MCAS Miramar enlisted personnel residing at the MFH, access to MCAS Miramar Main Station gates will be via I-15 to Miramar Road or Miramar Way.

The Proposed Action will be implemented through DON's Public-Private Venture (PPV) housing program, a program authorized by law, to give the Department of Defense (DOD) the authority to employ a variety of private sector approaches to build or renovate MFH using private capital to leverage government funds. Using the PPV approach for the Proposed Action, DON will lease land to a private sector developer who will build, own, operate, and maintain the MFH. The developer will, in turn, rent the MFH to enlisted military families at rental rates at or