

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers;****Notice of Availability of Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Rio del Oro Specific Plan Project, in the City of Rancho Cordova, Sacramento County, CA**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Sacramento District published a notice in the **Federal Register** on December 8, 2006 (71 FR 71142–71143), informing the public of the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Rio del Oro Specific Plan Project. USACE, Sacramento District has prepared a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) in response to new information. It is now available for review and comment.

The SDEIS provides new information and additional analyses related to utilities and service systems (specifically, water supply) and biological resources. Like the 2006 DEIS, the SDEIS analyzes the potential effects of implementing each of five alternative scenarios for a mixed-use development in the approximately 3,828-acre Rio del Oro Specific Plan area, in the City of Rancho Cordova, Sacramento County, CA. The alternatives considered in detail in the SDEIS are: (1) Proposed Project/Proposed Action (i.e., Proposed Project Alternative), the Applicants' Preferred Alternative; (2) High Density (Increased Densities Consistent with Sacramento Area Council of Governments Blueprint); (3) Impact Minimization; (4) No Federal Action (No Section 404 of the Clean Water Act Permit); and (5) No Project/No Action (No development).

**DATES:** All written comments must be postmarked on or before July 6, 2008. A public hearing will be held on May 22, 2008 at 6 p.m. at the Rancho Cordova City Hall, located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Suite 220, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Oral and written comments will be accepted at the public hearing. Written and oral comments will be given equal weight and all comments received or postmarked by the date of the hearing, or by the above date in the absence of a hearing, will be considered by the Corps in preparing the Final EIS. Comments received or postmarked after the date of the hearing, or after the

above date in the absence of a hearing, will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted in writing to: Kathleen Dadey, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Regulatory Branch, 1325 J Street, Room 1480, Sacramento, CA 95814–2922, or via e-mail to *Kathleen.A.Dadey@usace.army.mil*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathleen Dadey at (916) 557–7253.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The environmental effects of five alternatives were evaluated in detail in the 2006 DEIS. Under the Proposed Project/Proposed Action (Proposed Project Alternative), buildout of the project would occur in five phases over 25–30 years. The project provides for construction of approximately 11,601 residential dwelling units in three residential land use classifications on 1,920 acres, along with commercial land uses, neighborhood parks, and other uses such as a landscape corridor and greenbelt, and several public schools. New utilities and communications infrastructure would be installed and new roadways and on- and off-site infrastructure improvements would be completed. The project designates a 507-acre wetland preserve area and two elderberry preserve areas on the site. The four alternatives to the Proposed Project/Proposed Action described in the 2006 DEIS are as follows:

(1) The High Density Alternative embraces the concept of “Smart Growth,” consistent with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Regional Blueprint. Under Smart Growth principles, areas planned for development are developed at higher densities. Although these higher densities may result in greater localized impacts on resources, the overall area of disturbance is reduced by concentrating development in particular locations.

(2) The Impact Minimization Alternative would reconfigure project components to reduce impacts to waters of the United States, including wetlands and high-quality biological habitat.

(3) The No Federal Action Alternative was designed to allow some development of the project site while avoiding the placement of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

(4) The No Project/No Action Alternative would preclude development of the project; under this alternative, the majority of the project site would remain under the jurisdiction of the City of Rancho Cordova.

After the 2006 DEIS was issued, USACE, Sacramento District determined

that the water supply and biological resources portions of the DEIS should be supplemented, as described below.

The SDEIS includes a revised water-supply analysis that describes the various sources of water for the project, including short-term sources for development of Phase 1 and long-term water supplies for all phases of development, and impacts associated with providing water to the project. The analysis addresses the following elements set forth in the case of *Vineyard Area Citizens for Responsible Growth, Inc. v. City of Rancho Cordova*, 40 Cal. 4th 412 (2007), which was decided after the 2006 DEIS was released:

- Reasonable likelihood of the water sources proving available.
- Identification and quantification of water demand from project and cumulative development.
- Reasonable likelihood of identified water supply meeting the demands of project and cumulative development.
- Analysis of alternative sources of water and project contingencies (including curtailment) if water-supply sources are not reasonably likely.
- Impacts of water-supply infrastructure.

The revised water-supply analysis in the SDEIS also includes consideration of potentially significant impacts that could result from constructing a new water conveyance pipeline and booster pump station, as well as potentially significant impacts that could occur from curtailment of development as a mitigation measure. These impacts were not discussed as part of the 2006 DEIS.

The SDEIS also contains a revised biological resources section that incorporates information responding to comments raised during the DEIS public-review period to ensure that the analysis considers significant, relevant public comments. This section also contains new information related to additional biological resource studies that have been performed by the applicants since the DEIS was circulated, and some of the mitigation measures have been expanded or clarified. The expanded mitigation measures do not result in new significant impacts. The biological resources section also contains additional analysis of project consistency with the biological resources goals in the City of Rancho Cordova's general plan.

USACE invites full public participation to promote open communication and better decision-making. All persons and organizations that have an interest in the Rio del Oro Specific Plan Project are urged to

participate in the NEPA process. A public hearing will be held as described in the **DATES** section. This hearing will be announced in advance through notices, media news releases, and/or mailings.

Copies of the SDEIS may be reviewed at the following locations: 1. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District Web Site: <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/>; 2. City of Rancho Cordova City Hall, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670; 3. City of Rancho Cordova Planning Department Web site: <http://www.cityofranhocordova.org/Index.aspx?page=128>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Elementary and Secondary Education; Overview Information; Advanced Placement Incentive Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.330C.

**DATES:** *Applications Available:* May 7, 2008.

*Deadline for Notice of Intent To Apply:* June 6, 2008.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* July 7, 2008.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* September 4, 2008.

#### Full Text of Announcement

##### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* The Advanced Placement Incentive (API) program awards competitive grants designed to increase the successful participation of low-income students in advanced placement courses and tests. The program expands opportunities for low-income students to take college-level classes and earn college credit while still in high school. The program also supports efforts to raise the rigor of the academic curriculum for all students attending high-poverty high schools.

*Priority:* In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv), this priority is from section 1705(c) of the ESEA (20 U.S.C 6535(c)).

*Absolute Priority:* For FY 2008 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34

CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

#### *Implementation of Advanced Placement Programs in High-Poverty Schools.*

This priority supports projects that expand access for low-income individuals to advanced placement programs by:

(1) Developing, enhancing, or expanding advanced placement programs in English, mathematics, and science in high schools with a high concentration of low-income students and a pervasive need for access to advanced placement programs;

(2) Involving business and community organizations in the activities to be assisted; and

(3) Providing matching funds from State, local, or other sources to pay for the costs of activities to be assisted.

*Note:* In order to meet this absolute priority, an application must identify the specific high schools that will receive project services, and provide evidence that those schools have a high concentration of low-income students.

#### *Competitive Preference Priorities:*

Within this absolute priority, we give competitive preference to applications that address the following priorities.

*Competitive Preference Priority 1:* This priority is from the notice of final priorities for discretionary grant programs published in the **Federal Register** on October 11, 2006 (71 FR 60045).

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award up to an additional 4 points to an application, depending on how well the application meets this priority.

This priority is:

#### *Critical-Need Languages.*

This priority supports projects that support activities to enable students to achieve proficiency or advanced proficiency or to develop programs in one or more of the following less commonly taught languages: Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Russian, and languages in the Indic, Iranian, and Turkic language families.

*Competitive Preference Priority 2:* In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv), this priority is from section 1705(c) of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 6535(c)).

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award an additional 1 point to an application that meets this priority.

This priority is:

#### *On-Line Advanced Placement Courses.*

This priority supports projects that demonstrate an intent to carry out activities to increase the availability of,

and participation in, on-line advanced placement courses.

Within this absolute priority, we are particularly interested in applications that address the following invitational priority.

*Invitational Priority:* For FY 2008 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, this priority is an invitational priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1), we do not give an application that meets this invitational priority a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

This priority is:

#### *Training and Incentives for Advanced Placement Teachers.*

This priority supports projects that seek to increase the successful participation of low-income individuals in advanced placement courses and tests by:

(1) Compensating teachers of advanced placement courses for completing intensive professional development that enhances their knowledge of the advanced placement subjects they teach; and

(2) Providing financial incentives that reward teachers of advanced placement courses for the successful performance of their students on advanced placement tests.

**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 6535-6537.

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The notice of final priorities for discretionary grant programs published in the **Federal Register** on October 11, 2006 (71 FR 60045).

##### II. Award Information

*Type of Award:* Discretionary grants.

*Estimated Available Funds:* \$12,400,000.

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, we may make additional awards in FY 2009 from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$93,040-975,163.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$590,476.

*Maximum Award:* We will reject any application that proposes a budget exceeding \$1,000,000 for a single budget period of 12 months. The Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 21.