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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Notice of Intent to Prepare a Joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Corte Madera Creek Flood Control Project

Marin County and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) will hold a public meeting to receive input from members of the public on the scope of the Joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Corte Madera Creek Flood Control Project. The public scoping meeting will be held on:

**July 23, 2008**  
**7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**  
at  
**Drakes Landing Community Room**  
**(next to Jason's Restaurant)**  
**300 Drakes Landing Road**  
**Greenbrae, California**

In accordance with the Flood Control Act of 1962, Pub. L. No. 87-4, 87th Congress, 2nd Session, approved October 23, 1962, and amended by Section 204 of Pub. L. No. 89-789, the Flood Control Act of 1966, and the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, the Corps will address channel modification opportunities to Unit 4 of Corte Madera Creek, Marin County, CA. The Corps is the lead agency for this project under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Zone 9 is the lead agency and local sponsor under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Corte Madera Creek drains an area of approximately 28 square miles in Marin County, CA and discharges into the San Francisco Bay nine miles north of the Golden Gate Bridge. Unit 4 extends from downstream of the Lagunitas Road Bridge, near the upstream terminus of Unit 3, to the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Bridge right before the Ross/San Anselmo town line. Although the construction for Units 1, 2 and 3 were completed in 1971, public concerns led to a delay in planned actions for Unit 4. Damages incurred by the December 2005 flood, additional technical studies, and a request from Marin County has renewed interest in finding solutions to minimize the risk of future floods. The purpose of the project is to provide flood risk management for Corte Madera Creek.

Based on the need to address flood risk, the proposed action consists of increasing flood flow capacity, in addition to considering the improvement of fish passage and bank stability in Corte Madera Creek. The following represent a minimum of the alternatives that will be evaluated in the EIS/EIR: 1) No action; 2) Minimum action to replace existing fish ladder which constricts flood flows; 3) Increase flood flow capacity through a variety of measures including but not limited to widening the channel, installing floodwalls, wing walls, grade control, biotechnical bank stabilization and slope protection, and creating a natural channel bottom; (4) Hybrid alternative representing a combination of measures; and (5) non-structural alternative of expanding the floodplain through real estate acquisition.

The Corps is seeking participation of all interested federal, state, and local agencies, Native American groups, and other concerned private organizations or individuals through this public notice. The EIS/EIR will focus on some of the following topics: land use and planning; population and housing; water and air quality; biological resources; transportation; noise; aesthetics; utilities and service systems; cultural resources; and social and economic effects. The purpose of the public scoping meeting is to solicit comments and questions regarding the potential impacts, environmental issues, and alternatives associated with the proposed action. Public participation will help to define the scope of the environmental analysis in the EIS/EIR; identify other significant issues; provide other relevant information; and recommend mitigation measures.

**Comments will be accepted through August 6, 2008.** All interested persons are encouraged to provide written comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR. Written comments and requests for additional information regarding the proposed action should be addressed to:

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