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April 17, 2024

Subject: Pajaro River at Watsonville, California, Reach 6 Flood Risk Management Project,
Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment

Dear Interested Parties,

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq), as amended, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District (USACE) has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Pajaro River at Watsonville, California, Reach 6 Flood Risk Management Project. The Supplemental EA was prepared in collaboration with the Pajaro Regional Flood Management Agency (PRFMA).

The draft Supplemental EA provides an update and clarifications on design refinements made to the project plan for Reach 6 (Corralitos Creek) since the publication of the original General Reevaluation Report and Environmental Assessment (GRR/EA) in December 2019. These design refinements include construction-level detail of proposed haul routes, staging areas, and floodplain borrow features. All effects anticipated to occur from these features are expected to be fully mitigated to a less than significant level, as disclosed in the draft Supplemental EA.

The USACE is providing notice of the availability of this draft Supplemental EA for public review and comment pursuant to 33 C.F.R. § 230.11 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Procedures for Implementing NEPA. The public comment period will run until May 17, 2024. We invite your review and feedback!

The Draft Supplemental EA and associated appendices can be accessed by navigating your web browser to the website below and clicking on the “Draft Pajaro River at Watsonville, California Reach 6 Flood Risk Management Project – Supplemental Environmental Assessment [PDF]” title in the center of the page to open the report document.

Website: <https://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects-and-Programs/Current-Projects/Pajaro-River-Watsonville/>

A community meeting will be held in Watsonville, California prior to the start of construction in July 2024. More information on the public meeting will be available at the web link above in June 2024.

Please send electronic comments to Pajaro-River@usace.army.mil. If you wish to mail your comments, please address them to Ms. Anne Baker at the address in the letterhead above. All comments must be received prior to the close of the comment period on May 17, 2024. Please contact Ms. Baker with any questions at (415) 503-6861. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Commanding