upstream bow-first through the two bridges, but must back downstream stern-first through the bridges to the turning basin. For safety reasons, the docking pilots requested that the turning basis be relocated upstream of the bridges so ships can proceed bow-first through the bridges in both directions. The most significant issue related to a relocated turning basin is mitigation of dredging impacts to primary nursery areas for marine fisheries.

In order to deepen sections of Wilmington Harbor, blasting has been required to remove rock. This blasting could impact the endangered shortnose sturgeon that inhabits the harbor. To mitigate for this potential impact, fish passage was required at the most downstream of the three Cape Fear River locks and dams. The proposed fish passage plan involved the construction of an approximate 3,800-foot long fish bypass channel around the lock-and-dam. This plan has not been implemented due to lack of funds and real estate issues. During the GRR/DEIS process, additional alternatives will be considered that could include modification or removal or the locks and dams. This would require deauthorization of the lock and dam project. This action may be proposed because there is no longer any commercial traffic using the locks and dams, which is the authorized project purpose. Significant issues related to fish passage include water supply users upstream of the locks and dams and recreational and commercial fisheries.

All private parties and Federal, State, and local agencies having an interest in the study are hereby notified of the intent to prepare a DEIS and are invited to comment at this time. A scoping meeting was held on June 30, 2005 to help determine whether an EIS or EA should be prepared. All comments received as a result of this notice of intent and the scoping meeting will be considered in the preparation of the DEIS.

The lead agency for this project is the U.S. Army Engineer District, Wilmington. Cooperating agency status has not be assigned to, nor requested by, any other agency.

The DEIS is being prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and will address the relationship of the proposed action to all other applicable Federal and State Laws and Executive Orders.

The DEIS is currently scheduled to be available in October 2007.

Dated: January 10, 2006.

John E. Pulliam, Jr.,

Colonel, EN, Commanding.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report for the Yuba River Basin Project, Yuba County, CA

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Sacramento District, is preparing a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/EIR) to reevaluate the previously authorized plan and other alternatives to reduce flood damages and restore riparian and aquatic habitat in the lower Yuba River Basin, part of the Feather River Basin, and the city of Marysville, in Yuba County, CA. This notice replaces the one previously published in the **Federal Register** on March 17, 2004 (69 FR 12646). The general reevaluation is needed because recent technical, environmental, and economic studies have indicated that additional refinement and reformulation are needed to determine the feasibility and extent of Federal and non-Federal interest in the project. The basic study authority for the Yuba River Basin study was provided under the Flood Control Act of 1962.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments and suggestions concerning this study to Mr. Robert Koenigs, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Attn: Planning Division (CESPK–PD–R), 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Requests to be placed on the mailing list should also be sent to this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Koenigs, E-mail at *Robert.L.Roenigs@usace.army.mil*, telephone (916) 557–6712, or fax (916) 557–7856.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Public Involvement

The Yuba River Basin project will be coordinated between Federal, State, and local governments; local stakeholders; special interest groups, and any other interest individuals and organizations. The Corps will announce availability of the draft supplemental document in the **Federal Register** and other media, and will provide the public, organizations, and agencies with an opportunity to submit comments, which will be addressed in the Final SEIS/EIR. A 45-day public review period will be provided for individuals and agencies to review and comment on the SEIS/EIR. All interested parties should respond to this notice and provide a current address if they wish to be notified SEIS/EIR circulation.

2. Project Information

The Yuba River Basin is located in western Yuba County about 50 miles north of Sacramento. The authorized project focused on approximately 21 miles of levees along the Yuba and Feather Rivers in the variety of Marysville, CA. The Yuba River Basin study area was divided into three reaches: Reach 1—Yuba River/Feather River; reach 2—Feather River (including Bear River and WP Interceptor Canal area); and reach 3—Marysville ring levee.

The Feasibility Report and Final EIS/EIR were completed in April 1998. Congress authorized the project in the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, and the Record of Decision was signed in June 2000. The authorized project included specific levee modifications on 6.1 miles of the left bank of the Yuba River upstream of the confluence with the Feather River; 10 miles of levee on the left bank of the Feather River downstream of the confluence of the Yuba River; and 5 miles of the Marysville ring levee. The levee modification work as authorized was intended to bring the level of flood protection for these levees up to about a 200-year level of protection.

Since the final Yuba River Basin project was authorized, geotechnical investigations and updated hydrology have identified previously unknown levee foundation problems in portions of the study area/authorized project. Levees along the Bear River and the WP Interceptor Canal have also been shown to have stability and seepage problems that may cause flooding in lower Yuba County. Because flooding is still a significant problem for the affected communities along the Yuba, Feather, and Bear Rivers, the State of California Reclamation Board has requested that the Corps initiate a general reevaluation of the project to determine a new feasible project.

3. Proposed Action

The proposed action would be a general reevaluation of the authorized project and other alternative plans to provide the level of flood protection previously planned and to restore riparian and aquatic habitats in the project area.

4. Alternatives

Potential alternatives to reduce flood damages and restore riparian and aquatic habitat could include: (1) No Action, (2) Modified Authorized Project Features and other Levee Improvements, and (3) Modified Authorized Project Features, other Levee Improvements, and Setback Levees. Features of the alternatives could include modifying existing levees, constructing new setback levees, creating seasonal or permanent wetland areas, and planting native riparian and wetland species.

Dated: January 6, 2006.

Ronald N. Light,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 21, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Rachel Potter, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395–6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, *e.g.* new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: January 12, 2006.

Angela C. Arrington,

IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: 34 CFR part 602, The Secretary's Recognition of Accrediting Agencies.

Frequency: Annually, every 5 years.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 75.

Burden Hours: 1,071.

Abstract: This information is needed to determine if an accrediting agency complies with the Criteria for Recognition and should be recognized by the Secretary.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from *http://edicsweb.ed.gov*, by selecting the ''Browse Pending Collections'' link and by clicking on link number 2933. When you access the information collection, click on ''Download Attachments'' to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202–4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to IC *DocketMgr@ed.gov* or faxed to 202–245–6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to the e-mail address IC *DocketMgr@ed.gov.* Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

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