Locality	Maximum lodging amount (A)	+	M&IE rate (B)	=	Maximum per diem rate (C)	Effective date
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS:						
ROTA	129		91		220	05/01/2006
SAIPAN	121		98		219	06/01/2007
TINIAN	138		71		209	07/01/2008
[OTHER]	55		72		127	04/01/2000
PUERTO RICO:						
AGUADILLA	75		64		139	11/01/2007
BAYAMON	195		82		277	10/01/2007
CAROLINA	195		82		277	10/01/2007
CEIBA.						
05/01–11/30	155		57		212	08/01/2006
12/01–04/30	185		57		242	08/01/2006
FAJARDO [INCL ROOSEVELT RDS NAVS].						
05/01–11/30	155		57		212	08/01/2006
12/01–04/30	185		57		242	08/01/2006
FT. BUCHANAN.						
[INCL GSA SVC CTR]	195		82		277	10/01/2007
HUMACAO.						
05/01–11/30	155		57		212	08/01/2006
12/01–04/30	185		57		242	08/01/2006
LUIS MUNOZ MARIN IAP AGS	195		82		277	10/01/2007
LUQUILLO.						
05/01–11/30	155		57		212	08/01/2006
12/01–04/30	185		57		242	08/01/2006
MAYAGUEZ	109		77		186	11/01/2007
PONCE	139		83		222	11/01/2007
SABANA SECA.						
[INCL ALL MILITARY]	195		82		277	10/01/2007
SAN JUAN & NAV RES STA	195		82		277	10/01/2007
[OTHER]	62		57		119	01/01/2000
VIRGIN ISLANDS (U.S.):						
ST. CROIX.						
04/15–12/14	135		92		227	05/01/2006
12/15–04/14	187		97		284	05/01/2006
ST. JOHN.						
04/15–12/14	163		98		261	05/01/2006
12/15–04/14	220		104		324	05/01/2006
ST. THOMAS.						
04/15–12/14	240		105		345	05/01/2006
12/15–04/14	299		111		410	05/01/2006
WAKE ISLAND:						
WAKE ISLAND	152		12		164	07/01/2008

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report for the West Sacramento Levee Improvements Program, West Sacramento, CA

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The action being taken is the preparation of a programmatic and project-specific Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the West Sacramento Levee Improvements Program (WSLIP) in Yolo County and Solano County, CA. Under 33 U.S.C. 408, the Chief of Engineers grants permission to alter an existing flood control structure if it is not injurious to the public interest and does not impair the usefulness of such work. Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the District Engineer permits the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States if the discharge meets the requirements for the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines and is not contrary to the public interest. The U.S Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) will consider granting both 408 permission to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) and 404 permit to West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (WSAFCA) for their work on the WSLIP. The CVFPB and WSAFCA are requesting this permission and permit in order to reduce flood risk the City of West Sacramento by meeting the following objectives for the project:

- Achieve a minimum of a 200-year level (an event that has a 0.5% chance of occurring in any given year) of flood protection for the entire City by improving approximately 50 miles of levees that protect it;
- Construct levee improvements as soon as possible to reduce flood risk as quickly as possible; and,
- Provide recreational and open space elements for the City that are compatible with flood improvement actions.

DATES: A public scoping meeting will be held on February 12, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the West Sacramento City Hall (see **ADDRESSES**). Send written

comments by February 26, 2009 to (see **ADDRESSES**).

ADDRESSES: Public Scoping meeting, West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA. Send written comments and suggestions concerning this study to Mr. Brian Buttazoni, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Attn: Planning Division (CESPK–PD–RA), 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 or to Mr. John Powderly, City of West Sacramento, 1110 West Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95691. Requests to be placed on the mailing list should also be sent to this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and EIS/EIR should be addressed to Brian Buttazoni at (916) 557–6956, e-mail *Brian.L.Buttazoni@usace.army.mil* or John Powderly at (916) 617–4674, e-mail *johnp@cityofwestsacramento.org* or by mail (see **ADDRESSES**).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Proposed Action. The Corps and WSAFCA are preparing an EIS/EIR to analyze the impacts of the work proposed in WSLIP. The Corps will serve as the lead agency under the provisions of NEPA and WSAFCA will serve as the lead agency under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Several studies have been conducted since 1989 by the Corps, California Department of Water Resources (DWR), and WSAFCA to evaluate the condition of the various levees protecting the City of West Sacramento. These studies have indicated that the levee system is deficient and that the consequences of levee failure from a major flood event would be significant.

Since the early 1990s, WSAFCA and its partners have undertaken several levee repair projects to address urgent levee deficiencies that pose serious flood risk. Many of these repair projects were the result of deficiencies noted during routine operations and maintenance inspections and repairs were performed on a case-by-case basis.

In July 2006, in response to new Corps design standards and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map modernization program, the City, as part of WSAFCA, determined that it was necessary to perform a comprehensive evaluation of all of the levees protecting the City to more definitely determine its current level of flood protection, determine the magnitude and severity of any deficiencies, and develop recommended strategies for improvement. For this most recent comprehensive evaluation, the levees were evaluated according to the latest Corps criteria for stability, seepage, erosion, geometry, and levee height. Data collected from the evaluation showed that much of the existing system does not provide protection from a 100-year flood event (an event having a 1% chance of occurring in any given year), the commonly accepted minimum level of flood protection.

WSAFCA has identified the primary deficiencies of the levee system, which include: Inadequate levee height, through-seepage and under-seepage, slope stability, seismic vulnerability, erosion, and non-compliant vegetation. The study area of the WSLIP includes the entire WSAFCA boundaries (over 50 miles of levees) which encompasses portions of the Sacramento River, the Yolo Bypass, the Sacramento Bypass, and the Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel (DWSC). The study area has been subdivided into the following sub-reaches: Sacramento River Levee North, Sacramento River Levee South, Port North Levee, Port South Levee, South Cross Levee, Deep Water Ship Channel Levee East, Deep Water Ship Channel Levee West, Yolo Bypass Levee, and Sacramento Bypass Levee.

2. Alternatives. The EIS/EIR will address an array of flood control improvement alternatives at the *program level.* Alternatives analyzed during the investigation will include a combination of one or more flood protection measures. These measures include raising the existing levee; constructing an adjacent setback levee, cutoff walls, seepage berms, stability berms, internal drains, relief wells, or sheet-pile walls; slope flattening; placing stone protection; and vegetation removal.

Measures may be applied individually or combined to address deficiencies. For example, a seepage deficiency may be addressed by utilizing a seepage berm or a relief well, or a combination of both. Because each reach has a specific set of levee deficiencies and each levee deficiency has a number of different measures that could be utilized to improve the levee, WSAFCA is proposing to develop a range of alternatives on a reach-by-reach basis rather than basin-wide to provide greater flexibility. Constraints that would be considered during the development of alternatives for each reach could include land use (i.e., development immediately adjacent to the levee), available area for various types of construction activities necessary to construct improvements, and other environmental effects. Future actions analyzed at the program level may or may not require additional analysis under a separate tiered environmental document(s). A No-Action Alternative will be analyzed at the program level.

Three sites have been identified that would be analyzed at the *project level* and included within the EIS/EIR. Also known as ''Early Implementation Projects,'' these sites are known as CHP Academy, The Rivers, and the Sac Bank Extension Site. Analysis for the sites considered at the project level will include the analysis of No Action, a Preferred Alternative, and any other alternatives considered.

- *CHP Academy Site.* This site includes 4,500 feet of the Sacramento Bypass Levee and the northern 2,000 feet of the Sacramento River West North Levee, for a total length of 6,500 feet. Deficiencies include through-seepage and geometry. Under-seepage and stability deficiencies are also present in smaller pockets within this reach.
- *The Rivers Site.* This site is located just north of the confluence of the Sacramento and American Rivers, incorporating part of The Rivers residential development. The site extends from station 70+00 to station 115+00 on the Sacramento River, for a total length of approximately 4,500 feet. The site exhibits geometry, stability, and under-seepage deficiencies.
- *Sac Bank Extension Site.* This site is located just south of the barge canal on the Sacramento River and is the northern most end of the Sacramento River West South Levee. The site extends from station 270+00 to 332+50 for a total length of 6,250 feet. The site generally exhibits under-seepage, stability, and geometry deficiencies. There are a few locations which have erosion and levee height deficiencies as well. This site adjoins, complements, and extends a separate Corps project under the Sacramento River Bank Protection Project.

3. Scoping Process. *a.* Public scoping meetings will be held on February 12, 2009 to present information and to receive comments from the public. The Corps, with WSAFCA, has initiated a process to involve concerned individuals, and local, State, and Federal agencies.

b. Significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the EIS/EIR include effects on aesthetics, biological resources, hazards and hazardous materials, mineral resources, public services, utilities/service systems, agricultural resources, cultural resources, hydrology/water quality, noise, recreation, air quality, geology/soils, land use/planning, population/housing, transportation/traffic, and cumulative effects of related projects in the study area.

c. The Corps will consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service to comply with the Endangered Species Act and the FWS to provide a Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report as an appendix to the EIS/EIR. Coordination will also be carried out with Native American and tribal groups. Consultation will be carried out on the three project level sites analyzed in the document. Those reaches considered at the program level would be fully analyzed in the future under separate tiered environmental document(s) and consultation would be carried out at that time.

d. A 45-day public review period will be provided for individuals and agencies to review and comment on the draft EIS/EIR. All interested parties are encouraged to respond to this notice and provide a current address if they wish to be notified of the draft EIS/EIR circulation.

4. Availability. The draft EIS/EIR is anticipated to be available for public review and comment in mid 2009.

Dated: January 13, 2009.

Thomas C. Chapman,

COL, EN Commanding.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 30, 2009.

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 Leader, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: January 22, 2009.

Angela C. Arrington,

Leader, Information Collections Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title: National Evaluation of the Comprehensive Technical Assistance Centers.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 130.

Burden Hours: 1,933.

Abstract: This is the third of three clearance requests submitted to OMB for the National Evaluation of the Comprehensive Technical Assistance Centers (''Centers''). This submission is necessitated because the National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance (NCEE), a division of the Institute for Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education (ED), exercised an Option within the Base Contract in 2008 to conduct Case Studies of Comprehensive Center Technical Assistance. The Case Studies will focus on the extent to which such assistance has resulted in enhanced State Education Agency (SEA) capacity to implement key No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) provisions.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from *http://edicsweb.ed.gov,* by selecting the ''Browse Pending Collections'' link and by clicking on link number 3934. 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., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202–4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to *ICDocketMgr@ed.gov* or faxed to 202–401–0920. 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 *ICDocketMgr@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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Research and Development Program 2009 Annual Plan

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Report Availability.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy announces the availability of the *2009 Annual Plan* for the Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Research and Development Program on the DOE Web site at *http://management.energy.gov/FOIA/1480.htm or in print form* (see **CONTACT** below). The *2009 Annual Plan* is in compliance with the *Energy Policy Act of 2005, Subtitle J, Section 999B(e)(3),* which requires the publication of this plan and all written comments in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elena Melchert, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, Mail Stop FE–30, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 or phone: 202–586–5600 or e-mail to *UltraDeepwater@hq.doe.gov.*