LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The project is located along a 75-mile reach of Santa Ana River in Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. The plan of improvement includes: Seven Oaks Dam (145,600 acre-feet), management of overflow area-Seven Oaks to Prado (35 mi); raise Mill Creek levee (2.4 mi); additional storage at Prado (140,600 acre-feet); improvements along: Oak Street Drain/Riverside County (3.6 mi) Santiago Creek/ Orange County (1.2 mi), and lower Santa Ana River (31 mi); recreation development; mitigation and preservation; and San Timoteo (5.4 mi).


ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2020: Carryover funds are being used to complete construction of Alcoa Phase 1, continue construction of BNSF bridge protection, award remediation contract for Reach 9 Phase 5B, and continue design and mitigation efforts for River-road, Norco Bluffs, Alcoa Phase 2 and Prado Spillway.

FY21 PLANNED ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Funds will be used to complete construction on the BNSF bridge protection, complete design and award for River-road, Alcoa Phase 2, Norco Bluffs, Prado dam spillway and continue mitigation, monitoring efforts. Additional funds would be used to settle new claims on the BNSF contract.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: Fed remaining balance includes $104.8M for Santiago Creek, $36.6M for unprogrammed reimbursement, and $16.6M for expected non-Fed reimbursed. Approximately $20M remaining Federal funds will be used for Reach 9 Phase 5B re-procurement and BNSF contract requirements. The designed level of flood risk benefits to areas downstream of Prado Dam will be realized after the Prado Basin and Reach 9 features are constructed. Remaining features to be completed in the Prado Basin include River Road Dike, Alcoa Dike Phase 2, Norco Bluffs toe protection, the Prado dam spillway raise, and Prado basin utility relocations. The PCA and LCA amendments for the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 are being negotiated with the non-Federal sponsors.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Feinstein and Harris, Congresspersons Cook (CA-8), Aguilar (CA-31), Torres (CA-35), Cisneros (CA-39), Takano (CA-41), Calvert (CA-42), Porter (CA-45), Correa (CA-46), Lowenthal (CA-47), Rouda (CA-48)