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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY AND PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Comment Period: October 20, 2021 to November 19, 2021 **Direct comments to:** Mr. Priyodarshi Majumdar (see below)

Notice of Preparation

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR ALTERATION/MODIFICATION TO CUCAMONGA CREEK CHANNEL, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A VEHICULAR BRIDGE, BIKE PATH AND ANCILLARY FEATURES.

In compliance with U.S.C. Title 33, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, Section 408, City of Ontario through the San Bernardino County Flood District (SBCFCD), has requested permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to alter and/or modify the Cucamonga Creek Channel by constructing a single-span precast vehicular bridge, a portion of a bike path and tunnel, one domestic and one recycled waterline, and a storm drain at the Cucamonga Creek Channel (Requester's Proposed Action) in the city of Ontario, San Bernardino County, California. The Los Angeles District of the Corps is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Requester's Proposed Action. Specifically, the Requester's Proposed Action entails removing the existing Ontario Ranch Road Bridge and construct, operate, and maintain a single-span precast vehicular bridge, a portion of a bike path and tunnel beneath the bridge, one domestic waterline, one recycled waterline, and one storm drain connection to an existing channel stub-out. Staging of the operation would not require access into the channel, and would occur from existing roadway and adjacent property on each side of the proposed bridge structure. No work will be done within the channel proper or along the channel side slopes, and the integrity of the channel would not be compromised.

The Corps is requesting comments pertaining to the Requester's Proposed Action from federal, state, local agencies, and interested public that would lead to the determination by decision makers on the preparation of a Finding of No Significant Impact or whether an Environmental Impact Statement would be required.

The Corps is the lead Federal agency for the Requester's Proposed Action. The Environmental Assessment is being prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), Federal laws and regulations, Executive Orders, and Corps' policies. Comments received will be considered in determining whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required or whether a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) can be issued. The purpose of the project is to construct a new bridge to accommodate the ultimate improvements of Edison Avenue (Ontario Ranch Road) and meet future traffic demands and storm drainage requirements. These are needed as a result of significant growth and development in the area, and to meet local regulations. The No Action Alternative, and the Requester's Preferred Alternative (Requester's Proposed Action) are being evaluated in this EA. The Requester's Proposed Action would result in less than significant individual and cumulative effects on the environment, social, or cultural resources, with implementation of standard avoidance and minimization measures. Construction of the Requester's Proposed Action would not result in the permanent loss of waters of the United States.

The Requester's Proposed Action would be in compliance with the Endangered Species Act. Structural modifications would have no effect on historic properties protected under the National Historic Preservation Act. The Requester's Proposed Action would be in compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. A separate Section 404 permit pursuant to the Clean Water Act would not be required for the Requester's Proposed Action.

All comments must be received by 5 p.m. on November 19, 2021.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Priyodarshi Majumdar at (213) 452-3661. Comments should be sent to:

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