

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/DRAFT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
THOUSAND PALMS FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT**

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California Lead Agency:	Coachella Valley Water District Coachella, CA
Federal Cooperating Agency:	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Coachella Valley National Wildlife Refuge/Sonny Bono National Wildlife Refuge Complex
Project Location:	Thousand Palms, Riverside County, California
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ABSTRACT

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Los Angeles District (federal lead agency) and the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) (California lead agency) are preparing this joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) to analyze the potential impacts of constructing and maintaining a flood control project within the Thousand Palms community. The Corps is evaluating this project from the perspective of assessing impacts associated with the issuance of a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit to allow the discharge of fill to jurisdictional waters of the U.S. The EIR/EIS is being prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508), the Corps Procedures for Implementing NEPA (33 CFR 230), and the California Environmental Quality Act and Guidelines.

The EIR/EIS considers the potential environmental impacts of constructing a system of flood control improvements, including levees, channels, culverts, and other features to provide flood protection from the 100-year flood event to the community of Thousand Palms. The flood control improvements have been developed to provide flood protection and also maintain and enhance the aeolian sand transport corridor that provides habitat for sensitive plant and wildlife species in the project area.