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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Advisory Committee on Military Personnel Testing

ACTION: Notice.

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Military Personnel Testing is scheduled to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on February 1, 1996 and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on February 2, 1996. The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Newporter, 1107 Jamboree Road, Newport Beach, California 92660. The purpose of the meeting is to review planned changes and progress in developing paper-and-pencil and computerized enlistment tests, Department of Defense's Student Testing Program, and renorming of the tests. Persons desiring to make oral presentations or submit written statements for consideration at the Committee meeting must contact Dr. Jane M. Arabian, Assistant Director, Accession Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management Policy), Room 2B271, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000, telephone (703) 697-9271, no later than January 20, 1996.

Dated: January 3, 1996.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Department of the Army

Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB); Closed Meeting

AGENCY: Office of The Surgeon General, Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-463, The Federal Advisory Committee Act, this announces the forthcoming AFEB Disease Control Subcommittee Meeting. The meeting will be held from 1130 to 1500, Friday, February 9, 1996. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss infectious disease issues relevant to the Bosnian deployment. The meeting location will be Skyline Six, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Room 667, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3258. This meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c) of title 5, U.S.C., specifically subparagraph (1) thereof and title 5, U.S.C., appendix 1, subsection 10(d).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: COL Vicky Fogelman, AFEB, Executive Secretary, Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, Skyline Six, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Room 667, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3258, (703) 681-8012/3.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None. Juanita H. Maberry, *Alternate, Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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Corps of Engineers

Intent to Prepare a Joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for South Sacramento County Streams Investigation, California

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act, and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, intend to prepare a joint document to evaluate the environmental effects of proposed flood protection for the southern part of the City and County of Sacramento. The Corps and SAFCA are working with the City and County of Sacramento to jointly provide this protection.

SUMMARY: This investigation will identify and evaluate potential measures to provide additional flood protection

for the 180-square mile study area, which includes Morrison and Laguna Creeks and their tributaries, and the flood prone areas associated with the Beach-Stone Lakes system. Measures will include channel improvements, levee raising, and levee reconstruction and extension at various locations within the study area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions concerning the proposed action and EIR/EIS should be directed to Ms. Jane Rinck, Environmental Resources Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814-2922, telephone (916) 557-6715. All persons interested in receiving the draft document should contact Ms. Trina Farris, telephone (916) 557-6777.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Project Location:

The project area is located in south Sacramento County, California, and includes a populated area in the southern portion of the City and County of Sacramento. The study area encompasses a 180-square mile drainage basin. The upper part of the basin is sloped and is drained by Morrison and Laguna Creeks and their tributaries. Morrison Creek then flows into the lower basin, called the Beach-Stone Lakes area. Streams with 10-year flows great enough to qualify for Corps involvement are Morrison, Elder, Unionhouse, and Laguna Creeks.

2. Proposed Action and Alternatives:

The Corps and SAFCA, the non-Federal sponsor, are conducting a feasibility investigation to identify and evaluate alternative measures to provide additional flood protection to the southern part of the City and County of Sacramento.

The feasibility report and EIS/EIR will include the alternatives analyzed in the 1994 reconnaissance report and carried forward for analysis in the feasibility phase along with any feasible alternatives resulting from public scoping and coordination. These alternatives include the no-action alternative and the following flood control plans: (1) Nonstructural measures; (2) channel improvements on Morrison, Elder, Unionhouse, and Laguna Creeks; and (3) levee raising and reconstruction on Morrison, Elder, Unionhouse, and Laguna Creeks. The

reconnaissance report also considered upstream detention basins but it was determined that detention was not an economically effective means of flood control. The EIS/EIR will also address environmental mitigation and evaluate potential restoration and enhancement opportunities.

3. Environmental Consequences:

The lead agencies have identified potential environmental effects of the proposed action in the following areas:

- Aquatic, wetland, and riparian habitats.
- Fish and wildlife populations.
- Esthetics, recreation opportunity and use.
- Construction-related traffic, air quality, and noise.
- Water quality.
- Cultural resources.
- Threatened and endangered species.

The EIS/EIR will evaluate the effects on these areas and any other potentially significant effects identified in the scoping process. The no-action alternative (no Federal action to improve flood protection) will be the baseline for evaluating effects of the proposed action and other alternatives.

4. Schedule: The draft EIS/EIR is scheduled to be distributed for public review and comment in 1997.

John N. Reese,

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Corps of Engineers

Intent to Prepare a Draft Supplemental Revised Environmental Impact Statement for a Proposed Sauquoit Creek at Whitesboro, New York Flood Control Project

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: *Description of Proposed Action.* The New York District office of the Corps of Engineers proposes to provide flood protection for the town of Whitestown through modification of Sauquoit Creek and construction of a high-flow diversion channel. The Corps has identified a history of frequent and serious flooding along the Sauquoit Creek in the town of Whitestown. The flooding is caused by both fluvial and ice-jam related events. The project extends from the entrance ramp to 5A to the confluence of Sauquoit Creek with the Mohawk River. The total length of the channel modification is approximately 1 mile ending in a 3,200-

foot, high-flow diversion channel. The high-flow diversion channel will take the place of widening and deepening the last 1750 feet of Sauquoit Creek prior to its confluence with the Mohawk River, an undeveloped, well vegetated reach. The diversion channel allows water and ice, backed up from jams in the meandering existing channel downstream of the project, to flow out of the damage areas. Under non-flood conditions, the diversion would carry no flow and low flows would continue to flow down the exciting Sauquoit Creek channel. The plan prevents damages from fluvial events up to the 25-year level and from ice jam events up to the 8-year level. For combined conditions, the level of protection is estimated to be 5-year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Project Manager, Joseph Redican (ATTN: CENAN-PL-FF) at (212) 264-1060 or EIS Coordinator, Karen Vanderwall (ATTN: CENAN-PL-ES) at (212) 264-1275, New York District Corps of Engineers, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278-0090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Reasonable Alternatives

Various alternative flood control designs were considered prior to the development of the original 1986 EIS. The preferred design from a flood control perspective included widening and deepening of the Sauquoit Creek from the Oriskany Boulevard bridge to its confluence with the Mohawk River. Based on environmental concerns expressed at that time, a design alternative that reduced environmental impacts was chosen. The final recommended design includes a high-flow diversion channel in the lowest 3,200 feet of the project running parallel to Sauquoit Creek. This diversion channel takes the place of modifying high quality stream habitat that exists in the lower reaches of the project area.

2. Scoping Process

a. Public Involvement. A full scale scoping process was conducted for the original EIS including 3 coordination meetings with local agencies and a town meeting attended by 150 people. A notice of intent and the draft EIS were filed in the Federal Register after which comments were received from the following agencies: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Advisory Council On Historic Preservation, New York State

Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York Governors Office, and Oneida County Environmental Management Council. Any interested party is encouraged to comment on the supplemental draft EIS when a notice of availability is published in the Federal Register.

b. Significant Issues Requiring In-depth Analysis. This office intends to develop a draft supplemental environmental impact statement to amend an original statement completed in June, 1986. This action is needed to re-assess the impacts resulting from the flood control project in order to comply with current federal and state regulations and policies. In addition, current habitat restoration techniques can be utilized.

3. Significant Issues

The Significant issues to be addressed include:

- a. Wetland mitigation,
- b. In-stream and stream bank habitat restoration,
- c. Re-vegetation of stream banks and channel diversion, and
- d. Incorporation of bioengineering techniques along stream banks.

4. Scoping Meeting

Scoping meeting will not be held. Several scoping meetings were held at the time of the original environmental assessment for this project and significant environmental issues related to the project were identified. The project design has not been changed, therefore, a scoping meeting will not take place.

5. Estimated Date of Statement Availability

February 5, 1996.

Juanita H. Maberry,

Alternate, Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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