Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency

Date: August 6, 2026
To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies and the Public
From: Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency
Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Morrison Creek and Beach Lake Levee Project

Enclosed for your review is an Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) evaluating the potential environmental effects of the proposed Morrison Creek and Beach Lake Levee Resiliency Project (proposed project), which is located along the Morrison Creek and Beach Lake Levee, from State Route 160 to just north of Cosumnes River Boulevard in Sacramento County, within the Florin U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute quadrangle. Portions of the project site are also within the City of Sacramento. The Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), as lead agency for the proposed project, has prepared this IS/MND in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines.

SAFCA proposes to provide a benefit to the flood control system by constructing improvements to the Morrison Creek and Beach Lake levees. The project would raise approximately 17,550 linear feet (LF) (or 3.3 miles) of the existing levees, by regrading the existing levee crowns and performing minor landside slope fills; removing and replacing approximately 1,279 LF of existing floodwalls, and constructing an additional 437 LF of new floodwall; landside slope flattening, repair of an existing Union Pacific Railroad stoplog structure, construction of a new levee turnaround, and nature-based solutions enhancing the ecological function and long-term resilience of the levee system. The IS/MND identifies potentially significant impacts related to the proposed project. All potentially significant impacts are reduced to less-than-significant levels with implementation of mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study.

The IS/MND is being circulated and is available for public review and comment for a 30-day period beginning on August 6 and ending on September 7, 2026. The IS/MND may be reviewed at SAFCA's Web site, at this link or at its office at 1325 J Street, Suite 1700, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Please send written comments on the IS/MND to Dan Tibbitts, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, 1325 J Street, Suite 1700, Sacramento, CA 95814. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to SAFCAReview@saccounty.gov. For e-mailed comments, please include the project title in the subject line, attach comments in MS Word format, and include the commenter's name and U.S. Postal Service mailing address. All comments must be received by SAFCA by 5 p.m. on September 7.

The SAFCA Board of Directors intends to consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration at its regularly scheduled board meeting on September 17 at 3:00 p.m., to be held at the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors' Chambers located at 700 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. This meeting will be open to the public.