



NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND AVAILABILITY

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

US Army Corps
of Engineers

DATE: July 22, 2005

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Persons

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND AVAILABILITY OF A REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT - REUSE OF THE MARE ISLAND DREDGED MATERIAL DISPOSAL PONDS AS A CONFINED UPLAND DREDGED MATERIAL DISPOSAL FACILITY (SCH# 2003122039)**

The City of Vallejo (City) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) have released a joint Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIS/EIR) for the Proposed Reuse of the Mare Island Dredged Material Disposal Ponds as a Confined Upland Dredged Material Disposal Facility. The original Draft EIS/EIR was published and circulated for public review and comments in February 2004. Since that time, significant new and more detailed information has been added to the project description and it has been determined that a revised Draft EIS/EIR would be prepared.

The Draft EIS/EIR evaluates the potential impacts on the environment that may result from reusing seven of the ten existing dredge disposal ponds located on Mare Island as a confined upland disposal facility for storing dredged material generated by public and private dredging projects throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. The City is the lead agency for this project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the Corps is the lead agency for the project under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). WESTON Solutions Inc. (WESTON) is the project proponent.

The document is a program Draft EIS/EIR intended to provide the environmental information necessary to make an informed decision on the commercial use of the Mare Island disposal ponds for long term-storage of dredged material. The document examines the potential impacts generated by the proposed project in the following resource categories: land use; geology, soils, and seismicity; water and sediment quality; biological resources; visual resources/aesthetics; air quality; noise; cultural resources; recreation; traffic; public services and utilities; population, housing and employment; cumulative effects; and growth-inducing effects. The proposed project would not generate any unavoidable adverse impacts.

Three project alternatives and a no action alternative are analyzed in the Draft EIS/EIR: Alternative 1—Seven-Pond, Raised-Levee Alternative; Alternative 2—Seven-Pond, Highest Levee Alternative; Alternative 3—Six-Pond, Highest Levee Alternative.

REVIEW PERIOD: Interested parties have an opportunity to review and comment on the document during a 45-day review period between **July 22, 2005, and September 6, 2005**. Written comments should be submitted to Jerry Haag, City of Vallejo, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590, or Robert Lawrence, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 333 Market Street, San Francisco, 94105-2097.

REVIEWING LOCATIONS: Copies of the Draft EIS/EIR are available at the following locations:

- City of Vallejo Planning Division, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA.
- JFK Library, 505 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA.
- State Clearinghouse, 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA.

The Draft EIS/EIR is also posted on the website at <http://www.mareisland.org>.

PUBLIC MEETING: **Monday, August 15, 2005**, 7:00 p.m., City of Vallejo, City Council Chambers, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA.

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