NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE WEST SACRAMENTO AREA FLOOD CONTROL AGENCY WEST SACRAMENTO PROJECT, CALIFORNIA, YOLO BYPASS EAST LEVEE

(Pursuant to CEQA Section 21092 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072)

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, the West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (WSAFCA), has prepared an Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Yolo Bypass East Levee (the proposed Project). Based on the results of the Initial Study, WSAFCA determined that construction and operation of proposed Project would not have significant impacts on the environment. All potentially significant impacts identified in the Initial Study would be reduced to less than significant levels with implementation of appropriate mitigation measures.

Project Description:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its non-federal partner WSAFCA propose to install stability berms, replenish waterside revetment, reconstruct maintenance roads, and improve the levee drainage system of the Yolo Bypass East Levee (YBEL) in West Sacramento, California. The proposed Project is the first increment of the larger federal West Sacramento Project that will improve the West Sacramento Levee System.

Public Comment Period: November 5, 2021 to December 6, 2021.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the WSAFCA Board of Directors intends to adopt a CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Project on December 16, 2021 at its regular meeting of the WSAFCA Board of Directors, in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines.

The public, all interested agencies and stakeholders are invited to review the IS/MND and submit written comments, pursuant to CEQA. The IS/MND may be accessed through the City of West Sacramento's website:

https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/departments/city-manager-s-office/floodprotection/levee-projects-overview

During the 30-day public review period, a virtual public meeting will be held to present the proposed project analyzed in the CEQA Initial Study. The public meeting will be held on Nov 17, 2021 at 6 pm. Information to attend the virtual public meeting is available the City of West Sacramento's website: <u>https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/departments/city-manager-s-office/flood-protection/levee-projects-overview</u>

Written comments are due by 5 PM on December 6, 2021 and may be sent via USPS mail to:

West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency Attn: Greg Fabun, General Manager 1110 West Capitol Avenue West Sacramento, California 95691

Or via email to: gregf@cityofwestsacramento.org *Please reference* Yolo Bypass East Levee *comments in the subject line*.