

Early Notice and Public Review of Proposed Activities in a 100-Year Floodplain and Wetland

TO: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) has determined that the following action under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, under HUD Grant/Award number B-17-MC-06-0003 is located in the 100 year floodplain/wetland, and SHRA will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain/wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain/wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. SHRA proposes to use City of Sacramento (City) CDBG funds for completing the street realignment and traffic signal for the Rio Linda Bridge Project (Project). The overall Project consists of replacing the Rio Linda Bridge, realigning Magpie Creek to allow for realigning Main Avenue onto Rio Linda Blvd, new crosswalks, bike trail access, realigning the existing bike trail, demolition of old bike trail bridge, installation of traffic signal, relocating utilities, and vegetation removal. The existing bridge crosses Magpie Creek just south of the intersection of Rio Linda Boulevard and Main Avenue, in the City of Sacramento.

The overall Project would include realigning Magpie Creek to the south leg of the intersection with Main Avenue and will cross perpendicular to Rio Linda Boulevard. The project's Biological Study Area (BSA) is approximately 23 acres. A total of 1.3 acres of jurisdictional waters of the United States occur within this study area. The project, as proposed, would involve creek realignment designed using undulating landscape and natural topography, avoiding a flat bottom design. The site will be revegetated onsite to mitigate for impacts to waters. Revegetation of the realigned creek will only use native vegetation, and the Project will include the eradication of invasive species. The Project proposes to result in a net increase in function as well as total acres of creek habitat. Because the project would include potential effects to delineated wetland features within a floodplain, a full 8-Step Wetland and Floodplain Management Study was conducted. The proposed project is located south of the intersection of Main Avenue and Rio Linda Boulevard, in the City of Sacramento, Sacramento County.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains/wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain/wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains/wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains/wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by SHRA at the following address **on or before April 24, 2017:**

**Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency
801 12th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**

Phone: 916-440-1330
Attention: LaShelle Dozier, Executive Director

A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:30 to 4:30 at SHRA at the address above and at <http://www.shra.org/NewsandInformation/PublicNotices.aspx>. Comments may also be submitted or further information can be requested via email at sgreen@shra.org.

Date: April 7, 2017