

June 7, 2017

TO: Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

FROM: Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency  
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**SUBJECT: FINAL NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF A PROJECT LOCATED IN A  
FLOODPLAIN/WETLANDS, NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT,  
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

**These notices shall satisfy three separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency**

**FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR  
FLOODPLAIN AND WETLAND**

This is to give notice that the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Orders 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the City of Sacramento (City) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, HUD Grant # B-17-MC-06-0003, and the total project is estimated to cost \$4,039,664. The Rio Linda Bridge Project Replacement (Project) is located at the intersection of Rio Linda Boulevard and Main Avenue, in the City of Sacramento. SHRA proposes to fund completing the street realignment, crosswalks, bike trail access, and traffic signal portions of the 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 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 design would result in a net increase in function as well as total acres of creek habitat.

SHRA completed an evaluation concerning potential impacts on the floodplain/wetlands and possible alternative actions. Because the Project, including all entitlements required for development, has already been approved and partially funded by the City and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and all mitigation measures have been included in the project design, the Project could be constructed regardless of the funding action(s) taken by SHRA if alternative sources of funding are identified. Alternatives can only be analyzed for actions over which SHRA's governing board would have approval authority. Therefore, physical alternatives to project construction as approved were not considered. Alternatives considered included Funding the Approved Action, and No Project Funding. The No Project Funding Alternative would not meet the need to replace an obsolete and structurally deficient bridge and construct safety improvements to alleviate existing traffic, bicycle and pedestrian hazards. Improvements to the biological function and total acres of creek habitat would not occur. Public safety improvements would not occur. This activity will not have a significant impact on a floodplain, wetlands or the human environment for the following reasons:

- The Project involves the replacement of an obsolete and structurally deficient bridge and safety improvements to alleviate existing traffic, bicycle and pedestrian hazards.
- The Project design will result in a net increase in function as well as total acres of creek habitat.
- The Project provides only infrastructure improvements, and no persons will be exposed to a flood hazard.

The SHRA has reevaluated the alternatives to funding building in the floodplain/wetland, and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 are available to public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information 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 or wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

#### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **June 23, 2017**, the SHRA will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), Region IX, for the release of City Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the Project (described above).

#### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The SHRA has determined that the Project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at SHRA, 801 12th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and may be examined or copied weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Stephanie Green, Environmental Coordinator, at the above address or via email at [sgreen@shra.org](mailto:sgreen@shra.org). All comments received by **June 22, 2017** will be considered by the SHRA prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The SHRA certifies to HUD that LaShelle Dozier, in her capacity as Executive Director, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce

responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the SHRA to use Program funds.

#### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the SHRA's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the SHRA; b) the SHRA has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; or c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the Project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the HUD - San Francisco Regional Office Region 9, Office of Environment and Energy, One Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

LaShelle Dozier, Executive Director, Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency

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