

2. Proposed Action and Alternatives

The Corps, in cooperation with the State of California (Department of Water Resources) and the local sponsor (Butte County), is conducting a feasibility investigation of the flood control and environmental restoration measures identified during the reconnaissance phase and described in the Rock Creek-Keefer Slough Initial Assessment dated February 1999. This feasibility investigation proposes to develop and evaluate alternative flood control and environmental restoration plans that would alleviate flooding for the 100-year storm event and enhance the existing environment along the Rock Creek-Keefer Slough system.

The feasibility report will address an array of alternatives and resource problems. Alternatives analyzed during the feasibility investigation will be a combination of one or more flood control and ecosystem restoration measures identified during the reconnaissance phase; additional measures maybe considered. These alternative measures include (1) setback levees and stream channel improvements, (2) environmental restoration measures, (3) bypass and diversion structures, and (4) detention storage measures.

The goal of this project is to provide the greatest environmental benefits possible in conjunction with the proposed flood control project. Primary objectives include reducing flood risk and property damages, preserving existing resources, improving water quality, restoring wetlands, increasing riparian and riverine habitat, and reducing cobble and sediment transport. Significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the EIS/EIR include appropriate levels of the flood damage reduction, adverse effects on vegetation and wildlife resources, special-status species, esthetics, cultural resources, recreation, and cumulative effects of related projects in the study area.

3. Scoping Process

"Scoping" is a process to identify the actions, alternative, and effects to be evaluated in an environmental document. The project study plan provides for public scoping meeting and comments.

The Corps has initiated a process of involving Federal, State, and local agencies, and concerned individuals. After the draft EIS/EIR is prepared, a 45-day public review period will be provided for individuals and agencies to review and comment on the EIS/EIR. All interested parties should respond to this notice and provide a current address if

they wish to be notified of the EIS/EIR circulation and future scoping meeting dates. Public meetings will be held to receive verbal and written comments. All comments will be considered and responded to in the final EIS/EIR.

4. Public Meetings

A public scoping meeting will be held in January 2000. Individuals are also encouraged to submit written scoping comments by December 31, 1999, to <http://www.buttecounty.net/publicworks/> or by mail to U.S Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, ATTN: Steve Tuggle, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814-2922.

5. Availability

The EIS/EIR is scheduled to be available for public review and comment in the summer of 2000.

Dated: August 9, 1999.

Michael J. Walsh,

COL, EN, Commanding.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Proposed Information Collection; Chief of Naval Education and Training

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Chief of Naval Education and Training announces a proposed extension of an approved public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by October 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection to LT D. Brown (OTE6/0813), 250 Dallas Street, Pensacola, FL 32508-5220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information or to

obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, contact LT D. Brown at (850) 452-4941 (X319).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Form Title and OMB Number: Application Forms Booklet, Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Scholarship Program; OMB Control Number 0703-0026.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information is used to make a determination of an applicant's academic and/or leadership potential and eligibility for an NROTC scholarship. The information collected is used to select the best qualified candidates.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 56,000.

Number of Respondents: 14,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 4 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. Sec. 3506(c)(2)(A))

Dated: August 12, 1999.

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Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Proposed Information Collection; U.S. Marine Corps

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Marine Corps announces a proposed extension of an approved public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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