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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:
Planning, Environmental, and Regulatory Division

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, FORT WORTH DISTRICT

Proposed Emergency Streambank Erosion Protection Along the Colorado River at Caldwell Lane North of Garfield, Travis County, Texas

Description. Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Government, acting by and through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, proposes to implement an emergency stream bank erosion project along the right descending bank of the Colorado River which is adjacent to Caldwell Lane located north of Garfield, Texas.

Authority. This Notice of Availability is being issued to all interested parties in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, Public Law 91-190, as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Code of Federal Regulations (40 parts 1500-1508) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regulations for implementing NEPA (ER 200-2-2).

Purpose and Background. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is assessing potential impacts to the environment that may result from the proposed emergency stream bank stabilization project Colorado River at Caldwell Lane. The proposed project would help stabilize and restore stream bank integrity from erosive processes that threaten a Garfield Water Supply facility and Caldwell Lane. Failure or loss of Caldwell Lane would affect vehicular traffic to and from a nearby residential community. Continued sloughing of the bank would also undermine an adjacent Garfield Water Supply facility located 10 feet away, which would result in discontinued use.

Proposed Action. Specific proposed project activities would consist of riprap placed at the toe along 1,000-feet of the right bank of the Colorado River. The upstream reach of the riprap will begin at Station 0+00. Weighted riprap constructed along the toe of the cliff and to elevation 391 feet (13 feet) below the top of the cliff should provide erosion protection to the toe of the cliff from river scour. The surrounding area would then be seeded with native vegetation to secure soil and prevent erosion.

The environmental aspects of this project and the alternatives were considered in an Integrated Detailed Project Report and Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District. A Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has also been prepared, which, pending receipt of comments to the contrary, will be finalized at the end of the comment period 15 days from the date of this notice. Copies of the EA and Draft FONSI are available upon request or may be reviewed on the web at http://www.swf.usace.army.mil. For further information, contact Ms. Kathy Mitchell, (817) 886-1709 of the Planning, Environmental, and Regulatory Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 17300, 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300.

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