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## **Corps of Engineers Mission Reach Environmental Assessment available for review**

*Fort Worth, Texas* – The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced today the availability for review of the Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Mission Reach project in San Antonio.

The documents are for the proposed acquisition of 55.4 acres of land adjacent to the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park (SAAN). The acquisition would be made by the San Antonio River Authority (SARA), with the land then deeded to the SAAN to compensate for land loss due to ecosystem restoration activities associated with the San Antonio Channel Improvement Project (SACIP) within the Mission Reach of the San Antonio River. The SEA is a supplement to the analysis contained within the SACIP General Reevaluation Report and Integrated Environmental Assessment completed by the USACE in September 2004.

The purpose of the proposed action is for SARA to acquire a 55.4 acre parcel of land adjacent to the SAAN and to transfer ownership of that parcel to the National Park Service (NPS) SAAN. Construction associated with the Mission Reach Ecosystem Restoration and Recreation Project required the removal of 49.4 acres of land from the SAAN, including portions of undisturbed *labores*, or irrigated farmlands. The proposed action would satisfy a mitigation requirement for the loss of the 49.4 SAAN acres by having SARA acquire 55.4 acres of land, possessing historical significance to the SAAN, and transferring it to the NPS for its use.

Pursuant to the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508), the U.S. Department of the Army gives notice that it has prepared the required environmental documentation for the Land Acquisition and Transfer for the Mission Reach Ecosystem Restoration and Recreation Project, Bexar County, Texas. This document is available for review at the USACE Fort Worth District website at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil> and at the following address:

San Antonio Central Library  
600 Soledad  
Texana Department (6th Floor)  
San Antonio, TX 78205  
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The comment period for this action will end on May 9, 2009. Please address any comments to Mr. William Haferkamp, CESWF-PER-EE, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, TX 76102-0300, or by e-mail to [William.W.Haferkamp@usace.army.mil](mailto:William.W.Haferkamp@usace.army.mil). Copies of the SEA and draft FONSI may be requested in writing at the above address, by telephone at (817) 886-1713, or by visiting the Fort Worth District website at [www.swf.usace.army.mil](http://www.swf.usace.army.mil).

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