

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THREE RIVERS LEVEE IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

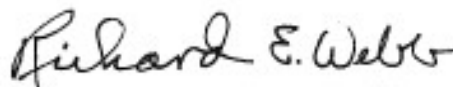
1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The "Addendum to Adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration" which is included herein as an attachment to this resolution, is approved and adopted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority, on the 14th day of June, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Brown, Griego, Logue, Webb


NOES: None

ABSENT: None



Chairperson

ATTEST: DONNA STOTTEMEYER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By 

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: 
DANIEL G. MONTGOMERY,
County Counsel



Figure 1
Project Components



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Addendum to Adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration

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Project Title: Yuba River Levee Repair Project

Project Location (nearest community): Linda, Yuba County

Project Background: The Three River Levee Improvement Authority (Authority) is a joint powers authority with the mission of advancing the flood safety of Yuba County, California. The county is subject to seasonal flood threat from many rivers and creeks, including the Yuba River, Feather River, Bear River, and tributary drainages. Because of this flood risk, many local rivers have been confined by constructed levees.

The Authority proposes to enhance flood protection of properties within the Reclamation District (RD) 784 service area by repairing segments of the south levee of the Yuba River, just upstream of its confluence with the Feather River.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION/CHANGES IN THE PROJECT

Original Project Description

The project proposed the construction of levee repairs along the Yuba River south levee, from the former Western Pacific Railroad (located just downstream of SR 70) to approximately 2,000 feet upstream of the former Southern Pacific Railroad, for a total of approximately 5,000 feet, to reduce the risk of flooding within the Authority's planning area.

To address under- and through-seepage concerns on this stretch of the levee, a combination of treatments are proposed. These treatments included the construction of a slurry cutoff wall, construction of relief wells, and the construction of landside seepage berms. As shown in Figure 1, the total treatment area has been divided into five reaches for purposes of this analysis: Reaches A, B (1 and 2), C, D, and E.

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Previously Adopted CEQA Document

An initial study and mitigated negative declaration (IS/MND) were prepared and circulated August 2004, for public review of the project (SCH number 2000112007). The IS/MND evaluated the project's potential for adverse impacts on the environment. Portions of the project described in the IS/MND were constructed in the summer of 2004; specifically, a slurry cutoff wall in segments B1, B2, and C.

Project Changes

This addendum will address the landside treatment changes in Reaches B2, C, and E. The treatments in Reaches A, B1, and D will remain the same as previously evaluated in the initial study. The initial study evaluated relief wells in Reach B2, an 80-foot wide seepage berm in Reach C, and a 200-foot wide seepage berm in Reach E. Changes have been made to the project to address under and through seepage more appropriately. The changes proposed include slightly widening the seepage berm footprints within Reach C and E and extending the length of the seepage berm within Reach C to Shad Pad Road. A small detention basin to accommodate stormwater run-off from the Caltrans yard will also need to be constructed, incidental to construction of the seepage berm. The basin will be small (less than an acre) in a specific location to be determined south of the seepage berms in Reach C. Table 1 below provides a summary of changes.

Table 1. Project Characteristics

Reach	Previous Treatment	Proposed Treatment
B2 Stations 9+00 – 12+00	Relief Wells	90-foot wide seepage berm
C Stations 12+00 – 26+00	Relief Wells/80-foot wide seepage berm	90-foot wide seepage berm
E Stations 36+00 – 52+00	200-foot wide seepage berm	300-foot wide seepage berm

IMPACT ANALYSIS

Findings

Pursuant to Section 15164 (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, in considering the record as a whole, there is no substantial evidence that the changes to the project will cause significant new environmental effects or a substantial increase in previously identified significant effects of the project.

The impacts associated with the proposed construction of a seepage berm in Reach B2 are comparable to those impacts associated with the previously evaluated installation of relief wells. Both the previous (relief wells) and proposed treatment (90-foot seepage berm) requires the removal of housing adjacent to the levee. The evaluation and the adopted mitigation for the removal of housing in the previous IS/MND

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would remain the same for the proposed seepage berm. Thus, the impact associated with the construction of proposed treatments in Reach B2 would remain reduced to a less-than-significant level.

The 10-foot and 100-foot increases in width of the seepage berm footprints in Reaches C and E and the construction of a detention basin are minor physical changes to the Project. The extended areas of these seepage berms and the construction of the detention basin would not encroach on new resources. The mitigation adopted in the IS/MND would remain the same for the construction of the seepage berm

Furthermore, because the new treatment designs are minor, no new significant environmental impacts have been identified; there are no changed circumstances that result in a significant increase in previously identified significant impacts; and there is no new information available that would alter previous findings in regard to this Project. As such, an Addendum to the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate environmental evaluation.