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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public review and comment period for the Chacon Creek, Section 203 Study Laredo, Texas

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District (USACE), in partnership with the non-Federal sponsor, the City of Laredo, has initiated the Chacon Creek, Section 203 Feasibility Study National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process.

Chacon Creek is located on the eastern side of Laredo, Texas. Recurring heavy rain events have historically flooded low lying homes and businesses along its banks. The Chacon Creek Section 203 Feasibility Study proposes to reduce flood damage by vacating and removing 62 residential structures along Chacon Creek. The Tentatively Selected Plan would restore 401 acres of riparian woodlands by removing invasive species and planting native species. Three wetland sites would also be restored and would total approximately 17 acres. This would be accomplished by constructing weir/riffle structures to create or expand the area of existing wetlands. Vacated lands would provide use for compatible recreational opportunities.

Pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act as implemented by the regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508 and USACE Engineering Regulation 200-2-2), a NEPA review will be prepared to describe the affected environment, as well as analyze the potential direct and indirect environmental effects. The execution of this Feasibility Study has been in accordance with the provisions of Section 203 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 1986, as amended by Section 1014(a) of WRDA 2014.

Our office would like to solicit any input you may have with respect to the Chacon Creek Study, to assist us as we progress through the NEPA process. Detailed project information, including the Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment can be found on our district website at: <https://www.swf.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Chacon-Creek/>. We look forward to receiving your comments.

A 30-day public comment period begins on May 10, 2024, and ends June 10, 2024. Please address any comments by mail to Mr. Christopher Ford, Environmental Branch, Regional Planning and Environmental Center, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2000 Fort Point Rd, Room 386 H, Galveston, TX, 77550, or by email at: CESWF-PMC-ChaconCreek@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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