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STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE AND

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Lead Agency: King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Water and Land Resources Division

Date of Issuance: March 12, 2018

Agency Contact: Jeanne Stypula, Jeanne.Stypula@kingcounty.gov, 206-477-4833

Purpose of Announcement: The purpose of this announcement is to invite comments on the scope of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to be prepared for the Pacific Right Bank Flood Protection Project.

Description of Proposal: The lead agency proposes to design and construct a flood protection project to substantially reduce the potential for White River flooding in the City of Pacific and to improve environmental conditions along this portion of the White River. The project will replace temporary HESCO flood barriers with a permanent structure. The project will consider the relatively high rate of ongoing sediment deposition in the river channel.

Location of Proposal: The Pacific Right Bank Flood Protection Project is located on the right (west) bank of the White River in the City of Pacific between the BNSF Railway bridge (at river mile [RM] 6.3) and the King-Pierce county boundary line (at RM 5.5).

EIS Required: King County, the lead agency for this project proposal, has determined that this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An EIS is therefore required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). King County plans to prepare an EIS covering aspects of the built and natural environment for several project alternatives, including, but not limited to, the following subject areas:

- Geology and soils
- Air
- Water
- Wetlands
- Vegetation, fish, and wildlife

- Environmental health
- Noise
- Land and shoreline use
- Aesthetics, light, and glare
- Recreation
- Historic and cultural resources
- Transportation
- Housing
- Public services and utilities.

Alternatives: The lead agency will identify up to four alternative configurations for the flood protection project, including a No Action alternative.

Materials indicating likely environmental impacts can be reviewed at the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Water and Land Resources Division office or online here: kingcounty.gov/pacific-right-bank

Scoping: Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. Comments on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and required permits or other approvals are welcome.

1. Electronic written comments may be submitted by email at Jeanne.stypula@kingcounty.gov

Or via the project website at kingcounty.gov/pacific-right-bank

2. Written comments may be delivered via US Mail or hand delivered to the following address:

King County Water and Land Resources Division
 Attn: Jeanne Stypula, P.E., Managing Engineer
 201 S. Jackson Street
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3. Comments may be submitted at the public scoping meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2018:
 City of Pacific Community Center
 100 3rd Ave SE
 Pacific, Washington 98047

Comment Deadline: The deadline for giving us your comments is April 13, 2018.

SEPA Responsible Official: Josh Baldi

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