

that cause creek flows to back up and rise would be widened to increase channel conveyance and thus reduce water surface elevation. Included in this widening is a proposed project element to align the channel with a CalTrans project to increase flow capacity at Highway 101 and adjacent frontage roads. Impacts from these activities will be evaluated in the FS/EIS.

c. Alternative 3 includes constructing floodwalls along the channel. This Alternative would consider the addition of floodwalls in Reach 2 as a stand-alone measure and in combination with the bridge replacement and channel widening in Alternative 2.

d. Alternative 4 would consider the addition of a bypass culvert as a stand-alone measure and in combination with the bridge replacement and channel widening in Alternative 2. This alternative may include floodwalls, though at a reduced scale compared to Alternative 3. This alternative includes a new bypass inlet located a few hundred feet upstream from University Avenue that would divert high flows to a culvert beneath Woodland Avenue or a street in Palo Alto. A box culvert would follow a roadway in the downstream direction for approximately 1.0 to 1.5 miles to an outlet structure where high flows would be returned to the creek.

4. Environmental Considerations. In all cases, environmental considerations will include riparian habitat, aquatic habitat, sediment budget, fish passage, recreation, public access, aesthetics, cultural resources, and environmental justice as well as other potential environmental issues of concern.

5. Scoping Process. The USACE and SFCJPA are seeking input from interested federal, state, and local agencies, Native American representatives, and other interested private organizations and parties through provision of this notice and holding of a scoping meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to solicit input regarding the environmental issues of concern and the alternatives that should be discussed in the integrated FS/EIS. The public scoping meeting will be held on January 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Laurel School Upper Campus, 275 Elliott Drive in Menlo Park, CA.

6. Availability of integrated FS/EIS. The public will have an additional opportunity in the NEPA process to comment on the proposed alternatives after the draft integrated FS/EIS is released to the public in 2017. It is being issued pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as implemented by the

Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Matagorda Ship Channel, TX, Feasibility Study

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) intends to prepare a Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement (DIFR–EIS) to assess the social, economic and environmental effects of widening and deepening the Matagorda Ship Channel (MSC) in Calhoun and Matagorda counties, Texas. The DIFR–EIS will evaluate potential impacts of a range of alternatives, including the No Action alternative, structural and non-structural alternatives which address proposed navigation improvements in the study area. The DIFR–EIS will also present an assessment of impacts associated with the placement of dredged material, including potential new upland, confined placement areas, beneficial use of dredged material sites, and at Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Sites (ODMDS). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as the lead Federal agency for designation of an ODMDS under Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, will utilize this assessment and public comments on the DIFR–EIS to evaluate the potential designation of a new ODMDS. The non-Federal sponsor for the study is the Calhoun Port Authority.

DATES: Comments on the scope of the DIFR–EIS will be accepted through February 13, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Scoping comments may be sent to: MSC-Feasibility@usace.army.mil or to USACE, Galveston District, (Attn: RPEC Coastal Section), P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, TX 77553–1229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Galveston District Public Affairs Office at 409–766–3004 or swgpao@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Authority.* The study is authorized under Section 216 of the 1970 Rivers and Harbor Act, Public Law 91–611, 91st Congress, H.R. 19877, dated 31 December 1970.

2. *Proposed Action.* The study will evaluate a range of alternatives for deepening and widening the MSC from offshore in the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) through the Point Comfort turning basin. Modifications to the existing 26-mile long navigation channel are needed to reduce transportation costs and increase operational efficiencies of maritime commerce movement through the channel. The existing MSC is comprised of an entrance channel about 4 miles long from the Gulf through a man-made cut across Matagorda Peninsula. The bayside channel is about 22 miles long across Matagorda and Lavaca Bays to Point Comfort with a turning basin at Point Comfort. Offshore and through the Matagorda Peninsula, the channel has a 300-foot bottom width and is maintained at a depth of 40 feet mean lower low water (MLLW). Generally, in Matagorda and Lavaca Bays, the channel has a 200-foot wide bottom width and is authorized to a project depth of 38 feet MLLW. In addition to No Action, specific alternatives to be evaluated are expected to include nonstructural measures, structural alternatives to modify the bayside channels of the MSC at depths ranging from –38 feet to –50 feet MLLW and at widths ranging from 200 feet to 400 feet, and alternatives to modify and extend the Entrance Channel to depths ranging from –40 feet to –55 feet MLLW and at widths ranging from 300 feet to 600 feet. The DIFR–EIS will also evaluate the impacts and potential benefits of a dredged material management plan (DMMP) for the material that would be generated by construction and operation of the modified channel.

3. *Scoping.* A scoping meeting will be held on January 24, 2017 at the Bauer Civic Center, 2300 Highway 35 North, Port Lavaca, TX 77979, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. USACE requests public scoping comments to: (a) Identify the affected public and agency concerns; (b) identify the scope of significant issues to be addressed in the DIFR–EIS; (c) identify the critical problems, needs, and significant resources that should be considered in the DIFR–EIS; and (d) identify reasonable measures and alternatives that should be considered in the DIFR–EIS. Scoping comments are requested to be postmarked by February 13, 2017.

4. *Coordination.* Further coordination with environmental agencies will be conducted under the National

Environmental Policy Act, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the National Historic and Preservation Act, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act and the Coastal Zone Management Act under the Texas Coastal Management Program, among others.

5. *Availability of DIFR-EIS.* The DIFR-EIS is currently scheduled for release for public review and comment in April 2018.

Dated: December 14, 2016.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of Management, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of an altered system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act), the Department of Education (the Department or ED) publishes this notice of an altered system of records entitled “Student Loan Repayment Benefits Case Files” (18-05-15). The system contains records and related correspondence on employees who are being considered for student loan repayment benefits under the Department’s Personnel Manual Instruction 537-1 entitled “Repayment of Federal Student Loans,” as well as individuals who have been approved for and are receiving such benefits. The information maintained in the system of records entitled “Student Loan Repayment Benefits Case Files” consists of one or more of the following: Request letters from selecting officials or supervisors with supporting documentation; employees’ (or potential employees’) names, home and work addresses, Social Security numbers, student loan account numbers, loan balances, repayment schedules, repayment histories, and repayment status; and the loan holders’ names, addresses, and telephone numbers. The information that will be maintained in the altered system of records will be collected through various sources, including directly from the individual to whom the information applies,

lending institutions holding student loans for the individual to whom the information applies, officials of the Department, and official Department documents.

DATES: Submit your comments on this altered system of records notice on or before January 23, 2017.

The Department filed a report describing the altered system of records covered by this notice with the Chair of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the Chair of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), on December 15, 2016. This altered system of records will become effective on the later of: (1) The expiration of the 40-day period for OMB review on January 24, 2017 unless OMB waives 10 days of the 40-day review period for compelling reasons shown by the Department; or (2) January 23, 2017, unless the altered system of records notice needs to be changed as a result of public comment or OMB review. The Department will publish any changes resulting from public comment or OMB review.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. We will not accept comments submitted by fax or by email or those submitted after the comment period. To ensure that we do not receive duplicate copies, please submit your comments only once. In addition, please include the Docket ID at the top of your comments.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov to submit your comments electronically. Information on using Regulations.gov, including instructions for accessing agency documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket, is available on the site under the “help” tab.

- *Postal Mail, Commercial Delivery, or Hand Delivery:* If you mail or deliver your comments about this altered system of records, address them to: Cassandra Cufee-Graves, Director, Office of Human Resources, Learning and Development Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20202-4573.

Privacy Note: The Department’s policy is to make all comments received from members of the public available for public viewing in their entirety on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. Therefore, commenters should be careful to include in their comments only

information that they wish to make publicly available.

Assistance to Individuals with Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record: On request, we will supply an appropriate aid, such as a reader or print magnifier, to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this notice. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of aid, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cassandra Cufee-Graves, Director, Office of Human Resources, Learning and Development Division. Telephone: (202) 453-5588.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), you may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction: The Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) requires the Department to publish in the **Federal Register** this notice of an altered system of records maintained by the Department. The Department’s regulations implementing the Privacy Act are contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) in 34 CFR part 5b. The Privacy Act applies to information about an individual that contains individually identifiable information that is retrieved by a unique identifier associated with each individual, such as a name or Social Security number. The information about each individual is called a “record,” and the system, whether manual or computer-based, is called a “system of records.” The Privacy Act requires each agency to publish notices of systems of records in the **Federal Register** and to prepare reports for OMB whenever the agency publishes a new system of records or makes a significant change to an established system of records. Each agency is also required to send copies to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs and the Chair of the House Committee on Government Reform. These reports are intended to permit an evaluation of the probable or potential effect of the proposal on the privacy or other rights of individuals.

The Student Loan Repayment Benefits Case Files (18-05-15) system of records was last published in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 2002 (67 FR 37411). The system is being altered to add a routine use to permit the Department to make a disclosure in the case of a breach of personally identifiable information in the system as well as a routine use to