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to hold three public meetings

on the

***Middle Rio Grande Flood Protection Project,
Bernalillo to Belen
New Mexico***

The first public meeting:
Monday, July 21 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Village of Los Lunas Administrative Offices
660 Main St. NE
Los Lunas, NM 87031

The second public meeting:
Wednesday, July 23rd, from 4:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
1931 2nd Street SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

The third public meeting:
Thursday, July 24th from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.
Isleta Eagle Golf Course meeting room
11001 Broadway SE
Albuquerque, NM 87105

Background

In 1997, the Corps of Engineers and the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) continued the federal project to reduce flooding along the Rio Grande. The original authorized project is located along the Rio Grande between Bernalillo and Belen, New Mexico. The current project consists of constructing 50 miles of engineered levees to replace existing spoil banks. Major developed areas in this project include Mountain View, Isleta Pueblo, Bosque Farms, Los Lunas, and Belen. A draft General Reevaluation Report (GRR) for these units is currently underway and scheduled for completion in May 2010.

Project history and alternatives are to be presented at the meetings.

About the Albuquerque District

For 73 years the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Albuquerque District has proudly served the public and has called the New Mexico area home. The District employs approximately 350 personnel and has a boundary of over 250,000 square miles. In support of contingencies domestically and abroad, over 100 District volunteers deployed in the last two years for duty in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Gulf of Mexico coastal recovery.

About the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

For 80 years, MRGCD has been serving people of the Middle Rio Grande Valley, and is steward to 30,000 acres of bosque, the largest continuous cottonwood forest in North America. MRGCD has 1,200 miles of ditches and canals, conveying water to and from 70,000 acres of croplands from Cochiti Pueblo to Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge.