Notice of Availability Draft Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact El Paso Rio Bosque Wetlands Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project El Paso County, Texas

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Albuquerque District, in collaboration with the El Paso Water Utility, has completed a Draft Detailed Project Report and integrated Environmental Assessment (DPR/EA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the El Paso Rio Bosque Wetlands Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project in El Paso County, Texas. The DPR/EA evaluates alternatives that would restore and enhance wetland and riparian habitats within the City of El Paso's Rio Bosque Wetlands Park, located in southeast El Paso.

The proposed project would include enhancing existing seasonal wetlands so that they would remain wet throughout the year; creating new emergent wetlands and shallow marshes; restoring cottonwood-willow riparian habitat and native floodplain grasslands; improving the Park's water delivery infrastructure; and incorporating recreational features.

The draft DPR/EA and FONSI is available on the Albuquerque District website (under "FONSI/Environmental Assessment") at:

https://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/Environmental-Compliance-Documents/Environmental-Assessments-FONSI/. A hard copy will be sent upon request.

The draft DPR/EA and FONSI will be available for public review from November 24, 2020 until December 30, 2020. Written comments may be emailed to RioBosqueWetlands@usace.army.mil or

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