

Notice of Availability

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Albuquerque District, in cooperation with, and at the request of the Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority (SSCAFCA), has completed the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA), titled, “**Tortugas Arroyo Storm Drainage Improvements Project, City of Rio Rancho, Sandoval County, New Mexico**”. The rehabilitation work would be conducted under Section 595 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-53), as amended. The purpose of this project is to reduce the amount of storm water runoff through Tortugas Arroyo and provide water quality improvements to treat runoff that originates from the Rio Rancho Industrial Park. There are currently no existing facilities in place to treat storm flows. The proposed work would include installing an energy-dissipation channel, a water quality pond, and a downstream open channel swale that would return flows to Montoyas Arroyo where additional treatment facilities are in place to treat storm flows.

Construction is proposed to begin in October 2021 and is anticipated to take 4 months to complete.

The DEA will be electronically available for viewing and copying at the Albuquerque District website (under “FONSI/ Environmental Assessments”) at:

<http://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/EnvironmentalCompliance/Documents/EnvironmentalAssessmentsFONSI.aspx>

or a hard copy will be sent upon written request to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Albuquerque District
Environmental Resources Section
Attn: CESP-PM-LE (Mr. Stephen Ryan)
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109-3435

Paper copies of this document are also available for review at:

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755 Loma Colorado Blvd. NE
Rio Rancho, NM 87124

The public review will extend from **September 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021**. Written comments should be sent to the above address and will be accepted until 4:00 PM, September 30, 2021. Alternatively, comments may be sent electronically to stephen.q.ryan@usace.army.mil.