

Notice of Availability
Draft Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact
Middle Venada Arroyo Water Quality Improvement Project
Sandoval County, NM

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Albuquerque District, in collaboration with the Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority, has completed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the **Middle Venada Arroyo Water Quality Improvement Project in Sandoval County, New Mexico**. The Draft EA evaluates alternatives that would provide stormwater quality treatment in the Venada Arroyo. The project is located west of NM Highway 528 within the City of Rio Rancho and the Town of Bernalillo.

The proposed project would provide stormwater quality treatment in the Venada Arroyo before it discharges into the Rio Grande. Project features include two inline weir structures with a shallow-sloped settling area between them; a stilling basin downstream of the downstream weir; and riprap directly downstream of the stilling basin. The proposed project would allow sediment, floatable trash, and other contaminants to be captured before releasing into the Rio Grande.

The Draft EA is electronically available for viewing and copying at the Albuquerque District website (under “FONSI/Environmental Assessment”) at:

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

A hard copy of the Draft EA will be available at the Loma Colorado Main Library. The Draft EA and FONSI will be available for public review from September 16, 2024 until October 16, 2024. Written comments may be sent to:

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