Notice of Availability Final Supplemental Environmental Assessment II for the Southwest Valley Flood Damage Reduction Project, Albuquerque and Bernalillo County, New Mexico

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Albuquerque District, has completed the Final Supplemental Environmental Assessment II for the Southwest Valley Flood Damage Reduction Project, Albuquerque and Bernalillo County, New Mexico (SEA-II). The Corps, in cooperation with and at the request of the Albuquerque Metro Area Flood Control Association (AMAFCA) and Bernalillo County, New Mexico, is planning a project that would improve stormwater drainage and reduce the potential for flood damage within the Southwest Valley Project Area (Project Area), which is located in the southwest corner of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. The purpose of the project is to reduce flood damages in the Project Area using existing irrigation acequias and drains that are owned and operated by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD).

The current SEA-II describes the slight change in design of the features at Pond 187, the redesigned inflow channel to Pond 187, and the use of the Arenal Acequia as a haul route with the construction of a temporary haul road to the west of the acequia. The proposed action is located west of the intersection of Don Andres Road and Tapia Road. The main construction access for the pond excavation would be along the Arenal Acequia from Arenal Road downstream to Don Andres Road. A new inflow channel pipe into Pond 187 would be placed within a section of the Arenal Acequia easement, and that easement would provide temporary construction access. Once the proposed action is completed, the acequia would continue to provide irrigation water while a separate conveyance pipe would take surface stormwater into Pond 187. Construction is proposed to take place beginning in 2014.

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