

mitigation measures primarily along 2.6 miles of the Guadalupe River in downtown San Jose and two related offsite mitigation areas. This Report will support decision making by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Santa Clara Valley Water District, and other responsible agencies to implement the proposed modifications and to ensure compliance with NEPA, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and other pertinent laws and regulations. Potential direct and indirect environmental, social economic effects of the Proposed Action and other alternatives are evaluated, and project modifications are recommended for implementation.

The Draft Report analyses consider an array of alternative plans developed to modify the authorized project. These alternatives were developed in a manner that would avoid and minimize adverse environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable, while meeting the primary planning objectives to (1) provide 100-year flood protection for the downtown San Jose area; (2) protect species listed under the Endangered Species Act; (3) meet conditions for State water quality certification under the Clean Water Act; and (4) further improve recreation opportunities along the river corridor. Numerous alternatives have been considered including revised channel widening, upstream detention, retention of the original authorized project design with additional mitigation, several channel bypass alternative, and no action. The Proposed Action fulfills all stated objectives and includes construction of some remaining components of the original authorized project, proposed modifications to include an underground bypass to convey floodwaters around existing riparian habitat, expanded onsite and offsite mitigation measures to accomplish habitat mitigation goals, and refined operation and maintenance requirements. The anticipated cumulative effects also have been considered and addressed.

### 3. Project Area

The project area for resources evaluated in the Report includes two areas along the Guadalupe River and one area Guadalupe Creek in Santa Clara County, California. The flood protection project is along the 2.6 mile reach of the Guadalupe River in downtown San Jose between Grant Street (just upstream from I-280) and I-880. The mitigation will be located (1) in an area along the Guadalupe River just downstream from I-880 and adjacent to the San Jose Airport, identified as the Reach A mitigation

site, and (2) the Guadalupe Creek mitigation site, an area along Guadalupe Creek, from 660 feet downstream from Masson Dam to the Almaden Expressway. Guadalupe Creek is approximately 4 miles upstream from the downtown flood protection area. The project area includes the river, its banks, and land adjacent to the bank in each of these three locations.

### 4. Proposed Action

The Proposed Action is the modification and implementation of the remaining components of the Guadalupe River Project. The Proposed Action modification to the Authorized Project accomplish the following objectives:

- Provide 100-year flood protection for the downtown San Jose area.
- Protect species recently listed or proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act.
- Meet conditions for water quality certification under the Clean Water Act.
- Refine recreational opportunities along the Guadalupe River corridor.
- Implement mitigation commitments specified in the Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (MMP).

Modification to the Guadalupe River Project include (1) construction and operation of an underground bypass between Santa Clara Street and Coleman Avenue to convey floodwaters around important riparian habitat, (2) riverfront recreation trail between Santa Clara Street and Coleman Avenue on the west bank, and between New Julian Street and Coleman Avenue on the east bank, (3) expanded onsite SRA-cover mitigation between Woz Way and I-880 (4) an additional offsite SRA-cover mitigation site between I-880 and Airport Parkway, and (5) an additional offsite SRA-cover mitigation site on Guadalupe Creek between Masson Dam and Almaden Expressway. Remaining components of the Authorized Project which will be implemented as part of the Proposed Action include (1) construction of flood training walls near I-280 to direct upstream flood flows back into the river channel, (2) westbank pedestrian overlook and recreation trail between Park Avenue and San Fernando Street, (3) eastbank recreation trail between Park Avenue and West Santa Clara, (4) westbank recreation trail between New Julian Street and Coleman, (5) removal of two railroad bridges between New Julian and Coleman Avenue.

### 5. Commenting

Comments received in response to this report, including names and addresses of those who comment, will

be considered part of the public record on this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered. Pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Corps will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without the name and address.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 21, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV](mailto:DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere

with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, *e.g.* new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: June 15, 2000.

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*Leader, Regulatory Information Management,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

*Office of the Undersecretary*

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Evaluation of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; businesses or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 18,780; Burden Hours: 29,586.

*Abstract:* The program evaluation uses an experimental design for elementary school students applying to 21st Century centers and a comparison design for middle school students participating in 21st Century centers. Over a 2-year period, it will include questionnaires of students, parents, and teachers; a reading test; and school and center records collection.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO\_IMG\_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346.

Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Jacqueline Montague at (202) 708-5359 or via her internet address Jackie\_Montague@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal

Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Golden Field Office; Request for Sponsorship and Support for the 2002 Solar Decathlon

**AGENCY:** Golden Field Office, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for sponsorship and support for the 2002 Solar Decathlon.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is announcing its intention to conduct a 2002 Solar Decathlon and is soliciting letters of interest from potential co-sponsor(s) and supporters for this inaugural event. The Solar Decathlon is an intercollegiate competition to design and construct energy-efficient and aesthetically pleasing 21st-century homes that use solar energy.

The contest focuses on designing a place to live and work that obtains all of its energy from the sun. Each university team will participate in ten contests that measure the students' ability to design and build homes that collect, store, and effectively use this clean energy (*e.g.*, heating, cooling, lighting, communications, transportation). The Solar Decathlon winner will be the team that demonstrates the most effective balance of energy production and consumption in these ten events during the weeklong competition.

This historic event will be held on the National Mall in Washington, DC, during late summer or early fall 2002. For seven days, solar decathletes will transform the Mall from a pedestrian thoroughfare to a bustling community of energy-efficient, completely solar-powered homes. Each solar house will be a visual showcase of architectural expression and engineering excellence designed and built by creative students from some of the country's preeminent colleges and universities. Each team will test its ability to effectively use the collected solar energy to heat, cool, refrigerate, light, communicate, and transport. The Department's goal is to build the event into an energy and housing "World Fair".

**DATES:** Letters of interest are requested by August 16, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of this announcement can be obtained from the Golden Field Office home page at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html>.

[/www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html](http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html). Letters of interest, clearly marked "2002 Solar Decathlon," should be submitted in writing to Ruth E. Adams, DOE Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401-3393; transmitted via facsimile to Ruth E. Adams at 303-275-4788; or sent electronically to [ruth\\_adams@nrel.gov](mailto:ruth_adams@nrel.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Interested parties should contact Ann Worley at 303-275-4700 or [ann\\_worley@nrel.gov](mailto:ann_worley@nrel.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under this announcement, DOE is declaring its intention to conduct a 2002 Solar Decathlon and is soliciting interested parties to co-sponsor or support this solar competition. DOE's goals for conducting the Solar Decathlon are to promote and celebrate the creativity and talent of students from a full range of academic disciplines and to support public awareness and enthusiasm for energy efficiency and renewable energy. DOE's financial support is expected to be \$1 million for planning, managing, conducting, and promoting the event.

DOE is requesting expressions of interest from parties interested in co-sponsoring or supporting the Solar Decathlon. Event sponsor(s) or supporters will help to promote clean energy for the 21st century, while celebrating educational excellence and the possibilities for integrating these technologies into our homes and lives. Sponsor(s) and supporters would include those organizations willing to commit cash or contributions of equipment, supplies, or services to the event.

Sponsor(s) would be those providing substantive funds or resources to the event, whereas supporters would be those making contributions, but not to the level necessary to co-sponsor the event. Specific areas of interest include programming support (*e.g.*, public broadcasting, media coverage, Internet coverage), donations of equipment or supplies for the event or each participating team (*e.g.*, building materials or supplies, appliances, computers, solar equipment), services (*e.g.*, public outreach, infrastructure support), or funding to supplement that being provided by DOE.

Letters of interest should include the following: (1) Level of interest (*i.e.*, sponsor or supporter); (2) nature of the contributions (*i.e.*, cash, donations of equipment, supplies, or services) and the amount of the proposed support; (3) degree of commitment (*i.e.*, fully committed with funds or contributions available, interested, but need additional information before funds or