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Notice of Availability

Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment for the Lower Colorado River Basin Phase I – Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), hereby informs the public of the availability of the Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Lower Colorado River Basin Phase I – Wharton, Texas and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The SEA and the original 2006 Lower Colorado River Basin Phase I, Texas Interim Feasibility Report and Integrated Environmental Assessment – Final (IFR/IEA) are available at the following website: https://www.swf.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Wharton/. All members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments and suggestions before August 14, 2020.

The SEA updates the environmental conditions documented in the 2006 IFR/IEA for the flood risk management project in Wharton, Texas. The SEA also documents the design changes required to ensure the function of the flood risk management measures identified in the 2006 report and assesses the impacts to the social and natural environments associated with the design changes. The design changes entail the northwestern extension of the Colorado River, the relocation of the northern end of the Baughman Slough, and the relocation of the northern Baughman Slough sump.

Comments on the proposed SEA can be emailed to Daniel.Allen@usace.army.mil or mailed to Daniel Allen, CESWF-PEE-C, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Planning and Environmental Center, Fort Worth District, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, TX 76102-0300.

Sincerely,

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