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# Yuba Goldfields 200-Year Flood Protection Project

## Final Supplemental EIR January 15, 2019

# INTRODUCTIONS



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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE



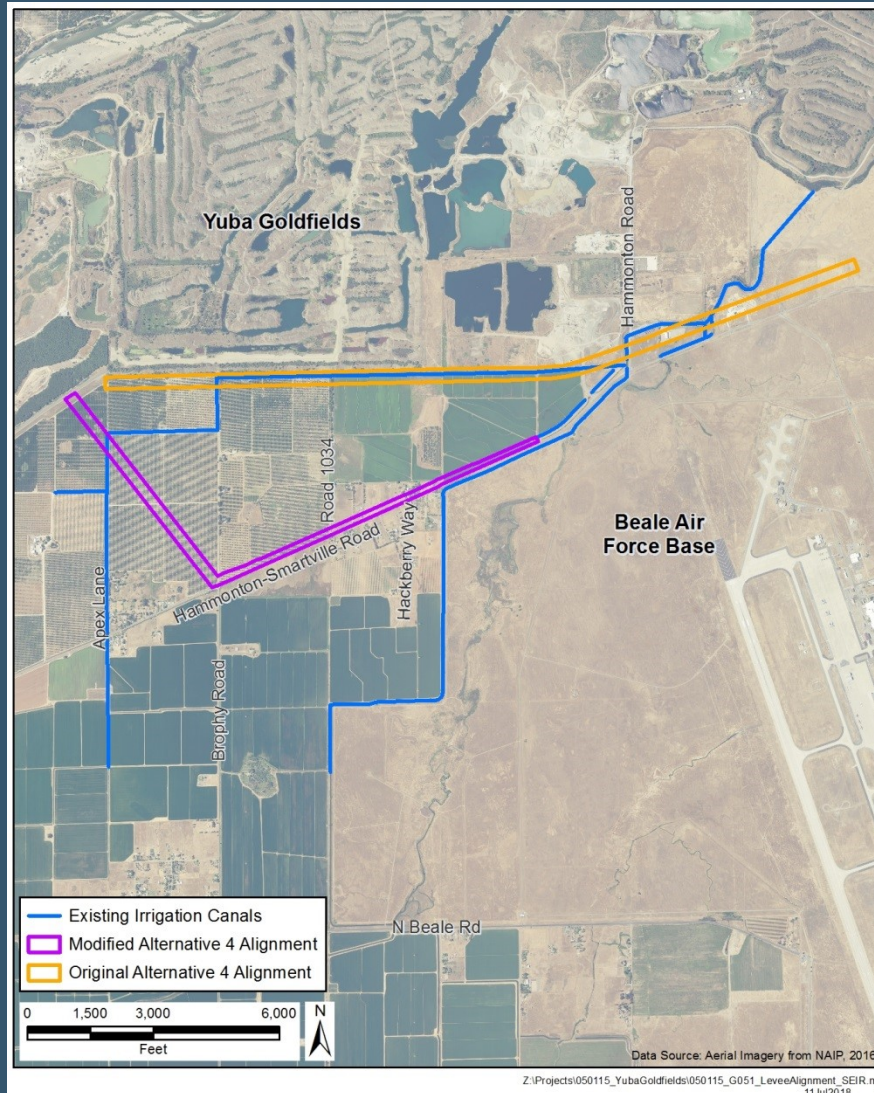
- Project Background
- CEQA Process, Draft SEIR, Final SEIR
- Project Impacts/Benefits
- Staff Recommendations

# PROJECT BACKGROUND



- Evaluated four project alternatives in Draft EIR (March 2015)
- Approved Alternative 4 (levee south of Goldfields) as proposed project (Sept. 2015)
- Gained additional knowledge regarding practical/financial feasibility of Alternative 4
- Identified Modified Alternative 4 to optimize flood risk reduction, minimize impacts on mineral resources and wetlands, and maximize public benefits

# MODIFIED ALTERNATIVE 4 ALIGNMENT



- Levee alignment shifted south by approximately 1,300 to 4,500 feet
- Eliminated eastern portion of the levee

# SEIR CEQA PROCESS/SCHEDULE



<b>Notice of Preparation of an SEIR</b>	<b>May 10, 2018</b>
<b>30-Day Scoping Period Ended</b>	<b>June 11, 2018</b>
<b>Notice of Availability/Draft SEIR Issued</b>	<b>September 14, 2018</b>
<b>Draft SEIR Public Meeting</b>	<b>September 24, 2018</b>
<b>45-Day Public Review Period Ends</b>	<b>October 29, 2018</b>
<b>Complete Final SEIR/10-Day Agency Review Begins</b>	<b>January 2, 2019</b>
<b>Receive Final Public Comments</b> <b>Certify SEIR</b> <b>Adopt Findings (with SOC) and Supplemental MMRP</b> <b>Approve Modified Alt 4 as project</b> <b>Authorize Staff to File Notice of Determination</b>	<b>January 15, 2019</b>
<b>Issue Notice of Determination</b>	<b>January 17, 2019</b>
<b>Anticipated Project Construction</b>	<b>Spring – Fall 2020</b>



# PURPOSE OF DRAFT SEIR

- Address new or substantially more severe significant impacts from Modified Alt 4
- Present new/modified mitigation measures to address those significant impacts
- Update impact analysis/mitigation measures where conditions have changed since 2015
- Supplement, but not replace, the 2015 EIR



# COMMENTS ON DRAFT SEIR

- Within Public Comment Period (addressed in Final SEIR)
  - *State Clearinghouse*
  - *CalTrans*
  - *CVRWQCB*
  - *UAIC*
  - *Angela Mills*
  - *James Sanders*
  - *Smith Ranches*
  - *Pioneer Law Group/Wilbur Ranch*



# COMMENTS ON DRAFT SEIR



- After Public Comment Period Closed  
(Addressed in Tech Memorandum, Attach. 3)
  - *Teichert Materials*
  - *Rick Wilbur (December board meeting)*
  - *California Farm Bureau/Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau*

# LANDOWNER MEETINGS



- Levee alignment proposed by landowners
- Board members met with landowners and TRLIA staff
- Alternative not feasible

# FINAL SEIR



- Presents and responds individually to all comments received within comment period
- Presents two master responses
  - *Project Alternatives Development and Selection*
  - *Impacts on Agricultural Resources*
- Makes one minor change to Draft SEIR

# SIGNIFICANT & UNAVOIDABLE IMPACTS



- Lowers visual character/quality of the surroundings
- Converts Important Farmland to nonagricultural uses
- Conflicts with FRAQMD Air Quality Plan and contributions to air quality violations
- Causes noise levels beyond standards, groundborne vibration, and increased ambient noise levels
- Adds to cumulative impacts on agriculture, air quality, mineral resources, and noise

# PROJECT BENEFITS



- Protects public safety/property in RD 784 service area during 200-year flood event
- Constructs project quickly to reduce flood risk
- Constructs feasible project that is economically, environmentally, politically, and socially acceptable
- Facilitates compatibility with the CVFPP
- Facilitates compatibility with recreation/restoration goals in the area
- Reduces risk of substantial environmental impacts from flooding under the No-Project Alternative



# STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Respond to Board questions
- Receive final public input
- Board considers the following today:
  - *Approve Resolution 2019-1: Certify Final SEIR*
  - *Approve Resolution 2019-2: Adopt Findings (includes Statement of Overriding Considerations), and Supplemental MMRP; and Approve Modified Alternative 4 for the Yuba Goldfields 200-Year Flood Protection Project*
  - *Direct Staff to File NOD*