COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT:	Corps of Engineers	Cache Creek Flood Protection	DATE:	March 4, 2003

Feasibility Study and Environmental Documents

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PREPARED BY:	Public Works Department	

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None, for information only.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Corps is releasing the Feasibility Study, and

initiating the 45 day environmental review period on the

Environmental Impact Study/Report in mid-March. This is

an important milestone in a three year, \$3.2 million study to determine viable flood protection alternatives for the City of Woodland.

In tonight's presentation, the Corps and the Corps consultant, CDM, will give an overview of how civil works projects are developed, the feasibility study process to date, and an overview of the Feasibility Study and EIS/EIR documents, including the attached Executive Summaries from both documents.

The purpose of the presentation is to orient the Council to the process and the documents, and what the next steps are. An environmental review public hearing will be scheduled for April, before the end of the comment period. The expectation is that comments will be received, and the formal responses incorporated into the Final EIS/EIR.

Concurrent with this process, a General Plan amendment is being developed to identify the impacts of "life in the floodplain". If it is determined that flood protection is important to the City, the Feasibility Study process will have identified possible solutions for the City to pursue.

If and when the City decides to proceed with a flood protection project, a preferred project that the local sponsor (City of Woodland) supports and can provide local cost share funding for, will have to be identified incorporated into the report. An initial presentation would be made to the state

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Reclamation Board to determine if they have any additional comments that need to be addressed. The Reclamation Board would then have to take final action on the CEQA document, and the Feasibility Study and environmental documents forwarded to Washington for Corps presentation to Congress.

Staff will be available to respond to questions. A full copy of the report and environmental documents is available in Public Works and it will be available on CD when it is released formally in mid March.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Wegener Director of Public Works

Attachment: Executive Summary

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