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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Notice of Intent and Notice of Preparation for a Joint Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for the Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel, California

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a public meeting to receive input from members of the public on the scope of the Joint Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/SEIR) for the Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel, California. The public scoping meetings will be held on:

**June 30, 2008
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

at

West Sacramento City Hall
1110 West Capitol Avenue
West Sacramento, 95691, CA

Please visit our project website for additional information, meeting materials, and future updates:
<http://www.sacramentoshipchannel.org>

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), San Francisco District, and the Port of Sacramento are preparing a joint Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/SEIR) to evaluate the efficiency of the movement of goods along the existing deep draft navigation route extending from the Port of Sacramento to New York Slough affording the Port of Sacramento access to San Francisco Bay Area harbors and the Pacific Ocean. The proposed action consists of altering the depth and width of the deep draft navigation route.

This navigational improvement project was analyzed in the Feasibility Report and Final Environmental Impact Statement (1980), the General Design Memorandum and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (1986), and Environmental Assessments (1988, 1991, 1992). Navigational improvements to the Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel (SRDWSC) were authorized in the Supplemental Appropriations of 1985 (Public Law 99-88). Construction to deepen the existing channel to a depth of 35 feet Mean Lower Low Water was initiated in 1989, but work was suspended in 1990 at the request of the Port of Sacramento. Two of six construction contracts, from River Mile 43 to 35 (approximately eight miles near the Port of Sacramento), have been completed. The USACE was directed to prepare a reevaluation report in a Conference Report (H. Rept. 105-749, 105th Congress, 2nd Sess., 1998) by the Committee of Conference that resolved differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill that became the Energy and Water Appropriations Act of 1999.

The Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel (SRDWSC) is located in the Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta region of northern California (please see attached map). The 46.5-mile long ship channel lies within Contra Costa,

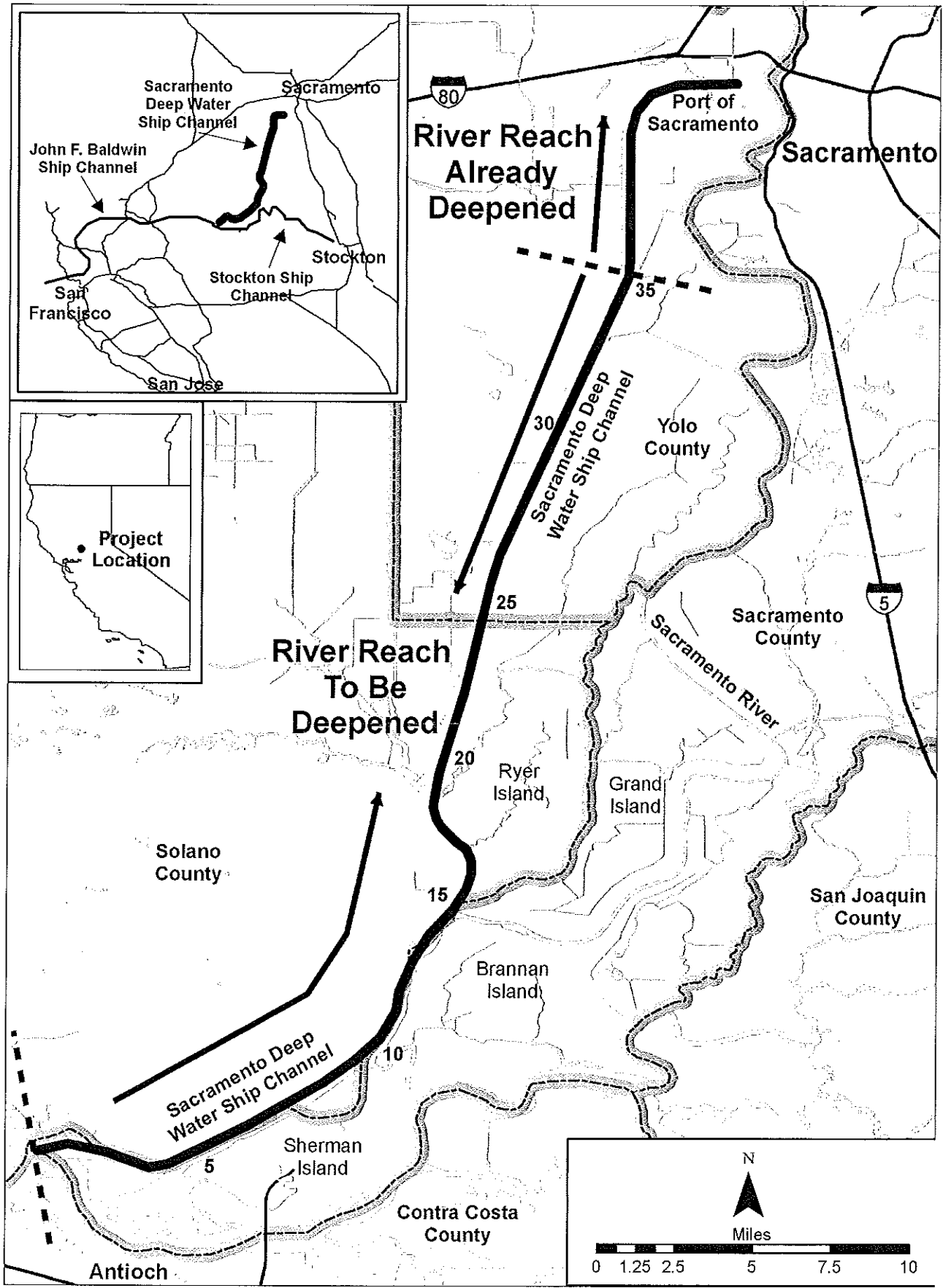
Solano, Sacramento, and Yolo Counties and serves the marine terminal facilities at the Port of Sacramento. The SRDWSC joins the existing 35-foot deep channel at New York Slough, thereby affording the Port of Sacramento access to San Francisco Bay Area harbors and the Pacific Ocean. The proposed project would complete the deepening and widening of the navigation channel to its authorized depth of 35 feet. Deepening of the existing ship channel is anticipated to allow for movement of cargo via larger deeper draft vessels. Widening portions of the channel would increase navigational safety by increasing maneuverability. The following are some of the alternatives that will be evaluated in the SEIS/SEIR: modify the shipping channels to authorized depths, modify the shipping channels to alternate depths, and alternative transport methods of goods.

The USACE is seeking participation and input of all interested federal, state, and local agencies, Native American groups, and other concerned private organizations or individuals through this public notice. The purpose of the public scoping meetings is to solicit comments regarding the potential impacts, environmental issues, and alternatives associated with the proposed action. Public participation will help to define the scope of the environmental analysis in the SEIS/SEIR, identify other significant issues, provide other relevant information, and recommend mitigation measures.

Comments will be accepted through July 22, 2008. All interested persons are encouraged to provide written comments on the scope of the SEIS/SEIR. Written comments and requests for additional information regarding the proposed action should be addressed to:

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Location of proposed deepening.