Lower American River Erosion Protection
Construction set to begin May 2022

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in partnership with the California Central Valley Flood Protection Board, California Department of Water Resources, and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, will be constructing riverbank erosion protection measures along the Lower American River starting in 2022. The work consists of armoring portions of the riverbank to prevent erosion, which if unaddressed could undermine the levee foundation and lead to levee failure.

Significant Dates to Know (as of April 1, 2022; subject to change)

| April 2022 | May 2022          | Fall 2022             | Spring 2023+
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| Contractor begins site mobilization; project signage, fencing and staging areas established | Riverbank erosion protection construction begins | Erosion Site 2-1 construction completed (Sites 2-2 and 2-3 season 1 complete) | Levee revegetation and mitigation planting begins |

Site Mobilization Activities
Place temporary fencing along project work areas, establish and transport construction-related equipment to staging areas, establish temporary access route through a portion of the parking lot at Glenn Hall Park (park and recreational facilities will remain open to the public during construction).

Erosion Protection Construction
Install erosion protection material, typically rock, on the waterside slope and toe of the levee followed by soil and revegetation. The type of improvements implemented will vary by location.
**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Why are riverbank erosion protection improvements needed?**
Sections of the American River are confined by levees and the energy of the water flow tends to erode riverbanks and levees over time. Channel erosion could have detrimental effects on the levees by undercutting the foundation materials beneath the levees and may also increase under-seepage through the foundation soil and reduce the overall stability of the levee. Significant erosion can lead to failure of the levee and presents an unacceptable level of risk to public safety. Armoring the riverbank near the toe and on the levee slope will address the threat of erosion.

**Why can’t existing vegetation along the waterside of the levee stay in place?**
The improvements include armoring the waterside slope and toe of the levee with rock to protect against erosion during high riverine flows. Existing trees and shrubs located within the project footprint will be removed prior to the start of construction. On-site mitigation will include placement of soil over the erosion protection, establishment of planting benches, and the restoration of disturbed areas through comprehensive revegetation efforts. Off-site mitigation will also occur at various sites in the American River Parkway.

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