

1. Administrative Details

Proposal Name: Soboba Indian Reservation Flood Control Levee

by Agency: Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians

Locations: CA

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2. Provide the name of the primary sponsor and all non-Federal interests that have contributed or are expected to contribute toward the non-Federal share of the proposed feasibility study or modification.

Sponsor	Letter of Support
Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians(Primary)	As counsel for the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, I have been authorized by the Soboba Tribal Council, the Band’s governing body, to express the Band’s strong support for the project described in the Section 7001 proposal submitted to the Army Corps earlier this week. I trust that this statement of support from the project sponsor will be sufficient, but if not, please let me know. Thank you so much for your assistance. Karl E. Johnson Johnson Barnhouse & Keegan LLP

3. State if this proposal is for a feasibility study, a modification to an authorized USACE feasibility study or a modification to an authorized USACE project. If it is a proposal for a modification, provide the authorized water resources development feasibility study or project name.

[x] Modification to an Authorized USACE Project : San Jacinto and Bautista Creek Improvement Project, which is part of the Santa Ana River Basin Project authorized by Congress under Title II, Section 204 of the Flood Control Act of 1950

4. Clearly articulate the specific project purpose(s) of the proposed study or modification. Demonstrate that the proposal is related to USACE mission and authorities and specifically address why additional or new authorization is needed.

The purpose of this modification is to construct an engineered flood control levee in Riverside County, California, of approximately 1.6 miles in length, running from the confluence of Poppet Creek with the San Jacinto River downstream to the existing levee protecting the Soboba Springs mobile home park. The levee, designed to Army Corps of Engineers standards and certified by the Corps, would be earthen with 24" thick grouted rock revetment. The height of the levee would be 20' above the current invert of the channel. A toe-down depth of 15' below the existing channel invert is assumed. The riverward slope would be 2 horizontal to 1 vertical. The above levee dimensions would require a total volume of grouted rock of 50,000 CY of grouted rock. The levee would permit vacation of the existing 296-acre flowage easement on the Soboba Reservation, as well as return of an additional 20-acre fee parcel, which were condemned by the Corps in 1966, over the Tribe's objections and apparently without express authorization from Congress, as part of the original San Jacinto and Bautista Creek Improvement Project. The condemned acreage includes the area known as Tract 8, the site of Soboba's historic Indian village, which was added to the Reservation in 1911 by purchase from the state of California, which had acquired it from a private owner for unpaid taxes. The original project is currently undergoing modification, sponsored by the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, to remove from the FEMA 100-year floodplain 1995 acres of non-Indian lands on the other side of the San Jacinto River in the City of San Jacinto by extending by almost five miles and at an estimated cost of \$47 million the levee constructed by the original project.

5. To the extent practicable, provide an estimate of the total cost, and the Federal and non-Federal share of those costs, of the proposed study and, separately, an estimate of the cost of construction or modification.

	Federal	Non-Federal	Total
Study	\$1,700,000	\$0	\$1,700,000
Construction	\$17,000,000	\$0	\$17,000,000

Explanation (if necessary)

The estimated project cost includes earthwork and construction of the revetment as well as other expected construction costs (e.g. control of water, vegetation restoration). Expected design cost of \$500,000 is included. No non-federal cost is included because the levee proposed to protect the Soboba Indian Reservation from flooding should have been constructed at the sole cost of the Federal government as part of the original flood control project, rather than the Corps condemning the most historic and valued part of the Reservation for a flowage easement. The Soboba Tribe should not have to bear any of the costs for addressing this clear injustice and abdication of the Federal government's trust responsibility to the Soboba Tribe.

6. To the extent practicable, describe the anticipated monetary and nonmonetary benefits of the proposal including benefits to the protection of human life and property; improvement to transportation; the national economy; the environment; or the national security interests of the United States.

If the usable acreage created by the vacation of the flowage easement were used for housing – a critical need of the Soboba people – it is estimated that the monetary benefits of the proposal would exceed \$36 million. In addition, the nonmonetary benefits of the proposal to the Soboba people resulting from the return to them of their historical homeland is immeasurable.

7. Does local support exist? If ‘Yes’, describe the local support for the proposal.

Yes

Local Support Description

The membership of the Soboba Tribe strongly supports the proposal. Based upon prior discussions with other local government agencies, it is believed they will support the proposal as well, although they are unlikely to be willing to contribute financially believing, as does Soboba, that protecting Indian Reservations from flooding should be the Federal government’s responsibility.

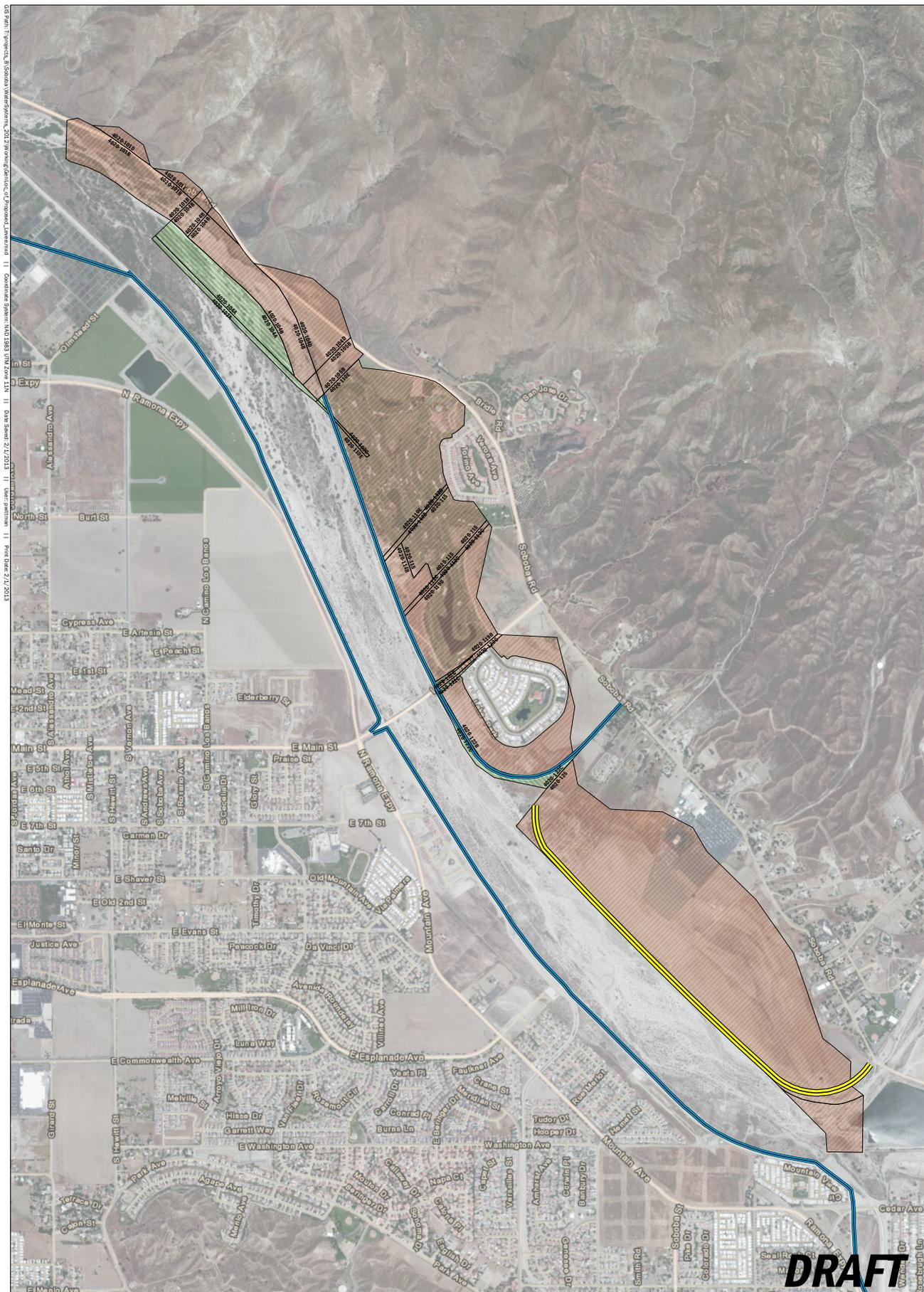
8. Does the primary sponsor named in (2.) above have the financial ability to provide for the required cost share?

No

Additional Proposal Information

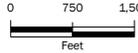
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 Flood Control Parcel Boundary	 General Location of Proposed Flood Control Levee
 Flood Control Easement	 Existing Levee
 Fee Parcel	





General Location of Proposed Flood Control Levee

Soboba Indian Reservation
San Jacinto, California

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