



COSGROVE CREEK FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION

Continuing Authorities Program – Section 205

Where: Jenny Lind Veterans Memorial
189 Pine Street, Valley Springs, California

When: Wednesday, January 28, 2009

Time: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Why: The Sacramento District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, together with their sponsor, Calaveras County, is gathering information to define issues and concerns that will be addressed in a flood damage reduction study along Cosgrove Creek, Calaveras County, California. Authority and funds for the project are provided by Section 205 of the Continuing Authorities Program. A reconnaissance report has been completed and resulted in a recommendation that Federal interest exists to continue the study into the feasibility phase. During this feasibility phase, environmental considerations will be addressed in an Environmental Assessment (EA). The target project area experiences frequent flash flooding and is located in Calaveras County along the Cosgrove Creek generally located from the intersection of Cosgrove Creek, at Highway 12, to the intersection of Cosgrove Creek with the Calaveras River (near Jenny Lind treatment plant). This study and potential project is part of the sponsor's ongoing commitment to long-term planning to reduce flood damages in the study area.

The study area will be bigger and encompass both the Cosgrove Creek and Valley Springs watersheds. The study is complicated by the varied topography, number of contributory drainage basins, ongoing, dynamic development along portions of the Cosgrove Creek corridor and the environmental concerns that to date have delayed maintenance along the creek. Alternative plans being considered to date include no action, clearing/reshaping of channels, construction of either a retention or a detention area in the general vicinity of New Hogan Dam Road close to Highway 26 intersection, a possible channel to Hogan Dam or a combination of portions of different plans.

We welcome your views, comments and information about environmental and cultural resources, study objectives, possible partnerships and important features within the described study area, as well as any suggested improvements or additional, potential alternatives.

Discussion Topics will include:

The Corps Planning Process – Project Goals/Objectives/Constraints/Assumptions

Alternative Plans and the Measures that comprise them

NEPA/CEQA - Process that ensures decisions are environmentally sound to benefit both the human environment and natural ecosystem

Timelines

FEMA Mapping

Permitted Development to date

