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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

SUBJECT: Preliminary List for the Deauthorization of Projects

1. Background: The Army Civil Works program must be optimized for quality, speed, and cost to deliver infrastructure. To do this, we must focus our resources on high priority projects and eliminate projects that are no longer in the interest of the nation. Section 301 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2020, as amended by Section 1301 of WRDA 2024 (33 U.S.C. 579d-2), provides authority to identify water resources development projects for potential deauthorization by Congress. Per Congressional direction, we should identify water resources development projects and separable elements of projects that are no longer viable for construction due to: (1) a lack of local support, (2) a lack of available Federal or non-Federal resources, or (3) an authorizing purpose that is no longer relevant or feasible.

2. Criteria: 33 U.S.C. 579d-2 requires the Army to develop a preliminary list that identifies water resources development projects and separable elements of projects, authorized for construction before June 10, 2014, that meet one of the three criteria listed in the background section above. Projects and separable elements on the preliminary deauthorization list also are those that (a) planning, design, or construction was not initiated before January 4, 2025; or (b) planning, design, or construction was initiated before January 4, 2025, but for which no funds, Federal or non-Federal, were obligated for planning, design, or construction of the project or separable element of the project during the current fiscal year or any of the 10 preceding fiscal years. Using the authority provided by Congress, the initial preliminary list has been developed in coordination with my office and is enclosed.

3. Direction: I direct the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to review the attached initial preliminary list and confirm that all projects that meet the criteria in 33 U.S.C. 579d-2 are included and to make any additional edits as needed in coordination with my office and Office of the Army General Counsel. I further direct the Corps to develop an additional list of projects that should otherwise be considered for deauthorization by Congress. The projects identified for this list should include those that may have been authorized or received funding more recently, but construction may no longer be viable due to factors including exorbitant cost growth, change in conditions making the project irrelevant, lack of non-Federal resources or interest, or interest by non-Federal sponsors to deauthorize obsolete infrastructure projects or separable elements to reduce their operations and maintenance-related financial obligations, among others. My intent is to

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focus Corps expertise and resources on advancing high priority projects that offer the greatest value to the nation.

4. Timeline. The Corps is directed to provide these lists to my office within 15 days of the date of this memorandum.

5. Questions about this memorandum should be directed to Ms. Lauren Leuck, Assistant for Water Resources Legislation, at 703-839-0383 or lauren.d.leuck.civ@army.mil.



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