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INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Hagatna River, Guam

1. Purpose: To provide information on the subject project
2. Points of Major Interest and Facts.

a. Congress appropriated \$100,000 in FY03 to initiate the reconnaissance phase study. The 905(b) Analysis Report was approved by Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, on 14 April 2004. The Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) was executed on 5 August 2005. Funds in the amount of \$100,000 were received from the Government of Guam in late September 2006 to initiate the Feasibility report phase. The FY07 Work Plan does not include any funding allocation for this fiscal year. However, carry-over funds will be used to initiate the feasibility study phase.

b. The Agana (Hagatna) River Flood Control project was authorized under Public Law 99-662, Water Resource Development Act 1986. The 1977 Chief's Report recommended construction of the Agana River Flood Control project at a total first cost of \$4.88 million, including a non-Federal cost of \$1,020,000. Based on the 905(b) Analysis Report, the current total project first cost is now estimated at \$7,200,000. Since authorization, Guam did not appropriate funds for their share of the project. By law, projects that have never received funding obligations for seven fiscal years since the original authorization are eligible for deauthorization. The Agana River project was administratively deauthorized on 18 April 2003.

c. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) notified Guam that they were in violation of the floodplain requirements. The Hagatna floodplain and the entire island may be removed from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This would adversely affect financing and sales of property and would disallow Federal financial aid for structures in the floodplain in the event of future disasters in Guam. However, currently FEMA has designated Guam in the "probation" category which would allow Guam to continue to receive Federal assistance following natural disasters.

d. The Hagatna River basin remains a flood hazard area. In May 1976, there were estimated flood damages of \$4 million due to heavy rains. There are over 440 structures in the floodplain. There were no significant flood damages as a result of Typhoon Chata'an and Super Typhoon Pongsona in 2002.