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INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Namo River, Guam

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

a. The project is in the operations and maintenance phase. The project was last inspected in July 2003 jointly by the staff of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Guam Department of Public Works (DPW). The facility was considered to be in unacceptable condition, because of a heavy overgrowth of unwanted vegetation within the project site that would adversely affect the transport of floodwaters. An unacceptable project condition rating places the project into an “inactive” status, rendering the project ineligible for federal rehabilitation assistance under Public Law 84-99. Under Public Law 84-99, a local sponsor may request USACE for Federal rehabilitation assistance to repair any USACE civil works flood control or shore protection project - damaged by a natural disaster/emergency event. The local sponsor was informed of the USACE evaluation and consequences.

b. The Namo River is on the west coast of Guam about 10 miles south of Agana. The project was authorized in January 1975 under Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948, as amended. The local sponsor is the Government of Guam, Department of Public Works. The project consists of channel improvements for the lower 2,000-foot reach of the river, and flood plain management for the area extending from the upper part of the channel improvement to the existing Agat-Santa Rita Bridge. Channel improvements include realignment and enlargement of the existing river; lining the channel with riprap; providing a stub outlet channel on the upstream side of the Route 2 bridge; and a levee on the north bank of an unnamed tributary.

c. The project was completed in September 1979. A storm drain modification contract was awarded in May 1981 and completed in September 1981. Total project cost was \$2,416,314 (Federal).

3. Congressional Interest. There is minimal Congressional interest in this project, at this time.