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PUBLIC MEETING AND COMMENT PERIOD SET FOR EAST ELLIOTT

SAN DIEGO –The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, in partnership with the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, Ala., is holding a public meeting on October 4, 2001, to review recommended ordnance and explosives (OE) removal actions in northern San Diego. This work will be in the East Elliott portion of the former Camp Elliott, a Marine Corps artillery firing range in the 1940s and 1950s.

The Army Corps of Engineers has prepared a decision document, the Action Memorandum that presents recommendations for OE removal actions in East Elliott. These recommendations were developed with public input on the Engineering Engineering/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) report presented for comment in October 2000.

The public meeting will provide an overview of the site and actions taken to date, and present recommendations for future actions. Representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers will be available to discuss the alternatives considered and the subsequent analysis that led to the recommended actions. Public comments are being solicited to help the Army Corps of Engineers approve final actions.

“The public will have an opportunity to comment on the recommended actions and the Action Memorandum, and to ask questions about OE at the site. These

comments will help build community support for the final recommendation,” said Brad McCowan of the Army Corps of Engineers. The public meeting will kick off a 30-day public comment period for the Action Memorandum, which will continue until November 3, 2001. Copies of the Action Memorandum are available in the information repositories at the Tierrasanta Branch of the San Diego City Library and the Santee Branch of the San Diego County Library. A copy is also available on-line at <http://www.hnd.usace.army.mil/oew/projwebs/Projects/Elliott/elliottinx.htm>.

The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 4, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Mission Trails Regional Park, 1 Father Junipero Serra Trail, in San Diego.