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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SACRAMENTO DISTRICT 1325 J STREET SACRAMENTO CA 95814-2922

Operations and Readiness Branch

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT 408 Permission # 19022 Feather River Parkway Project Sutter County, California

I have reviewed and evaluated the information presented in the Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for the Feather River Parkway Project, located along the Feather River, on the eastern edge of Yuba City, north of Colusa Avenue, Sutter County, California. Yuba City has requested an encroachment permit from the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) to expand the existing Parkway by 84 acres, create 2.6 miles of trails, picnic benches, and interpretive signs. In compliance with U.S.C. Title 33, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, Section 408, the CVFPB has requested permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to modify the Sacramento River Flood Control Project, an existing Federally authorized flood risk reduction project.

Work would include expanding an existing parkway along the Feather River, through improvements and restoration to approximately 84 acres to the north of the existing park. The proposed project would include construction of approximately 2.5 miles of new public trails, 3 picnic areas, a picnic pavilion on a concrete slab, a vault toilet, 8 benches, 10 anchored picnic tables, 15 interpretive signs, 2 anchored bicycle racks, and metal pipe gates for restriction of vehicle access. Additionally, the proposed project would improve recreational access to an existing pond, stabilize 100 feet of riverbank with rock slope protection, and restore approximately 2 acres of riparian habitat through native vegetation plantings.

A public notice was made available from December 29, 2016, to January 30, 2017, on the Corps' website, for public and agency review and comment. No comments were received.

The possible consequences of the work described in the EA have been studied with consideration given to environmental, social, economic, and engineering feasibility. The potential adverse and beneficial effects have been coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and other Federal and State resource agencies. Informal consultation with the USFWS was completed on March 13, 2017, and consultation with the SHPO was completed on May 22, 2018, with letters of concurrence. Conultations with Indian tribes was completed on May 24, 2018.

Based on my review of the EA (incorporated herein by reference), information provided by the requester, and interested parties, I have determined this permission will not have a significant adverse effect on environmental, social, or cultural resources. Based on these considerations, I am convinced that there is no need to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. Therefore, the EA and Finding of No Significant Impact provide adequate environmental documentation to grant 408 permission for the proposed action.

APPROVED BY: Kill

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DATE APPROVED: 17 Sept 2018