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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Environmental Resources Branch

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
Sacramento River Bank Protection Project, Pocket Area Erosion Sites
Sacramento, California

I have reviewed and evaluated the information in this Environmental Assessment/Initial Study (EA/IS); other documents; and the views of other agencies, organizations, and individuals concerning the proposed streambank protection work on eight erosion sites along the left bank of the Sacramento River in the vicinity of the Pocket area in Sacramento. This project will assist in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's certification of the 100-year flood plain in the Pocket area. The project extends along the Sacramento River from River Mile (RM) 49.6 (Garcia Bend Park) to RM 53.1 (Riverside Blvd. and 43rd Avenue).

Bank protection measures would include (1) protecting the toe of the bank with rock revetment both below and above water levels, (2) placing 1 foot of non-engineered fill on the revetment at elevations above water levels, (3) preserving existing In-stream Wood Material (IWM) and placement of additional IWM, and (4) planting pole and container plantings.

The possible consequences of conducting the work described in the EA/IS have been studied with consideration given to environmental, social, economic, and engineering feasibility. The effects and mitigation requirements have been thoroughly coordinated with Federal and State resource agencies. The proposed action would result in temporary effects to riparian habitat and degradation of aquatic habitat values. Environmentally sensitive design and mitigation measures have been integrated into the project to fully compensate for these effects.

Based on my review, I have determined that the proposed bank protection work will result in no significant effects on the environment, and that the mitigation measures agreed to in the EA/IS are sufficient to substantially reduce potentially significant effects. In accordance with the Endangered Species Act, the Corps will implement all terms and conditions in each Biological Opinion issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service. The Corps will also consider recommendations in the final Coordination Act Report on the proposed work issued by the USFWS under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

Based on these considerations, I am convinced that there is no need to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. The EA/IS and Finding of No Significant Impact provide adequate National Environmental Policy Act compliance for the proposed action.

June 9, 2006
Date


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