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Comments Due: July 6, 2001

In reply, please refer to the Public Notice Number

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

SUBJECT: Application for an after-the-fact Department of the Army permit under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to retain fill in waters of the United States associated with the construction of a new dam for a new pond, modifications to a previously existing pond, and new fill to complete these projects. Fill has been placed and new fill is proposed within Grapevine Ravine, a tributary to Auburn Ravine, as shown in the attached drawings.

APPLICANT:

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LOCATION: The project site is located on Walters Ranch Road, in Lincoln, Placer County, California, in Township 12 North, Range 7 East, Section 20, M.D.B.&M.

PURPOSE: The new pond has been constructed to provide additional water storage for scenic and recreational use by the family, stormwater detention, potential runoff detention for upstream development, and as a water source for cattle.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Larane Ranch is an 81-acre property which, currently, consists of 4 parcels. Three of these parcels are approximately 10 acre parcels and the fourth is a 50 acre parcel. Homes are being constructed on the ten acre parcels and it is anticipated that the 50-acre parcel may be subdivided into 10-acre lots for residential construction.

The existing pond is approximately 3 acres in size. Fill has been placed into that pond to allow the placement of a larger outflow pipe, widen the road on top of the dam, and to create the foundation for a coffer dam. The work that is proposed on the existing dam is the construction of a temporary coffer dam upstream of the current spillway, excavation and the repair or replacement of the spillway, including the addition of a rock face to the spillway. In addition, vegetation would be removed from the dam face to allow for inspection of the dam and the road across the top of the dam would be paved.

Construction of the new pond consisted of installation of an earthen dam face over an existing farm culvert crossing. The following work is proposed to complete construction of the new pond. Gravel is proposed for the top of the new dam. A spillway is proposed in the center of the new dam face. A drop pipe would be installed on the upstream side of the culvert and a gate valve on the downstream side. Riprap would be installed on the downstream side of the proposed spillway of the new pond.

Additional work is proposed in conjunction with the construction of two new homes, which are being constructed on parcel three. A pool, sports court, pool-house, landscaping around the homes, construction of a barn north of the main house, addition of an orchard on the west side of the property, repair and replacement of fencing, installation of an irrigation system.

A total of 0.525 acre of wetland, open water, and seasonal stream area was or would be filled by project implementation. 0.06 acre of wetland and 0.005 acre of seasonal stream were filled by creation of the new dam. 0.017 acre of open water was filled to repair the outfall of the old pond. 0.016 acre of wetland was filled by road grading activities along the south face of the old pond. 0.399 acre of wetland and 0.01 acre of seasonal stream were excavated and converted to open water. 0.011 acre of wetland was affected by replacement of the culvert at the old pond. 0.003 acre of wetland is proposed to be filled adjacent to the home under construction in the southwest portion of the site. 0.004 acre of open water is proposed to be affected to repair or replace the outfall structure at the 3-acre pond.

The project proponent proposes to create 0.43 acre of riparian habitat, 0.05 acre of marsh habitat, and 2.0 acres of open water to mitigate for the loss of 0.525 acre of waters of the United States, including wetlands. The applicant has indicated that, with the creation of 2 acres of open water, the mitigation ratio is approximately 5:1.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places and its monthly supplements have been reviewed and there are no places either listed or recommended as eligible which would be affected. Presently unknown cultural resources may be located in the permit area.

This activity would not affect any threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat.

The District Engineer has made this determination based on information provided by the applicant and on the Corps' preliminary investigation.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on or before **July 6, 2001**. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against

its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

If additional information is required, please contact Larry Brasher, telephone (916) 231-3309, Becky Rozumowicz, of Area West Environmental, telephone (916) 9873362, or Tom Cavanaugh, of our Regulatory Branch, telephone (916) 557-5261.

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Enclosures: Drawings (9)