



# Public Notice

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Comments Due: August 13, 2001

In reply, please refer to the Public Notice Number

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

**SUBJECT:** Application for a Department of the Army permit under the authority of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act to construct a private recreational dock in the San Joaquin River, as shown in the attached drawings.

**APPLICANT:** Charles and Josephine Williams  
19900 Sherman Island Road  
Rio Vista, California 94571-0000

**LOCATION:** North Bank of the San Joaquin River at approximate River Mile 8.75, on the southeast side of Sherman Island, in Sacramento County, California. See attached vicinity map.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant is proposing to replace and extend a private recreational dock, as shown on the attached diagrams. A single berth boat dock existed on site. However, several storms have required the replacement of that structure. The applicant has stated that the previous structure, which extended approximately 100 feet into the channel, was constructed in water which was too shallow, causing the dock to contact the river bottom during minus tides. The currently proposed structure is designed to extend the berth and dock into deeper water to prevent this problem. Proposed construction would involve a new 45 x 15 foot platform extension, two new 20 foot finger extensions on the berth, relocating the gangway, dock and berth, and driving 12 new piles. This work would extend the structure 164 feet into the channel. The applicant has indicated that the original 15 x 32 foot platform, 5 x 17 foot gangway and 4 piles have already been reconstructed. Based on the available information there are outstanding mitigation measures which need to be completed pursuant to the Corps' September 18, 2000, Nationwide Permit verification for reconstruction of the original structure.

**AREA DESCRIPTION:** The project is located within tidal waters of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, on the south side of Sherman Island. The area has probably been disturbed by past levee stabilization projects and generally lacks significant riparian vegetation. The applicant has not provided a detailed description of the condition of the banks or shallow water habitat at the site. However, the area is likely characterized by typical tidal shallow water vegetation.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**Cultural Resources

Based on the available information there are no cultural resources present in the area of potential effect for this project. The permit area has been extensively modified by previous work. No further cultural resources review is warranted.

Endangered or Threatened Species

The project is within designated critical habitat, essential fish habitat, and may affect for the following federally-listed threatened or endangered species:

Central Valley steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)  
Central Valley spring and winter-run Chinook Salmon (*O. tshawytscha*),  
delta smelt (*Hypomesus transpacificus*)  
Sacramento splittail (*Pogonichthys macrolepidotus*)

The Corps will initiate consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service once the applicant has provided sufficient information relative to the effects of this work on these species or their designated critical habitat.

**The District Engineer has made these determinations based on information provided by the applicant and on the Corps' preliminary investigation.**

Other federal, state and local permits The applicant has not indicated that they have applied for any other permits.

Consideration of Comments Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on or before **August 13, 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.

This public notice is also available through our web-site at <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/cespk-co/regulatory>. If additional information is required, please contact the applicant, Charles and Josephine Williams, telephone (915) 778-1900, their agent Wes Anderson, with Wes Anderson Engineering, at (925) 684-2080, or Mr. Justin Cutler, at the letterhead address, telephone (916) 557-5258, or e-mail: [jcutler@spk.usace.army.mil](mailto:jcutler@spk.usace.army.mil).

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Attachments: 2 Drawings