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# Special Public Notice

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This purpose of this Public Notice is to inform the general public that the Sacramento District has decided to accept and expend funds contributed by the following non-federal public entities under Section 214 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 for priority evaluation of their Department of the Army (DA) permit applications, subject to the limitations specified below.

- City of Elk Grove
- City of Lathrop
- City of Redding
- Sacramento Agencies (County of Sacramento, Sacramento County Water Agency, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District, and Freeport Regional Water Authority)

On September 27, 2004, the Sacramento District Commander determined that acceptance and expenditure of such funds would be in accordance with Section 214 of the *Water Resources Development Act of 2000* (WRDA 2000, Public Law No. 106-541).

A series of procedural safeguards has been adopted to ensure that use of the funds will not impact impartial decision-making. These include:

- a. All final permit decisions for cases where these funds are used must be reviewed at least by one level above the decision maker, unless the decision maker is the District Commander. For example, if the decision maker is the Chief of the Regulatory Branch, then the reviewer would be the Chief of the Construction-Operations Division.
- b. All final permit decisions for cases where these funds are used will be made available on the Sacramento District web page.
- c. The Corps will not eliminate any procedures or decisions that would otherwise be required for that type of project and permit application under consideration.
- d. The Corps will comply with all applicable laws and regulations.
- e. Funds will only be expended to provide priority review of the participating non-federal entity's permit application.

On August 6 and 23, 2004, the Sacramento District circulated Special Public Notices announcing its preliminary intent to accept and expend such funds. The Notices also discussed the kinds of activities for which funds would be expended and solicited comments from the general public.

Information concerned WRDA positions, including documents referenced in this notice, may be found on the Sacramento District website at [www.spk.usace.army.mil](http://www.spk.usace.army.mil) under [Regulatory Program Information](#). If you have any questions, please contact Michael Jewell by telephone at 916.557.5254 or by email at [michael.s.jewell@usace.army.mil](mailto:michael.s.jewell@usace.army.mil).