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Ms. Leslie Gallagher
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State of California
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Dear Ms. Gallagher:

Section 1002 of the Water Resources Reform Development Act (WRRDA) allows for greater transparency in the notification and reporting of feasibility study milestones. WRRDA Section 1002 requires the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District Engineer to provide non-Federal interests a notification of feasibility study milestone schedules for all active studies that received investigation appropriations from October 1, 2009, until June 10, 2014. Studies initiated after June 10, 2014, also require notification of five key milestones within 90 days of signing the Feasibility Cost Share Agreement (FCSA).

The Sacramento River General Reevaluation Report (GRR) was originally expected to be completed within 36 months of signing the FCSA. The Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District, has requested permission from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, (ASA (CW)) to extend the schedule from 36 months to 50 months.

This certified letter provides the baseline 36-month study schedule and the 50-month study schedule that is pending permission of the ASA (CW) for the following five key milestones associated with the Sacramento River GRR.

36-Month Baseline Schedule:

Release of the Draft Feasibility Report – February 3, 2017
District Submittal of the Final Feasibility Report – November 15, 2017
MSC Transmittal of the Final Feasibility Report – December 15, 2017
Civil Works Review Board – February 2, 2018
Signed Chief's Report – June 29, 2018

50-Month Requested Schedule:

Release of the Draft Feasibility Report – January 5, 2018
District Submittal of the Final Feasibility Report – January 15, 2019
MSC Transmittal of the Final Feasibility Report – February 15, 2019
Civil Works Review Board – April 3, 2019
Signed Chief's Report – August 8, 2019

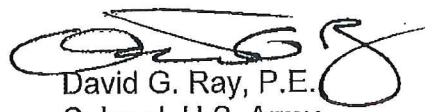
At this time, the Army Corps of Engineers is still coordinating approval of the revised schedule with the ASA (CW). You will receive notification of the outcome of the agency's request at a later date.

The Baseline Schedule milestones has been delayed due to the following:

1. Increased coordination with the public and stakeholders as a result of high interest in the study;
2. Extensive degree of complexity in determining the existing and future without project condition as a result of the dozens of agencies and groups with projects in the study area;
3. Formulation of the Final Array of Alternatives to account for almost 100 potential project features and combinations within 726 square miles of study area;
4. Need for additional stakeholder outreach to ensure support of the project at significant milestones;
5. Additional analysis required to support the Tentatively Selected Plan milestone; and,
6. Additional tasks to finalize report.

Schedules are based on the assumption of full-funding (Federal and non-Federal) over the course of the study. Up-to-date study schedules will be posted and available to the public on the spk.usace.army.mil website. All schedules and missed deadlines will also be submitted in an annual report to Congress. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Charles Austin, Project Manager, at 916-557-7550 or charles.l.austin@usace.army.mil

Sincerely,


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