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Dear Mr. Aikens:

Section 1002 of the Water Resources Reform Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014 allows for greater transparency in the notification and reporting of feasibility study milestones. Specifically, Section 1002 requires that the District Engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provide non-Federal interests a notification of feasibility study milestones schedules for all active studies that received investigation appropriations between October 1, 2009 and June 10, 2014.

The Yuba River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study was originally expected to be completed within 36 months of signing the Feasibility Cost Share Agreement. I have requested permission from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) (ASA (CW)) to extend the schedule from 36 months to 48 months.

This certified letter provides the baseline 36-month study schedule and the 48-month study schedule that is pending permission of the ASA (CW) for the five key milestones associated with the Yuba River Ecosystem Feasibility Study.

36-Month Baseline Schedule:

- a) Release of the Draft Feasibility Report - 20 December 2016
- b) District Submittal of the Final Feasibility Report - 29 August 2017
- c) MSC Transmittal of the Final Feasibility Report - 25 September 2017
- d) Civil Works Review Board - 28 November 2017
- e) Signed Chief's Report - 2 June 2018

48-Month Requested Schedule:

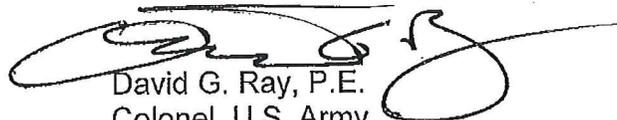
- a) Release of the Draft Feasibility Report - 14 December 2017
- b) District Submittal of the Final Feasibility Report - 31 December 2018
- c) South Pacific Division transmittal of the Final Feasibility Report - 7 February 2019
- d) Civil Works Review Board - 1 April 2019
- e) Signed Chief's Report - 19 July 2019

At this time, I am still coordinating approval of the revised schedule with the ASA (CW). You will receive notification of the outcome of my request at a later date. Release of the Draft Feasibility Report milestone was missed due to additional coordination and analysis required to research and identify a suitable ecosystem model, discussions on scoping and level of detail, and additional time needed due to intense public interest.

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](http://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, feel free to contact Ms. Chelsea Stewart, Project Manager, at 916-557-6979 or [chelsea.d.stewart@usace.army.mil](mailto:chelsea.d.stewart@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,

  
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