



APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

This form should be completed by following the instructions provided in Section IV of the JD Form Instructional Guidebook.

SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): June 3, 2008

B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER:Sacramento District, Redding Office, SPK-2007-2474, Dechutes Road Retail Project

C.	PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: State:California County/parish/borough: Shasta City: Redding Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 40.763° N, Long122.041° W. Universal Transverse Mercator: Name of nearest waterbody: Unamed intermittent stream tributary to Anderson Creek Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Sacramento River Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): Anderson Creek Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request. Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form.
D.	REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): ☐ Office (Desk) Determination. Date: March 28, 2008 ☐ Field Determination. Date(s): February, 2008
SEC A.	CTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
	re Are no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the ew area. [Required] Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide. Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce. Explain:
В. (CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
The	re Are no "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]
	1. Waters of the U.S. a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply): TNWs, including territorial seas Wetlands adjacent to TNWs Relatively permanent waters ² (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Impoundments of jurisdictional waters Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands
	b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area: Non-wetland waters: linear feet: width (ft) and/or acres. Wetlands: acres.
	c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: Pick List Elevation of established OHWM (if known):
	2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable): Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain: Wetland features WF01-WF07 and other Waters OW01-OW05 were assessed as they met criteria of being wetland or having an OHWM. However, they were found to not have a Significant nexus. They are non-relatively

SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

permanent waters and their adjacent wetlands.

¹ Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

² For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.

1.	TN	IW

Identify TNW:

Summarize rationale supporting determination:

2. Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent":

B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):

This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under *Rapanos* have been met.

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are "relatively permanent waters" (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, skip to Section III.D.4.

A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.

If the waterbody⁴ is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

1. Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

(i) General Area Conditions:

Watershed size: 380002acres

Drainage area: 6 acres

Average annual rainfall: 33.3 inches Average annual snowfall: 4.8 inches

(ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Kelauonsinp with This	(a)	Relationship	with	TNW
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☐ Tributary flows directly into TNW.

Tributary flows through 3 tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are **5-10** river miles from TNW.

Project waters are 1-2 river miles from RPW.

Project waters are 5-10 aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Project waters are **1-2** aerial (straight) miles from RPW. Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:

Identify flow route to TNW⁵: On site ditches and similarily situated wetlands flow off-site into another roadside ditch

which flows into an intermittent stream. This intermittent stream flows into Anderson Creek which flows into the Sacramento River.

Tributary stream order, if known: 1.

⁴ Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

⁵ Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW.

(b) <u>(</u>	General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply):
ר	Tributary is: Natural
wara antiraly m	Artificial (man-made). Explain: The on-site tributaries are constructed roadside ditches. The an made and excavated
were entirely in	Manipulated (man-altered). Explain:
ן	Average width: 1 feet Average depth: 1.5 feet Average side slopes: 2:1.
I	Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply): Silts
I J	Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: stable. Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: absent. Tributary geometry: Relatively straight Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): 1.00 %
I	Flow: Tributary provides for: Intermittent but not seasonal flow Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: 11-20 Describe flow regime: ditch conveys a moderate ammount of water during the wet season and is dry the rest of the
year	Other information on duration and volume: carries stormwater runnoff.
S	Surface flow is: Confined. Characteristics: water must flow where the ditch was cut. It doesn't shift.
5	Subsurface flow: Unknown. Explain findings:
1	Tributary has (check all that apply):
I	If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply): High Tide Line indicated by:
Chara I i	nical Characteristics: acterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain: water color is clear but likely contains grease, oil, gasoline carried in stormwater runoff. The majority of the site s used as a parking lot. Ify specific pollutants, if known: gas, grease, oil.
(iv) Biolo	gical Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply):

apply):

⁶A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break.

⁷Ibid.

		Riparian corridor. Character Wetland fringe. Characterist Habitat for: Federally Listed species. Fish/spawn areas. Explain Other environmentally-se	Explain findings: .	ngs:	
marginal at bes	t.		v. Explain findings: could be i		nakes, and frogs. Habitat is
2. Char	acte	eristics of wetlands adjacent	to non-TNW that flow direc	tly or indirectly into TNW	
	(a)				
ı		General Flow Relationship w Flow is: Ephemeral flow . E.		drological connection during a	and immediately following rain.
		Surface flow is: Overland sl Characteristics:	neetflow		
		Subsurface flow: Unknown . Dye (or other) test pe			
ı		Wetland Adjacency Determin ☐ Directly abutting ☐ Not directly abutting ☐ Discrete wetland hydrogeness.		wetlands are adiacent through	topographic relief which causes
water to fl	ow o		the ditch and the water flows n. Explain:		
ı		Flow is from: Wetland to na	er miles from TNW. ll (straight) miles from TNW.)-year or greater floodplain.	
	Char	characteristics; etc.). Explain	, water color is clear, brown, on: water color was fairly clear are driven through to access twn: gas, grease, oil.	but can become unclear with r	rain events and traffic.
		Riparian buffer. Characterisivegetation type/percent cover Habitat for: Federally Listed species. Fish/spawn areas. Explain Other environmentally-se	er. Explain: . Explain findings: .	ngs:	s, snakes.
	All v	eristics of all wetlands adjac wetland(s) being considered in roximately (0.163) acres in t		e cumulative analysis.	
	For 6	each wetland, specify the follo	owing:		
		Directly abuts? (Y/N) WF01(n)	Size (in acres) 0.001	Directly abuts? (Y/N) WF02(N)	Size (in acres) 0.002

WF03(y)	0.039	WF04(y)	0.038
WF05(n)	0.002	WF06(n)	0.002
WF07(n)	0.079		

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed:

C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the *Rapanos* Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:

- 1. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D:
- Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D: Wetlands WF01-WF07 do not have a significant nexus with the Sacramento River, the Traditionally Navigable Water which onsite waters could potentially flow into. The wetlands onsite are highly degraded due to years of human degredation. The majority of the site is used as a parking lot and has traffic in and out of it on a regular basis. The largest wetland is a pool created from traffic driving in and compacting soil to become an impermeable layer which holds water long enough to be considered a wetland. It had 10% vegetated cover at best and is extremely low quality. Other wetlands onsite are adjacent or abutting but are all confined to this site and similarly situated in that they all are in close proximity to or connected to the onsite ditches which carry water offsite. These welands are all situated near the roads that abut the property on all sides. The wetlands likely receive high traffic and high pollution from stormwater runoff. There ability to filter these pollutants is limited by there lack of high quality soils and plants which could absord these pollutants. They would not hold near a significant ammount of flood waters and are between 5-10 miles from the TNW. Being 1.2 miles from the nearest RPW and flowing into and through a number of low quality roadside ditches makes their net impact minimal. With only .163 total acres of low quality wetlands spread between 7 features onsite in combination with the urban setting, encroaching development and roads, it is my finding that these wetlands do not have a significant nexus on the TNW. The non-RPW's onsite are roadside ditches with upland grasses as a fringe. They do not carry significant ammounts of flow as they drain this 6 acre parcel. Furthermore, they do not reduce downstream flooding or aid in the transport of floodwaters as their capacity to transport water is minimal with only 1 foot wide channels. The ditches don't have high quality water and neither the ditches or the wetlands provide good habitat for wildlife. However, there is potential for wildlife to use them, though unlikely considering their urban setting. The onsite ditches simply act as a conveyance in removing runoff from the site and the roads. OW01-OW05 don't have habitat for fish and others and don't even transport nutrients that aid in lifecycles of the TNW as they are low quality drainages. Therefore the non-RPW and it's adjacent wetlands do not have the capacity to significantly affect the physical, chemical or biological integrity of the TNW downstream.

3. Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:

D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

1.	TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands. Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area: TNWs: linear feet width (ft), Or, acres. Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: acres.
2.	RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. ☐ Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial: ☐ Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow "seasonally" (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally:
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters: .
3.	Non-RPWs ⁸ that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters: .
4.	Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands. Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow "seasonally." Provide data indicating that tributary is seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly
	abutting an RPW: Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
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5.	Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisidictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
6.	Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
7.	Impoundments of jurisdictional waters. ⁹ As a general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional. Demonstrate that impoundment was created from "waters of the U.S.," or Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or

⁸See Footnote # 3.

 $^{^{\}rm 9}$ To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

	Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).
Е.	ISOLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DEGRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY SUCH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): 10 which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes. from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce. which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce. Interstate isolated waters. Explain: Other factors. Explain:
	Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters: Wetlands: acres.
F.	NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): ☐ If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements. ☐ Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce. ☐ Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR). ☑ Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain:See above significant nexus determination. Onsite features are degraded, small and don't affect the physical, chemical or biological integrity of the Sacramento River. ☐ Other: (explain, if not covered above): ☐ Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment (check all that apply): ☐ Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet width (ft). ☐ Lakes/ponds: acres. ☐ Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: ☐ Wetlands: acres. ☐ Other non-wetlands waters: acres.
	Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply): Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): 1163linear feet, ave. 4 width (ft). Lakes/ponds: acres. Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: Wetlands: 0.163acres.
	CTION IV: DATA SOURCES.
A.	SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below): Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant. Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report. Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report. Data sheets prepared by the Corps: Corps navigable waters' study: U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: USGS NHD data. USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps. U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation:

 $^{^{10}}$ Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA $\it Memorandum$ $\it Regarding$ CWA $\it Act$ $\it Jurisdiction$ $\it Following$ $\it Rapanos$.

National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: .
State/Local wetland inventory map(s): .
FEMA/FIRM maps: .
100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)
Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date):Delineation map dated Feb. 21, 2005 revised Dec. 20, 2007.
or Other (Name & Date):
Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: .
Applicable/supporting case law: .
Applicable/supporting scientific literature: .
Other information (please specify):site visit February 1, 2008.

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: The parcel is situated in an urban setting that has been significantly disturbed. Roads abut the property on all sides and account for a large portion of the water that does enter the site (runoff). The wetlands are degraded and some are no more than puddle deppresions in a parking lot. Considering the small size of the wetlands, there proximity to the TNW, the tributaries they flow through, neither the non-rpw's or the wetlands have any measurable positive impact on the aquatic environment.

