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

# SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

#### A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): 15-Sep-2008

B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: Sacramento District, SPK-2008-01069-JD1

#### C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State :	CA - California
County/parish/borough:	Sacramento
City:	Rancho Cordova
Lat:	38.6348
Long:	-121.2252
Universal Transverse Mercator:	10S
Name of nearest waterbody:	American River
Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW)	: American River
Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC):	18020111

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Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request.

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Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc¿) are associated with the action and are recorded on a different JD form.

#### D. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION:

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# SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

#### A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION

There are not "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review area.

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:

#### B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There are "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area.

#### 1. Waters of the U.S.

# a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area:<sup>1</sup>

Water Name	Water Type(s) Present
SPK-2008-01069, American River	TNWs, including territorial seas
SPK-2008-01069, FEW2	Wetlands adjacent to TNWs
SPK-2008-01069, FEW3	Wetlands adjacent to TNWs
SPK-2008-01069, OW1	Wetlands adjacent to TNWs
SPK-2008-01069, RW1	Wetlands adjacent to TNWs
SPK-2008-01069, SW2	Wetlands adjacent to TNWs
SPK-2008-01069, FEW1	Wetlands adjacent to TNWs
SPK-2008-01069, SW1	Wetlands adjacent to TNWs

#### b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area:

Area: 16790.407 (m<sup>2</sup>) Linear: (m)

#### c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction:

based on: 1987 Delineation Manual. OHWM Elevation: (if known)

# 2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands:<sup>3</sup>

Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain:

# SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

#### A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

#### 1.TNW

TNW Name	Summarize rationale supporting determination:	
SPK-2008-01069, American River	The American River has been determined to be Navigable-in-fact. Please refer to SPK-2008-99 for further information in regards to the past, present, and future use and navigation on the lower American River.	

#### 2. Wetland Adjacent to TNW

Wetland Name	Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent":
SPK-2008-01069, FEW2	This wetland is located in the floodplain of the American River directly abutting the river. This area is routinely flooded each year.
SPK-2008-01069, FEW3	This wetland is located in the floodplain of the American River approximately 200 feet from the OHWM. This area is routinely flooded each year.
SPK-2008-01069, OW1	This wetland is located in the floodplain of the American River approximately 100 feet from the OHWM. This area is routinely flooded each year.
SPK-2008-01069, RW1	This wetland is located in the floodplain of the American River approximately 30 feet from the OHWM. This area is routinely flooded each year.
SPK-2008-01069, SW2	This wetland is located in the floodplain of the American River approximately 230 feet from the OHWM. This area is routinely flooded each year.
SPK-2008-01069, FEW1	This wetland is located along the floodplain of the American River. The soil is highly drained dredge tailings and water has the potential to drain to the river.

SPK-2008-01069,	This wetland is located along the floodplain of the American River. The soil is highly drained dredge tailings and
SW1	water has the potential to drain to the river.

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

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

#### (i) General Area Conditions:

Watershed size:[]Drainage area:[]Average annual rainfall:inchesAverage annual snowfall:inches

# (ii) Physical Characteristics

(a) Relationship with TNW:

□ Tributary flows directly into TNW.

Tributary flows through [] tributaries before entering TNW.

:Number of tributaries

Project waters are [] river miles from TNW. Project waters are [] river miles from RPW. Project Waters are [] aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Project waters are [] aerial(straight) miles from RPW.

Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:

Identify flow route to TNW:<sup>5</sup>

Tributary Stream Order, if known: Not Applicable.

(b) General Tributary Characteristics: Tributary is: Not Applicable.

Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate): Not Applicable.

**Primary tributary substrate composition:** Not Applicable.

**Tributary (conditions, stability, presence, geometry, gradient):** Not Applicable. (c) Flow: Not Applicable.

Surface Flow is: Not Applicable.

Subsurface Flow: Not Applicable.

Tributary has: Not Applicable.

If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction:

High Tide Line indicated by: Not Applicable.

Mean High Water Mark indicated by: Not Applicable.

(iii) Chemical Characteristics: Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Not Applicable.

(iv) Biological Characteristics. Channel supports: Not Applicable.

# 2. Characteristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

(i) Physical Characteristics: (a) General Wetland Characteristics: Properties: Not Applicable.

(b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW: Flow is: Not Applicable.

Surface flow is: Not Applicable. Subsurface flow: Not Applicable.

(c) Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW: Not Applicable.

(d) Proximity (Relationship) to TNW: Not Applicable.

(ii) Chemical Characteristics: Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Not Applicable.

(iii) Biological Characteristics. Wetland supports: Not Applicable.

3. Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any): All wetlands being considered in the cumulative analysis: Not Applicable.

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: Not Applicable.

# 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.

Significant Nexus: Not Applicable

# D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE:

## 1. TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands:

Wetland Name	Туре	Size (Linear) (m)	Size (Area) (m²)
SPK-2008-01069, American River	TNWs, including territorial seas	-	9850.047504
SPK-2008-01069, FEW2	Wetlands adjacent to TNWs	-	841.746048
SPK-2008-01069, FEW3	Wetlands adjacent to TNWs	-	700.106088

SPK-2008-01069, OW1	Wetlands adjacent to TNWs	-	1262.619072
SPK-2008-01069, RW1	Wetlands adjacent to TNWs	-	781.043208
SPK-2008-01069, SW2	Wetlands adjacent to TNWs	-	20.23428
SPK-2008-01069, FEW1	Wetlands adjacent to TNWs	-	3168.688248
SPK-2008-01069, SW1	Wetlands adjacent to TNWs	-	121.40568
Total:		0	16745.890128

**2. RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs:** Not Applicable.

**Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area:** Not Applicable.

3. Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs:<sup>8</sup> Not Applicable.

**Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area:** Not Applicable.

4. Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Not Applicable.

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: Not Applicable.

**5. Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs:** Not Applicable.

**Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area:** Not Applicable.

6. Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs: Not Applicable.

**Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area:** Not Applicable.

**7. Impoundments of jurisdictional waters:**<sup>9</sup> Not Applicable.

# E. ISOLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DEGRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY SUCH WATERS:<sup>10</sup>

Not Applicable.

Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination: Not Applicable.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area: Not Applicable.

#### F. NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS. INCLUDING WETLANDS

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 soley on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR):

Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction (Explain):

Other (Explain):

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (ie., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment: Not Applicable.

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. Not Applicable.

# SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES.

### A. SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD

(listed items shall be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference below):

Data Reviewed	Source Label	Source Description
Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant	Nimbus Hatchery Weir Replacement Project	Delineation of Waters of the U.S., Including Wetlands
Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant	Data Sheets 1-8	Data sheets included in the delineation report

Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report	-	-
U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas	Lower American 18020111	-
USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps	-	-
Photographs	Consultant submitted	Photos and aerials submitted in the delineation report

### **B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD:**

#### Description

Refer to JD SPK-2008-99 for the Traditional Navigable Water Navigable-in-Fact determination for this reach of the American River.

<sup>1</sup>-Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

<sup>2</sup>-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).

<sup>3</sup>-Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

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

<sup>5</sup>-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.

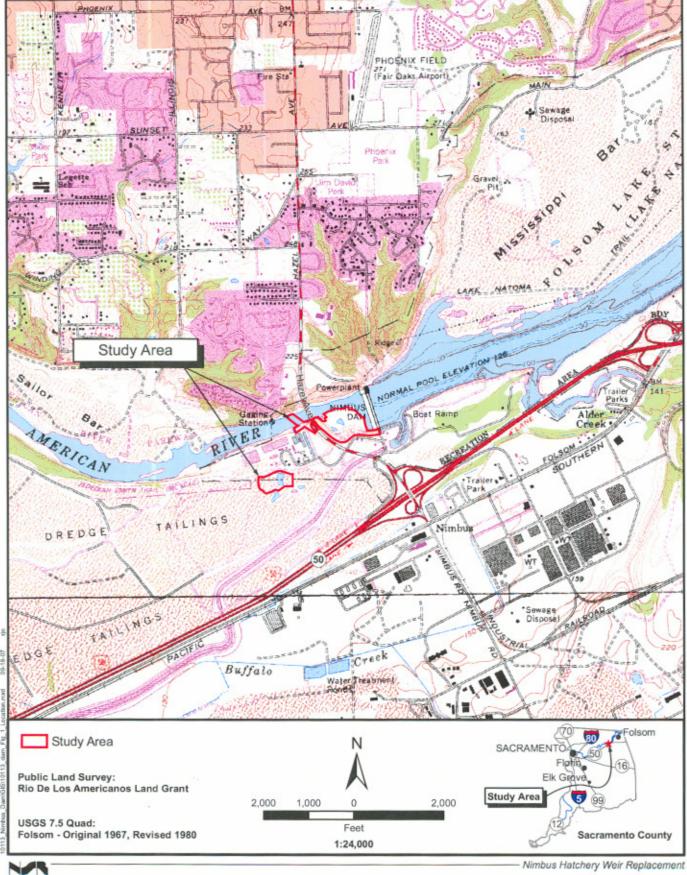
<sup>6</sup>-A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's 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.

<sup>7</sup>-Ibid.

<sup>8</sup>-See Footnote #3.

<sup>9</sup> -To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

<sup>10</sup>-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 Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos.



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Figure 1 Study Area Location and Vicinity

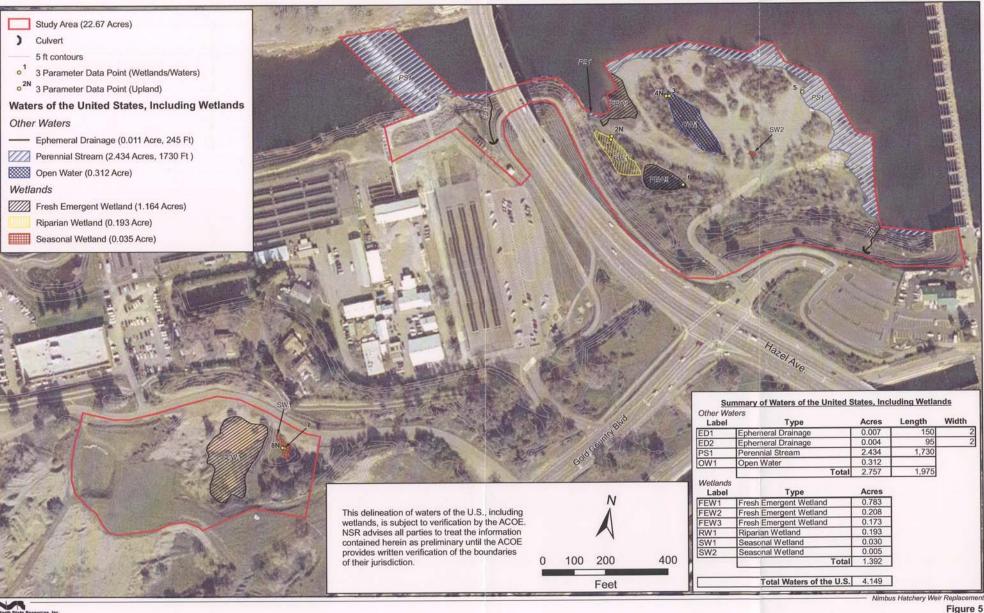


Figure 5 Waters of the United States, Including Wetlands September 27, 2007