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): May 29, 2015

В.	DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: Sacramento District, Stegall Agricultural Conversion, SPK-2012-00991
c.	PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: State: California County/parish/borough: Colusa City: Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 39.2624°, Long122.0275° Universal Transverse Mercator: 10 583899.37 4346346.7 Name of nearest waterbody: Sacramento River Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Sacramento River Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): Sacramento-Stone Corral. California., 18020104 □ 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: Field Determination. Date(s): September 20, 2012
	CTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS
Α.	RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
	Pick List "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part in the review 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: No determination made at this time. Greco and Alford 2003 depicts the changes in the centerline of the main channel of the Sacramento River from 1896 through 1974. The deepest portion of the subject area is depicted as a gray polygon west and slightly south of river mile 151. California Department of Water Resources' LiDAR elevation data indicates that the bottom elevation of the subject area prior to the alleged unauthorized activity was at or below the elevation of the Ordinary High Water Mark OHWM of the adjacent Sacramento River. This oxbow was at some point in time part of the main channel of the Sacramento River and as such was likely susceptible to navigation in the past. It is not clear at this time if it could be susceptible for use in navigation in the future. Navigability of the subject area was severed by the levee constructed in the 1870's if not before by natural river levee formation.
В.	CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
The	ere Are "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): ¹ ☐ TNWs, including territorial seas ☐ Wetlands adjacent to TNWs ☐ Relatively permanent waters² (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, wide, and/or acres. Wetlands: 18.69 acres.
	c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual

2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):³

Elevation of established OHWM (if known):

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).

³ Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

Potentially jur	sdictional waters and	d/or wetlands wer	e assessed within	the review area	and determined	to be not
jurisdictional.	Explain:					

SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

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. TNW

Identify TNW: Sacramento River

Summarize rationale supporting determination: The Sacramento River is navigable for 301 miles from its mouth to Keswick dam according to the South Pacific Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' 15 February 1978 "Sacramento River Determination of Navigablity." River mile 151 and 152, adjacent to the subject area, are within the navigable portion of the Sacramento River.

2. Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent": Wetlands within this oxbow of the Sacramento River are neighboring and bordering the Sacramento River, separated only by man-made barriers, one of which, the abandoned railroad grade, appears to be relatively open to passage of water near the surface. Wetlands separated from other waters of the United States by man-made dikes or barriers are adjacent per 33 CFR 328.3(c). Two man-made barriers are present. The barrier closest to the river and furthest east of the oxbow, is a man-made levee first constructed circa 1870. In 1944 a federal levee was constructed behind and abutting the 1870 levee expanding this man-made barrier. The barrier furthest from the river is a rail road grade constructed in or around 1912. The distance between these barriers, measured from the top of the federal levee and the top of the rail road grade at their narrowest point, is 580 feet. There is approximately 800 feet between the wetland and the Sacramento River at the narrowest point. The historic oxbow between these barriers, excepting the narrow band directly east of the rail road grade, appears to be upland and is currently in orchard. It is unclear if this is the result of natural process or if it was filled prior to the discharge at issue here. If the area between the barriers were filled by natural processes prior to the circa 1870 levee, 1944 federal levee and 1912 rail road grade, it would have been filled by the process of natural levee formation whereby coarse, heavy sediments are deposited immediately adjacent to the river during flood events per exhibit 3 of the 21 August 2014 letter from counsel for the responsible party. However, this does not sever adjacency. Pursuant to 33 CFR 328.3(c) wetlands separated by "natural river berms" (i.e. natural levees) from other waters of the United States are adjacent. If this area were not filled through this natural process, then it would be a continuation of the man-made barriers which, as discussed above, would not sever adjacency. The subject wetlands are within the mapped 100 year floodplain of the Sacramento River (15 May 2003, FEMA-FIRM map number 06011C0375F). The Sacramento River is navigable for 301 miles from its mouth to Keswick dam. River mile 151 and 152, adjacent to the subject area, are within the navigable portion of the Sacramento River.

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

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

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)	Wa Dra Ave	neral Area Conditions: tershed size: inage area: Pick List erage annual rainfall: erage annual snowfall: inches
(ii)	-	rsical Characteristics: Relationship with TNW: ☐ Tributary flows directly into TNW. ☐ Tributary flows through Pick List tributaries before entering TNW.
		Project waters are Pick List river miles from TNW. Project waters are Pick List river miles from RPW. Project waters are Pick List aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Project waters are Pick List aerial (straight) miles from RPW. Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:
		Identify flow route to TNW ⁵ : Tributary stream order, if known:
	(b)	General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply): Tributary is: Natural Natural Natificial (man-made). Explain: Manipulated (man-altered). Explain:
		Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate): Average width: feet Average depth: feet Average side slopes: Pick List.
		Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply): Silts Sands Concrete Gravel Muck Bedrock Vegetation. Type/% cover: Other. Explain:
		Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: Tributary geometry: Pick List Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): %
	(c)	Flow: Tributary provides for: Pick List Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: Pick List Describe flow regime: Other information on duration and volume:
		Surface flow is: Pick List. Characteristics:
		Subsurface flow: Pick List. Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed:
		Tributary has (check all that apply): ☐ Bed and banks ☐ OHWM ⁶ (check all indicators that apply):

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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.

		□ clear, natural line impressed on the bank □ the presence of litter and debris □ changes in the character of soil □ destruction of terrestrial vegetation □ shelving □ the presence of wrack line □ vegetation matted down, bent, or absent □ sediment sorting □ leaf litter disturbed or washed away □ scour □ sediment deposition □ multiple observed or predicted flow events □ water staining □ abrupt change in plant community □ other (list): □ Discontinuous OHWM. ⁷ Explain:
apply):		If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that High Tide Line indicated by:
	/:::\	☐ tidal gauges ☐ other (list):
	(111)	Chemical Characteristics: Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain: Identify specific pollutants, if known:
	(iv)	Biological Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply): Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): Wetland fringe. Characteristics: Habitat for: Federally Listed species. Explain findings: Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:
2.	Cha	aracteristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW
	(i)	Physical Characteristics: (a) General Wetland Characteristics: Properties: Wetland size: acres Wetland type. Explain: Wetland quality. Explain: Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:
		(b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW: Flow is: Pick List. Explain:
		Surface flow is: Pick List Characteristics:
		Subsurface flow: Pick List. Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed:
		(c) Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW: ☐ Directly abutting ☐ Not directly abutting ☐ Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: ☐ Ecological connection. Explain: ☐ Separated by berm/barrier. Explain:
		(d) Proximity (Relationship) to TNW Project wetlands are Pick List river miles from TNW.

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.

		Project waters are Pick L Flow is from: Pick List .			
		Estimate approximate loca	ation of wetland as within	tne Pick List floodplain.	
	(ii)	Chemical Characteristics: Characterize wetland system (characteristics; etc.). Explai Identify specific pollutants, if ke	n:	orown, oil film on surface; wa	ater quality; general watershed
	(iii)	Biological Characteristics. National Riparian buffer. Characterial Vegetation type/percent collaboration Habitat for: Federally Listed species Fish/spawn areas. Explose Other environmentally—Aquatic/wildlife diversit	stics (type, average width ver. Explain: es. Explain findings: plain findings: esensitive species. Explai):	
3.	Cha	aracteristics of all wetlands at All wetland(s) being considere Approximately acres in	d in the cumulative analys		
		For each wetland, specify the	following:		
		Directly abuts? (Y/N)	Size (in acres)	Directly abuts? (Y/N)	Size (in acres)

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:

- 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:
- 2. 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:

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, wide, Or acres. ☐ Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: 18.69 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 wide. 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, wide. 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.
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. 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.
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).
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 (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): 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, wide. 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: ☐ Other: (explain, if not covered above):
	Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the <u>sole</u> 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, wide. Lakes/ponds: acres. Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: Wetlands: 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): linear feet, wide. Lakes/ponds: acres. Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: Wetlands: acres.
SE	CTION IV: DATA SOURCES.
Α.	 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: 21 August 2014 letter from counsel for the responsible party 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: 31 October 2014 Atypical Situation Data Form 3 Corps navigable waters' study: 15 February 1978. US Army Corps of Engineers, South Pacific Division. Sacramento River Determination of Navigablity. 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: 1:24K; CA-MOULTON WEIR

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 *Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos*.

\bowtie	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: 2 October 2012. USDA-NRCS. Custom Soil
	Resource Report for Colusa County, California, Stegall Wetlands.
\boxtimes	National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: USFWS National Wetland Inventory, Wetland Mapper.
	State/Local wetland inventory map(s):
\boxtimes	FEMA/FIRM maps: 15 May 2003. FEMA-FIRM map number 06011C0375F
	100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)
\boxtimes	Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date): Google Earth aerial photography dated 25 June 2006, 31 May 2007, 24
	May 2009, 22 July 2009, 24 April 2010, 22 May 2010, 26 June 2010, 9 July 2010, 11 October
	2010, 26 June 2011 and 2 May 2013. Califonia Department of Water REsources Central Valley
	Floodplain Evaluation and Delineation Program (CVFED) LiDAR collected March and April
	2008.
	or ☑ Other (Name & Date): Ground photography from site inspections on 20 September 2012 and 15
	February 2013.
\boxtimes	Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: 02 October 2012 Preliminary Jurisdictional
	Determination. Not sent to the responsible party because the lead enforcement agency had not yet been
	determined.
	Applicable/supporting case law:
\boxtimes	Applicable/supporting scientific literature: Greco, S.E. and C.A. Alford. 2003. Historical Channel Mapping of the
	Sacramento River from Historical Maps, Colusa to Red Bluff, California 1870-1920. California Department of
	Water Resources, Northern District. August 2003.
\boxtimes	Other information (please specify): 13 January 2014. USDA-NRCS. Final Certified Wetland Determination
	Herbuilders, Inc.

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD:

This office has reviewed the 13 January 2014 USDA-NRCS Final Certified Wetland Determination determined that its findings were consistent with our own observations as summarized by Atypical Situation Dataform 3 (Enclosure 4). The 25 February 2005 "Joint Guidance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Army Corps of Engineers (COE) Concerning Wetland Determinations for the Clean Water Act and the Food Security Act of 1985" directs the agencies "to the maximium extent permissible by current statute and regulations, NRCS and COE will rely on each other's wetland determinations..." Accordingly we are verifying here that Field 4B 18.69 acres on the map entitled "Final Certified Wetland Determination Herdbuilders, Inc. January 13, 2014" are waters of the U.S.