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): November 9, 2022

В.	DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: Sacramento District, Spring Creek Concept, SPK-2021-00709
C.	PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: State: Utah County/parish/borough: Box Elder County Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 41.501135°, Long112.041803° Universal Transverse Mercator: 12 413049.13 4594914.09 Name of nearest waterbody: Black Slough Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Bear River Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): Lower Bear-Malad, 16010204 □ 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: November 2, 2022 ☑ Field Determination. Date(s): October 13, 2022
_	CTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
The	ere are no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in

B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

☐ Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.

There are and are not "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]

Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign

1. Waters of the U.S.

the review area. [Required]

commerce. Explain:

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 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: 599 linear feet, 10 feet wide, and/or 0.159 acres.

Wetlands: 0.787 acre (0.475 acre of wet meadow, 0.241 acre of emergent marsh, 0.071 acre of forested).

c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual Elevation of established OHWM (if known):

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

☑ Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain: Approximately 0.83 acre of aquatic resources were identified as isolated wetlands. These consist of the features identified as W-3, W-4a, W-4b, W-4c on the delineation maps. The nearest RPW is the onsite ditch that runs along the southern boundary and turns northwest through the western portion of the study area, carrying surface water from a relatively recent recreational development to the southeast. The ditch flows to the Black Slough, a RPW tributary to the Great Salt Lake. This ditch does not contribute to or receive any hydrology from the isolated wetlands. The primary sources of hydrology supporting the isolated wetlands are a seasonally high water table and short-term ponding of storm water. These features are fully contained within topographically low/ depressional areas with no chemical, physical, or biological connection to any other aquatic features on or off

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.

site. This was verified by Corps personnel on October 13, 2022. All sides of the features were checked for any types of connection, such as channels, culverts, drainage patterns, and none were found. The Corps has determined that these wetlands are isolated features with no interstate or foreign commerce connection and are not currently regulated under CWA Section 404.

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:

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: 45 acres
Drainage area: 29 acres

Average annual rainfall: 17.11 inches Average annual snowfall: 39 inches

(ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Relationship with TNW:

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 (or less) river miles from RPW.

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

Project waters are 1 (or less) aerial (straight) miles from RPW.

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

Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: N/A

Identify flow route to TNW5: The on-site RPW flows through a series of perennial channels and ditches, then into a large wetland complex that connects to the Black Slough and down to the Great Salt Lake, the nearest TNW. Tributary stream order, if known: 1st (b) General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply): □ Natural Tributary is: Artificial (man-made). Explain: Manipulated (man-altered). Explain: The on-site RPW is a partially man-made, partially natural channel that conveys natural spring/seep flows and surface runoff from adjacent areas with a naturally high water table. **Tributary** properties with respect to top of bank (estimate): Average width: 14 feet Average depth: 2 feet Average side slopes: 2:1. Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply): ⊠ Silts ⊠ Sands Concrete ☐ Cobbles ☐ Gravel ☐ Muck Bedrock Other. Explain: Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: Moderately erodible, some incising and sloughing banks. Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: None, gradient too flat and no cobble in substrate. Tributary geometry: Relatively straight Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): 1% (c) Flow: Tributary provides for: Perennial Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: 20 (or greater) Describe flow regime: perennial flow supported by springs/seeps/high ground water. The ditch flows to the Black Slough, a RPW tributary to the Great Salt Lake. Other information on duration and volume: Surface flow is: **Confined.** Characteristics: very distinct bed and bank, some incising Subsurface flow: Unknown. Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed: Tributary has (check all that apply): □ Bed and banks OHWM⁶ (check all indicators that apply): ☑ clear, natural line impressed on the bank the presence of litter and debris ☐ changes in the character of soil destruction of terrestrial vegetation the presence of wrack line shelving vegetation matted down, bent, or absent ⊠ scour leaf litter disturbed or washed away multiple observed or predicted flow events sediment deposition □ water staining abrupt change in plant community other (list): ☐ Discontinuous OHWM.⁷ Explain: If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply): ☐ High Tide Line indicated by: ☐ Mean High Water Mark indicated by:

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.

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.

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	 □ oil or scum line along shore objects □ fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore) □ physical markings; □ physical markings; □ vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types. □ other (list):
(i	Characteristics: Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain: Small watershed, water color is relatively clear as flow velocity is low. Identify specific pollutants, if known:
(i	(iv) Biological Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply): ☐ Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): Minimal riparian vegetation present ☐ 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:
C	Characteristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW
(i	(a) General Wetland Characteristics: Properties: Wetland size: 0.787 acres Wetland type. Explain: forested, emergent marsh, and wet meadow complex Wetland quality. Explain: moderate quality, wetland created by water sheet flowing around a partially blocked section of culvert/pipe. Mix of invasive and native species. Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: N/A
	(b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW: Flow is: Perennial flow. Explain: Directly abutting the perennial ditch
	Surface flow is: Overland sheet flow Characteristics:
	Subsurface flow: Unknown. 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 5-10 river miles from TNW. Project waters are 5-10 aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Flow is from: Wetland to navigable waters. Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the 2-year or less floodplain.
(i	(ii) Chemical Characteristics: Characterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain: Moderate water quality, color is relatively clear, small watershed with less potential pollution Identify specific pollutants, if known:
(i	(iii) Biological Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply): ☐ Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): ☐ Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain: invasive and native wetland vegetation, 100% ☐ Habitat for: ☐ Federally Listed species. Explain findings: ☐ Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: ☐ Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:

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П	Aquatic/wildlife	diversity	Explain	findings:

3. Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)

All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: 4 Approximately **0.787** acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.

For each wetland, specify the following:

Directly abuts? (Y/N)	<u>Size (in acres)</u>	<u>Directly abuts? (Y/N)</u>	Size (in acres)	
W-2a, Y	0.475	W2-b, Y	0.241	
W2-c, Y	0.02	W2-d, Y	0.051	

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: Moderate wildlife and macroinvertebrate habitat, low to moderate flood attenuation and filtering of pollutants.

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:
- 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. C ☐ TNWs: linear feet, ☐ Wetlands adjacent to TNWs:	heck all that apply wide, Or acres.	and provide size estimates in review area: acres.
2.	RPWs that flow directly or indire ☐ Tributaries of TNWs where tribu	•	year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale

indicating that tributary is perennial: Supporting information was provided by applicant/agent. Flow observed in

	the channel by Corps personnel during dry season, during a drier than normal year, with no recent precipitation prior to site visit. 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: 599 linear feet ~10 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 W-2a, W-2b, W-2c and W-2d are directly supported from the hydrology backing up at a partially blocked culvert and sheet flowing across this portion of the study area. This was observed by Corps personnel on site.
	Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 0.787 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.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 Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).
DE WA	DLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, GRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY SUCH ATERS (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.

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⁸See Footnote # 3.

⁹ To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

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.

	 ☐ 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: Ilinear 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 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, wide. ☐ Lakes/ponds: acres. ☐ Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: ☐ Wetlands: 0.83 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: "Delineation Detail, Spring Creek Subdivision" maps; October 20, 2022; CNL Environmental. 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 NHD data. USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps. U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: 1:24K; Brigham City USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: 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): Google Earth (historic aerial imagery); HistoricAerials.com or Other (Name & Date): Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: Applicable/supporting case law:
	Applicable/supporting case law. Applicable/supporting scientific literature: Other information (please specify):

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: Available aerial imagery of this study area has proven to be a little misleading. As mentioned above, a site visit conducted by Corps personnel specifically checked questionable areas for

potential unidentified wetlands and verified the boundaries of the delineated features. Focus was placed on potential connectivity of the above-mentioned isolated wetlands to other aquatic features- no connections were found. Isolated wetlands are surrounded by uplands.