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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant:
Jeff Wilson
Little Country Church

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**Sacramento District
Permit Application No. SPK-2013-00020**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The Sacramento District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1344). The purpose of this public notice is to solicit comments from the public regarding the work described below:

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AGENT: Jeff Souza
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WATERWAY AND LOCATION: The proposed project would affect waters of the United States associated with the expansion of the Little Country Church. The site is bounded on the west by Canby Road, on the east by Churn Creek Road, on the north by the existing Little Country Church, and on the south by a vacant lot. The project is located near the Little Churn Creek, Latitude 40.59545 and Longitude -122.35259, within the City of Redding, Shasta County, California.

EXISTING CONDITIONS: The site consists of 7 acres of a larger 13.7-acre, ruderal vacant lot. The lot has been graded in the past as part of the construction of Churn Creek Road and the construction of the current Little Country Church facilities. The southern portion of the lot was previously graded in anticipation for potential future development. The site generally slopes from northeast to southwest and draining into Little Churn Creek in the southwest corner. The site contains minimal woody vegetation and consists primarily of open grassland. Although wetlands are present on the site and could potentially serve as habitat for the Federally listed vernal pool fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta lynchei*), protocol-level surveys were conducted and the species was not found. Under a previously issued Department of the Army, (DA) permit, gravel was recently deposited on the north side of the vacant lot to provide parking for the existing church. As a result of the gravel deposition and grading, the wetlands in the northern part of the project area were filled, as authorized by the earlier permit.

PROJECT PURPOSE:

Basic: The basic project purpose comprises the fundamental, essential, or irreducible purpose of the proposed project, and is used by the Corps to determine whether the applicant's project is water dependent. The basic project purpose for the proposed project is to expand commercial development. The project is not water dependent.

Overall: The overall project purpose serves as the basis for the Corps' 404(b)(1) alternatives analysis and is determined by further defining the basic project purpose in a manner that more specifically describes the applicant's goals for the project, and which allows a reasonable range of alternatives to be analyzed. The overall project purpose is to provide additional church and community facility space to meet the needs of a growing congregation in Shasta County, California.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant requests authorization to construct additional facilities including a worship center, gymnasium for the school, additional parking, infrastructure, and to redesign existing facilities. The specific action requiring a DA permit is the discharge of fill material into a total of 0.65 acres of waters of the United States (WOTUS) on the site. This includes 0.44 acre of wetlands, 0.18 acre of freshwater emergent wetland complex, and 0.03 acre of stream all of which would be filled to allow construction of the proposed facilities. The streams are greater than 1,000 linear feet and would be permanently filled.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION: The applicant has provided the following information in support of efforts to avoid and/or minimize impacts to the aquatic environment: The project proponent evaluated alternatives to avoid or minimize impacts to on-site aquatic resources. However, the location of aquatic features in relation to existing facilities means that any expansion of the existing facilities would alter the site's hydrology and result in unavoidable impacts. The applicant further states that, due to the small size of the site (approximately 7 acres) and the scope of the proposed improvements, there does not appear to be a practicable alternative that would avoid or further minimize on-site impacts.

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION: The applicant has provided the following compensatory mitigation plan to offset unavoidable functional loss to the aquatic environment: The applicant purchased mitigation credits to fully compensate for project-related impacts. Because this project was previously permitted, a 1:1 ratio was determined to be sufficient. The Stillwater Plains Mitigation Bank had appropriate mitigation credits available, and the project site is located within the bank's service area. Impacts to WOTUS total 0.65-acre and include 0.03 acre of stream; 0.18 acre of emergent riparian complex; and 0.47 acre of wet meadow habitat. To satisfy mitigation requirements at a 1:1 ratio, the applicant purchased 0.18 creation credits of riparian wetland habitat and 0.47 creation credits of seasonal wetland habitat from the Stillwater Plains Mitigation Bank.

CULTURAL RESOURCES:

The Corps evaluated the undertaking pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) utilizing its existing program-specific regulations and procedures along with 36 CFR Part 800. The Corps' program-specific procedures include 33 CFR 325, Appendix C, and revised interim guidance issued in 2005 and 2007, respectively. The District Engineer reviewed district files and records and the most recent published version of the National Register of Historic Places and made the following initial determination:

Should historic properties (i.e., properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places) be present within the Corps' permit area, the proposed activity requiring the DA permit (the undertaking) is a type of activity that has no potential to cause an effect to a historic property.

The District Engineer's final determination of eligibility and effect will be based upon coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), as appropriate and required. This determination will fully consider the proposed undertaking's potential direct and indirect effects on historic properties within the Corps-identified permit area.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Corps reviewed the permit application, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC), and the NMFS Critical Habitat Mapper to evaluate the potential presence of threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate species, as well as proposed and designated critical habitat, within the project area. Consultation with the USFWS was completed, and the Service concurred with the Corps' determination regarding the effects of the proposed project on the species and critical habitat listed in Table 1. No other species or critical habitat listed under the Endangered Species Act, (ESA) will be affected by the proposed action.

Table 1: ESA-listed species and/or critical habitat potentially present in the action area.

Species Common Name and/or Critical Habitat Name	Scientific Name	Federal Status
vernal pool fairy shrimp	<i>Branchinecta lynchi</i>	Threatened
vernal pool tadpole shrimp	<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>	Endangered

Pursuant to Section 7 ESA, any further required consultation with the Service(s) will be conducted in accordance with 50 CFR part 402.

This notice serves as a request to the USFWS and NMFS for any additional information on whether any listed or proposed to be listed. endangered or threatened species or critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the proposed activity.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: Pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act 1996, the Corps reviewed the project area, examined information provided by the applicant, and consulted available species information.

The Corps has preliminarily determined the proposal would have no adverse effect on any Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The on-site streams would not support any listed fish species; therefore, the proposed project would have no adverse effect on EFH. As a result, consultation with the NMFS under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act 1996 is not required.

Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

NAVIGATION: The proposed structure or activity is not located in the vicinity of a federal navigation channel.

SECTION 408: The applicant will not require permission under Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (33 USC 408) because the activity, in whole or in part, would not alter, occupy, or use a Corps Civil Works project.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: Water Quality Certification may be required from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. A Section 404 of the Clean Water Act permit was previously issued for this proposed project. A Water Quality Certification for the previous permit was issued as well on December 9, 2014. An amendment to the original Water Quality Certification was granted on April 30, 2020, extending the Water Quality Certification to May 7, 2025, to coincide with the Section 404 permit extension. Both the certification and permit have expired.

NOTE: This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This information has not been verified or evaluated to ensure compliance with laws and regulation governing the regulatory program. The geographic extent of aquatic resources within the proposed project area that are presumed to be within the Corps jurisdiction has been verified by Corps personnel.

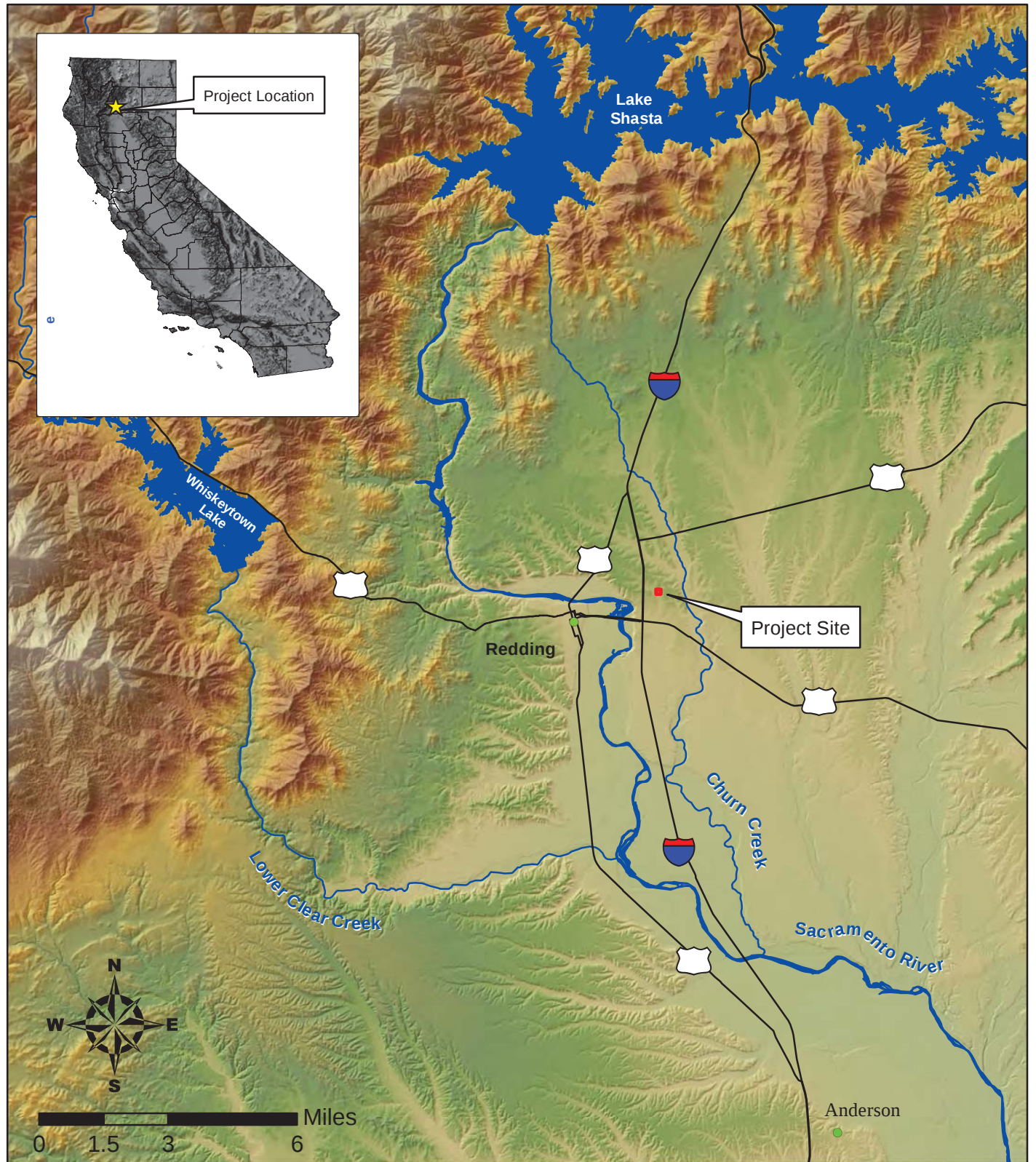
EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including cumulative impacts thereof; among these are conservation, economics, esthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historical properties, fish and

wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food, and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The evaluation of the activity's impact on the public interest will also include the application of guidelines issued by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, as well as the criteria established under Section 102(a) of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

COMMENTS: The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other Interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this determination, comments are used to assess impacts to endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The Sacramento District will receive written comments on the proposed work, as outlined above, until **August 19, 2025**. Comments should be submitted electronically via the Regulatory Request System (RRS) at <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs> or to Gabriel Leggieri at gabriel.j.leggieri@usace.army.mil. Alternatively, you may submit comments in writing to the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Attention: Gabriel Leggieri. Please refer to the permit application number (SPK-2013-00020) in your comments.

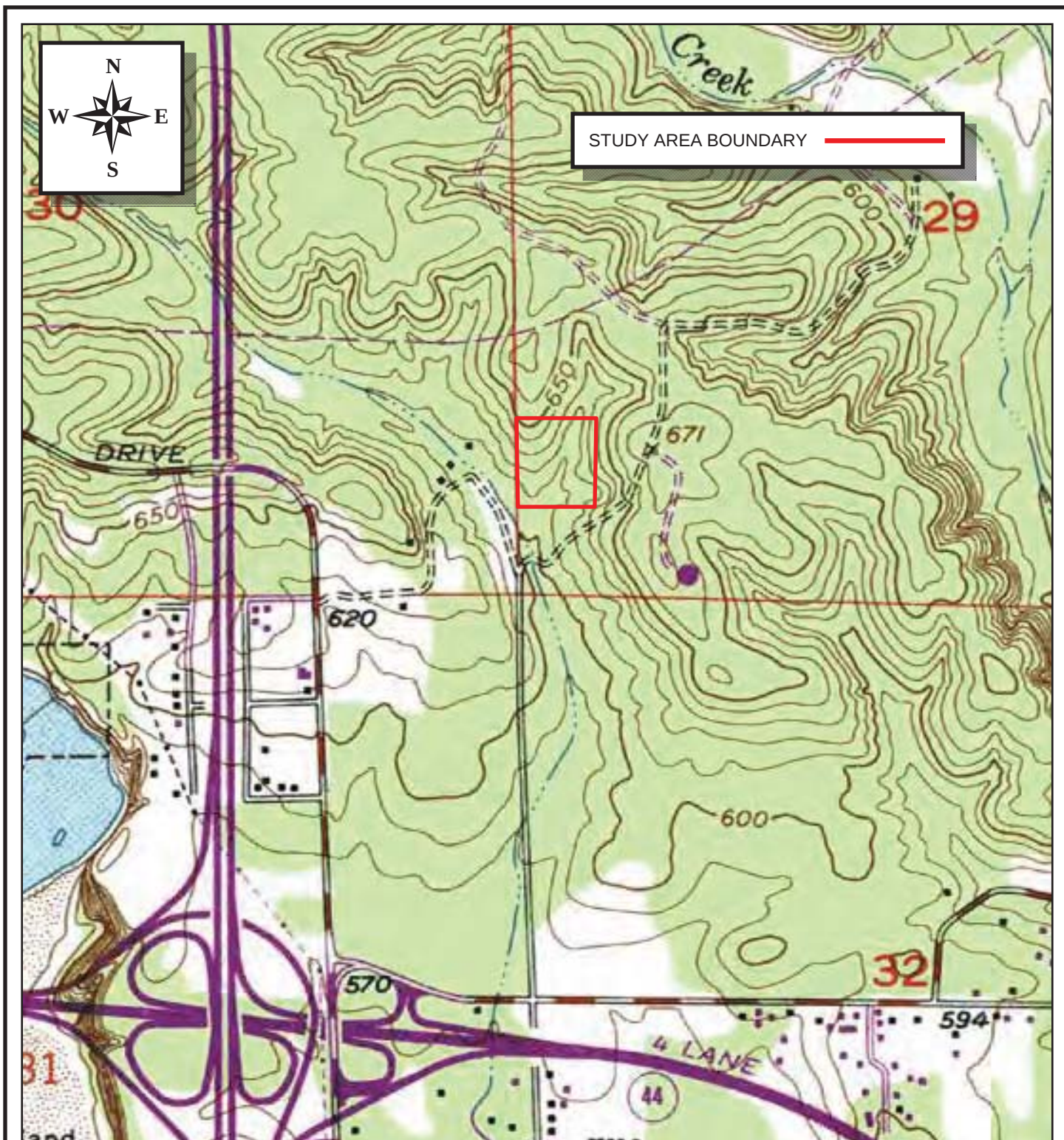
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. Requests for a public hearing will be granted, unless the District Engineer determines that the issues raised are insubstantial or there is otherwise no valid interest to be served by a hearing.



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Preconstruction Notification
Little Country Church Worship Center
 Redding, California
 March, 2014

FIGURE 1
 Site Vicinity Map



Source: USGS Enterprise 7.5' Quadrangle
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Approximate Scale: 1 inch = 940 feet

940 feet

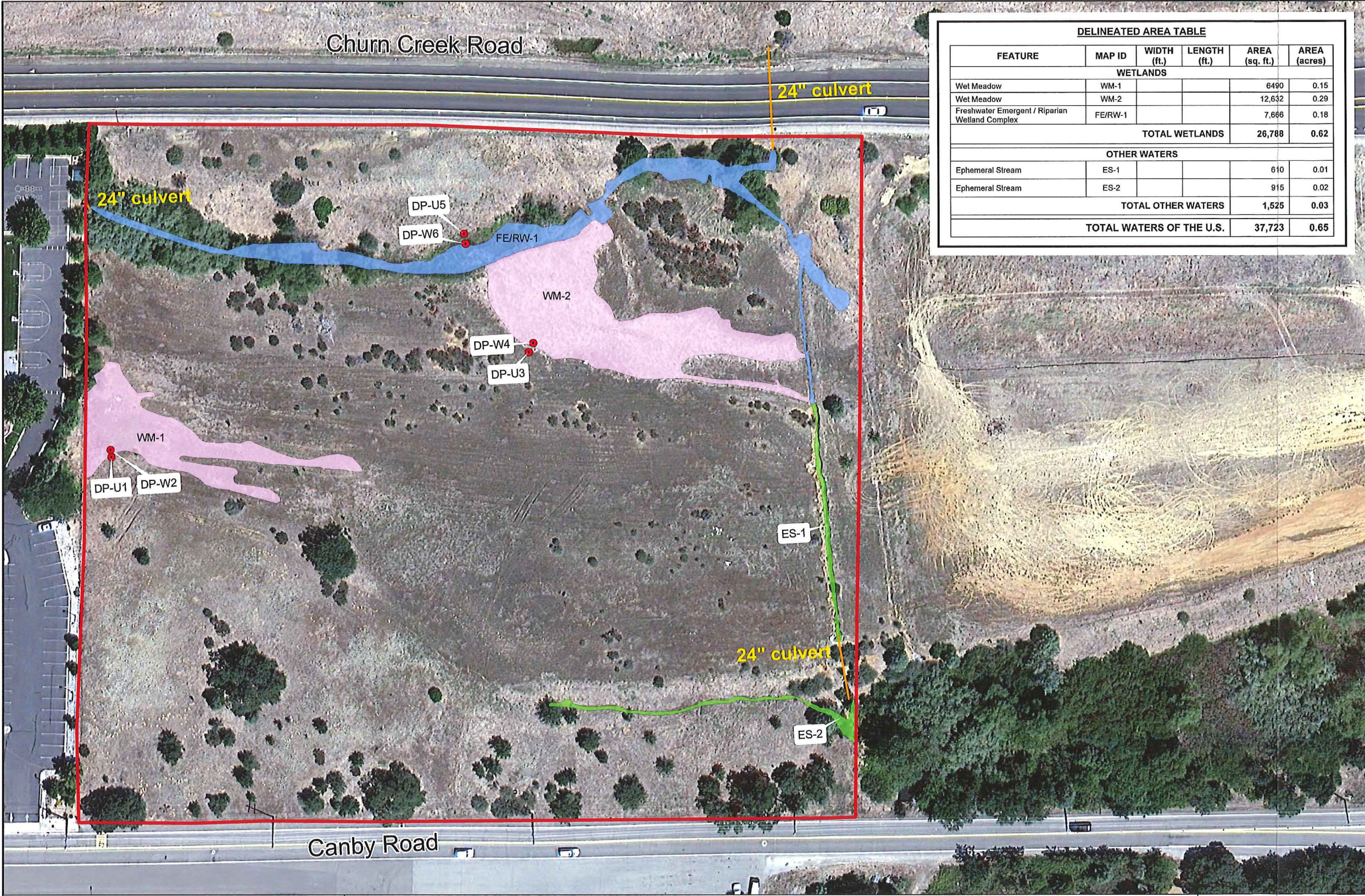
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FIGURE 2
Site Location Map

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DELINEATED AREA TABLE					
FEATURE	MAP ID	WIDTH (ft.)	LENGTH (ft.)	AREA (sq. ft.)	AREA (acres)
WETLANDS					
Wet Meadow	WM-1			6490	0.15
Wet Meadow	WM-2			12,632	0.29
Freshwater Emergent / Riparian Wetland Complex	FE/RW-1			7,666	0.18
TOTAL WETLANDS				26,788	0.62
OTHER WATERS					
Ephemeral Stream	ES-1			610	0.01
Ephemeral Stream	ES-2			915	0.02
TOTAL OTHER WATERS				1,525	0.03
TOTAL WATERS OF THE U.S.				37,723	0.65

Legend

Study Area

Fresh Emergent / Riparian Wetland Complex

Ephemeral Stream

Wet Meadow

Culvert

Data Points

FIGURE 5
Preliminary Delineation Map

DELINEATION/GPS SURVEY

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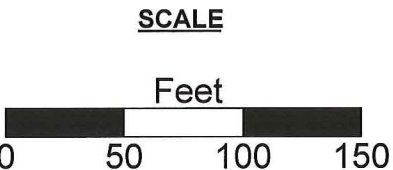
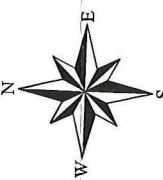
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Delineation of Waters of the U.S.
Little Country Church Worship Center
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Redding, California



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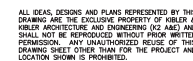


SCALE 1" = 50'

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