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**Sacramento District
Mitigation Bank No. SPK-2012-00286**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The Sacramento District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has received an initial project prospectus for an in-lieu fee project under the Sacramento District California ILF program pursuant to 33 CFR 332.8(g)(1). The purpose of this public notice is to solicit comments from the public regarding the work described below:

SPONSOR: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Attn: Mr. Christopher Gurney
1625 Eye Street NW, Suite 300
Washington, District of Columbia 20006

AGENT: Westervelt Ecological Services, LLC
Attn: Ms. Dayna Winchell
3636 American River Drive, Suite 120
Sacramento, California 95864

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: The proposed ILF project would affect waters of the United States associated with the Eastline Canal. The ILF project site is located immediately west of Highway 49 in Sections 13 and 24, Township 21 North, Range 13 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian; at Latitude 39.665159 and Longitude -120.364365; five miles north of Sierraville in Sierra County, California.

EXISTING CONDITIONS: The proposed ILF project site currently supports alfalfa and grain crops. The two pivot irrigation systems on the site are separated by a drainage feature. The Eastside Canal flows along the western and northern border of the ILF project site. A complex of montane meadow and freshwater marsh occurs in the western edge of the site, and montane wet meadow occurs in the northeast corner of the site. Earthen berms in the north and south sever natural hydrology from the agricultural fields in the center of the ILF project site.

PROPOSED WORK: The sponsor requests authorization to re-establish 19 acres of freshwater marsh, 16 acres of montane meadow, 3 acres of freshwater seep, and 6 acres of northern hardpan vernal pool. The proposed ILF project would also rehabilitate approximately 15 acres of freshwater marsh, 84 acres of montane meadow, 11 acres of disturbed montane meadow, and 1 acre of freshwater seep. The proposed re-establishment and rehabilitation would generate between 52 and 57.24 aquatic

resource credits once fully successful. The ILF project would fulfill the sponsor's obligation to provide compensatory mitigation for a total of 37.65 advance credits sales, including 27.60 advance credits in the Feather River Aquatic Resource Service Area and 10.05 advance credits in the Bear/Yuba Rivers Aquatic Resource Service Area. Any additional released credits generated by the ILF project would be available to compensate for impacts within the Feather River and the Bear/Yuba Rivers Aquatic Resource Service Areas.

The full prospectus can be found on the Regulatory In-lieu Fee and Bank Information Tracking System at https://ribits.ops.usace.army.mil/ords/f?p=107:378:16622393260877:::P378_PROGRAM_ID:2661.

CULTURAL RESOURCES:

The Corps is evaluating the undertaking for effects to historic properties as required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This public notice serves to inform the public of the proposed undertaking and invites comments including those from local, State, and Federal government Agencies with respect to historic resources. Our final determination relative to historic resource impacts may be subject to additional coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), federally recognized tribes and other interested parties.

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

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Corps has performed an initial review of the prospectus, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC), and the NMFS Critical Habitat Mapper to determine if any threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate species, as well as the proposed and final designated critical habitat may occur within the boundary of the proposed project. Based on this initial review, the Corps has made a preliminary determination that the proposed project may affect species listed in Table 1. No other ESA-listed species or critical habitat 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
Gray Wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>	Endangered
California Spotted Owl	<i>Strix occidentalis occidentalis</i>	Proposed Threatened
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	Threatened
Northwestern Pond Turtle	<i>Actinemys marmorata</i>	Proposed threatened

Monarch Butterfly	<i>Danaus Plexippus</i>	Proposed threatened
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Pursuant to Section 7 ESA, any required consultation with the Service(s) will be conducted in accordance with 50 CFR part 402.

This notice serves as request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service 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 effect on any Essential Fish Habitat (EFH), since there is no EFH within the project area. Therefore, no consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service on EFH as required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act 1996 is required.

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

NAVIGATION: The proposed ILF project 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.

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 either are, or are presumed to be, within the Corps jurisdiction has not been verified by Corps personnel.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to approve an ILF project will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity. 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.

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) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The Sacramento District will receive written comments on the proposed work, as outlined above, until **December 3, 2025**. Comments should be submitted electronically via the Regulatory Request System (RRS) at <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs> or to Laura.B.Shively@usace.army.mil. Alternatively, you may submit comments in writing to the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Attention: Ms. Laura Shively, 1325 J Street, Room 860, Sacramento, California 95814. Please refer to the application number SPK-2012-00286 in your comments.



Figure 1
Regional Vicinity
Sierra Valley Restoration Project

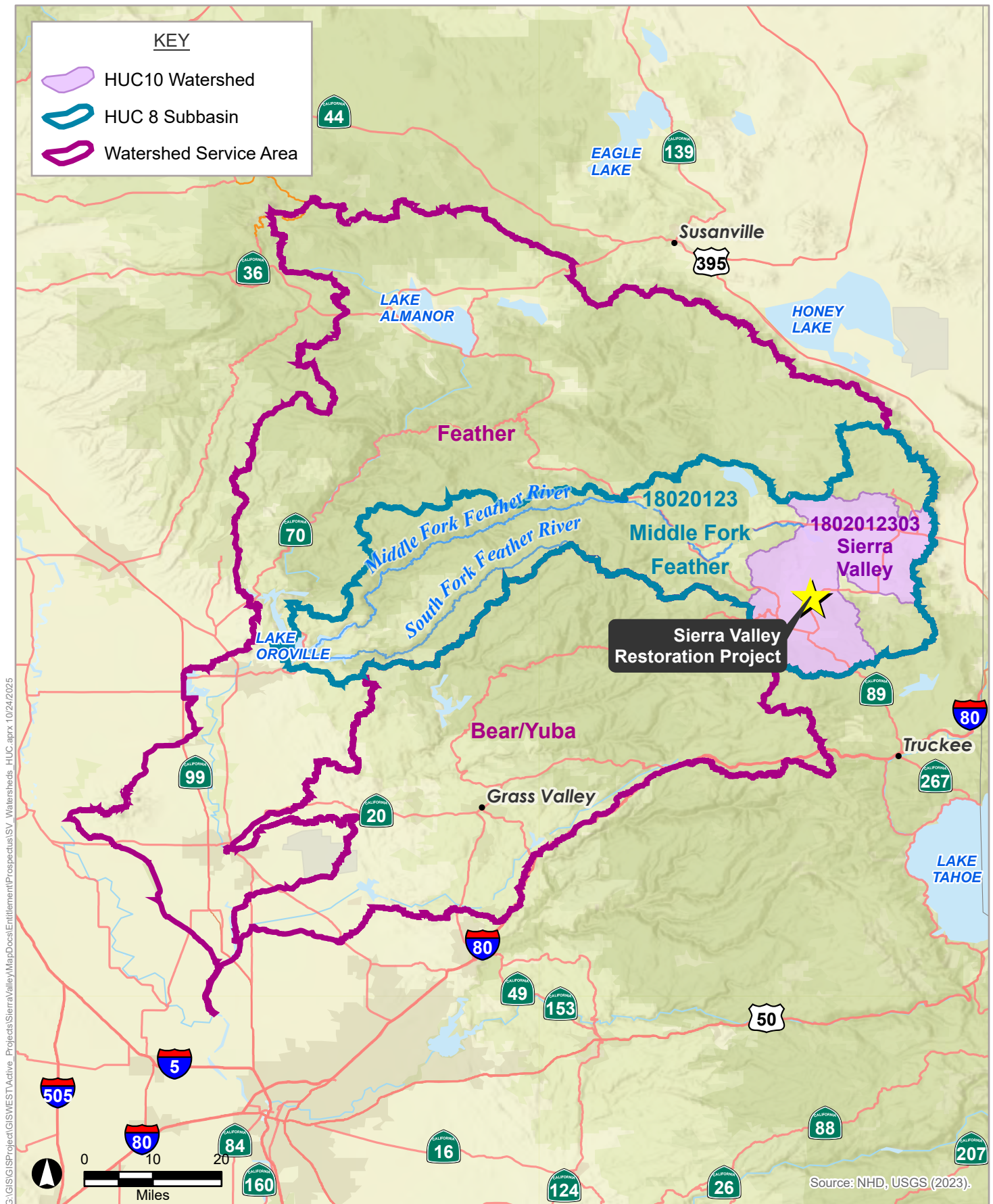


Figure 7
10- and 8-digit Hydrologic Units
Sierra Valley Restoration Project

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