



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SACRAMENTO DISTRICT
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SACRAMENTO, CA 95814-2905**

408 Permission Section

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ALTER A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
PROJECT UNDER SECTION 408**

TITLE: Machado San Joaquin River Existing Pipe and Pump (19749)

PUBLIC NOTICE COMMENT PERIOD:

Begins: May 15, 2026

Ends: June 1, 2026

SUBJECT: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District (USACE), has received a request from the State of California Central Valley Flood Protection Board to alter the Lower San Joaquin River and Tributaries Project, California, (LSJRT) Unit No. 7 levee system. The proposed alteration would remove an existing concrete headwall on the water side of the levee and the first 7 feet of the associated concrete irrigation pipe on the water and land sides, filling the remaining pipe with controlled, low-strength material. Other existing pumping facilities used to supply irrigation water to the adjacent farmland would be reviewed and authorized, bringing the entire encroachment into compliance. This notice is to inform interested parties of the proposed alteration and to solicit comments regarding potential impacts to historic properties.

AUTHORITY: The authority to grant permission for temporary or permanent use, occupation, or alteration of any USACE civil works project is contained in Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, as amended, codified at 33 U.S.C. 408 ("Section 408"). Section 408 authorizes the Secretary of the Army, on the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, to grant permission for the alteration, occupation, or use of a USACE project if the Secretary determines that the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the project. The Secretary of Army's authority under Section 408 has been delegated to the USACE, Chief of Engineers. The USACE Chief of Engineers has further delegated the authority to the USACE, Directorate of Civil Works and Division and District Engineers, depending upon the nature of the activity. Because the issuance of a permit represents a federal undertaking, the associated 408 Permission is also subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (Section 106) (codified at 54 U.S.C. § 306108).

LOCATION: The proposed alteration would take place on the left (west) bank of the San Joaquin River immediately north of the Howard Road overpass in San Joaquin County, California. A map showing the project's location is provided as Attachment 1.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The proposed undertaking involves efforts to authorize and bring under permit an existing agricultural pumping facility. That facility consists of 110

linear feet of 8-inch-diameter x 0.375-inch-thick steel irrigation pipe, a slant pump, 3-inch-diameter steel tubing, a steel anchor to existing concrete pile pipe, an electrical switch box, and a 1.25 inch-diameter electrical conduit on the waterside levee slope, as well as a service pole with electrical meter and the portable water tank on the landside. Also present are 50 feet of 12-inch diameter steel pipe, which passes through the levee at a maximum depth of 12 feet, and a concrete headwall on the water side of the levee. To bring the facility into compliance, the landowners are requesting to remove the concrete headwall and approximately 14 feet of 12-inch pipe where it comes to the ground surface and fill the remaining 12-inch pipe with concrete. All work would occur within the levee prism.

Overview photos of the project area are provided as Attachment 2, Photos 1-5. Photos 6-7 show features of the pump house, riser pipe, and box previously found in the same location. It is the headwall and pipe connecting these older features that will be removed and/or filled.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: USACE previously notified the public of this undertaking in our notice on November 19, 2024, with no response. USACE initiated consultation with the State of California Historic Preservation Officer on February 6, 2026, establishing the undertakings APE. USACE requested concurrence with its determination that the LSJRT Unit 7 levee system is ineligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) at that time and on March 18, 2026, with no response. SHPO has previously concurred that the district comprised of the entire Lower San Joaquin River and Tributaries Project (Units 1-13) is ineligible for listing on the NRHP. USACE is now providing an additional opportunity to comment on the effects of this undertaking on LSJRT Unit 7 or other, unidentified properties that may be eligible for listing.

SUBMITTING COMMENTS: The Sacramento District will receive written comments on the proposed work until **June 1, 2026**. Comments, questions, or requests for additional information should be submitted electronically to Dr. Andrew Ugan's at Email: Andrew.S.Ugan@usace.army.mil.

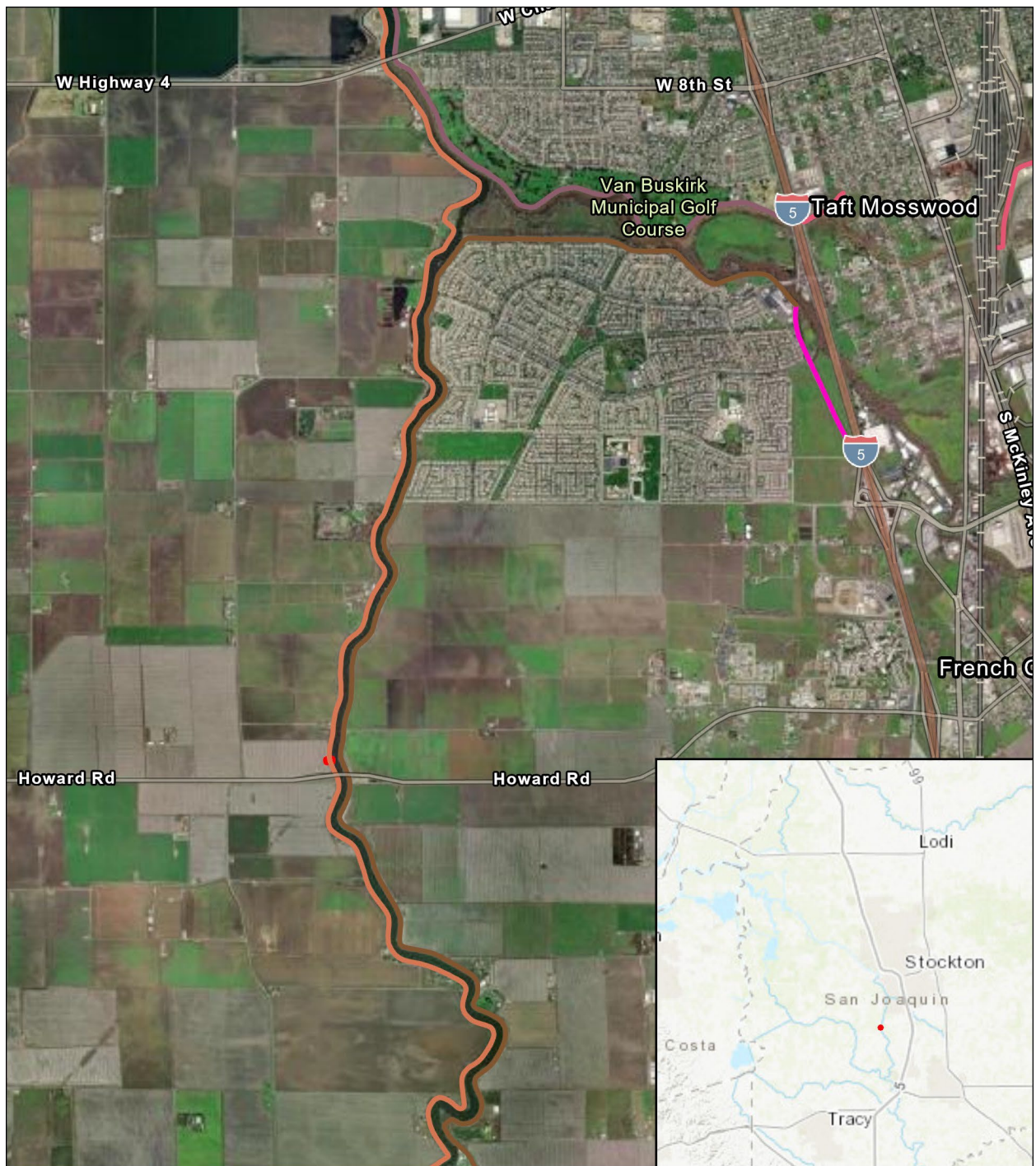
Attn: Dr. Andrew Ugan, Senior Archaeologist
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Please note that all comment letters received are subject to release to the public through the Freedom of Information Act.

Attachments:

- 1) Project Location Map
- 2) Project Photos

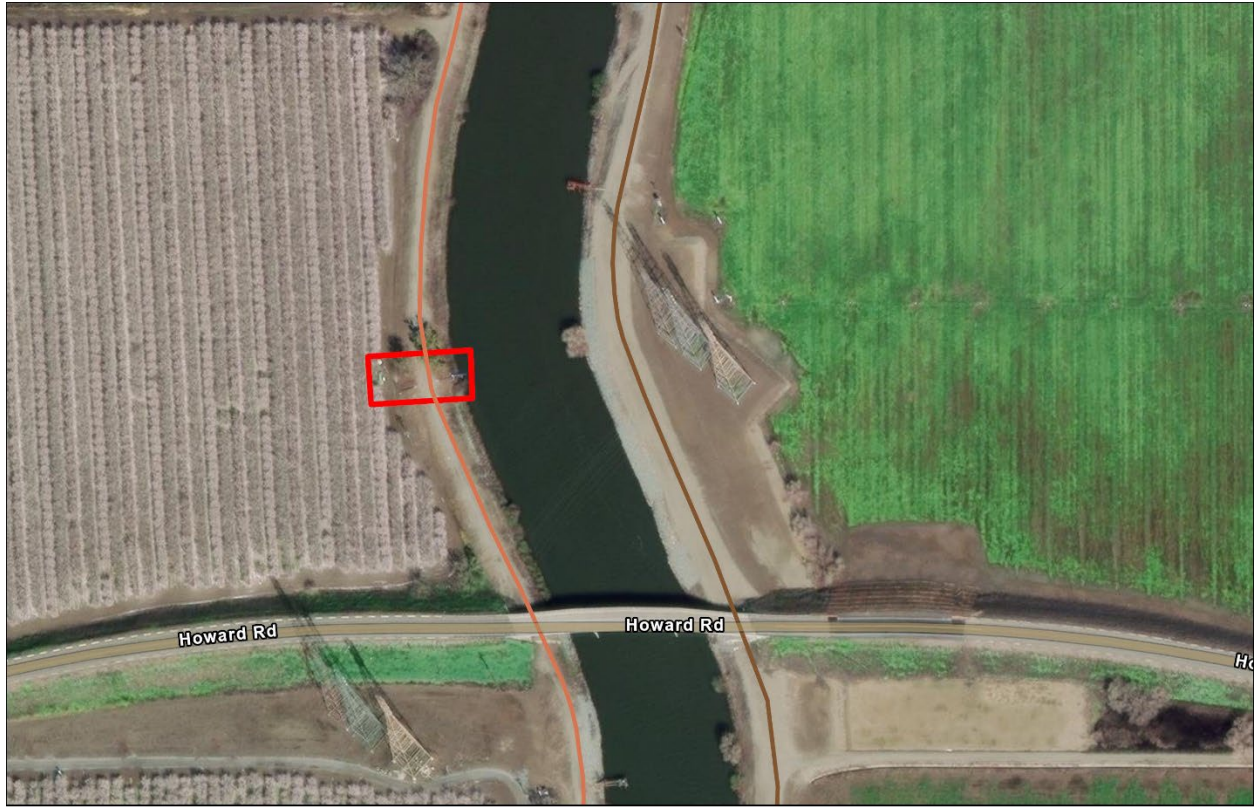
Attachment 1



Location Map
408 Permission 19749
(red dot at Howard Road)

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APE, 408 Permission 19749

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Attachment 2

Machado Irrigation Pipe Removal and Replacement
Location: Middle Roberts Island, San Joaquin APN 191-110-04
Applicant: Ron Machado



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Photo 5. View of levee and pump looking south from Howard Road. (Google Earth, 2026)



Photo 6. Pumphouse previously found in the same location, since removed. (USACE inspection photo, 2015.)



Photo 7. Riser pipe and box originally located on the landside levee hinge, now removed.
(USACE inspection photo, 2015.)