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Environmental Resources Branch

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
Feather River Levee Repair Project, Segments 1 and 3
Yuba County, California

I have reviewed and evaluated the information in this supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Section 408 Feather River Levee Repair Project, Segments 1 and 3, located in the town of West Linda near Marysville in Yuba County, California. The proposed action would consist of (1) constructing 1.1 miles of a 20-foot-wide toe access corridor and associated drainage improvements on the landside of Segment 3 (north of Island Avenue) to comply with levee design criteria and standards for flood protection, (2) removing and relocating 12 elderberry shrubs from the corridor to the expanded Feather River elderberry transplant area and planting associated riparian vegetation, and (3) expanding the mitigation area in the Segment 2 levee setback area from 44 acres to a maximum of 55 acres.

During this review, the possible consequences of the work described in the EA have been studied with consideration given to environmental, social, cultural, and engineering feasibility. In evaluating the effects of the project, specific attention has been given to significant environmental conditions that could potentially be affected. I have also considered the views of other interested agencies, organizations, and individuals concerning the project. The effects and mitigation measures have been coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, and State Historic Preservation Officer.

Based on my review of the EA and my knowledge of the project area, I am convinced that the proposed action, including constructing the levee toe access corridor, transplanting 12 elderberries and mitigation, and expanding the Feather River elderberry transplant area, is a logical and desirable alternative. Furthermore, I have determined that the work would have no significant effects on the environment. All construction will be implemented in strict compliance with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Based on the results of the EA and completion of interagency coordination, I have determined that the EA and Finding of No Significant Impact provide adequate documentation and that no further environmental document is required.

25 FEB 2013

Date

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