



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, SACRAMENTO
CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1325 J STREET
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814-2922
July 29, 2002

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Regulatory Branch (200200314)

Kyle Kollar
City of Manteca
1001 W. Center Street
Manteca, California 95337-4390

Dear Mr. Kollar:

I am responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Report for Draft EIR-Manteca General Plan Update for the City of Manteca, San Joaquin County, California.

The Corps of Engineers' jurisdiction within the study area is under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. Waters of the United States include, but are not limited to, rivers, perennial or intermittent streams, lakes, ponds, wetlands, vernal pools, marshes, wet meadows, and seeps. The Corps of Engineers also has jurisdiction under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act for any work in, over, or under, and Federally navigable waterway. Project features that result in the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, or any work within a Federally navigable waterway, will require Department of the Army authorization prior to starting work.

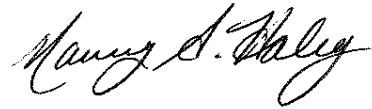
Any activity which is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of a threatened or endangered species or a species proposed for such designation, as identified under the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), or which will destroy or adversely modify the critical habitat of such species may require consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Any activity which may affect historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places must satisfy the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The range of alternatives considered should include alternatives that avoid impacts to wetlands or other waters of the United States. These avoided areas should also include upland buffers. Every effort should be made to avoid project features which require the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. In the event it can be clearly demonstrated there are no practicable alternatives to filling waters of the United States, mitigation plans should be developed to compensate for the unavoidable losses resulting from project implementation.

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We have issued identification number 200200314 to this action. Please refer to this number in any future correspondence concerning this project. If you have any questions, please write to Mr. Paul Maniccia at the letterhead address, or email Paul.M.Maniccia@usace.army.mil, or telephone 916-557-6704.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nancy A. Haley".

Nancy A. Haley
Chief, San Joaquin Valley Office

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