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**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
Phase II Real Estate Acquisition and Relocation  
Isabella Lake Dam Safety Modification Project  
Kern County, California

I have reviewed and evaluated the information presented in this Phase II Real Estate Acquisition and Relocation Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Isabella Lake Dam Safety Modification (Isabella Lake DSM) Project. This SEA is tiered from the Isabella Lake DSM Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and updates the analysis provided in the EIS. This SEA focuses on the effects of acquiring lands affected by the Isabella Lake DSM Project and describes what would be done with the acquired real estate.

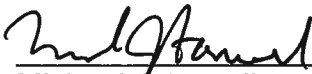
The main features of the Phase II real estate action include: (1) the acquisition of 10 parcels of privately owned land; (2) the relocation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Operation and Maintenance Facility; and (3) the demolition and disposal of all existing buildings and structures located on lands affected by the construction of the Isabella Lake DSM Project. The locations of parcels evaluated in the SEA are found within the Lake Isabella North U.S. Geological Survey map at Township 26 South, Range 33 East, and Section 30 within Kern County, California. These properties have been identified to be in areas of high risk to human health from construction generated noise emissions, or would be used in connection with Isabella Lake DSM Project construction activities.

During this review, the possible consequences of the work described in the SEA have been studied with consideration given to environmental, economic, social, and engineering feasibility. In evaluating the effects of the proposed project, specific attention has been given to any significant environmental conditions that could potentially be affected. I have also considered the views of other interested agencies, organizations, and individuals concerning the analysis. The Phase II Real Estate actions would not affect any Federally listed threatened or endangered species. Handling and disposal of materials containing asbestos and lead-based paint would follow established regulations and protocols described in the SEA. Any effects to cultural resources, with appropriate mitigation measures, have been coordinated with the California State Historic Preservation Officer.

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Based on my review of the SEA, which is incorporated herein by reference, and my knowledge of the project area, I am convinced that the proposed project is a logical and desirable alternative. Furthermore, I have determined that the project would have no significant effects on the environment. All construction would be implemented in strict compliance with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Based on the results of the environmental evaluation and completion of interagency coordination, I have determined that the SEA and Finding of No Significant Impact provide adequate documentation and that an environmental impact statement is not required for the action described in this SEA.

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