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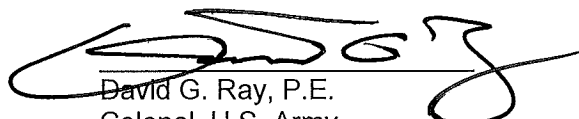
Levees and Channels Branch

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
**Programmatic Environmental Assessment**  
**Categorical Permission for Section 408 Requests**  
**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District**

I have reviewed and evaluated the information presented in the Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) prepared for the Categorical Permission for Section 408 Requests in the Sacramento District. In compliance with 33 U.S.C. 408 ("Section 408") and Engineering Circular 1165-2-220, the Sacramento District proposes to implement a categorical permission in order to streamline its review and decision process for requests for minor alterations to USACE federally authorized civil works projects within the civil works boundary of the Sacramento District. The geographic scope of the decision to be made is limited to USACE federal projects under the responsibility of the Sacramento District. The decision does not apply to any other USACE districts. The decision only applies to federally authorized levees and channel modification projects and does not apply to any lake projects. The temporal scope of the decision is five years; after five years the decision will be reevaluated.

The Sacramento District prepared a public notice describing the proposed alternatives, the activities covered by the proposed categorical permission, and the potential environmental effects. This public notice was posted on the Sacramento District website from September 18, 2017, through October 18, 2017, and members of the public as well as Indian tribes and federal and non-federal agencies were notified of its location by email and invited to comment. The Sacramento District received thirteen total responses to this public notice; the Sacramento District addressed these responses in the PEA. The Sacramento District distributed the draft Categorical Permission decision document along with the alteration descriptions (Enclosure 2 of the Categorical Permission) to the public following the public notice procedure described above. The Sacramento District posted these draft documents on the Sacramento District website from October 9, 2018, through November 8, 2018. The Sacramento District received ten total responses to this public notice; the Sacramento District addressed these responses in the PEA.

As the implementation of a categorical permission to streamline the Section 408 review and decision process would not involve any on-the-ground work, there are no anticipated direct effects to the human environment resulting from the decision at hand. The decision on the categorical permission does not authorize any specific Section 408 requests or any ground disturbing work. Based on my review of the PEA (incorporated herein by reference) and information provided by interested parties, I have determined that implementation of the categorical permission will not have a significant effect on the human environment. For this reason, no environmental impact statement needs to be prepared. Therefore, the PEA and Finding of No Significant Impact provide adequate environmental documentation to implement the proposed action.

  
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14 JAN '19  
Date Approved

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