APPENDIX C

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Subject: Colusa Subreach Wildlife Habitat Restoration Project at Seven Tracts along the Sacramento River Between Colusa and Princeton
SCH#: 2008052098

Dear Kent Smith:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Mitigated Negative Declaration to selected state agencies for review. On the enclosed Document Details Report please note that the Clearinghouse has listed the state agencies that reviewed your document. The review period closed on June 20, 2008, and the comments from the responding agency (ies) is (are) enclosed. If this comment package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Please refer to the project's ten-digit State Clearinghouse number in future correspondence so that we may respond promptly.

Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:

> "A responsible or other public agency shall only make substantive comments regarding those activities involved in a project which are within an area of expertise of the agency or which are required to be carried out or approved by the agency. Those comments shall be supported by specific documentation."

These comments are forwarded for use in preparing your final environmental document. Should you need more information or clarification of the enclosed comments, we recommend that you contact the commenting agency directly.

This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

Terry Roberts

Terry Roberts
Director, State Clearinghouse

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Document Details Report

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SCH#	**2008052098**
Project Title	Colusa Subreach Wildlife Habitat Restoration Project at Seven Tracts along the Sacramento River Between Colusa and Princeton
Lead Agency	Fish & Game #2

Type **MND** Mitigated Negative Declaration

Description TNC in association with the Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum (SRCAF) and other partners propose to restore approximately 251 acres of wildlife habitat on portions of seven tracts within the levees of the Sacramento River between Princeton and Colusa. The wildlife habitat restoration activities are proposed through a planning and stakeholder involvement program called Colusa Subreach Planning (CSP). The seven restoration tracts from north to south are identified as Womble, Jensen, Stegeman, 1000-Acre Ranch, Boeger, Colusa-North, and Cruise n' Tarry. Three of the restoration sites, which are currently owned by TNC (Jensen, 1000-Acre Ranch, and Boeger), are proposed to be acquired by the State of California. The total area of the seven tracts is approximately 825 acres.

The purpose of the proposed project is to restore the ability of the Colusa Subreach to support native wildlife, including species listed under the state and federal endangered species acts and other special-status species. Restoration activities include removal of non-native vegetation; site preparation; installation of irrigation systems and use of surface water or groundwater supplies; planting of native trees, shrubs, and grasses; interim irrigation of plants as they become established; and construction of minor public access improvements. Restoration would occur over a four-year time period.

Note: Blanks in data fields result from insufficient information provided by lead agency.

Document Details Report
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Project Location

County	Colusa, Glenn		
City	Colusa		
Region			
Lat / Long			
Cross Streets			
Parcel No.			
Township	*Range*	*Section*	*Base*

Proximity to:

Highways	SR 45, SR 20, SR 162
Airports	
Railways	
Waterways	Sacramento River (seven tracts along a 21-mile reach)
Schools	
Land Use	Colusa County General Plan: "Designated Floodway" (all seven tracts) Glenn County General Plan: "Exclusive Agriculture" (portion of Womble) Colusa County Zoning: "Floodway or F-W zone" (northern portion of Womble)

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Agricultural Land; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Cumulative Effects; Economics/Jobs; Flood Plain/Flooding; Forest Land/Fire Hazard; Geologic/Seismic; Landuse; Minerals; Noise; Population/Housing Balance; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Solid Waste; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Quality; Water Supply; Wetland/Riparian; Wildlife

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Regional Water Quality Control Bd., Region 5 (Sacramento); Department of Parks and Recreation; Native American Heritage Commission; Central Valley Flood Protection Board; Office of Historic Preservation; Department of Water Resources; Department of Conservation; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 3; Department of Boating and Waterways; Air Resources Board, Transportation Projects; State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights; State Water Resources Control Board, Clean Water Program

Date Received 05/21/2008 *Start of Review* 05/22/2008 *End of Review* 06/20/2008

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RE: SCH# 2008052098 Colusa Subreach Wildlife Habitat Restoration Project at Seven Tracts along the Sacto River, Colusa/Princeton; Colusa County

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) has reviewed the Notice of Completion (NOC) referenced above. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) states that any project that causes a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource, which includes archeological resources, is a significant effect requiring the preparation of an EIR (CEQA Guidelines 15064(b)). To comply with this provision the lead agency is required to assess whether the project will have an adverse impact on historical resources within the area of project effect (APE), and if so to mitigate that effect. To adequately assess and mitigate project-related impacts to archaeological resources, the NAHC recommends the following actions:

- ✓ Contact the appropriate regional archaeological Information Center for a record search. The record search will determine:
  - If a part or all of the area of project effect (APE) has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
  - If any known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE.
  - If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
  - If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
- ✓ If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
  - The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measurers should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for pubic disclosure.
  - The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional archaeological Information Center.
- ✓ Contact the Native American Heritage Commission for:
  - A Sacred Lands File Check. **USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle name, township, range and section required.**
  - A list of appropriate Native American contacts for consultation concerning the project site and to assist in the mitigation measures. **Native American Contacts List attached.**
- ✓ Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude their subsurface existence.
  - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of accidentally discovered archeological resources, per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §15064.5(f). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American, with knowledge in cultural resources, should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
  - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the disposition of recovered artifacts, in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.
  - Lead agencies should include provisions for discovery of Native American human remains in their mitigation plan. Health and Safety Code §7050.5, CEQA §15064.5(e), and Public Resources Code §5097.98 mandates the process to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

Sincerely,

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CC: State Clearinghouse