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UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

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LOS ANGELES RIVER MASTER PLAN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

I have reviewed the attached Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment and Negative Declaration prepared for the *Los Angeles River Master Plan*, Los Angeles County, California. The Army Corps of Engineers is the lead agency for the environmental assessment portion of this document, which has been prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The proposed *Los Angeles River Master Plan* consists of recommendations formulated by the Los Angeles River Master Plan Advisory Committee in response to a two-year effort consisting of public outreach, master plan analysis, and master plan formulation. The proposed *Los Angeles River Master Plan* clearly recognizes that the primary purpose of the Los Angeles River is to provide flood protection. The Master Plan identifies a series of projects that could be implemented to revitalize the publicly-owned rights-of-way along the Los Angeles River and Tujunga Wash. The Master Plan recognizes six categories of projects: aesthetics; economic development; environmental quality; flood management/ water conservation; jurisdiction and public involvement; and recreation. These recommended projects provide public benefits related to biological resources, recreation, aesthetics, and economic development. Conceptual projects have been designed to avoid significant impacts on environmental resources. Should the assumptions of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment be violated, the preparation of appropriate documentation in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act would be required.

I have considered possible impacts of implementation of the *Los Angeles River Master Plan* on the environment, including those associated with significant resources as discussed in the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment. I have considered the available information contained in the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment. It is my determination that the proposed project will not result in a significant effect to the existing environment. Therefore, preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

DATE

Not For Signature

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