MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, Southwestern Division (CESWD-PDP)

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 3132 of the Water Resources Development Act 2007 (WRDA 2007) - ARKANSAS RIVER CORRIDOR, OKLAHOMA.

1. Section 3132 authorizes the Secretary to participate in the ecosystem restoration, recreation, and flood damage reduction components of the Arkansas River Corridor Master Plan dated October 2005. Furthermore, the Secretary is directed to coordinate with appropriate county and local representatives in the vicinity of Tulsa, and the Indian Nations Council of Governments. Finally, this section authorizes to be appropriated $50,000,000 to carry out this section. A copy of Section 3132 is enclosed.

2. Once funds have been appropriated for this project, the Tulsa District will negotiate a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement with an appropriate non-Federal sponsor to complete a feasibility study which evaluates the ecosystem restoration, recreation, and flood damage reduction components from the Arkansas River Corridor Master Plan, in which the Corps may participate in implementing. The District will make maximum use of appropriate non-Federal interest provided information and analysis. The feasibility study will be processed in accordance with report guidelines for projects authorized without a report in Appendix H of ER 1105-2-100 (Planning Guidance Notebook) and will be reviewed in accordance with such guidelines by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works (ASA(CW)).

3. Upon approval by the ASA(CW), the project may be considered for implementation in accordance with existing budgetary policies and procedures. However, no project construction may be initiated until funds are specifically appropriated to accomplish the work. Any funds provided by Congress will be utilized in accordance with current Civil Works program execution guidance.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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Director of Civil Works
(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to participate in the ecosystem restoration, recreation, and flood damage reduction components of the Arkansas River Corridor Master Plan dated October 2005. The Secretary shall coordinate with appropriate representatives in the vicinity of Tulsa, Oklahoma, including representatives of Tulsa County and surrounding communities and the Indian Nations Council of Governments.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated $50,000,000 to carry out this section.