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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION

SUBJECT: Independent External Peer Review Exclusion for the Yuba River Ecosystem Restoration, California, Feasibility Study

1. The subject study is being conducted to evaluate alternatives for restoration of ecosystem structure, function, and dynamic processes on 179 acres of riparian, riverine and related habitat in the highly degraded Yuba River System. In accordance with Section 2034 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007, as amended, HQUSACE has reviewed the request of the Sacramento District Commander to exclude the study from Type I Independent External Peer Review (IEPR).
2. The proposed project is not expected to be controversial, and the study will not involve preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. There has not been a request for IEPR from the governor of an affected state or from the head of a federal or state agency, and the estimated cost of the project is currently about \$97 million.
3. The analysis is not expected to be based on novel methods; will not present complex challenges for interpretation; is not expected to contain precedent-setting methods or models; and is not expected to present conclusions that are likely to change prevailing practices. The project presents a low risk to life safety. Based on applicable laws and policy, the request for exclusion is approved.
4. Questions or concerns should be directed to Bradd Schwichtenberg, Deputy Chief, South Pacific Division Regional Integration Team, at (202) 761-1367.

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