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Letter from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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March 10, 2003

Mr. Peter LaCivita
Chief, Environmental Planning Branch
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
San Francisco District
333 Market Street
San Francisco, California 94105-2197

Subject: Review of Proposed Public Access at the Sonoma Baylands Wetland
Demonstration Project, Sonoma County, California

Dear Mr. LaCivita:

This letter is in response to a October 9, 2002, request from the Sonoma Land Trust for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) to review their current proposal for public access at the Sonoma Baylands Wetland Demonstration Project site in Sonoma County, California. This response is provided in accordance with the requirements of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act).

On January 10, 1996, the Service issued a biological opinion for the proposed project to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers which addresses the effects of the proposed project on federally listed species. Based on our review, we have determined that the proposed public access, as described in the Land Trust's letter, is not likely to result in any additional adverse effects to federally listed species beyond the level that was addressed in our biological opinion for the proposed project. Therefore, unless new information reveals effects of the project that may affect these or other federally listed species or critical habitat in a manner not identified to date, or if a new species is listed or critical habitat is designated that may be affected by the proposed action, no further action pursuant to the Act is necessary for federally listed species under the jurisdiction of the Service for the proposed public access.

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Please contact Jim Browning or Dan Buford of my staff at (916) 414-6625, if you have questions regarding this letter on the current proposal for public access at the Sonoma Baylands Wetland Demonstration Project site.

Sincerely,



Michael Fris
Division Chief, Endangered Species Program

cc:

Sonoma Land Trust, Santa Rosa, CA (Aimee Carroll)
Bay Conservation and Development Commission, San Francisco, CA (Steve McAdams)
California Coastal Conservancy, Oakland, CA (Tom Gandesbery)

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Proposed Trail Map

