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Dear Ms. Fiack

In response to your letter of May 31, 2005, requesting The Reclamation Board (Board) input regarding new or revised environmental circumstances or regulations that have occurred since 1996 and whether those changes should be applied to gravel mining permits along lower Cache Creek issued by Yolo County in 1996 and that are currently up for limited review, we have the following comments.

1. The Board has responsibility for ensuring the maintenance and operation of the levees and channel of Cache Creek from the Yolo Bypass to Interstate 5 as part of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project (SRFCP). Prior to any work being performed on, adjacent to, or between the levees of the SRFCP, an encroachment permit from the Board is required.
2. The Board adopted new regulations, *California Code of Regulations, Title 23 - Waters, Division I- Reclamation Board* (Title 23), which were filed on September 30, 1996 and became operative on October 30, 1996, that apply to areas under the jurisdiction of the Board.
3. In about 1980, Board staff developed a Cache Creek Designated Floodway for the area from Interstate 5 to Camp Haswell near Rumsey that was never adopted by the Board.
4. During the designated floodway adoption proceedings, an informal agreement with Yolo County was reached that would not require Board encroachment permits for activities in this area if Yolo County would modify its floodplain ordinance to address Board concerns and allow enforcement of the ordinance