

MEMORANDUM

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From:	Martin Lewis, Cunningham Engineering Corporation (CEC)
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Subject:	Cache Creek: Hydraulic Analysis of the Cemex Reach

The purpose of this memorandum is to document compliance with Cemex's Condition of Approval #36 by providing information on Cache Creek's 100-year water surface profile abutting the Cemex Mining Site in Yolo County. The Cemex Reach begins at I-505 and extends approximately 2¹/₂ miles downstream, as indicated in Attachment 1.

In order to plot the Creek's 100-year water surface profile, Yolo County recently provided Cemex with a copy of an existing steady-flow HEC-RAS model of Cache Creek. It is our understanding that the County derived the model from California DWR's 2014 CVFED hydraulic model for the Lower Sacramento River and tributaries. The work of adapting DWR's model for the County's use was done by Dr. Eric Larsen - in his then-capacity as the Cache Creek TAC geomorphologist.

The County model shares the same stream geometry as the DWR model (referenced to vertical datum NAVD 88), and extends from River Station (RS) 31.258 (near Capay Dam) downstream to RS 3.721 (Cache Creek Settling Basin). Within that, the $\pm 2\frac{1}{2}$ -mile Cemex Reach extends from RS 22.579 (I-505 Bridge) downstream to RS 19.905.

Documentation was not received with the County model, but it appears that the major difference between it and the DWR model is the conversion from unsteady flow to steady flow, with the inclusion of steady-state simulations for 100-year, 200-year and 500-year discharges. The County model is uncalibrated. It utilizes a 100-year discharge of 64,000 cfs, and it applies a roughness value of n = 0.043-0.045 for the Creek channel along the Cemex Reach. The values of these input parameters are generally consistent with previous studies. For example, Cunningham Engineering's 2009 hydraulic analysis of the Cemex Reach utilized a discharge of 61,500 cfs (from City of Woodland 2002 Flood Insurance Study) and a main channel roughness value of n = 0.038.

A steady-flow model of this nature is appropriate for the purposes of estimating the creek's 100year water surface profile along the Cemex Reach. Accordingly, we ran the County's 100-year

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model (without modification), and visually compared the model's computed 100-year water surface elevations with the model's top-of-bank elevations along Cemex's mining site. For the $\pm 2\frac{1}{2}$ -mile reach beginning at I-505, the County model indicates that the 100-year water surface is effectively contained within the Creek. This is illustrated in the attached HEC-RAS 100-year Profile Plot and Cross-Section Plots, as described below.

The Profile Plot indicates the computed 100-year water surface profile (labeled 'WS 100 yr'), together with the creek invert (labeled 'Ground'), and the right (south)/left (north) top-of-bank profiles (labeled 'ROB' and 'LOB' respectively). Beginning at RS 22.579, and continuing $\pm 21/_{2}$ miles downstream to RS 19.905, the plot shows that the model's 100-flow is contained within the creek's main channel, except at RS 20.135. At that location there is a localized low spot (EL 120.20) in the creek's south bank profile. At that station, the model's computed 100-year water surface elevation is EL 120.67. As such, the profile plot indicates that during the 100-year event, some flow will spill out of the main Creek channel at that location. However, review of Cache Creek topographic mapping (Yolo County, 2011) indicates that a creek spill there would be confined to an existing, isolated creekside depression. The depression lies outside of existing and planned Cemex mining areas, and the County topo mapping shows that the depression is bounded by higher ground on its land side, thus isolating it topographically from the mining areas. Those higher ground elevations are several feet higher than the local top-of channel bank elevation. Therefore, in the modeled 100-year event, a localized creek spill into the isolated depression near RS 20.135 would not result in creek flows entering the Cemex mining areas.

The Cross-Section Plots, which are oriented looking downstream, serve as further confirmation that that water is effectively contained within the Creek. For the plotted cross-section at RS 20.135, the local depression abutting the Creek's right bank is clearly visible, together with the higher ground on the land side of said depression, isolating it from the mining areas.

[It is also noted that the model's cross-sections have in general been extended well beyond the creek and into the Cemex mining areas. However, the cross-section plots do show that those mining areas are physically separated from the creek by the creek's right bank, and as such are not hydraulically connected to the creek in the 100-year event. While the model's cross-section plots do indicate a water surface line within those out-of-creek areas, that is only because the model - for plotting purposes - will automatically 'fill' low-lying non-contiguous areas within the overall cross-section. For computational purposes however, the model has been configured to consider those hydraulically isolated off-channel areas (indicated in the plots with diagonal hatching) to be 'ineffective flow areas'. As such, those off-channel areas do not contribute to creek conveyance capacity in the model's computation of peak water surface].

As a check, we also manually compared the model's computed water surface elevation numbers with a plan-view plot of topographic mapping of the creek banks and Cemex site (Yolo County, 2011). For the Cemex reach, the computed 100-year WSE's were lower than the adjacent ground elevations along the north edge of the Cemex mining site.

In conclusion, the County HEC-RAS model demonstrates that the 100-year water surface is effectively contained within Cache Creek along the Cemex Reach. Compliance with Condition of Approval #36 is confirmed.



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Attachments

- Vicinity Map/Cemex Reach of Cache Creek
 HEC-RAS 100-year Water Surface Profile Plot for Cemex Reach (RS 22.579 RS 19.905)
 HEC-RAS Cross-Section Plots within Cemex Reach





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