
**The Newhall Land And Farming Company and U.S. Department of Defense,
Army Corps of Engineers, "Correspondence Relating to Amendment to
Jurisdiction Delineation Package, Newhall Ranch Project, for a Portion of the
Santa Clara River and Its Tributaries, Los Angeles County, California"
(February and July 2004)**



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
VENTURA FIELD OFFICE
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VENTURA, CALIFORNIA 93001

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

February 4, 2004

Office of the Chief
Regulatory Branch

Newhall Land and Farming Company
Attention: Mark Subbotin
23823 Valencia Boulevard
Valencia, California 91355-2103

Dear Mr. Subbotin:

Reference is made to your letter (No. 2003-01264-AOA) dated September 24, 2003 for a long-term Department of the Army Permit for proposed discharges of fill material in waters of the United States associated with the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and associated facilities in the Santa Clara River and several side drainages, including Chiquito Canyon, Long Canyon, San Martinez Grande Canyon, Potrero Canyon and Lion Canyon, near the City of Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County, California.

On December 15, 2003, you submitted a Jurisdictional Delineation Package for the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan for our review and approval. The above information was modified several times based on observations made by the Corps during site visits on August 7, August 19, September 29 and October 27, 2003. Based on our review of the Jurisdictional Delineation Package dated December 15, 2003, the Corps hereby concurs that the project area supports a total of 493 acres of waters of the United States, including wetlands, consisting of 316.1 acres in the Santa Clara River, 13.9 acres in Chiquito Canyon, 5.7 acres in Long Canyon, 2.5 acres in San Martinez Grande Canyon, 36.7 acres in Potrero Canyon, 6.8 acres in Lion Canyon, 77.9 acres in Salt Creek and 33.3 acres in unnamed minor tributaries to the above waters of the United States.

Based on the information furnished in your letter and several site visits, we have determined that your proposed project does discharge dredged or fill material into a water of the United States. Therefore, the project is subject to our jurisdiction under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and a Section 404 permit is required from our office.

Within the Santa Clara River, moderate to large storm flows can scour and deposit sediment, which can alter the extent and location of the braided stream channel from year to year. The extent of the morphological channel change is dependent on the magnitude of the peak storm flows. One would reasonably expect that storm flows greater than or equal to the 15-year event would have the ability to alter channel morphology and possibly change the ordinary high water mark within the Santa Clara River. Based on the above, if a 15-year or greater storm event occurs during the review of the proposed project, an updated jurisdictional

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determination will be required for the Santa Clara River. The updated jurisdictional determination for the Santa Clara River must be reviewed and approved by the Corps of Engineers prior to any discharge of fill material in or adjacent to the Santa Clara River.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Aaron O. Allen of my staff at (805) 585-2148.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David J. Castanon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David J. Castanon
Chief, North Coast Section
Regulatory Branch

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July 7, 2004

Mr. Aaron Allen
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch
2151 Alessandro Drive, #110
Ventura, California 93001

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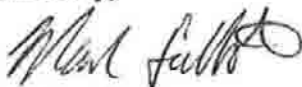
Dear Mr. Allen:

On December 10, 2003, the Newhall Land and Farming Company (Newhall Land) provided a jurisdiction delineation associated with the proposed Newhall Ranch Habitat Management Plan, entitled "Jurisdiction Delineation, Newhall Ranch Project, for a Portion of the Santa Clara River and its Tributaries, Los Angeles County, California" to the Corps. In recent months, more precise field mapping on the site has revealed some minor modifications to the maps presented in that document. Enclosed please find Exhibits A and B, which show both the original mapping and revisions to the Corps' jurisdiction on the Newhall Ranch site.

Exhibit A shows the area immediately south of the confluence between Middle Canyon and the Santa Clara River. At the request of California Department of Fish and Game personnel, this area was resurveyed and a connection to the river was added to the jurisdiction. Exhibit B shows the eastern portion of Potrero Canyon, where the previous Jurisdiction Delineation had erroneously mapped the southernmost fork too far north.

Please provide a letter to Newhall Land indicating your concurrence with the enclosed revisions to the Corps jurisdictional boundaries as defined in the Jurisdiction Delineation. Should you have any questions or comments regarding this submittal, please call me at 661-255-4069.

Sincerely,



Mark Subbotin
Senior Vice President
Planning and Environmental Resources

Enclosure

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cc: Morgan Wehtje
Terri Dickerson
Connie Farmer
Pat Mitchell

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July 7, 2004

Ms. Morgan Wehtje
California Department of Fish and Game
2286 Barbara Drive
Camarillo, California 93012

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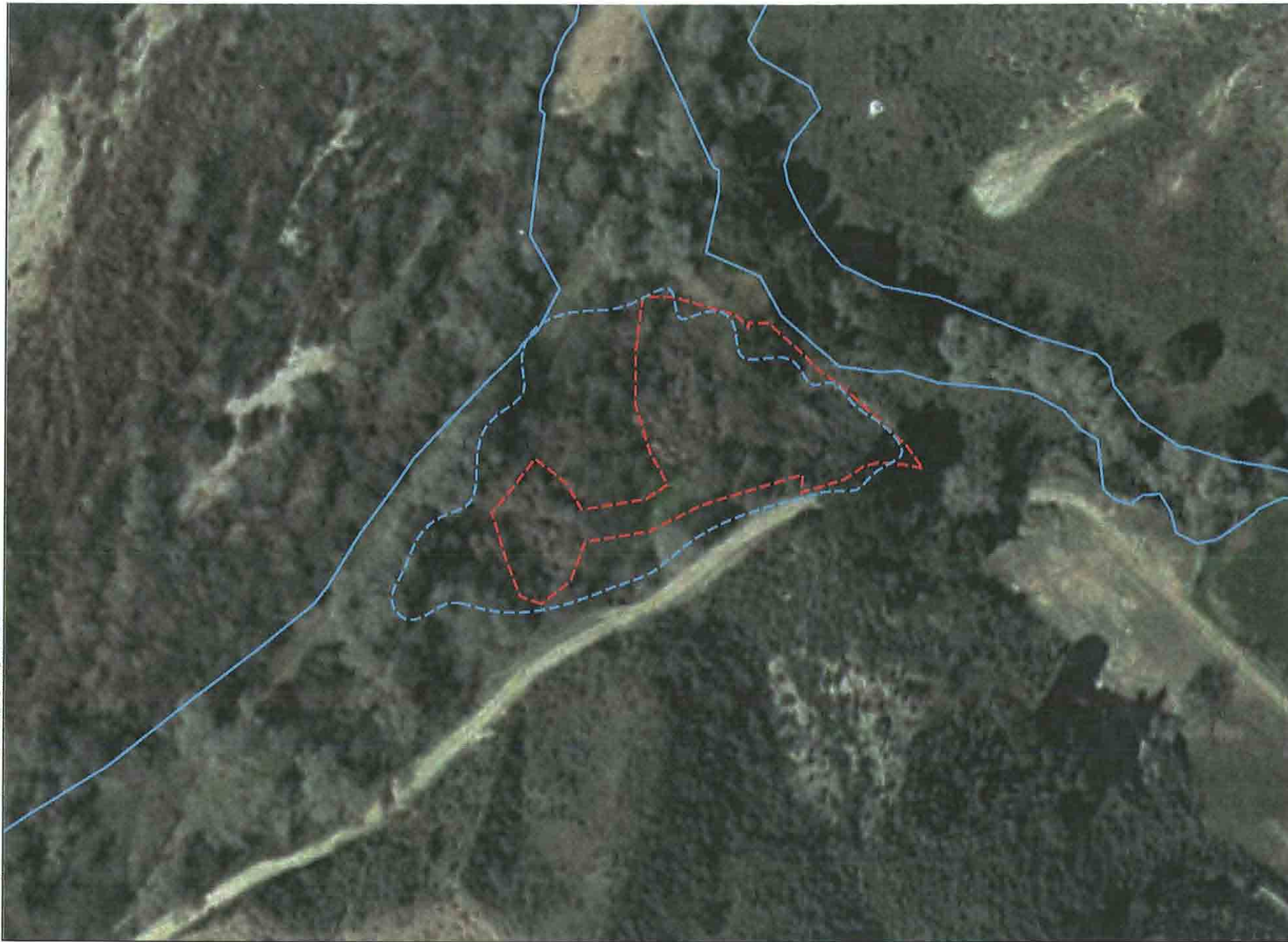





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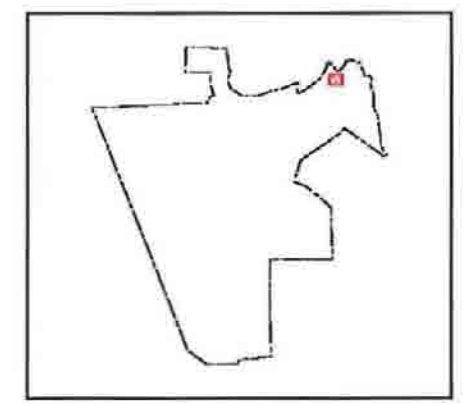
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cc: Terri Dickerson-CDFG
Chuck Raysbrook-CDFG
Aaron Allen-ACOE
Connie Farmer-URS
Pat Mitchell-Downey Brand

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 -  Revised Jurisdiction Delineation
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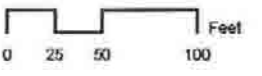
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Exhibit A
NEWHALL RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN

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-  Previous Jurisdiction Delineation
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 -  Newhall Ranch Specific Plan Boundary

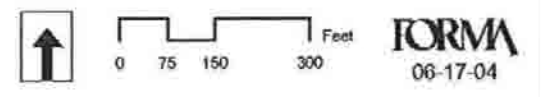
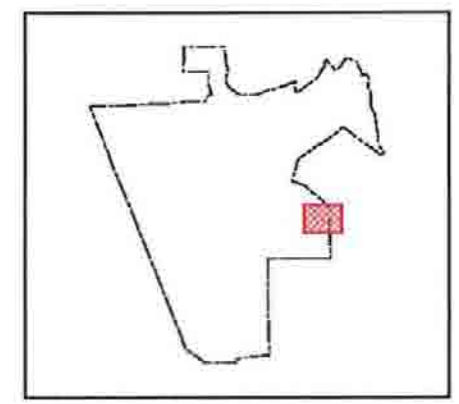


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