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Calif. Dept of Fish and Game
Newhall Ranch EIR/EIS
4969 Viewridge Ave.
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Dear Dennis Bedford,

The Newhall Ranch plan will destroy an important ecological area, by permitting building on the Santa Clara river floodplain. 1

I'm opposed to the Newhall Ranch plan. Please stop it.

Sincerely,
Emaline Rich

072. Letter from Emaline Rich, dated June 2, 2009

Response 1

The Corps and CDFG appreciate the comment provided in your letter. Your opinion regarding the Santa Clara River floodplain and the proposed Project will be included as part of the record and made available to decision makers prior to a final decision on the proposed Project. Please also note that the Draft EIS/EIR provided extensive analyses regarding the Project's effects on floodplain areas and associated resources located on and off the Project site. These analyses are included in **Section 4.1**, Surface Water Hydrology and Flood Control; **Section 4.2**, Geomorphology and Riparian Resources; and **Section 4.6**, Jurisdictional Waters and Streams. The analyses provided in those sections indicate that Project-related impacts to the floodplain and its associated resources can be feasibly reduced to a less-than-significant level with the implementation of proposed mitigation measures. In addition, the Draft EIS/EIR evaluated an alternative to the proposed Project (Alternative 7) that substantially minimizes development within the 100-year floodplain as it is delineated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This is one of the alternatives the Corps and CDFG will consider before taking action on the proposed Project. However, because the comment does not address the content of the Draft EIS/EIR, no additional response is provided. In addition, for further responsive information, please see revised **Sections 4.1**, **4.2**, and **4.6** of the Final EIS/EIR.