

June 6, 2009

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Attn: Mr. Dennis Byford;

I am writing to oppose any plan to bank the Santa Clara River or build in this floodplain area.

We need to preserve the river and save a place for all the creatures who live there.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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083. Letter from John and Barbara Jack, dated June 6, 2009

Response 1

The Corps and CDFG appreciate the comment provided in your letter regarding impacts to wildlife and the Santa Clara River floodplain. Please note that Draft EIS/EIR, **Section 4.5**, Biological Resources, provides extensive analysis of the Project's impacts to wildlife, and the Project's effects on floodplain areas and associated resources located on and off the Project site were also evaluated by the Draft EIS/EIR. This analysis is 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. In addition, for further responsive information, please see revised **Sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.5, and 4.6** of the Final EIS/EIR. 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. However, because the comment does not address the content of the Draft EIS/EIR, no additional response is provided.