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Mr. Michael R. Markus
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Dear Mr. Markus:

Please see the current expected dates for the milestones listed below for the Prado Basin Ecosystem Restoration and Water Conservation Feasibility Study. Section 1002 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014 requires the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' District Engineers to provide non-Federal partners with notification of feasibility study milestones scheduled for all active studies that received General Investigation appropriations between October 1, 2009, and June 10, 2014. These letters will also be prepared for studies initiated after June 10, 2014. The letters allow for greater transparency and a formal notification and reporting of feasibility study milestones.

These dates have been revised since our last update and provide the current estimated schedule:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Previously Reported Date</u>	<u>Current Date</u>
Release of the Draft Feasibility Report	Feb 8, 2019	Feb 8, 2019
Los Angeles District Submittal of the Final Feasibility Report	Mar 17, 2020	Aug 19, 2020
South Pacific Division Transmittal of the Final Feasibility Report	Mar 17, 2020	Aug 19, 2020
Signed Chief's Report	Aug 14, 2020	Jan 27, 2021

Subsequent to the release of the Draft Feasibility Report, the study progress has experienced delays due to ongoing consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as well as coordination under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act. Though our current schedule shows completion of the Chief's Report in late January 2021, we will continue to strive to advance the completion schedule to the extent practicable.

This letter will be posted and made available to the public on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers website (<http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/>). The dates for these milestones will be submitted in an annual report to Congress.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (213) 452-3961, or your staff may contact David Van Dorpe, Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management, at (213) 452-3971, or via email at david.m.vandorpe@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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