

APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

This form should be completed by following the instructions provided in Section IV of the JD Form Instructional Guidebook.

SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): December 17, 2012

B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER:

United States (U.S.) Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Los Angeles District Office, Regulatory Division.
File Number: SPL-2012-00680-MBS

C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State: California

County/parish/borough: San Diego

City: San Diego

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): 32.80285° N, -117.07158° W

Name of nearest waterbody: Rancho Mission Canyon stream

Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: San Diego River and then the Pacific Ocean

Name of the watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): Mission Valley-San Diego River HUC 12 (180706040705)

- Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request.
- Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc...) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form.

D. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

- Office (Desk) Determination.** Date: December 17, 2012
- Field Determination.** Date(s): October 23, 2012

SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There **are no** "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review area (Figure 2). [Required]

- Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.
 - Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce.
- Explain: .

B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There **are no** "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]

1. Waters of the U.S.

a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply):¹

- TNWs, including territorial seas
- Wetlands adjacent to TNWs
- Relatively permanent waters² (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
- Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
- Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
- Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
- Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
- Impoundments of jurisdictional waters
- Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands

b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area:

Non-wetland waters:
Wetlands:

c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on:

¹ Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

² For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

Elevation of established OHWM (if known):

2. **Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):**³

- Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain: A storm drain broke and eroded away the uplands, creating an ordinary high water mark. Although the potential waters of the U.S. on the project site contains physical evidence of an ordinary high water mark, i.e. bed and bank, scour, natural line impressed on the bank, and destruction of terrestrial vegetation, the feature was determined to not be a waters of the U.S. because the feature is a ditch created in uplands. The storm drain was constructed in the uplands and drains only uplands (i.e., surrounding roadways and residential areas), is not considered a tributary to Rancho Mission Canyon stream, and does not replace or relocate a waters of the U.S.

SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

A. **TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs:** Not Applicable

B. **CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):** Not Applicable

C. **SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION:** Not Applicable

D. **DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):** Not Applicable

E. **ISOLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DEGRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY SUCH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):**⁴ Not Applicable

F. **NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):**

- If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements.
- Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce.
 Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR).
- Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain: .
 Other: (explain, if not covered above): Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination: Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain: A storm drain broke and eroded away the uplands, creating an ordinary high water mark. Although the potential waters of the U.S. on the project site contains physical evidence of an ordinary high water mark, i.e. bed and bank, scour, natural line impressed on the bank, and destruction of terrestrial vegetation, the feature was determined to not be a waters of the U.S. because the feature is an erosional ditch created in uplands. The storm drain was constructed in the uplands and drains only uplands (i.e., surrounding roadways and residential areas), is not considered a tributary to Rancho Mission Canyon stream, and does not replace or relocate a waters of the U.S.

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment (check all that apply):

- Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet width (ft).
 Lakes/ponds: acres.
 Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: .
 Wetlands: acres.

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply):

- Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet, >width (ft).
 Lakes/ponds: acres.
 Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: .
 Wetlands: acres.

SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES.

³ Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

⁴ Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos.

A. SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below):

Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant:

Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant:

Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.

Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.

Data sheets prepared by the Corps:

Corps navigable waters' study:

U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas:

USGS NHD data.

USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.

U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name:

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation:

National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name:

State/Local wetland inventory map(s):

FEMA/FIRM maps:

100-year Floodplain Elevation is:

Photographs:

Aerial (Name & Date): or

Other (Name & Date): Appendix A of the Wetland Delineation Report for the Fontaine Street Storm Drain Replacement

Project, revised March 12, 2012 and prepared by ICF International.

Previous determination(s).

Applicable/supporting case law:

Applicable/supporting scientific literature:

Other information (please specify):

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jurisdictional Determination Form Instructional Guidebook, May 30, 2007.

Clean Water Act Jurisdiction Following the U.S. Supreme Court's Decision in Rapanos v. United States & Carabell v. United States, dated December 2, 2008.

Wetland Delineation Report for the Fontaine Street Storm Drain Replacement Project, revised March 12, 2012 and prepared by ICF International.

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: