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SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

FINAL GENERAL CONFORMITY
DETERMINATION AND RECORD OF
DECISION FOR THE NEWHALL
RANCH RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

Corps Case No.: SPL-2003-01264-AOA

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Regulatory Division (Corps) has made a final general conformity determination and executed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Federal action associated with the following project near Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County, California:

Newhall Ranch Resource Management and Development Plan (hereinafter, the Project)

A Notice of Availability of the final general conformity determination and ROD is also being published in the Federal Register.

In June 2010, the Corps and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) published the Newhall Ranch Resource Management and Development Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR). As part of the Final EIS/EIR, the Corps published a draft general conformity determination for the Federal action associated with the Project. Comments were received on the draft general conformity determination until August 3, 2010. A general conformity determination was necessary because Project construction would require Federal action (i.e., issuance of a Corps permit for discharges of fill material in waters of the U.S. pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act) and not all the Federal action's direct and indirect emissions would be below specified de minimis thresholds (40 C.F.R. §51.853 (b)).

On August 31, 2011, the Corps made a final general conformity determination and completed its environmental review and executed the ROD for the Federal action associated with the Project. The Corps considered and responded to all comments received in making the final general conformity determination and executing the ROD.

Document Requests/Additional Information:

Requests for copies of either or both of these documents should be directed to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District
Regulatory Division, Ventura Field Office (ATTN: CESPL-RG-N-2003-01264-AOA)
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In addition, the final general conformity determination can be viewed or downloaded from the Corps' website (<http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/regulatory/NEWHALL.htm>). In addition, copies of the final general conformity document are available for review during the next 30 days at the following libraries: County of Los Angeles Newhall Branch, Castaic Branch, Sylmar Branch, Valencia Branch, and the County of Ventura Fillmore Branch.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Allen of my staff at (805) 585-2148 or via E-mail at Aaron.O.Allen@usace.army.mil. This public notice is issued by the Chief, Regulatory Division.