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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

May 23, 2005

Planning, Programs and Project
Management Division (1165-2-26a)

Members
Webb Diking District Improvement Company

Dear Webb Diking District Members and Interested Parties:

We are providing this letter to update you on the status of the Webb Wildlife Mitigation effort and to request a meeting date and location with District members and interested parties to describe the proposed action. To facilitate your understanding of the mitigation effort prior to the proposed meeting, we are attaching two reports. The first report (Enclosure 1) provides information on the ground water monitoring effort that the Corps initiated last summer adjacent to the mitigation area. The second report (Enclosure 2) is a summary of our hydrologic and hydraulic modeling for the mitigation site and its' associated features. Our presentations at the forthcoming meeting will focus on these reports, the mitigation features and the proposed construction schedule for the mitigation site.

Portland District is currently moving forward on the development of plans and specifications for the Webb mitigation site and replacement of the District's existing tidegates. Replacement of the Webb District's and installation of the mitigation site tidegates is dependent upon the permits required and the timeframe required to complete these permitting actions.

Your stated preference in your November 19, 2004 correspondence to Portland District (Enclosure 3), should this mitigation project move forward to completion, was Option 2, as described in our September 2, 2004 correspondence to District Members (Enclosure 4). This option entailed installation of replacement tidegates at the District's discharge point to handle water from the District's drainage system plus through flow from the mitigation wetland. As noted in the enclosed hydrologic and hydraulic report, four 60" culverts fitted with side opening tidegates would replace the District's three 48" tidegates to increase discharge efficiency. No improvements to the existing District pump station would be installed. As noted in our September 2, 2004 correspondence, we will require a memorandum of agreement with the District regarding operation and maintenance of the replacement tidegates.

Thank you for your interest and input to date. The Corps and Ports remain committed to working with the District and interested parties to resolve local concerns to the extent practicable given our requirements to meet mitigation goals and objectives. We seek a meeting with District members and interested parties in early to mid June.

Sincerely,

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Project Manager, Planning Branch

Enclosures

- (1) Groundwater Monitoring Report
- (2) Hydrologic and Hydraulic Modeling Report
- (3) Letter from Webb Diking District, November 19, 2004
- (4) Letter from Portland District, September 2, 2002