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SUPPLEMENT 1 TO THE 1981
SEPULVEDA BASIN MASTER PLAN

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Los Angeles District

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SEPULVEDA FLOOD CONTROL BASIN
SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 TO THE 1981 MASTER PLAN

Land Use Change: **Area A.** High Intensity Recreation
(Sportsfields) to Low Intensity
Recreation

Area B. Undetermined to Low Intensity
Recreation (Wildlife Area and Trails)

Area C. Dam Operations/Natural Area to Dam
Operations/Wildlife Area

1. GENERAL.

1.01 Purpose. Areas A, B, and C, the subject of this Supplement, are currently under lease to the City of Los Angeles for recreation and parks purposes. Areas A and B are currently under agricultural lease as an interim use. (See Plate 1, Vicinity Map, Plate 2, Existing Sepulveda Master Plan, and Plate 3, Revised Master Plan.)

1.02 The Master Plan, dated 1981, and the Feature Design Memorandum (FDM), dated 1987, are intended as guides for the orderly and coordinated development and management of all land and water resources within the Sepulveda Flood Control Basin. The Master Plan takes into consideration available land, water, and other resources and provides the best possible use of reservoir land with respect to cost, future demand and carrying capacity.

1.03 To accommodate changing needs and conditions, the Master Plan is designed to be updated or revised as needed. The basis for the current Supplement is to develop a wildlife area with trails northeast of the intersection of Burbank Boulevard and Woodley Avenue (identified in this supplement as Area A) and the area northwest of the intersection of Burbank Boulevard and Woodley Avenue (identified in this Supplement as Area B). These two wildlife areas would provide habitat for a variety of migratory waterfowl, resident species, and other wildlife. Trails in these areas would also provide hiking and bird-watching opportunities as well as educational benefits. In addition, this Supplement includes changing the designation of the area south of Burbank Boulevard, east of Hjelte Park, on the west side of the Los Angeles River (identified in this Supplement as Area C) from Dam Operations/Natural Area to Dam Operations/Wildlife Area to provide a buffer between wildlife areas and Hjelte Park and provide the opportunity to use the area for agricultural/wildlife forage. (See Plate 4.)

1.04 Scope. The intent of this Supplement is to detail the proposed land use changes for the proposed Wildlife Areas A and B. The conceptual plan for these areas has been reviewed for significant concerns in a Supplemental Environmental Assessment prepared to cover all proposed features of an expanded wildlife area. The area south of Burbank Boulevard, east of Hjelte Park and west of the Los Angeles River will remain a Dam Operations Area, but be designated as Dam Operations/Wildlife Area to provide a wildlife buffer area.

1.05 Development of the Wildlife Area, including the existing Wildlife Area and Areas A and B as described in this Supplement, will be cost-shared 50/50 between the Corps and the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. The Corps will be responsible for design and construction. The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks will be responsible for operation and maintenance. Development of the existing Wildlife Area and Areas A and B will include revegetation with appropriate native species, temporary irrigation, trails, open and closed structures, and signage. Areas currently designated for high-intensity recreational development will be used for support services for the Wildlife Area function.

1.06 Authorization. The Sepulveda Dam flood control project was authorized 22 June 1936 in the River and Harbor Act of 1936. Under the authority of Public Law 387, approved 27 December 1941, the City of Los Angeles was granted a license to develop part of the Sepulveda flood control basin for recreation purposes. Public Law 387 was subsequently superseded by the Flood Control Acts of 1944 and 1946 (Public Law 534 dated 22 December 1944, and Public Law 526 dated 24 July 1946). The Federal Water Project Recreation Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-72), as amended, established development of the recreational potential at Federal water resources projects as a full project purpose. Under the Code 710 Program, the Corps and the City of Los Angeles participate in cost-shared recreation development in the basin on a 50/50 cost-shared basis.

1.07 Under the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 1993, dated 2 October 1992, funds in the amount of \$2 million were appropriated to expand recreational facilities at Sepulveda Basin. These appropriated funds will be used for further development of the existing Wildlife Area and for development of Areas A and B for wildlife purposes.

1.08 Pertinent Publications. The following previously issued publications are pertinent to this Master Plan Supplement:

Sepulveda Basin Master Plan and Final Environmental Impact
Report/Statement, Los Angeles, California, March 1981

Sepulveda Basin Recreation Lake Feature Design Memorandum,
Los Angeles, California, March 1987

Conceptual Mangement Plan for the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife
Area, Chambers Group, Inc., March 1994

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION.

2.01 The two wildlife areas (A and B) would be developed on either side of Woodley Avenue north of Burbank Boulevard. Both areas are currently under agricultural lease. Area A covers approximately 42 acres east of Woodley Avenue, south of Woodley Avenue Park, west of Haskell Channel and North of Burbank Boulevard. The area is flat and below street level because soil was taken from this area to construct the berms around the Tillman Water Reclamation Plant to the north. The area is barren but has weeds around the edges. Area B, which covers approximately 77.5 acres, has as its boundaries Burbank Boulevard to the south, the Los Angeles River to the southwest, Hayvenhurst Channel to the west, and Woodley Avenue to the east. This area does not include the model airplane fields and other adjacent uses. Model airplane flight operations will continue, including retrieval of downed aircraft in the Wildlife Area. The area is presently covered with a variety of non-native grasses and weeds. Area C, south of Burbank Boulevard, east of Hjelte Park, and west of the Los Angeles River, would remain a dam operations area, but the natural area designation would be changed to wildlife area to provide buffer from Hjelte Park development and allow for agricultural/wildlife forage uses.

3. DESIGN CRITERIA.

3.01 **Area A.** Area A would be planted with several native plant communities appropriate for the area and in relationship to the existing wildlife area and the Haskell Channel (Plate 4). Because this area is bordered on the south and west with busy streets, native trees and shrubs would be planted adjacent to the street to buffer noise and to create a sense of continuity within the wildlife area. This area would be inundated in the event of a 25-year flood and plants would be selected accordingly. Foraging for Canada geese and other migratory Waterfowl as well as Oak woodland habitat for a variety of birds.

3.02 **Area B.** Area B would be revegetated with native scrub plant material including native grasses (Plate 4). Because the model airplane field is located adjacent to the southwestern portion of this area, only low growing material would be planted. No trees would be planted in the area except along the eastern edge, adjacent to Woodley Avenue, if determined compatible with adjacent uses. The plant material would be perennial foraging plants which would encourage foraging for Canada geese and other migratory Waterfowl. but not nesting in this area.

3.03 **Area C.** Agricultural uses would be permitted, providing wildlife foraging opportunities.

4. COST ESTIMATE.

4.01 The development cost of the wildlife area would be cost-shared 50/50 between the Federal and non-Federal sponsor. This cost would be \$2 million for Federal and \$2 million for the non-Federal sponsor. The Corps of Engineers will provide the plans and specifications for the project which will include revegetation with appropriate native plants, temporary irrigation, trails, and signage. This cost is part of the overall funding for the Wildlife Area, a total of \$4 million (\$2 million Federal, \$2 million non-Federal).

5. COORDINATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES.

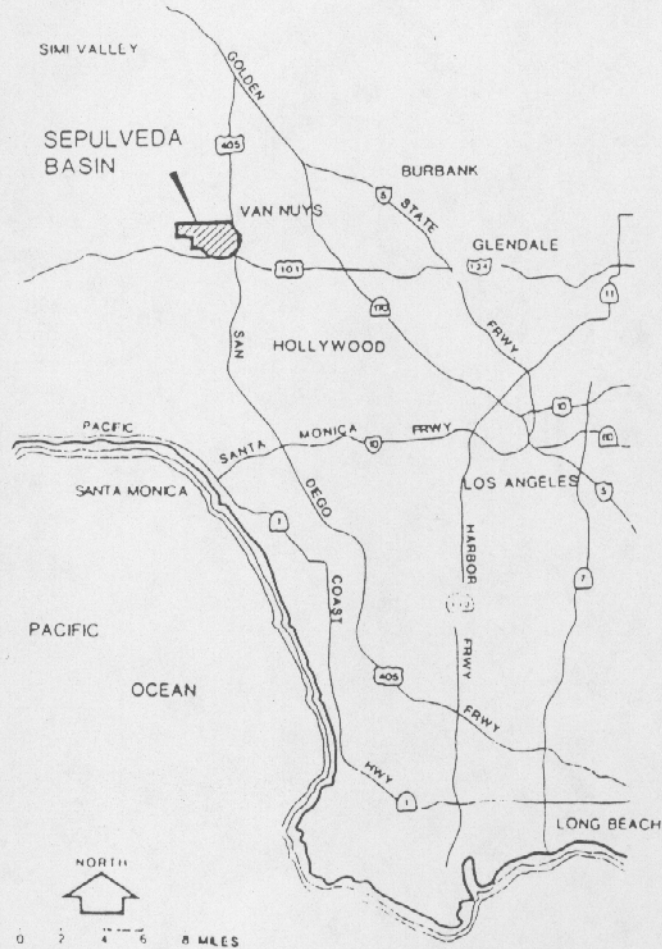
5.01 Planning for the additional wildlife area outlined in the Supplement to the 1981 Master Plan has been coordinated with the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. A public workshop held in July 1994 was attended by representatives of environmental groups, including the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, and the California Native Plant Society, as well as by a representative of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. Workshop participants presented their ideas for development of the areas. Further work on the proposed conceptual plan has been done by the Corps A-E Contractor with consultation with the involved environmental groups.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT.

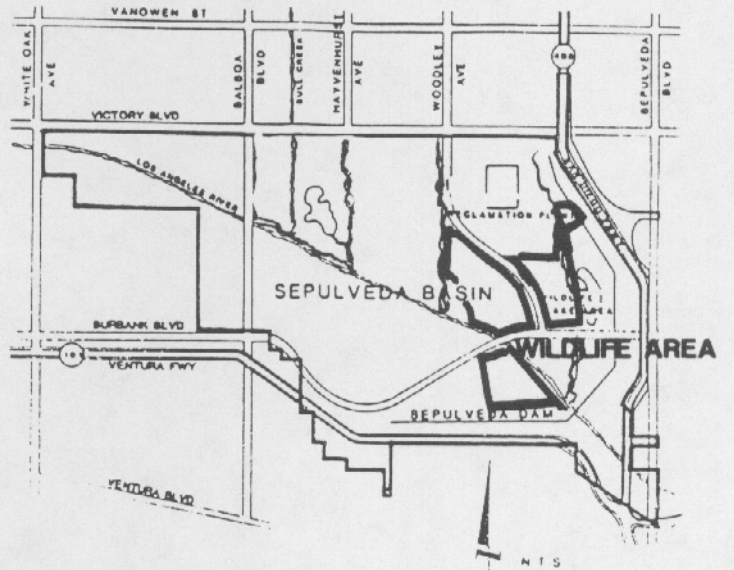
6.01 The Draft Environmental Assessment for Supplement No. 1 to the 1981 Sepulveda Basin Master Plan has concluded that the proposed project would not have a significant impact on the existing environment. The inclusion of Areas A and B into the overall plan for the Wildlife Area would have a beneficial effect on the environment. The Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) are included at the end of this Supplement.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS.

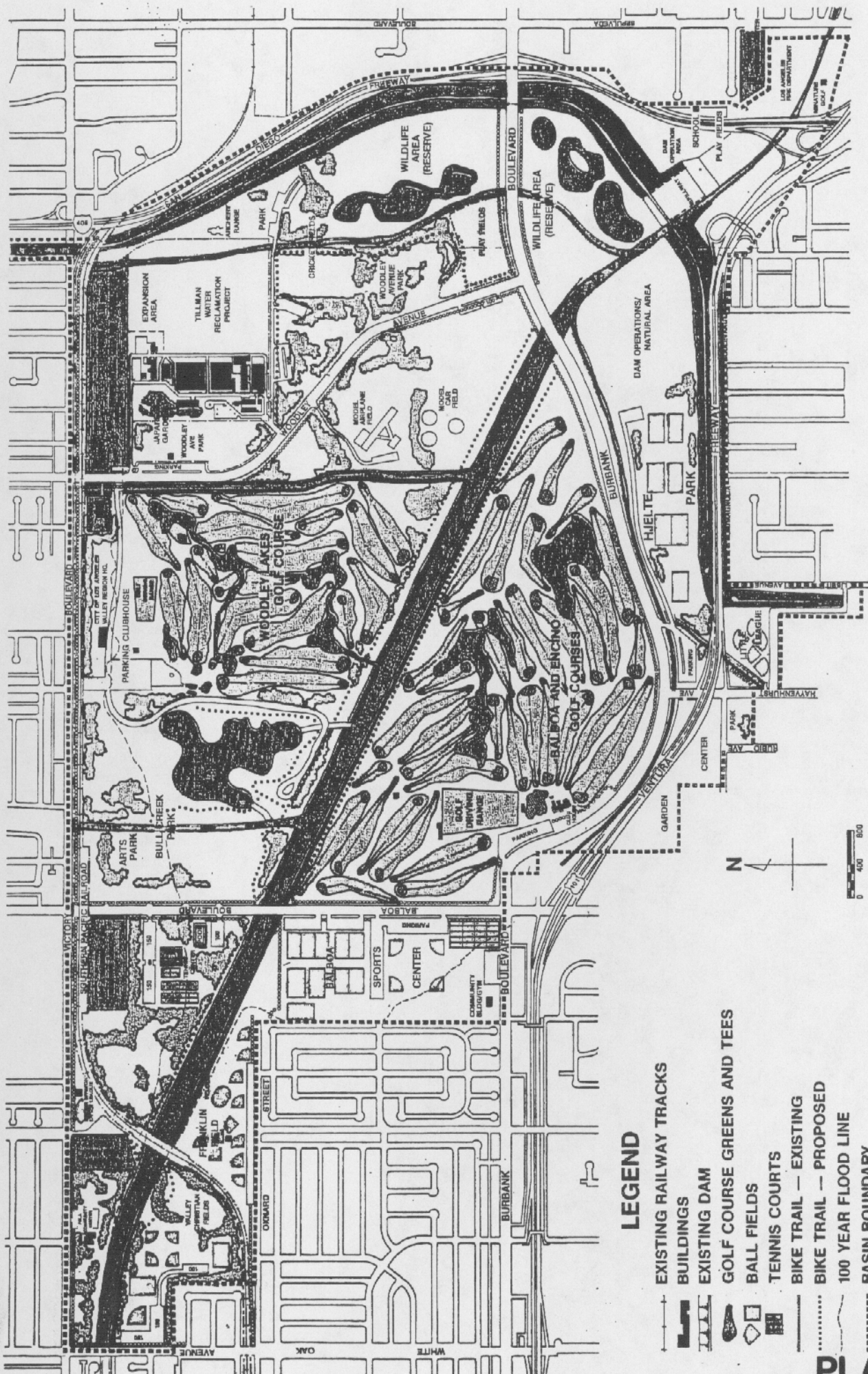
7.01 It is recommended that approval be given for the change in land use for these two areas for the development of additional wildlife areas, and for the change in designation of the Dam Operations/Natural Area to the Dam Operation/Wildlife Area as outlined in this Supplement.



VICINITY MAP

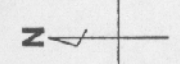


LOCATION MAP

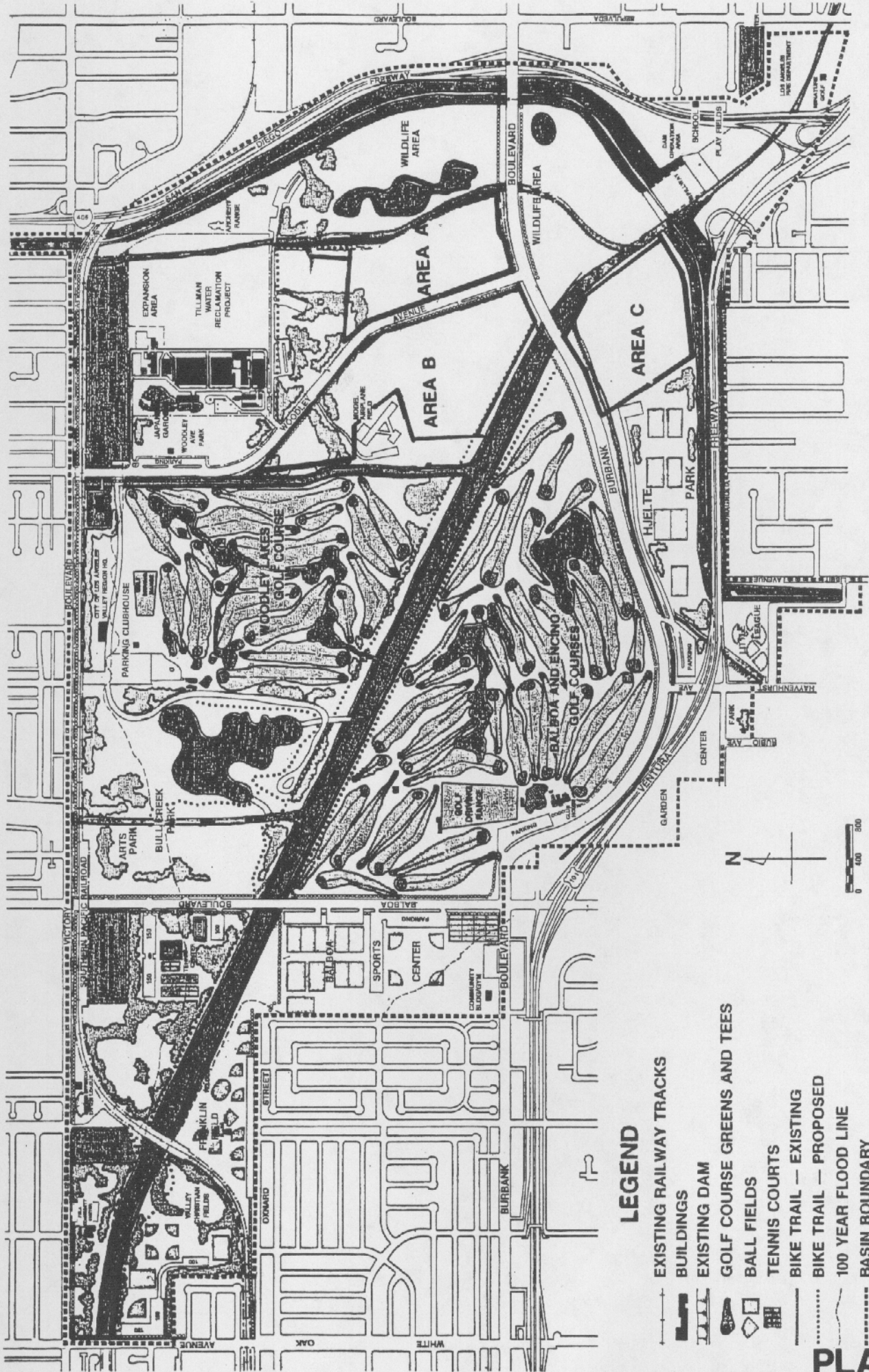


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- EXISTING RAILWAY TRACKS
- BUILDINGS
- ▬ EXISTING DAM
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- ◻ BALL FIELDS
- ◻ TENNIS COURTS
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- BIKE TRAIL — PROPOSED
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- MILITARY FACILITIES



**EXISTING
SEPULVEDA BASIN MASTER PLAN**



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**REVISED
SEPULVEDA BASIN MASTER PLAN**



PROPOSED CONCEPTUAL PLAN
WILDLIFE AREA
RESERVE
 SEPULVEDA BASIN
 RECREATION AREA



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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR THE
SEPULVEDA DAM FLOOD CONTROL BASIN
LAND USE DESIGNATION CHANGES

I have reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the proposed "Land Use Designation Changes" to three areas within Sepulveda Basin. Area A will change from High to Low Intensity Recreation. The land use for Area B, proposed for Low Intensity Recreation will be determined in the future. Area C land use designation will change from Dam Operations Area/Natural Area to Dam Operations/Wildlife Area. The resources analyzed for this project include; land use, biological and cultural resources, water quality, water supply, esthetics, air quality, noise, traffic, and health and safety. The impacts resulting from the proposed land use designation changes are not expected to have a significant impact on the environment. Currently, the land is being utilized for agriculture. The three areas will be developed into natural native vegetation communities. Therefore, preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for this project.

Date

Michal R. Robinson
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer

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1.0 SUMMARY/LOCATION

This Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) addresses land use change designations for the following areas within Sepulveda Basin (Figure 1): Area A - Low Intensity Recreation (from High Intensity Recreation); Area B - Low Intensity Recreation (from undetermined designation); and Area C - Dam Operations/Wildlife Area (from Dam Operations/Natural Area). Areas A, B, and C are shown on (Figure 2).

The land-use designation changes will allow expansion of the existing wildlife area to include Areas A and B, and agricultural/wildlife forage uses in Area C. The existing land use designations were approved in the March 1981 Sepulveda Basin Master Plan. The proposed changes in land-use designation for Areas A, B, and C are addressed in the draft Supplement No. 1 to the 1981 Sepulveda Basin Master Plan. Subsequent to approval of the Supplement No.1 to the Master Plan and preparation of a concept design for the Wildlife Area development, the Corps will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to address the proposed additional development within the existing wildlife area and proposed development of Areas A and B for wildlife uses.

The Sepulveda Dam Flood Control Basin, comprising a dam and dry-land reservoir on the upper Los Angeles River, is located in the San Fernando Valley, approximately 20 miles northwest of

downtown Los Angeles in the vicinity of Van Nuys and Encino, California. The three areas designated for land use change (Areas A, B, and C) are located in the southeast portion of the basin.

Area A is approximately 42 acres in size and located south of Woodley Avenue Park, west of the existing Wildlife Area, north of Burbank Boulevard, and northeast of Woodley Avenue. Area B is approximately 78 acres in size and located southwest of Woodley Avenue, north of Burbank Boulevard, northwest of the Los Angeles River, and east of Havenhurst Channel. The two fields are separated by Woodley Avenue which runs in a northwesterly-southeasterly direction as it crosses this portion of the basin. Area C is located southeast of Burbank Boulevard, southwest of the Los Angeles River, north of the dam embankment and east of Hjelte Park. This area is currently designated as the Dam Operations/Natural Area. Under the proposed land use change, Area C will be designated as Dam Operations/Wildlife Area and serve as a buffer between the existing wildlife area and Hjelte Park.

2.0 PROPOSED ACTION

The proposed project consists of changing the previously approved and planned land use of three areas located in the southeast portion of Sepulveda Basin and shown on (Figure 2).

Area A was to be developed into a High Intensity Recreation area consisting of sportsfields. Under the proposed land-use change, Area A would be developed for Low Intensity Recreation. The majority of this area would be planted with native grasses. Along the south and west borders of this area native shrubs and trees would be planted to provide a buffer from noise generated by traffic on Burbank Boulevard and Woodley Avenue, and to create a sense of continuity within the wildlife area. These plant communities would be inundated in a 50-year flood event. In addition to revegetation, trails would be developed to provide recreational opportunities for hiking, bird watching, and field trips.

Area B (previous land use designation undetermined) would be developed for Low Intensity Recreation. Under the proposed land-use change, Area B would be revegetated with native scrub plant communities and native grasses. Because the existing model airplane field is adjacent to the west border of this area, development would be limited to low growing plants. However, on the eastern border, trees would be planted to provide a barrier to traffic noise from Woodley Avenue. Area B would also be inundated in a 50-year flood event. In addition to revegetation, trails would be developed to provide recreational opportunities for hiking, bird watching and field trips.

Area C would not be developed for specific wildlife purposes. The change in land-use designation would allow agricultural use of Area C; lease for agricultural uses would include use of the area as wildlife forage. Area C would be inundated in a 15-year flood event.

The proposed use of Areas A and B for low intensity recreation/wildlife use was discussed at a July 1994 Workshop, attended by Corps and City staff, resource agencies, environmental groups and others with an interest in the future development of Sepulveda Basin.

3.0 AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

Areas A and B have been utilized for sod farming cultivation in the past. Area A was excavated for borrow material to construct flood proofing berms around the Tillman plant. The site was graded at a 1% slope. Area A was recently tilled and is currently devoid of vegetation. The west half of Area B, located north and south of the existing model airplane field, has also been cleared of vegetation by farming equipment. The east half of Area B has not been cleared recently and non-native grasses and weeds cover the site. Area C is plowed agricultural field.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

In assessing the proposed Master Plan land use changes addressed in this DEA, potential impacts on land use, biological resources, endangered and threatened species, cultural resources, water quality, water supply, groundwater, air quality, noise, traffic, and health and safety were considered. However, only those aspects of the environment affected by the proposed land use changes are discussed in the document. Environmental aspects not specifically addressed were determined not to be impacted by the proposed land use changes. The change from agricultural purposes to a natural native environment would provide a larger forage area, attract more wildlife to the basin and enhance the esthetic appearance of this segment of the basin.

4.1 Biological Resources. Field surveys to determine if significant biological resources would be impacted by the proposed project were conducted on September 30, and October 26, 1994. These field surveys included the area from Haskell Creek at Woodley Avenue Park southward to Burbank Boulevard. The surveys indicated no significant biological resources would be impacted by the proposed land use designations for Areas A, B and C. Revegetation for wildlife use would result in a beneficial impact on basin biological resources.

4.2 Water Quality/Supply. The land use changes proposed would not impact water quality. The agricultural fields (Areas A and B) are currently being cleared of non-native vegetation and weeds to maintain the area for sod farming cultivation which is not being conducted at this time. Therefore, the land use change will not impact the water quality or water supply of Sepulveda Basin.

4.3 Esthetics. The land use change would enlarge the existing developed Wildlife Area within the basin. The natural native vegetation to be established would eliminate current agriculture practices at these locations. This would enhance the esthetic appearance of the basin.

4.4 Air Quality. The proposed land use change would have a beneficial impact on air quality over the current land use practices (agriculture).

5.0 COORDINATION

Corps staff has coordinated both formally and informally with various agencies to inform them of the proposed changes in land use designation discussed in this document. Once the design for the entire Wildlife Area has been prepared, a Workshop will be conducted to coordinate the proposed design with appropriate resource agencies. Agencies and groups with an interest in the

development of Sepulveda Basin will have the opportunity to have input on the final design.

6.0 COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

All applicable laws, regulations, and Executive Orders were considered during preparation of this Draft Environmental Assessment. Those pertinent to the proposed action are discussed below:

7.1 National Environmental Policy Act (Public Law 91-190). This assessment has been prepared in accordance with the goals and requirements of the Act. The proposed changes in land use comply with applicable environmental regulations as outlined in the following paragraphs.

7.2 Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217). The proposed land use changes will not significantly impact water quality as defined in the Act. The new land uses will not involve dredging or filling operations nor do they involve construction activities which would degrade water quality. Grading for planting is contemplated for this proposed project, however no soil will be added or removed from the site.

7.3 Clean Air Act (Public Law 91-204). The Act requires that all Federal agencies comply with all Federal, State, or local

requirements with respect to the control and abatement of air quality. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) was informed of the proposed wildlife expansion project and therefore, is aware of the change in land use.

7.4 Endangered Species Act (Public Law 93-205). Section 7(c) of the Act requires consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), if the Federal action may affect threatened or endangered species, and to ensure that any action not jeopardize the continued existence or result in the destruction of habitat of any threatened or endangered species. A letter requesting information on endangered, threatened, proposed, and candidate species was forwarded to the Service on October 6, 1994 regarding the proposed changes in land use designation. The USFWS responded with a letter dated October 11, 1994 which indicated little potential for impacts to listed species (**Appendix A**). It has been determined that the proposed changes in land use will not impact endangered or threatened species.

7.5 Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (Public Law 85-624). The Corps has coordinated with the USFWS and California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) regarding the proposed changes in land use. No Coordination Act Report is required because the project revision does not involve the development of water resources.

7.6 National Historic Preservation Act (Public Law 94-43). A record and literature search was conducted for known resources in the area during preparation of the Sepulveda Basin Master Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report. All results were coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Officer pursuant to 36 CFR 800. No archaeological sites will be impacted by the proposed change in land use.

7.7 Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands. Wetlands protection includes the avoidance to the maximum extent possible of long and short term adverse impacts associated with the destruction or modification of wetlands and to avoid the support of new construction in wetlands. The project is in compliance with the Executive Order (EO). No wetland will be affected by the proposed changes in land uses.

7.8 Executive Order 11998, Floodplain Management. This EA has considered the possible short and long term adverse impacts associated with maintaining the integrity of floodplain management in accordance with EO 11998. The proposed land use changes will not impact the floodplain.

7.9 Farmland Protection Policy Act (Public Law 97-98). No prime or unique farmland of statewide importance will be impacted by the changes in land use.

7.10 California Environmental Policy Act. This EA has been prepared in consideration of the goals of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Article 14, Section 15120 and 15121 and Article 10, Section 15140, Appendix VII, Guide to the CEQA, 1992.

8.0 PREPARERS AND REVIEWERS

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Ruth Villalobos, Chief, Environmental Resources Branch

9.0 REFERENCES

1. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1981. Sepulveda Basin Master Plan and Final Environmental Impact Report/Statement.
2. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1987. Sepulveda Basin Recreation Lake Feature Design Memorandum/Final Environmental Assessment.
3. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1994. Supplement No. 1 to the Sepulveda Basin Master Plan EIR/EIS.

FIGURES

Vicinity, Location and Project Site Maps

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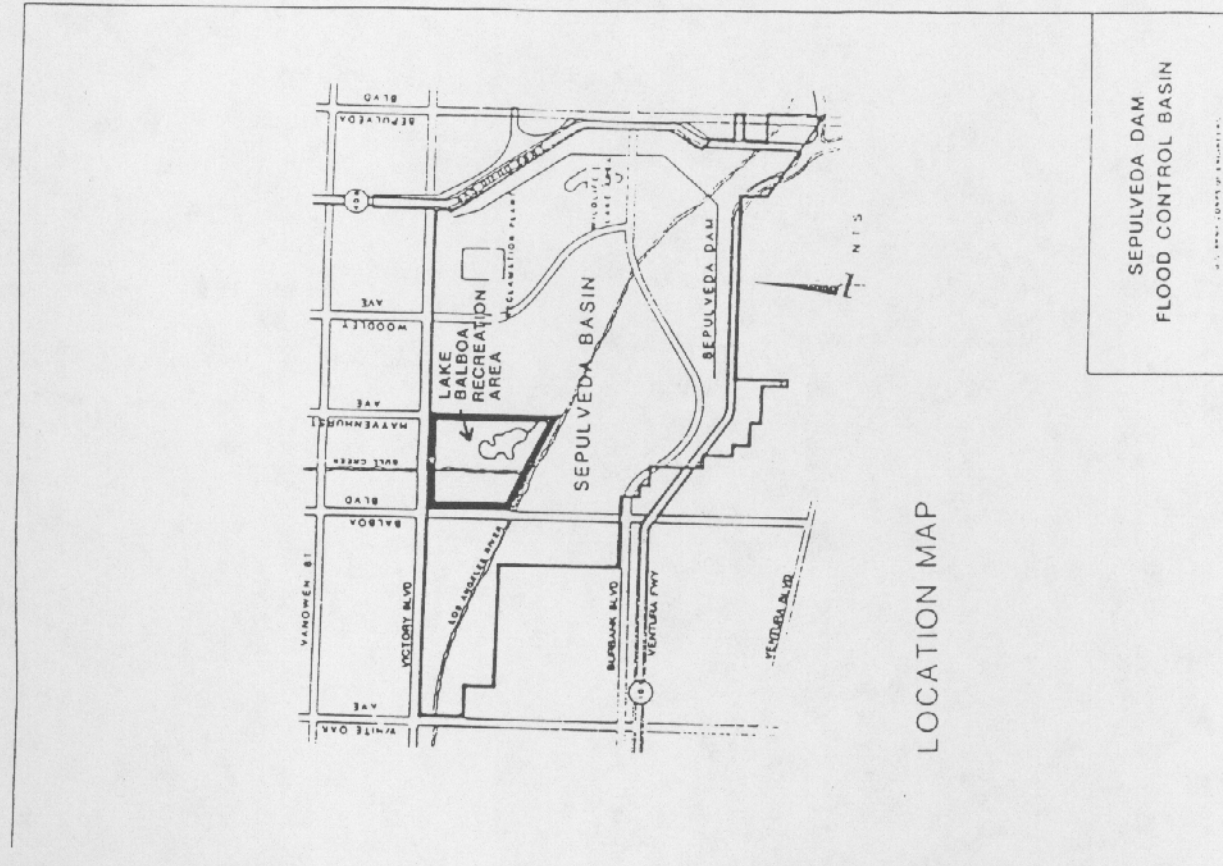
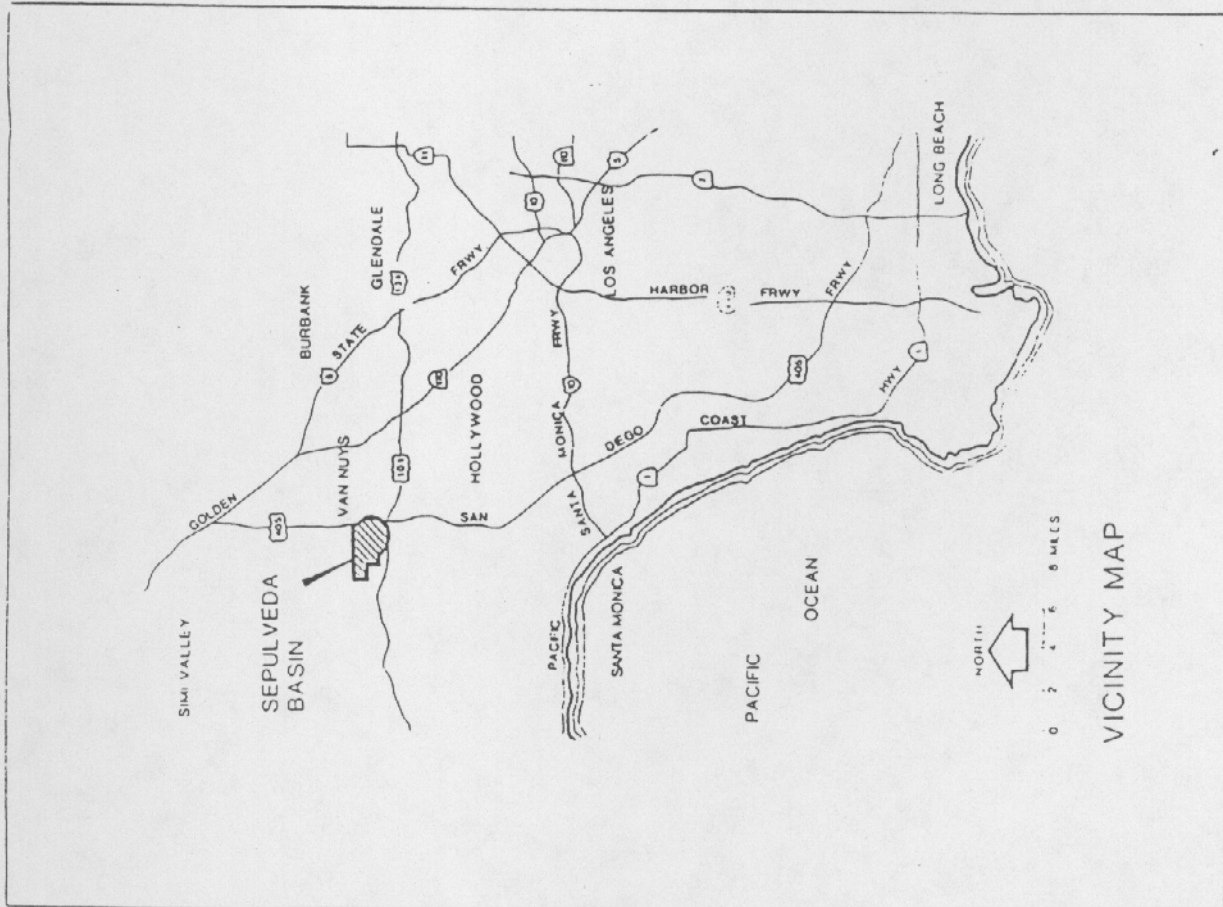


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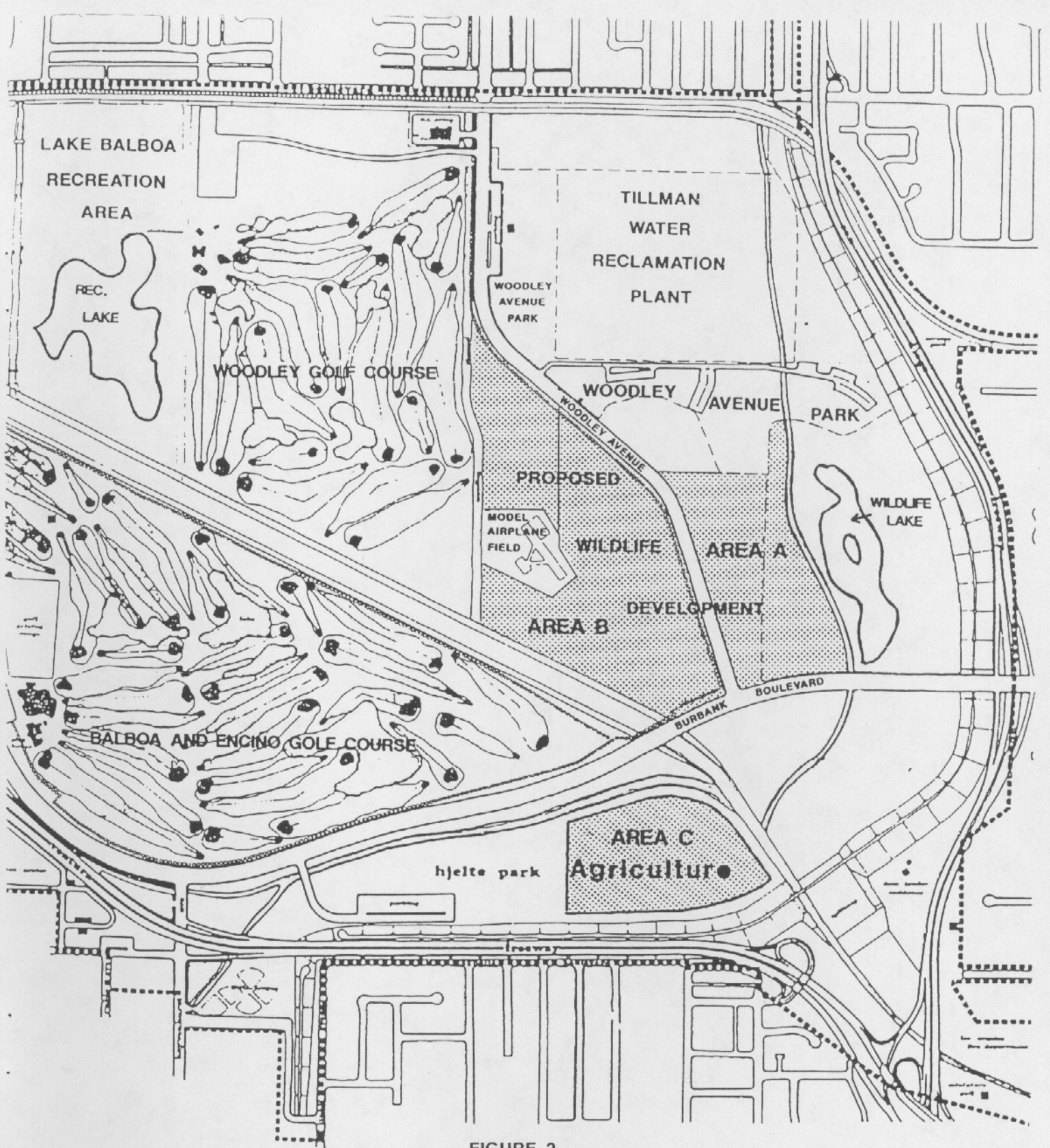


FIGURE 2

SEPULVEDA BASIN

PROPOSED WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT AREA

APPENDIX A
Pertinent Correspondence

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October 6, 1994

REPLY TO
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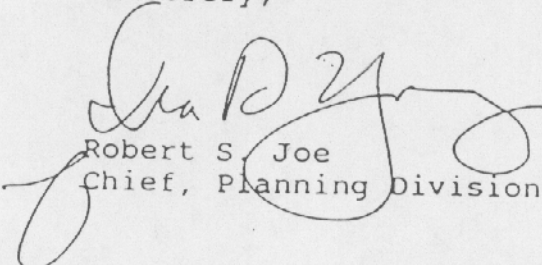
Dear Mr. Kobetich:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Los Angeles District, requests a current list of endangered, threatened, proposed or candidate species that may be affected by the proposed Lake Balboa Recreation Additions at the Sepulveda Flood Control Basin, Los Angeles County, California. This request is pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended). A reproduction of a portion of the Sepulveda Basin Master Plan map sheet depicting the proposed project area (shown in green) is provided for your information. In addition, the Corps is requesting that the species list include the areas immediately west of the proposed project (shown in yellow) where the proposed Arts Park and theater will be constructed in the future.

The project consists of landscaping the existing cleared open area north of the recreation lake with turf and trees to increase recreation use in this portion of the basin. The area was graded during the previous construction phase and will not require further grading or excavation. Before the landscaping is begun, an irrigation system and drainage inlets will be installed to prevent and control erosion and to direct runoff away from the recreation lake. In addition to the landscaping, a restroom, ramadas, picnic tables and park benches will also be constructed for park users.

Your response to this request as soon as possible is appreciated. Please direct requests for additional information to Ron MacDonald, Senior Ecologist, at (213) 894-3661.

Sincerely,


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Chief, Planning Division



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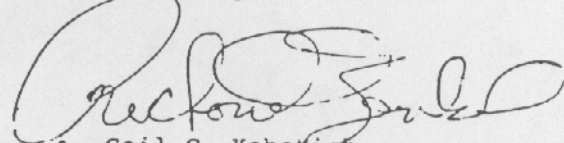
RE: Request for Candidate, Proposed, Threatened, or Endangered Species for the Lake Balboa Recreation Additions (1-6-95-SP-005) and the Wildlife Management Area Expansion (1-6-95-SP-006), Los Angeles County, California

Dear Mr. Joe:

The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the information provided by you (letters dated October 6, 1994) in an effort to assess the potential for threatened or endangered species, listed pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), at the proposed project site. Unfortunately, we do not have area specific information with which to assist you. Based on the developed nature surrounding the site, there appears little potential for listed species. To ensure that listed species will not be affected by the proposed project, we recommend that you seek the assistance of a biologist familiar with sensitive species of the area and that a thorough assessment of potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts be completed.

If we can be of any further assistance please contact Shawnetta Grandberry of my staff at (619) 431-9440.

Sincerely,


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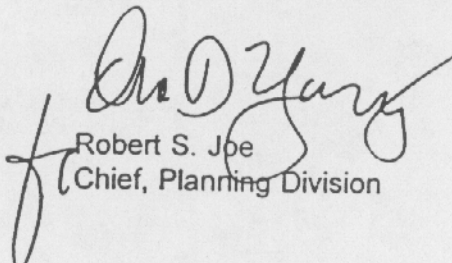
Dear Ms. Widell:

This letter pertains to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District's (COE) Environmental Assessments for two projects in the Sepulveda Flood Control Basin. The first project consists of planting and establishing native vegetation on two agricultural lots west of the existing Wildlife Area. The second project is landscaping of the area north of the recreation lake, and includes construction of the irrigation network, and subsurface drainage structures to collect runoff.

A review of existing records and literature indicated that the area was surveyed for historic properties in 1977, and additional studies completed in 1985 (see Enclosure). No historic properties have been identified within either project area.

Based on the results of current and past investigations, the Corps Archeology Unit has determined that the above mentioned project will not involve National Register or eligible properties. If you agree with this determination, we would appreciate your concurrence within thirty days. Questions regarding this evaluation may be referred to Pamela Maxwell, staff archeologist, at (213) 894-5082.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure

APPENDIX B
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SUPPLEMENT NO.1
MAILING LIST

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