

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

May 24, 2011

Regulatory Division SPK-2005-01112

Mr. James De Staso U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Northern California Area Office 16349 Shasta Dam Boulevard Shasta Lake, California 96019-8400

Dear Mr. De Staso:

We are responding to your request for a Department of the Army permit for the Sacramento River Spawning Gravel project. This approximately 4-acre project involves activities, including discharges of dredged or fill material, in waters of the United States to complete an annual spawning gravel augmentation project for salmonid habitat improvement. The approximately 4-acre site is located on or near Sacramento River, Section 21, Township 32 North, Range 5 West, Latitude 40.610278°, Longitude -122.443889°, Shasta County, California.

Based on the information you provided, the proposed activity in approximately 0.1 acres of the Sacramento River is authorized by Nationwide Permit Number NWP 27 Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Establishment, and Enhancement Activities. Your work must comply with the general terms and conditions listed on the enclosed Nationwide Permit information sheets and the following special conditions:

- 1. To insure your project complies with the Federal Endangered Species Act, you must implement all of the mitigating measures identified in the enclosed the enclosed National Marine Fisheries Service letter of concurrence (2010/01365 dated April 19, 2010), including those ascribed to the Corps therein. If you are unable to implement any of these measures, you must immediately notify this office and the National Marine Fisheries Service so we may consult as appropriate, prior to initiating the work, in accordance with Federal law.
- 2. The permittee understands and agrees, that, if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration of the structure or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the permittee will be required, upon due notice from the Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused hereby, without expense to the Corps of Engineers. No claim shall be made against the Corps of Engineers on account of any such removal or alteration.

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3. You must sign the enclosed Compliance Certification and return it to this office within 30 days after completion of the authorized work.

This verification is valid until March 18, 2012, when the existing Nationwide Permits are scheduled to be modified, reissued, or revoked. It is incumbent upon you to remain informed of changes to the NWPs. We will issue a public notice when the NWPs are reissued. Furthermore, if you commence or are under contract to commence this activity before the date that the relevant NWP is modified or revoked, you will have twelve (12) months from the date of the modification or revocation of the NWP to complete the activity under the present terms and conditions of this nationwide permit. Failure to comply with the General Conditions of this Nationwide Permit, or the project-specific Special Conditions of this authorization, may result in the suspension or revocation of your authorization.

We appreciate your feedback. At your earliest convenience, please tell us how we are doing by completing the customer survey on our website under *Customer Service Survey*.

Please refer to identification number SPK-2005-01112 in any correspondence concerning this project. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Kelley at Redding Regulatory Office, 152 Hartnell Avenue, Redding, California 96002, email *Matthew.P.Kelley@usace.army.mil*, or telephone 530-223-9534. For more information regarding our program, please visit our website at www.spk.usace.army.mil/regulatory.html.

Sincerely,

Matthew Kelley

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Chief, Redding Regulatory Office

Enclosure(s)

Copy furnished without enclosure(s)

Dannas Berchtold, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, California 96002

David Smith, USEPA, Wetlands Regulatory Office (WTR-8), 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105

Chris Yates, Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 8-300, Sacramento, California 95814-4706

## **COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION**

Permit File Number: SPK-2005-01112

Nationwide Permit Number: 27

Permittee: James De Staso

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Northern California Area Office 16349 Shasta Dam Boulevard

Shasta Lake, California 96019-8400

County: Shasta

Date of Verification: May 24, 2011

Within 30 days after completion of the activity authorized by this permit, sign this certification and return it to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Division Redding Regulatory Office 152 Hartnell Avenue FAX (530)223-9539

Please note that your permitted activity is subject to a compliance inspection by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative. If you fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the permit your authorization may be suspended, modified, or revoked. If you have any questions about this certification, please contact the Corps of Engineers.

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I hereby certify that the work authorized by the above-referenced permit, including all the required mitigation, was completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit verification.

Signature of Permittee	Date