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Regulatory Branch
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1. INTRODUCTION: The Premier West Bank, acting through Mr. Will Kellogg, 3046 Colburn Culver Road, Sandpoint, Idaho 83864, (208) 263-2735 has applied for a Department of the Army permit to construct a financial banking facility on 0.84 acres of wetlands located at 201 Alpine Street, City of Mt. Shasta, California (APN 56-264-050). This application is being processed pursuant to the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: As shown in the attached drawings, the applicant plans to construct a banking facility, a two-way access road, along with the attendant parking and landscaping areas. This property currently contains a disturbed marsh with a few ornamental and fruit trees dispersed across the property. The property is located at the west corner of the three-way intersection of Maple Street, Mill Street and Alpine Street in Mt. Shasta, Siskiyou County, California. This location is also near the center of the east half of Section 16, T40N-R4W as shown on Figure 1.

In order to prepare a base for the roads and structure's foundation, approximately 2000 cubic yards (cy) of surface material, including vegetation, would be removed from the 1.27-acre property and replaced with 3000 cy of 'engineered fill.' The proposed facility would have two-way access at Water Street, Maple Street and Mill Street, W. Lake Street; this last being approximately 240 feet long two-lane. As shown on Figure 2, Mr. Kellogg would fill approximately 0.84 acre of wetlands subject to the Corps' jurisdiction pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

To compensate for impacts to the 0.84-acre of wetlands, Mr. Kellogg is proposing to donate 1.43 acres of adjacent property to Siskiyou Land Trust as mitigation. The 1.43-acre parcel contains 1.38 acres of jurisdictional wetlands. The two parcels appear to have been the location of a homestead once, however, the structure has been removed and the vegetative community has been shifting towards a more natural ecology. Some senescent apples and roses remain among the willows and *Spirea*.

3. STATE APPROVALS: Under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1341), an applicant for a Corps permit must obtain a State water quality certification or waiver before a Corps permit may be issued. The applicant is notified by this Public Notice that, unless he provides the Corps with evidence of a valid request for state water quality certification to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Board within 30 days of the date of this public notice, the Corps may consider this application withdrawn. No Corps permit will be granted until the applicant obtains the required certification.

Those parties concerned with any water quality issues that may be associated with this project should write to the Executive Officer, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, California 96002, by the close of the comment period of this public notice.

4. PURPOSE AND NEED: The City supports 3690 people and 6 banks at 7 locations. Although no needs analysis has been provided, a financial institution has expressed interest in the site as the only adequate site within the City of Mt. Shasta.

5. EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES:

Evaluation of this activity's impacts includes application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency under Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344(b)). An evaluation under the 404(b)(1) Guidelines indicates that the project is not water/wetland dependent. The applicant has not submitted an Analysis of Alternatives and has been informed that such an Analysis is required and will be reviewed for compliance with the guidelines.

6. PUBLIC INTEREST EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts, which the proposed activity may have on the public interest, requires a careful weighing of all those factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The decision whether to authorize a proposal, and if so the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur, are therefore determined by the outcome of the general balancing process. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors that may be relevant to the proposal must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

7. CONSIDERATION OF COMMENTS: The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, Federal, State and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on

endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

8. SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS: Interested parties may submit in writing any comments concerning this activity. Comments should include the applicant's name, the number, and the date of this notice and should be forwarded so as to reach this office within the comment period specified on page one of this notice. Comments should be sent to the Eureka Field Office at Post Office Box 4863, Eureka, California 95502-4863. It is Corps policy to forward any such comments, which include objections to the applicant for resolution or rebuttal. Any person may also request, in writing, within the comment period of this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. Additional details may be obtained by contacting the applicant whose address is indicated in the first paragraph of this notice, or by contacting Kelley Reid of our office at telephone 707-443-0855 or E-mail: kreid@spd.usace.army.mil. Details on any changes of a minor nature that are made in the final permit action will be provided on request.