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Environmental Resources Branch

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Section 108 Blackwood Creek Restoration Project, Placer County, California, are now available for your information. This proposed restoration is consistent with, and has been identified as a priority of, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's Environmental Improvement Program. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the Federal lead agency, and the California Tahoe Conservancy is the local sponsor.


The proposed project would consist of restoring aquatic and riparian habitats and functions to benefit fish and wildlife found in and along the lower section of Blackwood Creek in the Lake Tahoe Basin. The work would restore approximately one acre of riparian habitat, and 1,100 linear feet of new sinuous channel would be constructed to create aquatic habitat in the adjacent stream environment zone (SEZ). The restoration has been designed to expand the flood plain of Blackwood Creek to reduce erosion, which affects water quality and results in the loss of habitat, and to increase habitat diversity and use by fish and wildlife. Restoration of the SEZ would contribute to reducing the high amounts of sediment flowing into Lake Tahoe, thereby improving water quality conditions in the lake and for its near-shore flora and fauna.

The EA concludes that there would be no significant effects and that no mitigation beyond the use of best management practices would be required. These conclusions have been coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, and California State Historic Preservation Officer.

The public review period for the draft EA ended on November 6, 2009. All comments received were considered and incorporated into the final EA, as appropriate. If you would like a copy of the final document, please contact Mr. Mario Parker, Environmental Manager, at (916) 557-6701 or email: [Mario.G.Parker@usace.army.mil](mailto:Mario.G.Parker@usace.army.mil). Thank you for your interest in the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis C. Piccola".

 Francis C. Piccola  
Chief, Planning Division

