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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, SACRAMENTO  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

February 6, 2015

Regulatory Division SPK-2015-00107

Mr. James Smith  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
10950 Tyler Road  
Red Bluff, California 96080

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter concerns the designation of lead Federal agency for the proposed Mill Creek Fish Passage Improvement, Ward Dam project. The project is located on or near Mill Creek, in Section 35, Township 26 North, Range 2 West, Mount Diablo Meridian, Latitude 40.0530888959867°, Longitude -122.07663928373°, Tehama County, California.

Following early coordination with your agency on February 5, 2015, we hereby designate the US Fish and Wildlife Service as the lead Federal agency to act on our behalf for purposes of compliance with the Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for Department of the Army (DA) authorization required for the Mill Creek Fish Passage Improvement Ward Dam project.

When you initiate consultation under Section 7 of the ESA or Section 106 of the NHPA, please include a statement indicating that we have designated the US Fish and Wildlife Service as the lead Federal agency for the project, along with a copy of this letter.

Please refer to identification number SPK-2015-00107 in any correspondence concerning this project. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Kelley at Redding Regulatory Office, 310 Hemsted Drive, Suite 310, Redding, California 96002, by email at [Matthew.P.Kelley@usace.army.mil](mailto:Matthew.P.Kelley@usace.army.mil), or telephone at 530-223-9534. For more information regarding our program, please visit our website at [www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx](http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Matthew Kelley", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

For Nancy Haley  
Chief, California North Branch