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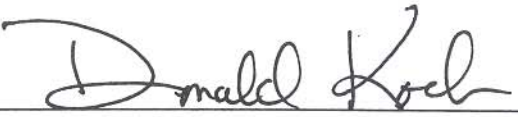
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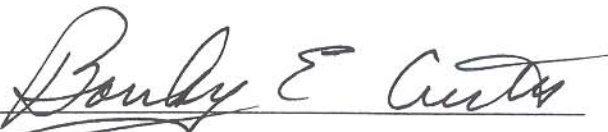
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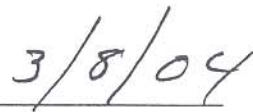
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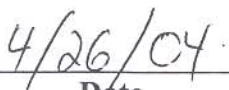
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LIST OF TERMS

Acronyms

The following acronyms are utilized in this Plan with the meanings that are indicated below:

“CALFED Program”	- refers to the programs of the California Bay-Delta Authority, which is the State and federal partnership working to improve the quality and reliability of California’s water supply while restoring the California Bay-Delta Ecosystem.
“CEQA”	- refers to the California Environmental Quality Act.
“DPR”	- refers to the California Department of Parks and Recreation.
“DWR”	- refers to the California Department of Water Resources
“NCNCR”	- refers to Northern California – North Coast Region of the Department of Fish and Game, which is also referred to as “Region 1”. The Region includes Tehama County.
“NOAA Fisheries”	- refers to the National Marine Fisheries Service.
“NRCS”	- refers to the Natural Resources Conservation Service.
“RM”	- refers to River Mile, which is a measure of location along the Sacramento River in an established system that extends from the mouth of the river upstream. The designation “R” or “L” following the mile number indicates the location of a property on the right or left side of the river when facing downstream. For example, “RM 145R” means a location at River Mile 145 on the right side of the channel.
“SRCA”	- refers to the Sacramento River Conservation Area, a 37,000-acre area along the Sacramento River between Keswick Dam and Verona.
“SRCAF”	- refers to Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum, a non-profit organization representing the seven counties that are included in the SRCA.
“SRGIS”	- refers to the Sacramento River Geographic Information System that is maintained by the Department of Water Resources. The system contains spatial data related to

vegetation, soils, flood frequency, erosion projections and other technical aspects of the river corridor.

- “SRNWR”** refers to the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge complex of public habitat land along the Sacramento River managed by the USFWS.
- “SVCSR”** - refers to Sacramento Valley - Central Sierra Region of the Department of Fish and Game, which is also referred to as “Region 2”. The Region includes Colusa, Glenn and Butte Counties.
- “TNC”** - refers to The Nature Conservancy, a private, nonprofit conservation organization.
- “USFWS”** - refers to the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Defined Terms

The following defined terms are utilized in this Plan with the meanings that are indicated below:

- “Adaptive Management”** - refers to the management of habitat according to an explicit and analytical process by which management decisions are made and modified as new information is gathered and more is learned about the functioning of the riparian ecosystem.
- “Comprehensive Conservation Plan”** - refers to the Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge Sacramento
- “Department”** - refers to California Department of Fish and Game.
- “Ecosystem Approach”** - refers to the resource management concept of achieving species management objectives by sustaining and enhancing the fundamental ecosystem structures and processes that contribute to the well being of species.
- “Handbook”** - refers to the Sacramento River Conservation Area Handbook.
- “High Terrace”** - refers to land areas along the river that are usually 10 to 20 feet above normal water surface and have generally existed since before 1900. Such areas were riparian habitat in the past but have commonly been cleared and leveled for agricultural use. These sites generally have a flood frequency of two to five years.
- “Low Terrace”** - refers to land areas along the river that are usually less than 10 feet above normal water surface and have generally been deposited by the river since 1900. Such areas are commonly natural riparian habitat and have not

been converted to agricultural use due to their low-lying nature. They commonly contain sloughs, oxbow lakes and other water features and they are often subject to annual flooding.

- “Planning Process”** - refers to the process of developing this Comprehensive Management Plan including public outreach, research, field work and other related activities.
- “Special Status Species”** - refers to species that are State and/or federally listed as Threatened, Endangered, those considered as candidates or proposed for listing, State Species of Special Concern, federal Species of Concern and plants that are State and/or federally listed as Threatened, Endangered or Rare, or considered by the California Native Plant Society as rare, threatened or endangered.
- “Plan”** - refers to the Comprehensive Management Plan for the Sacramento River Wildlife Area.
- “Wildlife Area”** - refers to the combined Sacramento River Wildlife Area and Merrill’s Landing Wildlife Area.