

**APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM**  
**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

This form should be completed by following the instructions provided in Section IV of the JD Form Instructional Guidebook.

**SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): 11 March 2016**

**B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: Wetland Delineation Uluniu Rd Kihei Maui, POH-2006-00289**

**C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

State: Hawaii                      County/parish/borough: Maui                      City: Kihei  
Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 20.75085° **N**, Long. -156.45718° **W**.  
Universal Transverse Mercator:

Name of nearest waterbody: Pacific Ocean

Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Pacific Ocean

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 20020000

Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request.

Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc...) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form.

**D. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):**

Office (Desk) Determination. Date: 12 July 2016

Field Determination. Date(s): 27 May 2016

**SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

**A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.**

There **Are no** "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review area. [Required]

Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.

Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce.

Explain: .

**B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.**

There **Are** "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]

**1. Waters of the U.S.**

**a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply):<sup>1</sup>**

TNWs, including territorial seas

Wetlands adjacent to TNWs

Relatively permanent waters<sup>2</sup> (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Impoundments of jurisdictional waters

Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands

**b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area:**

Non-wetland waters:                      linear feet: ;                      width (ft) and/or                      acres.

Wetlands: 0.12 acres.

**c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: **Established by mean (average) high waters.****

Elevation of established OHWM (if known): .

**2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):<sup>3</sup>**

Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional.

Explain: .

<sup>1</sup> Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

<sup>2</sup> For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

<sup>3</sup> Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

### **SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS**

#### **A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs**

**The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.**

**1. TNW**

Identify TNW: .

Summarize rationale supporting determination: .

**2. Wetland adjacent to TNW**

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is “adjacent”:

On December 2, 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of the Army published a revised guidance memorandum on "Clean Water Act Jurisdiction Following the U.S Supreme Court's Decision in *Rapanos v. United States & Carabell v. United States*". One of the topics addressed in the joint guidance was criteria for determination of adjacent wetlands. The guidance stipulated wetlands would be adjacent if any one of three criteria were met: "First, there is an unbroken surface or shallow sub-surface connection to jurisdictional waters. This hydrologic connection maybe intermittent. Second, they are physically separated from jurisdictional waters by man-made dikes or barriers, natural river berms, beach dunes, and the like. Or third, their proximity to a jurisdictional water is reasonably close, supporting the science-based inference that such wetlands have an ecological interconnection with jurisdictional waters. Because of the scientific basis for this inference, determining whether a wetland is reasonably close to a jurisdictional water does not generally require a case specific demonstration of an ecological interconnection. In the case of a jurisdictional water and a reasonably close wetland, such implied ecological interconnectivity is neither speculative nor insubstantial."

The 0.12 acre wetland in the AOR is located approximately 650 feet east of the Pacific Ocean in Kihei, Maui. The project site is separated from the Pacific Ocean from a natural sand berm. There is no surface hydrologic connection between the wetland and the Pacific Ocean. As stated in the wetland delineation package, the wetland is located approximately 3,000 feet south of the Waipuilani Stream outlet and 1,250 feet to the north of the Lai Stream outlet. Some wetlands in Kihei were formed by smaller channels carrying low volumes of flow which are then trapped and become ponded behind the large sand dune that runs parallel to Kihei's shoreline. Runoff from higher-gradient areas has resulted in an approximately 12-inch deep layer of alluvium above the hydric soil in the wetland. Ponding in the wetland typically lasts no more than two weeks per year.

There is a connection via shallow subsurface flow between the 94.58 acre catchment and the lower portion of the 25,881.52 acre 12-digit HUC watershed (200200000602), including flow from the wetland in the AOR, and the Pacific Ocean, a TNW. The geology of Kihei in the vicinity of the project area consists of young dune deposits from the Holocene in the dune lying parallel to the shoreline and Holocene Alluvium within the project area (from Sherrod, D. R., Sinton, J.M., Watkins, S.E., and Brunt, K.M. U.S. Geological Service, 2007. Geologic Map of the State of Hawaii, Sheet 7 – Island of Maui). The project site, which consists of Jaucas sand, and the beach sand on the other side of the dune next to the Pacific Ocean have the same saturated hydraulic conductivity value of 331.2 mm/hr, while the dune land had a saturated hydraulic conductivity value of 507.6 mm/hr, indicating these soils' ability to transmit subsurface flow without impediment to a depth of 152 cm (SSURGO data layer based on NRCS Web Soil Survey data, accessed in Google Earth Pro, 08 July 2016) . Another indicator of the subsurface flow of groundwater to the ocean and from the ocean landward is the town of Kihei's reliance on importing potable water from Wailuku due to Kihei's brackish groundwater unsuitability for use as potable water (Hunt, C.D., Jr., 2007, Ground-Water Nutrient Flux to Coastal Waters and Numerical Simulation of Wastewater Injection at Kihei, Maui, Hawaii: U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Investigations Report 2006-5283, 69 p) .

The brackish nature of Kihei's groundwater was verified during the Corps site visit to the project site in observations of the dominance of salt-tolerant plant species, particularly *Batis maritima* (Lonard, R.I., Judd, F.W., and Salter, R. (2011). *The Biological Flora of Coastal Dunes and Wetlands: Batis maritima* C. Linnaeus, *Journal of Coastal Research*, May 2011, pp. 441 – 449) , *Sesuvium portulacastrum* (Messeddi, D., Sleimi, N., and Abdelly, C., (2001) Salt tolerance in *Sesuvium portulacastrum*, *Plant Nutrition – Food security and sustainability of agro-ecosystems*, pp. 406- 407), and *Pluchea indica* (Poodeetip, N., Kong-Ngern, K., Homchuen, S., and Toparkngam, B., *The Biochemical Substances in Plants on Salt Affected Area in Northeast Thailand, Bamnet Narong District, Chaiyaphum Province, Thailand. International Journal of Environmental and Rural Development* (2013) 4-2. <http://iserd.net/ijerd42/42021.pdf>, accessed 11 July 2016) .

As stated in the wetland delineation package, the project area is located in Kihei, which receives approximately 10 inches of rain per year and is mostly absorbed directly into the ground with some loss due to evapo-transpiration. According to a 2007 study tracking an injected wastewater plume in the Kihei groundwater, poor water quality and algal blooms in the reefs immediately offshore of Kihei are likely the result of nutrients and other pollutants carried in the shallow groundwater rather than from pollutants transported by rare rainfall events (Hunt, C.D., Jr., 2007, Ground-Water Nutrient Flux to Coastal Waters and Numerical Simulation of Wastewater Injection at Kihei, Maui, Hawaii: U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Investigations Report 2006-5283, 69p. ) . According to a 2014 study based on evaluating aerial imagery and local knowledge, the majority of wetlands in Kihei prior to human settlement have been filled for agriculture or development (Van Rees, C.B. and Reed, J.M. (2014) *Wetland Loss in Hawaii Since Human Settlement. Wetlands*, 34. Pp. 335 – 350) . The nutrient and pollutant transport between Kihei's watershed and the ocean was very different before the extensive development of the Kihei shoreline when the anaerobic conditions of the wetlands in Kihei assisted in the trapping of some of the nutrients and other pollutants carried in the

groundwater. Although smaller in size and not connected to other wetlands, the wetland on the subject project site contributes a small improvement of water quality in the groundwater flowing to and impacting Kihei's coral reefs.

The presence of brackish groundwater in Kihei, as demonstrated by Kihei's need to import potable water and the dominance of salt-tolerant plant species on the project site, and the impact of shallow subsurface flow on the water quality of Kihei's reefs indicates that there is a chemical connection between the near-shore groundwater in the Kihei watershed and the Pacific Ocean; therefore there is a chemical connection via shallow subsurface flow between the wetland within the AOR and the Pacific Ocean, a TNW. In order for the chemical connection to be present, a physical connection via shallow subsurface flow between the wetland and the Pacific Ocean must also be present. The physical connection via shallow subsurface flow between the wetland and Pacific Ocean is not impeded by the natural sand berm between the project site and the Pacific Ocean. Furthermore, located only 650 feet away from the Pacific Ocean, the wetland is located in "reasonably close" proximity to the TNW.

The chemical connection between the near-shore watershed, including the wetland in the AOR, and the Pacific Ocean via shallow subsurface flow impacts water quality in the near shore area of Kihei, including Kihei's coral reefs. The impacts to water quality in the coral reefs, including algal blooms, from nutrients and other pollutants carried in shallow subsurface flow impact biota inhabiting Kihei's coral reefs. Therefore, there is an indirect biological connection between the wetland in the AOR and the Pacific Ocean, a TNW.

While no surface connection between the subject wetland and the Pacific Ocean, a TNW, was observed, the wetland in the AOR has a physical, chemical, and biological connection to the Pacific Ocean, a TNW, via shallow subsurface flow. Therefore, the wetland in the AOR is adjacent to a TNW and is a jurisdictional wetland.

## B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):

This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under *Rapanos* have been met.

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are "relatively permanent waters" (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, skip to Section III.D.4.

A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.

If the waterbody<sup>4</sup> is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

### 1. Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

#### (i) General Area Conditions:

Watershed size: **square miles**  
Drainage area: **Pick List**  
Average annual rainfall: 130 inches  
Average annual snowfall: none inches

#### (ii) Physical Characteristics:

##### (a) Relationship with TNW:

- Tributary flows directly into TNW.
- Tributary flows through **Pick List** tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are **Pick List** river miles from TNW.  
Project waters are **Pick List** river miles from RPW.  
Project waters are **Pick List** aerial (straight) miles from TNW.  
Project waters are **Pick List** aerial (straight) miles from RPW.

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<sup>4</sup> Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: .

Identify flow route to TNW<sup>5</sup>: Pond 1, an anchialine pond, has a subsurface connection to the Pacific Ocean.  
Tributary stream order, if known: .

(b) General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply):

**Tributary is:**  Natural  
 Artificial (man-made). Explain: .  
 Manipulated (man-altered). Explain: ..

**Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate):**

Average width: 50 feet  
Average depth: unknown - connects to ocean feet  
Average side slopes: **Pick List**.

Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply):

Silts  Sands  Concrete  
 Cobbles  Gravel  Muck  
 Bedrock  Vegetation. Type/% cover:  
 Other. Explain: .

Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: N/A - Pond 1 (anchialine pond).

Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: N/A.

Tributary geometry: **Pick List**

Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): N/A %

(c) Flow:

Tributary provides for: **Pick List**

Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: **Pick List**

Describe flow regime: Pond 1, an anchialine pond, has a subsurface connection to the Pacific Ocean.

Other information on duration and volume: .

Surface flow is: **Pick List**. Characteristics: .

Subsurface flow: **Pick List**. Explain findings: Pond 1 is an anchialine pond that has a subsurface connection with the Pacific Ocean and fluctuates with the tides.

Dye (or other) test performed: .

Tributary has (check all that apply):

Bed and banks  
 OHWM<sup>6</sup> (check all indicators that apply):  
 clear, natural line impressed on the bank  the presence of litter and debris  
 changes in the character of soil  destruction of terrestrial vegetation  
 shelving  the presence of wrack line  
 vegetation matted down, bent, or absent  sediment sorting  
 leaf litter disturbed or washed away  scour  
 sediment deposition  multiple observed or predicted flow events  
 water staining  abrupt change in plant community  
 other (list): measured tidal influence -  
 Discontinuous OHWM.<sup>7</sup> Explain: .

If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply):

High Tide Line indicated by:  Mean High Water Mark indicated by:  
 oil or scum line along shore objects  survey to available datum;  
 fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)  physical markings;  
 physical markings/characteristics  vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.  
 tidal gauges  
 other (list):

(iii) **Chemical Characteristics:**

<sup>5</sup> Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW.

<sup>6</sup>A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break.

<sup>7</sup>Ibid.

Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.).

Explain: .

Identify specific pollutants, if known: .

(iv) **Biological Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply):**

- Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): .
- Wetland fringe. Characteristics: .
- Habitat for:
  - Federally Listed species. Explain findings: .
  - Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: .
  - Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: .
  - Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: .

2. **Characteristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW**

(i) **Physical Characteristics:**

(a) General Wetland Characteristics:

Properties:

Wetland size:        acres

Wetland type. Explain: .

Wetland quality. Explain: .

Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: .

(b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW:

Flow is: **Pick List**. Explain: .

Surface flow is: **Pick List**

Characteristics: .

Subsurface flow: **Pick List**. Explain findings: .

Dye (or other) test performed: .

(c) Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:

Directly abutting

Not directly abutting

Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: .

Ecological connection. Explain: .

Separated by berm/barrier. Explain: reservoir is artificial wetland.

(d) Proximity (Relationship) to TNW

Project wetlands are **Pick List** river miles from TNW.

Project waters are **Pick List** aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Flow is from: **Pick List**.

Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the **Pick List** floodplain.

(ii) **Chemical Characteristics:**

Characterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain: .

Identify specific pollutants, if known: .

(iii) **Biological Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):**

- Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): .
- Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain: .
- Habitat for:
  - Federally Listed species. Explain findings: .
  - Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: .
  - Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: .
  - Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: .

3. **Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)**

All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: **Pick List**

Approximately (        ) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.

For each wetland, specify the following:

Directly abuts? (Y/N)      Size (in acres)      Directly abuts? (Y/N)      Size (in acres)

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: water and sediment retention.

### C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the *Rapanos* Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

**Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:**

1. **Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs.** Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D: .
2. **Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs.** Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D: .
3. **Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW.** Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D: .

### D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

1. **TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands.** Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area:  
 TNWs: linear feet width (ft), Or, acres.  
 Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: 0.12acres.
2. **RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.**  
 Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial: Pond 1 is an anchialine pond with a year-round subsurface connection to the Pacific Ocean.  
 Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow "seasonally" (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally: artificial impoundment has potential to release excess waters to RPW tributaries.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):

- Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).  
 Other non-wetland waters: -----acres.  
Identify type(s) of waters: .

**3. Non-RPWs<sup>8</sup> that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.**

- Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply):

- Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).  
 Other non-wetland waters: acres.  
Identify type(s) of waters: .

**4. Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.**

- Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands.  
 Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: .  
 Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow "seasonally." Provide data indicating that tributary is seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: .

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.

**5. Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.**

- Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.

**6. Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.**

- Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.

**7. Impoundments of jurisdictional waters.<sup>9</sup>**

As a general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional.

- Demonstrate that impoundment was created from "waters of the U.S.," or  
 Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or  
 Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).

**E. ISOLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DEGRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY SUCH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):<sup>10</sup>**

- which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes.  
 from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce.  
 which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce.  
 Interstate isolated waters. Explain: .  
 Other factors. Explain: .

**Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:** .

<sup>8</sup>See Footnote # 3.

<sup>9</sup>To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

<sup>10</sup>Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos.



Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):

- Tributary waters: linear feet          width (ft).
- Other non-wetland waters:          acres.  
Identify type(s) of waters:          .
- Wetlands: acres.

**F. NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):**

- If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements.
- Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce.
  - Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR).
- Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain:          .
- Other: (explain, if not covered above):          .

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment (check all that apply):

- Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams):          linear feet          width (ft).
- Lakes/ponds:          acres.
- Other non-wetland waters:          acres. List type of aquatic resource:          .
- Wetlands:          acres.

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply):

- Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams):          linear feet,          width (ft).
- Lakes/ponds:          acres.
- Other non-wetland waters:          acres. List type of aquatic resource:          .
- Wetlands:          acres.

**SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES.**

**A. SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below):**

- Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: provided in October 2015 wetland delineation report.
- Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.
  - Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.
  - Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.
- Data sheets prepared by the Corps:          .
- Corps navigable waters' study:          .
- U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas:          .
  - USGS NHD data.
  - USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
- U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name:          .
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- 100-year Floodplain Elevation is:          (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- Photographs:  Aerial (Name & Date): 1-21-13 and 4-2-13 from GoogleEarth Pro and two aerial photographs (no date provided) submitted with wetland delineation report.
  - or  Other (Name & Date): provided in October 2015 report, photographs taken during Corps 27 May 2016 site visit.
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**B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD:** .