

**COMMENT LETTER 305 - BECKY LEPORI (SEPTEMBER 24, 1996), RECEIVED
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Response to Comment 305-1

Comment Summary: The comment states that an interruption in the agricultural community of Sonoma and Marin counties would have catastrophic impacts.

The EIR/EIS authors do not agree that irrigation with reclaimed water will have catastrophic impacts to the local agricultural community. Refer to Response to Comment 111-63.

Response to Comment 305-2

Comment Summary: The comment states that the Draft EIR/EIS is filled with empty statements combined with partial reports.

The comment is a general statement that does not provide specific examples within the Draft EIR/EIS of where the language used is inappropriate, or where reports are incomplete. Environmental analysis necessarily requires that some assumptions be made and that future events be forecast. The Draft EIR/EIS has used the best available information combined with a substantial number of detailed technical studies to develop its assessment of Project impacts. Refer to Master Response 5, located in Section 6.2 of this document. Because no specific evidence or recommendations have been included in the comment, the EIR/EIS authors are unable to respond more specifically.

Response to Comment 305-3

Comment Summary: The comment states that the mitigation measures in the Draft EIR/EIS are filled with empty statements.

The comment is a general statement that does not provide specific examples within the Draft EIR/EIS. Mitigation measures were developed to be detailed, specific, and enforceable. Because no specific evidence or recommendations have been included in the comment, the EIR/EIS authors are unable to respond more specifically.

Response to Comment 305-4

Comment Summary: The comment states that the City of Santa Rosa is not sure that the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures will work effectively.

The Draft EIR/EIS is a joint document between the City of Santa Rosa and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The City of Santa Rosa has generally expressed support for the findings in the document as well as the proposed mitigation measures, which it believes will adequately address and mitigate the identified environmental impacts. Certification of a Final EIR, currently scheduled for June, 1997 will be the formal action by the City

approving proposed mitigation. The comment is a statement of opinion, and because no specific questions are raised regarding mitigation measures, cannot be addressed more specifically.

Response to Comment 305-5

Comment Summary: The comment asks how can an open admittance of inaccuracy be certified as accurate.

Although the comment asserts that the Draft EIR/EIS is inaccurate, it does not provide specifics as to the inaccuracies in the analyses or information within the Draft EIR/EIS. The EIR/EIS authors believe the document to be accurate. The purpose of the comment and response process in the preparation of the Final EIR is to further explain and clarify statements in the Draft EIR/EIS, and, if appropriate, to make necessary corrections identified by the authors or commentors.