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#### Helping People Help the Land

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Subject: Kopta Slough Project

To: US Army Corp of Engineers

Enclosed is the completed Farmland Conversion Impact Rating form AD-1006.

The area delineated on the project area photo has been determined to be prime farmland (186 acres).

Map unit Columbia complex, channeled (Cu) in a natural state does not meet prime farmland criteria having a land capability unit of Vlw-1 meaning it is subject to flooding. It has however been altered (leveled and filled) to accommodate flood irrigation, reducing the flooding frequency.

Review of aerial photos does not appear to show any difference between any of the mapping units in the field.

The Storie rating has been prorated for the 3 mapping units.

Please do not hesitate to contact me in you have any questions.

Thanks you.

Respectfully,

Larry Branham
District Specialist

#### U.S. Department of Agriculture FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency) Date Of Land Evaluation Request 4/17/14 Name of Project Kopta Slough Flood Damage Reduction and Habitat Federal Agency Involved U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District Restoration Project Proposed Land Use Ecological and Floodplain Restoration County and State Tehama County, California PART II (To be completed by NRCS) Date Request Received By NRCS Does the site contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland? YES NO Acres Irrigated Average Farm Size × (If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form) 76,081 304 Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA 304 Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Major Crop(s) Walnuts, Almonds Prunes Name of Land Evaluation System Used Acres: 92,214% 5.0 Acres: 231,513 % 12.3 Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS Name of State or Local Site Assessment System 5-22-14 Storie PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency) Alternative Site Rating Site A Site D Site C A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly 0 C. Total Acres In Site 176 PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland 76 B. Total Acres Statewide Important or Local Important Farmland 0 C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted 8100.0 D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion 85 Relative Value of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points) PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Site Assessment Criteria (Criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5 b. For Corridor project use form NRCS-CPA-106) Maximum Site A Site B Site C Site D **Points** (15) 1. Area In Non-urban Use (10) 2. Perimeter In Non-urban Use (20)3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed (20)4. Protection Provided By State and Local Government (15) 5. Distance From Urban Built-up Area (15)6. Distance To Urban Support Services (10) 7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average (10) 8. Creation Of Non-farmable Farmland (5) 9. Availability Of Farm Support Services (20)10. On-Farm Investments (10) 11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services (10) 12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use 160 TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency) Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V) 100 Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or local site assessment) 160 **TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)** 260 Was A Local Site Assessment Used? Site Selected: Date Of Selection YES $\square$ NO $\square$ Reason For Selection: Date: Name of Federal agency representative completing this form:

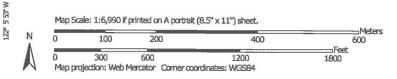
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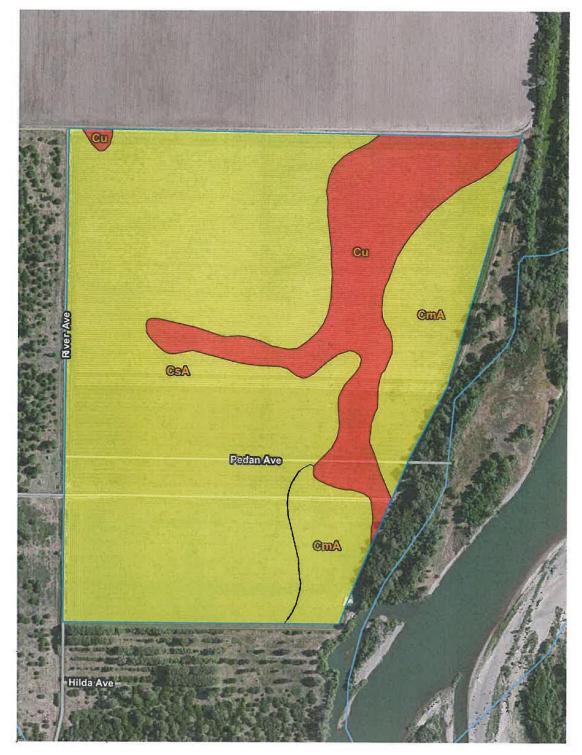
# **Map Unit Legend**

### **Tehama County, California (CA645)**

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
CmA	Columbia fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	28.9	16.4%
CsA	Columbia silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slops	116.1	66.1%
Cu	Columbia complex, channeled	30.7	17.5%
Totals for Area of Interest		175.7	100.0%

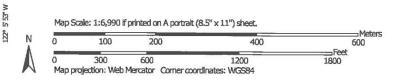
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### **Farmland Classification**

#### Farmland Classification — Summary by Map Unit — Tehama County, California (CA645)

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
CmA	Columbia fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Prime farmland if irrigated	28.9	16.4%
CsA	Columbia silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slops	Prime farmland if irrigated	116.1	66.1%
Cu	Columbia complex, channeled	Not prime farmland	30.7	17.5%
Totals for Area of Interest			175.7	100.0%

## **Description**

Farmland classification identifies map units as prime farmland, farmland of statewide importance, farmland of local importance, or unique farmland. It identifies the location and extent of the soils that are best suited to food, feed, fiber, forage, and oilseed crops. NRCS policy and procedures on prime and unique farmlands are published in the "Federal Register," Vol. 43, No. 21, January 31, 1978.

## **Rating Options**

Aggregation Method: No Aggregation Necessary

Tie-breaker Rule: Lowe

# Farmland Classification—Tehama County, California (Kopta Slough Project Area)

## **Storie Index Rating (CA)**

## Tehama County, California

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Component	Storie index rating
CmA	Columbia fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Columbia	100
CsA	Columbia silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Columbia	90
Cu	Columbia complex, channeled	Riverwash	8
		Columbia	54
		Columbia	54

