Appendix M
The Erosion Repair of 13 Bank Protection Sites
Response to Public Comments on Draft EA/IS

Response to Comment Letter No. 1 – NAHC, Katy Sanchez

The EA/IS, Section 5.4, addresses the concerns of this letter. All evaluation steps recommended in this letter have been followed.

Response to Comment Letter No. 2 – State Lands Commission, Gail Newton

The commission's concerns regarding specific protection policies for state and federally listed species have been addressed in Section 5.6 of this document. Section 5.7 is dedicated to the reduction and mitigation of hydrology and water quality issues that may result from this project. As suggested in this comment letter, longfin smelt and mitigation measures for impacts to this species have been included in this document (Section 5.6).

Response to Comment Letter No. 3 – CDFG, Charles Armor

The acceptable work window for delta smelt has been amended to August 1 to November 30 in Section 3 and Section 3.8 (formerly Section 2.5 and Section 2.14). In addition, the mitigation measures suggested for raptor nests and burrowing owls are incorporated into Sections 5.5.4 and 5.6.4

As suggested in this comment letter, longfin smelt and mitigation measures for impacts to this species have been included in this document (Section 5.6). The SAM information previously included in the Cumulative Effects Section of this document has been amended to provide tables that are more easily understood. This information has been moved to Section 5.6.3.1.

Response to Comment Letter No. 4 – Caltrans, Alyssa Begley

As stated in Section 5.4.10 (page 133) of this document, the Traffic Management Plan will be submitted to Caltrans following completion by the construction contractor and prior to commencement of construction activities. The Traffic Management Plan is expected to follow all appropriate Caltrans guidelines. As indicated in the comment letter, this submission will be addressed to Paul Wilkinson, Caltrans District 3 Traffic Manager. In addition, USACE will work with Caltrans personnel to meet the requirements of all permit and similar coordination efforts, as outlined in the Caltrans comment letter.

Response to Comment Letter No. 5 – Delta Protection Commission, Linda Fiack

USACE has and will continue to consider the input provided by the Delta Protection Commission in its SRBPP erosion repair work.