



**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
REGULATORY PROGRAM
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I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): 11/23/2020

ORM Number: SWG-2019-00646

Associated JDs: (PJD 2019-00646 also being done for portions)

Review Area Location¹: State/Territory: Texas City: Cleveland County/Parish/Borough: San Jacinto

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 30.388745 Longitude -95.199224

II. FINDINGS

A. Summary: Check all that apply. At least one box from the following list **MUST** be selected. Complete the corresponding sections/tables and summarize data sources.

- ☐ The review area is comprised entirely of dry land (i.e., there are no waters or water features, including wetlands, of any kind in the entire review area). Rationale: N/A.
- ☐ There are "navigable waters of the United States" within Rivers and Harbors Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.B).
- ☐ There are "waters of the United States" within Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete appropriate tables in Section II.C).
- ☒ There are waters or water features excluded from Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.D).

B. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 Section 10 (§ 10)²

§ 10 Name	§ 10 Size	§ 10 Criteria	Rationale for § 10 Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

C. Clean Water Act Section 404

Territorial Seas and Traditional Navigable Waters ((a)(1) waters): ³			
(a)(1) Name	(a)(1) Size	(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(1) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

Tributaries ((a)(2) waters):			
(a)(2) Name	(a)(2) Size	(a)(2) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(2) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

Lakes and ponds, and impoundments of jurisdictional waters ((a)(3) waters):			
(a)(3) Name	(a)(3) Size	(a)(3) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(3) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters):			
(a)(4) Name	(a)(4) Size	(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

¹ Map(s)/figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

² If the navigable water is not subject to the ebb and flow of the tide or included on the District's list of Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigable waters list, do NOT use this document to make the determination. The District must continue to follow the procedure outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigability determination.

³ A stand-alone TNW determination is completed independently of a request for an AJD. A stand-alone TNW determination is conducted for a specific segment of river or stream or other type of waterbody, such as a lake, where upstream or downstream limits or lake borders are established. A stand-alone TNW determination should be completed following applicable guidance and should NOT be documented on the AJD Form.



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D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12)): ⁴				
Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size		Exclusion ⁵	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
OW-2	1753.0	linear feet	(b)(3) Ephemeral feature, including an ephemeral stream, swale, gully, rill, or pool.	Based on the consultant's site visit and reference resource maps (USGS topo, aerials, etc.) ES-1 is an ephemeral channel. The consultant observed the tributary 3 times during site visits and did not see water in it. Also, the tributary is not represented by a blue line on the topo map.
Wet 1	3.91	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	It is a wetland that does not abut an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water. It is not located in a landscape position that would be flooded/inundated by an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water during a "typical year". It is separated from an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water by more than a single natural or man-made barrier.
Wet 2	2.28	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	It is a wetland that does not abut an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water. It is not located in a landscape position that would be flooded/inundated by an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water during a "typical year". It is separated from an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water by more than a single natural or man-made barrier.
Wet 3	2.04	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	It is a wetland that does not abut an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water. It is not located in a landscape position that would be flooded/inundated by an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water during a "typical year". It is separated from an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water by more than a single natural or man-made barrier.
Wet 4	0.34	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	It is a wetland that does not abut an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water. It is not located in a landscape position that would be flooded/inundated by an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water during a "typical year". It is separated from an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water by more than a single natural or man-made barrier.
Wet 5	4.35	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	It is a wetland that does not abut an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water. It is not located in a landscape position that would be flooded/inundated by an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water during a "typical year". It is separated from an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water by more than a single natural or man-made barrier.

⁴ Some excluded waters, such as (b)(2) and (b)(4), may not be specifically identified on the AJD form unless a requestor specifically asks a Corps district to do so. Corps districts may, in case-by-case instances, choose to identify some or all of these waters within the review area.

⁵ Because of the broad nature of the (b)(1) exclusion and in an effort to collect data on specific types of waters that would be covered by the (b)(1) exclusion, four sub-categories of (b)(1) exclusions were administratively created for the purposes of the AJD Form. These four sub-categories are not new exclusions, but are simply administrative distinctions and remain (b)(1) exclusions as defined by the NWPR.



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Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12)): ⁴				
Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size		Exclusion ⁵	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
Wet 6	1.5	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	It is a wetland that does not abut an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water. It is not located in a landscape position that would be flooded/inundated by an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water during a “typical year”. It is separated from an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water by more than a single natural or man-made barrier.
Wet 7	3.43	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	It is a wetland that does not abut an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water. It is not located in a landscape position that would be flooded/inundated by an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water during a “typical year”. It is separated from an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water by more than a single natural or man-made barrier.
Wet forest 1	0.19	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	It is a wetland that does not abut an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water. It is not located in a landscape position that would be flooded/inundated by an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water during a “typical year”. It is separated from an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water by more than a single natural or man-made barrier.
Wet forest 2	0.34	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	It is a wetland that does not abut an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water. It is not located in a landscape position that would be flooded/inundated by an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water during a “typical year”. It is separated from an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water by more than a single natural or man-made barrier.

III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A. Select/enter all resources that were used to aid in this determination and attach data/maps to this document and/or references/citations in the administrative record, as appropriate.

☒ Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: [Headwaters Natural Resources Consulting August 19, 2019](#)

This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

Rationale: [N/A or describe rationale for insufficiency \(including partial insufficiency\).](#)

☐ Data sheets prepared by the Corps: [Title\(s\) and/or date\(s\).](#)

☒ Photographs: [Aerial: Google Earth Pro 30 Oct 2014, 2 April 2017, 7 March 2018 & 17 November 2019](#)

☐ Corps site visit(s) conducted on: [Date\(s\).](#)

☐ Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): [ORM Number\(s\) and date\(s\).](#)

☒ Antecedent Precipitation Tool: [provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.](#)

☒ USDA NRCS Soil Survey: [Polk & San Jacinto Counties](#)



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- ☒ USFWS NWI maps: [Bear Creek, Texas](#)
- ☒ USGS topographic maps: [Bear Creek, Texas, 1958 1:24,000](#)

Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	N/A.
USDA Sources	N/A.
NOAA Sources	N/A.
USACE Sources	N/A.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
FEMA/FIRM maps	San Jacinto County, Texas Panel 48407C0350C dated 4 November 2010

B. Typical year assessment(s): All of the wetlands are located above the elevation of the 100-year floodplain of the nearest waters of the U.S (WOTUS): Jayhawker Creek. Headwaters Natural Resources Consulting conducted a wetland assessment on 7 March 2018. An Antecedent Precipitation Tool (APT) analysis was run for a few aerial photographs and the site visit conducted by the consultant. This is a tool to aid in determining adjacency as it pertains to hydrologic trends and the subject aquatic resources. These results are also used in conjunction with elevation data, aerial imagery & other relevant site-specific information. The APT is a tool that affords the user the capability to look at rainfall at a specific location in the recent past, cumulative for the last 3 months {WETS analysis product score}, as well as a climatological review for the past 30 years (30 YR APT) and the PDSI Drought index. This tool also provides WebWimp water balance/hydrologic seasons (season) information. The APT uses climatic data collected from numerous nearby weather stations and produces the most reliable source for a full 30 years of precipitation data. The results are listed below.

Aerial

Date	Prior 72 hours	WETS (3 mth) score:	30 YR APT	Season	PDSI
30 Oct 2014	0	13 (Normal)	Normal	Wet	Mild wetness
2 April 2017	<2"	14 (Normal)	Above normal	Wet	Normal
17 Nov 2019	<2"	15 (Above)	Normal	Wet	Moderate Wet

Consultant SITE VISIT:

7 March 2017	0	12 (Normal)	Above Normal	Wet	Mild wetness
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In review of the aerials and looking at "typical year" per the APT analysis, we did not find any evidence depicting any surface flood waters from the closest (a)1-(a)3 water reaching nor flooding the subject aquatic features. This information combined with site specific elevation information, flood plain maps, and other site specific data all support that determination the subject aquatic resources do NOT: abut an a)1-a)3 water, AND/OR separated from a WOTUS by a single natural barrier, AND/OR separated by an artificial barrier that allows surface water flow in a typical year, AND/OR inundated by flooding from an (a)(1) – (a)(3) water in a typical year.



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C. Additional comments to support AJD: Trib 1,2,3 on attached exhibit were found to be Waters of the United States associated with the PJD SWG-2019-00646 dated 24 August 2020.

