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REFORMULATION STUDY**

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YAZOO BACKWATER AREA FLOOD CONTROL

Name (POC):	Contact Information	County/ Community	Affiliation/ Group ^{b/}	Comments:
1. Clifton & Hope Porter	662-873-3464/ 662-873-2026	<i>Sharkey</i> -Rolling Fork - A Community Ctr. in 2 nd District HQ, Cary MS, Is available for meetings..	Citizen/Farmer/ Landowner (W).	Knows many other residents. Call after 2 p.m. 10-18-05 to meet on Wed. a.m. Interview #1 with Clifton Porter, 10/19/05.
2. Ruby Johnson	662-873-4462 662-873-4761 (might be a relative's #)	<i>Sharkey</i> -Cary	Citizen/Chairwoman, South Delta Flood Control Committee (local citizens' group) (A, F).	Located past Cary, across Deer Creek, 1 st road to right, turn, & 2 nd house. '05 Interview #4 at USACE Office 10/20/05.
3. Anderson Jones		Issaquena-Fitler	Citizen (A, M).	'06 Interview #1 4/27/06.
4. James (Jim) Wanamaker	662-820-2620 662- 820- 4407	Washington-Greenville	Citizen/Retired, MS Levee Bd (W, M).	In office Wed. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. '05 Interview #3 10/19/05.
5. Peter Nimrod	662-334-4813	Washington-Greenville	Chief Engineer, MS Levee Board (W, M).	'05 Interview #3 10/19/05. Provided info on a community garage meeting and video.
6. Board of Supervisors- City Govt.	662-873-2761 Chancery/Circ.Court	<i>Issaquena</i> -Mayersville	County/City Govt.	'05 Interview #2 10/19/05 including Gayle Bunton- Coleman, Willie Bunton, Michael Parker, & Linda Williams-Short.
7. Board of Supervisors- City Govt.	662-873-2755	<i>Sharkey</i> -Rolling Fork	County/City Govt.	'06 Interview #10 5/4/06 Murindia Williams (POC #11).
8. Willie & Louise Bunton	662-873-6673	<i>Issaquena</i> -Mayersville	Citizen/County Supervisor (A, M).	Works in gravel/rock business. '05 Interview #2 10/19/05.
9. Ben Blue	662-873-0004, ext. 3	<i>Sharkey</i> -Rolling Fork	Conservationist, NRCS (A, M).	Knows Farmers. '06 Interview #3 4/27/06.
10. Gene Fulton	662-873-2086	<i>Issaquena</i> -Mayersville	Citizen/Supervisor (W, M).	Attended 2000 Meeting. '06 Interview #2 4/27/06.
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20. Caesar Felton		Yazoo	Commissioner, Clarksdale Levee Bd.	<u>c/</u>
21. Ralph Sewell		Humphreys	Commissioner, Clarksdale Levee Bd.	<u>c/</u>
22. Edna Jackson		<i>Sharkey</i> -Anguilla	Citizen (A, F).	'06 Interview #8 5/8/06.
23. Willie Mae Moore		Issaquena-Fitler	Citizen (A, F).	'06 Interview #9 5/4/06.

^{a/} Potential interview candidates obtained with the assistance of Cindy Lyons and Terry Baldrige, USACE.

^{b/} Affiliation group labeled by race and gender: (W)=white; (A)=African American; (F)= Female; (M)=Male

c/ Could not be reached or had no comment.

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ATTACHMENT 2

**YAZOO BACKWATER AREA, MISSISSIPPI
REFORMULATION STUDY**

ANALYSIS OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONSIDERATIONS

INTERVIEW OUTLINE AND FORM

Environmental Justice-Community Outreach Surveys

Yazoo River Basin Backwater Area, Yazoo Basin Flood Control Environmental Justice Assessment

Issaquena and Sharkey Counties, Mississippi

Introduction:

As a citizen of the Yazoo Backwater Area, you and other residents are invited to assist in the Environmental Justice assessment for this important project to the State of Mississippi, as proposed by the **Vicksburg District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)**. **Ken Weeden & Associates, Inc. Planning Consultants**, will be assisting the USACE in this assessment. We know this project has an extended history, with various meetings and other discussions taking place over the years. **We would like to ask you a few questions, if you have time. Thank you.**

A NOTE ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

Executive Order 12898, February 11, 1994, "*Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations*", requires that Federal agencies consider and address the adverse environmental effects of proposed Federal projects on minority and low-income communities. The order states:

"To the greatest extent practicable by law . . . each Federal agency shall make achieving environmental justice part of its mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies and activities on minority populations and low-income populations . . . (Subsection 1-107).

The overall Environmental Justice principles may be summarized by the following three goals:

1. *Avoid or mitigate high and adverse impacts on minority and low income populations.*
2. *Ensure full and fair participation by all, particularly minority and low-income populations.*
3. *Provide a proportionate share of benefits to minority and low income populations.*

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INTERVIEW OUTLINE

INTERVIEW OUTLINE: *Ken Weeden & Associates, Inc.*
Yazoo River Backwater Study-EJ / Community Outreach

Int. # ____

Thank you for taking the time to speak with us today about the proposed Yazoo Backwater Project. We are working with the USACE Environmental Impact Study team, focusing on Environmental Justice and Community Outreach. If you don't mind, we would like to ask you a few questions regarding your perspective on the Project:

COUNTY: _____ COMMUNITY/TOWN: _____

Name: *(person being interviewed)* _____ Occupation _____ Date: _____

Representative of *(Local Government, or Agency)*, _____, or "Citizen" _____

Race/Ethnicity _____: INTERVIEWER _____

The proposed flood damage reduction project for the Yazoo River Backwater Basin has been discussed and studied for a long time. Have you heard anything about the Project before this interview?

Yes ___ No __. Anything recently? _____

1. a. If yes, what (in very general terms): _____

b. Have you ever attended any Information Meetings concerning the flood damage reduction project?

Yes ___ No ___.

2. In your opinion, does your community perceive the proposed project to be,
a) Positive/beneficial? _____, b) Not Positive/beneficial? _ _____.

-Reasons for your response: _____

3. How do you think that the proposed flood damage reduction project (pumps), if developed, would affect the minority community in your area, positive or negative?

4. How do you think that the proposed flood damage reduction project (pumps), would affect the low-income community in your area, positive or negative? _____

6. Finally, is there any special information you believe the USACE needs to know concerning your county.
(County _____)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!!

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ATTACHMENT 3

**YAZOO BACKWATER AREA, MISSISSIPPI
REFORMULATION STUDY**

ANALYSIS OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONSIDERATIONS

COMMUNITY INTERVIEWS: OCTOBER 2005

May 1, 2007

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COMMENTS FROM CITIZEN INTERVIEWS: October 19-20, 2005

INTERVIEW 1:

Interviewed:

Mr. Clifton Porter - Farmer, Highway 1, Sharkey County (White)

Interview: October 19, 2005 via telephone

Interviewer: Ken Weeden of Ken Weeden & Associates, Inc.

1. "We have a lot of opposition from people from *outside* of here, but no opposition from people who *live* here." We had a lady from New Orleans come here back then and tell us that we didn't need a pump. Radical environmentalists seem to keep up enough issues so they can continue to receive contributions.
2. The government promised us these pumps in 1941 that they did not fulfill. As far as I'm concerned; it's a contract with the people. Everything's been done but the pumps. It's not even our water that's causing the problem. It's the Mississippi River, which drains 40% of the country.
3. I have been involved since the 1973 flood. The environmentalists say the pump installation will destroy hardwood forests. However, when we had a consensus building meeting, these groups seem to want us to move, the govt. to buy the land, and return it to a pristine forest.
4. Minority community? Would affect them positively more than non-minority community. African-Americans are the majority community, and mostly poor, unable to move away in case of a flood.
5. People live in fear, everyday. "How do you put a value on that?"
6. We do have flood insurance for homes that are subject to flooding. But to build a home, you have to build it up to the minimal flood plain, sometimes up to 10 feet. (Very expensive). Base floor elevation in some places is 102 M.S.L, which has to be on stilts, or on a mound. You cannot get flood insurance without it. These are just some of the problems that we who live here have to deal with that people from the outside have no idea of.
7. Impact upon farms? The research from the Extension Service indicates that flooding could cause a tremendously disastrous impact economically, destroying most of the yield.
8. Issaquena County is a long, rural county, not much growth. As Vicksburg grows, especially to the north, people might want to live out in the country, up here in Issaquena County, if, there was flood control, e.g., Valley Park area.
9. Possibility? Bio-diesel plant from soybeans? There is a grain elevator at Valley Park.

INTERVIEW 2:

Interviewed:

-Gayle Bunton-Coleman - Alderwoman, Town of Mayersville, Issaquena County (African-American)

-Mr. Willie Bunton - President, Board of Supervisors, Issaquena County, born April 29, 1935. (African-American)

Interview: October 19, 2005 at the Town of Mayersville

Interviewer: Ken Weeden and Toni Tupponce, Ken Weeden & Associates, Inc.

Also talked to:

1. Linda Williams-Short, Mayor, Town of Mayersville, Issaquena County. (African-American) 662-873-6030-will call her later

2. Michael Parker, 662-873-2761, County Supervisor, Issaquena County, left a message at the courthouse.

Mr. Willie:	Gayle
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has been actively involved since 1973. Was in the '73 flood. 2. Been to lot of meetings with the USACE, and the Levee Board, trying to support the Project. 3. The Project is badly needed; was started in 1986, was strongly opposed by "outsiders" supposedly on the basis of environmental concerns, and the Project stopped. 4. We flood just about every Spring; destroying crops, cutting off access to roads, and therefore jobs, medical services, schools, etc. 5. Negative? If we don't have the pumps, we will have to sell our lands to the government, virtually destroying the tax base for this part of the County. The whole county would revert to a swamp. 6. It is a "myth" that the Project would benefit only "rich white farmers"—mostly poor black people. 7. The Project which was promised was delayed because of politics, initially. But then when the Project was ready, a lot of opposition came from outside. 8. Now, the funds are there to complete the Project, but the obstacles are there from the environmentalists. 9. Suggests talk to Miss Ruby Johnson, Chairwoman of the South Delta Flood Committee. 10. OPPOSITION: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ducks Unlimited • Sierra Club • Earth Justice League 11. BENEFITS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People keep their land • County maintains it tax base • Foundation for future economic development • Keep a large portion of its existing agriculture. • People can stay within this area and not have to leave 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has not been as actively involved, but is aware of the Project.

INTERVIEW 3:

Interviewed:

1. Mr. James Wanamaker (citizen, White)
2. Mr. Peter Nimrod (MLB, White)

Interview: October 19, 2005 at the Office of the Mississippi Levee Board, Greenville

Interviewer: Ken Weeden and Toni Tupponce, Ken Weeden & Associates, Inc.

- Environmental Justice
- In the Act of 1941, the MR&T Project included a floodway that would leave the River near the mouth of the Arkansas River and take floodwater across the States of Arkansas and Louisiana to the Gulf of Mexico never reentering the main River. As land values increased in these states, Senator McClellan from the State of Arkansas sponsored language in the Act to remove the Floodway from the Project. Doing this would increase stages on the Mississippi River at Vicksburg by about 6 feet. The Yazoo Backwater Project was authorized in the Act to keep this additional water from impacting lands from the Mississippi Delta. Since that time the States of Arkansas and Louisiana have enjoyed the benefits provided by the Act while the residents of the South Delta area of Mississippi continue to flood without the completion of the final part of this project.
- Removal of the Floodway took water away from this area, but increased the stage up by six (6) more feet at Vicksburg.
- The Project benefited Arkansas and Louisiana, at the expense of the lower Delta in Mississippi.
- In 1986, the Project was stopped by Hunting Club interests, which had national connections. The environmental groups were used by these clubs to effectively get what they wanted.
- The Mississippi River also provides the outlet for floodwater from 41% of the continental United States. This is water from 31 states and parts of 2 provinces in Canada which drain through the Yazoo Backwater area.

Some issues present:

1. Some very rich people bought large tracts of land to preserve it for hunting, etc., and don't want to see it used for anything else.
2. The farming needs to be preserved, major economic base, not eliminated.
3. Retention of local, resident-owner lands is essential for economic development.
4. The USACE is proposing to put 55,600 acres of land in the one-year frequency floodplain in reforestation easements. Land will remain privately owned so the owner can continue to receive income from their lands.

CONCENSUS GROUP:

- Formed in 1998, trying to find a solution. Initiated by the Fish & Wildlife Service.
- Environmental Groups attended first meeting, but refused to participate any further.

2 PUBLIC MEETINGS IN 2000 –

1st - Hosted by the Levee Board and held in the National Guard Armory with the following comments:

- Only one negative comment.
- Good meeting.

2nd - The USACE held a public meeting at Rolling Fork High School (now called South Delta High School).

- Comments and testimony were provided from opposing groups – individuals and organizations residing outside the study area.
- The transcript of this meeting should provide some support for the “lack” of compassion from these groups for those who reside in the area.

THE LEVEE BOARD HAS A GOOD DVD-for us to review.

- Also provided us with additional POC's—names, and phone numbers.

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Interviewed:

Mrs. Ruby Johnson, citizen, Chairwoman, South Delta Flood Control Committee, was asked to be Chair, about 3 years ago. She resided in Seattle, WA for a number of years. (African-American Female)
Contact at (601)873-4761; (601)947-0332.

Interview: October 20, 2005 at USACE office, Vicksburg

Interviewer: Ken Weeden and Toni Tupponce, Ken Weeden & Associates, Inc.

Interview:

- In 1955, plantations began buying mechanized cotton pickers, and massive out migration. Mrs. Johnson moved from here in 1955, after graduation from high school; went to Chicago, Illinois, then to Seattle, Washington.
- Will be an EPA meeting next week, October 26, 2005, at noon, at a camp (ask Peter Nimrod for details). The topic will be what it's like to live through the flood.
- This project was promised in 1941. All of the other pumps in other areas have been built.
- EPA does not seem to favor the Project. They have fought us so hard in this project. They say that it's too much money to spend on us. They also say that the farmers are also raising too much crops in the area any way.
- When the revised effort first was pushed, the opposition tried to make it a racial thing, i.e., the only people affected were black people and therefore, supposedly, not that important.
- The hunters want to glorify bears. We don't need more bears.
- There are a lot of fishing camps and hunting camps in Issaquena County. Many opposition forces want to keep the land as a preservation area.
- Flood impacts, historically? : Ms. Johnson was raised by her grandmother in Mayersville, during the 1930's, 1940's, until the mid 1950's.

-Snakes

-Stench of mud, dirt, and debris getting into the house

-Various critters entering into the house

-destruction of crops, food harvested to provide for the winter

- Now they are saying that because people have moved away, there is not enough justification for the pumps. Not true. All of the flood waters from the middle part of America come down past us, towards Vicksburg.

POSITIVES:

1. Land would be purchased to develop uses that would add to the tax base. Stores, shops, factories, etc.
2. Possible in-migration, from persons who are tired of the city. Some of the people have gotten old.
3. A lot of our young people would not leave their homes. They want to stay, and would not leave as fast.
4. We need better flood prevention.

NEGATIVES:

1. There are some black people who are against the pumps. Mrs. Johnson is not quite sure why.
2. She believes that some of them are just unaware of the facts of the flooding and it's devastating and disruptive impacts

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ANALYSIS OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONSIDERATIONS

COMMUNITY INTERVIEWS: APRIL-MAY 2006

COMMENTS FROM CITIZEN INTERVIEWS: April-May 2006

INTERVIEW 1:

Mr. Anderson Jones - Citizen, Community of Fidler, Issaquena County (African-American)

Interview: April 27, 2006 via telephone

Interviewer: Toni Tupponce, Ken Weeden & Associates, Inc.

1. He is aware of the proposed project but has not been involved in conversations about the Project recently
2. He has not heard much about the Project recently and said there have not been any meetings on the subject for a good while.
3. He has attended several meetings about the Project in the past.
4. He thinks the community sees this project as positive. Like him, many in his community have experienced flooding for a long time. He first remembers experiencing a flood when he was thirteen years old.
5. He feels the minority community will be positively impacted by the Project. He said it may help keep them from needing to sell their homes, having to put children at risk when they put them in boats to get to school, etc.
6. He felt the low income community would benefit positively as well.
7. Other comments: the area is so low that when it rains the community is always concerned that it will flood if the rain lasts for too long a period of time. They lost everything in 1973—the stains in the walls of the house still exist. He is now handicapped and continues to try to keep things together for his family.

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INTERVIEW 2:

Mr. Gene Fulton - Citizen, Issaquena County (White)

Interview: April 27, 2006 via telephone

Interviewer: Toni Tupponce, Ken Weeden & Associates, Inc.

1. He is very much aware of the Project and participates in conversations about it on a daily basis.
2. Farmers are concerned about planting their crops because of the fear of flooding. He stated that the Mississippi River is a mile from his home and 40 miles from where the pump project would be constructed - so he is concerned about flooding personally.
3. He has attended meetings regarding the pump project, including one several years ago where more than 100 persons were in attendance.
4. He believes that the community in general sees the project completion as positive.
5. He feels that most people believe the Project will reduce flooding. The economy will improve if the Project is completed.
6. The minority community, in his opinion, will be positively impacted. Many had to move out or arrange to have their children relocated temporarily to accommodate attending schools in other areas. He noted that water rises more quickly because some of the preliminary work on the system has been completed, particularly since the ditches were cleaned out, which allows waters to move more easily.
7. Low income residents would also benefit positively from the completed project.
8. As a result of the completed project, employment should increase—especially during the construction phase of the Project and as a result of industry coming back into the area and the reduction of threats to productivity of farms in the area.
9. The USACE should already know the issues. He would remind them that Issaquena County has no services or service resources—stores have closed and they have to go to near by counties to see a doctor or for medical services. Something has to be done so that Issaquena County can again have resources.

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INTERVIEW 3:

Mr. Ben Blue - District Conservationist, Sharkey County (African-American)

Interview: April 27, 2006, via telephone

Interviewer: Toni Tupponce, Ken Weeden & Associates, Inc.

1. He is very aware of the proposed project. Has been in the area for 12 years.
2. He still hears people talking about the Project from time to time.
3. If you talk to farmers they continue to be concerned. They are particularly concerned this time of year—planting season—about the potential of flooding. Their conversation often begins or ends with: “If the pumps were in...”
4. He has attended some of the meetings regarding the Project. He did a 120 day detail with the USACE several years ago and had the opportunity to work with them and talk with staff members about the history of the Project.
5. People that live in the area; see the Project as positive and beneficial. Those outside the area speak of it as a waste of public money.
6. He thinks the Project will impact the minority community positively. If the pumps were in place and the flooding potential was reduced, residents could better sustain a living. Agricultural land would be more profitable and small minority farmers would not lose their crops.
7. He thinks that the completed project would positively impact the low income residents. People with low incomes hear that government may buy them out—but they know or believe that the amount that they would receive would not be sufficient to replace their homes in another area and they will be left with the financial shortfall.

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INTERVIEW 4:
Mr. Lewis Hatcher - County Supervisor, Issaquena County (White)
Interview: May 2, 2006
Interviewer: Toni Tupponce, Ken Weeden & Associates, Inc.

1. Mr. Hatcher is familiar with the pumping project.
2. He has not heard a lot about the Project over the last year but knew of several meetings advertised or reported on local television
3. He feels that the Project would be beneficial to all of the community.
4. As a young person he experienced the 1973 flood. Many people that left the area then—never returned. He said that when it rains for a long time the area becomes similar to a pond—when water backs into it - because without the pumps there is no way to remove it.
5. He thinks that the completed project will impact the minority community positively.
6. Many minorities live close to the area that floods severely. The flooding impacts where they live and work. Many of the area residents are older now.
7. He thinks that the completed project will positively impact the low income community—particularly the farmers, allowing them to raise successful crops.
8. Other: The completed project will begin the start of increased tax revenues as farming increases and industry improves. He said that it would help increase industrial development in the Delta. Industry will not locate in the Delta due to fear of flooding.

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INTERVIEW 5:

Ms. Dorothy Chocolate - Citizen, Town of Cary, Sharkey County (African-American)

Interview: May 1, 2006 via telephone

Interviewer: Toni Tupponce, Ken Weeden & Associates, Inc.

1. She indicated that she was very familiar and involved in the Project.
2. She indicated that people in the area are still concerned about the Project and about flooding. She personally has been vocally involved and even accompanied other residents to meet with officials in Washington.
3. She has attended many of the meetings regarding the flood reduction project.
4. She feels that the community as a whole perceives the Project to be positive.
5. The community believes that reducing the incidence of flooding will save residents on insurance and save the government money needed to help the area and individuals recover.
6. She indicated that the minority community views the completion of the pump project positively for their community.
7. Most of Issaquena County's African American community and low income community lose their crops and incomes or see them reduced due to flooding.
8. The low-income community sees the Project positively. Many people cannot afford necessary home improvements— [due to flooding] many make \$10,000 or less—not enough to live on.
9. Other: Issaquena County has great farm land. Corn, peanuts, rice, cotton and catfish but no one is willing to put a processing plant in the area because they are afraid of losing their investment due to flooding. Young people are leaving the area because there is no work available in the area.

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INTERVIEW 6:

Mr. James R. Carter - Citizen, Rolling Fork, Sharkey County (White)

Interview: May 4, 2006 via telephone

Interviewer: Toni Tupponce, Ken Weeden & Associates, Inc.

1. Mr. Carter is a farmer and indicated that he was very familiar with the Project.
2. He stated that people have been “talking” about the Project since it was authorized by Congress in 1942—but nothing has been done yet. He believes the completed project would be beneficial for all residents in the area.
3. He has attended meetings in the past but none recently.
4. He said that since 1942, people have believed the Project to be positive. People realize that until flooding is controlled in the area the entire community will have many difficulties.
5. He believes that the Project will benefit minorities in the area.
6. He said that so many of the people living in the most severely impacted area are minorities (colored) that they will most certainly be affected positively.
7. He stated that low income individuals will benefit from the Project.
8. So many of the people in the area are low income.
9. There was nothing he needed the USACE to know. He feels that they are supportive of the efforts toward completing the Project.

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INTERVIEW 7:

Mr. Johnnie Hite – Citizen, Town of Mayersville, Issaquena County (African-American)

Interview: May 4, 2006 via telephone

Interviewer: Toni Tupponce, Ken Weeden & Associates, Inc.

1. Mr. Hite Ms. Williams is a member of the South Delta Flood Committee and has been very active in the Project.
2. He believes that every one that lives in the area is in favor of completing the Project. Opposition has been raised by people that live in other areas and that have not experienced the flooding—mostly special interest groups like environmentalists.
3. He has attended many of the meetings. He said there was another community meeting a couple months ago.
4. Mr. Hite stated that the community believes that they have always needed the pumps and that completion would be beneficial to everyone.
5. He believes that the completed project would be beneficial to the minority community. Most of the people living in the area and that own property are African American.
6. He stated that the completed project would help low income residents. Anything that will make the people live better would be good.
7. He stated that there was nothing that he needed to share with the USACE. They are very involved and busy in the area.

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INTERVIEW 8:

Mrs. Edna Jackson – Citizen, Town of Anguilla, Sharkey County (African-American)

Interview: May 8, 2006 via telephone

Interviewer: Toni Tupponce, Ken Weeden & Associates, Inc.

1. Mrs. Jackson indicated that her husband, Willie Jackson, Sr. was deceased. She attempted to answer as many questions as possible. She indicated that she had heard of the Project.
2. She indicated that she had not heard anything about the Project recently.
3. She stated that she did not understand how or why anyone living in the area would not be in favor of the Project.
4. She has attended a few of the meetings—in Mayersville and in Tallulah.
5. She feels the community is probably for the Project and would benefit from it. She remembers the flood of 1973. Her family was able to remain in their house but levees had to be constructed around them.
6. She stated that she is unsure how the minority community would be impacted by the completed project. She said that it should be positive because so many of the people living in the area are African American and many experienced what she and her family did...she had to move after a flood around 1945 to a location where she could continue to attend school.
7. She feels low income residents will benefit because moving is costly...the Project should help folks stay in their homes.

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INTERVIEW 9:

Ms. Willie Mae Moore – Citizen, Community of Fidler, Issaquena County (African-American)

Interview: May 4, 2006 via telephone

Interviewer: Toni Tupponce, Ken Weeden & Associates, Inc.

1. Ms. Moore is very familiar with the Project.
2. She has not heard too many people talking about the Project recently.
3. She attended a meeting a couple months ago. Most people believe that the completion of the Project is needed.
4. She said that people in general are in favor of the Project.
5. They realize how good the completed project will be for the area when flooding is reduced.
6. She believes that the Project will impact the minority community positively.
7. She also believes that the completed project will be good for low income people.
8. She said once it floods, everything is destroyed. Poor people end up trying to borrow money that they can't pay back to replace what they have lost.
9. She did not have additional information for the USACE. She felt that they should know everything they need to know by now.
10. She stated that there was nothing that she needed to share with the USACE. They are very involved and busy in the area.

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INTERVIEW 10:

Ms. Murindia Williams, Chancery Circuit Clerk, Rolling Fork, Sharkey County (African-American)

Interview: May 4, 2006 via telephone

Interviewer: Toni Tupponce, Ken Weeden & Associates, Inc.

1. Ms. Williams is a government employee and resident of Sharkey County. She is very familiar with the Project.
2. She has not heard much talk about the Project recently.
3. She feels that at this point the Project is a lot of talk and no action.
4. She has attended meetings in the past but none recently.
5. People who live in the area see the Project as positive. Those who do not live in the area and are not affected by the flooding have a different opinion.
6. She feels that everyone—regardless whether they are white or black—will benefit from the completed project.
7. Many who live in the area are low income people. The Project would benefit them.
8. She felt the USACE should recognize that the Project has gone on for such a long time and that people have wanted and been in need of the Project so long—they should complete it soon or leave it alone.

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* ENVIRONMENTAL APPENDIXES.