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MEMORANDUM FOR Dr. James E. Kundell, Chair, Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board (EAB)

SUBJECT: Criteria for Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects

1. Thank you for the Board's paper "Determining the Corps Interest in Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration" prepared at the request of Major General Michael Walsh during the EAB Winter Meeting in 2012. In addition to providing the criteria requested the paper makes several good points. I support the criteria developed by the Board for use in determining which of the many aquatic ecosystem restoration projects proposed each year should be considered for further evaluation, and by extension which proposed projects should be given no further deliberation. Consideration of these criteria will be especially important during the early steps of the SMART Planning process. I understand these criteria are not designed to give preference or ranking to the specific alternative designs that may be proposed for a given project. So my next request is for the Board, working in collaboration with members of my staff, to develop ideas on ecologically based metrics that could be useful in assessment of alternatives for specific projects when used along with economic, cultural, engineering, and other social considerations. Mr. John Furry will continue to be your primary point of contact; he can be contacted at [john.c.furry@usace.army.mil](mailto:john.c.furry@usace.army.mil).
2. I am pleased with the efforts of the Environmental Advisory Board and look forward to our next meeting in September 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theodore A. Brown".

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