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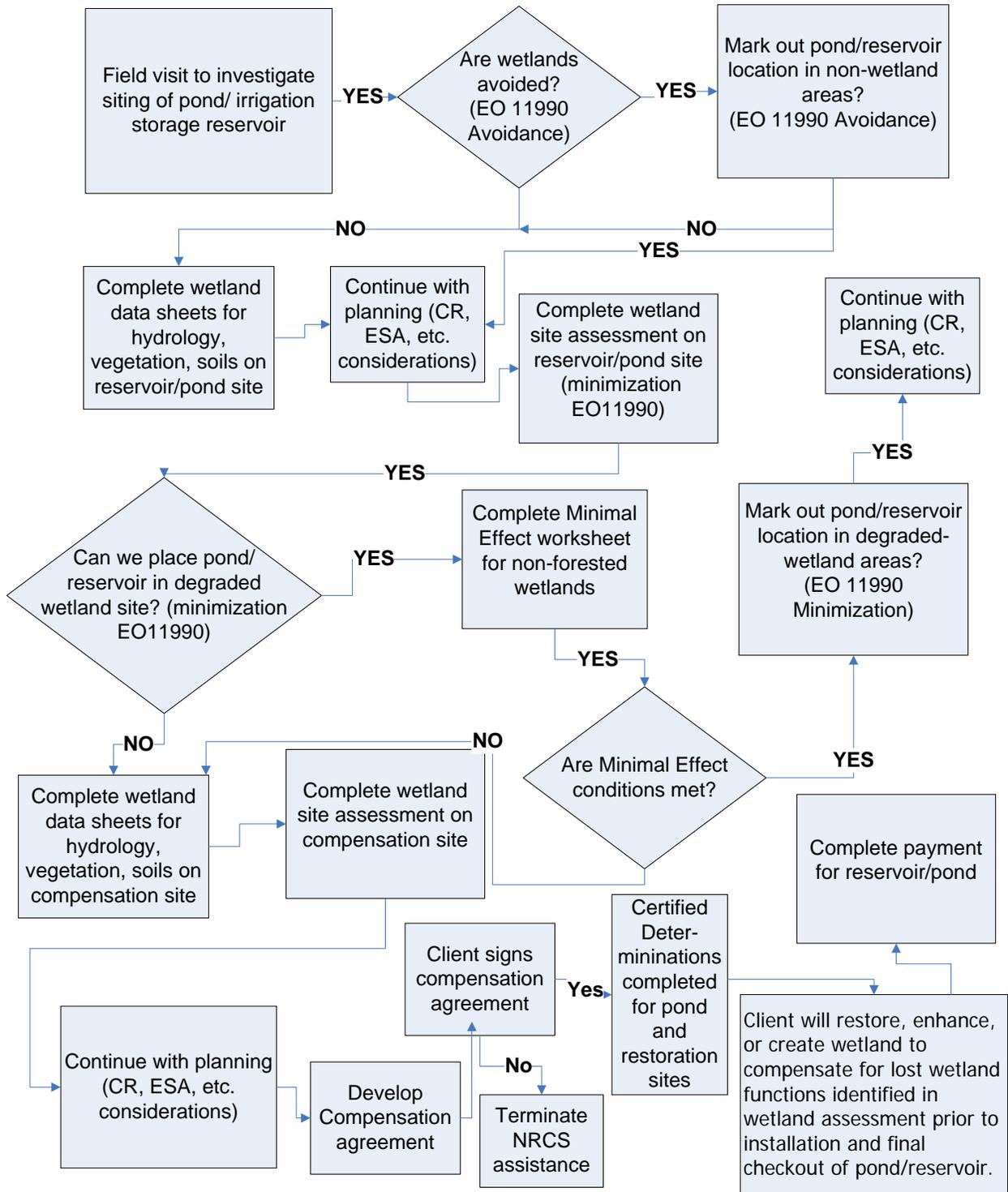
Compensation to replace the same type(s) and level of wetland function(s) is/are required prior to providing installation and final check out of a pond/irrigation storage reservoir. Compensation sites for the mitigation area to be restored, enhanced or created will provide as a minimum, the same level and type of functions that will be lost to the development of an irrigation pond. A wetland assessment will be completed and submitted to the State Conservationist. The State Conservationist will confer with the State Soil Scientist (SSS) as to whether the site is of the rare and unique wetland type.

Compensation rates are as follows:

1. Forested or other wetland converted to open water wetland will require a 1:1 creation, restoration, or enhancement of other wetland.
2. Wetland conversion (e.g. embankment areas on wetlands) will require a 2:1 creation, restoration, or enhancement of other wetland.
3. Rare and Unique Wetlands (as determine by the SSS) where functions have been significantly impacted, might require a preservation easement at a 2:1 ratio.

All structural and vegetative components needed for compensation are to be established prior to the installation of the manipulation of the wetland into a pond/storage reservoir. Refer to the Process for Suitable Placement of Pond/Irrigation Storage flowchart for details.

Process for Suitable Placement of Pond/Irrigation Storage Reservoir (draft)



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