

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Categorical Exclusion Checklist


Kanawha Water District, Stephen/Danley Annexation

NCAO-CEC-13-06

Prepared by:


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Date: 2/7/2013
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Approved by:


Date: 2/7/13
Brian Person
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Proposed Action

Annexation of approximately 174.34 acres into Kanawha Water District Service Area Boundary.

Exclusion Categories

Bureau of Reclamation Categorical Exclusion - 516 DM 6 Appendix 9.D.3 Administration and implementation of project repayment and water service contracts, including approval of organizational or other administrative changes in contracting entities brought about by inclusion or exclusion of lands in these contracts.

Extraordinary Circumstances

Below is an evaluation of the extraordinary circumstances as required in 43 CFR 46.215.

1. This action would have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (40 CFR 1502.3). No Uncertain Yes
2. This action would have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA Section 102(2)(E) and 43 CFR 46.215(c)). No Uncertain Yes
3. This action would have significant impacts on public health or safety (43 CFR 46.215(a)). No Uncertain Yes
4. This action would have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographical characteristics as historic or cultural resources; parks, recreation, and refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (EO 11990); flood

plains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas (43 CFR 46.215 (b)).

5. This action would have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks (43 CFR 46.215(d)). No Uncertain Yes
6. This action would establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects (43 CFR 46.215 (e)). No Uncertain Yes
7. This action would have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects (43 CFR 46.215 (f)). No Uncertain Yes
8. This action would have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by Reclamation (LND 02-01; and 43 CFR 46.215 (g)). No Uncertain Yes
9. This action would have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated critical habitat for these species (43 CFR 46.215 (h)). No Uncertain Yes
10. This action would violate a Federal, Tribal, State, or local law or requirement imposed for protection of the environment (43 CFR 46.215 (i)). No Uncertain Yes
11. This action would affect ITAs (512 DM 2, Policy Memorandum dated December 15, 1993). No Uncertain Yes

12. This action would have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898; and 43 CFR 46.215 (j)). No Uncertain Yes
13. This action would limit access to, and ceremonial use of, Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007; 43 CFR 46.215 (k); and 512 DM 3). No Uncertain Yes
14. This action would contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act; EO 13112; and 43 CFR 46.215 (l)). No Uncertain Yes

Regional Archeologist concurred with Item 8 (email attached).

ITA Designee concurred with Item 11 (email attached).

NEPA Action Recommended

CEC – This action is covered by the exclusion category and no extraordinary circumstances exist. The action is excluded from further documentation in an EA or EIS.

Further environmental review is required, and the following document should be prepared.

EA

EIS

Environmental Commitments, Explanations, and/or Remarks

Kanawha Water District (District) proposes to annex three parcels totaling approximately 174.34 acres in order to serve them Central Valley Project water (Project Water). On September 13, 2012 the District unanimously passed and adopted Resolution No. 2012-08 and the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of the County of Glenn passed and adopted Resolution No. 2012-001 for the Stephen/Danley annexation to the District on December 11, 2012. The proposal is consistent with the sphere of influence of the District.

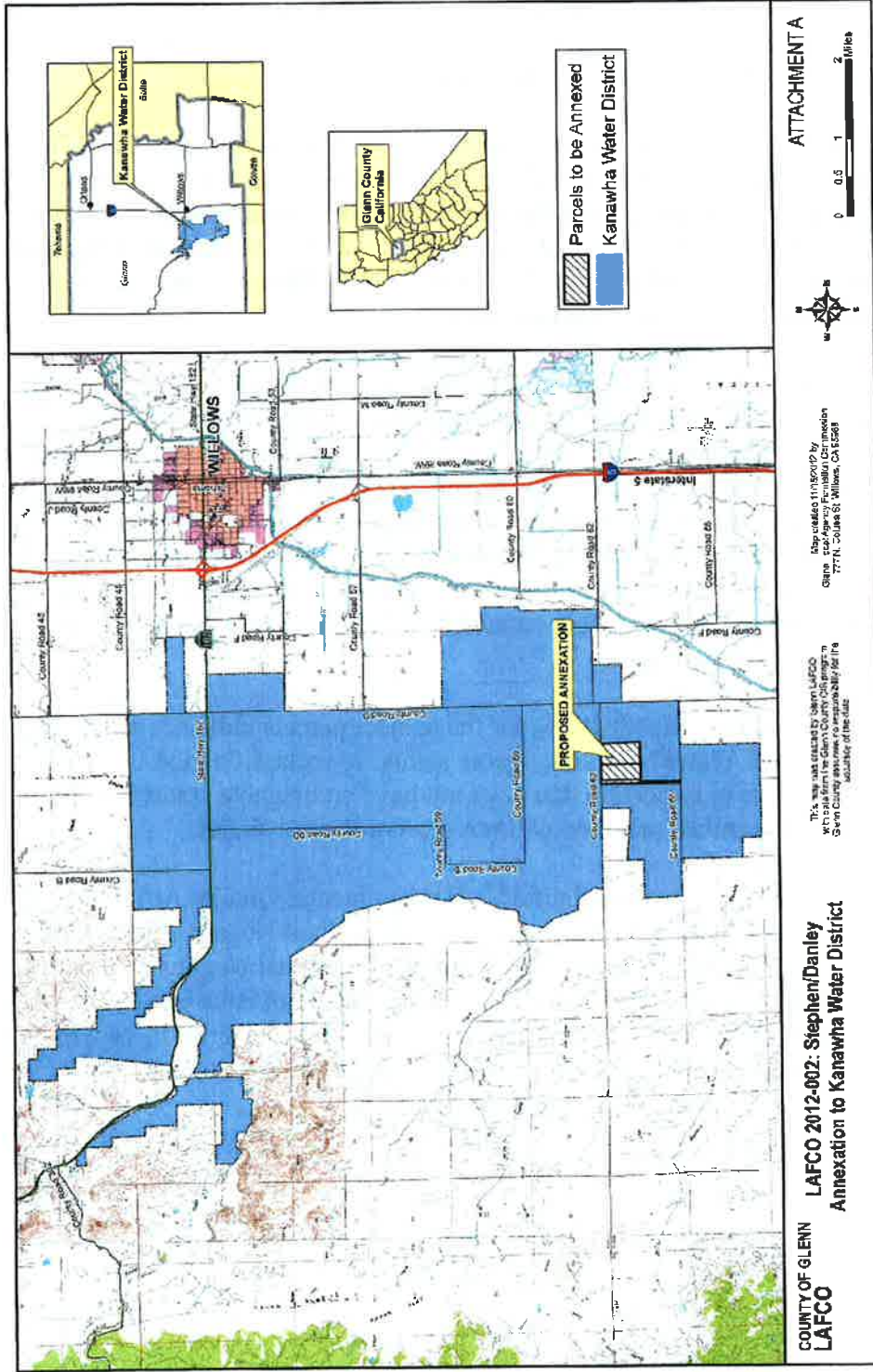
The parcels proposed to be annexed are Assessor's Parcel Numbers 014-170-036, 014-170-037, and 014-170-038, and are located in Sections 1 & 2, Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Mount Diablo Meridian, in the unincorporated territory of Glenn County, California (also see Attachments 1 & 2). The latitude/longitude is approximately 122° 15'45.651"W, 39° 26'49.244"N. Photos of the existing agricultural land are shown in Attachment 3.

Annexation is sought to provide the landowners of the subject property with a supply of secondary priority water to be used for irrigation purposes, from existing District facilities. Delivery of supplemental water will occur when the District can make water available to the subject property. There will be no changes in existing land use as the property has already been prepared (i.e. irrigation pipeline installed) for permanent crops and no significant changes are required to attach to District facilities (Attachment 3). In addition, the subject property is surrounded by parcels currently within the District's service area boundaries (Attachment 4).

A review of the land classifications for the subject parcels indicates all the lands to receive Project Water have an irrigable status, so reclassification is unnecessary. The only portion that does not have an irrigable status is within the Logan Creek streambed and thus will not receive Project Water.

An Initial Study as part of the California Environmental Quality Act was completed by the District on August 6, 2012 and a Final Negative Declaration was signed September 13, 2012. The findings of the Final Negative Declaration, based on the Initial Study, are that the annexation will not have a significant effect on the environment. Reclamation concurs with this finding since there will be no changes in land use and there will be no construction or development on the property or change to the district facilities.

Attachment 1



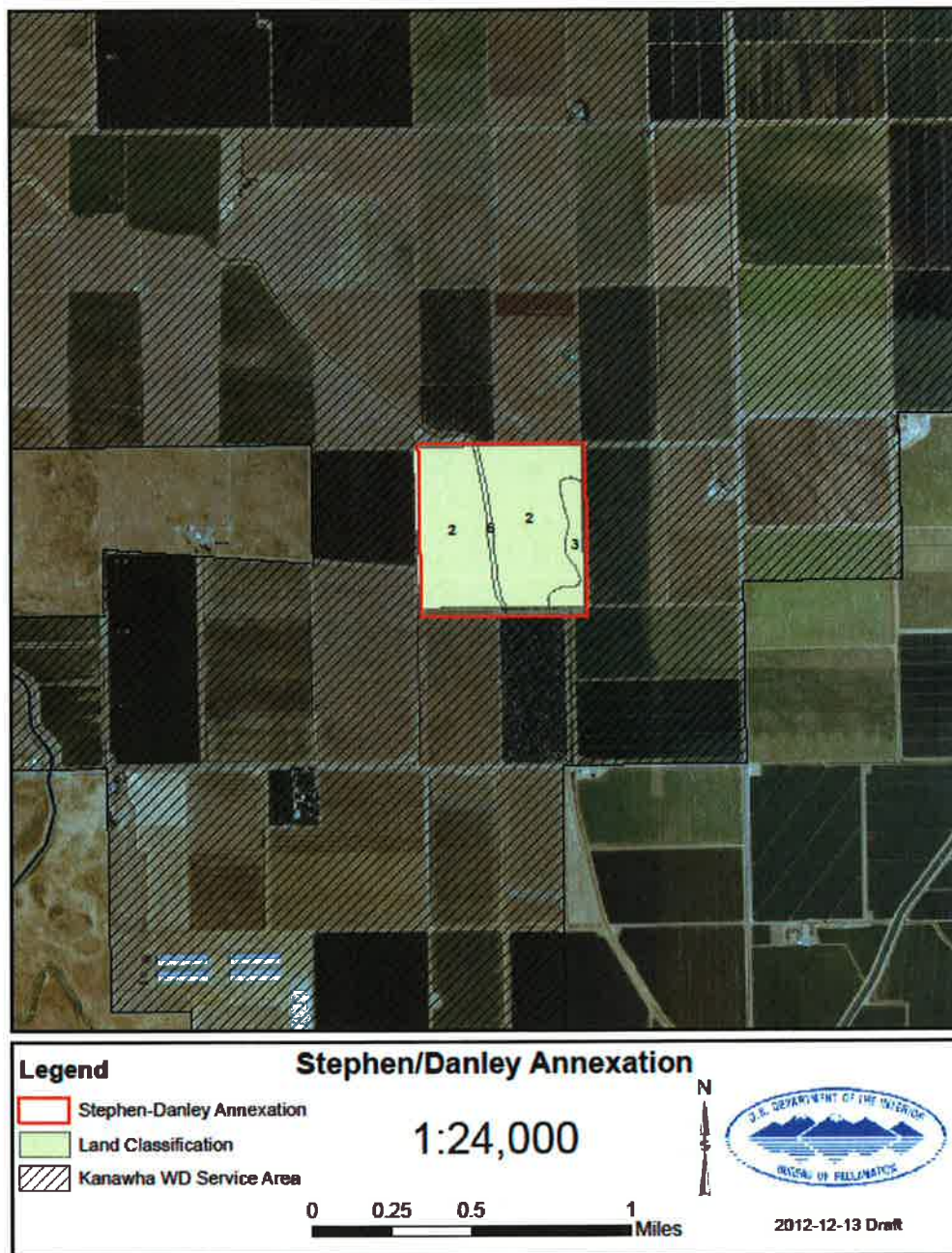
Attachment 2. Images of existing agricultural fields on the property in question.



Attachment 3. Existing pump station where water would be made available to irrigation lines to the annexed property.



Attachment 4.





ITA Concurrence: KWD Stephen-Danley Annex CEC 011013

7 messages

Zedonis, Paul <pzedonis@usbr.gov> Thu, Jan 10, 2013 at 8:42 AM
To: PATRICIA RIVERA <privera@usbr.gov>, Eleanor Robbins <erobbins@usbr.gov>
Cc: "Berens, Jacob J" <JBerens@usbr.gov>

To Whom it May Concern,

Attached you will find a completed Cultural Resource Request form and supporting documentation (CEC) for the Proposed Action to Annex – 174 Acres into the Kanawha WD.

As usual, we thank you for your review of this action. Comments and Questions may be directed to Jake Berens or me

Best Regards,

Paul

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2 attachments

-  **2012-13-10 VID CEC KWD Stephen-Danley Annexation.docx**
5260K
-  **ITA Request KWD Stephen-Danley Annex CEC 011013.doc**
50K

RIVERA, PATRICIA <privera@usbr.gov>
To: "Zedonis, Paul" <pzedonis@usbr.gov>

Mon, Jan 14, 2013 at 11:07 AM

Paul,

I reviewed the proposed action to annex approximately 174.34 acres into Kanawha Water District Service Area Boundary

The proposed action does not have a potential to affect Indian Trust Assets.

Patricia



United States Department of the Interior

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IN REPLY
REFER TO:
MP-153
ENV-3.00

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

February 5, 2013
MEMORANDUM

To: Paul Zedonis
Natural Resource Specialist– Northern California Area Office

From: Mark A. Carper
Archaeologist – Division of Environmental Affairs

Subject: Project # 13-NCAO-067: Kanawha Water District, Stephen/Danley Annexation (NCAO-CEC-13-06)

This proposed undertaking by Reclamation is the annexation of approximately 174.34 acres into Kanawha Water District Service Area Boundary. This is the type of undertaking that does not have the potential to cause effects to historic properties, should such properties be present, pursuant to the NHPA Section 106 regulations codified at 36 CFR § 800.3(a)(1). Reclamation has no further obligations under NHPA Section 106, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.3(a)(1).

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The parcels proposed to be annexed are Assessor's Parcel Numbers 014-170-036, 014-170-037, and 014-170-038, and are located in Sections 1 & 2, Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Mount Diablo Meridian, in the unincorporated territory of Glenn County, California.

After reviewing NCAO-CEC-13-06, dated December 2012, I concur with item 8 which states that this action would not have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places.

This memorandum is intended to convey the completion of the NHPA Section 106 process for this undertaking. Please retain a copy in the administrative record for this action. Should changes be made to this project, additional NHPA Section 106 review, possibly including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, may be necessary. Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment.

Mark

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