

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

## Categorical Exclusion Checklist

### Perform Trenching at Hoadley Peak Repeater Site for State of California's Site Rehabilitation Project — Central Valley Project

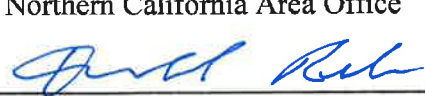

**NCAO-CEC-13-30**

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## Proposed Action

The State of California, Department of General Services (State) is requesting permission to trench (also referred to as test pits) to gather data regarding the subsurface soil characteristics for the Hoadley Peak Repeater Site Rehabilitation Project (Project). The Project consists of the State constructing a new communication vault and tower at Hoadley Peak to comply with the Department of Interior's rules and regulations. The testing will be located on Reclamation owned land within the fenced area and take place prior to the winter season.

The soil trenching will consist of 5-6 tests pits approximately 2 feet wide by 8 feet long with a depth to refusal on rock, typically 1 to 10 feet deep utilizing a rubber-tire backhoe. A drawing showing the proposed location of the test pits is provided in Figure 1.

The work will be performed by the State's contractor, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. who previously performed the site survey work.

The Repeater Site is located in Section 27, Township 3 North, Range 8 West, Mount Diable Base and Meridian, Trinity and Shasta Counties.

## Exclusion Categories

Bureau of Reclamation Categorical Exclusion – B(3): Planning Activities. Data collection studies that involve test excavations for cultural resources investigations or test pitting, or seismic investigations for geologic exploration purposes where the impacts will be located. D(10): Issuance of permits, licenses, easements and crossing agreements which provide right-of-way over Bureau of Reclamation lands where the action does not allow or lead to larger public or private action.

## 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)).

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| 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. This action would affect ITAs (512 DM 2, Policy Memorandum dated December 15, 1993).  | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. This action would contribute to the introduction, continued   | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |

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)).

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

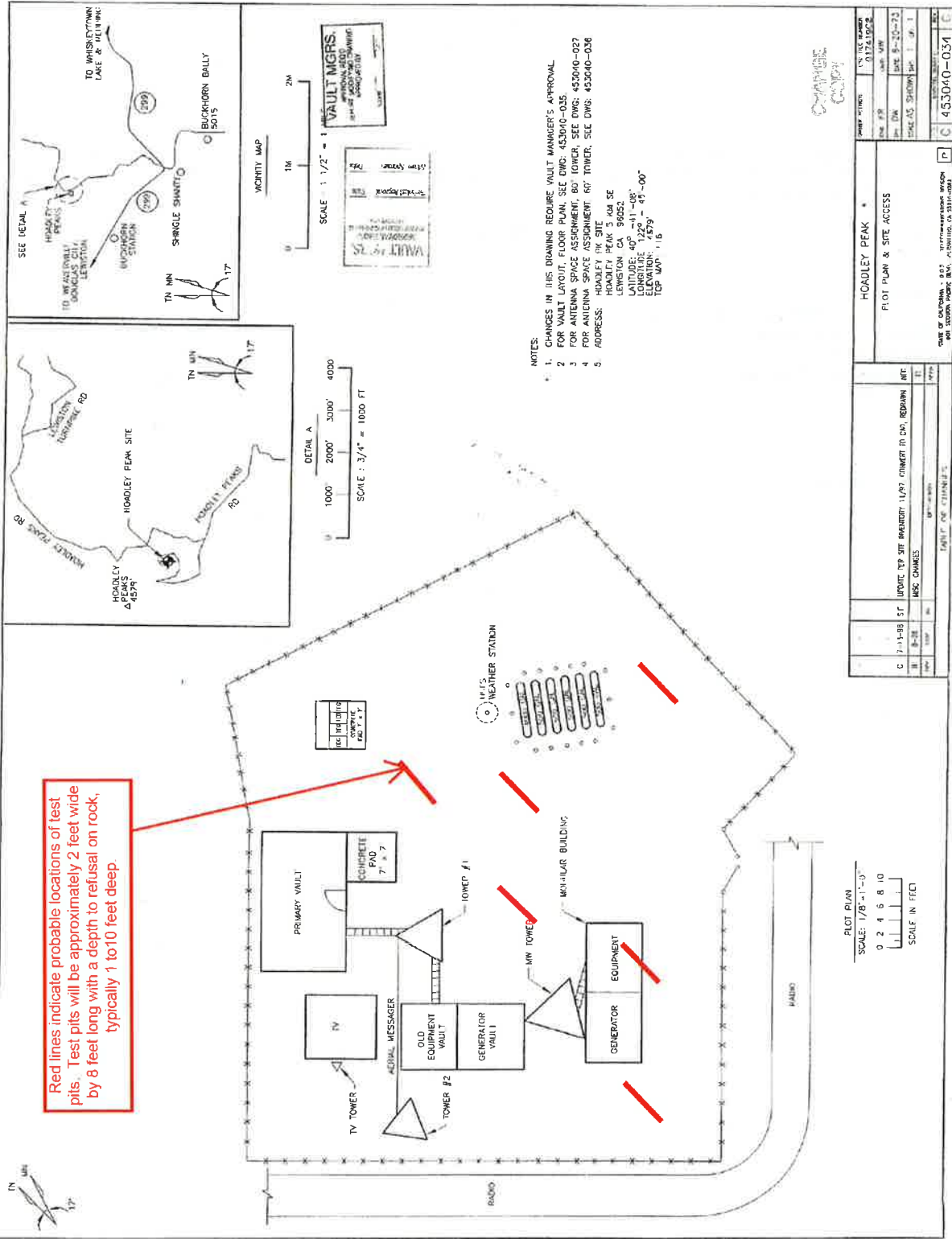
EIS

**Environmental commitments, explanations, and/or remarks:**

Explanation and/or remarks:

Cost Authority Number for the review: A1R 17529652 2300181

**Figure 1 Project Location**



## Attachment 1.

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### CR & ITA Review: NCAO CEC HoadleyPeakEncroachPermit 062813

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**Paul,**

**I reviewed the proposed action to approve the State of California, Department of General Services' (State) request to perform soil borings to gather data regarding the subsurface soil characteristics for the Hoadley Peak Repeater Site Rehabilitation Project.**

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

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## Attachment 2. Cultural Resources Concurrence



Document # 13-30 Trenching Hoadley Peak

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Fri, Nov 1, 2013 at 3:10 PM

Paul,

I concur with Item 8 of this CEC that this action would have no significant impacts on historic properties. We reviewed the cultural survey report and the locations and nature of the proposed test pits as described in the CEC and reached a finding of no historic properties affected. This concludes our review for the CEC.

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