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Re: Section 106 consultation for the La Sierra Pipeline Element of the Western Municipal Water District's Riverside Corona Feeder Project, Riverside County, California

Dear Mr. Steele;

Thank you for consulting pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800 (as amended 8-05-04) regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. You are seeking concurrence on a finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" for the above cited undertaking.

BUR will provide Title XVI funds to the City of Corona to install an estimated 64,850-linear feet of buried recycled pipeline at seven individual locations within and outside the city limits. Constructed within the prism of existing roads, the trench lines will measure 3-ft in width and excavated to depths no greater than 6-ft. BUR determined the APE extends an estimated 80-ft off the centerline of each trench line. The Area of Potential Effect (APE) is depicted in Figures 1 to 2D of the following study you provided as evidence of historic property identification work:

• Cultural Resources Assessment, Reclaimed Waterlines Section 106 Project, City of Corona, Riverside County, California (LSA 2011)

Your study involved searches of information on file at the Eastern Information Center and the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC); consultation with contacts provided by the NAHC, and, field-survey of the APE. The CHRIS search indicated a total of 420 “cultural resources” are located within a one-mile radius of the APE. A review of Appendix A of your study indicated 40 of the resources are prehistoric. One Native American (NA) contact expressed concern about the depth of construction due to the proximity of the APE to a prehistoric trading route. The field-survey indicated the majority of the APE has been disturbed by urban development with most of the surface obscured by paved roads, sidewalks, lawns and landscaping features. The study identified no cultural resources in the APE. Based on a review of your documents, I have the following comments:

1. Pursuant to 36 CFR Parts 800.4(a)(1), I find the APE appropriately determined and documented.
2. Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.4(b)(1), I find the Level of Effort appropriate for identifying historic properties.
3. Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.4(d)(1), I concur with your "No Historic Properties Affected" finding but recommend the BUR implement archaeological monitoring during project work due to the frequency of prehistoric sites in the vicinity of the undertaking and the above mentioned concern expressed during NA consultation.

Be advised the BUR may have additional future Section 106 responsibilities for the undertaking in the event of certain conditions such as unanticipated discoveries or changes in project scope. Thank you for seeking my comments and considering historic properties as part of your project planning. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jeff Brooke of my staff at (916) 445-7003 or jbrooke@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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