

Appendix I

**State Historic Preservation Officer
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Reply to: BUR050125A

Michael Nepstead
Deputy Regional Environmental Officer
US Bureau of Reclamation Mid-Pacific Regional Office
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Sacramento, CA 95825-1898

RE: Delta-Mendota Canal/ California Aqueduct Intertie, Central Valley Project.

Dear Mr. Nepstead,

You have provided me with the results of your efforts to determine, for the benefit of the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), whether the above referenced project may affect historic properties. You have done this, and are consulting with me, in order to enable the USBR to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and implementing regulations codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

The USBR proposes to construct an intertie between the Delta Mendota Canal and the California Aqueduct in Alameda County. The intertie will consist of a 450 cfs-pumping plant which will connect the two facilities through an underground pipe, construction of a 4.5-mile transmission line consisting of 35-foot tall wooden poles originating from the Tracy Pumping Plant and ending at the intertie location, and a 20-acre construction staging area. The area of potential effects (APE) has been subjected to 12 cultural resource surveys including a 1988 survey conducted for a similar proposed project at the same location. The previous surveys have failed to identify buried cultural remains due to the highly disturbed nature of the project area, thus no additional archaeological survey was completed for the current project.

Five properties were identified within the project APE. The California Aqueduct was not evaluated because it has not attained the requisite age. The Byron-Bethany Irrigation District Main Canal, and Tracy Switch Station, have previously been evaluated and determined ineligible for inclusion in the National Register. The SHPO concurred with these findings in 2001. Based on previous consultation and eligibility determinations, you have assumed the Delta-Mendota Canal and Tracy Pumping Plant eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C.

You have found that the project as described will have no adverse effect on historic properties because the proposed construction is of a minor scale along a 117-mile long facility and will enhance both systems historic mission to provide for water delivery. The intertie will occur in underground pipes with above ground pumping equipment powered by an electric transmission line originating from the Tracy Pumping Plant. You state the introduction of above the ground elements, such as the 4.5 mile transmission line and pumping equipment will not adversely affect historic properties because of numerous and similar existing facilities that originate from the Tracy Pumping Plant and occur along the canal along its route.

Based on previous consultations with this office for numerous projects along the Delta-Mendota Canal you have assumed that the portion of the canal within the Area of Potential Effects is eligible for

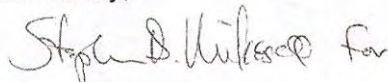
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inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. You have found that the project would have no adverse effect on historic properties. According to the project documentation and additional information provided by your office, I believe that your efforts to identify historic properties are adequate for the purposes of the project. Additionally, I concur with your finding that the project will have no adverse effect on historic properties pursuant to 36 CFR 800.5(a).

Thank you for considering historic properties during project planning. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Hobbs at (916) 653-8936 or by e-mail at khobb@ohp.parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Milford Wayne Donaldson".

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA
State Historic Preservation Officer

**Delta-Mendota Canal/California Aqueduct
Intertie Project
Clifton Court Forebay & Midway 7.5' Quads
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