RECLAMATION
Managing Water in the West

Categorical Exclusion Checklist

Assignment of Sacramento River Settlement Contract No. 14-06-200-8322A-R-1

NCAO-CEC-17-07

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Proposed Action

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By Grant Deeds dated June 4, 2014, as recorded in the Official Records of Yolo County, California as Document Nos. 2015-0024777-00, 2015-0024778-00, and 2015-0024779-00, all interest of the land within the Contractor's Service Area delineated in Exhibit B of the Contract was conveyed to James Elliot Heidrick and Terry Ellen Heidrick, Trustees of the James Elliott and Terry Ellen Heidrick Family Trust.

At the request of the new property owners, Reclamation will assign the interests in the Contract from Mildred M. Heidrick, Trustee of the Emmett E. Heidrick and Mildred M. Heidrick Trust, to James Elliot Heidrick and Terry Ellen Heidrick, Trustees of the James Elliott and Terry Ellen Heidrick Family Trust, to correspond with the change in property ownership. Reclamation's authority for the action is granted by Article 33 of the Settlement Contract.

The property is located in portions of Township 11N, Range 2E, Sections 25 & 36, and Township 11N, Range 3E, Section 30 & 31 (Attachment 1), Yolo County, CA. The corresponding Yolo County Tax Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) are 056-220-020-000, 056-220-021-000, and 056-230-007-000. The latitude/longitude is approximately 121°41.756'W, 38°45.936'N.

Exclusion Categories

Bureau of Reclamation Categorical Exclusion - 516 DM 6 D. 14: Approval, renewal, transfer, and execution of an original, amendatory, or supplemental water service or repayment contract where the only result will be to implement an administrative or financial practice or change.

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)).	No	☒	Uncertain	☐	Yes	☐
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.

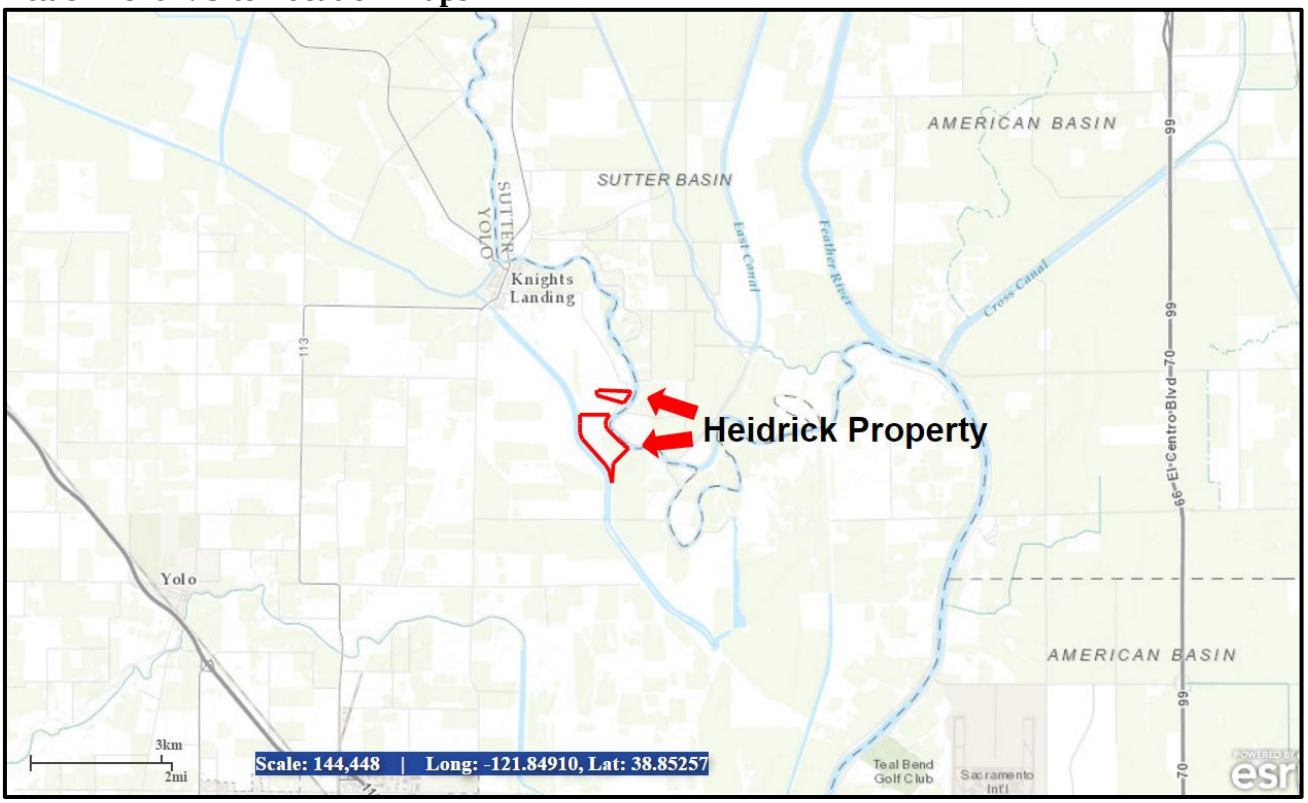
☐ Further environmental review is required, and the following document should be prepared.

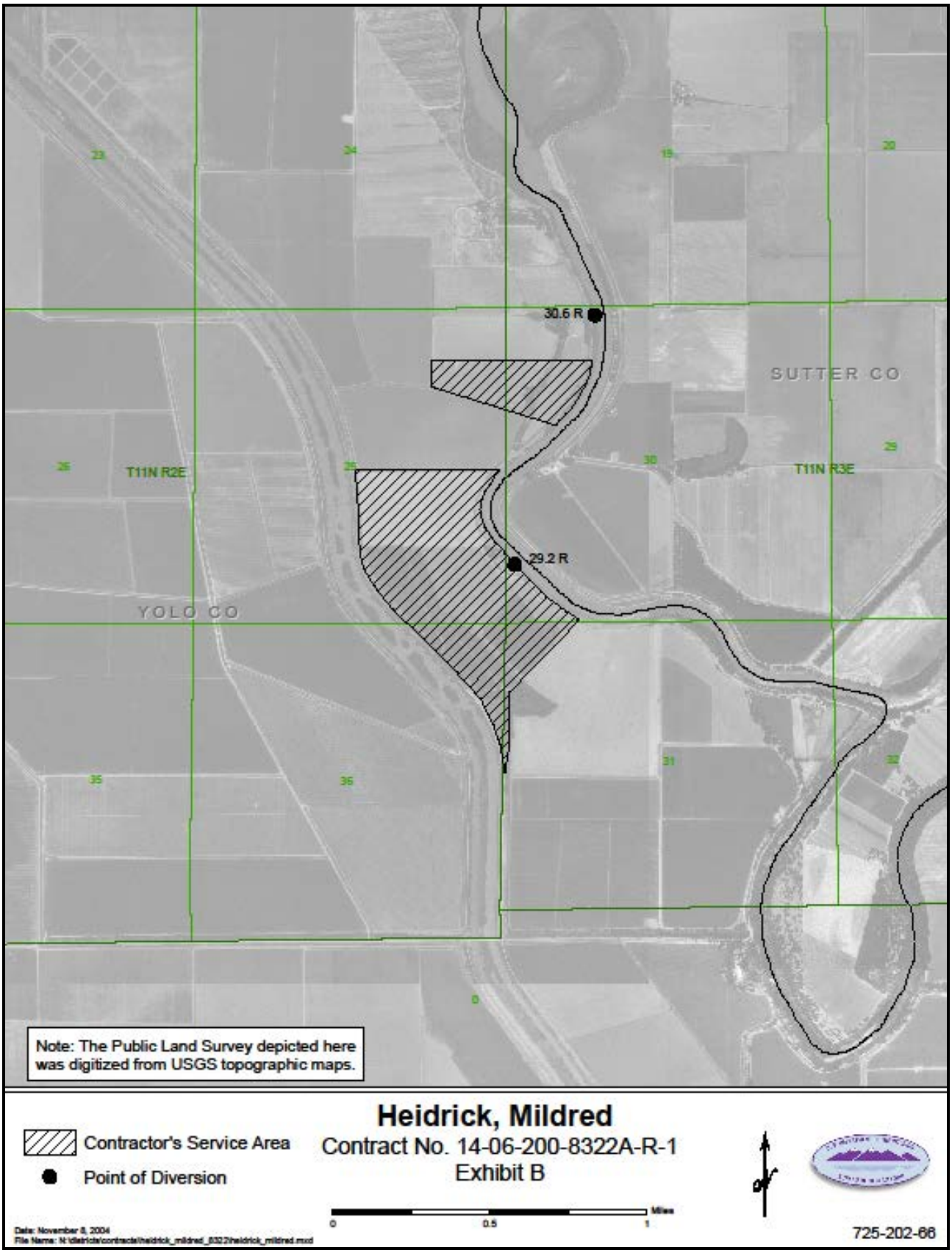
☐ EA
☐ EIS

Environmental commitments, explanations, and/or remarks:

The action is purely administrative; No change in land or water use or construction is associated with the action. The property is in agricultural production and will remain so for the foreseeable future.

Attachment 1. Site Location Maps

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Heidrick, Mildred
Contract No. 14-06-200-8322A-R-1
Exhibit B
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Attachment 2. Indian Trust Asset Review

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ITA Review - Heidrick Assignment - Contract No. 14-06-200-8322A-R-1

1 message

Simon, Megan <msimon@usbr.gov> Wed, Dec 14, 2016 at 3:48 PM
To: "Zedonis, Paul" <pzedonis@usbr.gov>

I have examined the referenced proposal and have determined that the properties are at least 20 miles from the closest Indian Trust Asset.

I have determined that there is no likelihood that this action will adversely impact Indian Trust Assets.

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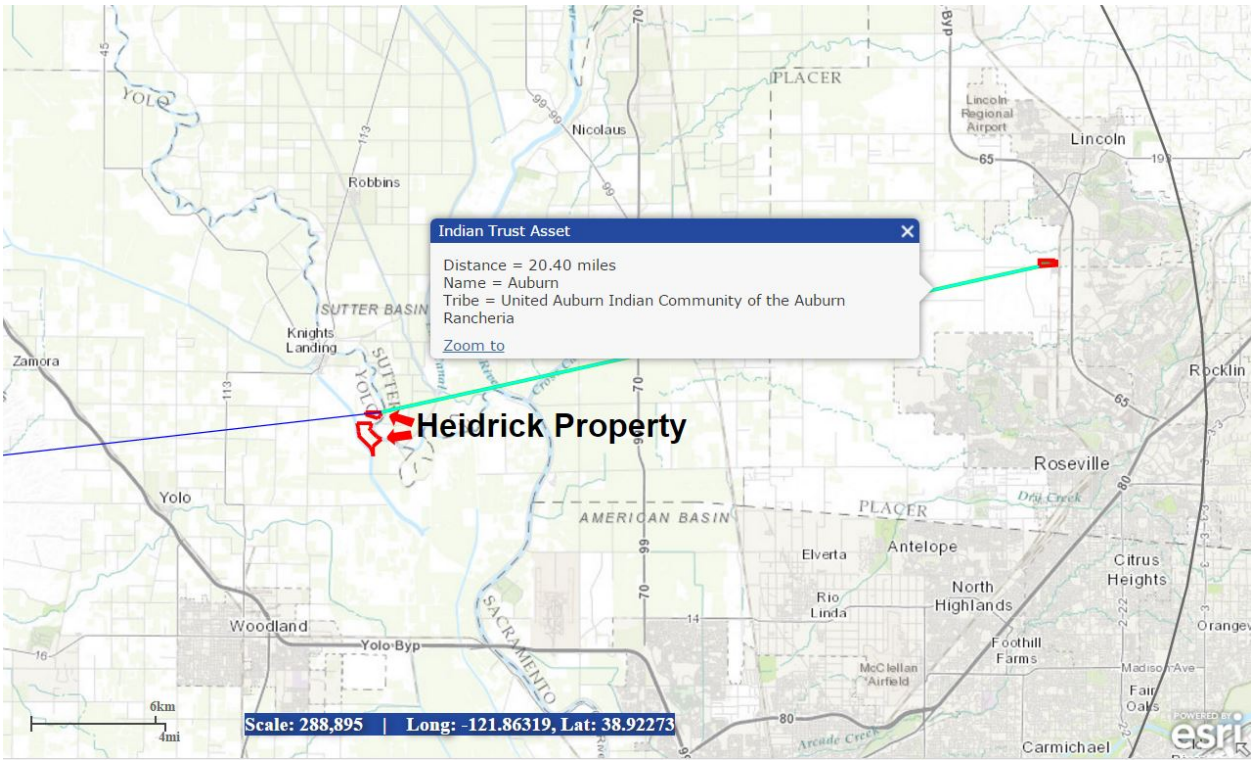

Attachment 3. Cultural Resources Review

CULTURAL RESOURCES COMPLIANCE
Division of Environmental Affairs
Cultural Resources Branch (MP-153)

MP-153 Tracking Number: 17-NCAO-051

Project Name: Assignment of Sacramento River Settlement Contract Number 14-06-200-8322A-R-1

NEPA Document: NCAO-CEC-17-07

NEPA Contact: Megan Simon Natural Resource Specialist

MP 153 Cultural Resources Reviewer: Scott Williams, Archaeologist SW

Date: December 15, 2016

Reclamation is proposing to change named parties within the Sacramento River Settlement Contract No. 14-06-200-8322A-R-1 (Contract), due to the death of Mildred Heidrick on December 28, 2014. Ms. Heidrick left the land within the Contractor's Service Area to her son, James Heidrick. The action is purely administrative. No change in land use or construction is associated with the action. 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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This document 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.