Appendix B

Reclamation's Cultural Resources Determination

CULTURAL RESOURCE COMPLIANCE
Mid-Pacific Region
Division of Environmental Affairs
Cultural Resources Branch

MP-153 Tracking Number: 11-SCAO-009

Project Name: Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) Shortcut Pipeline (SCPL) Improvements Project

NEPA Document: EA-09-098

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The Bureau of Reclamation proposes to authorize CCWD to perform access road construction and maintenance activities on the SCPL. The SCPL is a conveyance associated with the Reclamation-owned Contra Costa Canal (CCC), a component of Reclamation's Central Valley Project. CCWD currently manages and maintains the CCC and the SCPL under contract with Reclamation. CCWD is requesting to make safety modifications to the SCPL and construct new access roads within Reclamation's SCPL right-of-way. Reclamation determined that authorizing CCWD to perform the proposed SCPL improvements constitutes an undertaking as defined in 36 CFR § 800.16(y) and involves the type of activity with the potential to cause effects on historic properties under 36 CFR § 800.3(a), which requires compliance with 54 USC § 306108, commonly known as Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Reclamation defined the area of potential effects (APE) for the proposed undertaking to include locations along the SCPL in which the creation of new access roads, staging locations, and maintenance activities are proposed outside of the original 1972 SCPL construction corridor. In an effort to identify historic properties within the APE, Reclamation conducted a records search, performed a pedestrian survey, and invited input from Indian tribes and Native American organizations and individuals identified by the California Native American Heritage Commission has having an interest in the project area. Based on the results of those identification efforts, through correspondence dated April 25, 2012, Reclamation entered into consultation with the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on a finding of no historic properties affected. As outlined at 36 CFR § 800.4(d)(1)(i), if the SHPO does not object to an agency's Section 106 finding within 30 days of receipt, the agency's responsibilities under Section 106 are fulfilled. No objection or other response from the SHPO was received by Reclamation within the allotted timeframe. As such, Reclamation concluded the Section 106 process for this undertaking. Based on the finding of no historic properties affected, Reclamation determined that the proposed action would have no significant impact to cultural resources.

This document conveys the completion of the cultural resources review and Section 106 process for this undertaking. Please retain a copy with the administrative record for this action. Should the proposed action change, additional review under Section 106, possibly including additional consultation with the SHPO, may be required.