

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION CHECKLIST
Mid-Pacific Region
Lahontan Basin Area Office

Project Name: Pyramid Lake Fisheries – Numana Hatchery, Dunn Hatchery, and Lake Operations Hatchery Modifications, Washoe County, Nevada; Washoe Project

CEC Number: LO - 2010 – 1047

Cost Authority: A10-1956-3000-00-00-0-0

Date: July 31, 2012

CEC LO -2010-1047 was approved on November 10, 2010. However, prior to construction beginning at the Dunn Hatchery (task #5), it was discovered that the storage tank could not be replaced at the site identified in the original CEC. Instead, the tank will be relocated across the existing road, closer to the Dunn Hatchery. The legal location will remain the same, at T 24 N R 21 E sec 15 SE ¼ SW ¼, MDM. A map is attached, showing the new location. No other aspects of this project have changed.

The new proposed location was sent to the cultural resources staff to determine if cultural resources would be impacted. MP-153 completed consultations with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and conducted a survey of the new proposed area. A small lithic scatter was found in the area of the new proposed location. The cultural resources staff determined that the site is not eligible for the National Register. A letter was sent to the Nevada SHPO requesting concurrence on June 22, 2012. On July 24, 2012, the SHPO concurred with Reclamation's determination. Both of these letters are attached.

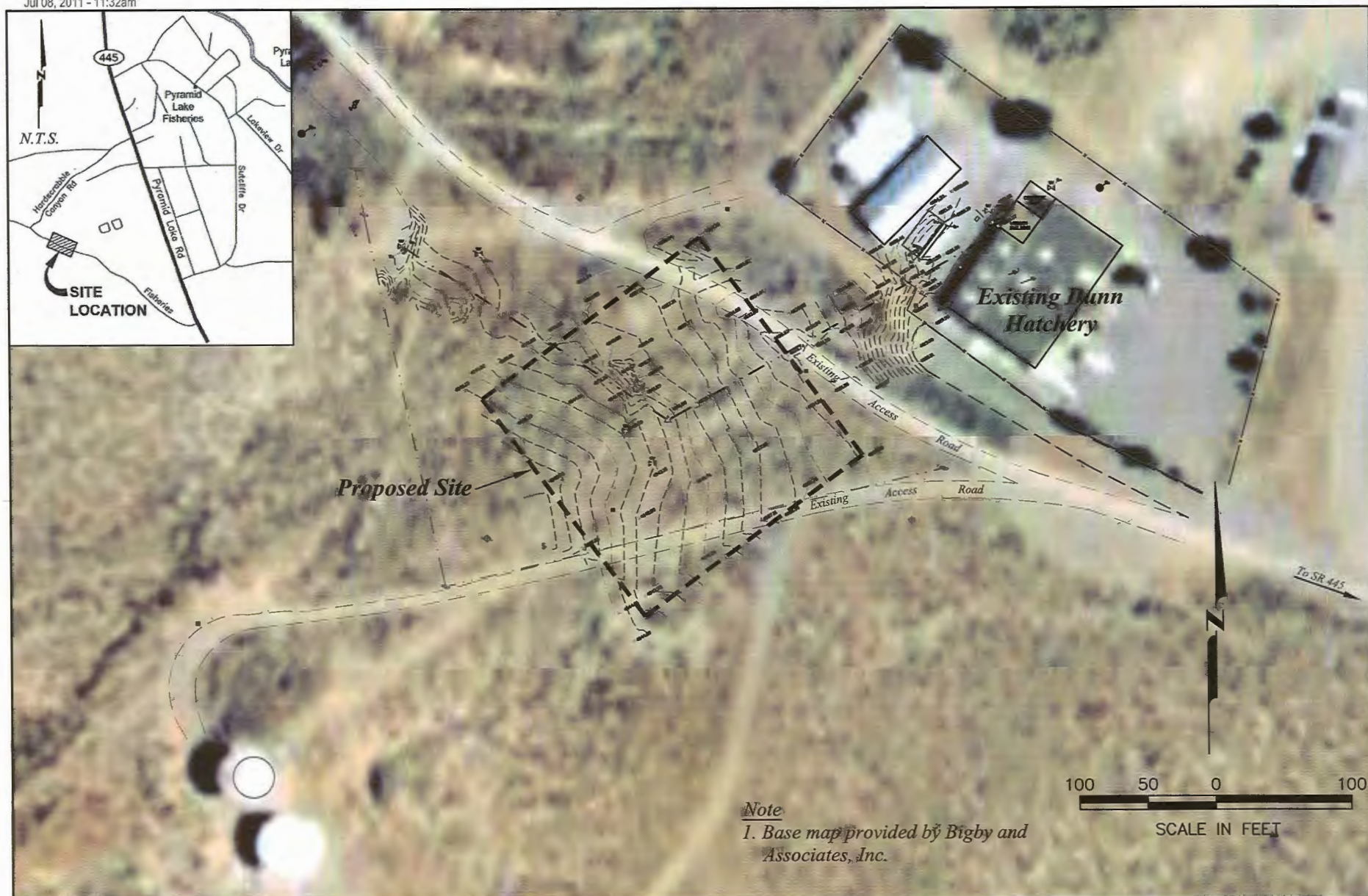
No further action is necessary.

Recommended: Andrea Minor
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7/31/12
Date

Approved: Caryn Hunt DeCarlo
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8/7/12
Date



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Proposed Storage Tank Site Pyramid Lake Fisheries Dunn Hatchery Sutcliffe, Nevada

FIGURE

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DRAWN	JOB NUMBER	APPROVED	DATE	REVISED	DATE
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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

July 24, 2012

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RE: *Pyramid Lake Fisheries Dunn Hatchery Water Storage Tank Replacement Project, Area of Potential Effect Modification, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Reservation, Washoe County, Nevada.*
10-LBAO-260.1/ Undertaking #2011-1568.

Dear Ms. Leigh:

The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the subject undertaking in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended.

The SHPO concurs with the Bureau of Reclamation's (BREC) revised determination for the area of potential effect (APE) for the above-mentioned undertaking as noted in the submitted documents.

The SHPO concurs with BREC's determination that the cultural resource, 26WA9505, is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under any of the Secretary's criteria.

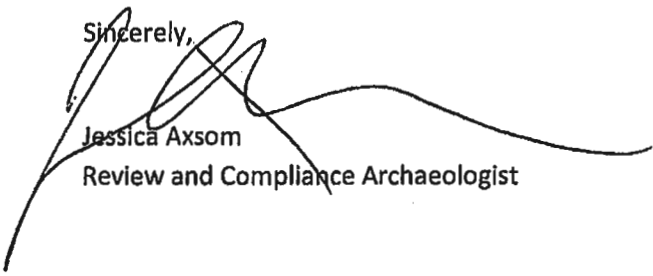
The SHPO concurs with BREC's determination of No Historic Properties Affected.

The SHPO notes that consultation with the affected Native American representatives has been initiated. If this consultation results in the identification of properties of religious or cultural significance that could be affected by the undertaking, BREC must consult with this office concerning the National Register eligibility and possible effects of the undertaking. Regardless of the results of this consultation, the SHPO requests that BREC submit a summary statement after its completion.

If any buried and previously unidentified resources are located during the project activities, the SHPO recommends that all work in the vicinity of the find cease and this office be contacted for additional consultation per 36 CFR 800.13.b.3.

If you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please contact Jessica Axsom by phone at (775) 684-3445 or by e-mail at jaxsom@shpo.nv.gov.

Sincerely,



Jessica Axsom

Review and Compliance Archaeologist



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CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Ronald M. James
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Subject: Continuing National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 Consultation for the Pyramid Lake Fisheries (PLF) Dunn Hatchery Water Storage Tank Replacement Project, Area of Potential Effects (APE) Modification, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (PLPT) Reservation, Washoe County, Nevada (Tracking #10-LBAO-260.1)

Dear Mr. James:

The Bureau of Reclamation is continuing NHPA Section 106 consultation regarding a proposed modification to the APE for a water storage tank replacement project at the PLF Dunn Hatchery, located on PLPT lands near Sutcliffe, Washoe County, Nevada (see Figure 1 in enclosed report). This project, to be funded by Reclamation through Desert Terminal Lakes Program funds, constitutes an undertaking as defined by Section 301(7) of the NHPA (16 U.S.C. 470), as amended. Reclamation is consulting with you concerning this undertaking pursuant to the regulations at 36 CFR Part 800, which implement Section 106 of the NHPA.

Reclamation first initiated consultation with the PLPT and your office regarding the Dunn Hatchery storage tank replacement project via correspondence dated October 27, 2010, and April 14, 2011, respectively (see Appendices A and B in enclosed report). At that time, this action was part of a larger Reclamation-funded undertaking that included replacing a failed storage tank at the Numana Hatchery; installing pond covers, drum filters, settling facilities, and two lake pumps at the Lake Operations Hatchery; and removing the existing tank at the Dunn Hatchery and replacing it in the same location, with no new ground disturbance required. Reclamation consulted with you on a finding of no historic properties affected for that undertaking. In a letter dated May 18, 2011 (see Appendix B in enclosed report), your office concurred with Reclamation's finding of effect.

Subsequently it was determined that the new Dunn Hatchery water storage tank would need to be constructed in a different area, downslope of its current location, in order to more effectively tie into two existing buried water lines. This change in proposed activities and

project footprint necessitated additional Section 106 review by Reclamation and further consultation with the PLPT (see Appendix A in enclosed report) and your office. The revised project will now entail grubbing and grading an approximately 100- by 100-foot area; the placement of a drain rock foundation within this area; the construction of a new 51-foot-diameter, 24-foot-tall, 300,000-gallon-capacity water storage tank atop this foundation; and trenching up to three feet deep to connect pipe from the new tank to the existing water lines. Reclamation has determined that the modified APE consists of the approximately 0.20-acre area within which the ground disturbing activities associated with the new tank construction will occur. As there are existing water storage tanks and other hatchery-related structures in the immediate area, Reclamation has determined that no significant visual or other indirect effects will result from the construction or continued presence of the new water storage tank. The APE, as defined above, is located in the SE ¼ SW ¼ sec. 15, T. 24 N., R. 21 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, as depicted on the Sutcliffe, Nevada 7.5-minute U.S. Geological Survey quadrangle (see Figure 1 and Figure 2 in enclosed report).

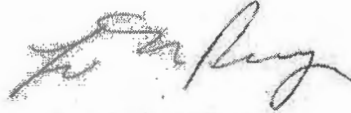
In an effort to identify historic properties in the modified APE, Reclamation cultural resources staff consulted with the PLPT and with the Tribe's designated representative, Mr. Ben Aleck (see Appendix A in enclosed); conducted background research, including an online records search of the Nevada Cultural Resource Information System; performed an intensive pedestrian survey covering the APE and surrounding project area; and carried out limited subsurface testing to assess the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) eligibility of a single prehistoric site (26WA9505) in the APE that was identified by Reclamation during survey. The details, methods, and results associated with these various activities are detailed in the enclosed report titled *Class III Cultural Resources Survey for the Dunn Hatchery Water Storage Tank Construction Project, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Reservation, Washoe County, Nevada* (Goodsell et al. 2012).

Briefly, site 26WA9505 was found to be a diffuse complex lithic scatter with two discrete areas of non-stratified and analytically indistinct subsurface deposits, located in a setting marked by a high degree of previous ground disturbance associated with earlier construction and earth moving activities (e.g., hatchery-related structures, buried pipelines, graded access roads, above-ground utility alignments, borrow areas, and man-made and natural drainages). Through the application of the National Register criteria as outlined in 36 CFR § 60.4 and the National Register Bulletin, *How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation*, Reclamation determined that site 26WA9505 is not eligible for inclusion in the National Register under Criteria A, B, C and/or D (detailed evaluation in enclosed report). As such, Reclamation reached a finding of no historic properties affected for the proposed undertaking.

Reclamation requests your comments on the delineation of the APE and our historic properties identification efforts. We also request your consensus with the determination that site 26WA9505 is not eligible for National Register inclusion and concurrence with our finding of no historic properties affected for the undertaking, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(d)(1). As the project is located entirely on PLPT lands, Reclamation has also provided the tribe with a copy of the cultural resources report prepared for this project (Goodsell et al. 2012) and is consulting with them on the same basis as your office regarding

the effects of the proposed undertaking pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.3(d). For additional information concerning this project, please contact Ms. Joanne Goodsell, Archaeologist, at 916-978-5499 or jgoodsell@usbr.gov. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



FOR

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Enclosure

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