

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Categorical Exclusion Checklist

Millerton Lake State Recreation Area Parking Lot No. 3 Restroom Improvements

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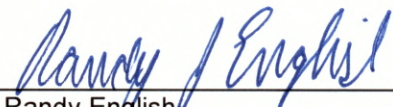
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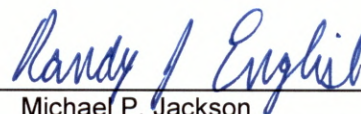
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Background

Millerton Lake was created as a result of construction of Friant Dam on the San Joaquin River, which is owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). The Millerton Lake State Recreation Area (MLSRA) is maintained and operated by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks) on federal lands owned by Reclamation.

Parks in conjunction with the California Department of Boating and Waterways (Boating) has proposed improvements to restroom facilities located in Parking Lot No. 3 of the MLSRA (Figure 1).



Figure 1 Proposed Action Area

Purpose and Need for Action

Parks and Boating need to upgrade restroom facilities in Parking Lot 3 of the MLSRA in order to provide facilities that could meet the high demand that Parking lot 3 receives and to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The purpose of the Proposed Action is to approve the proposed upgrades.

Proposed Action

Reclamation proposes to approve improvements to the restroom facilities at Parking Lot No. 3 of the MLSRA. The proposed improvements would include the following: removal and relocation of an existing vault restroom and the addition of a new flush restroom where the existing vault restroom is to be removed. Specific construction details are included in the attached designs and would involve the following:

- Removal of the existing 15-foot by 6-foot vault restroom.
- Removal of approximately 778 square feet of asphalt concrete surrounding the existing vault restroom including sidewalk and curbing.
- Removal of an existing ADA sign.
- Removal of one sycamore tree located adjacent to the existing vault restroom.
- Replacement of existing sign placards with ADA-compliant parking placards. Existing posts would be used. No new posts or excavations would be needed.
- Relocation of the vault restroom approximately 535 feet south of its current location. Installation of the vault restroom would require excavating up to 4-feet below the surface for the vault. The vault restroom would be serviced by a local septic company as needed.
- Installation of a 20-foot by 26-foot flush restroom over new 6-inch thick sub-base within the current location of the vault restroom.
- Installation of a new sign kiosk with shade cover south of the new flush restroom. Excavation of two holes approximately 2-feet wide and 4-feet deep would be required for concrete footings for the signs poles.
- Installation of new pavement, walkways, ramps and curbing around the new restroom.
- Installation of approximately 670 linear feet of 2-inch sewer line that would connect the new flush restroom to the existing sewer pump station located west of the restroom. Installation of the pipeline would require excavating a trench up to 18-inches wide and 44-inches deep. The trench would be backfilled with sand bedding and excavated native material and repaved with concrete asphalt. An existing pine tree may need to be trimmed or removed for connection of the new sewer line to the existing septic tank located west of the new restroom. Sidewalks and concrete curbs would be removed and replaced where the new sewer line connects to the existing septic tank.
- Installation of a new lift station northwest of the new restroom. Installation of the lift station would require excavating up to 62-inches wide and 84-inches deep. A 48-inch man-hole cover would be placed on top for access. A section of the sewer line trench would be used to install approximately 45 linear feet of 2-inch poly-vinyl chloride (PVC) electrical line connecting the new flush restroom to the new lift station.
- Installation of approximately 590 linear feet of 2-inch PVC water line to connect the new flush restroom with an existing water source located west of the restroom. Installation of the pipeline would require excavating a trench up 18-inches wide and 36-inches deep. The trench would be backfilled with sand bedding and excavated native material and repaved with concrete asphalt. Sidewalks and concrete curbs would be removed and replaced where the new water line connects to the existing water source. This trench would be placed a minimum of 12-inches away from the sewer line.
- Installation of approximately 640 linear feet of 2-inch PVC electrical line connecting the new flush restroom to an existing power source located west of the restroom. The

electrical line would be placed in the same trench as the water line with a minimum of 12-inch separation between the lines.

- Restriping of the parking lot would be done as needed.

Environmental Commitments

Parks and Boating shall implement the following environmental protection measures to reduce environmental consequences associated with the Proposed Action (Table 1). Environmental consequences for resource areas assume the measures specified would be fully implemented.

Resource	Protection Measure
Water Resources	Straw wattles shall be placed in appropriate areas to prevent silt/sediments from entering Millerton Lake.
Water Resources	No work shall take place during rain events, and in preparation of such events, any loose sediments/silt or other materials shall be covered with woven fabric and surrounded by straw wattles to prevent silt/sediments from entering Millerton Lake.
Biological Resources	Orange plastic construction fencing shall be placed around area vegetated with native plants to prevent damage from construction equipment.
Biological Resources	All exposed/disturbed areas and access points within the lake zone left barren of vegetation as a result of the construction activities shall be restored using locally native grass seeds, locally native grass plugs and/or a mix of quick growing sterile non-native grass with locally native grass seeds. Seeded areas shall be covered with broadcast straw and/or jute netted. Monofilament erosion blankets shall not be used.
Biological Resources	Ground squirrel burrows located near the existing Maintenance building and within the area proposed for the relocated vault restroom shall be flagged for avoidance during construction.
Cultural Resources	If human remains or previously unidentified cultural resources are discovered during construction, Reclamation has additional responsibilities pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and/or Section 106 responsibilities pursuant to §800.13. If these resources are identified, please stop work immediately in the area of the discovery and contact Reclamation Regional Archaeologist, Laureen Perry, on how to proceed.
Air Quality	Dust control measures shall be implemented during construction to reduce fugitive dust.

Construction equipment would include: a backhoe, shovel, jackhammer, crane, bulldozer, dump truck, and concrete truck. Construction is expected to begin in early September 2012 and would last approximately 120 days. Staging would occur within the existing parking area.

Exclusion Category

516 DM 14.5 paragraph C (3): *Minor construction activities associated with authorized projects which correct unsatisfactory environmental conditions or which merely augment or supplement, or are enclosed within existing facilities.*

Evaluation of Criteria for Categorical Exclusion:

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| 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) (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 | ☐ |

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| 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) (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. Their determination has been placed within the project file.

Area Office Biologist concurred with Item 9. Their determination has been placed within the project file.

ITA Designee concurred with Item 11. Their determination has been placed within the project file.