

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Categorical Exclusion Checklist

**Assignment of Contract No. 14-06-200-2149A-R-1
to David and Alice Te Velde, Trustees of the David
and Alice Te Velde Revocable Family Trust, Dated
April 21, 2006**

NCAO-CEC-13-23

Prepared by: Natalie L. Wolder Date: 7-2-13
Natalie Wolder
Repayment Specialist
Northern California Area Office

Concurrence by: See Attachment 1 Date: 07/01/2013
Patricia Rivera
Native American Affairs Program Manager
Mid-Pacific Regional Office

Concurrence by: See Attachment 2 Date: 6/28/2013
William Soule
Cultural Resource Specialist
Mid-Pacific Regional Office

Concurrence by: Paul Zedonis Date: 7-2-13
Paul Zedonis
Natural Resource Specialist
Northern California Area Office

Approved by: Brian Person Date: 7-3-13
in: Brian Person
Area Manager
Northern California Area Office



Proposed Action

The Sacramento River Ranch, LLC, is requesting to assign its Sacramento River Settlement Contract, Contract No. 14-06-200-2149A-R-1, to David and Alice Te Velde, Trustees of the David and Alice Te Velde Revocable Family Trust dated April 21, 2006. The service area encompasses multiple sections depicted on the map and the approximate coordinates to the center are 121°37'10.637"W and 38°44'25.674"N (Figure 1).

Exclusion Categories

Bureau of Reclamation Categorical Exclusion – 516 DM 6 Paragraph D(14): *Approval, renewal, transfers, 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 ☐

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 Sacramento River Ranch, LLC, has sold the property under Sacramento River Settlement Contract (Settlement Contract) number 14-06-200-2149A-R-1, and wishes to assign the Settlement Contract to the new owners, David and Alice Te Velde, Trustees of the David and Alice Te Velde Revocable Family Trust, dated April 21, 2006.

Article 33 of the Settlement Contract provides the rights and obligations of the Contractor may be transferred in connection with the transfer of title to the land or any portion thereof delineated on Exhibit B subject to conditions specified in the Settlement Contract.

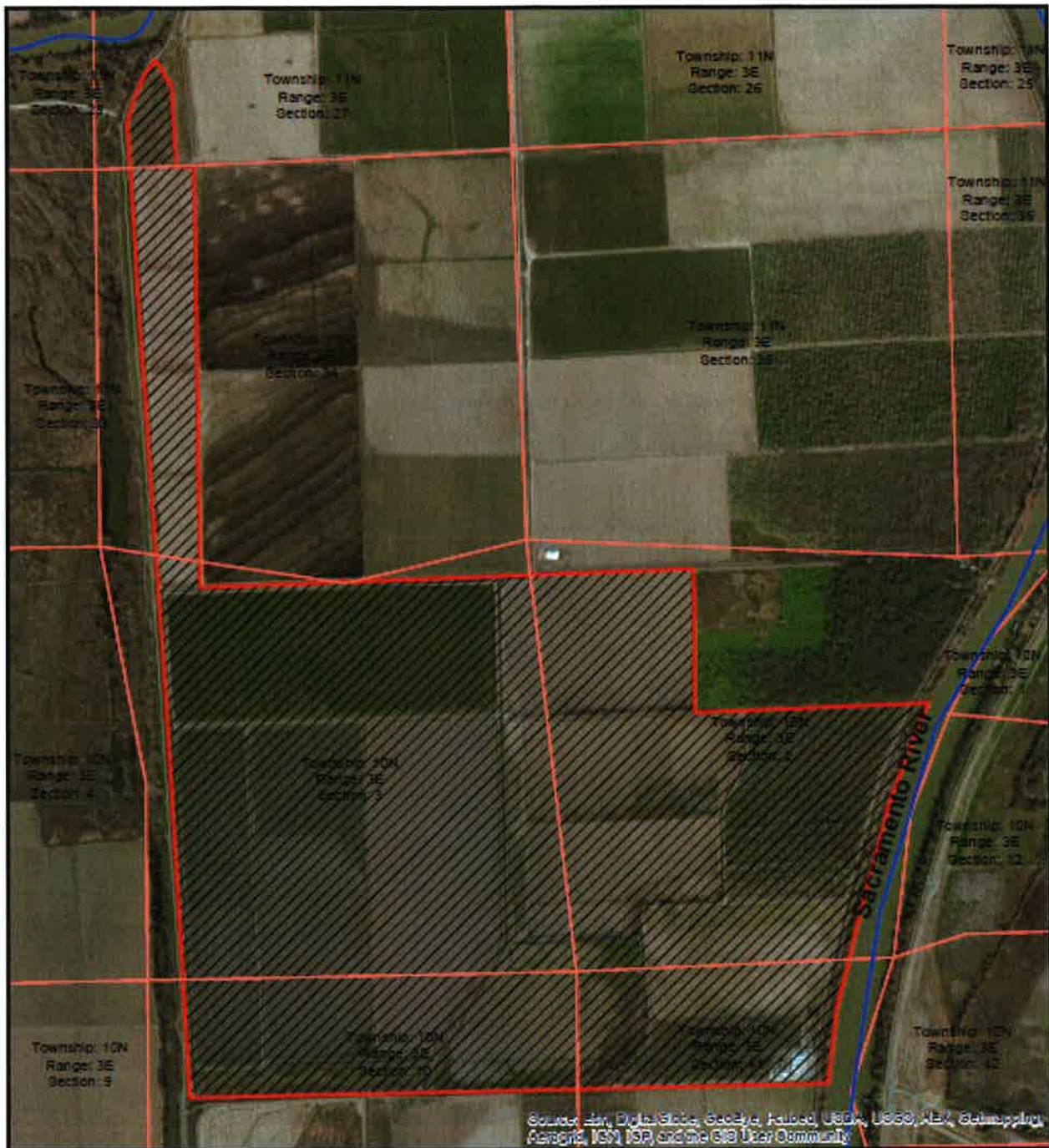


Figure 1

Attachment 1 ITA Concurrence



Zedonis, Paul <pzedonis@usbr.gov>

CR & ITA Review: NCAO CEC Te Velde Assignment 062813

RIVERA, PATRICIA <privera@usbr.gov>

Mon, Jul 1, 2013 at 7:08 AM

To: "Zedonis, Paul" <pzedonis@usbr.gov>

Cc: Kristi Seabrook <kseabrook@usbr.gov>, Mary Williams <marywilliams@usbr.gov>

Paul,

I reviewed the proposed action to approve the Sacramento River Ranch's, LLC, request to assign its Sacramento River Settlement Contract, Contract No. 14-06-200-2149A-R-1, to David and Alice Te Velde, Trustees of the David and Alice Te Velde Revocable Family Trust dated April 21, 2006.

The proposed action does not have a potential to affect Indian Trust Assets.

Patricia Rivera
Native American Affairs Program Manager
US Bureau of Reclamation
Mid-Pacific Region
2800 Sacramento, California 95825
(916) 978-5194

Attachment 2 CR concurrence



IN REPLY
REFER TO:
MP-153
ENV-3.00

United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
Mid-Pacific Regional Office
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, California 95825-1898

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

June 28, 2013

MEMORANDUM

To: Paul Zedonis
Natural Resource Specialist, Northern California Area Office

From: William E. Soule
Archaeologist, Division of Environmental Affairs

Subject: 13-NCAO-220: Assignment of Contract No. 14-06-200-2149A-R-1 to David and Alice Te Velde, Trustees of the David and Alice Te Velde Revocable Family Trust, Dated April 21, 2006.

This proposed undertaking by Reclamation is to approve the transfer of Sacramento River Settlement Contract No. 14-06-200-2149A-R-1 from The Sacramento River Ranch, LLC, to David and Alice Te Velde, Trustees of the David and Alice Te Velde Revocable Family Trust dated April 21, 2010. This is the type of undertaking that does not have the potential to cause effects to historic properties, should such historic properties be present, pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 regulations codified at 36 CFR Part 800.3(a)(1).

The Sacramento River Ranch, LLC, has sold the property under the subject contract and wishes to assign the Settlement Contract to the new owners, David and Alice Te Velde, Trustees of the David and Alice Te Velde Revocable Family Trust, Dated April 21, 2006. The Proposed Action will not produce any ground disturbances, it will not result in the construction of new facilities or the modification of existing facilities, and it will not result in any changes in land use.

After reviewing NCAO-CEC-13-23, dated June, 2013, I concur with item 8 which states that this action would not have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places. With this determination, Reclamation has no further NHPA Section 106 obligations. This memorandum 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 action, 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.

CC: Cultural Resources Branch (MP-153), Anastasia Leigh – Regional Environmental Officer (MP-150)