

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Categorical Exclusion Checklist

Disposal of Biology Trailer at the Tracy Fish Collection Facility

CEC-13-056

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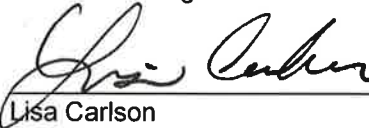
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Date: 01/24/14



Background

In the 1950's, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) built the Tracy Fish Collection Facility as part of the Central Valley Project in order to protect fish entering the Delta Mendota Canal by way of the Tracy Pumping Plant (Figure 1). A 1,976 square foot trailer was installed at the facility in 1995 and used as a biology laboratory and office. The biology trailer is no longer needed and has been scheduled for disposal in Fiscal Year 2014.

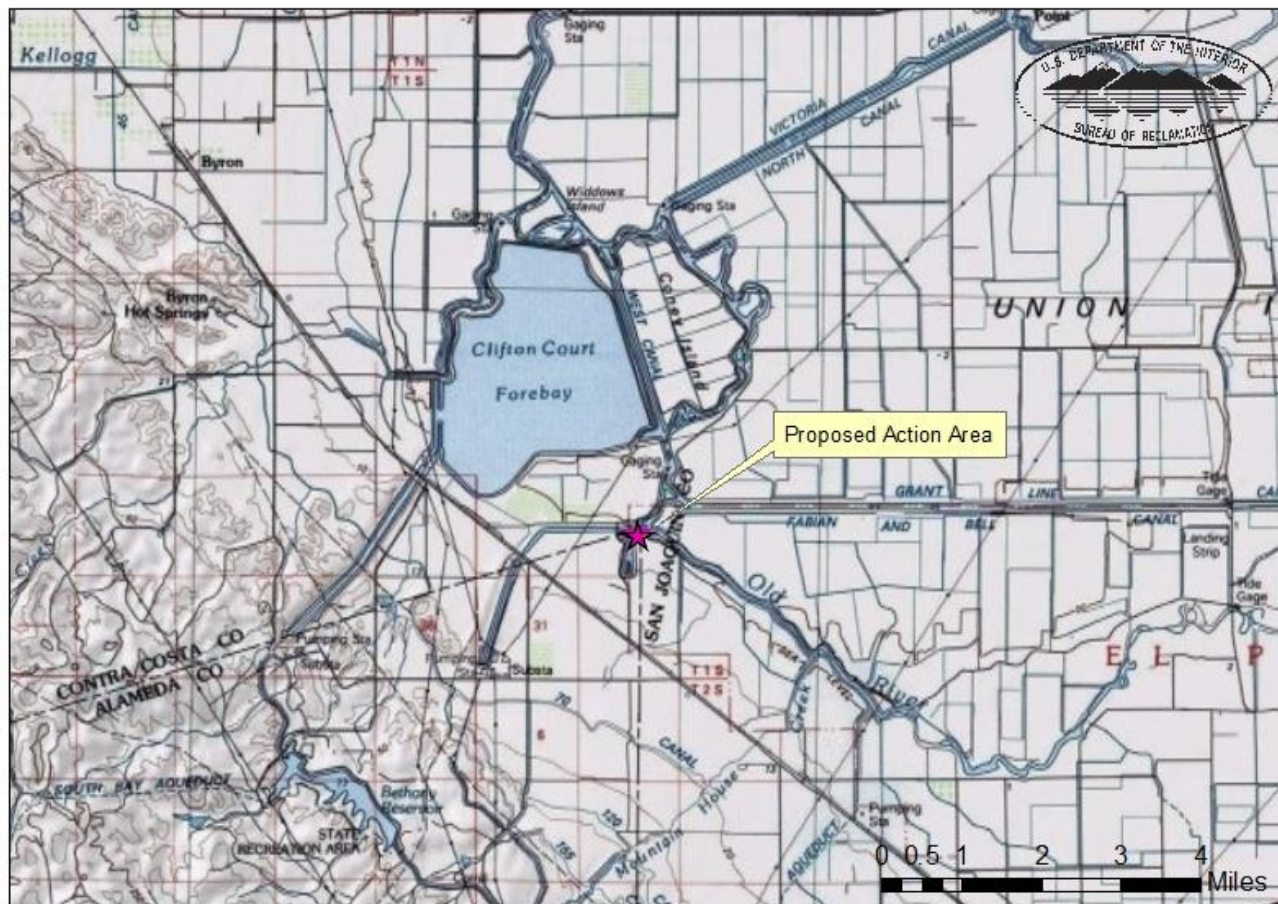


Figure 1 Location of Tracy Fish Facility (Proposed Action area)

Purpose and Need for Action

Reclamation needs to remove the biology trailer from the Tracy Fish Collection Facility, as it is no longer needed.

Proposed Action

Reclamation proposes to dispose of the 1,976 square foot biology trailer in early 2014 (Figure 2). Disposal will take up to two months to complete. Utilities will be disconnected from the trailer prior to removal and a crane will load the biology trailer into sections onto a trailer and hauled away to the appropriate disposal. The area will be cleaned of all debris after the trailer removal. The trailer is located on asphalt and is not placed on a foundation. No ground disturbance is associated with this project, either to remove the existing utilities (which are either overhead or at ground level), or for removal of the trailer. Components of the trailer to be removed include the trailer, deck, stairs, and interior furniture. Removal will occur either by sale, demolition, or donation. Due to the age of the trailer, lead and asbestos testing will be conducted prior to demolition. In addition, Reclamation will document that disposal of the trailer meets U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act requirements. If the trailer is not sold or donated, Reclamation will hire a contractor to demolish and remove the trailer.



Figure 2 Biology Trailer Proposed for Disposal

Environmental Commitments

Reclamation will implement the following environmental commitments to avoid any environmental consequences associated with the Proposed Action (Table 1). Environmental consequences for resource areas assume the measures specified would be fully implemented.

Table 1 Environmental Commitments

Resource	Protection Measure
Biological Resources	Immediately prior to moving or demolishing the trailer, the person in charge of work (or another designated person) shall check underneath the trailer and around the perimeter of the trailer to ensure that no special status species or other wildlife are underneath the trailer or in the immediate vicinity of the trailer. If any special status species or other wildlife are observed, the trailer shall not be moved or demolished until the project biologist has been notified and the animal(s) has left the site on its own volition.
Biological Resources	If a burrowing owl is observed in or near the action area at any time during the proposed action, a temporary non-disturbance buffer of approximately 160 feet shall be observed to establish a safe area for the animal until it leaves the area on its own volition.
Biological Resources	Observations of special-status species in or near the action area shall be reported to Reclamation biological staff for additional guidelines as necessary and for entry into the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB).
Hazardous Materials	Conduct lead and asbestos testing prior to demolition/removal of the trailer.

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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain
<input type="checkbox"/> | Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain
<input type="checkbox"/> | Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. This action would have significant impacts on public health or safety (43 CFR 46.215(a)). | No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain
<input type="checkbox"/> | Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain
<input type="checkbox"/> | Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain
<input type="checkbox"/> | Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain
<input type="checkbox"/> | Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain
<input type="checkbox"/> | Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain
<input type="checkbox"/> | Yes
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| 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain
<input type="checkbox"/> | Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain
<input type="checkbox"/> | Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. This action would affect ITAs (512 DM 2, Policy Memorandum dated December 15, 1993). | No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain
<input type="checkbox"/> | Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain
<input type="checkbox"/> | Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain
<input type="checkbox"/> | Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain
<input type="checkbox"/> | Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> |

Attachment A

Cultural Resources Determination

CULTURAL RESOURCE COMPLIANCE

Reclamation Division of Environmental Affairs

MP-153

MP-153 Tracking Number: 14-SCAO-015

Project Name: Disposal of Biology Trailer at the Tracy Fish Collection Facility

NEPA Document: SCAO-CEC-056

NEPA Contact: Rain Emerson, Natural Resource Specialist

MP 153 Cultural Resources Reviewer: BranDee Bruce, Architectural Historian

Date: 1/22/2014

The undertaking by Reclamation is to remove a 1,976 square foot trailer from the Tracy Fish Collection Facility (TFCF), in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, California. 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 biology trailer was installed at the TFCF circa 1995 and sits on an asphalt parking lot within the TFCF. Utilities will be disconnected from the trailer, a crane will load the biology trailer into sections onto a trailer and hauled away to the appropriate disposal.. The area will be cleaned of all debris after the trailer removal. No ground disturbance is associated with this project, either to remove the existing utilities (which are either overhead or at ground level), or for removal of the trailer. Components of the trailer to be removed include the trailer, deck, stairs, and interior furniture.

After reviewing the materials submitted by SCAO, I concur with Item 8 in SCAO-CEC-056 which states that this proposed action would not have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by Reclamation. 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 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.

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

Attachment B

Indian Trust Assets Determination



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13-056 ITA Request

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To: Rain Emerson <remerson@usbr.gov>

Thu, Jan 16, 2014 at 8:23 AM

Rain,

I reviewed the proposed action to dispose of the 1,976 square foot biology trailer in December 2013 (Figure 2). Disposal will take up to two months to complete and will involve removal of the trailer, deck, stairs, and miscellaneous furniture from the Tracy Fish Collection Facility either by sale, demolition, or donation. Although the biology trailer is not on a foundation, it may not be in a condition to be hauled off-site and will likely require on site demolition. Due to the age of the trailer, lead and asbestos testing will be conducted prior to demolition. In addition, Reclamation will document that disposal of the trailer meets U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act requirements. If the trailer is not sold or donated, Reclamation will hire a contractor to demolish and remove the trailer. All materials will be hauled off site for disposal.

The proposed action does not have a potential to impact Indian Trust Assets. The nearest ITA is the Lytton Rancheria, approximately 44 Miles East of the project location.

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On Thu, Jan 16, 2014 at 8:15 AM, Seabrook, Kristi <kseabrook@usbr.gov> wrote:

Hello Patricia,

Here is the ITA Response;

ITA Response

CEC or EA Number: 13-056

Project Name: Disposal of Biology Trailer at the Tracy Fish Collection Facility

Requester: Rain Emerson

The nearest ITA is the Lytton Rancheria, approximately 43.5 Miles East of the project location.

Thank you,

Kristi Seabrook

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From: **Emerson, Rain** <remerson@usbr.gov>

Date: Mon, Dec 9, 2013 at 10:58 AM

Subject: 13-056 ITA Request

To: Kristi Seabrook <kseabrook@usbr.gov>, "Rivera, Patricia L" <privera@usbr.gov>, "Williams, Mary D (Diane)" <marywilliams@usbr.gov>

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