

# RECLAMATION

## *Managing Water in the West*

### Categorical Exclusion Checklist

## Emergency Generator Replacement at Coyote and Pacheco Pumping Plants

CEC-14-013

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## Nature of the Action

On the Bureau of Reclamation's behalf, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) proposes to replace existing emergency generators with a new, cleaner-burning generator at the Pacheco and Coyote pumping plants in Merced and Santa Clara counties, California (see Figure 1). The existing generators, one at each facility, are approximately 90" wide x 40" long x 54" high (see Figure 2). The new generators would be roughly 110" wide x 44" long x 57" high, and would be installed at the same locations and use the same connections as the existing generators (see Figure 3). The replacement would take roughly 15 days to complete.

## Exclusion Category

516 DM 14.5 Paragraph D (1) *Maintenance, rehabilitation, and replacement of existing facilities which may involve a minor change in size, location, and/or operation.*

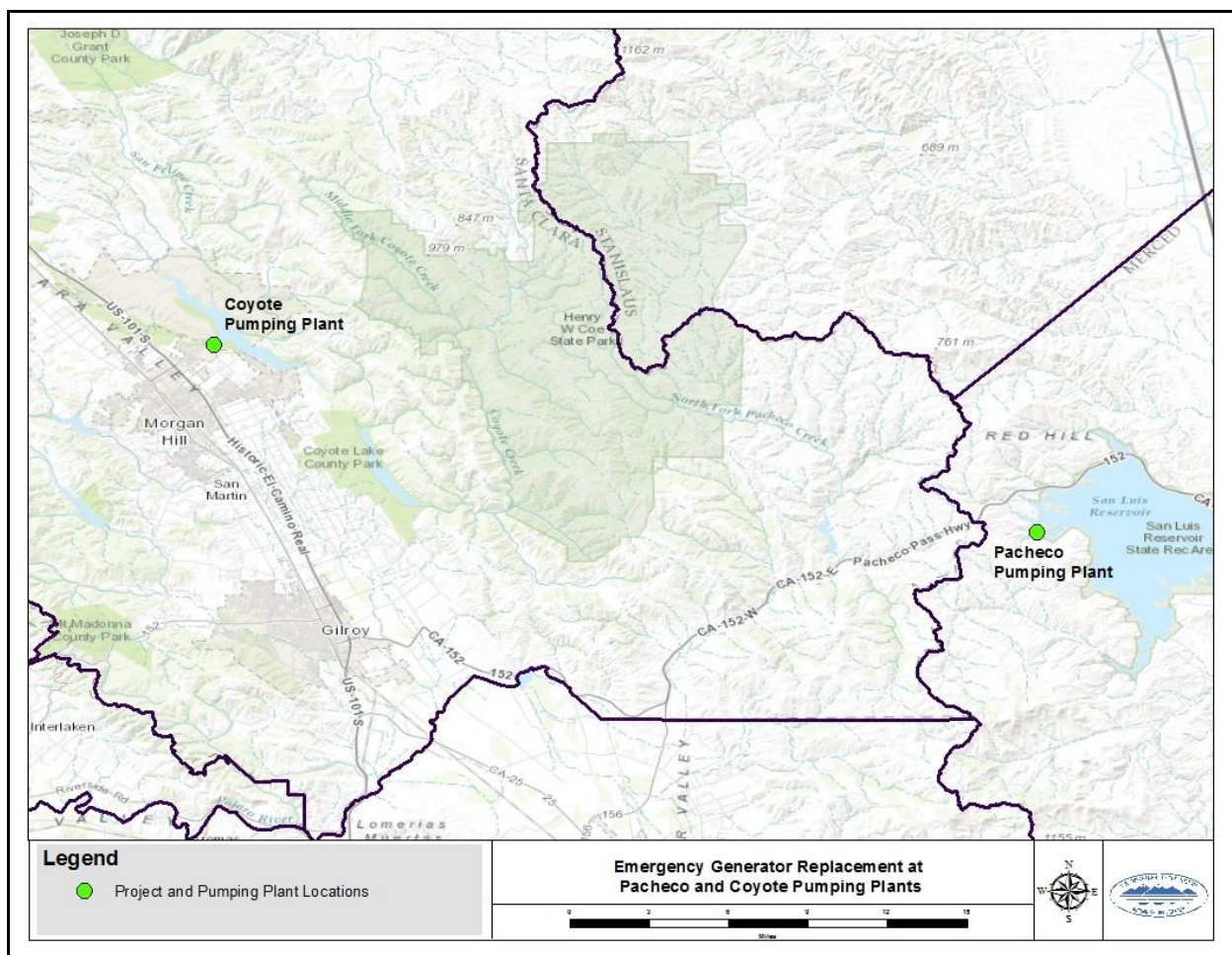


Figure 1. Project Location Map





Figure 2. Existing Generator



Figure 3. New Generator

## 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<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Yes<br><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<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. This action would have significant impacts on public health or safety (43 CFR 46.215(a)).  | No<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Yes<br><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<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Yes<br><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<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Yes<br><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<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Yes<br><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<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Yes<br><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<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> |

- |  | 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)).  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <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)).   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. This action would affect ITAs (512 DM 2, Policy Memorandum dated December 15, 1993).   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <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)).  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <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)).   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <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)). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## **Attachment A**

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

**MP-153 Tracking Number: 15-SCAO-051**

**Project Name: Emergency Generator Replacement at Coyote and Pacheco Pumping Plants**

**NEPA Document: CEC-14-013**

**Project Manager/NEPA Contact: Michael Inthavong**

**MP 153 Cultural Resources Reviewer: BranDee Bruce**

**Date: 12/31/14**

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The proposed undertaking to allow the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) to replace two emergency generators has no potential to cause effects to historic properties pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.3(a)(1).

The Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) proposes to replace, on Reclamation's behalf, two existing emergency generators with a new, cleaner-burning generator at the Pacheco and Coyote pumping plants in Merced and Santa Clara counties, California. The existing generators, one at each facility, will be replaced with new generators, which will be installed at the same locations within the previously disturbed construction area of the pumping plants and will use the same connections as the existing generators.

After reviewing CEC14-013 titled "Emergency Generator Replacement at Coyote and Pacheco Pumping Plants" dated December 2014, I concur with line 8.

This Section 106 conclusion statement is intended to convey the conclusion of the Section 106 process for this undertaking. Please retain a copy of this conclusion statement with your files

## **Attachment B**





Inthavong, Michael &lt;minthavong@usbr.gov&gt;

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**Re: ITA Request Form - Emergency Generator Replacement (CEC-14-013)**

1 message

**RIVERA, PATRICIA** <privera@usbr.gov>

Wed, Dec 24, 2014 at 3:41 PM

To: "Inthavong, Michael" &lt;minthavong@usbr.gov&gt;

Michael,

I reviewed the proposed action and determined the action does not have a potential to impact Indian Trust Assets.

## Description of project:

On behalf, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) proposes to replace existing emergency generators with a new, cleaner-burning generator at the Pacheco and Coyote pumping plants in Merced and Santa Clara counties, California (see map below). The existing generators, one at each facility, are approximately 90" wide x 40" long x 54" high. The new generators would be roughly 110" wide x 44" long x 57" high, and would be installed at the same locations and use the same connections as the existing generators. The replacement would take roughly 15 days to complete.

Patricia Rivera  
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On Tue, Dec 23, 2014 at 2:51 PM, Inthavong, Michael &lt;minthavong@usbr.gov&gt; wrote:

Hello,

Please review the attached ITA request form and let me know if you need any additional information.

Enjoy your holiday break,  
Mike