

Appendix B

Reclamation's Cultural Resources Determinations

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

MP-153 Tracking Number: 14-SCAO-283

Project Name: Addition of North-Kern Water Storage District to the Friant-Kern Canal
Groundwater Pump-in Program

NEPA Document: EA-14-051

MP 153 Cultural Resources Reviewer: Joanne Goodsell 

Date: September 12, 2014

Reclamation proposes to approve the introduction of up to 10,000 acre-feet (AF) of North-Kern Water Storage District (NKWSD) groundwater into the Friant Kern Canal (FKC) as part of the FKC Groundwater Pump-in Program. The up to 10,000 AF is included in the cumulative total (50,000 AF per year) allowed under the FKC Groundwater Pump-in Program. NKWSD non-CVP water would be conveyed through the FKC to the Cross Valley Canal for delivery to west-side Kern County water districts via the California Aqueduct. All introduced water would be pumped from existing electric pumps. No ground disturbance would be required for introduction or conveyance of this water.

The proposed action involves the type of activity that has no potential to cause effects on historic properties, assuming such properties are present. As such, Reclamation has no further obligations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), pursuant to 36 CFR §800.3(a)(1). There will be no impacts to cultural resources under the proposed action.

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 the proposed 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.

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MP-153 Tracking Number: 15-SCAO-005

Project Name: 25-Year License, North-Kern Water Storage District 3, Existing Turnouts,
Friant-Kern Canal

NEPA Document: CEC-14-056

MP 153 Cultural Resources Reviewer: Scott Williams



Date: October 3, 2014

The proposed undertaking by Reclamation is to issue a 25-year land use authorization to North-Kern for operation and maintenance (O&M). This is the type of undertaking that does not have the potential to cause effects to historic properties, should such properties be present, pursuant to the NHPA Section 106 regulations codified at 36 CFR § 800.3(a)(1). Reclamation has no further obligations under NHPA Section 106, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.3(a)(1).

All of the facilities (turnouts) related to this license are currently in place. No ground disturbance or modification of facilities would occur as part of the Proposed Action. Reclamation is proposing to authorize North-Kern operation and maintenance (O&M) of the following existing discharge facilities along the Friant-Kern canal:

- 15-inch pipe located at milepost (MP) 129.93L
- 18-inch pipe located at MP 133.39L
- 21-inch pipe located at MP 136.64L

This document 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.