

## **Appendix C**

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### Reclamation's Cultural Resources Determination

**CULTURAL RESOURCES COMPLIANCE**  
**Mid-Pacific Region**  
**Division of Environmental Affairs**  
**Cultural Resources Branch (MP-153)**

**MP-153 Tracking Number:** 15-SCAO-185

**Project Name:** Cross-Valley Interim Renewal Contracts (15-SCAO-185)

**NEPA Document:** EA-15-022

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Reclamation proposes to renew interim contracts needed to provide the mechanism for the continued use of the water developed and managed by the Central Valley Project (CVP) and for the continued reimbursement to the federal government for costs related to the construction and operation of the CVP by Cross Valley (CV) contractors. CV contractors are CVP contractors that are geographically located within the Friant Division but receive their CVP supplies from the Delta. Due to direct conveyance hurdles, CV contractors obtain their CVP supplies either by direct delivery from the Cross Valley Canal or via exchanges for water from Millerton Lake pursuant to Article 5(a) of their water service contracts. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to execute eight Interim Renewal Contracts (IRC) in order to extend the term of the contractors' existing interim renewal contracts between 2016 and 2018.

No new construction or modification of existing facilities or ground disturbance will occur as a result of the proposed action. The water transfers using existing facilities with no proposed changes is the type of activity that does not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties. Therefore, Reclamation has no further obligations under Section 106 implementing regulations at 36 CFR Part 800.3(a)(1) of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (54 U.S.C. § 306108). The proposed action would result in no impacts to cultural resources.

This document conveys the completion of the cultural resources review and NHPA Section 106 process for this undertaking. Please retain a copy with the administrative record for this action. Should the proposed action change, additional review under Section 106, possibly including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, may be required.