

# RECLAMATION

## *Managing Water in the West*

### Categorical Exclusion Checklist

## Woollomes Improvements

**CEC-13-011**

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Date: 05/02/2016

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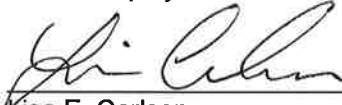
See Attachment A

Archaeologist  
Mid-Pacific Regional Office

Regional Archeologist concurred with Item 8. Their determination has been placed within the project file.

Date: See Attachment A

Concurred by:



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ITA Designee concurred with Item 11. Their determination has been placed within the project file.

Date: 05/03/2016

Approved by:



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Date: 05/03/2016



## **Background**

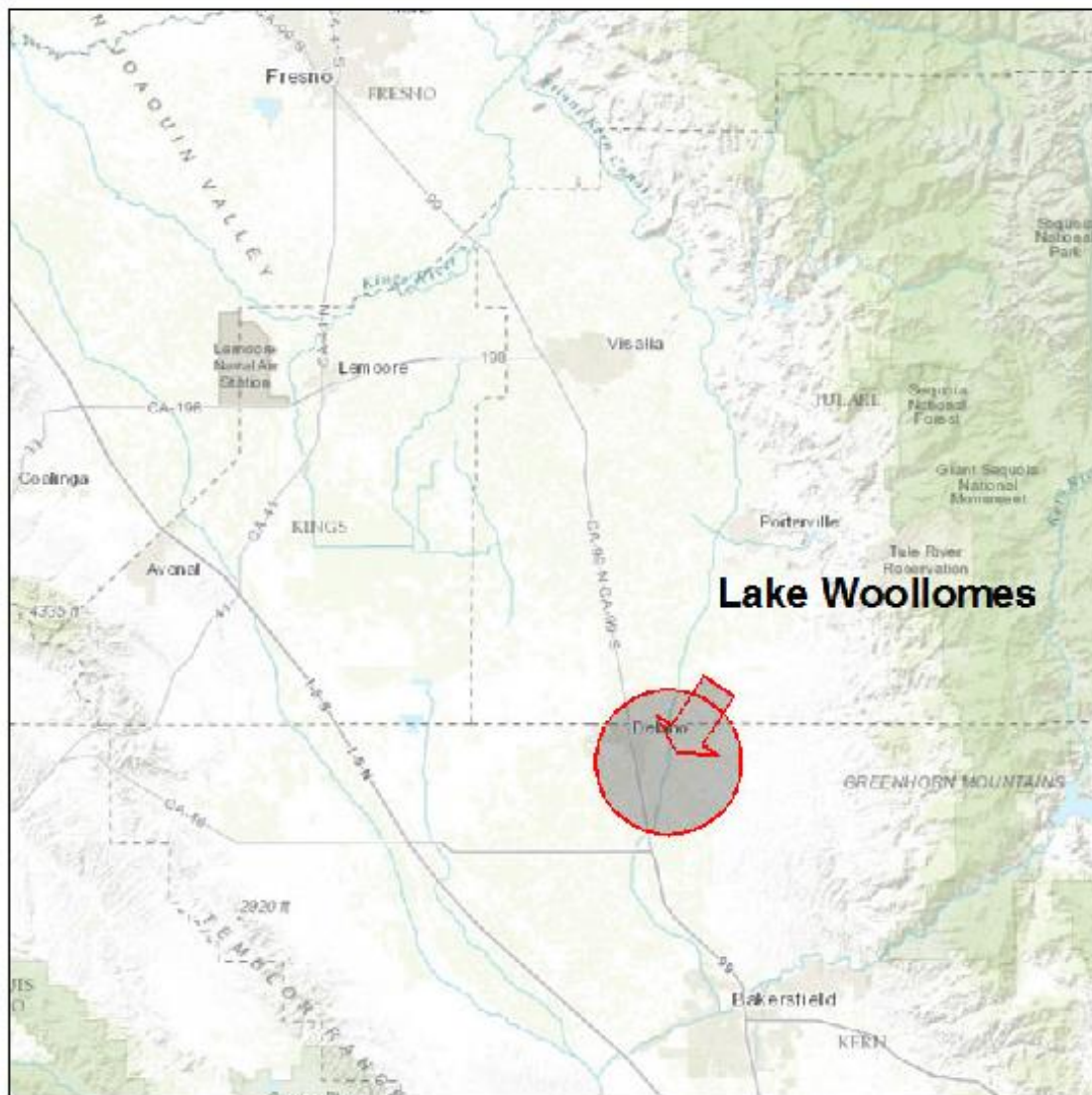
The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) executed a long term management agreement (Contract No. 14-06-200-7183A) with the Kern County Parks and Recreation Department to manage recreation facilities at the Lake Woollomes regulating reservoir along the Friant-Kern Canal. The parking area and road surfaces at Lake Woollomes have deteriorated to such a point that the County, for safety reasons, placed emergency patches throughout the area over “pot-holes”. Lake Woollomes is located in Kern County, approximately 3 miles southeast of Delano, California.

## **Nature of the Action**

Reclamation is proposing to resurface the existing parking areas and access roads to Lake Woollomes utilizing a double-layer chip seal technique. The project also includes re-striping and the removal and replacement of parking wheel stops, in the same location. The footprint of the existing asphalt area of 5 acres (approximately 25,000 sq. ft.) will remain the same (Figures 1 and 2). Work will start in Fiscal Year 2016 and last for approximately 14 days including all phases of construction. The staging area will be on existing asphalt within the project (Attachment B). A traffic plan with signage will be developed and implemented for Woollomes Avenue. Depending on the timing of work, the recreation area may or may not be closed down temporarily. If possible, the Contractor will work with Reclamation and/or its designee to treat the parking lot half at a time while providing limited access to the parking lot and walkways.

Construction equipment will include: dump trucks, front end loader, chip spreader, compacting roller vehicles, sweeping, spray distributor, re-striping vehicles, and other construction trucks and vehicles for personnel and equipment.

## Lake Woollomes, Kern County, CA



0 5 10 20 Miles

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Figure 1. Lake Woollomes asphalt replacement area.

## 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.*

## 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"/> |

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| 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"/> |
| 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<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Yes<br><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<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. This action would affect ITAs (512 DM 2, Policy Memorandum dated December 15, 1993).  | No<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Yes<br><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<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 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"/> |

**NEPA Action: Categorical Exclusion**

The Proposed Action is covered by the exclusion category and no extraordinary circumstances exist. The Action is excluded from further documentation in an EA or EIS.