

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Categorical Exclusion Checklist

Shasta County Water Agency to City of Shasta Lake Assignment of 50 Acre-Feet of Central Valley Project Water

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Proposed Action

Reclamation will assign a portion of the Central Valley Project water (Project Water) under contract 14-06-200-3376A-LTR1 between Reclamation and Shasta County Water Agency (SCWA) to the City of Shasta Lake (COSL).

In March of 1998 SCWA began providing Project Water to COSL via a subcontract under SCWA's contract with Reclamation. Under the subcontract, SCWA provides up to 50 acre-feet (AF) of Project Water to COSL to meet a portion of COSL's annual water needs. By letter dated March 26, 2013, SCWA requested that Reclamation begin the process of assigning the 50 AF to COSL. Through this partial contract assignment, Reclamation will provide 50 AF of the 1,022 AF SCWA has under contract with Reclamation directly to COS, rather than providing it indirectly to COSL through SCWA's subcontract.

Exclusion Categories

Bureau of Reclamation Categorical Exclusion - 516 DM 6 Appendix 9.D.14 Approval, renewal, transfer, and execution of an original, amendatory, or supplemental water service or repayment contract where the only result will be to implement an administrative or financial practice or change.

Extraordinary Circumstances

Below is an evaluation of the extraordinary circumstances as required in 43 CFR 46.215.

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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 ☒ Uncertain ☐ Yes ☐
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 ☒ Uncertain ☐ Yes ☐
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 ☒ Uncertain ☐ Yes ☐
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 ☒ Uncertain ☐ Yes ☐
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; and 43 CFR 46.215 (g)).
- 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)).
- No ☒ Uncertain ☐ Yes ☐

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 ☒ Uncertain ☐ Yes ☐
11. This action would affect ITAs (512 DM 2, Policy Memorandum dated December 15, 1993). No ☒ Uncertain ☐ Yes ☐
12. This action would have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898; and 43 CFR 46.215 (j)). No ☒ Uncertain ☐ Yes ☐
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 ☒ Uncertain ☐ Yes ☐
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 ☒ Uncertain ☐ Yes ☐

Regional Archeologist concurred with Item 8 (email attached).

ITA Designee concurred with Item 11 (email attached).

NEPA Action Recommended

☒ CEC – This action is covered by the exclusion category and no extraordinary circumstances exist. The action is excluded from further documentation in an EA or EIS.

☐ Further environmental review is required, and the following document should be prepared.

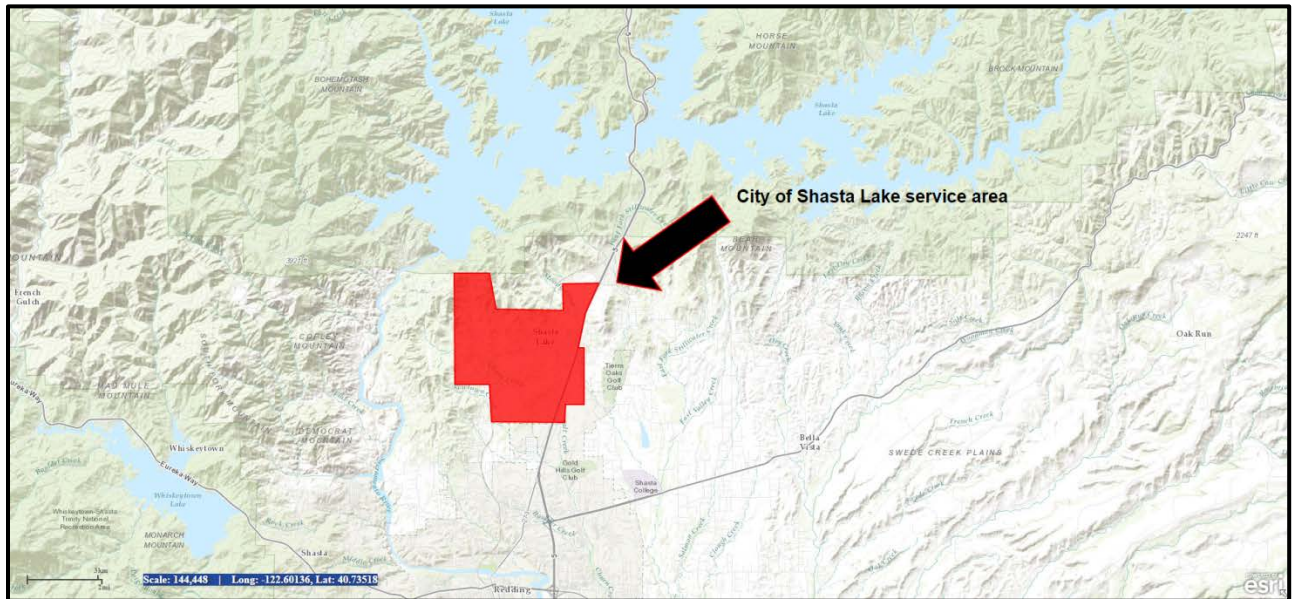
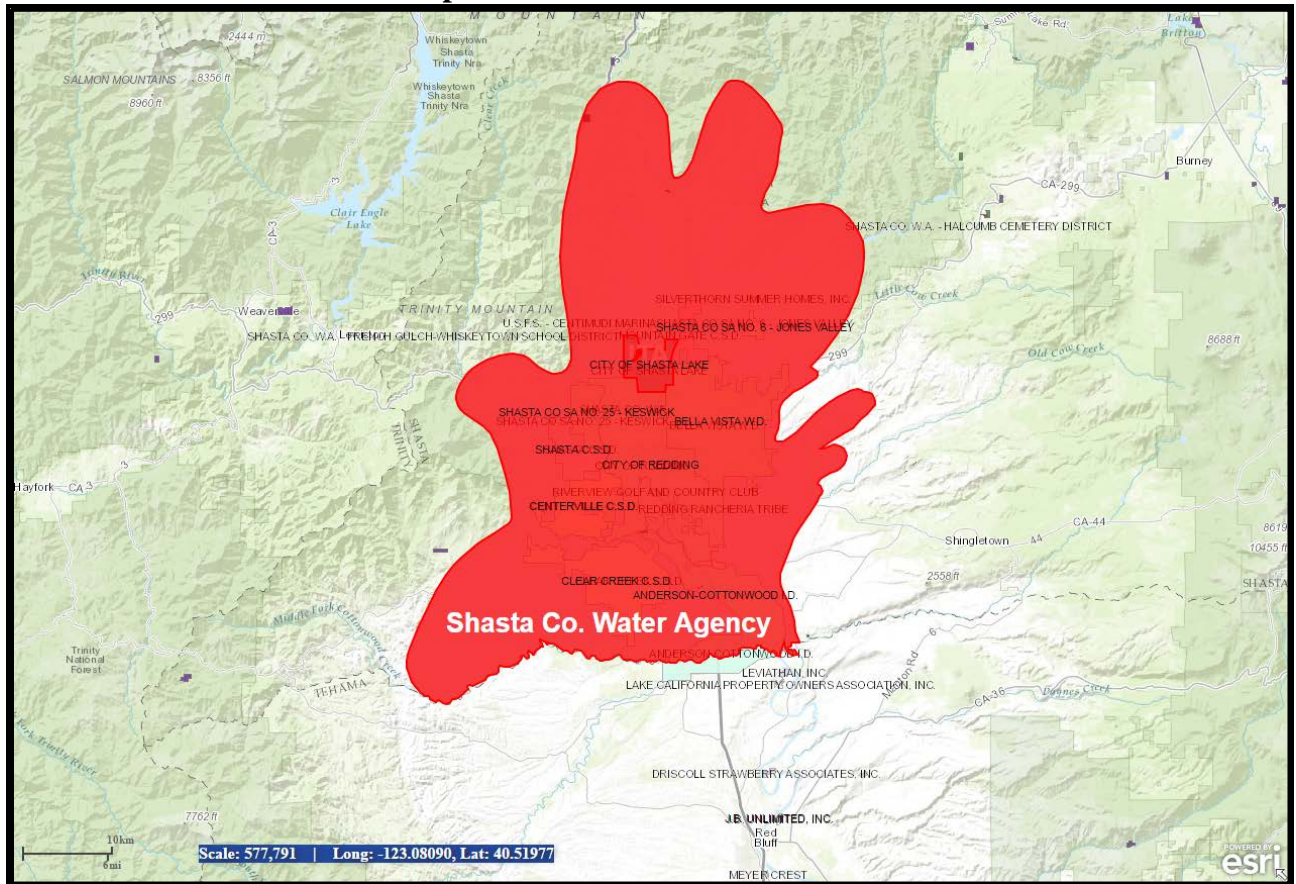
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Environmental Commitments, Explanations, and/or Remarks

Presently, both SCWA and COSL have water service contracts with Reclamation. As part of SCWA's contract they have subcontracted with COSL to provide COSL with 50 acre-feet of Project Water per year. COSL desires to have a direct contractual relationship with Reclamation. SCWA has expressed a willingness to make a partial contract assignment of its contract number, 14-06-200-3367A-LTR1, to COSL. This action involves only implementation of administrative and financial changes. Reclamation will provide the water directly to COSL via a partial contract assignment, instead of through a subcontract with SCWA. There will be no change in the place of use, purpose of use, quantity, or point of diversion for the Project Water provided to COSL as a result of this action. No modification to any facilities or construction will result from this action.

Attachment 1. Site Location Map



Attachment 2. Indian Trust Asset Review



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ITA Review - SCWA to COSL 50 AF Assign

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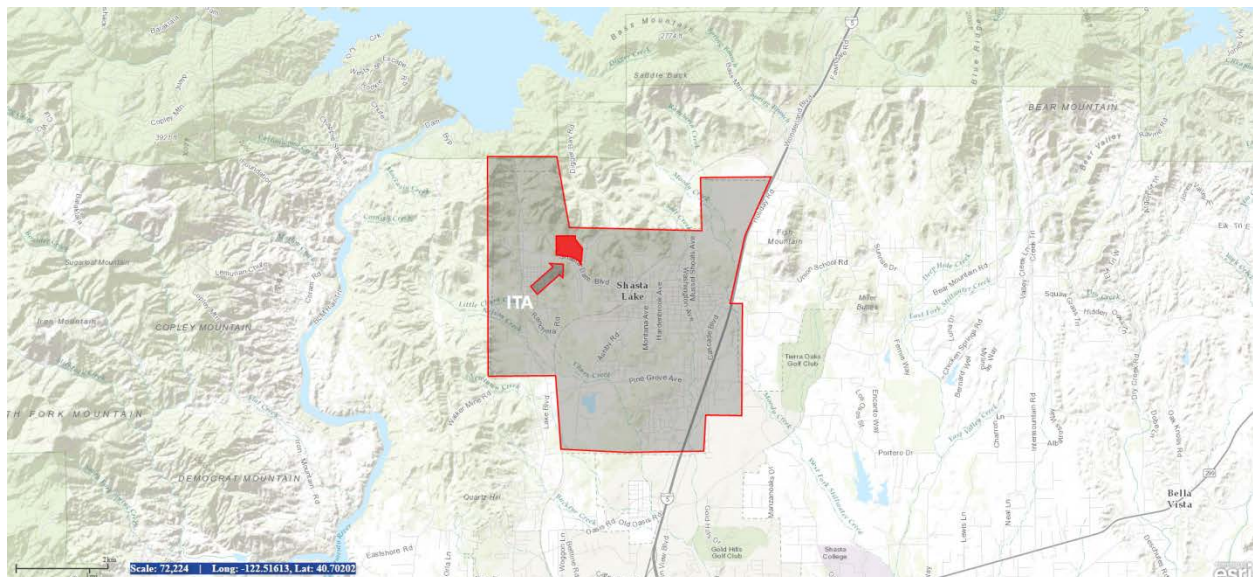
I have examined the proposal for the referenced project and have determined that an Indian Trust Asset (ITA) is within the affected service area. However, the subject assignment would not involve any constructions on lands, or impacts to water resources, hunting, fishing or ceremonial rights associated with this or any other ITA. Further, the Proposed Action is purely administrative. The Project Water in question has been provided in the same quantity to the same service area for over 30 years via subcontract.

I have therefore determined that there is no likelihood that this project will adversely impact ITAs.

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