

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West


Categorical Exclusion Checklist

Detachment and Partial Assignment of Water Service Contract No. 14-06-00- 5272A-LTR1 from City of Redding to City of Shasta Lake

NCAO-CEC-17-14

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Background

Both the City of Redding (COR) and City of Shasta Lake (COSL) have water service contracts with Reclamation. The service area associated with the contracts between Reclamation and COR includes 37 households located within the Summit City Pressure Zone (SCPZ) that were subsequently incorporated into the town limits of COSL. In 2004, COR's City Council approved a water service agreement to transfer ownership of all water delivery facilities and 37 service connections for the portion of the SCPZ that was incorporated into the City of Shasta Lake to COSL. (The Local Agency Formation Commission of Shasta County (LAFCO) determined that LAFCO approval was not required for the transfer of water delivery facilities, service connections and appurtenances in the SCPZ that lies within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Shasta Lake.) COR requests the amendment of its service areas under contract with Reclamation (Contract No. 14-06-00-5272A-LTR1, otherwise known as the Buckeye Contract, and Contract No. 14-06-200-2871A-R-1 otherwise known as the Settlement Contract) to reflect the change and for the assignment of 30 acre feet (AF) of its 40 AF of Central Valley Project Water (Project Water) under the Buckeye Contract, assigned to service the portion of the SCPZ affected by the water service agreement with COSL, to COSL.

Proposed Action

Reclamation will assign 30 acre feet (AF) of the Central Valley Project water (Project Water) under contract 14-06-200-5272A-LTR1 between Reclamation and City of Redding (COR) to the City of Shasta Lake (COSL). In addition, Reclamation will detach the area for which the Project Water is provided from COR's service areas under contract.

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.

1. This action would have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (40 CFR 1502.3). No ☒ Uncertain ☐ Yes ☐

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| 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. This action would have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |

Historic Places as determined by Reclamation (LND 02-01; and 43 CFR 46.215 (g)).

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.

☐ EA

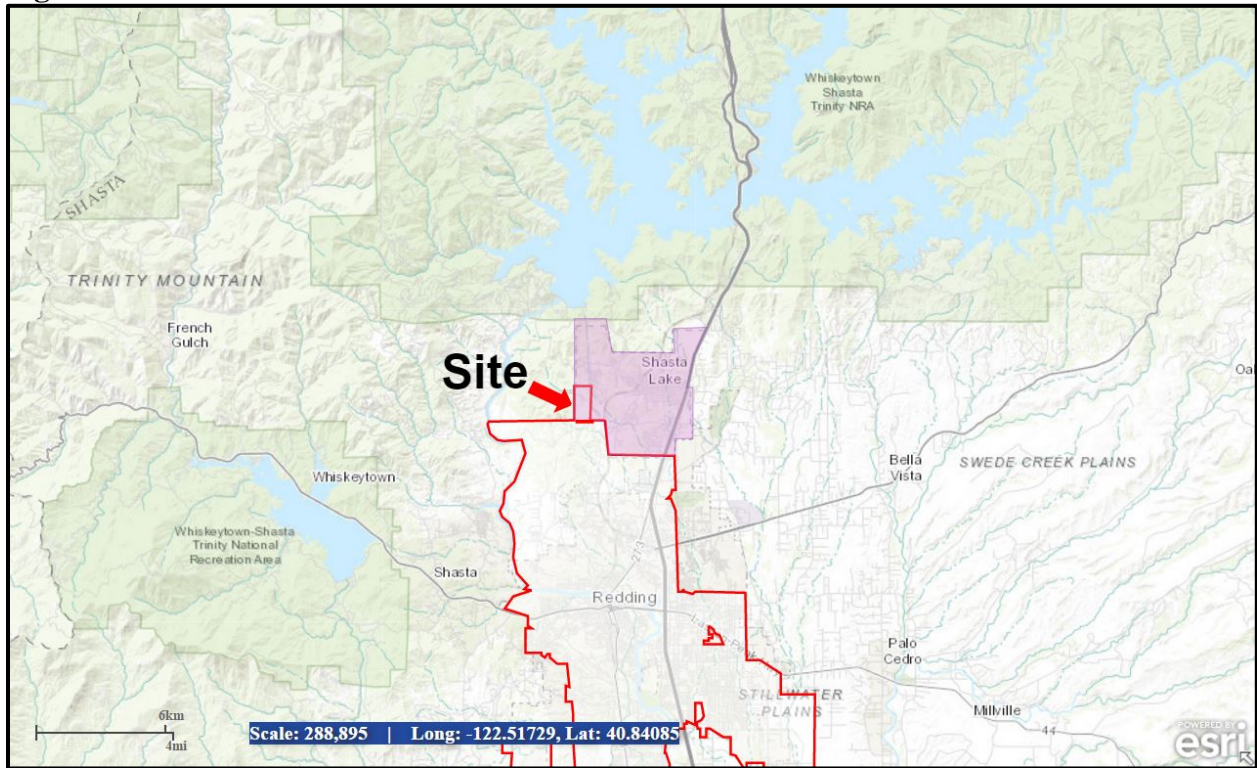
☐ EIS

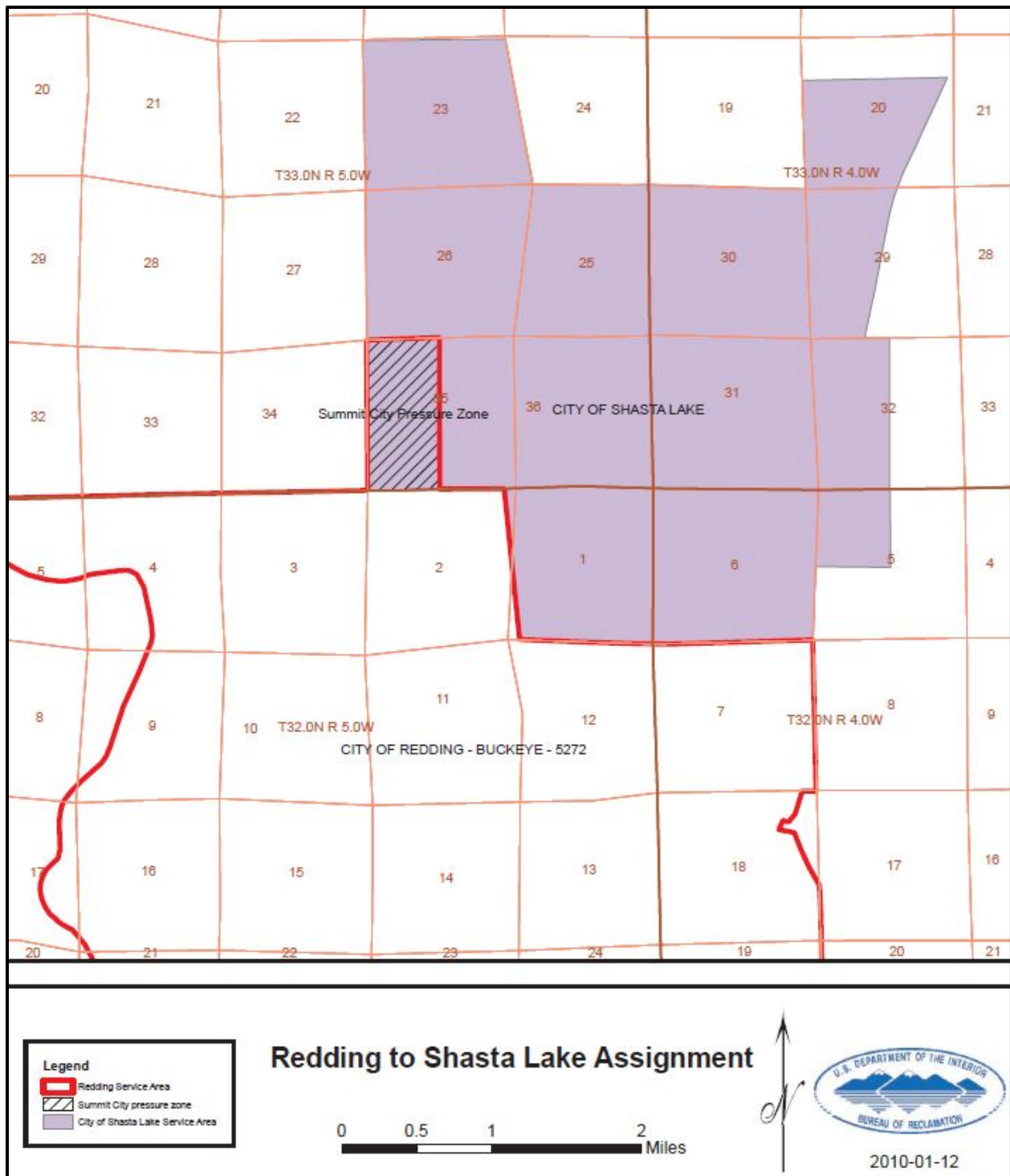
Environmental Commitments, Explanations, and/or Remarks

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 to the COR. There will be no change in the Central Valley Project place of use, purpose of use, overall contracted quantity, or point of diversion for the Project Water provided by Reclamation as a result of this action. Water delivery will remain in established service areas. No modification to any facilities or construction will result from this action.

Reclamation created a water needs assessment for COSL to confirm the appropriateness of the assignment. The water needs assessment identified that COSL has a deficit of 1,650AF of Project Water necessary to meet its long-term user demand; the assignment is necessary.

Figures





Overlapping area of service boundaries associated with the COR Contracts (14-06-00-5272A-LTR1 & 14-06-200-2871A-R-1) and Reclamation/COSL Contract No. 4-07-20-W1134 identified in purple with hatching. This area will be detached from the COR Contracts.

Attachment 1. Indian Trust Asset Review



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ITA Review - Detachment and Partial Assignment of Contract No. 14-06-00-5272A-LTR1

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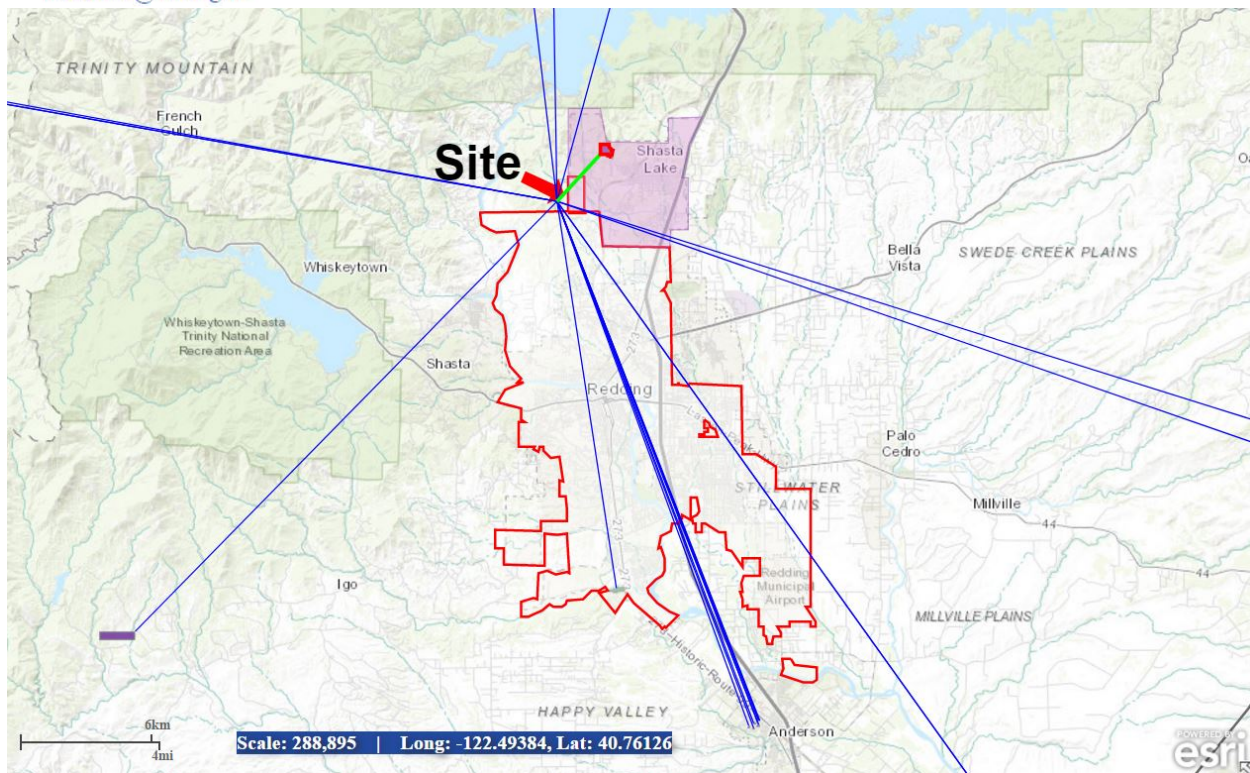
I have examined the referenced proposal and have determined that Indian Trust Assets located within the service area boundaries of the districts associated with the assignment are limited to the Old Government Camp facility, near the north end of the COSL service area, and the Redding Rancheria, near the south end of the COR service area. Neither of these ITAs will be affected by the action.

I have determined that there is no likelihood that this action will adversely impact Indian Trust Assets.

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Attachment 2. Cultural Resources Review

CULTURAL RESOURCES COMPLIANCE
Division of Environmental Affairs
Cultural Resources Branch (MP-153)

MP-153 Tracking Number: 17-NCAO-140

Project Name: Detachment and Partial Assignment of Water Service Contract No. 14-06-00-5272A-LTR1 from City of Redding to City of Shasta Lake

NEPA Document: NCAO-CEC-17-04

NEPA Contact: Megan Simon, Natural Resource Specialist

MP 153 Cultural Resources Reviewer: Scott Williams, Archaeologist



Date: April 26, 2017

Reclamation proposes to assign 30 acre feet (AF) of the Central Valley Project water (Project Water) under contract 14-06-200-5272A-LTR1 between Reclamation and City of Redding (COR) to the City of Shasta Lake (COSL). In addition, Reclamation will detach the area for which the Project Water is provided from COR's service areas under contract. 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).

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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.