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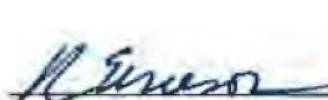
Managing Water in the West

Categorical Exclusion Checklist

Land Use Authorization for the City of Huron and Arroyo Pasajero Mutual Water Company's Water Rights Diversion Project

CEC-17-041

Prepared by:



Date:

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See Attachment A

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Date:

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Date:

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Figure1 Project Area Location

In light of recent critical drought and implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), the City of Huron and The Arroyo Pasajero Mutual Water Company have applied to the State Water Resources Control Board to capture flood flows within the Detention Basin for local storage and/or recharge.

Nature of the Action

Reclamation proposes to issue a land use authorization to the City of Huron and Arroyo Pasajero Mutual Water Company for their proposed water diversion project. The project would entail the placement of a temporary pump on private agricultural land and the placement of 10 inch temporary pipe and floating intake structure within the Detention Basin. In addition, approximately 3,000 linear feet of temporary 10 inch pipe would be laid aboveground across a private agricultural field to the head of section 18 (Figure 2).

No ground disturbance or disturbance of the berm is proposed.

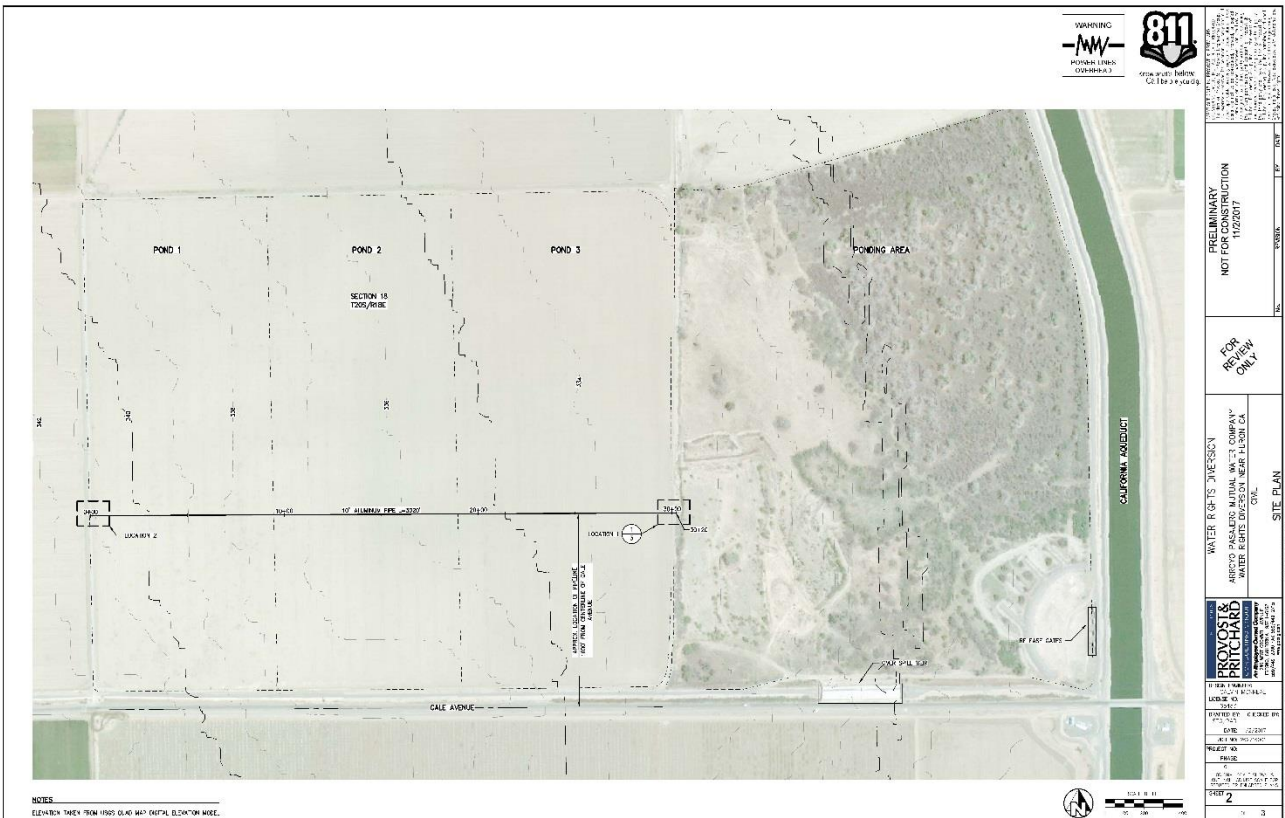


Figure 2 Overall Project Site Plan

On October 16, 2017, the proponent had a qualified biologist conduct a biological survey of the Proposed Action area, and none of the Federally protected species at issue, or any dens, burrows, or sign were found in the action area (Live Oak Associates 2017). The entire action area is completely clear of burrows. Based upon the negative survey results, Reclamation has determined there would be No Effect to proposed or listed species or critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. §1531 et seq.), and there would be no take of birds protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. §703 et seq.).

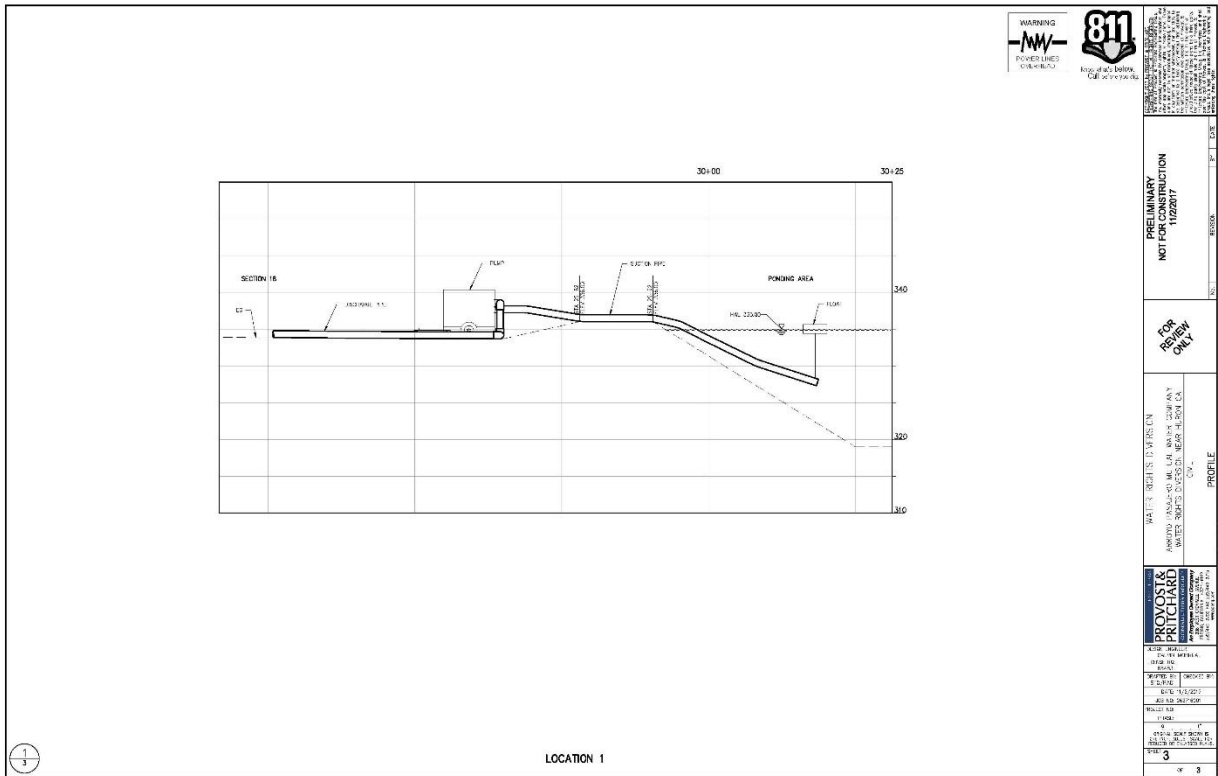


Figure 3 Project Details

Exclusion Category

516 DM 14.5 D (10). *Issuance of permits, licenses, easements, and crossing agreements which provide right-of-way over Bureau lands where action does not allow for or lead to a major public or private action.*

Evaluation of Criteria for Categorical Exclusion

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

Extraordinary Circumstance	No	Uncertain	Yes
1. This action would have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (40 CFR 1502.3).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. This action would have significant impacts on public health or safety (43 CFR 46.215(a)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. This action would affect ITAs (512 DM 2, Policy Memorandum dated December 15, 1993).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.

Attachment A: Cultural Resources Determination

CULTURAL RESOURCES COMPLIANCE

Division of Environmental Affairs

Cultural Resources Branch (MP-153)

MP-153 Tracking Number: 18-SCAO-012.001

Project Name: Land Use Authorization to City of Huron and Arroyo Pasajero Mutual Water Company for their Water Rights Diversion Project

NEPA Document: EA-17-041

NEPA Contact: Rain Emerson

MP-153 Cultural Resources Reviewer: BranDee Bruce, Architectural Historian

Date: November 14, 2017

Reclamation proposes to issue a land use authorization for the City of Huron and Arroyo Pasajero Mutual Water Company to install a temporary pump within Reclamation right of way (ROW). The project would entail the placement of a temporary pump on private agricultural land and the placement of 10 inch temporary pipe and floating intake structure within the Westside Detention Basin (Reclamation ROW). In addition, approximately 3,000 linear feet of temporary 10 inch pipe would be laid aboveground across a private agricultural field to an existing irrigation outlet.

No modification of existing facilities or ground disturbance will occur as a result of the proposed action. Reclamation has determined the issuance of this land use authorization is the type of activity that does not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.3(a)(1). As such, Reclamation has no further obligations under Title 54 U.S.C. § 306108, commonly known as Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The proposed action will not have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing in the in the National Register of Historic Places.

This document conveys the completion of the cultural resources review and 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.