

RECLAMATION


Managing Water in the West

Categorical Exclusion Checklist (CEC)

Centerville Community Services District and Shasta Community Services District Reorganization – Shasta County, CA

NCAO-CEC-17-24

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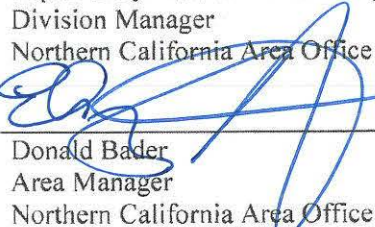
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Proposed Action

Reclamation will approve the reorganization of the Contract Service Area boundaries related to the inclusion of privately-owned property into the Centerville Community Services District (CSD) and Shasta CSD water service areas, which are served Central Valley Project (Project) water through contracts with Reclamation.

The subject properties are located in Shasta County, approximately 2 miles west and 5 miles southwest of the city of Redding, CA (Figure 1), in Sections 5 and 28, Township 31 North, Range 5 West, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (Figure 2). The affected Shasta County Tax Assessor Parcel Identification Numbers are 208-230-021 (41-acre property), 204-200-013-000, and 204-200-035-000 (390 acres), and 204-65-001 (48 acres; Figures 3A-C). The properties are located in a rural area and are currently undeveloped (Figure 2).

Centerville CSD currently holds a Water Entitlement Contract with Reclamation for 2,900 acre feet (AF) and has a pre-1914 Water Right for an additional 900 AF for a total water supply of 3,800 AF, less than 50% of which is currently used. Shasta CSD currently holds a Water Service Contract with Reclamation for 1,000 acre feet (AF), and has a long-term transfer agreement with Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District (a Pre-1914 Water right to waters of the Sacramento River) for the transfer of 464 AF of Project Water for a total water supply of 1,464 AF, of which less than 50% is currently used.

The Proposed Action is at the request of the CSDs to provide water delivery to properties currently in their jurisdiction, the land boundaries of which have changed with prior annexations. The Shasta Local Agency Formation Commission's (LAFCO) approved the annexation of 41 of the affected acres (Jones property; Figure 3A) for the Proposed Action and the remaining 390 acres (Garside and North State Communications, Inc./ Foxwoods Estates Unit 2 properties) into the Centerville CSD in 2006 and 2009, respectively (Figure 3B). Subsequently, Shasta LAFCO approved the removal of 48 acres of privately-owned property, most of which was part of the previously-annexed Garside parcel, out of the Centerville CSD boundaries and annexation of this property into the Shasta CSD in 2015 (Figure 3C).

Exclusion Categories

Bureau of Reclamation Categorical Exclusion – 516 DM 14.5, D(3): Administration and implementation of project repayment and water service contracts, including approval of organizational or other administrative changes in contracting entities brought about by inclusion or exclusion of lands in these contracts.

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 Historic Places as determined by Reclamation (LND 02-01; and 43 CFR 46.215 (g)). | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Uncertain | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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:

The Project Water will be served to the annexed parcels through existing infrastructure. No sub-surface disturbance is involved. The amount of water provided to Centerville CSD and Shasta CSD through their contracts with Reclamation will not change as a result of the inclusions/reorganization.

The Proposed Action is considered an administrative action with the purpose of aligning the Project Water service area boundaries with recent years' property annexations. There would be no change in land use as a result of the Proposed Action. The subject properties are currently undeveloped and would remain so for the immediate future; Centerville CSD and Shasta CSD have proposed development of the properties with housing subdivisions, although the plans and schedule for this development have not been finalized. However, the potential development

activities are not considered a connected action to the Proposed Action for assessment purposes because, absent the Proposed Action, the affected lands would remain in the Centerville CSD service area and could be serviced through another existing contract with Reclamation. Further, ground disturbance that could introduce the potential for environmental impacts would occur if the land proposed for development would remain in the Centerville CSD service area because the existing infrastructure that could be used to service them under the Proposed Action is owned by Shasta CSD. Absent the action, Centerville CSD would need to install its own infrastructure to service the subdivisions. In this manner, the Proposed Action carries less potential for impacts than no action.

No impact to Federally-listed species could result from the Proposed Action, which is purely administrative in nature. Centerville CSD filed a Notice of Exemption with Shasta County for each annexation in conjunction with its California Environmental Policy Act (CEQA) review for the annexations.

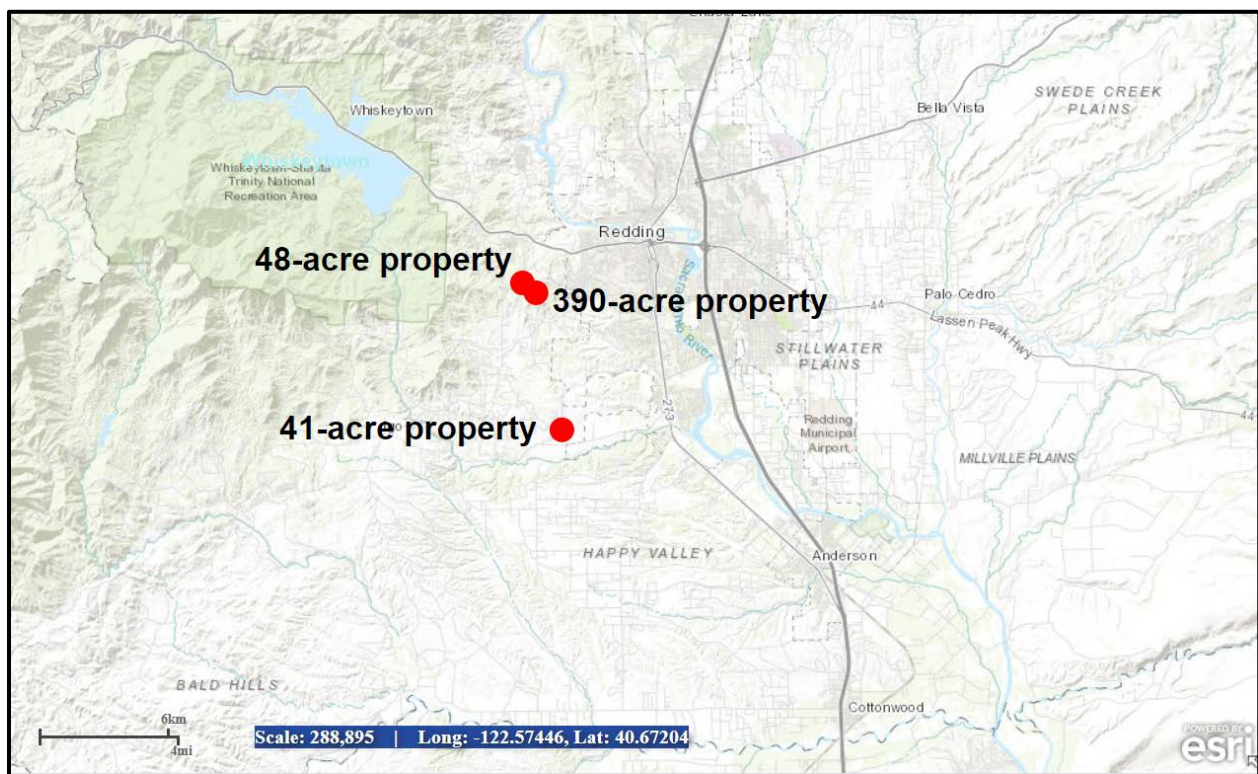


Figure 1. Vicinity Map

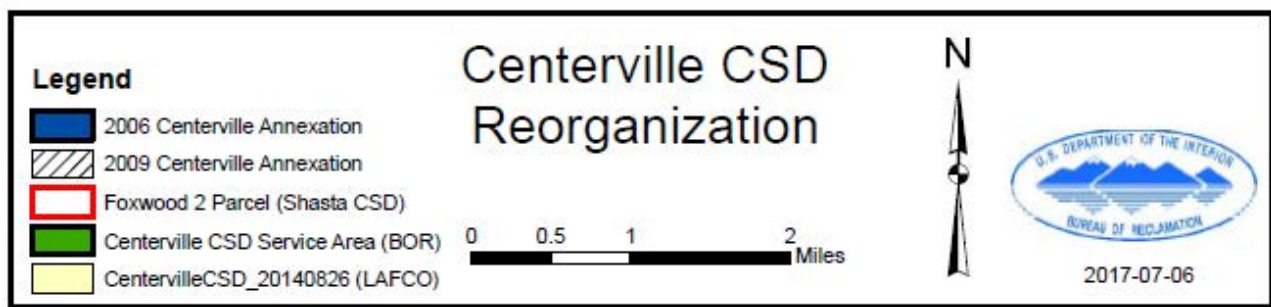
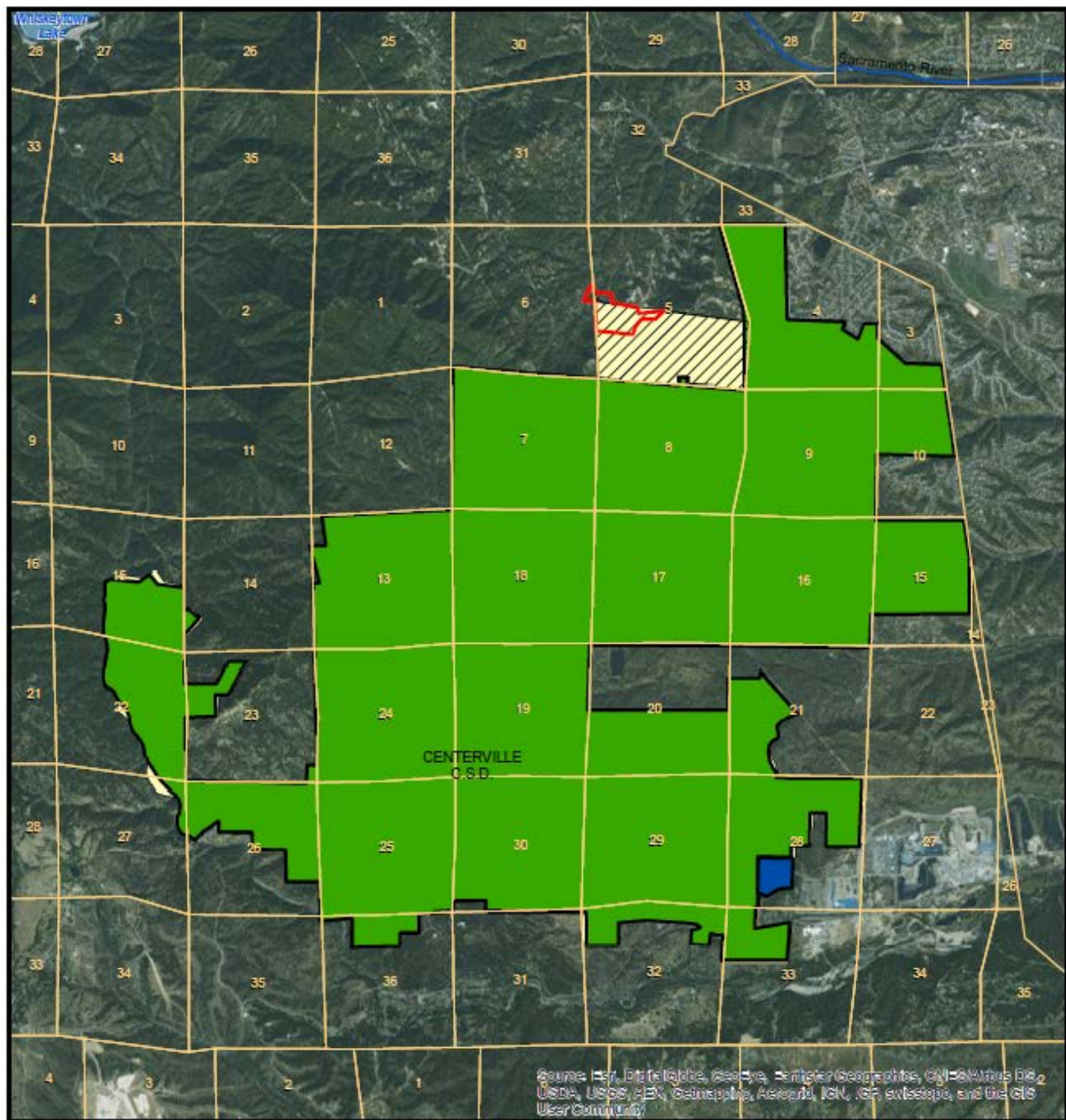


Figure 2. Site Map

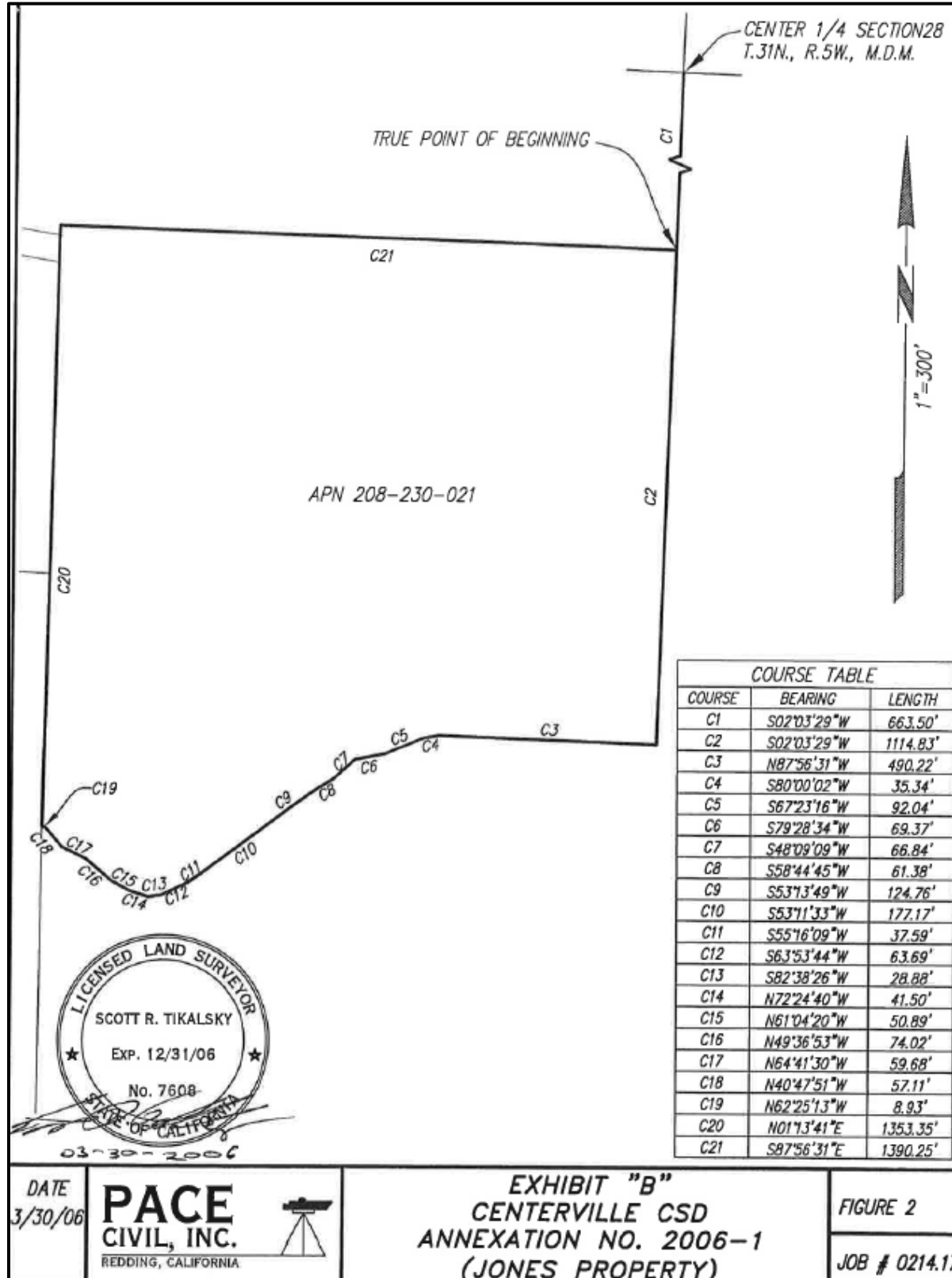
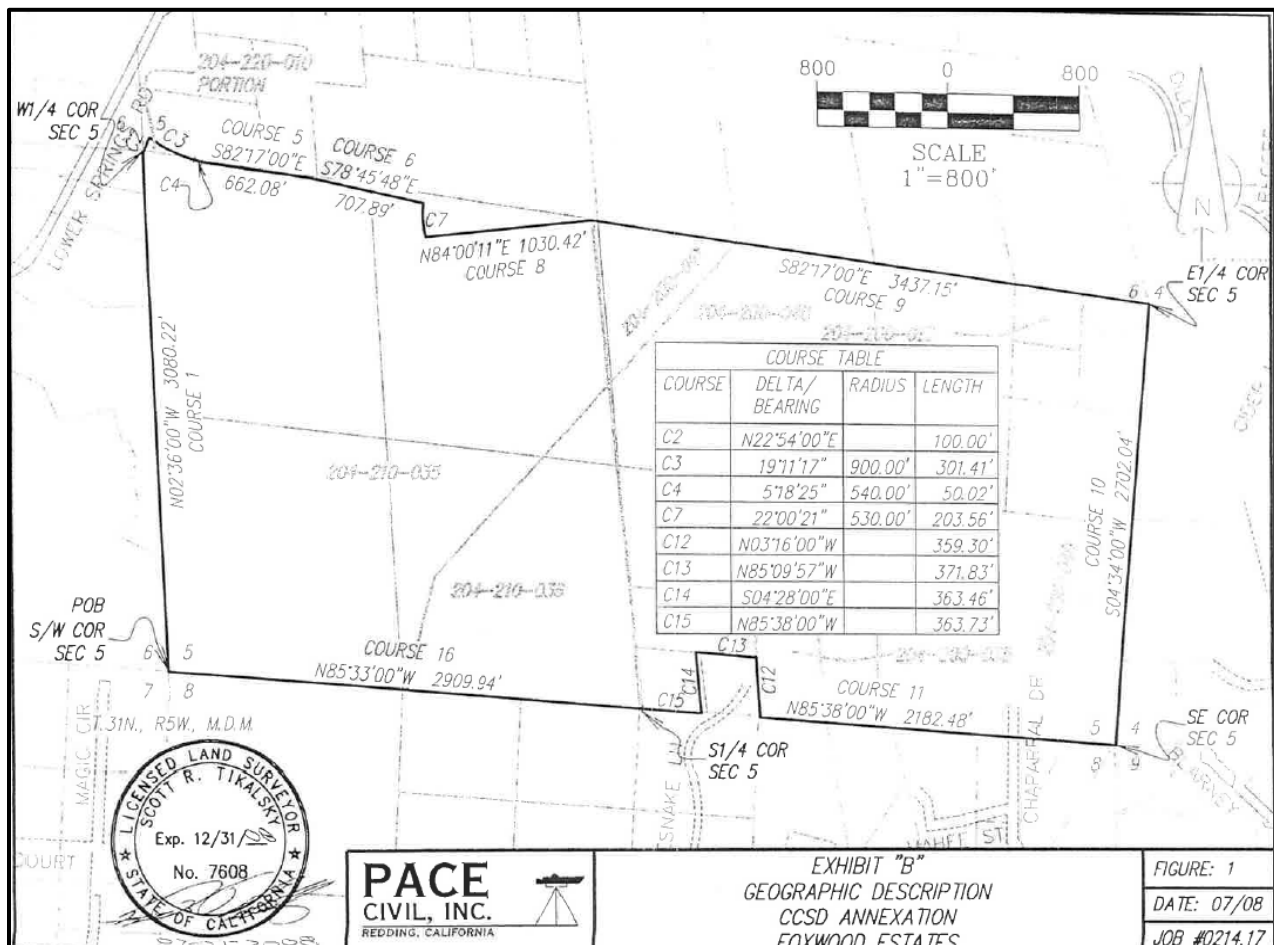


Figure 3A – Parcel Map – Jones Property (corresponds to blue area on Figure 2)



Attachment 1. Indian Trust Asset Review



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ITA Review - Centerville CSD Reorganization

1 message

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Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 2:48 PM

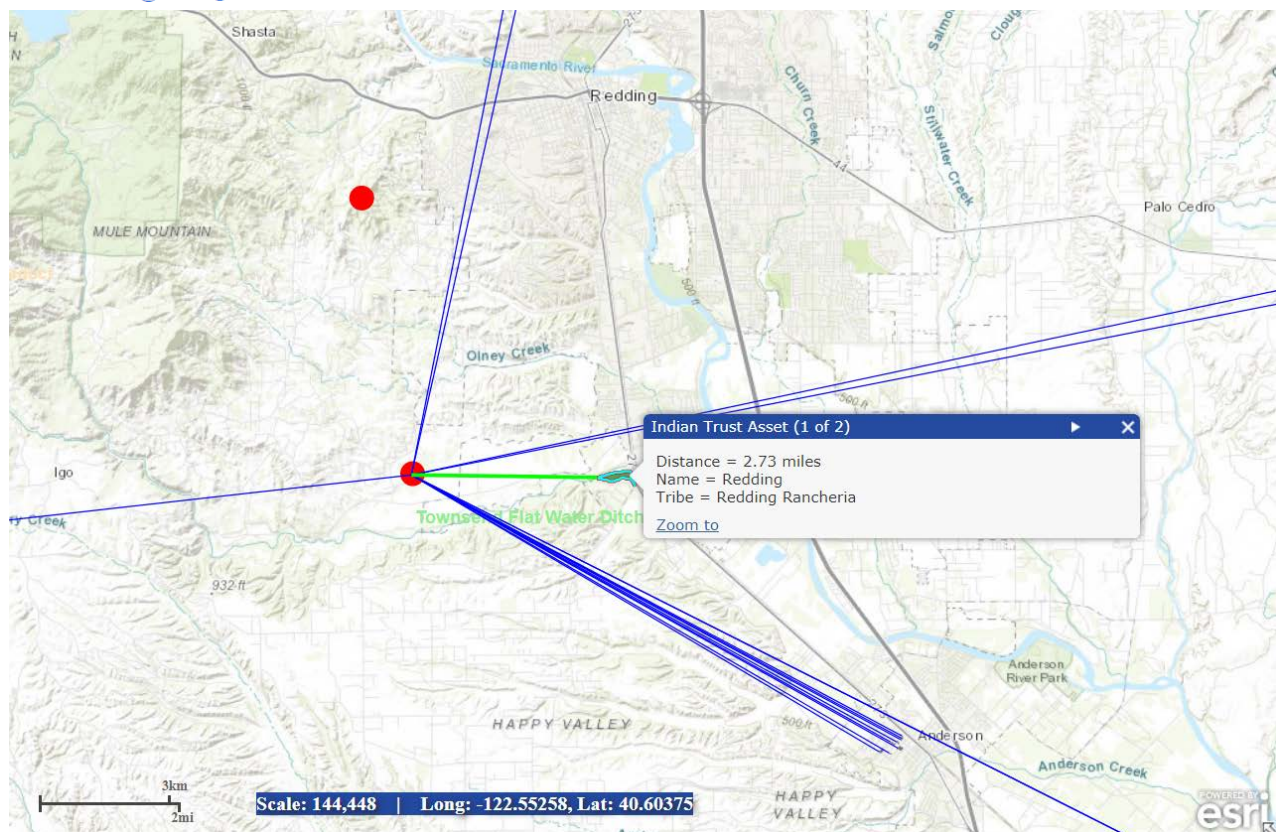
I have examined the referenced proposal and have determined that the facilities are located at least 2.5 miles from the closest Indian Trust Asset.

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 RESOURCE COMPLIANCE
Mid-Pacific Region
Division of Environmental Affairs
Cultural Resources Branch**

MP-153 Tracking Number: 18-NCAO-056

Project Name: Centerville Community Services District and Shasta Community Services District Reorganization Project

NEPA Document: NCAO-CEC-17-24

MP 153 Cultural Resources Reviewer: Mark Carper

NEPA Contact: Megan Simon

Determination: No Potential to cause effects

Date: January 9, 2018

This proposed undertaking by Reclamation is to approve the reorganization of the Contract Service Area boundary related to the inclusion of approximately 431 acres of privately-owned property into the Centerville Community Services District (CSD) and Shasta CSD service areas, which is served Central Valley Project water through contracts with Reclamation. 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).

Shasta Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) approved the annexation of 41 of the affected acres into the Centerville CSD in 2006 and the remaining 390 acres in 2009. LAFCO also approved the removal of 48 acres of privately-owned property out of the Centerville CSD property boundaries and annexation of this property into the Shasta CSD in 2015. The proposed action includes no ground disturbing activities nor are such activities contingent upon the reorganization.

After reviewing NCAO-CEC-17-24 for the proposed project, January 2018, I concur with item #8 which states that this action would not have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places.

This memorandum 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.

Attachment 2. Cultural Resources Review, Cont.

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Cultural Resources Branch**

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.