

Millerton Lake State Recreation Area
South Finegold Non-motorized Boating Access Ramp

South-Central California Area Office

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From: Rain Healer

Subject: Review and signing of Categorical Exclusion Checklist

Please review the attached CEC and route it according to the order on the list. When your review is finished, please date, initial and sign on the last page. However, if you have comments or questions please contact the Environmental Team or the proponent of the action. When everyone has signed the CEC, please return it to Rain Healer.

Thank you.

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION CHECKLIST
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Background: Millerton Lake State Recreation Area (MLSRA) is located near Friant, California, 20 miles northeast of Fresno (Figure 1). The California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) operate the MLSRA under an operating agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). South Finegold is a day use area within the MLSRA consisting of picnic tables, barbecues, restrooms, and a small parking lot (Figure 2). Non-motorized boaters often use this area but are required to hike down to the water through a steep area since there isn't a boat launch at this site. California Department of Boating and Waterways has proposed installing a non-motorized boat ramp to provide better access at this site for non-motorized boaters (Figure 3).

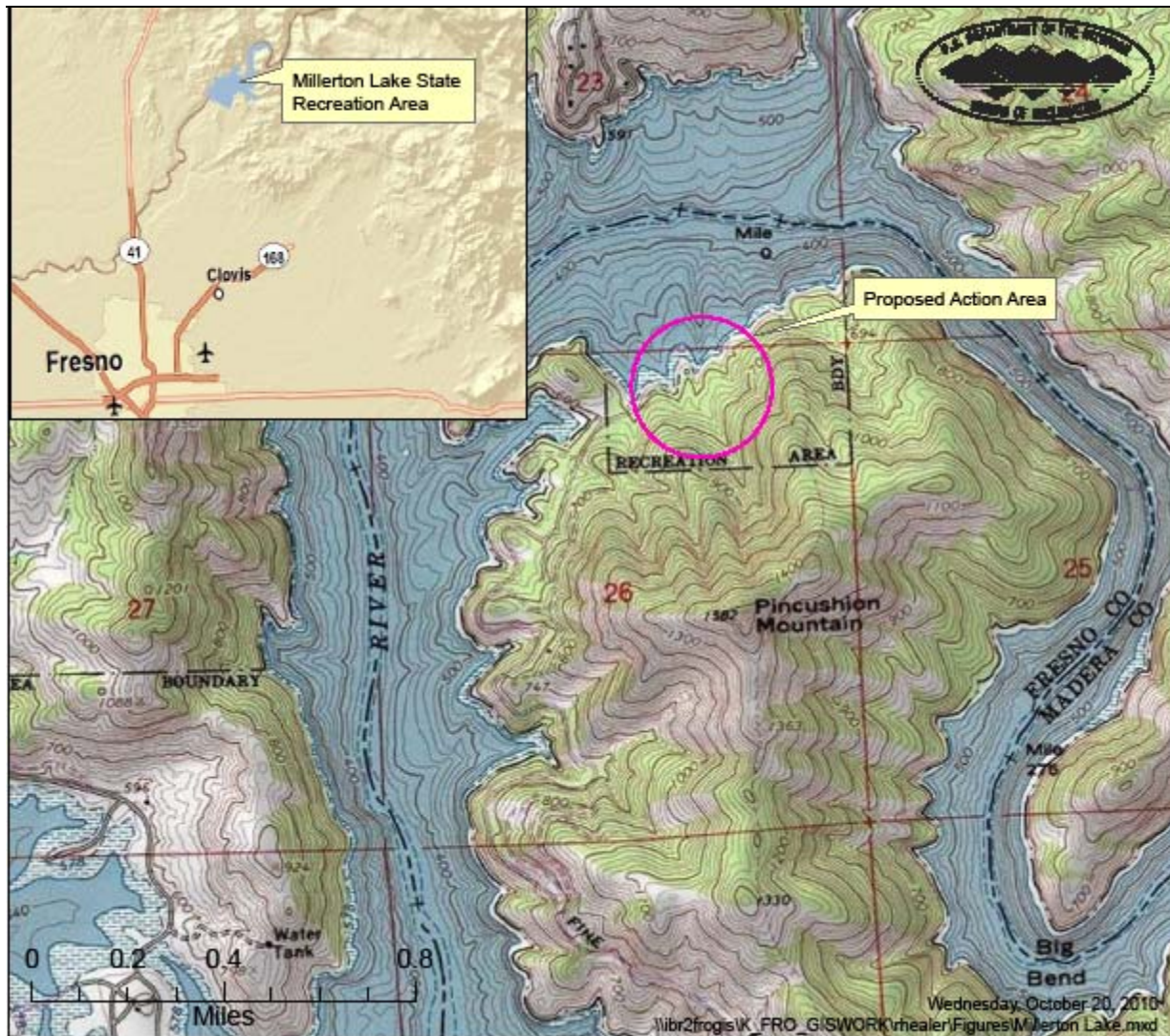


Figure 1. Proposed Action Location



Figure 2. Existing Day Use Area



Figure 3. Proposed location for new boat ramp at South Finegold

Purpose and Need for Action: The purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide an easier path for launching non-motorized boats from the existing parking area. The Proposed Action is needed in order to provide safer access for non-motorized boaters.

Proposed Action: CDPR proposes, on behalf of Reclamation, to have the California Department of Boating and Waterways install a non-motorized boat ramp within the South Finegold day use area with associated upgrades (see attached preliminary designs). The Proposed Action is located within the northeast quarter of Section 26, Township 10 South, Range 21 East, MDB&M (see Figure 1). Upgrades would consist of:

- Installation of a 20-feet wide by 200-feet long non-motorized concrete boat ramp with boarding float
- Installation of a concrete walk with hand rails from the loading zone to the boat ramp
- Installation of approximately 130 linear feet rip rap for shoreline stabilization
- Repaving and delineation of American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant parking stalls in the existing parking area
- Relocation of some ADA signage
- Demolition and replacement of some curbs and walkways near the loading zone
- Installation of new concrete wheel stops
- Installation of new concrete truncated domes for accessibility
- Trimming of two oak trees

Approximate amount of material needed for the Proposed Action would be:

Action Components	Concrete	Base Rock	Rip Rap	Asphalt
Boat Ramp	74 CY (6 inch)	74 CY (6 inch)	104 CY	--
Shoreline Protection	--	--	200 CY	--
Sidewalk	23 CY (4 inch)	34 CY (6 inch)	--	--
ADA Parking stalls	--	12 CY (6 inch)	--	641 square feet (2 inch)
Total	97 CY	120 CY	304 CY	641 square feet

CDPR is in the process of preparing an environmental document as required by the California Environmental Quality Act and will be applying for the necessary 404 and 401 permits. Copies of all permits would be provided to Reclamation. The Proposed Action would not begin unless all applicable permit/certification are obtained and would require that the Project Proponent adheres to the terms and conditions of said permit/certification.

Construction equipment would include: a bulldozer, dump truck, concrete truck, and backhoe. Construction would begin in early September 2011 and is expected to last approximately 90 days. Staging would occur within the existing parking area.

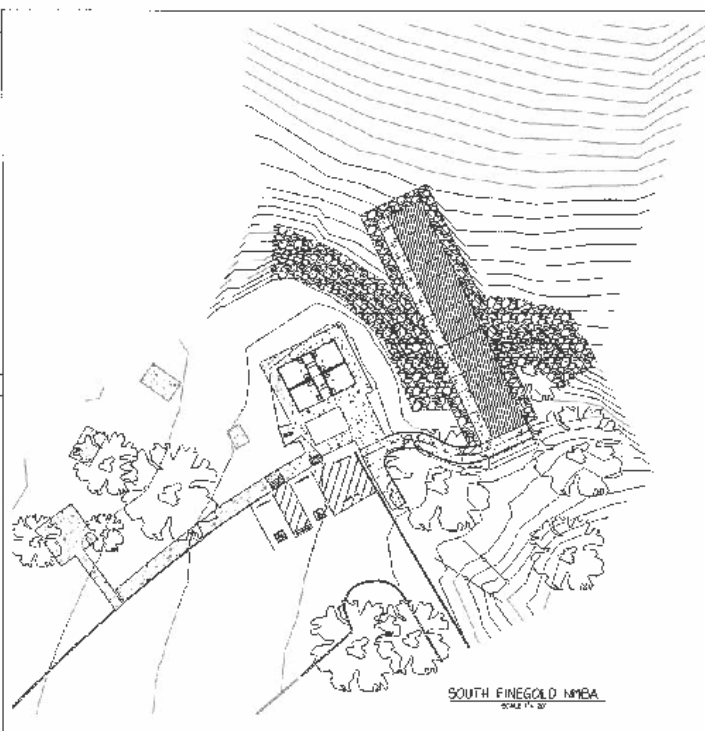
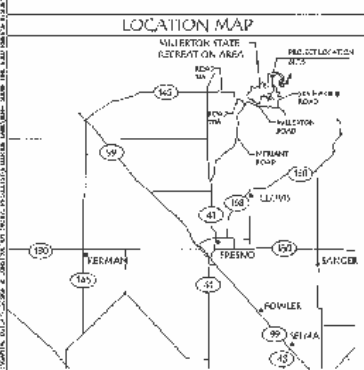
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BOATING FACILITIES DIVISION



PROJECT: SOUTH FINEGOLD NON MOTORIZED BOATING ACCESS
LOCATION: LAKE MILLERTON, FRESNO COUNTY
FILE NO. 804



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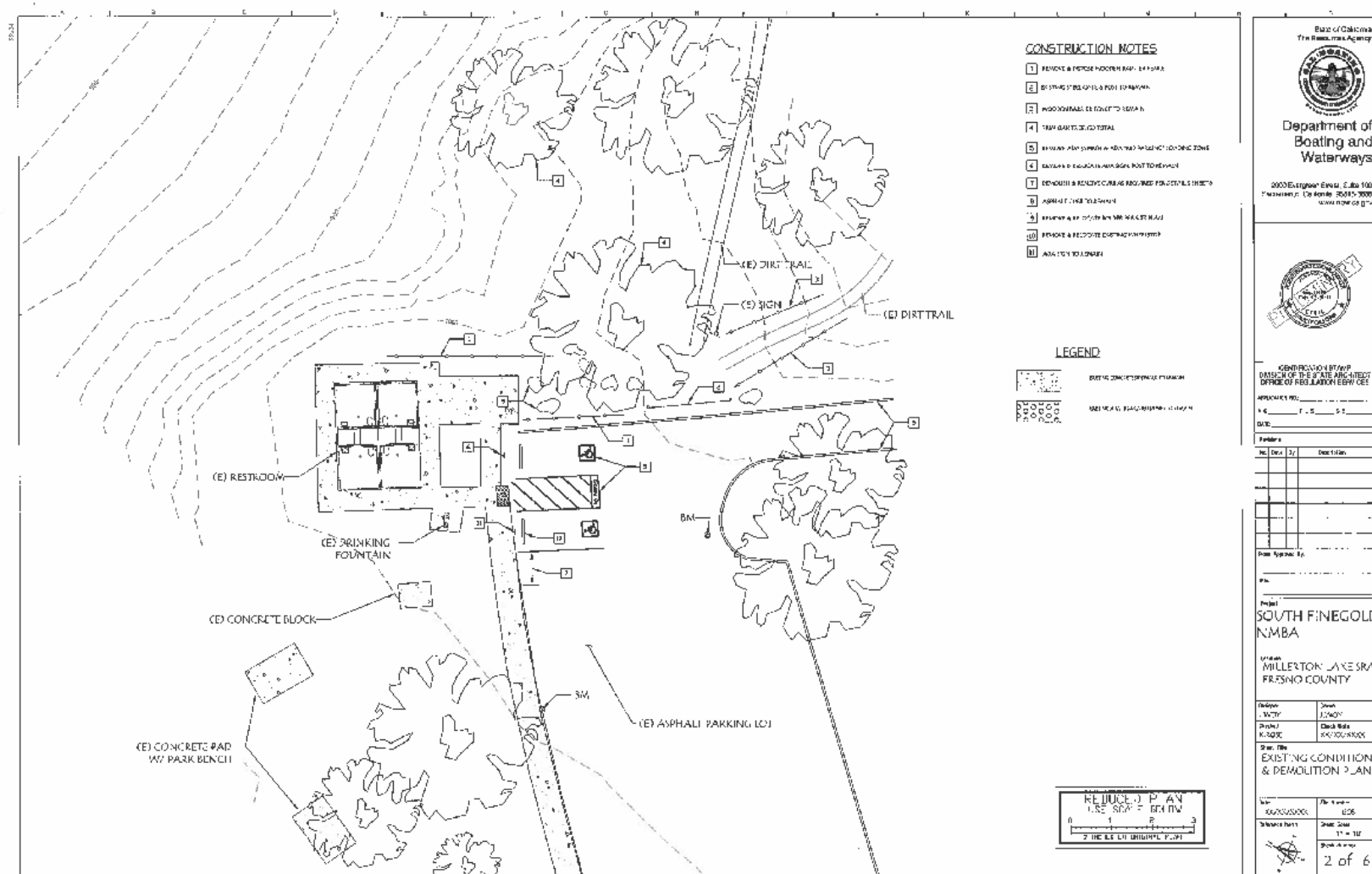
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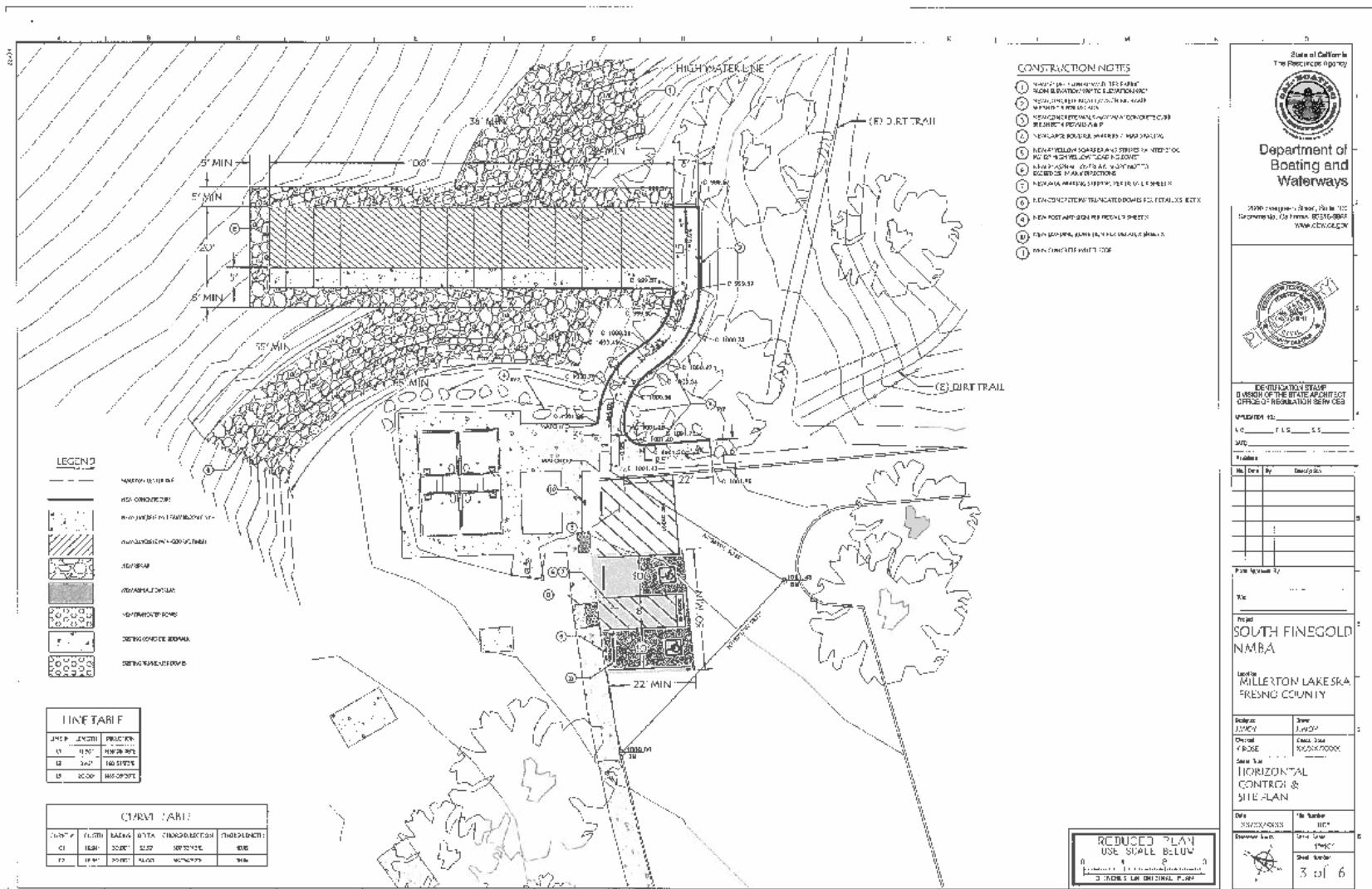


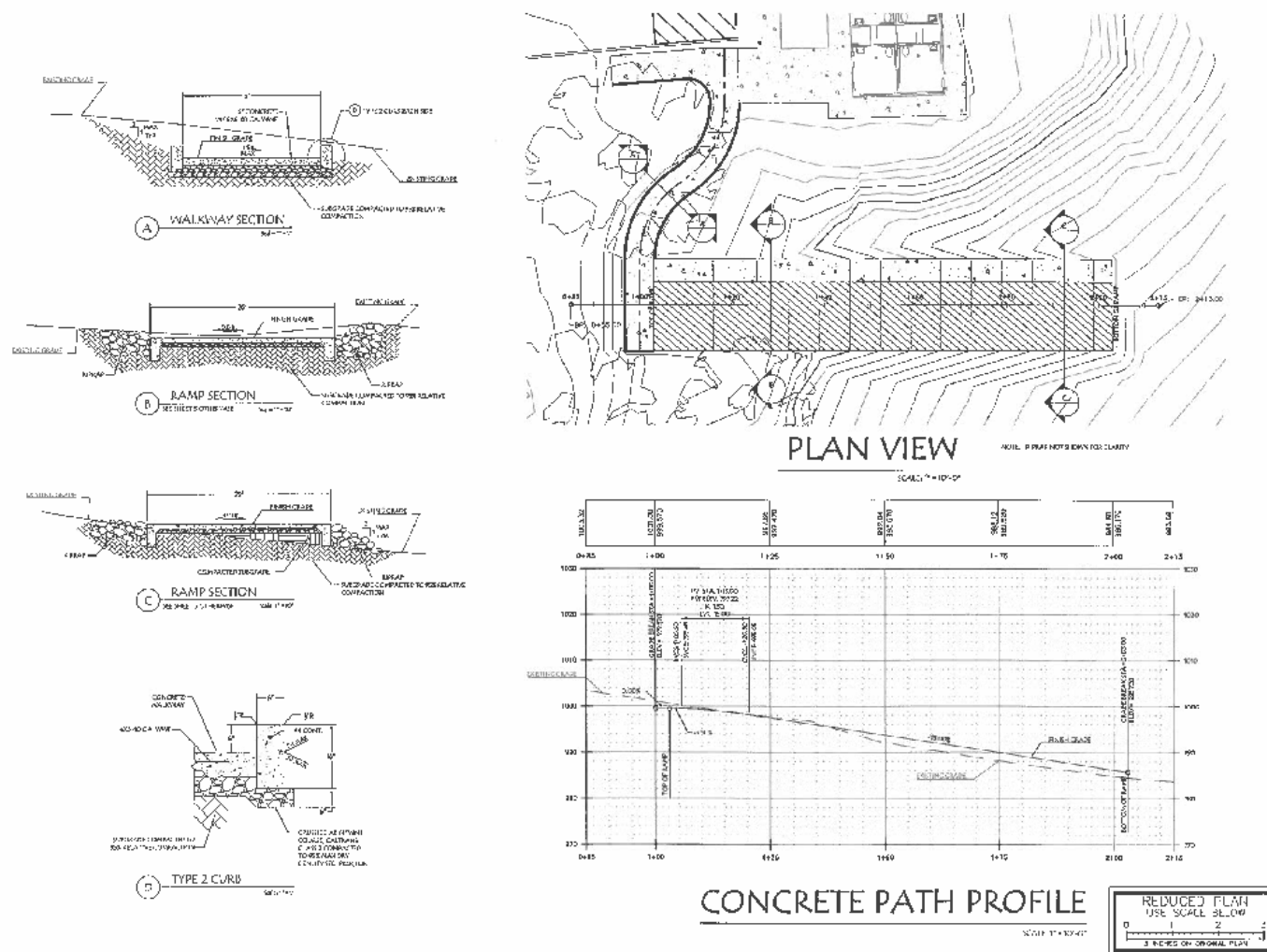
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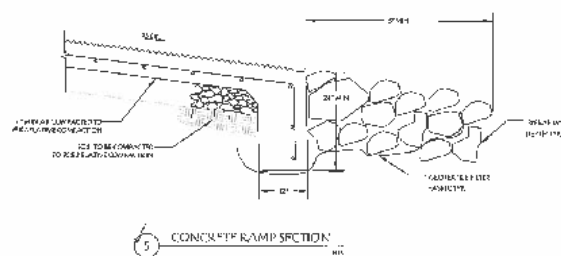
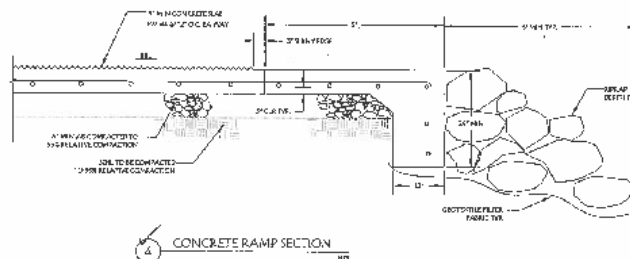
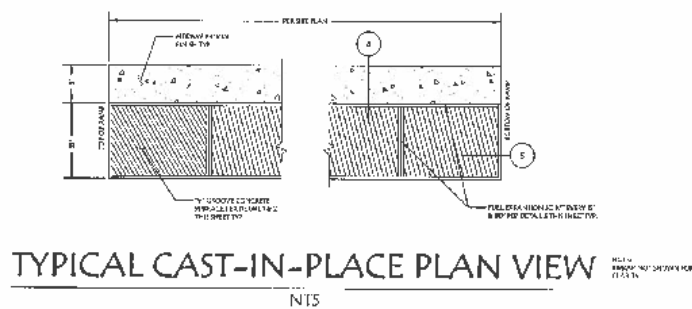
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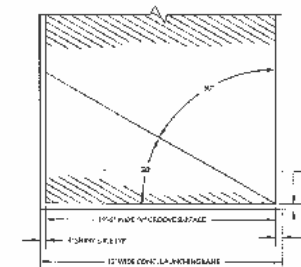
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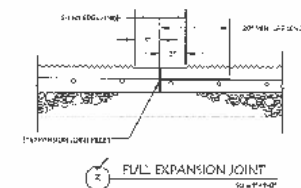
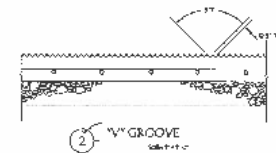
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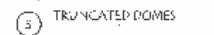
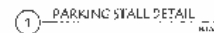
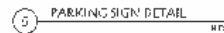
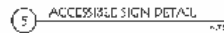
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Evaluation of Criteria for Categorical Exclusion

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| 1. This action would have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. | No <u> X </u> | Uncertain <u> </u> | Yes |
| 2. This action would have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources. | No <u> X </u> | Uncertain <u> </u> | Yes |

Evaluation of Exemptions to Actions within Categorical Exclusion

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| 1. This action would have significant adverse effects on public health or safety. | No <u> X </u> | Uncertain <u> </u> | Yes |
| 2. 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; floodplains; national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas. | No <u> X </u> | Uncertain <u> </u> | Yes |
| 3. This action would have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. | No <u> X </u> | Uncertain <u> </u> | Yes |
| 4. This action would establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. | No <u> X </u> | Uncertain <u> </u> | Yes |

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| 5. This action would have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. | No <u> X </u> | Uncertain <u> </u> | Yes |
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| 6. This action would have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau (in coordination with a Reclamation cultural resources professional). | No <u> X </u> | Uncertain <u> </u> | Yes |
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| 7. 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. | No <u> X </u> | Uncertain <u> </u> | Yes |
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| 8. This action would violate a Federal, State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for protection of the environment. | No <u> X </u> | Uncertain <u> </u> | Yes |
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| 9. This action would affect Indian Trust Assets (ITA) (To be completed by Reclamation official responsible for ITA). | No <u> X </u> | Uncertain <u> </u> | Yes |
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| 10. This action would have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations. | No <u> X </u> | Uncertain <u> </u> | Yes |
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| 11. 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. | No <u> X </u> | Uncertain <u> </u> | Yes |

12. 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. No X Uncertain Yes

NEPA Action: Categorical Exclusion X

Environmental commitments, explanation, and/or remarks:

☐ Yes ☒ No Environmental commitments are required and attached.

☐ San Joaquin Kit Fox Avoidance and Minimization Measures

☐ Giant Garter Snake Avoidance and Minimization Measures

☐ California Tiger Salamander Avoidance and Minimization Measures

☐ California Red-Legged Frog Avoidance and Minimization Measures

☐ Other:

Air Quality:

Contractors hired by CDPR would follow best management practices outlined by CDPR to control fugitive dust and minimize air quality impacts.

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Regional Archeologist concurrence with Item 7:
See attachment.

ITA Designee concurrence with Item 10:
See attachment.

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