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MEMORANDUM

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Subject: South Bay Water Recycling Program Retrofits at San Jose Academy, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Ramblewood Park, Tapestry Park, Classico Streetscape, and Commerce Park/PS Business Park

The Bureau of Reclamation, pursuant to funding provided through Title XVI of Public Law 102-575, has been providing up to 25 percent of the total cost to the city of San Jose to help fund the South Bay Water Recycling Program (SBWRP). Reclamation released a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Program in May 1996 and issued a Record of Decision (ROD) in July 1996.

San Jose has continued to design additional pipelines and associated facilities within the SBWRP area. Reclamation has continued to provide funding for these projects under Title XVI and has adopted California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) addendums and prepared Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSIs), tiering from the original EIS. The latest proposal involves the installation of six new service connections called retrofits. These projects would connect customers to approved and installed recycled water pipelines which were evaluated previously under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and CEQA. Specific actions under NEPA that are relevant to this retrofit project are:

- FONSI – SBWRP, San Jose Schools Project. FONSI No. 10-05-MP, signed February 11, 2010.
- FONSI – SBWRP, Santa Clara Industrial 2 Pipeline Extension. FONSI No. 10-04-MP, signed February 11, 2010.

Six retrofit pipelines are proposed (Figure 1), and all of the retrofits would connect with the above two approved and constructed SBWRP projects:

- San Jose Academy. This retrofit project would connect to the San Jose Schools A recycled water pipeline, recently installed along East Santa Clara Street and 21st Street in San Jose. This proposed 50-foot pipeline would cross a small, paved access road and connect to an

existing irrigation system in a paved parking lot. Recycled water would be used for landscape irrigation at San Jose Academy (formerly San Jose High School).

- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. This retrofit project would connect to the San Jose Schools B recycled water pipeline recently installed on McLaughlin Avenue and Lightland Road in San Jose. This proposed 80-foot pipeline would cross McLaughlin Avenue (an existing four-lane street) and connect with an existing irrigation system behind the sidewalk. Recycled water would be used for landscape irrigation at the church, which is located at 3975 McLaughlin Avenue just north of Yerba Buena Road.
- Ramblewood Park. This retrofit project also would connect to the San Jose Schools B pipeline. This proposed 50-foot pipeline would proceed from Lightland Road (a small, residential street) to connect with an existing park irrigation system. Recycled water would be used for landscape irrigation at Ramblewood Park located at 11351 Lightland Road.
- Tapestry Park. This retrofit project would connect to the San Jose Schools C recycled water pipeline recently installed on Classico Avenue and Bianco Way in San Jose. This proposed 5-foot pipeline would proceed from Bianco Way (a small, residential street) to connect with an existing park irrigation system. Recycled water would be used for landscape irrigation system at Tapestry Park.
- Classico Streetscape. This retrofit project also would connect to the San Jose Schools C pipeline. This proposed 30-foot pipeline would cross Classico Avenue from near its intersection with Bianco Way (Fowler Road), making a new connection approximately 30 feet to the west. Recycled water would be used to irrigate the landscaped median along Classico Avenue.
- Commerce Park/PS Business Park. This retrofit project would connect to the Santa Clara Industrial 2 recycled water pipeline recently installed along Walsh Avenue in the city of Santa Clara. This proposed 100-foot pipeline would cross Walsh Avenue into an existing business park, through the existing parking lot where it would connect to an existing irrigation system. Recycled water would be used for landscape irrigation at this existing office complex.

In a letter dated December 08, 2011, the State Historic Preservation Officer concurred with Reclamation's finding that the retrofit project would result in no historic properties affected pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.4(d)(1). (See attached cultural resources memo).

Upon review of the two relevant FONSI's and associated addendums, Reclamation has determined that the impacts from the retrofits have been adequately analyzed in the previous addendums and the conclusions from the FONSI's have not changed, therefore, no further action is necessary.

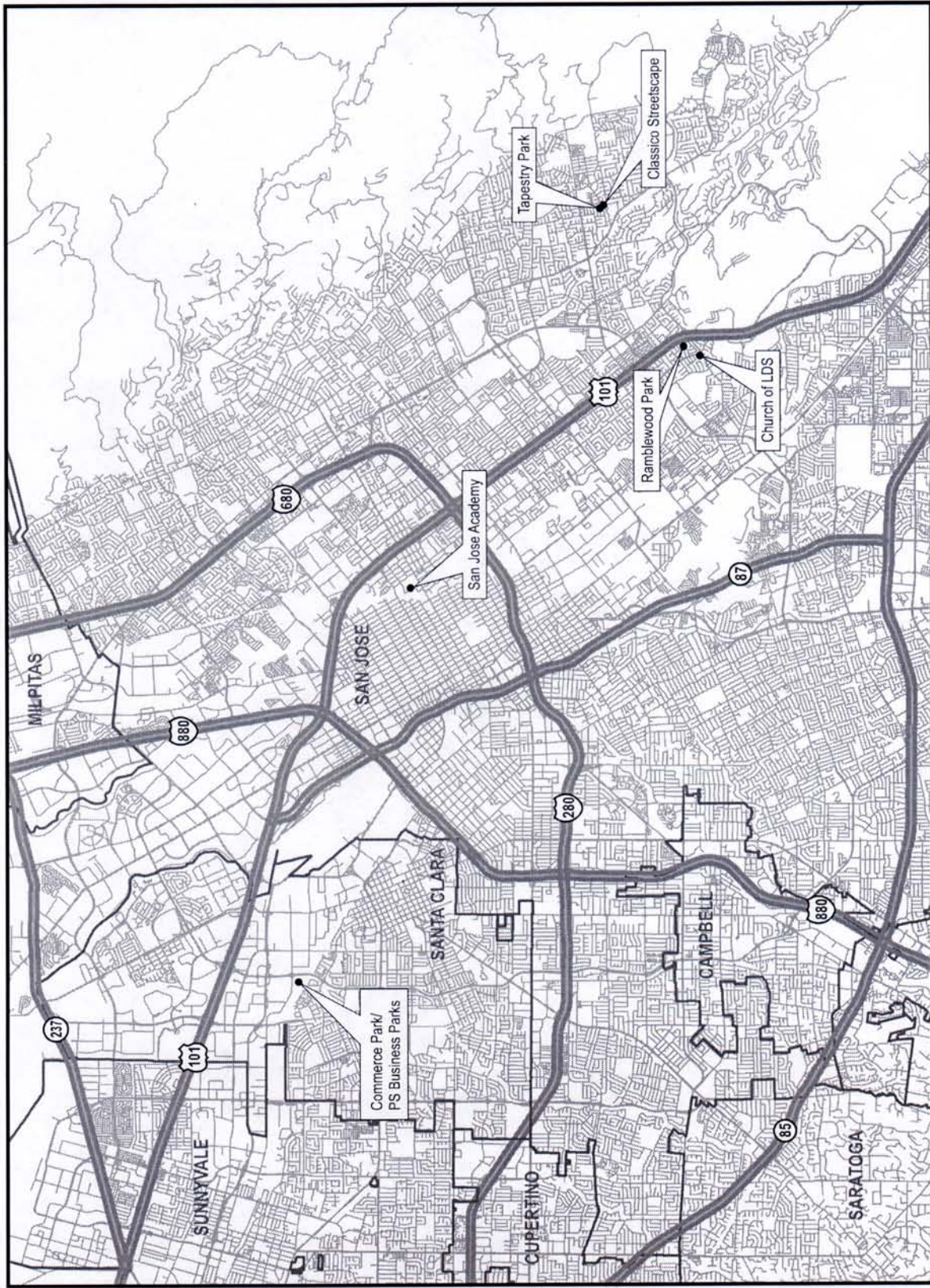


Figure 1: General Project Locations

From: Soule, William E
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Cc: Matthew.Franck@CH2M.com; White, David T; BOR MPR Cultural Resources Section
Subject: South Bay Water Recycling Program (SBWRP) Phase 1C Project (Six Landscape Irrigation Pipeline Extensions)
Attachments: 09-SCAO-092.18a SHPO Response.pdf

Doug:

Re: 09-SCAO-092.18a Proposed South Bay Water Recycling Program (SBWRP) Phase 1C Project (Six Landscape Irrigation Pipeline Extensions), Cities of San Jose and Santa Clara, Santa Clara County, California.

The activities associated with Reclamation providing Federal appropriations to the South Bay Water Recycling Program (SBWRP) through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and through Title XVI funds for the Phase 1C Project Six Landscape Irrigation Pipeline Extensions were determined to be the type of actions that had the potential to cause effects to historic properties. The project involves the installation of approximately 315 lineal feet of buried pipeline in six different segments within developed and residential areas of the cities of San Jose and Santa Clara, California.

SBWRP hired CH2M Hill as their environmental consultant and with archaeological consulting firm Basin Research Associates contracted to complete the cultural resource identification for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for this project. Basin Research Associates produced a negative cultural resource review report dated October 26, 2011 that covered the APE entitled, "Cultural Resources Review South Bay Water Recycling Program (SBWRP) Stimulus Projects, Six Landscape Irrigation Extensions, Cities of San Jose and Santa Clara, Santa Clara County."

Based in part on the results described in that report, Reclamation made a finding of no historic properties affected pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.4(d)(1). Reclamation submitted the report and a letter requesting Section 106 consultation the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on November 16, 2011 seeking concurrence on the findings. On a letter dated December 08, 2011, the SHPO concurred with Reclamation's finding that the project would result in no historic properties affected (attached).

After receiving SHPO concurrence on Reclamation's findings, the Section 106 process has been completed. Please retain a copy of this e-mail memo with the Administrative Record of the EA for this project. Please note that if project plans or actions change, or if a discovery is made during project implementation, additional Section 106 consideration including consultation with the SHPO may be required.

Sincerely.

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