

Environmental Commitment Program

This form must accompany all Federal discretionary action approvals that require compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and other applicable environmental laws.

Environmental Document¹: 12-004

On January 14, 2011 the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) issued guidance for Federal agencies to implement, monitor and evaluate environmental commitments identified in Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements completed for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This guidance also pertains to Categorical Exclusions when environmental commitments have been identified in order to meet the requirements for exclusion.

The Bureau of Reclamation's NEPA Handbook provides guidance on the establishment of an Environmental Commitment Program (ECP) to meet the CEQ guidance. The ECP is a system designed to implement, monitor and evaluate the environmental commitments identified in the NEPA document. These commitments fall under one or more of the following categories:

1. Commitments where no construction or ground disturbance is involved

These commitments are typically associated with water transfers, exchanges, Warren Act contracts and similar actions.

Required ☐ Not Required ☒

2. Commitments where construction or ground disturbance is involved

These commitments are typically associated with short-term construction impacts resulting from modifications to Federal facilities or modifications to non-Federal facilities where there is a Federal nexus such as Federal funds or approvals.

Required ☐ Not Required ☒

3. Long-term commitments

These commitments are typically associated with larger construction or ground disturbing activities where impacts to resources such as wetlands, special status species habitat or water quality may occur that require long-term mitigation and monitoring.

Required ☐ Not Required ☒

Note: If the "Not Required" boxes are checked on all three commitment categories, no further action is required. If any of the required boxes are checked please refer to the following Environmental Commitment table for a summary of the commitments required for environmental compliance. Reclamation would continue to require compliance with all commitments imposed by existing environmental documents, such as Biological Opinions and Programmatic Agreements. Please direct any questions or comments regarding the Environmental Commitment Program to:

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¹ Environmental Document types include: Categorical Exclusion, Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact and Environmental Impact Statement/Record of Decision



RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Environmental Commitment Table

South-Central California Area Office

Environmental Document:

Assigned Natural Resource Specialist: Chuck Siek (559) 487-5138 csiek@usbr.gov						To be completed by [proponent]		
Resource	Commitment Category ²	Summary of Environmental Commitments ³	Timeframe for Implementation ⁴	Verification of Compliance ⁵		[Proponent] Point of Contact ⁶ <u>The Project Manager is responsible for proponent POC information.</u>	Verification of Compliance (Authorizing Official)	
				Initials	Date		Initials	Date
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Funding: The project proponent is responsible for all direct costs to implement, monitor and evaluate the environmental commitments described in the table. The project proponent is also responsible for the costs incurred by Reclamation staff to monitor and evaluate the environmental commitments.

² List category numbers checked on first page

³ Summarize environmental commitments from environmental document completed for action

⁴ List when environmental commitments must start/end

⁵ Verification by Reclamation that all environmental commitments have been implemented and a summary report has been completed as required

⁶ Proponent point of contact may be the individual responsible for a specific commitment or the Authorizing Official responsible for overall environmental compliance

