

CHAPTER 5: CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

The preparation of the Brantley and Avalon Reservoirs Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) Environmental Assessment (EA) required a comprehensive consultation and coordination effort throughout the RMPA planning process. The U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) initiated the RMPA planning process in July 2006 by requesting comments to determine the scope of issues and concerns that needed to be addressed in this Final EA document. As part of the resource inventory phase of the planning process, members of the interdisciplinary team formally and informally contacted various relevant agencies to request data to supplement Reclamation's existing resource database. This chapter describes the coordination with agencies that either have jurisdiction by law or interest in the development of the RMPA for the Project Area. In addition, this chapter describes the public involvement process that was undertaken for the Brantley and Avalon Reservoirs RMPA project and provides a distribution list of agencies and organizations receiving a copy of this Final EA. Written comments received on the Draft EA document, along with Reclamation responses, are provided in Appendix D.

5.1 CONSULTATION

A number of Federal and State government agencies, as well as local governments, were consulted during the RMPA planning process through communications, meetings, and other cooperative efforts. Cooperating agencies for this EA are the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Carlsbad Irrigation District (CID). Additional government agencies consulted included the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office (NMSHPO), the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF), and 19 Native American Tribes. Consultation with the USFWS is required by the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 USC Sec.661 et seq.) and Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 USC Sect 1531 et seq.). As part of data collection, Reclamation requested and the USFWS provided a list of Federally listed species that may occur in Eddy County. A subsequent Biological Assessment (BA) was completed and is retained on file at the Reclamation Albuquerque Area Office.

The NMSHPO was informed about the RMPA planning process in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Appendix C). The NMDGF and the New Mexico Natural Resources Department were also contacted in regard to State-listed threatened and endangered plant and animal species, consistent with legislation protecting State-listed species. Coordination and consultation with these State agencies continued throughout the planning process and will continue during implementation of the RMPA.

Reclamation contacted 19 Tribes to invite their involvement in the RMPA planning process and to identify any concerns they may have regarding the potential effects on trust assets, cultural

and biological resources, or tribal health and safety. Those Tribes that were contacted are listed in the distribution list (Section 5.3 below) for the RMPA Final EA document. Correspondence received from the Tribes is provided in Appendix C.

5.2 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The public participation process for the RMPA/EA has been ongoing throughout the development of this Final EA. The RMPA/EA scoping process began with publishing of a Public Notice for the Public Scoping Meeting on July 23, 2006. The Public Scoping Meeting was conducted by Reclamation on July 26, 2006 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Pecos River Village Conference Facility in Carlsbad, New Mexico. A total of 11 persons attended the meeting where Reclamation representatives made a brief project presentation and provided an opportunity for attendees to ask questions. Two comment letters were submitted to Reclamation by the end of the August 11, 2006, scoping period. The relevant comments received during the scoping period addressed private minerals ownership within the Project Area and protection of resources such as visual quality and natural habitat.

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