

Real Estate

If a project is authorized by Congress for construction, Reclamation would:

- Further develop designs
- Determine which properties would be impacted and may be wholly or partially acquired
- Notify affected property owners and initiate the acquisition process
- Arrange for relocation specialists to work with landowners to assist them with the relocation process
- Fund appraisals and other on-site surveys/inspections of the property

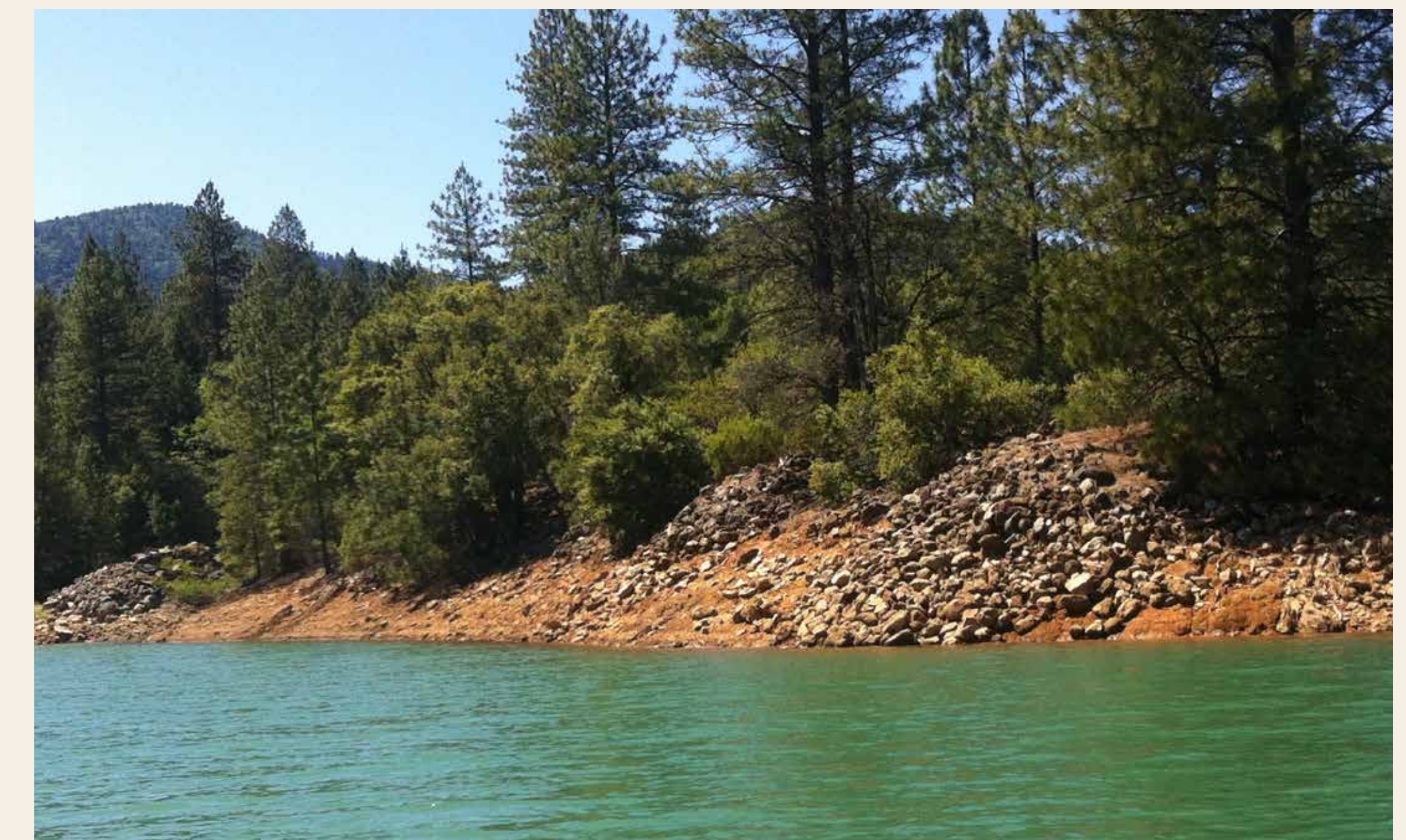
Legislation for Relocation Assistance and Property Acquisition

- Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (“Uniform Act”)
- Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 24 “Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs”

Property Owner Relocation Assistance

Under the Uniform Act, property owners would be provided with:

- Appraisal to determine property market value
- Temporary housing
- Permanent housing that is decent, safe, and sanitary
- Comparable housing for consideration
- Displaced renter assistance
- Reasonable moving expenses



Property Values – One concern is the potential impact of the proposed project on property values. However, there are specific guidelines Federal agencies must follow when appraising properties. Specifically, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 24 requires the appraiser to disregard any increase or decrease in value of the property caused by the project.