#### Chapter 23

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### Consultation and Coordination

#### 2 23.1 Introduction

- 3 This chapter summarizes completed, ongoing, and anticipated public outreach and
- 4 agency involvement efforts related to preparation of the Environmental Impact
- 5 Statement (EIS) for the coordinated long-term operation of the Central Valley
- 6 Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP).

# 23.2 Consultation with the Public and Interested Parties

- 9 Consultation activities were initiated in 2012 with the scoping process and will
- 10 continue through the preparation of the Final EIS. In this section, the term
- "interested parties" includes representatives from agencies, utilities, agencies,
- organizations, and other entities.

### 13 **23.2.1 Scoping Process**

- 14 As described in Chapters 1 and 3, the scoping process was initiated on March 28,
- 15 2012, with the publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register
- and continued through June 28, 2012. Initially the public scoping process was to
- be completed on May 29, 2012. During the public scoping process, other
- 18 agencies and interested persons requested an extension of the public scoping
- 19 process to allow additional opportunities to provide scoping comments. In
- 20 response to these requests, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of
- 21 Reclamation (Reclamation) published a notice on May 25, 2012, to extend the
- public scoping period through June 28, 2012.
- 23 Scoping meetings were held to inform the public and interested stakeholders
- 24 about the project, and to solicit comments and input on the EIS. The scoping
- 25 meetings were held in:
- Madera, California on April 25, 2012 (6 participants)
- Diamond Bar, California on April 26, 2012 (3 participants)
- Sacramento, California on May 2, 2012 (15 participants)
- Marysville, California on May 3, 2012 (2 participants).
- Los Banos, California on May 22, 2012 (230 participants).
- Reclamation posted the scoping notices in the Federal Register, on its website,
- and in newspapers that served areas where the scoping meetings were held.
- Reclamation also published press releases to news organizations and others that
- 34 have requested notifications for all press releases.

- 1 Each participant in the scoping meetings was invited to sign an attendance sheet
- and provided with an agenda, fact sheet, comment card, and speaker card. The
- 3 agenda, fact sheet, and comment card were available in both English and Spanish.
- 4 Each scoping meeting began with a presentation by Reclamation. The
- 5 presentation described the purpose of the meeting and the public scoping process,
- 6 an overview of the reasons that Reclamation was preparing the EIS, description of
- 7 the process and schedule that Reclamation will use to complete the EIS, and
- 8 methods to provide comments at the scoping meeting and subsequently until the
- 9 end of the public scoping period. The participants were encouraged to submit
- written comments by mail, email, or fax until the close of the public scoping
- 11 comment period. During the presentation, Reclamation responded to questions as
- they arose from the meeting participants. Following the presentation,
- Reclamation heard testimony from those who presented oral comments. Oral
- comments were recorded by a transcriber. Reclamation offered to provide
- 15 Spanish translation of the presentation and oral comments at each scoping
- meeting; however, the translation service was only requested and provided at the
- 17 scoping meeting in Los Banos, California.
- 18 The scoping comments included suggestions related to:
- Purpose and need for the action.
- Geographical extent of the Project Area.
- Definition and assumptions of the No Action Alternative.
- Definition and assumptions of the action alternatives.
- Important considerations either for description of the affected environment or for the methods of analyses for the following resources:
- 25 Water resources.
- 26 Biological resources.
- 27 Land use and socioeconomics.
- 28 Air quality.
- 29 Recreation and visual resources.
- 30 Scoping comments were used in the development of a reasonable range of
- 31 alternatives and identification of key issues that would require analysis in the
- 32 Environmental Consequences sections of this EIS, as described in Chapters 3.
- 33 Scoping comments also were used in development of the level of detail and
- methods of analyses for water resources, biological resources, land use,
- 35 socioeconomics, recreation, air quality, and visual resources. These resources are
- discussed in Chapters 5 through 10, 12 through 17, and 19 through 21.
- 37 Reclamation also posted on its website an initial range of alternatives discussed at
- the meeting on October 19, 2012 of invited stakeholders. As described in
- 39 Chapter 3, Description of Alternatives, comments received during that process
- were used to refine the description of the alternatives.

- 1 Project status meetings were held with cooperating agencies and other
- 2 stakeholders during preparation of the Draft EIS, including meetings in
- 3 Sacramento, California on January 16, May 29, and November 5, 2014;
- 4 February 20, 2015; and June 24, 2015.
- 5 The scoping report is included in Appendix 23A, Scoping Report.

#### 6 23.2.2 Other Activities

- 7 Reclamation established a website which includes the background material related
- 8 to the purpose and need for the action, materials used in the scoping process,
- 9 scoping comments, and information related to meetings with invited stakeholders
- and interest groups to discuss assumptions to be considered in the development of
- the No Action Alternative and action alternatives. As described in Chapter 3,
- comments received on the information posted on Reclamation's website during
- that process were used to refine the description of the alternatives.

## 14 **23.2.3** Stakeholder and Public Involvement during Preparation of the Final EIS

- 16 This Draft EIS is being published for public review. The distribution list for the
- 17 Draft EIS is included in Chapter 24. Reclamation has posted notification of the
- availability of the Draft EIS and location and timing of public meetings on its
- website, in the Federal Register, and through press releases. Comments received
- on this Draft EIS will be considered in preparation of the Final EIS. Written
- 21 responses to all substantial comments received will be included in the Final EIS.

# 23.3 Consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service

- As described in Chapter 1, federal agencies also have an obligation pursuant to
- 25 the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to "...ensure that any discretionary action
- authorized, funded, or carried out by such an agency is not likely to jeopardize the
- 27 continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the
- destruction or adverse modification..." of such species' designated "critical
- 29 habitat," "...unless such agency has been granted an exemption for such
- action..." by the Endangered Species Committee which the ESA creates
- 31 (16 United States Code (U.S.C.) section 1536 (a)(2). A discretionary agency
- 32 action jeopardizes the continued existence of a listed species if it "reasonably
- would be expected, directly or indirectly, to reduce appreciably the likelihood of
- both the survival and recovery of a listed species in the wild by reducing the
- reproduction, numbers, or distribution of that species" (50 Code of Federal
- Regulations [CFR] section 402.02). Such action results in the destruction or
- 37 adverse modification of designated critical habitat if there is "... a direct or
- indirect alteration that appreciably diminishes the value of critical habitat for both
- the survival and recovery of a listed species" (50 CFR section 402.02).

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- 1 In carrying out its obligations, Reclamation must consult with the appropriate
- 2 regulatory agency or agencies (e.g., U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS] and
- 3 National Marine Fisheries Service [NMFS]). At the conclusion of this
- 4 consultation process, those agencies render written statements (known as
- 5 biological opinions) setting forth their opinion as to how an action being proposed
- 6 by Reclamation would affect a listed species and its designated critical habitat. If
- 7 these agencies conclude that an action will jeopardize the continued existence of a
- 8 listed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of their
- 9 designated critical habitat, then they must suggest a reasonable and prudent
- 10 alternative to the action being proposed by Reclamation.
- Pursuant to ESA Section 7(a)(1), Reclamation also considers which it could take 11
- 12 under its existing authorities to benefit listed species. However, Section 7(a)(1)
- does not give Reclamation additional authority to undertake any particular action, 13
- regardless of its potential benefit for threatened and endangered species. 14
- 15 The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act requires that Reclamation consult with
- fish and wildlife agencies (federal and state) on all water development projects 16
- 17 that could affect biological resources. As part of this project, Reclamation has
- been in continuous consultation with USFWS and NMFS. This continuous 18
- 19 consultation also satisfies any applicable requirements of the Fish and Wildlife
- 20 Coordination Act.

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#### **Consultation with Cooperating Agencies and** 23.4 **Other Entities** 22

- 23 In accordance with requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act
- 24 (NEPA), Reclamation invited eligible governmental agencies to participate as a
- 25 cooperating agency. The federal cooperating agencies include the USFWS,
- NMFS, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), U.S. Army Corps of 26
- 27 Engineers (USACE), and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).
- 28 Reclamation also provided non-federal agencies with the opportunity to
- 29 participate in the NEPA process if they qualified under NEPA (as described
- 30 above) as a cooperating agency. In August of 2012, Reclamation mailed
- 31 invitations to 747 non-federal entities to be cooperating agencies for this EIS,
- 32 including:
- 33 California Department of Water Resources
- 34 State Water Resources Control Board
- 35 California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- 36 • Agencies that have contracts with the CVP or SWP for water delivery, water
- 37 service repayment, exchange or settlement, or use of CVP or SWP facilities
- 38 for conveyance
- 39 State and Federal Contractors Water Agency

- Cities and counties within the CVP and SWP service areas
- Federally-recognized tribes within the CVP and SWP service area or areas
- affected by CVP or SWP operations
- 4 Non-federal entities that meet the specified criteria for cooperating agencies are
- 5 required to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Reclamation
- 6 to memorialize their participation as a cooperating agency.
- 7 Reclamation has signed cooperating agency MOUs, or is in the process of signing
- 8 cooperating agency MOUs with the following entities:
- 9 Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District
- California Department of Water Resources
- California Valley Miwok Tribe
- City of Hesperia
- Contra Costa Water District
- Del Puerto Water District
- Friant Water Authority
- Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
- Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- Oakdale Irrigation District
- Reclamation District 108
- San Diego County Water Authority
- San Juan Water District
- San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
- Stockton East Water District
- Sutter Mutual Water District
- Tehama Colusa Canal Authority
- Zone 7 Water Agency
- 28 These agencies have participated in preliminary review of written materials that
- were used to prepare this Draft EIS.
- Reclamation also received a request from an interested party to include the
- 31 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a cooperating agency.
- 32 However, Reclamation concluded that FEMA does not have special expertise
- related to environmental issue that would not be addressed by other cooperating
- 34 federal agencies.
- Reclamation also received a request from the State Water Contractors, a non-
- profit association of 27 public agencies from northern, central, and southern
- California that purchase water under contract from the SWP (SWC 2015).
- 38 However, Reclamation concluded that the State Water Contractors was not a
- 39 public agency; and therefore, could not be cooperating agency. However, this
- 40 group and several other non-profit groups (including the Natural Resources
- 41 Defense Council and The Bay Institute) have participated in preliminary review
- of written materials that were used to prepare this Draft EIS.

#### Consultation with Other Federal, State, and 23.5 **Local Agencies**

- 3 This EIS was prepared in accordance with policies and regulations adopted by
- federal and state agencies. Brief discussions of relevant policies and regulations 4
- 5 for each resource are included in Appendix 4A, Federal and State Policies and
- Regulations. Reclamation considered the requirements of these policies and 6
- 7 regulations during preparation of the EIS and consultation with the related
- agencies, including the major regulations summarized below. 8

#### 9 23.5.1 Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 10 (Clean Water Act)

- The Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, also known as the 11
- 12 Clean Water Act (CWA), established the institutional structure for the
- 13 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to regulate discharges of
- pollutants into the waters of the United States, establish water quality standards, 14
- conduct planning studies, and provide funding for specific grant projects. The 15
- Clean Water Act was further amended through the Clean Water Act of 1977 and 16
- the Water Quality Act of 1987. The California State Water Resources Control 17
- 18 Board (SWRCB) has been designated by the USEPA along with the nine
- 19 Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCBs) to develop and enforce water
- 20 quality objectives and implementation plans in California. The provisions of the
- 21 Clean Water Act which affect water resources in the project area are described
- 22 below.

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- 23 Section 401 of the Clean Water Act requires water discharges into navigable 24 waters of the United States to apply for a Federal license or permit and to 25 certify that the discharge will be in compliance with specified provisions of 26 the Clean Water Act. Federal permits that are issued related to disturbance of waters of the United States (such as streams and wetlands) also require a 28 Water Quality Certification in accordance with Clean Water Act section 401.
- 29 Section 402 established the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System 30 (NPDES) permit program to regulate point source and non-point source 31 discharges of pollutants into waters of the United States. An NPDES permit 32 sets specific discharge limits for point and non-point sources discharging 33 pollutants into waters of the United States and establishes monitoring and reporting requirements. The NPDES permits are issued for long-term 34 35 discharges, including discharges from treatment plants, and temporary 36 discharges, such as discharges during construction activities (e.g., General 37 Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activities).
- 38 Section 404 requires the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to issue 39 permits for discharge of dredge or fill material into navigable waters, their tributaries, and associated wetlands. Activities regulated by 404 permits 40 41 include, but are not limited to, dredging, bridge construction, flood control 42 actions, and some fishing operations.

- Section 303 requires preparation of basins plans. The SWRCB has approved
- water quality control plans (basin plans) for each watershed basin in the State.
- The basin plans designate the beneficial uses of waters within each watershed
- basin, and water quality objectives designed to protect those uses pursuant to
- 5 Section 303 of the Clean Water Act. The beneficial uses together with the
- 6 water quality objectives that are contained in the basin plans constitute State
- 7 water quality standards.
- Under the CWA section 303(d), the SWRCB and USEPA identifies and ranks
- 9 water bodies for which existing pollution controls are insufficient to attain or
- maintain water quality standards based upon information prepared by all
- states, territories, and authorized Indian tribes. Each state must establish
- priority rankings and develop Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for all
- impaired waters. TMDLs calculate the greatest pollutant load that a
- waterbody can receive and still meet water quality standards and designated
- beneficial uses.

#### 16 23.5.2 Rivers and Harbors Act

- 17 The navigable waters of the United States in the Study Area, including the major
- 18 rivers in Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers watersheds and waterways in these
- watersheds affected by tidal action, are subject to the requirements of the Rivers
- and Harbors Act. "Navigable waters of the United States" are defined as those
- 21 waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide shoreward to the mean high-water
- 22 mark or those that are used, have been used in the past, or may be susceptible to
- use in interstate or foreign commerce. Sections 9 and 10 of the River and Harbors
- 24 Act are applicable to the coordinated long-term operation of the CVP and SWP.
- 25 Under the reauthorization of the Rivers and Harbor Act of 1937, Reclamation
- took responsibility for the operation of the CVP.

#### 27 23.5.2.1 Section 9 of the Rivers and Harbors Act

- Section 9 of the Rivers and Harbors Act prohibits construction of any dike or dam
- 29 across any navigable waters without approvals from the Chief of Engineers and
- 30 the Secretary of the Army.

#### 31 23.5.2.2 Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act

- 32 Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 prohibits alterations of any
- navigable waters, including construction of structures in, over, or under;
- excavation of material from; and deposition of material into navigable waters of
- 35 the United States without permission from the USACE. The approval process
- 36 generally is completed simultaneously with the approval process under the Clean
- Water Act Section 404.

#### 38 23.5.3 Federal Safe Drinking Water Act

- 39 The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) protects public health by regulating the
- 40 nation's public drinking water supply. The SDWA authorizes USEPA to set
- ational health-based standards for drinking water to protect against both
- 42 naturally occurring and human-made contaminants that may be found in drinking

- water and its sources, including rivers, lakes, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater
- 2 wells

#### 3 23.5.4 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

- 4 Congress created the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act in 1968 (Public
- 5 Law 90-542; USC 1271 et seq.) to preserve rivers and outstanding natural,
- 6 cultural, or recreational features in a free-flowing condition. High priority is
- 7 place on visual resource management of these rivers to preserve or restore their
- 8 scenic characteristics. Under this act, a Federal agency may not assist the
- 9 construction of a water resources project that would have a direct and adverse
- 10 effect on the free-flowing, scenic, and natural values of a wild or scenic river. If
- the project would affect the free-flowing characteristics of a designated river or
- unreasonably diminish the scenic, recreational, and fish and wildlife values
- present in the area, such activities should be undertaken in a manner that would
- minimize adverse impacts and should be developed in consultation with the
- 15 National Park Service.
- Within the study area, the following portions of the rivers have been designated as
- 17 Wild and Scenic Rivers.

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- The Klamath River from the confluence with the Trinity River to the Pacific
- Ocean was designated to be part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers
- 20 System on January 19, 1981.
- The Middle Fork Feather River (from Beckwourth downstream of Lake Davis
- 22 to Lake Oroville) was designated to be part of the National Wild and Scenic
- Rivers System on October 2, 1968.
- The American River between Nimbus Dam and the confluence with the
- 25 Sacramento River was designated to be part of the National Wild and Scenic
- Rivers System on January 19, 1981.

## 23.5.5 Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 USC Section 651 et seq.)

- 29 The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, as amended in 1964, was enacted to
- 30 protect fish and wildlife when federal actions result in the control or modification
- of a natural stream or body of water. The statute requires federal agencies to take
- 32 into consideration the effect that water-related projects would have on fish and
- 33 wildlife resources. Consultation and coordination with USFWS and State fish and
- 34 game agencies are required to address ways to prevent loss of and damage to fish
- and wildlife resources and to further develop and improve these resources.

#### 36 **23.5.6** Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 USC 1361-1421h)

- 37 The Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) was enacted in 1972. All marine
- mammals are protected under the MMPA. The MMPA prohibits, with certain
- exceptions, the "take" of marine mammals in U.S. waters and by U.S. citizens on
- 40 the high seas, and the importation of marine mammals and marine mammal
- products into the United States. It defines "take" to mean "to hunt harass,
- 42 capture, or kill" any marine mammal or attempt to do so. Exceptions to the

- 1 moratorium can be made through permitting actions for take incidental to
- 2 commercial fishing and other nonfishing activities; for scientific research; and for
- 3 public display at licensed institutions such as aquaria and science centers.

#### 4 23.5.7 Migratory Bird Treaty Act

- 5 The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) implements a series of international
- 6 treaties that provide migratory bird protection. The MBTA authorizes the
- 7 Secretary of the Interior to regulate the taking of migratory birds, and the act
- 8 provides that it shall be unlawful, except as permitted by regulations, "to pursue,
- 9 take, or kill any migratory bird, or any part, nest or egg of any such bird" (16 USC
- section 703). This prohibition includes both direct and indirect acts, although
- harassment and habitat modification are not included unless they result in direct
- loss of birds, nests, or eggs. The current list of species protected by the MBTA
- was published in the March 10, 2010 Federal Register (Federal Register,
- 14 Volume 75, page 9282 [75 FR 9282]).

# 15 **23.5.8 Executive Order 13186: Responsibilities of Federal**16 **Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds**

- Executive Order 13186 (January 10, 2001) directs federal agencies that have, or
- are likely to have, a measurable negative effect on migratory bird populations to
- develop and implement a Memorandum of Understanding with USFWS to
- 20 promote the conservation of migratory bird populations. The Memorandum of
- 21 Understanding should include implementation actions and reporting procedures
- 22 that would be followed through each agency's formal planning process, such as
- resource management plans and fisheries management plans.

#### 24 23.5.9 Executive Order 11990: Protection of Wetlands

- Executive Order 11990 (May 24, 1977) established the protection of wetlands and
- 26 riparian systems as the official policy of the federal government. It requires all
- 27 federal agencies to consider wetland protection as an important part of their
- 28 policies and take action to minimize the destruction, loss, or degradation of
- 29 wetlands and to preserve and enhance the natural and beneficial values of
- 30 wetlands.

#### 31 23.5.10 Federal Clean Air Act

- National air quality policies are regulated through the Federal Clean Air Act
- 33 (FCAA) of 1970 and its 1977 and 1990 amendments. Basic elements of the
- 34 FCAA include national ambient air quality standards for criteria air pollutants,
- hazardous air pollutants standards, state attainment plans, motor vehicle emissions
- 36 standards, stationary source emissions standards and permits, acid rain control
- measures, stratospheric ozone protection, and enforcement provisions.

#### 38 23.5.11 National Historic Preservation Act of 1966

- 39 Section 106 of the NHPA and its implementing regulations (36 Code of Federal
- 40 Regulations (CFR) Part 800) require Federal agencies to consider the effects of
- 41 their undertakings on cultural resources that are, or that may be, eligible for listing
- 42 in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and to afford the Advisory

- 1 Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment. NRHP-eligible
- 2 resources are considered to be "significant." The criteria used to evaluate
- 3 eligibility for listing on the NRHP are further discussed in the next subsection.
- 4 The Section 106 process that is typically associated with NEPA compliance
- 5 requires consultation of the federal lead agency with other federal, state, and local
- 6 agencies, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the State Historic
- 7 Preservation Officer (SHPO), Indian tribes, and interested members of the public,
- 8 such as historical societies. Throughout the Section 106 process, the federal lead
- 9 agency and consulting parties work together to identify adverse impacts on sites
- of cultural significance or historic properties, and seek ways to avoid, minimize,
- or mitigate the adverse effects. A Memorandum of Agreement or Programmatic
- 12 Agreement is issued by the participating parties that includes the measures agreed
- upon to avoid or reduce (i.e., mitigate) adverse effects. For large or complex
- undertakings, a Programmatic Agreement may also be negotiated to develop a
- phased approach to historic properties management or alternative Section 106
- processes through consultations. Thus, impacts to cultural resources that are
- identified in a NEPA document are addressed through Section 106.
- 18 Section 110 of the NHPA sets out the broad responsibilities of Federal agencies
- 19 for identifying and protecting historic properties under their jurisdiction, and for
- avoiding unnecessary damage to them. It is intended to ensure that an historic
- 21 preservation program is fully integrated into the ongoing program of each Federal
- agency. Section 110 allows the costs of preservation activities as eligible project
- costs in all undertakings conducted or assisted by a Federal agency. Federal
- 24 agencies are directed to withhold grants, licenses, approvals, or other assistance to
- applicants who intentionally damage or adversely affect historic properties in an
- 26 effort to avoid the Section 106 process.

#### 27 23.5.12 American Indian Religious Freedom Act

- 28 The American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978 protects the rights of Native
- 29 Americans to freedom of expression of traditional religions (24 U.S. Code
- section 1996). This act established "the policy of the United States to protect and
- 31 preserve for American Indians their inherent right of freedom to believe, express,
- and exercise the traditional religions...including but not limited to access to sites,
- 33 use and possession of sacred objects, and the freedom to worship through
- 34 ceremonials and traditional rites."

#### 35 23.5.13 Indian Sacred Sites on Federal Land

- 36 Executive Order 13007 provides that in managing Federal lands, each Federal
- 37 agency with statutory or administrative responsibility for management of Federal
- lands shall, to the extent practicable and as permitted by law, accommodate access
- to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners, and
- 40 avoid adversely affecting the physical integrity of such sacred sites.

#### 1 23.6 Consultation with Tribal Governments

- 2 Consistent with President Clinton's April 29, 1994 Memorandum and President
- 3 Obama's November 5, 2009 Memorandum, Reclamation contacted federally-
- 4 recognized tribal governments to participate in preparation of this EIS.
- 5 Reclamation met with the California Valley Miwok Tribe in 2012 and the Miwok
- 6 Maidu United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria in 2013.
- 7 Reclamation will continue to consult with each tribe on a government-to-
- 8 government basis before taking any action that could affect a tribal government.
- 9 Under the Federal Trust responsibility, Reclamation will provide full disclosure of
- the beneficial and adverse impacts of a project to the tribal government in a
- manner that provides adequate time for review and response. Reclamation will
- review comments received and consult with the tribal government prior to
- decisions related to a project.
- 14 Tribes and Indian Trust Assets were considered during preparation of this EIS, in
- accordance with environmental justice considerations identified in Executive
- Order 12898 (February 11, 1994), as summarized in Chapter 20, Indian Trust
- 17 Assets, and Chapter 21, Environmental Justice.

#### 18 23.7 References

- 19 SWC (State Water Contractors). 2015. "State Water Contractors About Us."
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