

Appendix D: Reclamation's Cultural Resources Determination

CULTURAL RESOURCES COMPLIANCE
Division of Environmental Affairs
, Cultural Resources Branch (MP-153)

MP-153 Tracking Number: 17-SCAO-079

Project Name: Central Valley Project Interim Renewal Contracts for Cities of Avenal,
Coalinga, Huron, and Calif. Dept. Fish & Wildlife 2017-2019

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Reclamation proposes to execute four interim renewal water service contracts between the United States and the contractors of the cities of Avenal, Coalinga, Huron, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The Proposed Action would continue the existing interim renewal contracts, with only minor, administrative changes to the contract provisions to update the previous interim renewal contracts for the new contract period to 2019. In the event a new long-term water service contract is executed, the interim renewal contract then-in-effect would be superseded by the long-term water service contract. No changes to the contractors' service areas or water deliveries are part of the Proposed Action. CVP water deliveries under the four proposed interim renewal contracts can only be used within each designated contract service area. The contract service area for the proposed interim renewal contracts have not changed from the existing interim renewal contracts. If the contractor proposes to change the designated contract service area separate environmental documentation and approval will be required. The proposed action consists of water management actions that would be conveyed through existing Reclamation facilities. No new construction or ground disturbing activities would be associated with the proposed action.

Reclamation determined that the proposed action is the type of undertaking that does not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties, should such properties be present, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.3(a)(1). As such, Reclamation has no further obligations under 54 U.S.C. § 306108, commonly known as Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

This document conveys the completion of the cultural resources review and NHPA Section 106 process for this undertaking. The proposed action would have no impacts on cultural resources. Please retain a copy of this document with the administrative record for the proposed action. Should the proposed action change, additional review under Section 106, possibly including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, may be required.