

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

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Project Name: Oak Flat Water District and Del Puerto Long-Term Water Exchange

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Reclamation proposes to approve long-term exchange agreements (through February 28, 2030) between Department of Water Resources, Del Puerto, and Oak Flat. This is the type of undertaking that does not have the potential to cause effects to historic properties, should such properties be present, pursuant to the NHPA Section 106 regulations codified at 36 CFR § 800.3(a)(1). Reclamation has no further obligations under NHPA Section 106, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.3(a)(1).

The Long-term agreement would allow the exchange of up to 3,000 AF per year of CVP and SWP supplies between the Districts utilizing the California Aqueduct and the Delta-Mendota Canal. The proposed exchanges are one-for-one exchanges and there would be no increase in diversions from the Sacramento–San Joaquin River Delta (Delta) by either DWR or Reclamation as a result of the exchanges. The water would not be used to place untilled or new lands into production, or to convert undeveloped land to other uses. No new construction or modification of existing facilities may occur in order to complete the Proposed Action.

This document is intended to convey the completion of the NHPA Section 106 process for this undertaking. Please retain a copy in the administrative record for this action. Should changes be made to this project, additional NHPA Section 106 review, possibly including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, may be necessary. Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment.