

Appendix F: Reclamation's Cultural Resources Determination

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

MP-153 Tracking Number: 13-SCAO-161

Project Name:

NEPA Document: EA 12-070

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Reclamation proposes to approve/permit the Santa Clara Valley Water District to make modifications to the Santa Clara and Pacheco Conduits to improve access to air release and other appurtenances for maintenance purposes. 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 project consists of obtaining new easements for the purpose of accessing existing vaults for maintenance and repair purposes, gravel collars, constructing new driveway exits off of public roads to provide access at certain vaults grading for a new gravel access road, installing one new sign, installing a number of new gates as needed to control safe access at certain locations. The landscape upon which project components are situated consists of modified modern development consisting predominantly of fill material or high disturbance from conduit and roadway construction.

After reviewing documentation provided within EA 12-070, Reclamation has concluded this action would not have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places. This document serves as notification that Section 106 compliance has been completed for this undertaking. Please note that if project activities subsequently change, additional NHPA Section 106 review, including further consultation with the SHPO, may be required.

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.