

Appendix A: Cultural Resources Determination

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

MP-153 Tracking Number: 17-SCAO-130

Project Name: Transfer Approvals for the Exchange of Water between Del Puerto Water District and Arvin-Edison Water Storage District (2017-2021 Contract¹ Years)

NEPA Document: EA-17-031

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MP 153 Cultural Resources Reviewer: Scott Williams, Archaeologist 

Date: September 21, 2017

Reclamation is proposing to approve Del Puerto Water District's (Del Puerto) the transfer of up to 15,000 acre-feet (AF) per year (2017-2021 Contract² Years). 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).

Reclamation would facilitate this transfer by conveying the transfer water from the San Luis Reservoir as usual, but instead of being diverted into Del Puerto turnouts, up to 15,000 AF of Del Puerto's CVP water would be delivered to Arvin-Edison Water Storage District (Arvin-Edison) through the California Aqueduct and the Cross Valley Canal. Arvin-Edison would then convey this CVP water to their water users including water banks. The proposed action would utilize existing facilities and would not involve any new ground disturbance or construction.

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.

¹ Contract Year shall mean the period from and including March 1 of each calendar year through the last day of February of the following calendar year.

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