

Appendix A: Cultural Resources Determination

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

MP-153 Tracking Number: 18-SCAO-042

Project Name: Hills Valley Irrigation District 5-year Warren Act Agreement for Kings River Water

NEPA Document: EA-17-036

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MP 153 Cultural Resources Reviewer: Scott Williams, Archaeologist 

Date: December 11.2017

Reclamation proposes to issue a 5-year Warren Act agreement to Hills Valley for the introduction and conveyance of up to 2,500 AF per year of non-CVP water purchased from Alta. 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 proposes to issue a 5-year Warren Act agreement to Hills Valley for the introduction and conveyance of up to 2,500 AF per year of non-CVP water purchased from Alta. This agreement would end February 28, 2022. This non-CVP water would be introduced into the Friant-Kern Canal at Milepost 29.10 from the pumping station owned by Delta Lands Reclamation District No. 770 (Delta Lands). From this point on the Friant-Kern Canal, the non-CVP water would be conveyed down the canal to Hills Valley's sole delivery point at Milepost 41.15L. The legal authority for this action is Article 18 (Water Acquired By The Contractor Other Than From the United States) of Hills Valley's Repayment Contracts 14-06-200-1911E and I75r-4309E, executed April 12, 2013 and April 14, 2013, respectively. Hills Valley is also requesting that Milepost 29.10 be added to its list of approved Points of Introduction. No ground disturbance or modification of existing facilities would be needed to complete the Proposed Action.

This document is intended to convey the completion of the NHPA Section 106 process for this undertaking. I concur with item 8 that this action would not have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by Reclamation (LND 02-01) (43 CFR 46.215 (g)). 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.