

# **Appendix E: Reclamation's Cultural Resources Determination**

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

**MP-153 Tracking Number:** 17-SCAO-249

**Project Name:** Central Valley Project Interim Renewal Contracts for Cross Valley Contractors 2018-2020

**NEPA Document:** EA-17-020

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Reclamation proposes to execute interim renewal contracts for the contracts listed in Table 1 (see below) for a two year period (March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2020). 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).

**Table 1 Contractors, Existing Contract Amounts, and Expiration Dates**

Contractor	Contract Number	Contract Quantity (acre-feet per year)	Expiration of Existing Interim Renewal Contract
County of Fresno <sup>1</sup>	14-06-200-8292A-IR15	3,000	2/29/2016
County of Tulare <sup>2</sup>	14-06-200-8293A-IR15	5,308	2/29/2016
Hills Valley Irrigation District <sup>3</sup>	14-06-200-8466A-IR15	3,346	2/29/2016
Kern-Tulare Water District	14-06-200-8601A-IR15	40,000	2/29/2016
Kern-Tulare Water District (from Rag Gulch Water District) <sup>3,4</sup>	14-06-200-8367A-IR15	13,300	2/29/2016
Lower Tule River Irrigation District	14-06-200-8237A-IR15	31,102	2/29/2016
Pixley Irrigation District	14-06-200-8238A-IR15	31,102	2/29/2016
Tri-Valley Water District	14-06-200-8565A-IR15	1,142	2/29/2016

<sup>1</sup>County of Fresno includes Fresno County Service Area #34

<sup>2</sup>County of Tulare includes the following subcontractors: Alpaugh Irrigation District, Atwell Water District, Hills Valley Irrigation District, Saucelito Irrigation District<sup>4</sup>, Stone Corral Irrigation District<sup>4</sup>, City of Lindsay<sup>4</sup>, Strathmore Public Utility District, Styrotek, Inc., and City of Visalia.

<sup>3</sup>Lower Tule River Irrigation District, Saucelito Irrigation District, Stone Corral Irrigation District, Tri-Valley Water District, Kern-Tulare Water District, Hills Valley Irrigation District, and City of Lindsay receive CVP water under more than one contract, either as Friant Division and/or Cross Valley Contractors.

<sup>4</sup>Kern Tulare Water District and Rag Gulch Water District consolidated on January 1, 2009.

Interim renewal contracts are needed to provide for the continued beneficial use of the water developed and managed by the CVP and for the continued reimbursement to the federal government for costs related to the construction and operation of the CVP. Additionally, CVP

water is essential to continue agricultural and municipal viability for these contractors. The Proposed Action is to execute eight interim renewal contracts in order to extend the term of the contractors' existing interim renewal contracts for two years, beginning March 1, 2018 and ending February 28, 2020. There would be no impacts to cultural resources as a result of implementing the Proposed Action as the Proposed Action would facilitate the flow of water through existing facilities to existing users. No new construction or ground disturbing activities would occur as part of the Proposed Action. The pumping, conveyance, and storage of water would be confined to existing CVP facilities.

This document is intended to convey the completion of the NHPA Section 106 process for this undertaking. 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.