

Appendix A: Cultural Resources Determination

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

MP-153 Tracking Number: 18-SCAO-105

Project Name: Exchange Contractors Return of Banked Water

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The Bureau of Reclamation proposes to approve the participation of the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority (Exchange Contractors) in the annual return of up to 20,000 acre-feet of exchange/banked water from Central Valley Project recognized Water Banks and any future approved Water Banks for up to 9 years (2018-2026). Reclamation approval is required for the Exchange Contractors to participate in this return of exchange/banked water. The transfer of water resulting from this approval will occur through existing facilities. There is no new construction or ground disturbance associated with the proposed action.

Reclamation determined the proposed action constitutes a Federal undertaking, as defined at 36 CFR § 800.16(y), that has no potential to cause effects on historic properties pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.3(a)(1). As such, Reclamation has no further obligations under Title 54 U.S.C. 306108, commonly known as Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The proposed action will have no impacts on cultural resources.

This document conveys the completion of the NHPA Section 106 process and cultural resources review for this undertaking. Please retain a copy in the administrative record for this action. Should the proposed action change, additional NHPA Section 106 review, possibly including consultation with the California State Historic Preservation Officer, may be necessary.