

Appendix 22A Cultural Resources

This appendix presents the Project's comprehensive environmental and cultural setting as presented in the report prepared by White et al. (2009). The report includes the environmental context that identifies the study area's flora, fauna, and geology relevant to cultural studies; the ethnographic context that describes the historical record pertaining to Native American presence in the study area, such as records of villages, homes, and ceremonies; the archaeological context that identifies and describes the archaeological models that characterize the study area's early Native American history, including chronology from the terminal Pleistocene era to the entry of Europeans into the Project region and regional cultures that are expressed through archaeological data, as well as the historical record that describes the post-1800 era and includes 19th- and 20th-century historical themes that characterize the study area's post-1800 history, including colonial settlement, ranching and agriculture, county and city histories including the town of Sites, and regional transportation development.

Some of the terminology in this report is not consistent with current standards for appropriate language and perspective in reference to Native American peoples and their history. As this report was published over a decade ago, it is a reflection of the language and perspectives of the time. The Authority and Reclamation recognize that current standards have evolved and that some of the language in the attached report is colonial-based and marginalizing to Native American people. Recognizing these limitations, the report continues to provide important context pertaining to Native American presence in the study area that is relevant to the Project, and the report is included here for this reason.