

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION CHECKLIST

Mid-Pacific Region
Lahontan Basin Area Office

Project Name: Southwest Gas Pipeline Crossing L1-7 Lateral Canal, Newlands Project,
Nevada

CEC Number: LO – 2011-1002

Cost Authority: A1R-1752-9652-260-00-5-7

Date: March 16, 2011

Exclusion Category: *516 DM 14.5 D.10.* – Issuance of permits, licenses, easements, and crossing agreements which provide right-of-way over Reclamation lands where the action does not allow for or lead to a major public or private action.

Nature of Action: Southwest Gas (SW Gas) has requested to install a 1" gas service line under the L1-7 lateral canal via a directional bore. The service line would connect to a 2" main line which parallels the north side of the lateral and the south side of Lazy Heart Lane. The 1" x 60-foot long service line would connect to the 2" main in a 3' x 6' x 3'-deep pit on the north side of the lateral. The pit is located within the lateral canal right-of-way. The service line would be bored 5-feet under the invert of the lateral and would exit in similar pit on the south side of the lateral located outside of the right-of-way. Reclamation's Newlands Project Coordinator and O&M Division have reviewed the project proposal and determined that it would not negatively affect Newlands Project features. SW Gas would be responsible for the installation, operation and maintenance of the service line.

Reclamation's action would be to issue a consent letter to SW Gas for this use authorization across the project feature easement/right-of-way which is a reserved right under the Act of 1890.

Location: The proposed crossing is located at 840 Lazy Heart Lane on the south side of the street approximately 730' feet west of Harrigan Road in Churchill County, Nevada. The location of the proposed crossing in UTM coordinates, NAD 83 projection, is approximately E 348039, N 4366103. This proposed project is located on the USGS Fallon quadrangle map, in the NE¼NE¼ of Section 18, T.18N., R.29E., M.D.M. See attached map.

Evaluation of Criteria for Categorical Exclusion

1.	This action would have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. (40 CFR 1502.3).	No ☒ Uncertain ___ Yes ___
2.	This action would have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2) (E) and 43 CFR 46.215 (c)].	No ☒ Uncertain ___ Yes ___
3.	This action will have significant impacts on public health or safety (43 CFR 46.215(a)).	No ☒ Uncertain ___ Yes ___
4.	This action would have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographical characteristics as historic or cultural resources; parks, recreation and refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principle drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (E.O. 11990); floodplains (E.O. 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas (43 CFR 46.215 (b)).	No ☒ Uncertain ___ Yes ___
5.	The action would have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risk (43 CFR 46.215 (d)).	No ☒ Uncertain ___ Yes ___
6.	This action would establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects (43 CFR 46.215 (e)).	No ☒ Uncertain ___ Yes ___
7.	This action would have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects (43 CFR 46.215 (f)).	No ☒ Uncertain ___ Yes ___
8.	This action would have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau (in coordination with a Reclamation cultural resources professional, RM LND 02-01 D(1)(a)) (43 CFR 46.215 (g)).	No ☒ Uncertain ___ Yes ___
9.	This action would have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species (43 CFR 46.215 (h)).	No ☒ Uncertain ___ Yes ___

10.	This action would violate a Federal, State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for protection of the environment (43 CFR 46.215 (i)).	No ☒ Uncertain ___ Yes ___
11.	This action would have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (E.O. 12898) (43 CFR 46.215 (j)).	No ☒ Uncertain ___ Yes ___
12.	This action would limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (E.O. 13007 and 43 CFR 46.215 (k)).	No ☒ Uncertain ___ Yes ___
13.	This action would affect Indian Trust Assets. (To be completed by Reclamation official responsible for ITAs) (S.O. 3175; Policy Memorandum dated 12/15/93).	No ☒ Uncertain ___ Yes ___
14.	This action would contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act, E.O. 13112, and 43 CFR 46.215 (l)).	No ☒ Uncertain ___ Yes ___

NEPA Action Recommended: Categorical Exclusion ☒ EA ___ EIS ___

Environmental commitments, explanation, and/or remarks:

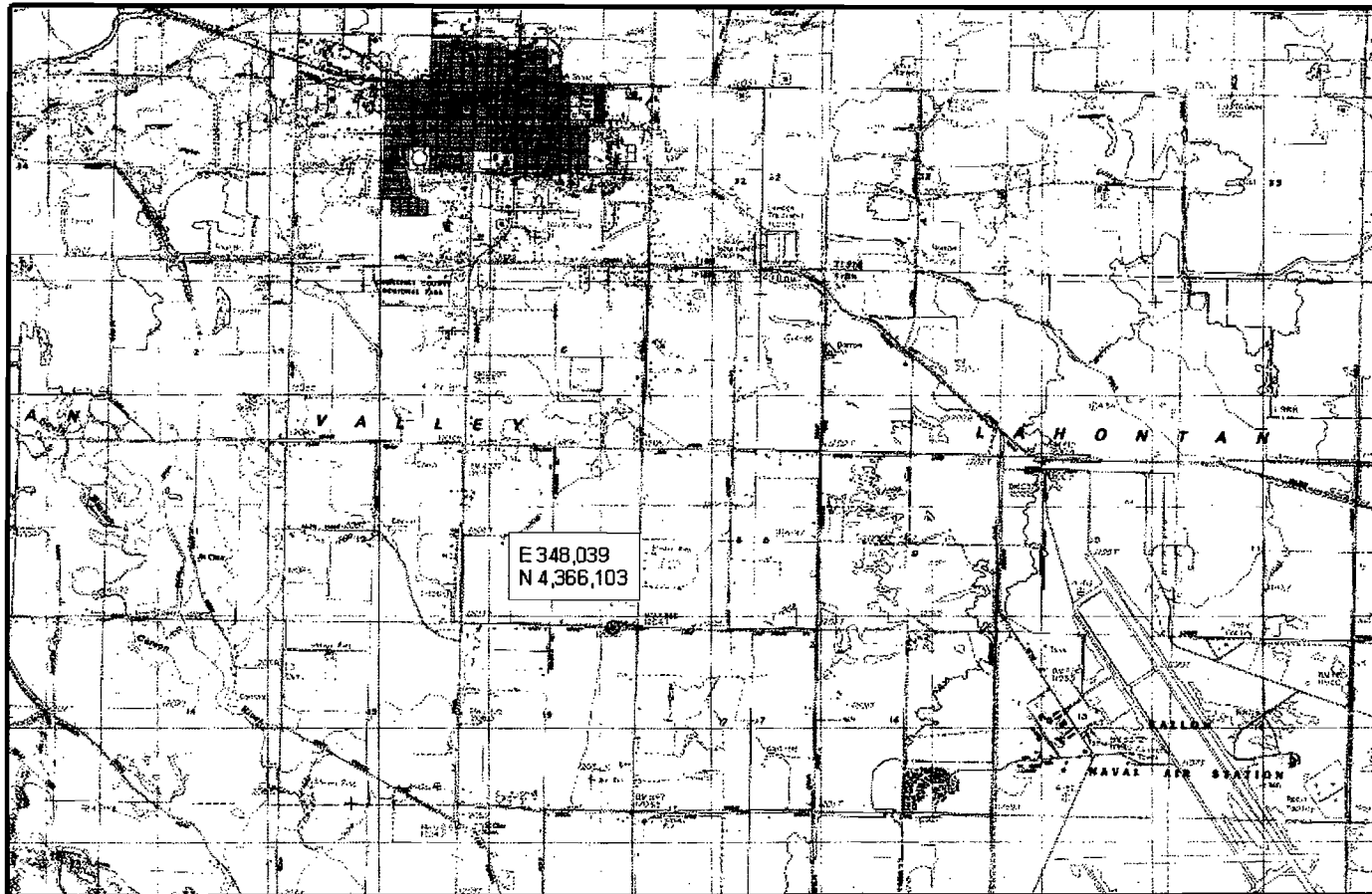
See the attached correspondence from the Mid-Pacific Region Cultural Resources Division regarding concurrence with Item 8 (cultural resources), and from Patricia Rivera regarding Item 13 (Indian Trust Assets).

Prepared by: Jane Schmitt March 22, 2011
Natural Resource Specialist Date

Recommended: William M. D. D. D. 3/22/11
Water and Land Specialist Date

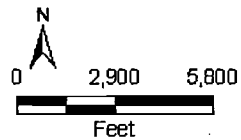
Concurrence: P. M. 03/22/2011
Acting Resource Division Manager Date

Approved: Kenneth L. Parr 3/22/11
Kenneth L. Parr Date
Area Manager



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L1-7 Lateral Crossing
 SW Gas Directional Bore

March 1, 2011

Deshler, William C

From: Overly, Stephen A
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:43 AM
To: Deshler, William C; Neugebauer, Peter J; Minor, Andrea J
Cc: Perry, Laureen (Laurie) M; Nickels, Adam M; Bruce, Brandee E; Barnes, Amy J; Goodsell, Joanne E; Dunay, Amy L; Fogerty, John A
Subject: CEC LO-2011-1002 SW Gas Pipeline Crossing Cultural Resources Review Complete

Project No. 11-LBAO-102
Project Name: SW Gas Pipeline Crossing L1-7 Lateral (1890 Canal Easement)
Project Location: NE¼NE¼ of Section 18, T.18N., R.29E., M.D.M.

BC,

Reclamation proposes to provide consent to the Southwest Gas (SW Gas) to install a 1" gas service line under the L1-7 Lateral via a directional bore. Reclamation's action will be issuing a consent letter to SW Gas for this use authorization crossing the project feature easement/right-of-way reserved under the Act of 1890.

Reclamation's statement of consent does not constitute an undertaking pursuant to Section 301(7) of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470) as amended. Because the statement of consent does not constitute an "undertaking," Reclamation does not have a responsibility to initiate the Section 106 process and has no statutory or regulatory mechanism, nor responsibility to consider the effects to historic properties.

Because Reclamation does not have an undertaking to initiate the Section 106 process, Reclamation is not responsible for actions or effect to potential historic properties that may be affected by the Districts actions. We have no further comment in regards to this action.

This email concludes any cultural resources considerations for this action.

Sincerely,
Tony

Stephen (Tony) Overly, M.A. Archaeologist
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From: Rivera, Patricia L

Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 10:50 AM

To: Dressel, William D

Subject: RE: ITA Processing Request for L1-7 Lateral Crossing on the Newlands Project

William,

I reviewed the proposed action to approve Southwest Gas' (SW Gas) has request to install a 1" gas service line under the L1-7 Lateral via a directional bore. The service line will connect to a 2" main which parallels the north side of the lateral and the south side of Lazy Heart Lane. The 1" x 60-foot long service line will connect to the 2" main in a 3' x 6' x 3'-deep pit on the north side of the lateral. The pit is within the lateral right-of-way. The service line will be bored 5-feet under the invert of the lateral and will exit in similar pit on the south side of the lateral located outside of the right-of-way. SW gas will be responsible for the installation, operation and maintenance of the service line.

Reclamation's action will be to issue a consent letter to the SW Gas for this use authorization across this project feature easement/right-of-way which is a reserved right under the Act of 1890.

The proposed action does not have a potential to affect Indian Trust Assets. The nearest ITA is Fallon Colony approximately 5 miles north of the project location.

Patricia