

**BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION CHECKLIST**

Mid-Pacific Region
Lahontan Basin Area Office

Project Name: Navy E4X Drain Abandonment

CEC Number: LO-2011-1017

Cost Authority: A20-1912-4999-100-00-0-0

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Exclusion Category: 516 DM 14.5 D.1 – Maintenance, rehabilitation, and replacement of existing facilities which may involve a minor change in size, location, and/or operation.

Nature of Action: The Lahontan Basin Area Office (LBAO) is proposing to abandon the E4X Drain which is located at the Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon. LBAO has determined that the Drain is not needed for Newlands Project purposes or for agricultural run-off needs; therefore, LBAO will write a letter abandoning the total length (approx. 3,040') of the drain. As a result, the Drain and any future actions affecting the drain will be the full responsibility of NAS Fallon.

Currently, the E4X Drain is providing stormwater drainage for a portion of NAS Fallon and it serves as a surface water conduit for daily discharge from the Installation's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) to the Lower Diagonal Drain and then to the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge (SNWF). Effluent discharge is permitted under a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Navy, Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and Bureau of Reclamation. A modification to the point of discharge will be needed on the MOA and possible modifications to the NDEP permit may be required.

Location: Just southwest of the south end of the main runway of the NAS.

SW1/4 S.23, T18N, R29E, M.D.M

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).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> 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)].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

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3.	This action will have significant impacts on public health or safety (43 CFR 46.215(a)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> 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)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> 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)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> 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)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> 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)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> 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)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> 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)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> 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)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> 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)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

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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)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> 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).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> 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)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> 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).

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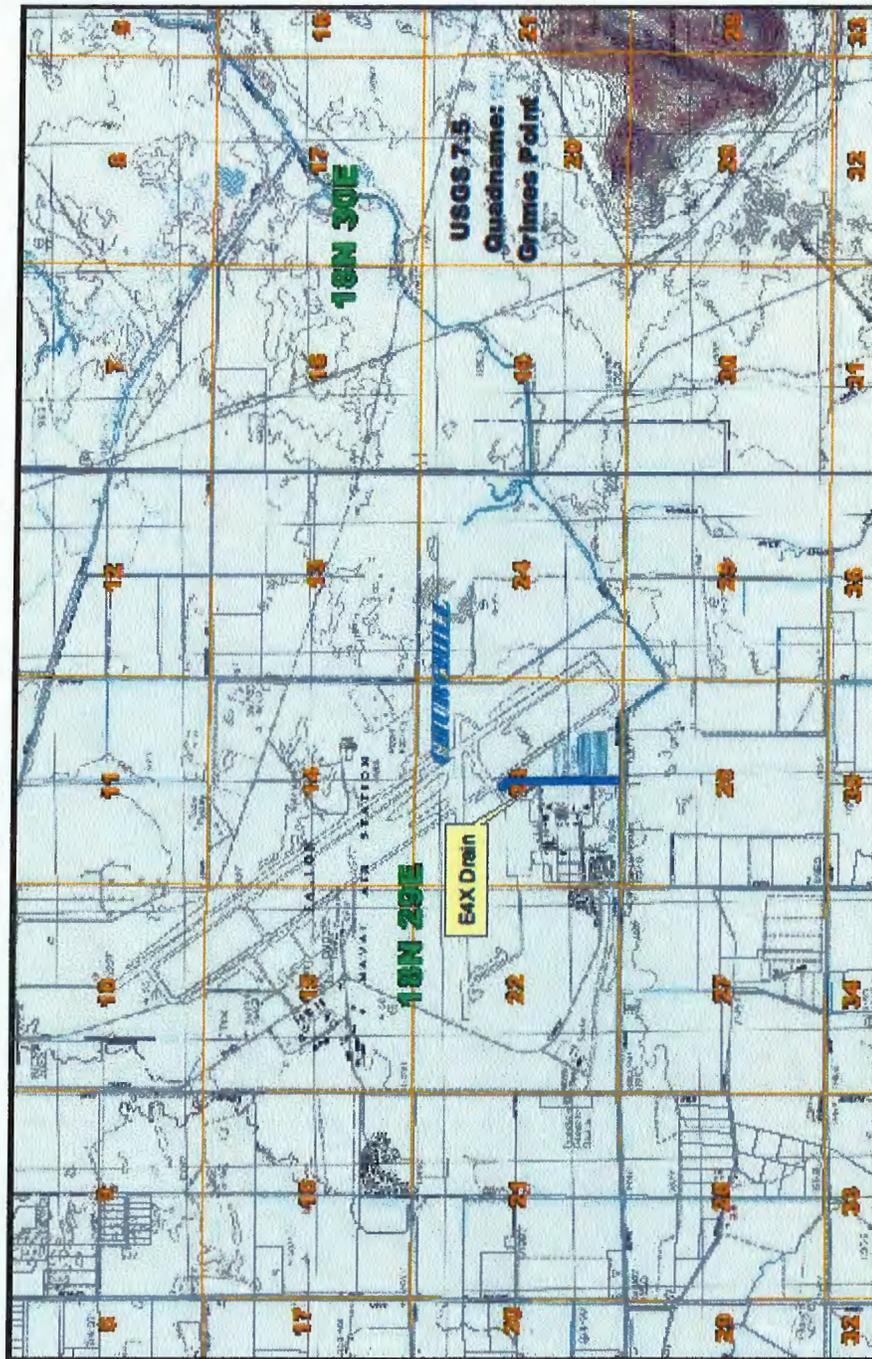
Prepared by: William D. Deshler Date: 09/20/2011
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Recommended: Julia Long Date: 09/20/2011
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Long, Julia A

From: Perry, Laureen (Laurie) M
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 4:41 PM
To: Long, Julia A
Cc: Deshler, William C; Bruce, Brandee E
Subject: RE: LO-2011-1017 Navy E4X Drain Abandonment

Julia,

In reference to CEC Number LO-2011-1017, the action to abandon Reclamation's use of the E4X Drain located within the Naval Air Station Fallon site does not have the potential to effect the historic property. The E4X Drain was originally constructed for use with the Newlands Project, although it appears to never have been used for its intended purpose. LBAO determined the drain is not needed for Newlands Project purposes or for agricultural run-off needs, and is abandoning it. Since the drain remains on Federal land, Reclamation's abandonment does not have the potential to cause effects to the historic property. The Department of the Navy consulted with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) (letter dated July 14, 2011) on their use of the drain for other non-agricultural purposes with SHPO concurrence on their finding of no adverse effect (response letter dated August 19, 2011).

I concur with item #8 on the CEC that this action will not have a significant impact on historic properties. No consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is required for Reclamation's action pursuant to 36 CFR §800.3(a)(1). Please retain a copy of this email for the administrative record for this project.

Laureen

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Long, Julia A

From: Rivera, Patricia L
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 8:01 AM
To: Long, Julia A
Subject: RE: ITA Request - E4X Drain Abandonment at NAS Fallon

Julia,

I reviewed the proposed action to abandon the E4X Drain which is located at the Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon site. LBAO has determined that the Drain is not needed for Newlands Project purposes or for agricultural run-off needs; therefore, LBAO will write a letter abandoning the total length (approx. 3,040') of the drain. As a result, the Drain and any future actions affecting the drain will be the full responsibility of the NAS Fallon site.

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The proposed action does not have a potential to affect Indian Trust Assets. The nearest ITA is Fallon Colony approximately 6 miles NW of the project location.

Patricia

Hope all is going well for you. Sad to see our long day-light hours are becoming lesser and lesser. Well, we will survive huh? Have a fun day!