

**BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION CHECKLIST**

Mid-Pacific Region
Lahontan Basin Area Office

Project Name: SW Gas, Gas Main Replace on Wood Dr in L-Line ROW

CEC Number: LO-2011-1032

Cost Authority: A1R-1752-9652-260-00-6-3

Date: 9/23/2011 9:42:43 AM

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: Applicant has requested LBAO consent to work within our right-of-way (ROW) to replace a 476' long section of 2-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) gas main pipe with 2-inch polyethylene (PE) pipe.

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Location: SE1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4 S.31, T19N, 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
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

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<p>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)).</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>
<p>5. The action would have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risk (43 CFR 46.215 (d)).</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>
<p>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)).</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>
<p>7. This action would have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects (43 CFR 46.215 (f)).</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>
<p>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)).</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>
<p>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)).</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>
<p>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)).</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>
<p>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)).</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>

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

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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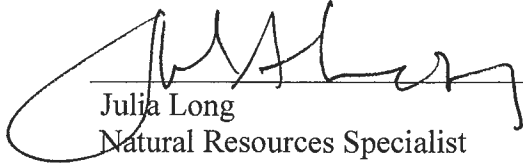
Prepared by:



Date: 09/28/2011

William (BC) Deshler
Water and Lands Specialist

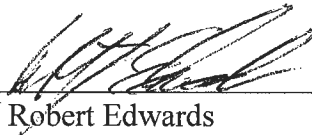
Recommended:



Date: 09/28/2011

Julia Long
Natural Resources Specialist

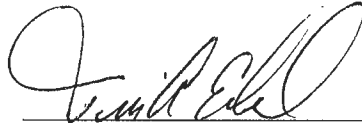
Concurrence:



Date: 09/29/2011

Robert Edwards
Resource Division Manager

Approved:



Date: 10/12/11

Terri Edwards
Deputy Area Manager

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South West Gasline Replacement
 L-Line ROW at Wood Drive



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09/23/2011

Long, Julia A

From: Nickels, Adam M
nt: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 11:10 AM
To: Long, Julia A
Cc: Barnes, Amy J; Bruce, Brandee E; Dunay, Amy L; Fogerty, John A; Goodsell, Joanne E; Leigh, Anastasia T; Overly, Stephen A; Perry, Laureen (Laurie) M; Soule, William E; Williams, Scott A
Subject: RE: LO-2011-1032 SWG Gas Main Replacement

11-LBAO-268

The proposed undertaking to issue a consent to SW Gas to for the purpose of removing and replacing an existing gas line within the right-of-way of the L-Line Canal has no potential to cause effects to historic properties pursuant to the regulations at 36 CFR §800.3(a)(1).

The proposed action will involve the removal of an existing gas line. The action will be confined to the area of disturbance from the original gas line. The actions effectively occur within the previously disturbed context of the existing pipeline.

I concur with line 8 of the CEC LO-2011-1032 for "SW Gas, Gas Main Replace on Wood Dr. in L-Line ROW dated September 23, 2011.

Location: SE1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4 S.31, T19N, R29E, M.D.M

This email memo is intended to convey the conclusion of the Section 106 process for this undertaking. In the event that sources are identified in the field, construction should stop and a Reclamation archaeologist contacted. Please retain a copy of this memo with the CEC file.

Sincerely,

Adam M. Nickels - Archaeologist - M.S.
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From: Long, Julia A
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 4:05 PM
To: BOR MPR Cultural Resources Section
Subject: LO-2011-1032 SWG Gas Main Replacement

Hello -

Attached is a CEC including a map and photos for issuing a letter of consent to allow access on a Reclamation ROW. This access is required to replace a 476' section of gas pipeline.

Please review for concurrence and let me know if you require additional information.

Thank you,

Julia Long
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Long, Julia A

From: Rivera, Patricia L
It: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 8:35 AM
To: Long, Julia A
Subject: RE: LO-2011-1032 SWG Gas Main Replacement ITA

Julia,

I reviewed the proposed action to approve the applicant's request to work within our right-of-way (ROW) to replace a 476' long section of 2-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) gas main pipe with 2-inch polyethylene (PE) pipe.

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The proposed action does not have a potential to affect Indian Trust Assets. The nearest ITA is Fallon Coony approximately 2 miles North of the project location.

Patricia