

4. Environmental Consequences and Mitigation Measures

4.10 INDIAN TRUST ASSETS

The affected environment section for Indian Trust Assets was divided into the San Joaquin River Region and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in order to facilitate description of the assets of the project area and vicinity. This impact section focuses specifically on these two areas in order to determine whether or not there are any existing Indian Trust Assets (ITAs) that could potentially be impacted by the proposed action.

It is Reclamation's policy to protect ITAs from adverse impacts of its programs and activities whenever possible. Types of actions which could affect ITAs include an interference with the exercise of a reserved water right, degradation of water quality where there is a water right, impacts to fish and wildlife where there is a hunting or fishing right, or noise near a land asset where it adversely impacts uses of the reserved land. (USBR 1997d)

4.10.1 San Joaquin River Region

Approximately 11 reservations or rancherias are located in the counties that make up this region. In addition, there are also an unknown number of public domain allotments within the region.

Actions evaluated in this EIS/EIR include the management of water resources. It is unknown if there are any ITAs that would be directly affected by the proposed action or alternative action, but it is expected that there would not be any adverse impacts to ITAs in the San Joaquin River Region. Increased or decreased flows would be within the normal floodplain of the affected rivers and would not negatively affect any ITAs that may be located adjacent to rivers.

4.10.2 Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta

There are no reservations or rancherias located in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. There would be no impacts to ITAs in this region as a result of the proposed action or alternative action.

4.10.3 Impact Summary and Mitigation

4.10.3.1 Reservoirs

Proposed Action

- There are no adverse impacts to Indian Trust Assets at any of the reservoirs. No mitigation is necessary.

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- There are no adverse impacts to Indian Trust Assets at any of the reservoirs. No mitigation is necessary.

4.10.3.2 Rivers

Proposed Action

- There are no adverse impacts to Indian Trust Assets at any of the rivers. No mitigation is necessary.

Alternative Action

- There are no adverse impacts to Indian Trust Assets at any of the rivers. No mitigation is necessary.

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