

FERC Project No. 14797
Devil Canyon Project
Cultural Resources Study Approach

FIELD RESULTS AND DATA SUMMARY

November 15, 2019

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) provides the following field results and data summary for the Devil Canyon Project, *Cultural Resources Study Approach*, which includes work completed to date, key findings, and associated data files. The Licensee considers these data to be **Privileged**.

Completed Work:

DWR has completed the Study Approach. DWR's methodology followed the Cultural Resources Study Approach. A summary of completed work is as follows:

- Performed archival and background research for archaeological and historic built resources study tasks.
- Conducted pedestrian field surveys.
- Excavated archaeological surface scrapes in locations considered sensitive for potential buried cultural deposits.
- Prepared photographic logs and site condition assessment forms.
- Prepared National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) evaluations of all built resources and those archaeological sites which could be assessed at the survey level.
- Completed National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 Cultural Resources Study Reports.
- Submitted completed Section 106 Cultural Resources Study Reports to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for concurrence.

Key Accomplishments/Summary of Findings:

The completed work referenced above resulted in the following:

- Project contains approximately 1,051 acres of dry, non-inundated lands. Archaeological surveys successfully examined 63 percent of the dry lands within the Area of Potential Effects (APE); the remaining 37 percent of dry lands in the APE were steep, unsafe, or otherwise inaccessible.
- Archaeological excavation of 144 surface scrapes was conducted; all surface scrape units were negative.
- Not all locations in the APE were accessible due to dense vegetation and steep terrain.
- Not all archival research repositories listed in the study plan contained relevant data. Research repositories lacking relevant data were not visited.

- Documented 28 archaeological resources and 8 isolated finds. The 28 archaeological resources included 8 previously recorded archaeological resources and 20 newly discovered archaeological resources; consisting of 3 prehistoric sites, 23 historic sites, and 2 multicomponent sites.
- Recommended 18 archaeological sites and 8 isolated finds ineligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and 10 sites as unevaluated for NRHP listing.
- SHPO concurred with these recommendations in a letter dated September 18, 2019.
- Survey of 12 historic built environment resources (i.e., recreation areas, hydro system, etc.), comprised of over 50 buildings and structures distributed across the 12 resources.
- Recommended 3 historic built environment resources eligible for NRHP listing and 9 historic built environment resources ineligible.
- SHPO concurred with these recommendations in a letter dated September 18, 2019.

Associated Data Files: Privileged (all associated data can be found in the folder with this summary form.

Note: confidential CEII/privileged information will not be posted publicly):

File Name	Data Description	File Type	File Location
DC Cultural Privileged	Surface Scrape Unit Locations	PDF	Studies/Study-10-Cultural-Resources/Associated Data Files
DC Cultural Privileged	Archaeological Resources Locations on Aerial Map	PDF	Studies/Study-10-Cultural-Resources/Associated Data Files
DC Cultural Privileged	Archaeological Resources Locations on 7.5-minute Topo Map	PDF	Studies/Study-10-Cultural-Resources/Associated Data Files
DC Cultural Privileged	Survey Coverage on Aerial Map	PDF	Studies/Study-10-Cultural-Resources/Associated Data Files
DC Cultural Privileged	Survey Coverage Topo Map	PDF	Studies/Study-10-Cultural-Resources/Associated Data Files
DC Cultural Privileged	Built Resources Locations Topo Map	PDF	Studies/Study-10-Cultural-Resources/Associated Data Files

Variances from Study Methods, Schedule or Approach and Abnormalities in Expected Field Conditions:

The completed work referenced above resulted in the following variances and/or abnormalities in expected conditions:

- The study schedule was modified to accommodate the completion of DWR discussions with tribes and arrangements for a Morongo Band of Mission Indians monitor to be present during the surface scrape portion of the study fieldwork.

Remaining Work:

The work remaining in the associated Study Approach includes:

- Submittal of completed California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) 523 forms to the South Central Coastal Information Center for Primary numbers and Trinomials.
- Submittal of completed DPR forms and GIS site location and survey data to agency and Tribal participants (as necessary).
- Respond to SHPO comments on Study Reports (if necessary).