

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

FIELD RESULTS AND DATA SUMMARY

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

Completed Work:

DWR has completed the *Tribal Resources Study Approach* (Study). DWR's methodology followed the approach outlined in the Study. A summary of completed work is as follows:

- Step 1 Perform Archival Research: Performed archival and background research for known Traditional Cultural Properties, ethnographic resources, and other data relevant to the Study.
- Step 2 Consult with Tribes and Identify Resources and Step 3 Conduct Site Visits: Contacted potentially interested tribes to identify tribal elders interested in being interviewed by the Study ethnographer to assist in identifying resources of tribal importance within the Area of Potential Effects (APE).
- Step 4 Evaluation of Tribal Resources: Identified and evaluated potential tribal resources, and prepared a draft Privileged National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 Tribal Resources Study Report as the final task under the Study.

Key Accomplishments/Summary of Findings:

- One tribal elder with the Morongo Band of Mission Indians was interviewed by the ethnographer. The tribal elder did not know of any places or resources of importance to the tribe within the APE.
- The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians (San Manuel) coordinated with the Cultural Advisor Working Group and contacted elders for potential interviews. None of the elders were able to provide the ethnographer with information relevant to the APE, so no interviews occurred.
- The San Manuel provided a confidential list of important plants for evaluation during DWR's relicensing *Botanical Resources Study Approach*. However, no tribal members were able to provide locations of any plants included on the confidential list, within the APE that are visited for plant collecting or use as plant harvesting has been restricted in the past. However, plant gathering in the Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area and on National Forest System lands by tribal members is now considered a permitted use when authorized by California Department of Parks and Recreation and San Bernardino National Forest.

- Requested contact lists from the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) and a search of the Sacred Lands File (SLF) in July 2015 and in May 2019.
- The NAHC's 2015 search of the SLF indicated no known sacred lands listed within the existing Project APE; the 2019 results indicated the possibility that a sensitive resource might be located in the APE. However, no documents were encountered that identified known or potential Indian Trust Assets (ITAs), Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs), agreements between tribes and land-managing agencies, or other potential tribal resources. No sensitive resources on file with the NAHC were identified during tribal interviews or communications.
- The ethnographer identified two of the previously recorded archaeological sites, CA-SBR-501/H and CA-SBR-3033/H, as potentially important locations and the SMBMI identified CA-SBR-8913 to be of interest. However, CA-SBR-501/H was not accessible at the time of the cultural and tribal resources studies, and no evidence of CA-SBR-3033/H, the Mojave Trail, was found. CA-SBR-501/H, CA-SBR-3033/H, and CA-SBR-8913 were not identified as TCPs but are of interest to the tribes.
- No ITAs or TCPs were identified within the APE.

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
20190424_dc_Tribal_PRIVILEGED_Resource Location_Topo_11x17	Archaeological Resources Locations on USGS 7.5-minute Topographic Map	PDF	Privileged - Not for public distribution
20190423_Tribal_PRIVILEGED_CulturalPlantList	San Manuel Non-Exhaustive List of Plants of Cultural Importance to Serrano Peoples	PDF	Privileged - Not for public distribution

Variations 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 the development of Non-Disclosure Agreements.
 - The Study Approach included a Study completion date of June 2018. However, due to the schedule modification and the time required to search for potential tribal interviewees, the Study fieldwork and research was concluded in fall 2018 and the draft Privileged NHPA Section 106 Tribal Resources Report was completed and approved for distribution by the SMBMI in November 2019.

Remaining Work:

The work remaining for the Study includes:

- Addressing tribal and agency comments (if any) to the draft Privileged NHPA Section 106 Tribal Resources Report. Comments are expected in December 2019.