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Appendix A

Comments and Responses

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A.2 Consultation & Cooperating Agency Letters

A.2.1 Lead Federal Agency Designation Documentation



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May 17, 2023

USDI United States Fish & Wildlife Service
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RE: Formal Request a Cooperating Agency on the Tule Lake Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment (EA)

Dear Mr. Austin:

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) at 40 CFR Section 1501.6, Tulelake Irrigation District is formally requesting that the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex become a cooperating agency in the planning and development of the Tule Lake Watershed (TLW) Environmental Assessment (EA). This request is being made because your agency has been identified as having special expertise or jurisdiction by law related to this project. The EA is being prepared to fulfill NRCS's NEPA compliance responsibilities pertaining to our potential federal financial assistance through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program (Public Law 83-566) for this project. As the Refuge may also have NEPA compliance responsibilities concerning this project or other future projects that may be evaluated in this EA, such as improvements on channels within Reclamation Right of Way, preparation of this EA should also assist in fulfilling environmental review requirements for your agency and meet NEPA's intent of reducing duplication and delay between agencies.

The purpose of the project is irrigation efficiency improvement, and most or all alternatives currently under consideration will potentially alter or at least require access to ditches and levees built by TID with Bureau of Reclamation assistance. The federal funding source is the NRCS Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) Program, which has specific requirements regarding the planning process and document formats. These requirements are designed to be compatible with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Principles, Requirements and Guidelines for Water and Land Related Resources Implementation Studies (PR&G).

Pursuant to the provisions in the National Environmental Policy Act[i], Endangered Species Act[ii] and National Historic Preservation Act[iii], NRCS is assuming the lead Federal agency designation to fulfill the collective federal responsibilities for environmental analysis for this project. In addition, the NRCS will also serve as the lead federal agency for consultation for Essential Fish Habitat, as required under section 305(b)(2) of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

NRCS, as the lead agency, incorporates the requirements of NEPA and WFPO via site-specific environmental evaluations completed during the planning process and makes the determination whether the proposed action requires a project-specific EA or EIS. Pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.6 we are requesting the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex to become a "Cooperating Agency" in the preparation of the appropriate NEPA document.

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If your agency is unable to participate as a cooperating agency, then please return a written explanation why your agency cannot participate. Please note that a response declining to be a cooperating agency is required to also be submitted to the Council on Environmental Quality per 40 CFR Section 1501.6(c). Upon acceptance of this invitation, roles can be defined in an informal agreement or formal MOU can be established.

Thank you for your timely response and cooperation with this project. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Steve Hill, steve.hill@usda.gov or by phone at (530) 792-5642. Please reply to this letter within 30 days if you are aware of any concerns within your agency about NRCS' self-designation as lead federal agency, or if your agency declines to participate as a cooperating agency.

Sincerely,

CARLOS SUAREZ OLIVA

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Jennifer Cavanaugh, Environmental Compliance Coordinator, NRCS, Davis, CA
Steve Hill, Small Watershed Planner, NRCS, Davis, CA

[i] 40 CFR 1501.5 – "*A lead Agency shall supervise the preparation of an environmental impact statement if more than one federal agency either proposes or is involved in the same action;*" and "*…the potential lead agencies shall determine by letter or memorandum which agency shall be the lead agency and which shall be cooperating agencies.*"
[ii] 50 CFR 402.07 – "*When a particular action involves more than one Federal agency, the consultation and conference responsibilities may be fulfilled through a lead agency.*"
[iii] 36 CFR 800.2(a)(2) – "*…If more than one Federal agency is involved in an undertaking, some or all [of] the agencies may designate a lead Federal agency, which shall identify the appropriate official to serve as the agency official who shall act on their behalf, fulfilling their collective responsibilities under section 106.*"

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Subject: Requesting NRCS to be lead agency for Section 106 Consultation

The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in California, with Tulelake Irrigation District (TID) as the project sponsor, is developing a Watershed Plan - Environmental Assessment (Plan- EA) for Tulelake Irrigation District Infrastructure Modernization Project in Modoc and Siskiyou Counties, California, and Klamath County, Oregon.

For this project, Section 106 consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) is required. Through this letter, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is formally designating NRCS-CA as the lead for Section 106 compliance on the Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) lands for this project. The Service is requesting that NRCS-CA keep the Service appraised on any field surveys on Refuge lands, and to allow the Service to review final drafts.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Refuge Manager

Cc: Denise de Joseph

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Subject: Bureau of Reclamation Cooperating Agency Status for the Tulelake Watershed Plan – Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. De La Riva & Mr. Hill:

This letter is in response to the March 14, 2023, request for the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to participate as a cooperating agency in the planning and development of the Tulelake Watershed Plan – Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA is being prepared to fulfill the Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 USC §4321 et seq.) compliance responsibilities pertaining to NRCS's potential financial assistance through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program (Public Law 83-566). Possible projects to be evaluated in and subsequently implemented as a result of this EA may include modifications to Reclamation facilities that would require, and not necessarily be limited to, Reclamation's issuance of permits or licenses for construction and easements. Additions or alterations to Reclamation-owned facilities may require additional engineering review and acceptance of proposed designs and issuance of an MP-620 permit.

Regarding the NEPA, Reclamation agrees to participate as a cooperating agency and encourages NRCS to work closely with local, state, and other federal agencies as appropriate throughout the NEPA process. Reclamation will work within the limits of its resources to assist in defining the scope of analysis, identifying sources of information, and offering input to address certain issues in the EA, with the intent that the EA be used to also satisfy the requirements for Reclamation's actions. As such, Reclamation anticipates being cited as a cooperating agency in the EA.

Similarly, Reclamation also agrees to serve as a cooperating agency in fulfilling requirements under the Endangered Species Act (16 USC §1531 et seq.) and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 USC §1801 et seq.). Prior to initiating consultations with the regulating agencies as necessary, please coordinate your draft determinations, as well as the information/documentation in forming determinations with Reclamation. Failure to include Reclamation's actions in consultations may require that Reclamation consult separately on its actions prior to issuing any authorization. It is

requested that NRCS include a statement in its consultation letters indicating that Reclamation has agreed to participate as a cooperating agency for this project.

In the matter of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 USC §300101 et seq.), Reclamation intends to act as a cooperating agency and will need to provide direct input for any eligibility determinations for cultural resources and assessment of effects for historic properties on Reclamation lands. Reclamation has adequate initial project details to begin a preliminary analysis of this project and has filed it as the Tulelake Irrigation District Infrastructure Modernization Project (tracking number 24-KBAO-006). A formal letter designating NRCS as the lead Federal Agency for NHPA Section 106 compliance, outlining Reclamation's involvement and defining its roles, responsibilities, and requirements related to this project will be issued to NRCS in the near future pursuant to Section 4.C.(1)(c) of the Memorandum of Understanding Between The United States Department of the Interior The United States Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Department of Agriculture The Natural Resources Conservation Service executed September 16, 2022.

Reclamation looks forward to our continued involvement in this project. If you have any questions, please contact Kirk Young, Natural Resource Specialist, at (541) 880-2589 or byoung@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Designation of Lead Federal Agency for Compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 Consultation for the Tulelake Irrigation District Infrastructure Modernization Project (Project), Klamath County, Oregon, and Modoc and Siskiyou Counties, California (24-KBAO-006)

Dear Mr. De La Riva:

This letter concerns the designation of lead Federal agency to the Natural Resource Conservation Service's (NRCS) for the proposed Project to modernize facilities used by the Tulelake Irrigation District (TID) to improve water delivery efficiency and to address local water, fish, and wildlife resource concerns. The Bureau of Reclamation's action is to issue TID a use authorization for the TID Infrastructure Modernization Project, which includes installation of new components on and modifications to existing Reclamation facilities. NRCS is providing funding to TID under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program (Public Law (PL) 83-566) as well as technical assistance.

We hereby designate NRCS as the lead Federal agency to act on behalf of Reclamation for the purposes of compliance with Title 54 U.S.C. § 306108, commonly known as Section 106 of the NHPA, and its implementing regulations found at 36 CFR Part 800. Reclamation and NRCS executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2022 to coordinate activities carried out under the NRCS Watershed Operations Program on lands and facilities owned by Reclamation. Pursuant to Section 4.C.(1)(c) of the MOU, we request that any submissions NRCS makes to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in Oregon or California include a statement indicating that we have designated NRCS as the lead Federal agency for the proposed Project. We will need to provide direct input for any determinations of eligibility for cultural resources and assessment of effects for historic properties on Reclamation lands. Reclamation also requests that NRCS provide us with copies of all reports, the opportunity to review and comment on all documents prior to their submission to SHPO, and copies of all correspondence.

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We also request that any submissions you make to interested parties, tribes, or the SHPO include Reclamation's undertaking and designation of lead agency. If this is not done, then Reclamation may need to consult separately on our undertaking prior to issuing the use authorization. Please reference our tracking number, 24-KBAO-006, on correspondence.

Prior to our role in the proposed Project being identified, NRCS had conducted tribal consultations for their action on January 31, 2024. To fulfill our NHPA Section 106 requirements, Reclamation will also conduct tribal consultations for our undertaking independently of NRCS. We will coordinate with NRCS on any responses as appropriate.

We look forward to our continued involvement in this Project. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Amy Barnes, Archaeologist, at (916) 978-5047 or abarnes@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

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A.2.2 Section 106 Consultation Documentation

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The assigned SHPO Case Number is 24-0347. Refer to this case number on all future correspondence or submitting any change to the scope of work for review using the provided SHPO case number. Please retain this email for your records.

If the SHPO chooses to not respond within 30 calendar days from receipt of this submittal your responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended, Oregon Revised Statute 358.653, local permitting process, and/or other similar request are complete and the project may proceed as described in the submitted scope of work. The 30-day SHPO response period for this project ends after 03/07/24 . Federal and state laws protecting cultural resources, local permitting requirements; and necessary consultation with Native American Indian Tribes for federal, state and local government projects still apply. See https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/Pages/lawsrules.aspx .

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RE: Case Number 24-0347 – Continued Section 106 Consultation for the Natural Resources Conservation Service Tulelake Irrigation District Modernization Project in Modoc and Siskiyou counties, California and Klamath County, Oregon – *Finding of no adverse effect to historic properties*

Dear Ms. Curran:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service California State Office (NRCS) is submitting its finding of effect for the TID Modernization project, case #24-0347. We previously communicated with you on February 27, 2024 (via online submittal) regarding initiation of Section 106 review. This project is a multi-agency undertaking between the NRCS, the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), for which the NRCS is the designated Lead Federal Agency (Attachment A).

Coordination with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
As required by NRCS WFPO policy, the Sponsor is preparing a Plan-Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) document pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act to analyze potential impacts to resources of concern from a No Action (Project without Federal Funding) and a Proposed Action (Modernization project) alternative. The Plan-EA will fulfill the NRCS's Section 106 review public participation responsibilities consistent with 36 CFR § 800.2(d)(3) in accordance with NEPA regulations and NRCS policy at Title 390, Part 500. The draft and final Plan-EA documents will be available for comment on the NRCS California website at https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/conservation-by-state/california/environmental-compliance-notices.

Area of Potential Effects (APE) - Update

Determination of an appropriate APE was coordinated with NEPA scoping efforts and resulted in development of a cultural resources workplan to guide archaeological and historic built environment identification. The Sponsor's cultural resources consultant, Parametrix, developed the workplan in accordance with a scope of work provided by the NRCS and coordinated with the BOR and USFWS who have jurisdiction over lands where some project activities are proposed. The workplan is included in the technical report (Parametrix 2026) attached to this letter (Attachment B) and includes maps of known cultural resources identified through a search of the California Historical Research Information System (CHRIS) and Oregon Archaeological Records Remote Access (OARRA) and Historic Sites Database as of August 2023.

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Scoping and background research for the workplan resulted in the NRCS, as LFA and in consultation with the BOR and USFWS, defining the area of potential effects (APE) for this undertaking as 146 discontiguous locations, each with a 100-foot buffer, where the proposed SCADA equipment installations, pump upgrades, and power source installations for the Modernization Project are located, for an assessment of direct and indirect effects. The proposed APE is documented in the attached technical report (Parametrix 2026:Figures 2.1-2.18) (see Attachment B). Equipment transport and assembly, and construction staging, will utilize existing TID access roads and maintenance areas and are excluded.

Native American Consultation

The NRCS initiated consultation with Native American consulting parties in California and Oregon on January 31, 2024. The NRCS sent a letter describing the project and maps showing the location of proposed project activities to the following tribes. Consultation is ongoing and the results will be incorporated into NRCS decisions regarding the finding of effect, Plan-EA findings, and installation of the proposed project including NRCS policy Implementation Requirements or mitigation measures required by regulations.

Alturas Rancheria of Pit River Indians
Cedarville Rancheria of Northern Paiute Indians
Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians
Fort Bidwell Indian Community of Paiute
Karuk Tribe
Klamath Tribe
Modoc Nation
Pit River Tribe of California
Quartz Valley Indian Community
Shasta Indian Nation
Winnemem Wintu Tribe
Wintu Tribe of Northern California

Historic Properties Identification and Evaluation

The technical report prepared by the Sponsor's consultant Parametrix (2026) has been reviewed by the NRCS in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.2(a)(3) (see Attachment B). The report documents the results of background research, literature review, historic map review, and pedestrian survey of the APE, with identified resources evaluated for National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility. These include the historical infrastructure components of the TID system which will be modified for the undertaking and some of which are recommended as contributing resources of the Klamath Project Historic District (KPHD), discussed fully in the report.

The following resources were identified in or adjacent to the APE. All are fully discussed and evaluated in the technical report in Attachment B (Parametrix 2026) except for the Tule Lake Historic District (TLHD), a multi-component historic district identified herein by the NRCS through consultation and review of the technical report findings and treated as eligible for listing

in the NRHP. Two archaeological resources, a lithic scatter and isolated artifact, also documented in the report, will be avoided by the undertaking and are not discussed below.

Klamath Project Historic District
The Klamath Project Historic District is an inter-state irrigation project that has been historically treated as eligible for listing in the NRHP by consensus by federal agencies and the Oregon and California SHPOs under criteria A and C for its for its engineering features and association with federal reclamation efforts to develop agriculture in Oregon and California. The TID system is an integral part of the KPDH with many of its components evaluated as contributing resources of the district.

Tule Lake National Monument
The Tule Lake National Monument is comprised of the Tule Lake Segregation Center NHL and Camp Tule Lake, historical resources associated with the internment of American citizens during World War II. Agricultural parcels within the TID system are within the historical footprint of Camp Tule Lake.

Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge NHL
Two of the TID system pumps that would be modernized for the undertaking are located within the boundary of the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge is a national historic landmark established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908 as the Nation's first waterfowl refuge.

Tule Lake Historic District
The NRCS identified the Tule Lake Historic District through review of background research and reporting for the undertaking (e.g., Parametrix 2026) and the Agency's Native American consultation effort. The Tule Lake Historic District is a multi-component, multi-state district representing the deep and complex cultural history of former Tule Lake and vicinity. The district is geographically bounded by the former lakebed at approximately 4050 feet amsl and centered on the Tule Lake Irrigation District which spans California and Oregon. Archaeological and historic contributing resources present within the district include Petroglyph Point Archaeological District and Modoc Lava Beads Archaeological District; the Tule Lake National Monument; the Lava Beds National Monument; the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge; the Klamath Project; and a possible Traditional Cultural Property/Place important to Native Americans. Significant historical events form the historic context of the district and include pre-and post-Contact indigenous use of Tule Lake; the 1872-73 armed conflict between the Modoc Nation and United States Army referred to as the Modoc War; the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II at Camp Tulelake and establishment of the Tule Lake Segregation Center; and the era of reclamation and federal irrigation/water management efforts beginning in 1902 and leading to construction of the Klamath Project, developed and operated by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, of which the Tule Lake Irrigation District is part.

For the purposes of this undertaking, the NRCS elects to treat the TLHD as eligible for listing in the NRHP under criterion A for its association with important events in California history. The proposed TLHD is documented herein as Attachment C; note that it is not included in the inventory of cultural resources presented in the technical report provided in Attachment B (Parametrix 2026).

Assessment of Effects to Historic Properties

The NRCS has reviewed and agrees with the recommended assessment of effects from the proposed undertaking documented in the technical report (Attachment B, Parametrix 2026), summarized below. The NRCS has considered the views of consulting parties in its assessment of effects.

Klamath Project Historic District
The NRCS has determined that the proposed TID system modifications installation of SCADA equipment and power sources, and pump station upgrades, would not alter, directly or indirectly, the characteristics that make the KPHD eligible for listing in the NRHP under criteria A and C.

Tule Lake National Monument
The NRCS has taken into consideration the special protections afforded National Historic Landmarks pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.10 and has determined that the proposed TID system modifications (SCADA and power source installations, pump station upgrades) would not alter, directly or indirectly, any of the characteristics or historical significance of the Tule Lake Segregation Center NHL or Camp Tule Lake.

Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge NHL
The NRCS has taken into consideration the special protections afforded National Historic Landmarks pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.10 and has determined that the proposed TID system modifications (SCADA and power source installations, pump station upgrades) would not alter, directly or indirectly, any of the characteristics or historical significance of the Refuge.

Tule Lake Historic District
The NRCS has applied the criteria of adverse effect from the undertaking to the proposed TLHD which the NRCS elects to treat as eligible for listing in the NRHP under criterion A and determined that the proposed TID system modifications (SCADA and power source installations, pump station upgrades) would not alter, directly or indirectly, the TLHD's ability to convey its association with the historical events represented by the contributing resources of the district.

Request for Concurrence - Finding of No Adverse Effect to Historic Properties

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.5(b), the NRCS requests your concurrence on the APE, historic properties identification, and finding of no adverse effect to historic properties as documented in this letter and the attached documents.

The NRCS looks forward to receiving your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

Attachment A: Bureau of Reclamation letter dated April 27, 2026, designating NRCS Lead Federal Agency (BOR #24-KBAO-006); US Fish and Wildlife Service letter dated September 22, 2023, designating NRCS Lead Federal Agency.

Attachment B: Parametrix 2026. *Cultural Resources Assessment for the Tulelake Irrigation District Infrastructure Modernization Project – Klamath County, Oregon, Siskiyou County and Modoc County, California*

Attachment C: Proposed Tule Lake Historic District - DPR523A form

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RE: Section 106 Consultation for the Natural Resources Conservation Service Tulelake Irrigation District Modernization Project in Modoc and Siskiyou counties, California and Klamath County, Oregon

Dear Ms. Polanco:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service California State Office (NRCS) is initiating consultation with you regarding the above referenced project in Modoc, Siskiyou, and Klamath counties. The NRCS plans to provide technical and financial assistance to the project Sponsor, Tulelake Irrigation District (TID), through the NRCS Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) program. The project is a federal undertaking that the NRCS has determined has the potential to affect historic properties and is thus subject to review pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Title 54 USC 306108) of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulations at 36 CFR Part 800. Submittal (letter and attached documents) follows Section 106 review procedures at Stipulation V.b.1. of the Programmatic Agreement between the NRCS California and your office regarding conservation assistance under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (Public Law 83-566, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1001-1012).

The TID Modernization project is a multi-agency undertaking between the NRCS, the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Pursuant to Stipulation IV.a of the NRCS Programmatic Agreement, the NRCS has been designated the LFA for the TID Modernization Project as documented in Attachment A of this letter (BOR letter dated April 27, 2026 [B24-KBAO-006]; USFWS letter dated September 22, 2023). The NRCS will coordinate historic property identification efforts, Native American consultation, and the finding of effect determination for this undertaking with the BOR and USFWS, subject to confidentiality measures.

Description of the Undertaking

The purpose of the TID Modernization Project is to automate manual water control features within the TID system by installing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) instrumentation along TID canals and laterals, upgrading pumping stations and debris screens that convey irrigation water through the system, and adding power sources to SCADA equipment locations lacking a current power source. As planned, the upgrades will be implemented throughout the TID system at approximately 146 individual, discontiguous locations.

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Coordination with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

As required by NRCS WFPO policy, the Sponsor is preparing a Plan-Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA) document pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act to analyze potential impacts to resources of concern from a No Action (Project without Federal Funding) and a Proposed Action (Modernization project) alternative. The Plan-EA will fulfill the NRCS's Section 106 review public participation responsibilities consistent with 36 CFR § 800.2(d)(3) in accordance with NEPA regulations and NRCS policy at Title 390, Part 500. The draft and final Plan-EA documents will be available for comment on the NRCS California website at https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/conservation-by-state/california/environmental-compliance-notices.

Area of Potential Effects (APE)

Determination of an appropriate APE was coordinated with NEPA scoping efforts and resulted in development of a cultural resources workplan to guide archaeological and historic built environment identification. The Sponsor's cultural resources consultant, Parametrix, developed the workplan in accordance with a scope of work provided by the NRCS and coordinated with the BOR and USFWS who have jurisdiction over lands where some project activities are proposed. The workplan is included in the technical report (Parametrix 2026) attached to this letter (Attachment B) and includes maps of known cultural resources identified through a search of the California Historical Research Information System (CHRIS) and Oregon Archaeological Records Remote Access (OARRA) and Historic Sites Database as of August 2023.

The NRCS, in consultation with the USFWS and BOR, defined the APE as the 146 discontiguous locations within the TID system where proposed SCADA equipment installations, pump upgrades, and power source installations for the Modernization Project would take place. At each location a 100-foot buffer was established for an assessment of direct and indirect effects. The APE is documented in the attached technical report (Parametrix 2026:Figures 2.1-2.18) (see Attachment B). Equipment transport and assembly, and construction staging, will utilize existing TID access roads and maintenance areas and are excluded.

Native American Consultation

The NRCS initiated consultation with Native American consulting parties in California and Oregon on January 31, 2024. The NRCS sent a letter describing the project and maps showing the location of proposed project activities to the following tribes. Consultation is ongoing and the results will be incorporated into NRCS decisions regarding the finding of effect, Plan-EA findings, and installation of the proposed project including NRCS policy Implementation Requirements or mitigation measures required by regulations.

Alturas Rancheria of Pit River Indians
Cedarville Rancheria of Northern Paiute Indians
Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians
Fort Bidwell Indian Community of Paiute
Karuk Tribe

Klamath Tribe
Modoc Nation
Pit River Tribe of California
Quartz Valley Indian Community
Shasta Indian Nation
Winnemem Wintu Tribe
Wintu Tribe of Northern California

Historic Properties Identification and Evaluation

The technical report prepared by the Sponsor's consultant Parametrix (2026) has been reviewed by the NRCS in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.2(a)(3) (see Attachment B). The report documents the results of background research, literature review, historic map review, and pedestrian survey of the APE, with identified resources evaluated for National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility. These include the historical infrastructure components of the TID system which will be modified for the undertaking and some of which are recommended as contributing resources of the Klamath Project Historic District (KPHD), discussed fully in the report.

The following resources were identified in or adjacent to the APE. All are fully discussed and evaluated in the technical report in Attachment B (Parametrix 2026) except for the Tule Lake Historic District (TLHD), a multi-component historic district identified herein by the NRCS through consultation and review of the technical report findings and treated as eligible for listing in the NRHP. Two archaeological resources, a lithic scatter and isolated artifact, also documented in the report, will be avoided by the undertaking and are not discussed below.

Klamath Project Historic District
The Klamath Project Historic District is an inter-state irrigation project that has been historically treated as eligible for listing in the NRHP by consensus by federal agencies and the Oregon and California SHPOs under criteria A and C for its for its engineering features and association with federal reclamation efforts to develop agriculture in Oregon and California. The TID system is an integral part of the KPDH with many of its components evaluated as contributing resources of the district.

Tule Lake National Monument
The Tule Lake National Monument is comprised of the Tule Lake Segregation Center NHL and Camp Tule Lake, historical resources associated with the internment of American citizens during World War II. Agricultural parcels within the TID system are within the historical footprint of Camp Tule Lake.

Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge NHL
Two of the TID system pumps that would be modernized for the undertaking are located within the boundary of the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge is a national historic landmark established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908 as the Nation's first waterfowl refuge.

Tule Lake Historic District
The NRCS identified the Tule Lake Historic District through review of background research and reporting for the undertaking (e.g., Parametrix 2026) and the Agency's Native

American consultation effort. The Tule Lake Historic District is a multi-component, multi-state district representing the deep and complex cultural history of former Tule Lake and vicinity. The district is geographically bounded by the former lakebed at approximately 4050 feet amsl and centered on the Tule Lake Irrigation District which spans California and Oregon. Archaeological and historic contributing resources present within the district include Petroglyph Point Archaeological District and Modoc Lava Beads Archaeological District; the Tule Lake National Monument; the Lava Beds National Monument; the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge; the Klamath Project; and a possible Traditional Cultural Property/Place important to Native Americans. Significant historical events form the historic context of the district and include pre-and post-Contact indigenous use of Tule Lake; the 1872-73 armed conflict between the Modoc Nation and United States Army referred to as the Modoc War; the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II at Camp Tulelake and establishment of the Tule Lake Segregation Center; and the era of reclamation and federal irrigation/water management efforts beginning in 1902 and leading to construction of the Klamath Project, developed and operated by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, of which the Tule Lake Irrigation District is part.

For the purposes of this undertaking, the NRCS elects to treat the TLHD as eligible for listing in the NRHP under criterion A for its association with important events in California history. The proposed TLHD is documented herein as Attachment C; note that it is not included in the inventory of cultural resources presented in the technical report provided in Attachment B (Parametrix 2026).

Assessment of Effects to Historic Properties

In accordance with Appendix B of the 2023 NRCS Programmatic Agreement, the NRCS has reviewed and agrees with the recommended assessment of effects from the proposed undertaking documented in the technical report (Attachment B, Parametrix 2026), summarized below. The NRCS has considered the views of consulting parties in its assessment of effects.

Klamath Project Historic District
The NRCS has determined that the proposed TID system modifications installation of SCADA equipment and power sources, and pump station upgrades, would not alter, directly or indirectly, the characteristics that make the KPHD eligible for listing in the NRHP under criteria A and C.

Tule Lake National Monument
The NRCS has taken into consideration the special protections afforded National Historic Landmarks pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.10 and has determined that the proposed TID system modifications (SCADA and power source installations, pump station upgrades) would not alter, directly or indirectly, any of the characteristics or historical significance of the Tule Lake Segregation Center NHL or Camp Tule Lake.

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alter, directly or indirectly, any of the characteristics or historical significance of the Refuge.

Tule Lake Historic District
As stipulated in Appendix B of the 2023 NRCS Programmatic Agreement, the NRCS has applied the criteria of adverse effect from the undertaking to the proposed TLHD which the NRCS elects to treat as eligible for listing in the NRHP under criterion A and determined that the proposed TID system modifications (SCADA and power source installations, pump station upgrades) would not alter, directly or indirectly, the TLHD's ability to convey its association with the historical events represented by the contributing resources of the district.

Request for Concurrence - Finding of No Adverse Effect to Historic Properties

In accordance with Stipulation V.b of the 2023 NRCS Programmatic Agreement, the NRCS requests your concurrence on the APE, historic properties identification, and finding of no adverse effect to historic properties as documented in this letter and the attached documents.

The NRCS looks forward to receiving your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

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References cited:

Parametrix. 2026. *Cultural Resources Assessment for the Tulelake Irrigation District Infrastructure Modernization Project – Klamath County, Oregon, Siskiyou County and Modoc County, California*. Prepared for Farmers Conservation Alliance by Parametrix, Puyallup, Washington. February 2026.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Bureau of Reclamation letter dated April 27, 2026, designating NRCS Lead Federal Agency (BOR #24-KBAO-006); US Fish and Wildlife Service letter dated September 22, 2023, designating NRCS Lead Federal Agency.

Attachment B: Parametrix 2026. *Cultural Resources Assessment for the Tulelake Irrigation District Infrastructure Modernization Project – Klamath County, Oregon, Siskiyou County and Modoc County, California*

Attachment C: Proposed Tule Lake Historic District - DPR523A form

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February 7, 2024

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The TID Modernization project is a multi-agency undertaking between the NRCS, the Bureau of Reclamation, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Wildlife Refuge. Section 106 review regulations at 36 CFR § 800.2(a)(2) provide for multiple agencies involved in an undertaking to designate a Lead Federal Agency who acts on their behalf, fulfilling their collective Section 106 responsibilities. As such, the NRCS has been designated the Lead Federal Agency for the TID Modernization Project by the Bureau of Reclamation, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Wildlife Refuge. The NRCS will coordinate its Section 106 review and consultation activities with the other agencies, subject to confidentiality concerns.

Description of the Undertaking

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Area of Potential Effects (APE)

The NRCS has determined and documented the area of potential effects (APE) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(a) as the area within a 100-ft radius of proposed SCADA and pump upgrade activities (Attachment 3). Equipment transport and assembly, and construction staging, will utilize existing TID access roads and maintenance areas and are excluded from the APE. The APE encompasses potential effects to the built environment (the TID system) and archaeological resources that may be present below grade. Potential effects to traditional cultural properties, cultural landscapes, or viewsheds from the project as proposed are not anticipated.

Also note that the APE map also shows the general location of known cultural resources relative to the APE according to records on file with the California and Oregon State Historic Preservation Offices as of August 2023:

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CA	P-25-000185	Pre-Contact
CA	P-25-002653	Pre-Contact
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CA	P-47-000215	Pre-Contact
CA	P-47-000216	Pre-Contact
CA	P-47-000233	Pre-Contact/Unknown
CA	P-47-001491	Pre-Contact
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Native American Consultation

The NRCS initiated consultation with Native American tribes in Oregon identified by the NRCS and/or the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as having ancestral ties to the project area on January 31, 2024, in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.2(f)(2). The NRCS sent a letter describing the project and maps showing the location of proposed project activities and the APE (see Attachments 1 through 3). Consultation will be ongoing throughout the Section 106 review process up to and including the finding of effect.

Coordination With the National Environmental Policy Act

The NRCS is coordinating Section 106 review of the TID Modernization project with an environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which will accommodate public participation consistent with 36 CFR § 800.3(b). The NRCS will prepare a Plan-Environmental Assessment document (Plan-EA) to analyze impacts to cultural resources/historic properties prior to approval of funding. The Plan-EA will be made available to the public for comment in draft and final format in accordance with NEPA regulations at 7 CFR 650.9(c) and (d). The draft and final Plan-EA documents will be posted to the NRCS California website for public review.

Request for Comment on Undertaking, APE

Please provide comment within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you have questions about the project please contact me at Christopher.Null@usda.gov or (530) 792-5621.

Sincerely,



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