

Categorical Exclusions Checklist

PROJECT NAME: Provo River Delta Restoration Project Proposed Action Modifications 2022

DATE: 8/1/2022

LOCATION OF PROJECT: Utah County, Utah; lower Provo River and Utah Lake confluence

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: See attached

EVALUATION UNDER MITIGATION COMMISSION LIST OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION:

Category: 49 CFR Part 10061.b.1.i. Changes or amendments to an approved action when such changes have no potential for causing substantial environmental impact.

Relevance: The PRDRP was approved for implementation in 2015. Final designs and changes in conditions since that date require minor changes to the 2015 FEIS and ROD commitments.

EVALUATION OF EXCEPTIONS TO CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS

ANSWER YES, NO or UNCERTAIN and provide supporting analysis and documentation where appropriate.

See attached analysis and documentation supporting the findings indicated below.

1. This action would have significant adverse effects on public health or safety.

NO

2. This action would have an adverse effect on unique geographic characteristics such as historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplain, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks.

NO

3. The action will have highly controversial environmental effects.

NO

4. The action will have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.

NO

5. This action will establish a precedent for future actions, or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.

NO

6. This action is directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.

NO

7. This action will have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

NO

8. This action will have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for a listed species.

NO

9. This action requires compliance with Executive Order 11986 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act. However, an action may be categorically excluded following applicable reviews if the action is found to be in conformance with the applicable law or executive order. (Check "No" if action is in conformance with the applicable law or executive order.)

NO

10. This action threatens to violate a federal, state, local, or tribal law or requirements imposed for protection of the environment.

NO

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS (MITIGATION), EXPLANATION OR REMARKS:

CONSULTATION/COORDINATION: Proposed modifications as described herein have been developed by the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, the US Department of the Interior - CUP Completion Act Office and the US Bureau of Reclamation and in cooperation with the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Provo City, Utah County. This draft CX was made available for public review and comment from May 16, 2022 to June 30, 2022. No comments were received.

CONCLUSION:

Based on the analysis and documentation provided herein, we the undersigned have concluded that the modifications to the Selected Alternative described in the 2015 Final EIS and Records of Decision, appropriately falls under the CX process and no further NEPA compliance is required.

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