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Environmental Assessment Determinations and Compliance Findings for HUD-assisted Projects 24 CFR Part 58

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Project Information

Project Name: CD Project Nos. 18.22.2 Rodriguez Park Multi-Purpose Field and Retention Basin Improvements; 18.24.1 – Rodriguez Park Multi-Purpose Field and Retention Basin Improvements

Responsible Entity: County of Kern

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity): N/A

State/Local Identifier: CA

Preparer: Natalie Lopez, Planner I

Certifying Officer Name and Title: Dennis Mcnamara, Division Chief

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity): N/A

Consultant (if applicable): N/A

Direct Comments to: Natalie Lopez, Planner I – Contact email: nlopez@kerncounty.com

Project Location: The project will be located at 200 West Los Angeles Ave, Shafter, CA 93263

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:

The project is for the design, construction, and installation of multi-purpose recreation field lighting, plus expansion of an existing retention basin and installation of new underground pipelines used for storm water collection and conveyance, and related park and facility improvements. Project meets eligibility requirements under 570.201(c) and a National Objective under 570.208 (a)(1); HUD Use Code 03F-Park, Recreational Facilities. Activity 18.24.1 includes additional ADA access ramp and related improvements.

Statement of Purpose and Need for the Proposal [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]: The purpose of this project is to enhance the public's use of Rodriguez Park, with key upgrades by upgrading drainage to reduce flood risk and installing lighting on the multi-use field for nighttime use.

Existing Conditions and Trends [24 CFR 58.40(a)]: Rodriguez Park currently features a multi-use field and open green space, but it faces periodic flooding due to inadequate drainage. The community has expressed the growing demand for extended hours, highlighting the need for lighting on the multi-use field. The surrounding neighborhood has seen steady growth, placing additional strain on the park's infrastructure.

Funding Information

Grant Number	HUD Program	Funding Amount
B-22-UC-06-0502	CDBG	\$668,845.75
B-24-UC-06-0502	CDBG	\$120,000.00

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$788,845.72 in CDBG funds.

Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: \$788,845.72 in CDBG funds.

Compliance with 24 CFR 50.4, 58.5, and 58.6 Laws and Authorities

Record below the compliance or conformance determinations for each statute, executive order, or regulation. Provide credible, traceable, and supportive source documentation for each authority. Where applicable, complete the necessary reviews or consultations and obtain or note applicable permits of approvals. Clearly note citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references. Attach additional documentation as appropriate.

Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §58.5 and §58.6	Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?	Compliance determinations
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 and 58.6		
Airport Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D	Yes No ☐ ☒	The site is not within 15,000 feet of a military airport or within 2,500 feet of a civilian airport. The nearest municipal airport, Shafter-Minter Field, is more than 6 miles from the project site.

		The closest military airport, Edwards Air Force Base, is more than 85 miles from the project site. The project does not involve the acquisition of property, and all activities are being conducted at an existing street. The project location is considered compliant and no further review for compliance with this factor is required.
Coastal Barrier Resources Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]	Yes No ☐ ☒	The project site is within HUD Region IX. There are no Coastal Barrier Resources located within HUD Region IX. No further review for compliance with this factor is required. Refer to the attached Coastal Barrier Resource System Unit (CBRSU) map to show that the site is not near any CBRSU.
Flood Insurance Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]	Yes No ☐ ☒	The area for the project implementation is designated Zone X, as shown in Federal Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel #06029C1775E, effective 9/26/08, the site is not located within a 100-year flood zone. Consequently, no flood insurance is required.
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 & 58.5		
Clean Air Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93	Yes No ☐ ☒	The project is located within the administrative boundaries of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District). On Nov 26, 2024, the District was consulted as part of initial environmental consultation for the project. The District did not comment on the requested consultation but it is noted that the project is not expected to exceed any of the Mantiona Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) of District thresholds for criteria pollutants regulated under the Clean Air Act (CAA), nitrogen oxide (NOx), reactive organic gases (ROG), or particulate matter (PM 10/2.5 – in size of 10 microns or 2.5 microns or less). It is also expected that due to scope the project would also not exceed District thresholds for other State and District regulated pollutants, carbon monoxide (CO) and oxides of sulfur (SO). The project is therefore considered to have a less than significant impact, would not contribute to new air quality violations and in conformance with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for attainment of criteria pollutants.

		However, the project may be subject to the following air management regulations District Rule 9510 – Indirect Source Review (ISR), Regulation VIII (Fugitive PM10 prohibitions), Rule 4102 (Nuisance), Rule 4601 (Architectural Coatings) and Rule 4641 (Cutback, Slow Cure and Emulsified Asphalt, Paving and Maintenance Operations). In the event that an existing building will be renovated, partially demolished, or removed, the project may be subject to District Rule 4002 National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP). Based on the review above and application of the applicable District rules, the project is de minimis and with the inclusion of requirements to address air district standards will be in compliance with the Clean Air Act and local clean air rules and regulations. The project site is located within the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. During the review period, there were no concerns sent from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution District. The estimated emissions levels for the project do not exceed de minimis emissions levels for the maintenance level pollutants. No further review for compliance with this factor is required.
Coastal Zone Management Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)	Yes No ☐ ☒	The area of potential effect (APE) is not located within or in the vicinity of any Coastal Zone Management Area. The project has no potential to affect any Coastal Management area or Plan. Refer to the attached Coastal Zone Management (CZM) map to show that the site is not near a CZM.
Contamination and Toxic Substances 24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)	Yes No ☐ ☒	In compliance with the California Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Contamination and Toxic Substances Policy, the site was reviewed under federal and State databases for contaminated properties on or in proximity to the Project site. According to NEPAassist records, there are no records of any hazardous waste sites within a 500-foot radius of the site. The State of California environmental database EnviroStor, contains no additional information of any sites or facilities of concern in the vicinity of the project.

		State of California GeoTracker website records show no evidence of an underground storage tank (leaking or otherwise) onsite. Geotracker records show the project site is clear of any reported LUST sites. Based on the available evidence from State and Federal databases, the responsible entity has determined that the site is not contaminated and is acceptable for inclusion in HUD programs.
Endangered Species Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402	Yes No ☒ ☐	As part of the early consultation for the project, both the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) were contacted regarding the potential to impact protected species. On March 21, 2023, a species list was generated USFWS ECOS – IpaC website tool under Project Code: 2023-0058509. The species list generated indicates that there may be seven federally threatened, endangered, or candidate species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in the area of the project. No critical habitats for protected species were found within the area of the project. Listed species that may be present in the area of the project include: Buena Vista Lake Ornate Shrew (E), Giant Kangaroo Rat (E), San Joaquin Kit Fox (E), Tipton Kangaroo Rat (E), California Condor (E), Blunt-nosed Leopard Lizard (E), Monarch Butterfly (C), Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimp (T), Kern Mallow (E). The responsible agency has determined that with the inclusion of mitigation and with adherence to the provisions below the project “may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect” protected species. The project will likely have no effect on any other ESA listed species listed above, nor will it result in a takeaway or loss of critical habitat.
Explosive and Flammable Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C	Yes No ☐ ☒	The project does not include activities that will result in an increase in residential density or result in a conversion of land use. Furthermore, the project is not in close proximity to any explosive or flammable facilities. Therefore, no further evaluation of this factor is needed.
Farmlands Protection Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections	Yes No ☐ ☒	The project is not zoned for agricultural use and is a public owned property. The project does not include any activities such as new construction, acquisition of undeveloped land, or conversion, that could potentially convert one land use to

1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658		another. Therefore, no further evaluation for this factor is needed.
Floodplain Management Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55	Yes No ☐ ☒	The area for project implementation is designated Zone X, as shown in Federal Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel #06029C1775E, effective 9/26/08, the site is not located within a 100-year flood zone. No further compliance is needed.
Historic Preservation National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800	Yes No ☐ ☒	Southern San Joaquin Valley Information Center (SSJVIC) was contacted regarding any known historic or cultural resources within the project area. SSJVIC responded that there have been no previous cultural resource studies completed within the project area. SSJVIC noted there have been 27 recorded resources within the one-half mile radius. These resources consist of single-family properties, and multi-family properties. SSJVIC also noted that there are no recorded cultural resources within that area listed in the National Register of Historic Place, the California Register of Historical Resources, the California Points of Historical Interest, the California Inventory of Historic Resources, or the California State Historic Landmarks. SSJVIC also noted if the park is not older than 75 years, then no further cultural resource work is recommended at this time. However, if any cultural resources are unearthed during any ground disturbance activities, all work must halt in the area of the find and a qualified professional consultant should be called out to assess the findings and make the appropriate mitigation recommendations. To ensure compliance with Historic Preservation requirements, a Cultural Resources Records Search was conducted by the California Historic Resources Information System (CHRIS) under Record Search 23-470. According to their files, there have been no previous cultural resource studies completed within the project area. In addition to CHRIS, the Native American Historical Committee (NAHC) was contacted November 8, 2024, however, no response was received after 30 days. On February 9, 2025, SHPO was contacted for consultation on the project, however, no response was received.
Noise Abatement and Control	Yes No ☐ ☐	The project is not located in a noise exposed area and once constructed is not expected to be a new

Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B	☐ ☒	source of significant noise in the area of the project. During the implementation of construction related activities, there may be a temporary increase in noise during construction within the immediate vicinity of the project. In order to minimize disturbance to nearby residences, project construction setup and/or work hours shall be limited to hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. for weekdays and 7:30 and 5:30 p.m. on weekends. No further review for compliance with this factor is required.
Sole Source Aquifers Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149	Yes No ☐ ☒	The EPA has not identified any sole source aquifers within Kern County or in the vicinity of the project site. There is no need for further evaluation for compliance with this factor.
Wetlands Protection Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5	Yes No ☐ ☒	Based on NEPAassist maps, a wetland area is located approximately 1,345 feet from the project site. The project involves the design, construction, and installation of multi-purpose recreation field lighting, as well as the expansion of an existing retention basin and installation of new underground pipelines for storm water collection and conveyance, in addition to related park and facility improvements. Given the project's scope and location, which focuses on improvements within the park and facility areas, the construction activities will not encroach upon or directly impact the wetland area located offsite. The limited footprint of the project will not involve any alterations to the wetland habitat, and no construction or development activities are planned within or near the wetland area. Therefore, no significant impacts to wetlands are anticipated as a result of this project.
Wild and Scenic Rivers Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)	Yes No ☐ ☒	The project is located slightly more than 12 miles to the southwest furthest extent of the South Fork of the Kern River. Given the distance to the actual Wild and Scenic River (WSR) the project will not impact the WSR due to being downstream of the actual designated portion of the river. No further review for compliance with this factor is required.
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE		
Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898	Yes No ☐ ☒	The project is for the enhancement of the public's use of Rodriguez Park. Consequently, the project presents no concerns with regards to

		Environmental Justice. No further review for compliance with EO 12898 is needed.
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Environmental Assessment Factors [24 CFR 58.40; Ref. 40 CFR 1508.8 & 1508.27] Recorded below is the qualitative and quantitative significance of the effects of the proposal on the character, features and resources of the project area. Each factor has been evaluated and documented, as appropriate and in proportion to its relevance to the proposed action. Verifiable source documentation has been provided and described in support of each determination, as appropriate. Credible, traceable and supportive source documentation for each authority has been provided. Where applicable, the necessary reviews or consultations have been completed and applicable permits of approvals have been obtained or noted. Citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references are clear. Additional documentation is attached, as appropriate. **All conditions, attenuation or mitigation measures have been clearly identified.**

Impact Codes: Use an impact code from the following list to make the determination of impact for each factor.

- (1) Minor beneficial impact
- (2) No impact anticipated
- (3) Minor Adverse Impact – May require mitigation
- (4) Significant or potentially significant impact requiring avoidance or modification which may require an Environmental Impact Statement

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
LAND DEVELOPMENT		
Conformance with Plans / Compatible Land Use and Zoning / Scale and Urban Design	2	The project aligns with existing land use and zoning regulations, and the proposed improvements are compatible with the surrounding urban design. No conflicts or significant impacts are anticipated.
Soil Suitability/ Slope/ Erosion/ Drainage/ Storm Water Runoff	1	The proposed improvements are intended to address existing drainage and storm water runoff issues in the area of the area of the project. Although the project includes expansion of the drainage basin area, the improvements are in place and will not result in erosion as the site is located on a level area with no little to no natural slope.
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety and Noise	3	The project may temporarily increase noise levels during construction, but mitigation measures will be implemented to minimize impacts on nearby residents and ensure site safety. Additionally, the expansion of the existing open catch drainage basin will expand the basin collection area next to existing residences and may increase mosquitoes in the vicinity of the project. Finally, installation of additional park lighting may have minor impact on residences in the immediate vicinity. However, this nuisance will likely be addressed by limiting any light use to times when park is open to the public.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
SOCIOECONOMIC		
Employment and Income Patterns	2	No significant impact on local employment or income patterns is anticipated, as the project is focused on park improvements.
Demographic Character Changes, Displacement	2	The project will not cause demographic changes or displacement, as it is confined to park enhancements without residential or commercial alterations.
Environmental Justice	2	The project will not disproportionately affect minority or low-income populations, ensuring equitable access and benefits for all community members.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES		
Educational and Cultural Facilities	2	No significant impact on educational or cultural facilities is expected, as the project is focused on park infrastructure.
Commercial Facilities	2	The project will not impact local commercial facilities; no business displacement or significant changes in commercial patterns are anticipated.
Health Care and Social Services	2	There are no anticipated impacts on local health care or social services as the project does not alter these facilities or services.
Solid Waste Disposal / Recycling	2	The project will have minimal impact on waste disposal and recycling, with appropriate waste management protocols during construction.
Waste Water / Sanitary Sewers	1	The project will have a beneficial impact on wastewater collection as the improvements include the expansion of wastewater collection systems.
Water Supply	2	The project will not have a negative impact on the water supply, as it does not involve significant water usage changes.
Public Safety - Police, Fire and Emergency Medical	2	No major impact on public safety services is anticipated, as the park improvements will not affect emergency response needs or capacity.
Parks, Open Space and Recreation	1	The project will enhance the park and recreational opportunities, providing minor beneficial impacts through improved park lighting facilities.
Transportation and Accessibility	2	The project will not significantly affect transportation patterns or accessibility, as it primarily involves park improvements with no major changes to surrounding infrastructure.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
NATURAL FEATURES		
Unique Natural Features, Water Resources	2	The project will have minimal impact on unique natural features or water resources, as it focuses on park infrastructure improvements and includes drainage enhancements to protect water quality.
Vegetation, Wildlife	2	The project will have minimal impact on local vegetation and wildlife, as it focuses on park enhancements without disturbing natural habitats.
Other Factors	2	No additional significant factors were identified that would impact the project area beyond those already discussed.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
CLIMATE AND ENERGY		
Climate Change Impacts	2	The project will not contribute significantly to climate change impacts, and the planned drainage improvements may help mitigate some climate-related weather events, such as heavy rainfall.
Energy Efficiency	2	The project does not involve significant energy consumption or efficiency measures, but the installation of lighting will adhere to energy-efficient standards where applicable.

Additional Studies Performed: None

Field Inspection (Date and completed by): **08/02/2024 by Natalie Lopez**

List of Sources, Agencies and Persons Consulted [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]: California Dept. of Conservation, Native American Heritage Preservation Council, Bureau of Land Management - Bakersfield Office, California Reg. Water Quality Control Board - Central Valley, California Dept. of Fish and Game, Shafter Recreation and Park District, California Dept. of Conservation, So. San Joaquin Archaeological Information Center, California Historical Preservation.

List of Permits Obtained: None

Public Outreach [24 CFR 50.23 & 58.43]: Public notices included in the following publications: El Popular, Shafter Press, Bakersfield News Observer, and The Bakersfield Californian.

Cumulative Impact Analysis [24 CFR 58.32]: The project is not expected to cause significant cumulative impacts when combined with other nearby developments. The improvements to Rodriguez Park, such as drainage and lighting upgrades, will help reduce flooding and enhance the park without causing additional issues.

Alternatives [24 CFR 58.40(e); 40 CFR 1508.9]: No viable alternatives to the proposed project have been identified as the improvements are existing and being expanded and/or improved and the cost of developing any alternative locations are preventative. The proposed improvements to Rodriguez Park are considered the most effective solution to address the existing drainage issues and enhance recreational facilities for the community.

No Action Alternative [24 CFR 58.40(e)]: Under the No Action Alternative, no improvements would be made to Rodriguez Park. The existing drainage issues would persist, leading to continued flooding risks and limited functionality of the park, especially during heavy rainfall. Additionally, the lack of lighting would restrict nighttime use of the multi-use field, limiting the park's accessibility and recreational opportunities for the community.

Summary of Findings and Conclusions: The project site is existing and the proposed expansion and improvements will result in no impacts that cannot be mitigated to less than significant.

Mitigation Measures and Conditions [40 CFR 1505.2(c)]

Summarize below all mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid, or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements, and other relevant documents. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure
Endangered Species	The following measure shall be implemented prior to the commencement of operations or any ground disturbing activities: No more than 14 to 30 days prior to the commencement of operations or ground disturbing activities, as authorized by this environmental review, the project developer shall ensure that a preconstruction survey is performed by a qualified biologist to ensure that no special-status wildlife not covered under the adopted provisions of the Habitation Conservations. A copy of the biological report shall be submitted to the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department – Community Development Division for transmittal to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, where applicable. Additionally, exclusion zones shall be established and maintained until all construction activities are complete, unless said agencies prefer that any affected special-status species be removed and/or relocated, in accordance with said agencies adopted guidelines or standard procedures.
Noise Abatement and Control	In order to minimize disturbance to nearby residences, project construction setup and/or work hours shall be limited to hours

	between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. during weekdays and 7:30 and 5:30 p.m. during weekends.
Vector Control	Due to the expansion of the drainage basin near existing residences, a mosquito vector control plan shall be developed for the drainage basin that can be implemented to prevent the vegetation overgrowth and reduce nuisances from mosquitoes.

Determination:

☒ **Finding of No Significant Impact** [24 CFR 58.40(g)(1); 40 CFR 1508.27]

The project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

☐ **Finding of Significant Impact** [24 CFR 58.40(g)(2); 40 CFR 1508.27]

The project may significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Preparer Signature: Natalie R. Date: 3/19/25

Name/Title/Organization: Natalie Lopez/ Planner I/ County of Kern Planning

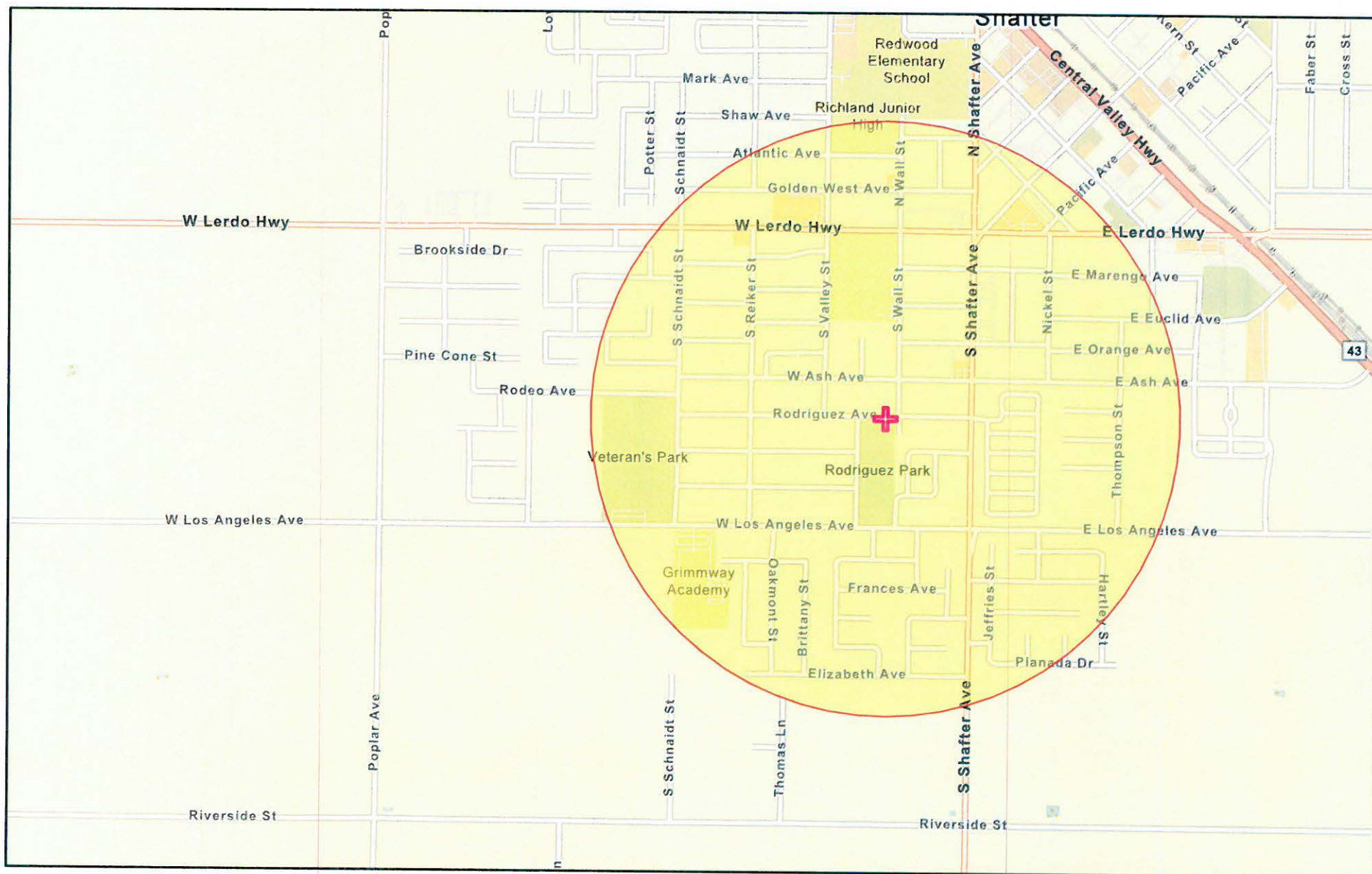
Certifying Officer Signature: [Signature] Date: 3/17/25

Name/Title: Dennis Melaman, Division Chief

This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the activity/project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).

MAPS

Area Site Map

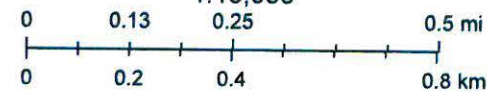


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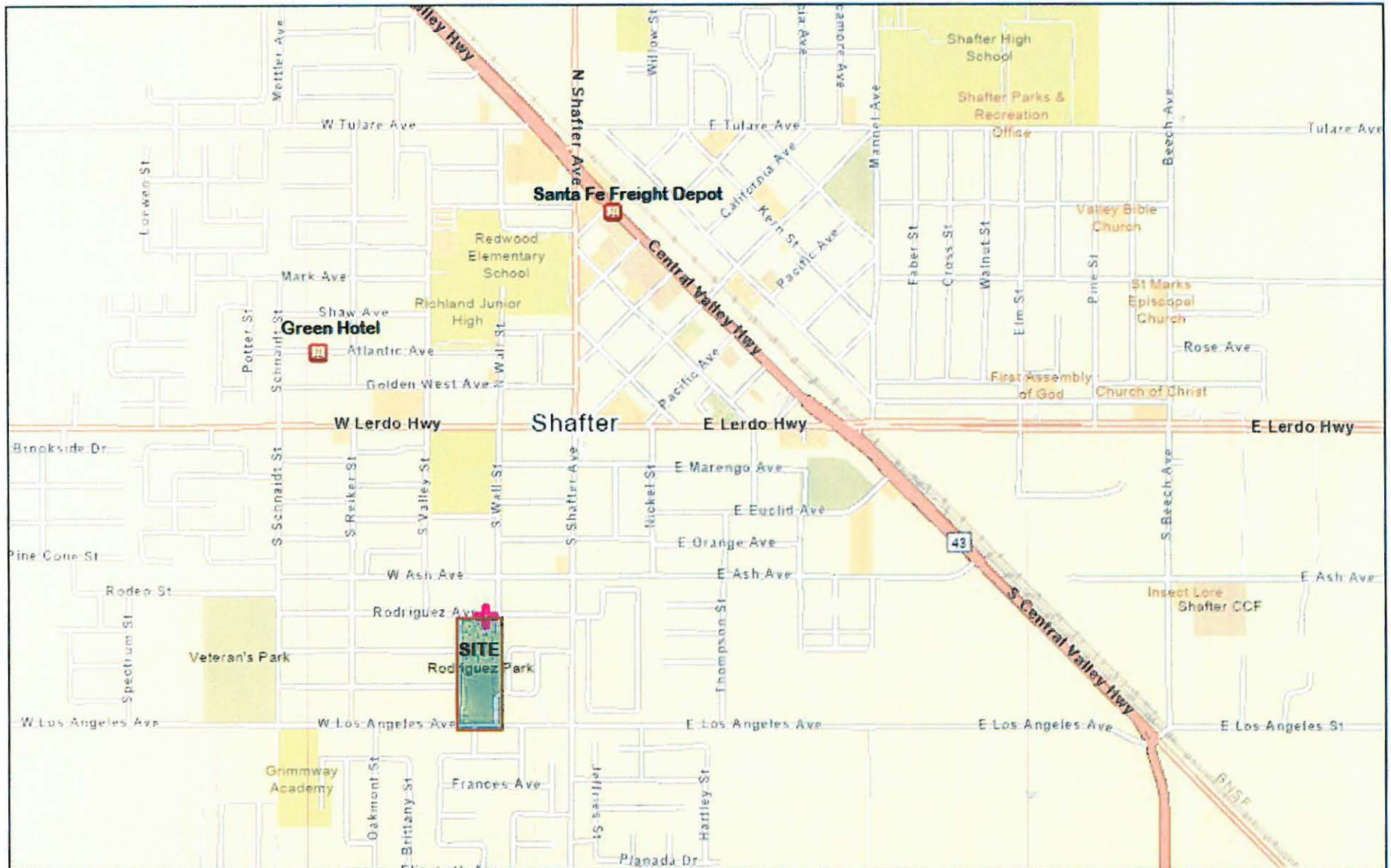
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Historic Map



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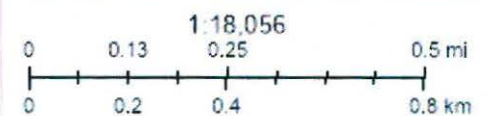
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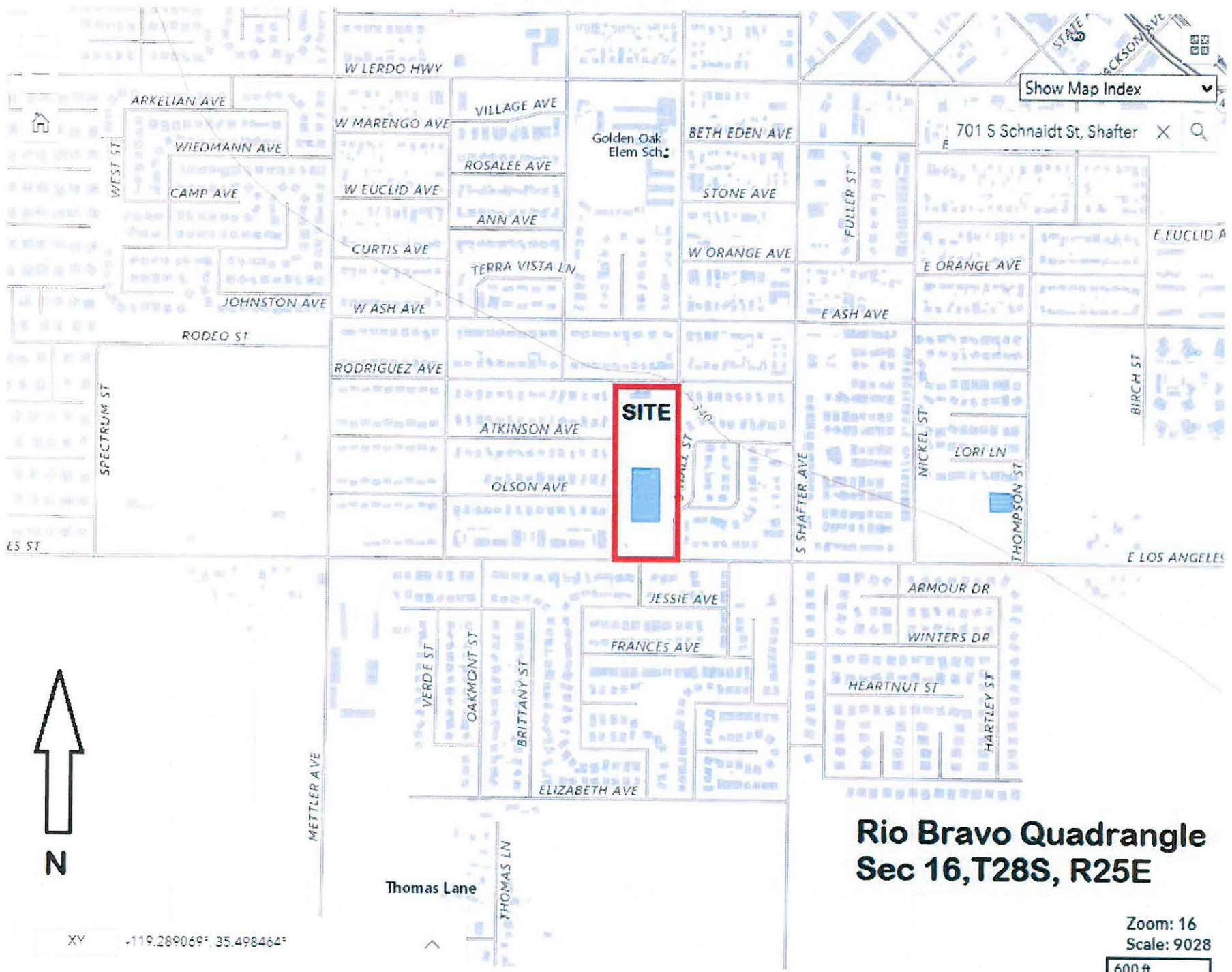


National Register of Historic Places



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National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



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Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS		Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A, V, A99
		With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR
		Regulatory Floodway
OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD		0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Area of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone J
		Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X
		Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. Zone X
		Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D
OTHER AREAS		NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X
		Effective LOMRs
		Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone
GENERAL STRUCTURES		Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
		Levee, Dike, or Floodwall
OTHER FEATURES		20.2 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation
		17.5 Coastal Transect
		Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
		Limit of Study
		Jurisdiction Boundary
		Coastal Transect Baseline
MAP PANELS		Digital Data Available
		No Digital Data Available
		Unmapped



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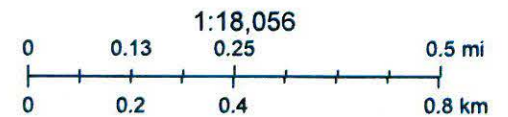
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EPA Facilities Map



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- Water Dischargers (NPDES)
- Hazardous Waste (RCRAInfo)
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ENVIROSTOR

Sites and Facilities

Cleanup Sites

- ☒ ☐ Federal Superfund
- ☒ ☐ State Response
- ☒ ☐ Voluntary Cleanup
- ☒ ☐ School Cleanup
- ☒ ☐ Evaluation
- ☒ ☐ School Investigation
- ☒ ☐ Military Evaluation
- ☒ ☐ Tiered Permit
- ☒ ☐ Corrective Action
- ☐ ☒ Field Points

STATUS

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Permitted Sites

- ☒ ☒ Operating
- ☒ ☐ Post-Closure
- ☒ ☐ Non-Operating

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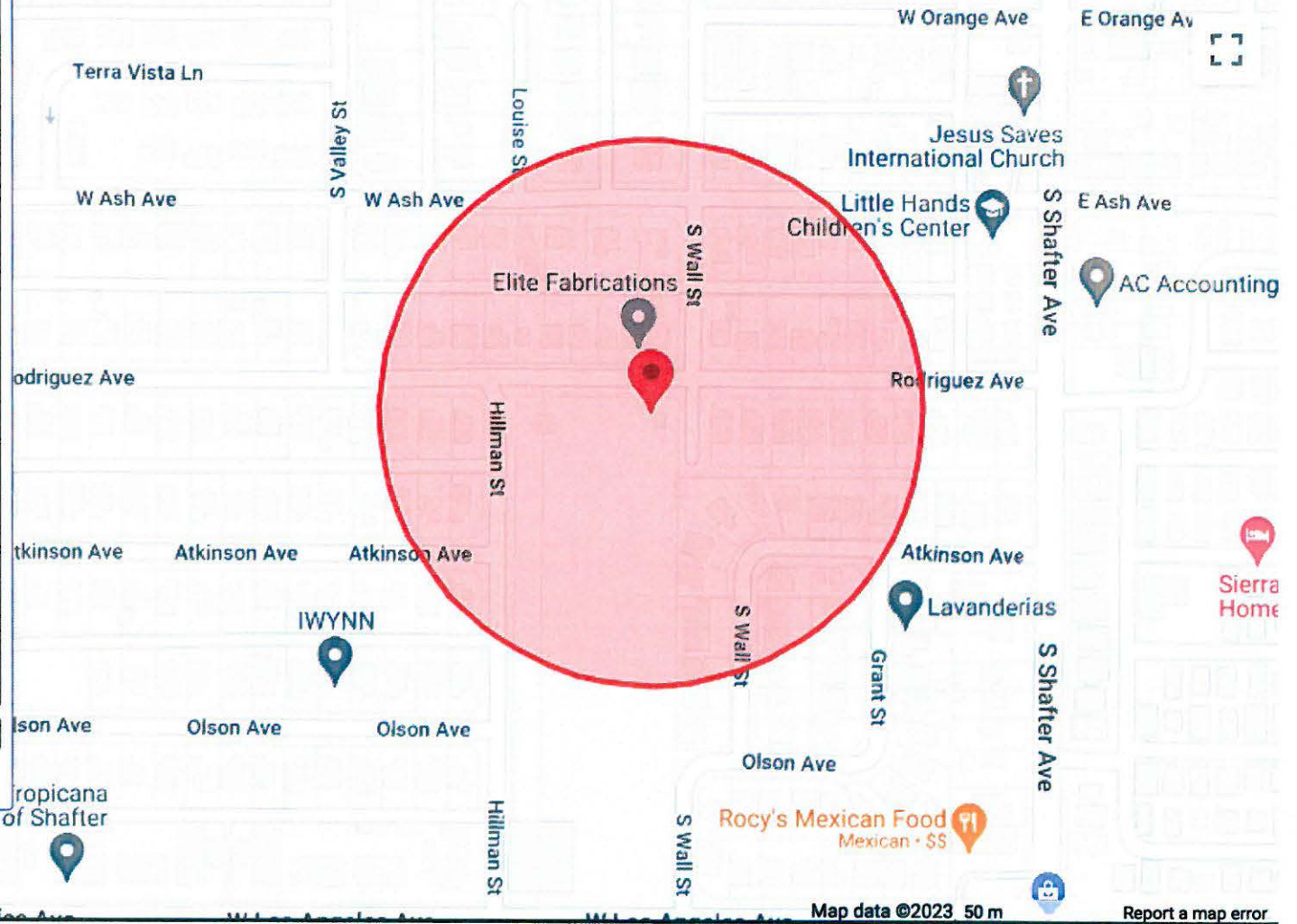
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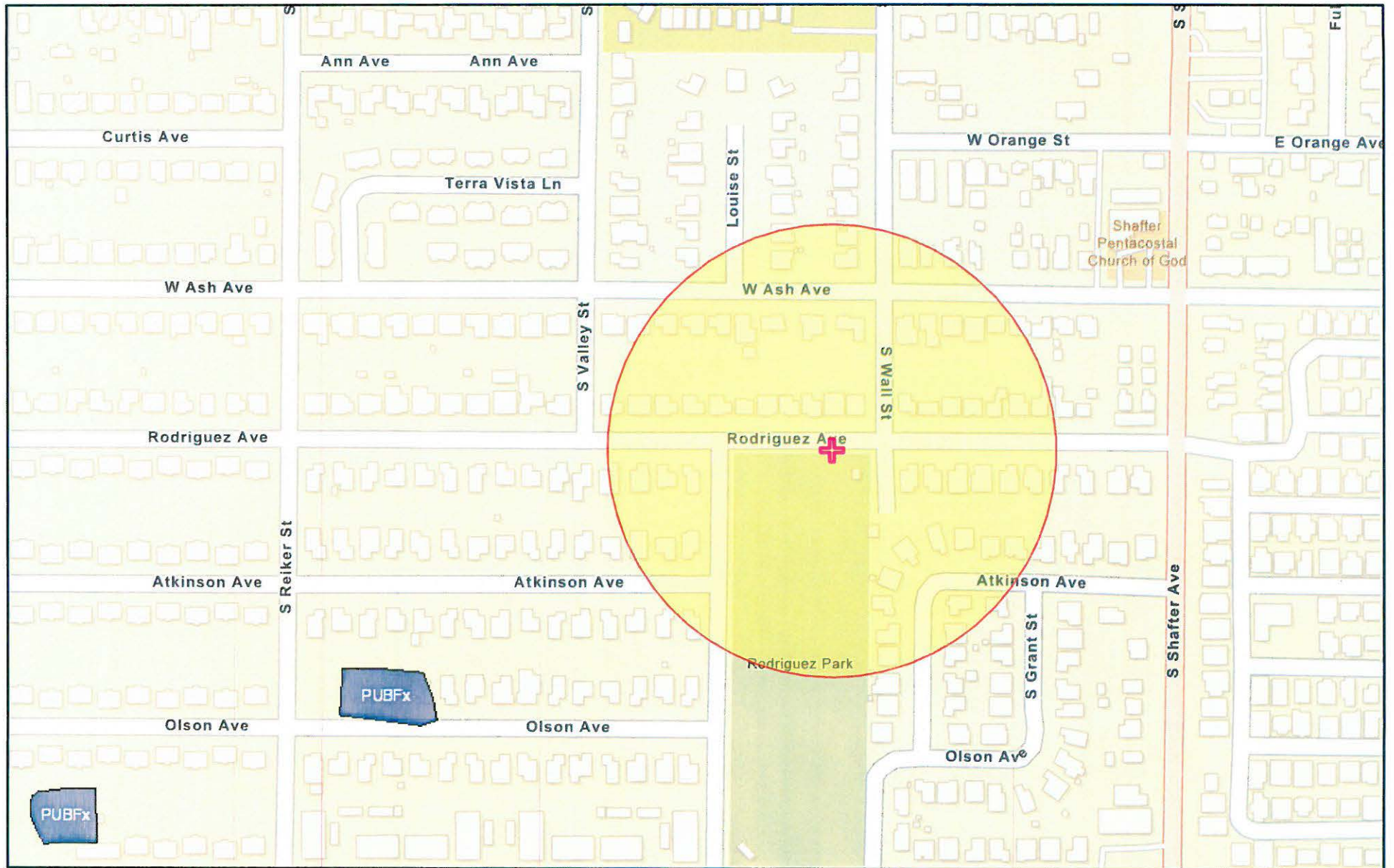


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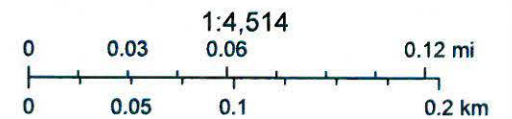
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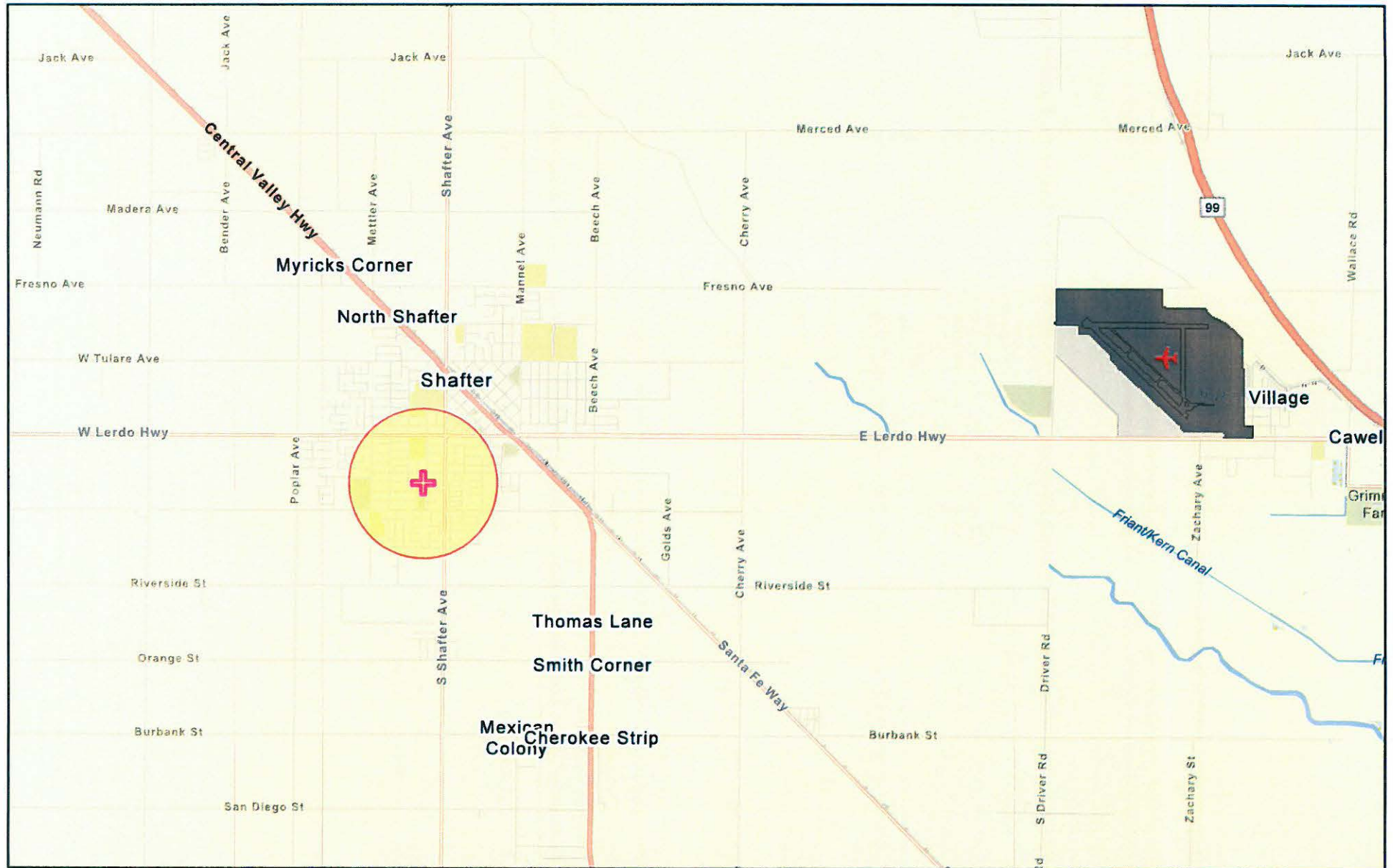


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**PROJECT
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COMMENTS**



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Project Name: 18.22.2 Rodriguez Park Multi-Purpose Field and Retention Basin Improvements

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2))

(c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

<https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/endangered-species-consultation-handbook.pdf>

Migratory Birds: In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity, intentional or unintentional, resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts, see <https://www.fws.gov/program/migratory-bird-permit/what-we-do>.

The MBTA has no provision for allowing take of migratory birds that may be unintentionally killed or injured by otherwise lawful activities. It is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with these Acts by identifying potential impacts to migratory birds and eagles within applicable NEPA documents (when there is a federal nexus) or a Bird/Eagle Conservation Plan (when there is no federal nexus). Proponents should implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize the production of project-related stressors or minimize the exposure of birds and their resources to the project-related stressors. For more information on avian stressors and recommended conservation measures, see <https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/threats-birds>.

In addition to MBTA and BGEPA, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*, obligates all Federal agencies that engage in or authorize activities that might affect migratory birds, to minimize those effects and encourage conservation measures that will improve bird populations. Executive Order 13186 provides for the protection of both migratory birds and migratory bird habitat. For information regarding the implementation of Executive Order 13186, please visit <https://www.fws.gov/partner/council-conservation-migratory-birds>.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Code in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List

OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

Sacramento Fish And Wildlife Office

Federal Building

2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605

Sacramento, CA 95825-1846

(916) 414-6600

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Code: 2024-0005896

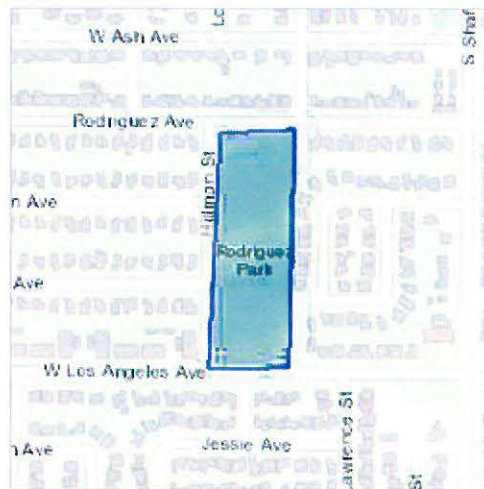
Project Name: 18.22.2 Rodriguez Park Multi-Purpose Field and Retention Basin Improvements

Project Type: Recreation - Maintenance / Modification

Project Description: The project is for the design, construction, and installation of multi-purpose recreation field lighting, plus expansion of an existing retention basin and installation of new underground pipelines used for storm water collection and conveyance, and related park and facility improvements. Project meets eligibility requirements under 570.201(c) and a National Objective under 570.208 (a)(1); HUD Use Code 03F-Park, Recreational Facilities.

Project Location:

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@35.493931599999996,-119.28122503518793,14z>



Counties: Kern County, California

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

There is a total of 9 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

MAMMALS

NAME	STATUS
Buena Vista Lake Ornate Shrew <i>Sorex ornatus relictus</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1610	Endangered
Giant Kangaroo Rat <i>Dipodomys ingens</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6051	Endangered
San Joaquin Kit Fox <i>Vulpes macrotis mutica</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2873	Endangered
Tipton Kangaroo Rat <i>Dipodomys nitratoide nitratoide</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7247	Endangered

BIRDS

NAME	STATUS
California Condor <i>Gymnogyps californianus</i> Population: U.S.A. only, except where listed as an experimental population There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8193	Endangered

REPTILES

NAME	STATUS
Blunt-nosed Leopard Lizard <i>Gambelia silus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/625	Endangered

INSECTS

NAME	STATUS
Monarch Butterfly <i>Danaus plexippus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743	Candidate

CRUSTACEANS

NAME	STATUS
Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimp <i>Branchinecta lynchi</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/498	Threatened

FLOWERING PLANTS

NAME	STATUS
Kern Mallow <i>Eremalche kernensis</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1731	Endangered

CRITICAL HABITATS

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT(S) MAY HAVE EFFECTS ON ALL ABOVE LISTED SPECIES.

IPAC USER CONTACT INFORMATION

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To: Natalie Lopez
Kern County Planning & Natural Resources Dept.
2700 M Street, Suite 250
Bakersfield, CA 93304

Record Search 23-470

Date: November 13, 2023

Re: Early Consultation for CD Project No. 18.22.2 - Rodriguez Park Multi-Purpose Field

County: Kern

Map(s): Rio Bravo 7.5'

CULTURAL RESOURCES RECORDS SEARCH

The California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) contracts with the California Historical Resources Information System's (CHRIS) regional Information Centers (ICs) to maintain information in the CHRIS inventory and make it available to local, state, and federal agencies, cultural resource professionals, Native American tribes, researchers, and the public. Recommendations made by IC coordinators or their staff regarding the interpretation and application of this information are advisory only. Such recommendations do not necessarily represent the evaluation or opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer in carrying out the OHP's regulatory authority under federal and state law.

The following are the results of a search of the cultural resource files at the Southern San Joaquin Valley Information Center. These files include known and recorded cultural resources sites, inventory and excavation reports filed with this office, and resources listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the OHP Built Environment Resources Directory, California State Historical Landmarks, California Register of Historical Resources, California Inventory of Historic Resources, and California Points of Historical Interest. Due to processing delays and other factors, not all of the historical resource reports and resource records that have been submitted to the OHP are available via this records search. Additional information may be available through the federal, state, and local agencies that produced or paid for historical resource management work in the search area.

PRIOR CULTURAL RESOURCE STUDIES CONDUCTED WITHIN THE PROJECT AREA

According to the information in our files, there have been no previous cultural resource studies completed within the project area. There have been 6 previous cultural resource studies completed within the half-mile radius: See list.

KNOWN/RECORDED CULTURAL RESOURCES WITHIN THE PROJECT AREA

According to the information in our files, there are no recorded resources within the project area. There are 27 recorded resources within the half-mile radius: See list. These resources consist of single-family properties, and multi-family properties.

There are no recorded cultural resources within the project area or radius that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the California Register of Historical Resources, the California Points of Historical Interest, California Inventory of Historic Resources, for the California State Historic Landmarks.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We understand this project consists of the development of multi-purpose field lighting, expanding the existing retention basin, and installation of new underground pipelines. We also understand the project will take place within Rodriguez Park in Shafter, CA. If this park is 75 years or older, then it is considered a historic property and must first be recorded and evaluated for historical significance. If the park is not older than 75 years, then no further cultural resource work is recommended at this time. However, if any cultural resources are unearthed during any ground disturbance activities, all work must halt in the area of the find and a qualified, professional consultant should be called out to assess the findings and make the appropriate mitigation recommendations. A list of qualified consultants can be found at www.chrisinfo.org.

We also recommend that you contact the Native American Heritage Commission in Sacramento. They will provide you with a current list of Native American individuals/organizations that can assist you with information regarding cultural resources that may not be included in the CHRIS Inventory and that may be of concern to the Native groups in the area. The Commission can consult their "Sacred Lands Inventory" file to determine what sacred resources, if any, exist within this project area and the way in which these resources might be managed. Finally, please consult with the lead agency on this project to determine if any other cultural resource investigation is required. If you need any additional information or have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at (661) 654-2289.

By:



Jeremy E David, Assistant Coordinator

Date: November 13, 2023

Please note that invoices for Information Center services will be sent under separate cover from the California State University, Bakersfield Accounting Office.

SSJVIC Record Search 23-470

Reports in .5 Mi:

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KE-05241

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06 March 2025

Natalie Lopez, Planner I
Kern County Planning and Natural Resources
2700 "M" Street, Suite 100
Bakersfield, CA 93301-2323
Sent via email to: planning@kerncounty.com

RE: Early Environmental Consultation Review for CD Activity # 18.22.2 & 18.24.1 – Rodriguez Park Multi-Purpose Field and Retention Basin Improvements

Dear Ms. Lopez,

My name is Curtis Alcantar, and I was recently hired by the Tejon Indian Tribe for the purpose of establishing their Tribal Historic Preservation Office and managing their Cultural Resource Management department. The Tribe's Chairperson, Octavio Escobedo III, has delegated to me the authority to represent the Tribe in any consultation concerning cultural resources.

Thank you for your correspondence on 08 November 2024 inviting the Tribe to comment/consult on the proposed Rodriguez Park Multi-Purpose Field and Retention Basin Improvements Project within the city of Shafter, CA, which is subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 21080.3 of the Public Resources Code. The Tejon Indian Tribe has reviewed the project and has the following formal comments:

The Tribe is not presently aware of any undocumented/extant Tribal Cultural Resources being located within the vicinity of the Undertaking's Area of Potential Effects (APE) that might be considered potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historical Places. Further, the Undertaking is sited in an area that our Tribal Records indicate as having a "low sensitivity" for Tribal Cultural Resources (based on a three-point scale of low/moderate/high).

Therefore, the Tribe has no concerns with the Undertaking moving forward as proposed and shall not be requesting any specific cultural resource mitigation measures, beyond the following request, that: "The Tejon Indian Tribe shall be immediately notified about any Tribal Cultural Resources being inadvertently identified/impacted during project implementation by sending an email summarizing the circumstances of the inadvertent discovery/impacts."

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the e-mail listed below. We look forward to continuing consultation for the project.



Sincerely,



Curtis Alcantar, B.A.
Tejon Indian Tribe
calcantar@tejonindiantribe-nsn.gov



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October 2, 2024

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Kern County

Via Email to: nlopez@kerncounty.com

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Re: Native American Consultation, Pursuant to Senate Bill 18 (SB18), Government Codes §65352.3 and §65352.4, as well as Assembly Bill 52 (AB52), Public Resources Codes §21080.1, §21080.3.1 and §21080.3.2, Rodriguez Park Multi-Purpose Field and Retention Basin Improvements Project, Kern County

Dear Ms. Lopez:

Attached is a consultation list of tribes with traditional lands or cultural places located within the boundaries of the above referenced counties or projects.

Government Codes §65352.3 and §65352.4 require local governments to consult with California Native American tribes identified by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for the purpose of avoiding, protecting, and/or mitigating impacts to cultural places when creating or amending General Plans, Specific Plans and Community Plans.

Public Resources Codes §21080.3.1 and §21080.3.2 requires public agencies to consult with California Native American tribes identified by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for the purpose of avoiding, protecting, and/or mitigating impacts to tribal cultural resources as defined, for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) projects.

The law does not preclude local governments and agencies from initiating consultation with the tribes that are culturally and traditionally affiliated within your jurisdiction. The NAHC believes that this is the best practice to ensure that tribes are consulted commensurate with the intent of the law.

Best practice for the AB52 process and in accordance with Public Resources Code §21080.3.1(d), is to do the following:

Within 14 days of determining that an application for a project is complete or a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, the lead agency shall provide formal notification to the designated contact of, or a tribal representative of, traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice, which shall be accomplished by means of at least one written notification that includes a brief description of the proposed project and its location, the lead agency contact information, and a notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation pursuant to this section.

The NAHC also recommends, but does not require that lead agencies include in their notification letters, information regarding any cultural resources assessment that has been completed on the area of potential affect (APE), such as:

1. The results of any record search that may have been conducted at an Information Center of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS), including, but not limited to:
 - A listing of any and all known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE, such as known archaeological sites;
 - Copies of any and all cultural resource records and study reports that may have been provided by the Information Center as part of the records search response;
 - Whether the records search indicates a low, moderate or high probability that unrecorded cultural resources are located in the APE; and
 - If a survey is recommended by the Information Center to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
2. The results of any archaeological inventory survey that was conducted, including:
 - Any report that may contain site forms, site significance, and suggested mitigation measures.

All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure in accordance with Government Code Section 6254.10.
3. The result of the Sacred Lands File (SFL) check conducted through the Native American Heritage Commission was negative.
4. Any ethnographic studies conducted for any area including all or part of the potential APE; and
5. Any geotechnical reports regarding all or part of the potential APE.

Lead agencies should be aware that records maintained by the NAHC and CHRIS is not exhaustive, and a negative response to these searches does not preclude the existence of a tribal cultural resource. A tribe may be the only source of information regarding the existence of a tribal cultural resource.

This information will aid tribes in determining whether to request formal consultation. In the event, that they do, having the information beforehand will help to facilitate the consultation process.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from tribes, please notify the NAHC. With your assistance we can assure that our consultation list remains current.

If you have any questions, please contact me at my email address: Cameron.vela@nahc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Cameron Vela

Cameron Vela
Cultural Resources Analyst

Attachment



California
Department of Conservation
Geologic Energy Management Division

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12/09/2024

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Construction Site Well Review (CSWR) ID: 1013129

Assessor Parcel Number(s): 02616016, 02616021

Property Owner(s): Shafter City

Project Location Address: 215 Rodriguez Avenue Shafter, California 93263

Project Title: Rodriguez Park

Public Resources Code (PRC) § 3208.1 establishes well reabandonment responsibility when a previously plugged and abandoned well will be impacted by planned property development or construction activities. Local permitting agencies, property owners, and/or developers should be aware of, and fully understand, that significant and potentially dangerous issues may be associated with development near oil, gas, and geothermal wells.

The California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) has received and reviewed the above referenced project dated 12/9/2024. To assist local permitting agencies, property owners, and developers in making wise land use decisions regarding potential development near oil, gas, or geothermal wells, the Division provides the following well evaluation.

The project is located in Kern County, within the boundaries of the following fields:

N/A

Our records indicate there are no known oil or gas wells located within the project boundary as identified in the application.

- Number of wells Not Abandoned to Current Division Requirements as Prescribed by Law and

Projected to Be Built Over or Have Future Access Impeded by this project: 0

- Number of wells Not Abandoned to Current Division Requirements as Prescribed by Law and Not Projected to Be Built Over or Have Future Access Impeded by this project: 0
- Number of wells Abandoned to Current Division Requirements as Prescribed by Law and Projected to Be Built Over or Have Future Access Impeded by this project: 0
- Number of wells Abandoned to Current Division Requirements as Prescribed by Law and Not Projected to Be Built Over or Have Future Access Impeded by this project: 0

As indicated in PRC § 3106, the Division has statutory authority over the drilling, operation, maintenance, and abandonment of oil, gas, and geothermal wells, and attendant facilities, to prevent, as far as possible, damage to life, health, property, and natural resources; damage to underground oil, gas, and geothermal deposits; and damage to underground and surface waters suitable for irrigation or domestic purposes. In addition to the Division's authority to order work on wells pursuant to PRC §§ 3208.1 and 3224, it has authority to issue civil and criminal penalties under PRC §§ 3236, 3236.5, and 3359 for violations within the Division's jurisdictional authority. The Division does not regulate grading, excavations, or other land use issues.

If during development activities, any wells are encountered that were not part of this review, the property owner is expected to immediately notify the Division's construction site well review engineer in the Inland district office, and file for Division review an amended site plan with well casing diagrams. The District office will send a follow-up well evaluation letter to the property owner and local permitting agency.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (661) 440-3439 or via email at CalGEMCentralCSWR@conservation.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Olu Oladimeji
Senior Oil and Gas Engineer

Olu Oladimeji

12/9/2024

cc: Natalie Lopez - Submitter

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Natalie Lopez

From: Isla, Nicholas@DOT <Nicholas.Isla@dot.ca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2024 9:03 AM
To: Natalie Lopez
Cc: Padilla, Dave@DOT
Subject: KER-43_PM 16.692 Rodriguez Park- Shafter

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Hello Natalie,

We've reviewed the above-mentioned project and have no comment.

Thank you,

Nicholas Isla
Associate Transportation Planner
Local Development Review Branch
California Department of Transportation
1352 West Olive Avenue
(559) 981-7373

MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM

Mitigation Monitoring Program

CD Project Nos. 18.22.2 Rodriguez Park Multi-Purpose Field and Retention Basin Improvements;
18.24.1 – Rodriguez Park Multi-Purpose Field and Retention Basin Improvements

Mitigation Section No. 1

Issues Addressed: Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA)
Compliance

Law, Authority, or Factor

Species listed under the ESA and protected under the MBTA are known to inhabit or potentially occur in the project area. The project shall comply with ESA, MBTA, and State regulations to avoid impacts to protected species.

Reasoning

Species listed under the ESA and protected under the MBTA inhabit or potentially occur in the project area. Implementation shall be consistent with federal and State laws.

Mitigation Measures

1. **Preconstruction Survey:** No more than 14 to 30 days prior to the commencement of operations or any ground-disturbing activities, a qualified biologist shall conduct a preconstruction biological clearance survey to assess the presence of protected species.
 - Survey results shall be submitted to the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department – Community Development Division, and as appropriate, to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
 - Exclusion zones shall be established and maintained until construction is complete unless agencies authorize removal or relocation of special-status species, following their guidelines.
2. **Informational Meeting:** Prior to construction, a qualified biologist shall conduct a meeting with construction personnel outlining avoidance and protection measures, including the USFWS Standardized Recommendations for the San Joaquin Kit Fox.
3. **During Construction:** All USFWS and State-recommended mitigation measures for endangered species shall be adhered to, including exclusion zones and monitoring protocols.
4. **Migratory Birds:** If migratory bird nests are observed, work shall cease in the immediate vicinity, and a qualified biologist shall be consulted to ensure MBTA compliance.

Certification

Biologist Section:

- Compliance with Item 1: _____ (Signature / Date)
- Compliance with Item 2: _____ (Signature / Date)

Contractor Section:

- Compliance with Item 3: _____ (Signature / Date)
 - Compliance with Item 4: _____ (Signature / Date)
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Mitigation Section No. 2

Issues Addressed: Historic Preservation

Law, Authority, or Factor

If cultural resources are unearthed during ground disturbance, work must halt and a qualified cultural resource specialist must evaluate the findings.

Reasoning

To avoid impacts to unknown historic or cultural resources uncovered during construction, procedures must be in place to halt work and evaluate discoveries.

Mitigation Measures

1. If cultural resources are uncovered, all work shall stop in the area of discovery. A qualified cultural resource specialist shall be contacted immediately to assess and recommend mitigation.
2. Work shall resume only after clearance is obtained from the specialist and any necessary consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) are completed.

Certification

I certify that no cultural resources were discovered during construction:

Name: _____ (Signature / Date)

If cultural resources were discovered, I certify:

- a) Documentation was prepared by a qualified specialist prior to continuing work.
- b) Additional consultation with SHPO was completed as required.

Name: _____ (Signature / Date)

Mitigation Section No. 3

Issues Addressed: Noise Abatement and Control

Law, Authority, or Factor

HUD noise standards require design features to mitigate anticipated noise levels.

Reasoning

To minimize disturbance to nearby residences, project construction setup and work hours shall be limited.

Mitigation Measures

1. Air conditioning or mechanical ventilation shall be installed in all units to allow windows and doors to remain closed for sound insulation.
2. Construction activities shall be limited to 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekends to minimize noise disturbance.

Certification

I certify that noise attenuation features have been incorporated into project design, specifications, and construction.

(Signed by Contractor) _____ (Date)

Mitigation Section No. 4

Issues Addressed: Vector Control

Law, Authority, or Factor

Due to the expansion of the drainage basin near existing residences, vector control is necessary to prevent mosquito nuisances.

Reasoning

A mosquito vector control plan is required to prevent vegetation overgrowth and reduce mosquito nuisances near residences.

Mitigation Measures

1. A mosquito vector control plan shall be developed and implemented for the drainage basin.

Certification

I certify that a mosquito vector control plan has been developed and will be implemented.

(Signed by Contractor) _____ (Date)