

Project title: Culvert Cleanout - Olinda-Tracy 167-3

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Date Required:

Description of the Project:

Western proposes to conduct maintenance work on existing culverts and ditches associated with structure 167-3 on the Olinda-Tracy 500 kilovolt transmission line. The culverts and ditches have accumulated from 4 to 12 inches of sediment and may eventually impede drainage if not cleared. The work would consist of clearing sediment and debris from all culverts, culvert inlets and outlets, and drainage ditches to restore original function. The work would be done with the use of an excavator, vactor/jet router (a machine with a high-pressure hose and/or powerful vacuum), and shovels. Approximately 1,000 feet of culvert and 1,000 feet of ditches would be cleared. Additionally, approximately 20 feet of an open ditch will need to be re-graded to restore function.

Location of the Project:

Olinda-Tracy transmission line tower 167-3 in Solano County, approximately 5 miles southwest of Rio Vista, CA. The project area is in Sec. 22 T03N R02E MTD.

Attachments:

1 map

Work Order Number:

Action taken

Note: All Documentation is Attached

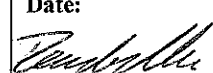
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exclusion (CX) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimization |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integral Elements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attachment (1 Map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NEPA Attachment Sheet | |

Determination: Based on my review of information provided to me concerning the proposed action as NEPA Compliance Officer, I have determined that the proposed action meets the requirements for the categorical exclusion listed above. Therefore, I have determined that the proposed action may be categorically excluded from further NEPA review and documentation.

STEVE TUGGLE
NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGER


Steve Tuggle
NEPA Compliance Officer

6/1/2010
Date
 Approved

CC: Requestor: George McAlister	File Code:	Assigned to: Ricardo Velarde	Project #: 100503	Environmental Specialist- Date:  5/27/10
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Western Area Power Administration Sierra Nevada Region	CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) DETERMINATION	Project Number: 100503
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Integral Elements

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Category of Action:

B1.3: Routine maintenance/custodial services for buildings, structures, infrastructures, equipment. Maintenance includes repair of road embankments, erosion control and soil stabilization measures such as reseeding and re-vegetation.

B1.13: Construction and or relocation of onsite pathways and short onsite access roads.

Regulatory Requirements for a Categorical Exclusion Determination: The Department of Energy (DOE), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Procedures, 10 CFR 1021.410(b) require the following determinations be made in order for a proposed action to be categorically excluded (see full text in regulation).

1. The proposed action fits within a class of action listed in Appendixes A and B to Subpart D. For classes of actions listed in Appendix B, the following conditions are integral elements; i.e., to fit within a class, the proposal must not:
 - a. Threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including requirements of DOE and/or Executive Orders.
 - b. Require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, but may include categorically excluded facilities.
 - c. Disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products preexisting in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or un-permitted releases; or
 - d. Adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B (4)).
2. There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal which may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal;
3. The proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)), is not related to other actions with cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(2)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

Results of Review: In accordance with DOE environmental regulations (10 CFR 1021), The Western Area Power Administration (Western) has reviewed the proposed action in terms of the level of NEPA review needed. Based on this review, Western has determined the proposal is encompassed within a class of action listed in Appendix B to Subpart D (10 CFR 1021.410) which do not require preparation of either an environmental impact statement) or an environmental assessment (EA).

The proposed action meets the above regulatory criteria and there are no significant adverse environmental effects associated with this action.