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# Attachment A

## National Historic Preservation Act

### Section 106 Consultation



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Mr. Milford Wayne Donaldson  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Office of Historic Preservation  
California Department of  
Parks and Recreation  
P.O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

Subject: Update to the 1993 Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for portions of the Coachella Canal (Canal), Riverside County, California

Dear Dr. Donaldson:

This letter is to inform you that Reclamation's Yuma Area Office (AZ) is updating a combined RMP/EA for the Riverside County portion of the Canal, including Lake Cahuilla. The updated study will define Reclamation's management philosophy for approximately 3,990 acres of lands under Reclamation's jurisdiction. The enclosed map shows the Canal and the area under study.

The updated RMP will address Reclamation's management and resource responsibilities for lands under its jurisdiction. Taking into account the area's rapid population growth, especially in the western section of the study area near Indio and Lake Cahuilla, the plan's purpose is to provide direction for future management decisions according to currently recognized standards of proper land and water use. The RMP will assist Reclamation in achieving responsible stewardship of the lands, resources, and water on, adjacent to, and near the Canal.

Preparation and implementation of this updated RMP/EA is a federal undertaking and, therefore, falls under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended. The act and implementing regulations require Federal agencies to consider the effects of an undertaking on cultural resources within the

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Area of Potential Effect (APE). This letter is to initiate the consultation process, as required under 36 CFR 800, sections 6 and 7. The actual public involvement process will begin in early 2005.

As part of the development of the updated RMP, Reclamation is conducting a Class I cultural resource survey of the affected area, and plans to hold public meetings to solicit comments regarding the undertaking and the APE. In addition, Reclamation plans to initiate consultation with local Indian Tribes which may have an interest in the updated RMP. If, in the future, any ground-disturbing activities are initiated as a result of this RMP/EA, Reclamation will consult with your office regarding any potential negative effects on cultural resources within the area of the undertaking.

When completed, a draft copy of the updated RMP/EA will be sent to your office for review and comment. In the interim, if you have any questions or require further information, please contact Dr. Jim Bailey of Reclamation's Denver office at 303-445-2704, or at [jbailey@do.usbr.gov](mailto:jbailey@do.usbr.gov)

Sincerely,

*Jim Cherry*

Jim Cherry  
Area Manager

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Mr. Gary Resvaloso  
Cultural Resources Coordinator  
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Thermal, CA 92274

Subject: Update to the 1993 Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for Portions of the Coachella Canal (Canal), Riverside County, California

Mr. Resvaloso:

This letter is to inform you that Reclamation's Yuma Area Office is updating a combined RMP/EA for the Riverside County portion of the Canal, including Lake Cahuilla. The updated study will define Reclamation's management philosophies for approximately 3,990 acres of lands under Reclamation's jurisdiction. The enclosed map shows the Canal and the area under study.

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the effects of an undertaking on cultural resources within the Area of Potential Effect (APE). This letter is to initiate the consultation process, as required under 36 CFR 800, sections 6 and 7. The actual public involvement process will begin in early 2005.

In order to address any concerns you may have, we would appreciate your help in identifying any known cultural resources, including traditional cultural properties and/or sacred sites that exist within the APE. Our objective is to identify any such resources early in the planning process so we can recommend avoidance of them in any future undertaking.

We would appreciate your sending the requested cultural resources information by January 1, 2005, to Dr. Jim Bailey, Staff Historian, Technical Service Center, P.O. Box 250007 (D-8580), Denver, Colorado 80225-0007. If you or other tribal officials would like to discuss cultural resources issues associated with the Riverside County portion of the Canal, please contact Dr. Bailey at 303-445-2704 or [jbailey@do.usbr.gov](mailto:jbailey@do.usbr.gov).

Sincerely, \_\_\_\_\_

**Jim Cherry**

Jim Cherry  
Area Manager

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Identical Letters Sent To:

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October 18, 2004

Dr. Jim Bailey  
Staff Historian  
Technical Service Center  
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Denver, Colorado 80225-0007

**Re: Update to 1993 Resource Management Plan and Environmental Assessment for Portions of the Coachella Canal, Riverside County, California**

Dr. Bailey,

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians appreciates your efforts to include the Tribal Historic Preservation Office in your project. We have examined your information on the proposed project location referenced above and compared this to data in the Agua Caliente Register. The Register indicates, first, that the area is not within Reservation lands. Second, while the project area also is not within the Tribal Traditional Use Area, it is in close proximity to it. Based on this proximity, we do request a copy of any cultural resource documents and/or reports that might be generated in connection with this effort to become part of the permanent Agua Caliente Cultural Register.

Again the Agua Caliente Tribe appreciates your interest in Tribal heritage and resources. If you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at 1 (760) 883-1313 or at e.mail [jnixon@aguacaliente.net](mailto:jnixon@aguacaliente.net).

Cordially,

Joseph M. Nixon, Ph. D., RPA  
Cultural Resources Coordinator  
**AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS**  
**TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**

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C: Tribal Council  
Tom Davis, Chief Planning Officer  
Agua Caliente Cultural Register

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November 1, 2004

Jim Cherry, Area Manager  
United States Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Yuma Area Office  
7301 Calle Agua Salada  
Yuma, Arizona 85364

RE: UPDATE TO 1993 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (RMP) AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)  
FOR PORTIONS OF THE COACHELLA CANAL, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Thank you for informing me of the proposed undertaking referenced above. Pursuant to your responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR 800, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has determined that the proposed action is a federal undertaking that may have the potential to cause effects on historic properties. In accordance with Section 800.3(c)(3) of the implementing regulations, your letter of October 12, 2004, initiated consultation with me for this undertaking.


As outlined in your submittal, Reclamation proposes to:

1. Conduct a Class I cultural resource survey of the affected area;
2. Hold public meetings to solicit comments regarding the undertaking and the Area of Potential Effect;
3. Initiate consultation with local Indian Tribes which may have an interest in the updated RMP/EA; and
4. Consult with me regarding any potential negative effects on cultural resources within the area of the undertaking should future ground-disturbing activities occur.

I acknowledge that you plan to provide me with a draft copy of the RMP/EA upon its completion for my review and comment. While I acknowledge your plan, I would like some additional explanation of how you intend to continue this consultation. I refer to your sentence that reads, "If, in the future, any ground-disturbing activities are initiated as a result of this RMP/EA, Reclamation will consult with your office regarding any potential negative effects on cultural resources within the area of the undertaking." Do you intend to continue consultation with me under 36 CFR 800.4(2) that allows for the phased process to conduct identification and evaluation efforts? This provision in the regulations allows for the preparation of a programmatic agreement executed pursuant to 800.14(b). I would like to hear your ideas on how this might be accomplished.

I look forward to continuing consultation as the plan for these undertaking proceeds. Please do not hesitate to contact Blossom Hamusek, Staff Archaeologist at (916) 651-6956 or at [bhamu@ohp.parks.ca.gov](mailto:bhamu@ohp.parks.ca.gov), if you have any questions or need clarification of any of my comments.

Sincerely,



Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA  
State Historic Preservation Officer



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Mr. Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
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P.O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

Subject: Coachella Canal Resource Management Plan and  
Environmental Assessment (RMP/EA) - Phased Cultural  
Resources Consultation

Dear Mr. Donaldson:

Thank you for informing us of your concerns regarding the Section 106 consultation process and our updated Coachella Canal RMP/EA. We have read your letter dated November 1, 2004, and wish to respond to your questions regarding phased cultural resources consultation under 36 CFR Sec. 800.

Currently, the updated Coachella RMP/EA is still in the draft compilation stages. The historian for the Bureau of Reclamation's Technical Service Center (TSC), Dr. Jim Bailey, has conducted a Class 1 survey of all historic and archeological resources within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) through the University of California-Riverside's site record repository. Additionally, Dr. Bailey has initiated consultations with local Indian tribes and has completed a sacred lands search through the California Native American Heritage Commission.

However, since Reclamation is still in the formative stages of drafting and producing this updated RMP/EA, at this time we wish to continue to consult with your office *only* on a case-by-case basis. Much like the last RMP/EA (1993), the updated RMP/EA will detail a reasonable number of management alternatives. You should also be aware that, currently, Reclamation has no plans for construction activities around the canal.

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Although we understand the importance of the phased consultation process as outlined under 36 CFR Sec. 800.14(b), it is much too early in the RMP/EA's planning stages to consider a programmatic agreement. However, if funding should become available to pursue and negotiate a formal programmatic agreement with your office over the entire Coachella Canal in Imperial and Riverside counties, we will be prepared to discuss this possibility.

If there are any further questions or concerns, please contact me at 928-343-8215, or Dr. Jim Bailey, TSC Staff Historian, at 303-445-2704 or [jbailey@do.usbr.gov](mailto:jbailey@do.usbr.gov).

Sincerely,  
**Cynthia Hoeft**

Cynthia Hoeft, Director  
Resources Management Office

## Endangered Species Act Consultation



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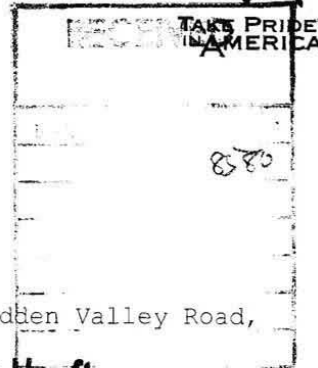
#### MEMORANDUM

To: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 6010 Hidden Valley Road,  
Carlsbad, CA 92009

From: Cynthia Hoeft  
Director, Resource Management Office

Subject: Request for Threatened and Endangered Species List for  
Coachella Canal Area Resource Management Plan (RMP)

**Cynthia Hoeft**



The Bureau of Reclamation is preparing an RMP for the Coachella Canal area. We are requesting a threatened and endangered species list for the area affected by this planning effort.

The portion of the Coachella Canal area covered by the RMP is in Riverside County, California, and consists of about 30 miles of the canal and 3,990 acres of Reclamation lands. The study area is located just north of the Salton Sea. It continues north near the communities of Mecca, Thermal, Coachella, and Indio and south near La Quinta and Lake Cahuilla (portions of Townships 5, 6, and 7 South, Ranges 7, 8, and 9 East, San Bernardino Meridian, Riverside County, California). The location of the study area is shown on the attached map.

Reclamation is updating the RMP prepared for the Coachella Canal area in 1993. The purpose of the updated RMP is to establish a 10-year plan detailing the management framework for the conservation, protection, enhancement, development and use of the natural and cultural resources along the Coachella Canal while protecting the authorized Reclamation project purposes.

The RMP will be combined with a National Environmental Policy Act compliance document and is expected to be completed within 18 months. We appreciate your help in sending us the threatened and endangered species list and look forward to working with you on this project. Please contact Ms. Peggy Haren of my staff at 928-343-8547 for questions regarding this request.

Attachment



Ms. Cynthia Hoeft (FWS-ERTV-4464.1)

Proposed, Threatened, or Endangered Species  
Potentially Occurring in the  
Coachella Canal Area RMP

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status
Desert tortoise	<i>Gopherus agassizii</i>	T
Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard	<i>Uma inornata</i>	T
Southwestern willow flycatcher	<i>Epidonax traillii extimus</i>	E
Yuma clapper rail	<i>Rallus longirostris yumanensis</i>	E
Least Bell's vireo	<i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i>	E
Peninsular bighorn sheep	<i>Ovis canadensis</i>	E
Desert pupfish	<i>Cyprinodon macularis</i>	E
Razorback sucker	<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>	E
Coachella valley milk-vetch	<i>Astragalus lentiginosus</i> var. <i>coachellae</i>	E
Peirson's milk-vetch	<i>Astragalus magdalenae</i> var. <i>peirsonii</i>	T
Triple-ribbed milk-vetch	<i>Astragalus tricarinatus</i>	E

Status

E = Endangered; T = Threatened

# Indian Trust Assets Coordination



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MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Director, Navajo Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 1060, Gallup, NM 87305  
Regional Director, Pacific Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825  
Regional Director, Western Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 10, Phoenix, AZ 85001  
Superintendent, Colorado River Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rt. 1, Box 9-C, Parker, AZ 85344  
Superintendent, Fort Yuma Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 11000, Yuma, AZ 85366  
Superintendent, Hopi Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 158, Keams Canyon, AZ 86034  
Superintendent, Palm Springs Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 2245, Palm Springs, CA 92263  
Superintendent, Papago Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 490, Sells, AZ 85634  
Superintendent, Pima Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 8, Sacaton, AZ 85247  
Superintendent, Salt River Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 10000 East McDowell Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
Superintendent, San Carlos Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 209, San Carlos, AZ 85550  
Superintendent, Southern California Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1451 Research Park Drive, Suite 100, Riverside, CA 92507  
Superintendent, Truxton Canon Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 37, Valentine, AZ 86437  
Field Representative, Southern Paiute Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 720, St. George, UT 84771

From: Jim Cherry  
Area Manager **Jim Cherry**

Subject: Request for Identification of Indian Trust Assets (ITA) - Coachella Canal Area Resource Management Plan (RMP), Riverside County, California (Action by February 25, 2005)



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This is to inform you that the Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) Yuma Area Office is updating an RMP for Reclamation lands located within Riverside County that are associated with the Coachella Canal (Canal). Like the previous Coachella Canal RMP issued in 1993, the updated study will define Reclamation's management philosophies for the next 10 years for approximately 3,990 acres of Canal lands under Reclamation's jurisdiction. The attached map shows the Canal and the area under study.

The updated RMP will address Reclamation's management and resource responsibilities for the above-described lands under its jurisdiction. Taking into account the area's rapid population growth, especially in the northern and western sections of the study area near Indio and Lake Cahuilla, the plan's purpose is to provide direction for future management decisions according to currently recognized standards of proper land management. The updated RMP will assist Reclamation in achieving responsible stewardship of the lands associated with the Canal.

As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance process and Reclamation's Indian Trust Asset policy of July 2, 1993, we are requesting identification of any trust assets including land, minerals, hunting and fishing rights, and water rights that the United States holds for any tribe which may be affected by the above described proposed Federal action. We would like to complete the identification of trust assets by February 25, 2005. Our objective is to ensure trust assets are identified early in the NEPA process so we can avoid damaging effects to them. Reclamation has initiated consultation with potentially affected tribes regarding cultural resources and sacred sites within the area of potential effect of the proposed Federal action as a separate additional part of NEPA compliance.

Attached is information about the RMP and upcoming open houses for this project. Additionally, we have mailed open house notices to the tribes shown on the attached list. However, we have not requested their identification of ITA pending your response to this inquiry.

Please send the requested trust asset information by February 25, 2005, to Ms. Susan Black, Bureau of Reclamation D-8580, P.O. Box 25007, Denver, CO 80225-0007. The information can also be sent to her by fax at 720-544-0601 or by email to [sblack@do.usbr.gov](mailto:sblack@do.usbr.gov). If you have any questions about this inquiry or the Coachella RMP process, please contact Ms. Black as noted above or by telephone at 303-445-2705.

We hope to see you at the upcoming open houses.

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# memorandum

DATE: **MAR 09 2005**

REPLY TO:  
ATTN OF: James J. Fletcher, Superintendent, Southern California Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1451  
Research Park Drive, Suite 100, Riverside, CA 92507-2154

SUBJECT: Reply to Data Request for Indian Trust Assets - Boulder Canyon Project, All-American  
Canal System, Coachella Canal Unit (Project: 1993 RMP Update).

THROUGH: Jim Cherry, Area Manager, Yuma Area Office (YAO-7120, LND-6.00), Bureau of  
Reclamation, 7301 Calle Agua Salada, Yuma, AZ 85364

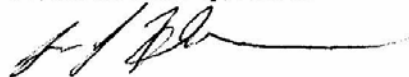
TO: Darrell Welch, Team Leader (Attn: Susan Black), Bureau of Reclamation (D-8580),  
P. O. Box 25007, Denver, CO 80225-0007

This serves as reply to the Memorandum dated January 21, 2005, from the Yuma Area Manager, requesting "identification of any trust assets including land, minerals, hunting and fishing rights, and water rights that the United States holds for any tribe which may be affected by the above described proposed federal action." While we would not have or never will have the time or opportunity to inventory all that you are requesting, we will briefly list the Indian Reservations within or relatively near the proposed project in the Whitewater River watershed of the Salton Sea closed basin:

Morongo Indian Reservation  
Agua Caliente Indian Reservation  
Cabazon Indian Reservation  
Augustine Indian Reservation  
Twenty-Nine Palms Indian Reservation  
Torres-Martinez Indian Reservation

Within those Indian Reservations are real property and natural resources assets held in trust by the United States on behalf of the respective federally-recognized tribes living there or affiliated by membership. This includes trust resources and real property held on behalf of each tribe, as well as individually-owned trust Allotments. Appurtenant surface and underground water rights affix to these Indian Reservations and are held in trust by the United States as adjudged and decreed in the California Whitewater River Adjudication (Superior Court Judgement, County of Riverside, California).

Please note that the proposed project area lies within the CALFED Geographic Scope of Solution Area where all federal agencies share in the trust responsibility to execute the federal government's trust to American Indian tribes. If you have questions or need further advice, please contact Rick Gundry, Hydrologist, at (951) 276-6624, ext. 257, or Lisa Northrop, Natural Resources Officer, ext. 254.



cc: Area Manager, (Attn: P. Haren) BOR-LCRR-YAO-7120  
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Honorable Richard Milanovich  
Chairman  
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians  
600 East Tahquitz Canyon Way  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Subject: Request for Identification of Indian Trust Assets  
(ITA) - Coachella Canal Area Resource Management  
Plan/Environmental Assessment (RMP/EA), Riverside  
County, California (Action by June 10, 2005)

Dear Chairman Milanovich:

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In response to Reclamation's request for identification of Indian trust assets potentially affected by the above proposed Federal action, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Southern California Agency, Riverside, California, by memorandum dated

March 9, 2005, advised Reclamation "Within those Indian Reservations (Agua Caliente, Augustine, Cabazon, Morongo, Torres Martinez, and Twenty Nine Palms) are real property and natural resources assets held in trust by the United States on behalf of the respective Federally recognized tribes living there or affiliated by membership. This includes trust resources and real property held on behalf of each tribe, as well as individually owned trust Allotments. Appurtenant surface and underground water rights affix to these Indian Reservations and are held in trust by the United States as adjudged and decreed in the California Whitewater River Adjudication (Superior Court Judgement County of Riverside, California)."

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We would appreciate your sending the requested trust asset information by June 10, 2005, to:

Ms. Susan Black  
Bureau of Reclamation D-8580  
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The information can also be sent to her by fax at 720-544-0601 or by email to sblack@do.usbr.gov. If you have any questions about this inquiry or the Coachella RMP/EA process, please contact Ms. Black as above or by telephone at 303-445-2705.

Within the next few weeks, Mr. Jack Simes, our Native American Affairs Coordinator, will be contacting you to discuss this inquiry and answer any questions you may have.

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Enclosed is additional information about the RMP and upcoming open houses for this project. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Cynthia Hoeft*

Cynthia Hoeft, Director  
Resource Management Office

Enclosures

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The Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians has assessed the information you provided  
concerning: Request for Identification of Indian Trust Assets (ITA) – Coachella Canal  
Area Resource Management Plan/Environmental Assessment (RMP/EA), Riverside  
County California

We have determined that this project is outside the Soboba Reservation territory as well  
as outside Tradition Use Area for the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians. While outside  
our Tradition Use Area for the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians the closeness of this  
project to Tradition Use Area advocates we request copies of cultural resource documents  
and reports.

We appreciate your observance of Tribal resources as it relates to cultural heritage and  
preservation. Please feel free to contact me at 951-654-2765 ext: 244 if you need any  
additional information

Respectfully,

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# **Attachment B**

## **Title VIII – Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act**



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*(From the 2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 108-447) signed into law by President Bush on December 8, 2004)*

#### **Section 1. Short Title and Table of Contents**

(a) *Short Title.*—This title may be cited as the “Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act”.

(b) *Table of Contents.*—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Section 1. Short title and table of contents.

Section 2. Definitions.

Section 3. Recreation fee authority.

Section 4. Public participation.

Section 5. Recreation passes.

Section 6. Cooperative agreements.

Section 7. Special account and distribution of fees and revenues.

Section 8. Expenditures.

Section 9. Reports.

Section 10. Sunset provision.

Section 11. Volunteers.

Section 12. Enforcement and protection of receipts.

Section 13. Repeal of superseded admission and use fee authorities.

Section 14. Relation to other laws and fee collection authorities.

Section 15. Limitation on use of fees for employee bonuses.

#### **SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.**

In this Act:

(1) **STANDARD AMENITY RECREATION FEE.**—The term “standard amenity recreation fee” means the recreation fee authorized by section 3(f).

(2) **EXPANDED AMENITY RECREATION FEE.**—The term “expanded amenity recreation fee” means the recreation fee authorized by section 3(g).

- (3) **ENTRANCE FEE.**—The term “entrance fee” means the recreation fee authorized to be charged to enter onto lands managed by the National Park Service or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
- (4) **FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY.**—The term “Federal land management agency” means the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, or the Forest Service.
- (5) **FEDERAL RECREATIONAL LANDS AND WATERS.**—The term “Federal recreational lands and waters” means lands or waters managed by a Federal land management agency.
- (6) **NATIONAL PARKS AND FEDERAL RECREATIONAL LANDS PASS.**—The term “National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass” means the interagency national pass authorized by section 5.
- (7) **PASSHOLDER.**—The term “passholder” means the person who is issued a recreation pass.
- (8) **RECREATION FEE.**—The term “recreation fee” means an entrance fee, standard amenity recreation fee, expanded amenity recreation fee, or special recreation permit fee.
- (9) **RECREATION PASS.**—The term “recreation pass” means the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass or one of the other recreation passes available as authorized by section 5.
- (10) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means—
- (A) the Secretary of the Interior, with respect to a Federal land management agency (other than the Forest Service); and
  - (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to the Forest Service.
- (11) **SECRETARIES.**—The term “Secretaries” means the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture acting jointly.
- (12) **SPECIAL ACCOUNT.**—The term “special account” means the special account established in the Treasury under section 7 for a Federal land management agency.
- (13) **SPECIAL RECREATION PERMIT FEE.**—The term “special recreation permit fee” means the fee authorized by section 3(h).

### **SECTION 3. RECREATION FEE AUTHORITY.**

- (a) *Authority of Secretary.*—Beginning in fiscal year 2005 and thereafter, the Secretary may establish, modify, charge, and collect recreation fees at Federal recreational lands and waters as provided for in this section.

(b) *Basis for Recreation Fees.*—Recreation fees shall be established in a manner consistent with the following criteria:

- (1) The amount of the recreation fee shall be commensurate with the benefits and services provided to the visitor.
- (2) The Secretary shall consider the aggregate effect of recreation fees on recreation users and recreation service providers.
- (3) The Secretary shall consider comparable fees charged elsewhere and by other public agencies and by nearby private sector operators.
- (4) The Secretary shall consider the public policy or management objectives served by the recreation fee.
- (5) The Secretary shall obtain input from the appropriate Recreation Resource Advisory Committee, as provided in section 4(d).
- (6) The Secretary shall consider such other factors or criteria as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

(c) *Special Considerations.*—The Secretary shall establish the minimum number of recreation fees and shall avoid the collection of multiple or layered recreation fees for similar uses, activities, or programs.

(d) *Limitations on Recreation Fees.*—

(1) **PROHIBITION ON FEES FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES OR SERVICES.**—The Secretary shall not charge any standard amenity recreation fee or expanded amenity recreation fee for Federal recreational lands and waters administered by the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, or the Bureau of Reclamation under this Act for any of the following:

- (A) Solely for parking, undesignated parking, or picnicking along roads or trailsides.
- (B) For general access unless specifically authorized under this section.
- (C) For dispersed areas with low or no investment unless specifically authorized under this section.
- (D) For persons who are driving through, walking through, boating through, horseback riding through, or hiking through Federal recreational lands and waters without using the facilities and services.
- (E) For camping at undeveloped sites that do not provide a minimum number of facilities and services as described in subsection (g)(2)(A).
- (F) For use of overlooks or scenic pullouts.

(G) For travel by private, noncommercial vehicle over any national parkway or any road or highway established as a part of the Federal-aid System, as defined in section 101 of title 23, United States Code, which is commonly used by the public as a means of travel between two places either or both of which are outside any unit or area at which recreation fees are charged under this Act.

(H) For travel by private, noncommercial vehicle, boat, or aircraft over any road or highway, waterway, or airway to any land in which such person has any property right if such land is within any unit or area at which recreation fees are charged under this Act.

(I) For any person who has a right of access for hunting or fishing privileges under a specific provision of law or treaty.

(J) For any person who is engaged in the conduct of official Federal, State, Tribal, or local government business.

(K) For special attention or extra services necessary to meet the needs of the disabled.

**(2) RELATION TO FEES FOR USE OF HIGHWAYS OR ROADS.**—An entity that pays a special recreation permit fee or similar permit fee shall not be subject to a road cost-sharing fee or a fee for the use of highways or roads that are open to private, noncommercial use within the boundaries of any Federal recreational lands or waters, as authorized under section 6 of Public Law 88-657 (16 U.S.C. 537; commonly known as the Forest Roads and Trails Act).

**(3) PROHIBITION ON FEES FOR CERTAIN PERSONS OR PLACES.**—The Secretary shall not charge an entrance fee or standard amenity recreation fee for the following:

(A) Any person under 16 years of age.

(B) Outings conducted for noncommercial educational purposes by schools or bona fide academic institutions.

(C) The U.S.S. Arizona Memorial, Independence National Historical Park, any unit of the National Park System within the District of Columbia, or Arlington House-Robert E. Lee National Memorial.

(D) The Flight 93 National Memorial.

(E) Entrance on other routes into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park or any part thereof unless fees are charged for entrance into that park on main highways and thoroughfares.

(F) Entrance on units of the National Park System containing deed restrictions on charging fees.

(G) An area or unit covered under section 203 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (Public Law 96-487; 16 U.S.C. 410hh-2), with the exception of Denali National Park and Preserve.

(H) A unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System created, expanded, or modified by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (Public Law 96-487).

(I) Any person who visits a unit or area under the jurisdiction of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and who has been issued a valid migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp issued under section 2 of the Act of March 16, 1934 (16 U.S.C. 718b; commonly known as the Duck Stamp Act).

(J) Any person engaged in a nonrecreational activity authorized under a valid permit issued under any other Act, including a valid grazing permit.

**(4) NO RESTRICTION ON RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES.—** Nothing in this Act shall limit the use of recreation opportunities only to areas designated for collection of recreation fees.

**(e) Entrance Fee.—**

**(1) AUTHORIZED SITES FOR ENTRANCE FEES.—**The Secretary of the Interior may charge an entrance fee for a unit of the National Park System, including a national monument administered by the National Park Service, or for a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

**(2) PROHIBITED SITES.—**The Secretary shall not charge an entrance fee for Federal recreational lands and waters managed by the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, or the Forest Service.

**(f) Standard Amenity Recreation Fee.—**Except as limited by subsection (d), the Secretary may charge a standard amenity recreation fee for Federal recreational lands and waters under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, or the Forest Service, but only at the following:

(1) A National Conservation Area.

(2) A National Volcanic Monument.

(3) A destination visitor or interpretive center that provides a broad range of interpretive services, programs, and media.

(4) An area—

(A) That provides significant opportunities for outdoor recreation;

(B) That has substantial Federal investments;

(C) Where fees can be efficiently collected; and

(D) That contains all of the following amenities:

- (i) Designated developed parking.
- (ii) A permanent toilet facility.
- (iii) A permanent trash receptacle.
- (iv) Interpretive sign, exhibit, or kiosk.
- (v) Picnic tables.
- (vi) Security services.

(g) *Expanded Amenity Recreation Fee.*—

(1) **NPS AND USFWS AUTHORITY.**—Except as limited by subsection (d), the Secretary of the Interior may charge an expanded amenity recreation fee, either in addition to an entrance fee or by itself, at Federal recreational lands and waters under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service when the Secretary of the Interior determines that the visitor uses a specific or specialized facility, equipment, or service.

(2) **OTHER FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES.**—Except as limited by subsection (d), the Secretary may charge an expanded amenity recreation fee, either in addition to a standard amenity fee or by itself, at Federal recreational lands and waters under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, or the Bureau of Reclamation, but only for the following facilities or services:

(A) Use of developed campgrounds that provide at least a majority of the following:

- (i) Tent or trailer spaces.
- (ii) Picnic tables.
- (iii) Drinking water.
- (iv) Access roads.
- (v) The collection of the fee by an employee or agent of the Federal land management agency.
- (vi) Reasonable visitor protection.
- (vii) Refuse containers.
- (viii) Toilet facilities.
- (ix) Simple devices for containing a campfire.

(B) Use of highly developed boat launches with specialized facilities or services such as mechanical or hydraulic boat lifts or facilities, multi-lane paved ramps, paved parking, restrooms and other improvements such as boarding floats, loading ramps, or fish cleaning stations.

(C) Rental of cabins, boats, stock animals, lookouts, historic structures, group day-use or overnight sites, audio tour devices, portable sanitation devices, binoculars or other equipment.

(D) Use of hookups for electricity, cable, or sewer.

(E) Use of sanitary dump stations.

(F) Participation in an enhanced interpretive program or special tour.

(G) Use of reservation services.

(H) Use of transportation services.

(I) Use of areas where emergency medical or first-aid services are administered from facilities staffed by public employees or employees under a contract or reciprocal agreement with the Federal Government.

(J) Use of developed swimming sites that provide at least a majority of the following:

(i) Bathhouse with showers and flush toilets.

(ii) Refuse containers.

(iii) Picnic areas.

(iv) Paved parking.

(v) Attendants, including lifeguards.

(vi) Floats encompassing the swimming area.

(vii) Swimming deck.

(h) *Special Recreation Permit Fee.*—The Secretary may issue a special recreation permit, and charge a special recreation permit fee in connection with the issuance of the permit, for specialized recreation uses of Federal recreational lands and waters, such as group activities, recreation events, motorized recreational vehicle use.

#### **SECTION 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

(a) *In General.*—As required in this section, the Secretary shall provide the public with opportunities to participate in the development of or changing of a recreation fee established under this Act.

(b) *Advance Notice*.—The Secretary shall publish a notice in the *Federal Register* of the establishment of a new recreation fee area for each agency 6 months before establishment. The Secretary shall publish notice of a new recreation fee or a change to an existing recreation fee established under this Act in local newspapers and publications located near the site at which the recreation fee would be established or changed.

(c) *Public Involvement*.—Before establishing any new recreation fee area, the Secretary shall provide opportunity for public involvement by—

- (1) Establishing guidelines for public involvement;
- (2) Establishing guidelines on how agencies will demonstrate on an annual basis how they have provided information to the public on the use of recreation fee revenues; and
- (3) Publishing the guidelines in paragraphs (1) and (2) in the *Federal Register*.

(d) *Recreation Resource Advisory Committee*.—

(1) **ESTABLISHMENT**.—

(A) **AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH**.—Except as provided in subparagraphs (C) and (D), the Secretary or the Secretaries shall establish a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee in each State or region for Federal recreational lands and waters managed by the Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management to perform the duties described in paragraph (2).

(B) **NUMBER OF COMMITTEES**.—The Secretary may have as many additional Recreation Resource Advisory Committees in a State or region as the Secretary considers necessary for the effective operation of this Act.

(C) **EXCEPTION**.—The Secretary shall not establish a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee in a State if the Secretary determines, in consultation with the Governor of the State, that sufficient interest does not exist to ensure that participation on the Committee is balanced in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed.

(D) **USE OF OTHER ENTITIES**.—In lieu of establishing a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee under subparagraph (A), the Secretary may use a Resource Advisory Committee established pursuant to another provision of law and in accordance with that law or a recreation fee advisory board otherwise established by the Secretary to perform the duties specified in paragraph (2).

(2) **DUTIES**.—In accordance with the procedures required by paragraph (9), a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee may make recommendations to the Secretary regarding a standard amenity recreation fee or an expanded



amenity recreation fee, whenever the recommendations relate to public concerns in the State or region covered by the Committee regarding—

- (A) The implementation of a standard amenity recreation fee or an expanded amenity recreation fee or the establishment of a specific recreation fee site;
- (B) The elimination of a standard amenity recreation fee or an expanded amenity recreation fee; or
- (C) The expansion or limitation of the recreation fee program.

(3) **MEETINGS.**—A Recreation Resource Advisory Committee shall meet at least annually, but may, at the discretion of the Secretary, meet as often as needed to deal with citizen concerns about the recreation fee program in a timely manner.

(4) **NOTICE OF REJECTION.**—If the Secretary rejects the recommendation of a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee, the Secretary shall issue a notice that identifies the reasons for rejecting the recommendation to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate not later than 30 days before the Secretary implements a decision pertaining to that recommendation.

(5) **COMPOSITION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**—

- (A) **NUMBER.**—A Recreation Resource Advisory Committee shall be comprised of 11 members.
- (B) **NOMINATIONS.**—The Governor and the designated county official from each county in the relevant State or Region may submit a list of nominations in the categories described under subparagraph (D).
- (C) **APPOINTMENT.**—The Secretary may appoint members of the Recreation Resource Advisory Committee from the list as provided in subparagraph (B).
- (D) **BROAD AND BALANCED REPRESENTATION.**—In appointing the members of a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee, the Secretary shall provide for a balanced and broad representation from the recreation community that shall include the following:

- (i) Five persons who represent recreation users and that include, as appropriate, persons representing the following:

- (I) Winter motorized recreation, such as snowmobiling.
- (II) Winter non-motorized recreation, such as snowshoeing, cross country and down hill skiing, and snowboarding.

(III) Summer motorized recreation, such as motorcycles, boaters, and off-highway vehicles.

(IV) Summer nonmotorized recreation, such as backpacking, horseback riding, mountain biking, canoeing, and rafting.

(V) Hunting and fishing.

(ii) Three persons who represent interest groups that include, as appropriate, the following:

(I) Motorized outfitters and guides.

(II) Non-motorized outfitters and guides.

(III) Local environmental groups.

(iii) Three persons, as follows:

(I) State tourism official to represent the State.

(II) A person who represents affected Indian tribes.

(III) A person who represents affected local government interests.

(6) **TERM.**—

(A) **LENGTH OF TERM.**—The Secretary shall appoint the members of a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee for staggered terms of two and three years beginning on the date of the members are first appointed. The Secretary may reappoint members to subsequent two- or three-year terms.

(B) **EFFECT OF VACANCY.**—The Secretary shall make appointments to fill a vacancy on a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee as soon as practicable after the vacancy has occurred.

(C) **EFFECT OF UNEXPECTED VACANCY.**—Where an unexpected vacancy occurs, the Governor and the designated county officials from each county in the relevant state shall provide the Secretary with a list of nominations in the relevant category, as described under paragraph (5)(D), not later than two months after notification of the vacancy. To the extent possible, a vacancy shall be filled in the same category and term in which the original appointment was made.

(7) **CHAIRPERSON.**—The chairperson of a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee shall be selected by the majority vote of the members of the Committee.

(8) **QUORUM.**—Eight members shall constitute a quorum. A quorum must be present to constitute an official meeting of a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee.

(9) **APPROVAL PROCEDURES.**—A Recreation Resource Advisory Committee shall establish procedures for making recommendations to the Secretary. A recommendation may be submitted to the Secretary only if the recommendation is approved by a majority of the members of the Committee from each of the categories specified in paragraph (5)(D) and general public support for the recommendation is documented.

(10) **COMPENSATION.**—Members of the Recreation Resource Advisory Committee shall not receive any compensation.

**(11) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE RECREATION RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**—

(A) **NOTICE OF MEETINGS.**—All meetings of a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee shall be announced at least one week in advance in a local newspaper of record and the *Federal Register*, and shall be open to the public.

(B) **RECORDS.**—A Recreation Resource Advisory Committee shall maintain records of the meetings of the Recreation Resource Advisory Committee and make the records available for public inspection.

(12) **FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.**—A Recreation Resource Advisory Committee is subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

*(e) Miscellaneous Administrative Provisions Regarding Recreation Fees and Recreation Passes.*—

(1) **NOTICE OF ENTRANCE FEES, STANDARD AMENITY RECREATION FEES, AND PASSES.**—The Secretary shall post clear notice of any entrance fee, standard amenity recreation fee, and available recreation passes at appropriate locations in each unit or area of a Federal land management agency where an entrance fee or a standard amenity recreation fee is charged. The Secretary shall include such notice in publications distributed at the unit or area.

(2) **NOTICE OF RECREATION FEE PROJECTS.**—To the extent practicable, the Secretary shall post clear notice of locations where work is performed using recreation fee or recreation pass revenues collected under this Act.

## **SECTION 5. RECREATION PASSES.**

(a) *America the Beautiful—the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass.*—

(1) **AVAILABILITY AND USE.**—The Secretaries shall establish, and may charge a fee for, an interagency national pass to be known as the “America the Beautiful—the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass”, which shall cover the entrance fee and standard amenity recreation fee for all Federal recreational lands and waters for which an entrance fee or a standard amenity recreation fee is charged.

(2) **IMAGE COMPETITION FOR RECREATION PASS.**—The Secretaries shall hold an annual competition to select the image to be used on the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass for a year. The competition shall be open to the public and used as a means to educate the American people about Federal recreational lands and waters.

(3) **NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretaries shall publish a notice in the *Federal Register* when the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass is first established and available for purchase.

(4) **DURATION.**—The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass shall be valid for a period of 12 months from the date of the issuance of the recreation pass to a passholder, except in the case of the age and disability discounted passes issued under subsection (b).

(5) **PRICE.**—The Secretaries shall establish the price at which the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass will be sold to the public.

(6) **SALES LOCATIONS AND MARKETING.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall sell the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass at all Federal recreational lands and waters at which an entrance fee or a standard amenity recreation fee is charged and at such other locations as the Secretaries consider appropriate and feasible.

(B) **USE OF VENDORS.**—The Secretary may enter into fee management agreements as provided in section 6.

(C) **MARKETING.**—The Secretaries shall take such actions as are appropriate to provide for the active marketing of the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass.

(7) **ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES.**—The Secretaries shall issue guidelines on administration of the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass, which shall include agreement on price, the distribution of revenues between the Federal land management agencies, the sharing of costs, benefits provided, marketing and design, adequate documentation for age and

disability discounts under subsection (b), and the issuance of that recreation pass to volunteers. The Secretaries shall take into consideration all relevant visitor and sales data available in establishing the guidelines.

**(8) DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENTS.**—The Secretaries may enter into cooperative agreements with governmental and nongovernmental entities for the development and implementation of the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Program.

**(9) PROHIBITION ON OTHER NATIONAL RECREATION PASSES.**—The Secretary may not establish any national recreation pass, except as provided in this section.

*(b) Discounted Passes.*—

**(1) AGE DISCOUNT.**—The Secretary shall make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available, at a cost of \$10.00, to any United States citizen or person domiciled in the United States who is 62 years of age or older, if the citizen or person provides adequate proof of such age and such citizenship or residency. The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass made available under this subsection shall be valid for the lifetime of the pass holder.

**(2) DISABILITY DISCOUNT.**—The Secretary shall make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available, without charge, to any United States citizen or person domiciled in the United States who has been medically determined to be permanently disabled for purposes of section 7(20)(B)(i) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 705(20)(B)(i)), if the citizen or person provides adequate proof of the disability and such citizenship or residency. The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass made available under this subsection shall be valid for the lifetime of the passholder.

*(c) Site-Specific Agency Passes.*—The Secretary may establish and charge a fee for a site-specific pass that will cover the entrance fee or standard amenity recreation fee for particular Federal recreational lands and waters for a specified period not to exceed 12 months.

*(d) Regional Multientity Passes.*—

**(1) PASSES AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary may establish and charge a fee for a regional multientity pass that will be accepted by one or more Federal land management agencies or by one or more governmental or nongovernmental entities for a specified period not to exceed 12 months. To include a Federal land management agency or governmental or nongovernmental entity over which the Secretary does not have jurisdiction, the Secretary shall obtain the consent of the head of such agency or entity.

**(2) REGIONAL MULTIENTITY PASS AGREEMENT.**—In order to establish a regional multientity pass under this subsection, the Secretary shall

enter into a regional multientity pass agreement with all the participating agencies or entities on price, the distribution of revenues between participating agencies or entities, the sharing of costs, benefits provided, marketing and design, and the issuance of the pass to volunteers. The Secretary shall take into consideration all relevant visitor and sales data available when entering into this agreement.

(e) *Discounted or Free Admission Days or Use.*—The Secretary may provide for a discounted or free admission day or use of Federal recreational lands and waters.

(f) *Effect on Existing Passports and Permits.*—

(1) **EXISTING PASSPORTS.**—A passport issued under section 4 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l-6a) or title VI of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-391; 16 U.S.C. 5991-5995), such as the Golden Eagle Passport, the Golden Age Passport, the Golden Access Passport, and the National Parks Passport, that was valid on the day before the publication of the *Federal Register* notice required under subsection (a)(3) shall be valid in accordance with the terms agreed to at the time of issuance of the passport, to the extent practicable, and remain in effect until expired, lost, or stolen.

(2) **PERMITS.**—A permit issued under section 4 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 that was valid on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act shall be valid and remain in effect until expired, revoked, or suspended.

## **SECTION 6. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.**

(a) *Fee Management Agreement.*—Notwithstanding chapter 63 of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary may enter into a fee management agreement, including a contract, which may provide for a reasonable commission, reimbursement, or discount, with the following entities for the following purposes:

(1) With any governmental or nongovernmental entity, including those in a gateway community, for the purpose of obtaining fee collection and processing services, including visitor reservation services.

(2) With any governmental or nongovernmental entity, including those in a gateway community, for the purpose of obtaining emergency medical services.

(3) With any governmental entity, including those in a gateway community, to obtain law enforcement services.

(b) *Revenue Sharing*.—A State or legal subdivision of a State that enters into an agreement with the Secretary under subsection (a) may share in a percentage of the revenues collected at the site in accordance with that fee management agreement.

(c) *County Proposals*.—The Secretary shall consider any proposal submitted by a county to provide services described in subsection (a). If the Secretary decides not to enter into a fee management agreement with the county under subsection (a), the Secretary shall notify the county in writing of the decision, identifying the reasons for the decision. The fee management agreement may include cooperative site planning and management provisions.

## **SECTION 7. SPECIAL ACCOUNT AND DISTRIBUTION OF FEES AND REVENUES.**

(a) *Special Account*.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall establish a special account in the Treasury for each Federal land management agency.

(b) *Deposits*.—Subject to subsections (c), (d), and (e), revenues collected by each Federal land management agency under this Act shall—

(1) Be deposited in its special account; and

(2) Remain available for expenditure, without further appropriation, until expended.

(c) *Distribution of Recreation Fees and Single-Site Agency Pass Revenues*.—

(1) **LOCAL DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS**.—

(A) **RETENTION OF REVENUES**.—Not less than 80 percent of the recreation fees and site-specific agency pass revenues collected at a specific unit or area of a Federal land management agency shall remain available for expenditure, without further appropriation, until expended at that unit or area.

(B) **REDUCTION**.—The Secretary may reduce the percentage allocation otherwise applicable under subparagraph (A) to a unit or area of a Federal land management agency, but not below 60 percent, for a fiscal year if the Secretary determines that the revenues collected at the unit or area exceed the reasonable needs of the unit or area for which expenditures may be made for that fiscal year.

(2) **AGENCY-WIDE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS**.—The balance of the recreation fees and site-specific agency pass revenues collected at a specific unit or area of a Federal land management and not distributed in accordance

with paragraph (1) shall remain available to that Federal land management agency for expenditure on an agency-wide basis, without further appropriation, until expended.

(3) **OTHER AMOUNTS.**—Other amounts collected at other locations, including recreation fees collected by other entities or for a reservation service, shall remain available, without further appropriation, until expended in accordance with guidelines established by the Secretary.

(d) *Distribution of National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Revenues.*—Revenues collected from the sale of the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass shall be deposited in the special accounts established for the Federal land management agencies in accordance with the guidelines issued under section 5(a)(7).

(e) *Distribution of Regional Multientity Pass Revenues.*—Revenues collected from the sale of a regional multientity pass authorized under section 5(d) shall be deposited in each participating Federal land management agency's special account in accordance with the terms of the region multientity pass agreement for the regional multientity pass.

## **SECTION 8. EXPENDITURES.**

(a) *Use of Fees at Specific Site or Area.*—Amounts available for expenditure at a specific site or area—

- (1) Shall be accounted for separately from the amounts collected;
- (2) May be distributed agency-wide; and
- (3) Shall be used only for—
  - (A) Repair, maintenance, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety;
  - (B) Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs;
  - (C) Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife-dependent recreation that is limited to hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, or photography;
  - (D) Law enforcement related to public use and recreation;
  - (E) Direct operating or capital costs associated with the recreation fee program; and
  - (F) A fee management agreement established under section 6(a) or a visitor reservation service.



(b) *Limitation on Use of Fees.*—The Secretary may not use any recreation fees for biological monitoring on Federal recreational lands and waters under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 for listed or candidate species.

(c) *Administration, Overhead, and Indirect Costs.*—The Secretary may use not more than an average of 15 percent of total revenues collected under this Act for administration, overhead, and indirect costs related to the recreation fee program by that Secretary.

(d) *Transitional Exception.*—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Secretary may use amounts available in the special account of a Federal land management agency to supplement administration and marketing costs associated with—

(1) The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass during the five-year period beginning on the date the joint guidelines are issued under section 5(a)(7); and

(2) A regional multientity pass authorized section 5(d) during the five-year period beginning on the date the regional multientity pass agreement for that recreation pass takes effect.

## **SECTION 9. REPORTS.**

Not later than May 1, 2006, and every three years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report detailing the status of the recreation fee program conducted for Federal recreational lands and waters, including an evaluation of the recreation fee program, examples of projects that were funded using such fees, and future projects and programs for funding with fees, and containing any recommendations for changes in the overall fee system.

## **SECTION 10. SUNSET PROVISION.**

The authority of the Secretary to carry out this Act shall terminate 10 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

## **SECTION 11. VOLUNTEERS.**

(a) *Authority to Use Volunteers.*—The Secretary may use volunteers, as appropriate, to collect recreation fees and sell recreation passes.

(b) *Waiver or Discount of Fees; Site-Specific Agency Pass.*—In exchange for volunteer services, the Secretary may waive or discount an entrance fee, standard amenity recreation fee, or an expanded amenity recreation fee that would otherwise apply to the volunteer or issue to the volunteer a site-specific agency pass authorized under section 5(c).

(c) *National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass.*—In accordance with the guidelines issued under section 5(a)(7), the Secretaries may issue a National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass to a volunteer in exchange for significant volunteer services performed by the volunteer.

(d) *Regional Multientity Passes.*—The Secretary may issue a regional multientity pass authorized under section 5(d) to a volunteer in exchange for significant volunteer services performed by the volunteer, if the regional multientity pass agreement under which the regional multientity pass was established provides for the issuance of the pass to volunteers.

## **SECTION 12. ENFORCEMENT AND PROTECTION OF RECEIPTS.**

(a) *Enforcement Authority.*—The Secretary concerned shall enforce payment of the recreation fees authorized by this Act.

(b) *Evidence of Nonpayment.*—If the display of proof of payment of a recreation fee, or the payment of a recreation fee within a certain time period is required, failure to display such proof as required or to pay the recreation fee within the time period specified shall constitute nonpayment.

(c) *Joint Liability.*—The registered owner and any occupant of a vehicle charged with a nonpayment violation involving the vehicle shall be jointly liable for penalties imposed under this section, unless the registered owner can show that the vehicle was used without the registered owner's express or implied permission.

(d) *Limitation on Penalties.*—The failure to pay a recreation fee established under this Act shall be punishable as a Class A or Class B misdemeanor, except that in the case of a first offense of nonpayment, the fine imposed may not exceed \$100, notwithstanding section 3571(e) of title 18, United States Code.

## **SECTION 13. REPEAL OF SUPERSEDED ADMISSION AND USE FEE AUTHORITIES.**

(a) *Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.*—Subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), and (i) of section 4 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l-6a et seq.) are repealed, except that the Secretary may continue to issue Golden Eagle Passports, Golden Age Passports, and Golden Access Passports under such section until the date the notice required by section 5(a)(3) is published in the *Federal Register* regarding the establishment of the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass.

(b) *Recreational Fee Demonstration Program.*—Section 315 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (as contained in section 101(c) of Public Law 104-134; 16 U.S.C. 460l-6a), is repealed.

(c) *Admission Permits for Refuge Units.*—Section 201 of the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of 1986 (16 U.S.C. 3911) is repealed.

(d) *National Park Passport, Golden Eagle Passport, Golden Age Passport, and Golden Access Passport.*—Effective on the date the notice required by section 5(a)(3) is published in the *Federal Register*, the following provisions of law authorizing the establishment of a national park passport program or the establishment and sale of a national park passport, Golden Eagle Passport, Golden Age Passport, or Golden Access Passport are repealed:

(1) Section 502 of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-391; 16 U.S.C. 5982).

(2) Title VI of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-391; 16 U.S.C. 5991-5995).

(e) *Treatment of Unobligated Funds.*—

(1) **LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS.**—Amounts in the special accounts established under section 4(i)(1) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l-6a(i)(1)) for Federal land management agencies that are unobligated on the date of the enactment of this Act shall be transferred to the appropriate special account established under section 7 and shall be available to the Secretary in accordance with this Act. A special account established under section 4(i)(1) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 for a Federal agency that is not a Federal land management area, and the use of such special account, is not affected by the repeal of section 4 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 by subsection (a) of this section.

(2) **NATIONAL PARKS PASSPORT.**—Any funds collected under title VI of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-391; 16 U.S.C. 5991-5995) that are unobligated on the day before the publication of the *Federal Register* notice required under section 5(a)(3) shall be transferred to the special account of the National Park Service for use in accordance with this Act. The Secretary of the Interior may use amounts available in that special account to pay any outstanding administration, marketing, or close-out costs associated with the national parks passport.

(3) **RECREATIONAL FEE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**—Any funds collected in accordance with section 315 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (as contained in section 101(c) of Public Law 104-134; 16 U.S.C. 460l-6a), that are unobligated on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act shall be transferred to the appropriate special account and shall be available to the Secretary in accordance with this Act.

(4) **ADMISSION PERMITS FOR REFUGE UNITS.**—Any funds collected in accordance with section 201 of the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of

1986 (16 U.S.C. 3911) that are available as provided in subsection (c)(A) of such section and are unobligated on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act shall be transferred to the special account of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for use in accordance with this Act.

(f) *Effect of Regulations.*—A regulation or policy issued under a provision of law repealed by this section shall remain in effect to the extent such a regulation or policy is consistent with the provisions of this Act until the Secretary issues a regulation, guideline, or policy under this Act that supersedes the earlier regulation.

#### **SECTION 14. RELATION TO OTHER LAWS AND FEE COLLECTION AUTHORITIES.**

(a) *Federal and State Laws Unaffected.*—Nothing in this Act shall authorize Federal hunting or fishing licenses or fees or charges for commercial or other activities not related to recreation, affect any rights or authority of the States with respect to fish and wildlife, or repeal or modify any provision of law that permits States or political subdivisions of States to share in the revenues from Federal lands or, except as provided in subsection (b), any provision of law that provides that any fees or charges collected at particular Federal areas be used for or credited to specific purposes or special funds as authorized by that provision of law.

(b) *Relation to Revenue Allocation Laws.*—Amounts collected under this Act, and the existence of a fee management agreement with a governmental entity under section 6(a), may not be taken into account for the purposes of any of the following laws:

- (1) The sixth paragraph under the heading “**FOREST SERVICE**” in the Act of May 23, 1908 (16 U.S.C. 500).
- (2) Section 13 of the Act of March 1, 1911 (16 U.S.C. 500; commonly known as the Weeks Act).
- (3) The fourteenth paragraph under the heading “**FOREST SERVICE**” in the Act of March 4, 1913 (16 U.S.C. 501).
- (4) Section 33 of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1012).
- (5) Title II of the Act of August 8, 1937, and the Act of May 24, 1939 (43 U.S.C. 1181f et seq.).
- (6) Section 6 of the Act of June 14, 1926 (43 U.S.C. 869-4).
- (7) Chapter 69 of title 31, United States Code.
- (8) Section 401 of the Act of June 15, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 715s; commonly known as the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act).

(9) The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393; 16 U.S.C. 500 note), except that the exception made for such Act by this subsection is unique and is not intended to be construed as precedent for amounts collected from the use of Federal lands under any other provision of law.

(10) Section 2 of the Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act (43 U.S.C. 618a).

(11) The Federal Water Project Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460l-12 et seq.).

(12) The first section of the Act of June 17, 1902, as amended or supplemented (43 U.S.C. 391).

(13) The Act of February 25, 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.; commonly known as the Mineral Leasing Act).

(14) Section 4(e) of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-263; 31 U.S.C. 6901 note).

(15) Section 5(a) of the Lincoln County Land Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-298; 114 Stat. 1047).

(16) Any other provision of law relating to revenue allocation.

(c) *Consideration of Other Funds Collected.*—Amounts collected under any other law may not be disbursed under this Act.

(d) *Sole Recreation Fee Authority.*—Recreation fees charged under this Act shall be in lieu of fees charged for the same purposes under any other provision of law.

(e) *Fees Charged by Third Parties.*—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, a third party may charge a fee for providing a good or service to a visitor of a unit or area of the Federal land management agencies in accordance with any other applicable law or regulation.

(f) *Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act.*—Revenues from the stamp established under the Act of March 16, 1934 (16 U.S.C. 718 et seq.; commonly known as the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act or Duck Stamp Act), shall not be covered by this Act.

## **SECTION 15. LIMITATION ON USE OF FEES FOR EMPLOYEE BONUSES.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, fees collected under the authorities of this Act may not be used for employee bonuses.

# **Attachment C**

## **Elements of the Coachella Canal Area Resource Management Plan Alternatives**

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ELEMENTS OF THE COACHELLA CANAL AREA RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN ALTERNATIVES				
ELEMENTS	NO ACTION (ALTERNATIVE A)	NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE B)	RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT <sup>1,2</sup> (ALTERNATIVE C)	MODIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION WITH LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATIVE D) (PREFERRED)
<b>GENERAL MANAGEMENT ISSUE CATEGORY</b>				
<b>General Management Strategy for Coachella Canal Area Lands</b>	<p>Continue to operate the lands within the study area for the primary purposes authorized by the Boulder Canyon Project Act (Project).</p> <p>Continue to manage lands according to Bureau of Reclamation Policies and Directives and Standards; Federal laws, rules and regulations; Executive orders; and State and county laws, regulations, and ordinances.</p> <p>Continue to cooperate with adjacent landowners to ensure compatible uses.</p> <p>Continue to conduct site-specific National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance for proposed land uses to ensure that surface and ground water quality and other natural resources are protected.</p> <p>Continue to consider application for specific land uses submitted by potential recreation partners, private developers, and utility companies, etc.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative A, except develop a land use planning strategy that conserves and protects lands from recreation, community, and commercial development and encroachment.</p> <p>Ensure that public use development is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Resource Management Plan (RMP) and other approved planning documents.</p> <p>Ensure that land management decisions are made for the benefit of the Project and the general public.</p> <p>Conduct periodic land management reviews and other monitoring efforts to ensure lands are managed pursuant to existing agreements and land use authorizations.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative A, except develop a land use planning strategy that maximizes recreational opportunities afforded by area resources.</p> <p>Provide opportunities for private parties to provide recreation-related goods and services on Coachella Canal Area lands.</p> <p>Work with Coachella Valley Recreation and Park District (CVRPD) and Riverside County to expand recreation opportunities on lands within the study area.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative A, except work with CVRPD, Riverside County, and other potential partners that are qualified, to expand a limited number of recreation opportunities on lands within the study area.</p> <p>Ensure that public use and any recreation facility development are consistent with the goals and objectives of the RMP and other approved planning documents.</p> <p>Ensure that land management decisions are made for the benefit of the Project and the general public.</p> <p>Conduct periodic land management reviews and other monitoring efforts to ensure lands are managed pursuant to existing agreements and land use authorizations.</p>

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ELEMENTS	NO ACTION (ALTERNATIVE A)	NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE B)	RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT 1,2 (ALTERNATIVE C)	MODIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTED WITH LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATIVE D) (PREFERRED)
<p><b>General Management Strategy for Coachella Canal Area Lands (continued)</b></p>	<p>Continue to seek non-Federal entities to manage recreation on Coachella Canal Area lands. (Also see Partnerships Issue Category.)</p> <p>Consider soil conditions and other limiting factors and adjacent land uses when placing future facilities on lands within the study area.</p>	<p>Monitor the variety of land uses to identify user and user conflicts and investigate corrective measures to prevent further conflicts, if necessary.</p> <p>Implement RMP management actions within the 10-year planning period.</p>		<p>Monitor the variety of land uses to identify user and user conflicts and investigate corrective measures to prevent further conflicts, if necessary.</p> <p>Implement RMP management actions within the 10-year planning period.</p>
<b>LAND USE ISSUE CATEGORY</b>				
<p><b>Issuance of New Land Use Authorizations (Licenses, Leases, and Permits) and Agreements</b></p>	<p>Continue to follow existing land use authorization application requirements and procedures.</p> <p>Continue to allow only those land uses that do not adversely affect Reclamation and CVWD Project features or the delivery of water to Coachella Canal water users.</p> <p>Continue to prohibit private, exclusive use of Reclamation lands within the study area.</p> <p>Continue to consider applications for specific land uses submitted by potential recreation partners, private developers, and utility companies, etc.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative A, except limit future land use authorizations to those that benefit natural and cultural resources in the study area and phase out lands uses that may adversely affect natural resources.</p> <p>When issuing or renewing land use authorizations, agreements, etc., consider the balance of free public access and use with those with fees for public access and use.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative A, except issue future land use authorizations that attempt to maximize recreation, community, and commercial development as well as passive outdoor recreation pursuits on open space areas.</p> <p>Enter into agreements with non-Federal government entities for planning, developing, and managing additional recreation facilities and opportunities.</p> <p>When issuing or renewing land use authorizations, agreements, etc., consider the balance of free public</p>	<p>Same as Alternative A, except issue future land use authorizations that do not allow for limited development that do not adversely affect natural resources and Project purposes.</p> <p>Enter into agreements with non-Federal government entities for planning, developing, and managing additional recreation facilities and opportunities.</p> <p>Consider applications for specific land uses submitted by potential recreation partners, private developers, and utility companies, etc.</p>



ELEMENTS OF THE COACHELLA CANAL AREA RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN ALTERNATIVES (CONTINUED)				
ELEMENTS	NO ACTION (ALTERNATIVE A)	NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE B)	RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT <sup>1,2</sup> (ALTERNATIVE C)	MODIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION WITH LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATIVE D) (PREFERRED)
<p><b>Issuance of New Land Use Authorizations (Licenses, Leases, and Permits) and Agreements (continued)</b></p>	<p>Continue to ensure that Reclamation actions are consistent with other planning efforts in the Coachella Valley including, but not limited to, the CVMShCP/NCCP when compatible with project purposes and as required by applicable laws and regulations.</p> <p>Continue to prohibit land uses that adversely affect Indian trust assets unless proper mitigation measures are achieved and all environmental clearances are obtained.</p> <p>Continue to avoid Indian sacred sites and traditional cultural properties when issuing land use authorizations.</p> <p>Continue to prohibit land uses that adversely affect threatened and endangered or other special status species or critical habitat unless proper mitigation measures are achieved and all environmental clearances are obtained.</p>		<p>access and use those with fees for public access and use.</p>	

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ELEMENTS	NO ACTION (ALTERNATIVE A)	NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE B)	RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT <sup>1,2</sup> (ALTERNATIVE C)	MODIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION WITH LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATIVE D) (PREFERRED)
<p><b>Continuance of Existing Land Use Authorizations and Agreements</b></p>	<p>Continue to honor the terms and conditions of the agreement with CVWD in perpetuity for care, operation, maintenance, and replacement of the Coachella Canal. (See Partnerships Issue Category.)</p> <p>Continue to honor the terms and conditions of the agreement with Riverside County that expires in 2021 for recreation management of Lake Cahuilla. (See Partnerships Issue Category.)</p> <p>Continue to honor the terms and conditions of the agreement with CVRPD that expires in 2026 for management of three recreation sites within the study area. (See Partnerships Issue Category.)</p> <p>Continue to honor the terms and conditions of existing land use authorizations addressing, among other things, bridges, access roads, crossing agreements, fences, power and transmission lines, telephone lines, and water and power pipelines.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative A, except phase out land uses that are not compatible with the conservation and protection of natural resources, where feasible.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative A, except work with recreation managing partners in amending existing agreements to provide for additional developed recreation areas and passive recreation<sup>3</sup> opportunities on open space<sup>4</sup> lands.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative A, except phase out land uses that are not compatible with Project purposes.</p>

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ELEMENTS	NO ACTION (ALTERNATIVE A)	NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE B)	RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT <sup>1,2</sup> (ALTERNATIVE C)	MODIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION WITH LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATIVE D) (PREFERRED)
<b>Use of Easement Lands</b>	Continue to follow the necessary procedures to authorize land uses on lands where easements were acquired from underlying fee owners.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
<b>Noxious Weed Management</b>	Continue current level of noxious weed control.	Initiate a comprehensive weed control program. Rehabilitate damaged and degraded habitat, including unauthorized off highway vehicle (OHV) use areas and other small areas of past intense use.	Same as Alternative B.	Same as Alternative B.
<b>Fire Management</b>	Follow the updated 2001 Federal Fire Management Policy and the Secretary of the Interior's 2001 policy letter, and develop a fire management plan for all Coachella Canal Area lands.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
<b>PARTNERSHIP ISSUE CATEGORY</b>				
<b>CVRPD</b>	Continue to cooperate with CVRPD in its effort to operate and maintain three separate recreation areas within the study area. (See Land Use Issue Category.)	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A, except cooperate with CVRPD to plan, develop, and maximize additional recreation, community, and commercial opportunities to meet public expectations.	Same as Alternative A, except cooperate with CVRPD in developing additional facilities within the three areas currently under lease to CVRPD.

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<b>CVWD</b>	Continue to cooperate with CVWD in its responsibilities for the care, operation, and maintenance of the Coachella Canal protective works and water delivery system (See Boulder Canyon Project Purposes and Land Use Issue Categories).	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative B.	Same as Alternative A.
<b>Riverside County</b>	Continue to cooperate with the Riverside County in its effort to operate and maintain a county park at Lake Cahuilla. (See Land Use Issue Category.)	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A, except cooperate with Riverside County to maximize the opportunities available in the vicinity of Lake Cahuilla to meet public demand within the 10-year planning period.	Same as Alternative A, except cooperate with Riverside County to improve recreation opportunities within the existing county park at Lake Cahuilla.  Authorize expansion of recreation facilities managed by county. (See parcels O and P under Recreation Management Issue Category.)
<b>Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District</b>	Continue current level of mosquito abatement.	Cooperate with the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District. (See Public Health and Safety Issue Category.)	Same as Alternative B.	Coordinate mosquito abatement activities within the study area with the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District.

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<b>ELEMENTS</b>	<b>NO ACTION (ALTERNATIVE A)</b>	<b>NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE B)</b>	<b>RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCIAL, DEVELOPMENT 1.2 (ALTERNATIVE C)</b>	<b>MODIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION WITH LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATIVE D) (PREFERRED)</b>
<b>Potential Recreation Partnerships</b>	Continue to seek additional State, county, and local government entities to manage recreation within the study area.	Do not seek additional partnerships to expand or enhance recreation within the study area.	Same as Alternative A.	Explore opportunities to work with qualified recreation partners to manage additional recreation activities within the study area.
<b>Trail Development Partnerships</b>	Do not seek partnerships in identifying trail development alternatives.	Same as Alternative A.	Expand efforts to seek trail partnerships with local government entities and local trail interest groups to help identify alternatives and local needs and expectations to maximize multi-use trail development within the study area.	Expand efforts to seek trail partnerships with local government entities and local trail user interest groups to help identify alternatives and local needs and expectations in providing a limited number of developed non-motorized multi-use trails within the study area.
<b>Bureau of Land Management</b>	Continue to cooperate with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on issues of mutual concern and in identifying lands within the study area that may be returned to BLM for its management.  Continue to work with BLM on identifying Reclamation withdrawn public lands that might be returned to BLM for its management pursuant to section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.	Same as Alternative A, except cooperate with BLM to control unauthorized OHV use on areas with shared boundaries.	Same as Alternative A, except cooperate with BLM to establish OHV use on areas with shared boundaries.  Cooperate on enforcement efforts dealing with areas not authorized for OHV use.	Same as Alternative B, except Reclamation would work with BLM to address legal public access across Reclamation lands or interest in lands so that access to recreational trails and public use areas is not hindered.

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ELEMENTS	NO ACTION (ALTERNATIVE A)	NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE B)	RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT <sup>1,2</sup> (ALTERNATIVE C)	MODIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION WITH LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATIVE D) (PREFERRED)
<p><b>United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)</b></p>	<p>Continue to consult with the Service pursuant to the Endangered Species Act. Coordination with the Service on projects that may affect listed or sensitive species or their habitats will be initiated early in the process.</p> <p>Continue to work with the Service and other concerned entities on mutually agreed upon tamarisk removal and mesquite restoration projects.</p> <p>Cooperate with the Service on special status species and the habitat management within the study area.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative A except work with the Service to develop and implement inventory, monitoring, and protection plans for special status species and habitats.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative B.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative B.</p>
<p><b>Cities of Indio, La Quinta, Coachella, Thermal, and Mecca</b></p>	<p>Continue to work with local governments within the Coachella Valley on matters of mutual concern.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative A.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative A.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative A.</p>
<p><b>California Department of Fish and Game</b></p>	<p>Cooperate with California Department of Fish and Game on special status species and the habitat management within the study area.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative A, except work with California Department of Fish and Game to develop and implement inventory, monitoring, and protection plans for special status species and habitats.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative B.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative B.</p>

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ELEMENTS	NO ACTION (ALTERNATIVE A)	NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE B)	RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT <sup>1,2</sup> (ALTERNATIVE C)	MODIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION WITH LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATIVE D) (PREFERRED)
<b>BOULDER CANYON PROJECT ACT (COACHELLA UNIT) PURPOSES ISSUE CATEGORY</b>				
<b>Primary Purposes</b>	CVWD would continue to operate the Coachella Canal Area for the primary purpose of delivering water for agriculture.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
<b>Uses Not Adversely Affecting Project Purposes</b>	CVWD would continue to cooperate with Reclamation in efforts to process land use requests that are compatible with, and do not adversely affect, Project purposes.	Same as Alternative A, except CVWD would cooperate with Reclamation in efforts to favor issuing land use authorizations that are compatible with natural resources conservation and protection.	Same as Alternative A, except CVWD would cooperate with Reclamation in efforts to favor issuing land use authorizations that maximize the development of Project lands for recreation, community, and commercial development.	CVWD would continue to cooperate with Reclamation in efforts to process land use requests that are compatible with, and do not adversely affect, Project purposes as well as natural resource conservation and protection
<b>Borrow Pits</b>	Reclamation and CVWD would retain parcels B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, and R for potential borrow pits to be used for Project purposes.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A, except acceptable stabilization techniques would be used for active borrow pits to ensure that offsite impacts are avoided.  Unused or abandoned borrow pits would be reclaimed after a reasonable period of nonuse.
<b>Water Treatment Facility</b>	Reclamation and CVWD also would retain parcel H for a potential water treatment facility for the benefit of the Project and water conservation purposes.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.

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ELEMENTS	NO ACTION (ALTERNATIVE A)	NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE B)	RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT <sup>1,2</sup> (ALTERNATIVE C)	MODIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES/ CONSERVATION WITH LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATIVE D) (PREFERRED)
<b>Terminal Reservoir (Lake Cahuilla)</b>	Reclamation and CVWD would retain Parcels O and P to be used in conjunction with Lake Cahuilla.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
<b>Canal Access Roads</b>	CVWD would continue to use all canal access roads for operation and maintenance purposes.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
<b>Dikes</b>	CVWD would continue to use parcels G, I, K, L, M, Q, R, S, and T for protective dike purposes.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
<b>Electrical Substation</b>	Reclamation and CVWD would continue to retain parcel F for Imperial Irrigation District's management of an electrical substation.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
<b>Parcel U</b>	Reclamation and CVWD would continue to retain a portion of parcel U for project purposes. Refer to page 52, last bullet, for further explanation of parcel U.			
<b>NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ISSUE CATEGORY</b>				
<b>Natural and Cultural Resources</b>	As necessary, continue to consult with California State Preservation Office under section 106/110 of National Historic Preservation Act.	Same as Alternative A, plus, in consultation with the California State Historic Preservation Office, assess adequacy of existing heritage resource inventories and conduct	Same as Alternative B, except develop a comprehensive public archeology interpretation program within the study area to enhance visitor experience and	Same as Alternative A, except complete site-specific investigations, as needed, to enable implementation of resource management plan development and



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<b>ELEMENTS</b>	<b>NO ACTION (ALTERNATIVE A)</b>	<b>NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE B)</b>	<b>RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT<sup>1,2</sup> (ALTERNATIVE C)</b>	<b>MODIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION WITH LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATIVE D) (PREFERRED)</b>
<b>Natural and Cultural Resources (continued)</b>	<p>Continue to conduct opportunistic inspections of sites and locales as personnel and time are available.</p> <p>Continue to consult with area Indian tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) concerning Indian trust assets, Indian sacred sites, and traditional cultural properties.</p> <p>Coordinate with BIA and Indian tribes in future environmental compliance activities in a manner that protects Indian trust assets and avoids adverse impacts when possible. When adverse impacts cannot be avoided, Reclamation will provide appropriate mitigation or compensation.</p> <p>When actions would affect a site eligible for the <i>National Register of Historic Places</i> (Register) or when planning actions that could result in substantial new impacts to Coachella Canal Area lands, consult with appropriate Indian tribes to determine if they have cultural resource concerns or are aware of traditional cultural properties.</p>	<p>intensive surveys in areas not adequately covered.</p> <p>Complete site-specific investigations, as needed, to enable implementation of resource management plan development and restoration efforts.</p> <p>To the extent that funding and personnel are available, systematically complete site-specific investigations and evaluations throughout the study area.</p> <p>Develop systematic process for site and local monitoring and implement systematic reporting of damages.</p> <p>Until systematic investigations and evaluations are complete, conduct site-specific investigations to determine if Register-eligible sites are present in locations where development, terrestrial habitat restoration or improvements, or focused public use would occur.</p> <p>If eligible cultural resource sites are present, develop and implement a cultural resource management plan.</p>	<p>implement a program to interpret heritage resources.</p>	<p>restoration efforts when compatible with current Project needs and purposes.</p> <p>On a case-by-case basis, or as required as part of a mitigation requirement, implement interpretation and education sites for public interest.</p> <p>Provide cultural resource surveys to other entities including CDPR for their information and use.</p>

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ELEMENTS	NO ACTION (ALTERNATIVE A)	NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE B)	RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT <sup>1,2</sup> (ALTERNATIVE C)	MODIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION WITH LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATIVE D) (PREFERRED)
<p><b>Aeolian (Windblown) Sand Habitat and Associated Special Status Species Protection and Management</b></p>	<p>Continue current management Conduct environmental compliance and Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation for any projects that could affect habitat. Avoid or minimize developments and land use that could affect suitable habitat.</p>	<p>Inventory all sand habitat types to ascertain presence/ absence, habitat suitability for special status species, and restoration potential. Avoid or minimize developments and land use that could affect suitable habitat. Conduct long-term moni- toring of suitable habitat. In cooperation with other entities, increase efforts to protect suitable habitat from OHV use and other ground-disturbing activities. As necessary, provide fencing to protect suitable and occupied habitat for special status species. If appropriate, develop a restoration plan in coop- eration with other entities. Conduct environmental compliance and ESA con- sultation for any projects that could affect habitat. If needed, mitigate and compensate for impacts of development activity on suitable and occupied habitat.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative B.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative B.</p>

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ELEMENTS	NO ACTION (ALTERNATIVE A)	NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE B)	RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT <sup>1,2</sup> (ALTERNATIVE C)	MODIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION WITH LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATIVE D) (PREFERRED)
<b>Undisturbed Desert Shrub Habitat and Associated Special Status Species</b>	Continue current management. Conduct environmental compliance and ESA consultation for any projects that could affect habitat.	Avoid impacts to undisturbed sites. Conduct environmental compliance and ESA consultation for any projects that could affect habitat.	Minimize impacts to undisturbed habitat and, if needed, mitigate and compensate for impacts of development activities. Conduct environmental compliance and ESA consultation for any projects that could affect habitat.	Same as Alternative B.
<b>Desert Wash and Other Habitats That Provide Linkages and Biological Corridors</b>	Continue current management Conduct environmental compliance and ESA consultation for any projects that could affect habitat.	Avoid developments that would affect the biological integrity of desert washes and potential corridors. Conduct environmental compliance and ESA consultation for any projects that could affect habitat. Evaluate different study area parcels for their value as corridors and linkages for sensitive species in cooperation with FWS and other involved entities and when implementing the management actions identified in chapter 6 of the RMP/EA.	Minimize impacts to desert washes and corridors and, if needed, mitigate and compensate for impacts from development activities. Conduct environmental compliance and ESA consultation for any projects that could affect habitat. Evaluate different study area parcels for their value as corridors and linkages for sensitive species in cooperation with FWS and other involved entities and when implementing the management actions identified in chapter 6 of the RMP/EA.	Same as Alternative B.

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ELEMENTS	NO ACTION (ALTERNATIVE A)	NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE B)	RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT 1.2 (ALTERNATIVE C)	MODIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION WITH LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATIVE D) (PREFERRED)
<p><b>Peninsular Bighorn Habitat and Disturbance Buffer</b></p>	<p>Continue current management Compliance and ESA consultation for any projects that could affect habitat. Avoid or minimize developments and land use that could affect suitable habitat.</p>	<p>Conduct environmental compliance and ESA con- sultation for any projects that could affect habitat. Avoid developments and land use that would eliminate buffer and suitable habitat. In cooperation with other entities, increase efforts to protect suitable habitat from OHV use and other ground-disturbing activities. Implement measures to protect Peninsular bighorn sheep. Identify key habitat and disturbance buffers. Restrict all developments in key habitats and allow only passive recreation use in adjacent buffer habitat. Implement seasonal closures and fencing, if necessary, and install interpretive signs. In cooperation with golf course developers and CVWD, as recommended by FWS, explore the need to install fencing to mitigate potential drownings of Peninsular bighorn sheep.</p>	<p>Conduct environmental compliance and ESA consultation for any projects that could affect habitat. Avoid or minimize developments and land use that could affect suitable habitat. Implement measures to protect Peninsular bighorn sheep. Identify key habitat and disturbance buffers. Restrict all developments in key habitats and allow only passive recreation use in adjacent buffer habitat. Implement seasonal closures and fencing, if necessary, and install interpretive signs. In cooperation with golf course developers and CVWD, as recommended by FWS, explore the need to install fencing to mitigate potential drownings of Peninsular bighorn sheep.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative B.</p>

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ELEMENTS	NO ACTION (ALTERNATIVE A)	NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE B)	RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT <sup>1,2</sup> (ALTERNATIVE C)	MODIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION WITH LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATIVE D) (PREFERRED)
<p><b>Cottonwood-Willow Oases</b>  <b>Special Status Species</b>  <b>Include Southwestern Willow Flycatcher, Least Bell's Vireo, Yellow Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Summer Tanager</b></p>	<p>Continue current management.            Conduct environmental compliance and ESA consultation for any projects that could affect habitat.            Avoid or minimize developments and land use that could affect suitable habitat.</p>	<p>Inventories all cottonwood willow habitat to ascertain presence/absence, habitat suitability for special status species, and restoration potential.            Avoid or minimize developments and land use that could affect suitable habitat.            Conduct long-term monitoring of suitable habitat.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative B.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative B.</p>
RECREATION MANAGEMENT ISSUE CATEGORY				
<p><b>Carrying Capacity/Public Demand</b></p>	<p>Do not establish social, physical, environmental, or facility carrying capacities.</p>	<p>Establish carrying capacities in the study area to determine appropriate location, type, and number of public use facilities to provide and to minimize natural resource degradation.            Use Geographical Information Systems (GIS) mapping to help identify physical and environmental carrying capacities and use existing data to establish social capacities.</p>	<p>Same as Alternative B.</p>	<p>Reclamation's recreation partners would provide appropriate information related to social, physical, environmental, or facility capacities for proposed developments.</p>

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ELEMENTS	NO ACTION (ALTERNATIVE A)	NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE B)	RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT <sup>1,2</sup> (ALTERNATIVE C)	MODIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION WITH LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATIVE D) (PREFERRED)
<b>Recreation Planning</b>	Reclamation would not conduct additional recreation development planning.	Same as Alternative A.	Require non-Federal partners to prepare site-specific recreation master plans prior to any comprehensive facility development.  When recreation developments take place on Reclamation lands, ensure that project coordinators take into account how much water will be required to create and maintain the facility and how to account for this water.	Existing and potential qualified recreation partners would prepare and submit appropriate planning documents to Reclamation prior to any facility development.  When recreation developments take place on Reclamation lands, ensure that project coordinators take into account how much water will be required to create and maintain the facility and how to account for this water.
<b>Off Highway Vehicle Use</b>	Continue current level of management of unauthorized OHV use on lands within the study area.	Eliminate OHV use except for emergency situations. (Note: all Reclamation lands are closed to OHV use unless officially opened through a public involvement and planning process.)  Close and rehabilitate all OHV roads and use areas.  Restrict the public to existing public roads.  In cooperation with other entities, install needed fencing and barriers to prevent future OHV use.	Prepare a comprehensive OHV plan and officially open certain Reclamation lands for OHV use.  Before opening any lands to authorized OHV use, secure a non-Federal government entity to operate and maintain OHV use areas and provide enforcement measures.  Restrict public to existing public roads and designated OHV trails/roads and use areas.	Eliminate OHV use except for emergency situations. (Note: all Reclamation lands are closed to OHV use unless officially opened through a public involvement and planning process.)  Close and rehabilitate OHV roads and unauthorized use areas.  Restrict the public to existing public roads.  In cooperation with other entities, install needed

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ELEMENTS	NO ACTION (ALTERNATIVE A)	NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE B)	RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT <sup>1,2</sup> (ALTERNATIVE C)	MODIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION WITH LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATIVE D) (PREFERRED)
<b>Off Highway Vehicle Use (continued)</b>	No Action	Same as Alternative A.	Prepare a travel management plan detailing what roads/areas are open or closed to OHV use.  In cooperation with other entities, install needed fencing and barriers to prevent unauthorized OHV use.	fencing and barriers to prevent future OHV use.
<b>Multi-Use Trail Development</b>	Construct no multi-use trails within the study area.	Same as Alternative A.	In cooperation with a single non-Federal government entity or a variety of entities, authorize construction of non-motorized, multi-use trails throughout the Coachella Canal Area using strict development criteria to ensure that trails and trail users do not adversely affect natural resources, wildlife, critical habitat, or CVWD Project features.  Design portions of trails to accommodate a variety of uses such as hiking, biking, and horseback riding.  Pave or harden portions of all trail systems to provide easy access for all users, including those with	In cooperation with a single non-Federal government entity or a variety of entities, authorize construction of a limited number of multi-use trails using strict development criteria to ensure that trail and trail users do not adversely affect natural resources, wildlife, critical habitat, or CVWD Project features.  Design portions of trails to accommodate a variety of uses, such as hiking, biking, and horseback riding.  Ensure trail development follows appropriate design standards, including Americans with

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ELEMENTS	NO ACTION (ALTERNATIVE A)	NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE B)	RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT <sup>1,2</sup> (ALTERNATIVE C)	MODIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION WITH LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATIVE D) (PREFERRED)
<b>Multi-Use Trail Development (continued)</b>			<p>disabilities, with concurrence of CVWD.</p> <p>Develop a comprehensive trail plan that takes into consideration existing and planned trails within the Coachella Valley.</p> <p>Ensure trail development follows appropriate design standards.</p> <p>Cooperate with the Service to ensure that trails are sited in a manner that continues to avoid and minimize effects to Peninsular bighorn sheep.</p>	<p>Disabilities Act Standards.</p> <p>Cooperate with the Service to ensure that trails are sited in a manner that continues to avoid and minimize effects to Peninsular bighorn sheep.</p>
<b>Interpretation</b>	<p>Provide no public interpretation of the natural resources, wildlife, and Project features other than what is currently authorized at Coral Mountain Regional Park.</p>	<p>Reclamation would implement an interpretive program on a limited basis to better educate the public about the value of resource protection and conservation.</p> <p>Continue to authorize public interpretation at Coral Mountain Regional Park.</p>	<p>Prepare a comprehensive interpretive master plan in cooperation with non-Federal recreation managing partners.</p> <p>Provide interpretive opportunities for the public that describe the unique natural resources and Project features in the area.</p> <p>Continue to authorize public interpretation at Coral Mountain Regional Park.</p>	<p>Encourage existing and potential recreation partners to provide interpretation of the natural resources, wildlife, and Project features to better educate the public. (See Public Information Issue Category.)</p> <p>Reclamation and its partners would provide an appropriate level of interpretation as required to fulfill mitigation measures associated with Project and recreation facility development.</p>



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<b>Retention of Lands for Existing Recreation Purposes</b>	Reclamation and CVWD would retain parcels E, K, R, and portions of S and T for CVRPD recreation management purposes.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
<b>Parcels A, B, C, D, and K</b>	Continue to use as open space.	Same as Alternative A.	Make parcels available for developed recreation needs that do not conflict with Project purposes. Construct, operate, and maintain recreation facilities (responsibility of a non-Federal government entity).	Same as Alternative A.
<b>Parcels E and F</b>	Continue to make available as open space.	Same as Alternative A.	Make parcels available for developed recreation needs that do not conflict with Project purposes. Construct, operate, and maintain recreation facilities (responsibility of a non-Federal government entity).	Same as Alternative A.
<b>Parcels E, K, R, and Portions of S and T</b>	Continue to use for open space and passive types of recreation activities and continue use by CVRPD.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A, except consider proposals from potential qualified recreation partners to provide for passive types of recreation opportunities and to provide assistance enforcing unauthorized OHV use.

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	<b>NO ACTION (ALTERNATIVE A)</b>	<b>NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE B)</b>	<b>RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT 1,2 (ALTERNATIVE C)</b>	<b>MODIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION WITH LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATIVE D) (PREFERRED)</b>
<b>ELEMENTS</b>				
<b>Parcels O and P</b>	Continue to use for developed recreation use by Riverside County	Same as Alternative A.	Authorize expansion of facilities managed by Riverside County for county park at Lake Cahulla.	Same as Alternative C.
<b>Other Fee, Withdrawn, and Easement Lands Within Study Area Not Identified as a Lettered Parcel</b>	Continue to use the remaining lands for Boulder Canyon Project Act purposes, open space, and undesignated passive recreation use.	Same as Alternative A.	Depending on the land status, assess the suitability of using remaining lands for outdoor public recreation. If lands are determined to be suitable for outdoor recreation and are needed to fulfill a public need within the 10-year planning period, make those lands available for outdoor recreation. (See Land Use Issue Category.)	Depending on land status, Reclamation would assess plans submitted by existing and potential qualified recreation partners for using remaining Project lands for outdoor recreation purposes.
<b>Public Information and Education</b>	Continue current level of public information and education.	Educate visitors and other agencies about appropriate use of Reclamation lands and facilities.  Encourage non-Federal recreation partners to expand interpretive information services to the public.  Ensure that interpretation and public information emphasize appreciation and protection of natural and cultural resources.	Same as Alternative B.	Same as Alternative A, except Reclamation would encourage existing and potential partners to provide an appropriate level of interpretive services to inform and educate the public. (See Interpretation element under Recreation Management Issue Category.)  Encourage existing and future partners to use a

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ELEMENTS	NO ACTION (ALTERNATIVE A)	NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE B)	RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT 1.2 (ALTERNATIVE C)	MODIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION WITH LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATIVE D) (PREFERRED)
<b>Public Information and Education (continued)</b>		Work with recreation partners to provide printed and Internet materials that are bilingual, as needed		variety of media to communicate with the public, including printed materials, maps, photographs, brochures, and Web sites. Encourage partners to provide additional programs for public enjoyment (e.g., wildlife observation and interpretative programs).
<b>Signing</b>	Maintain current type and number of signs within the study area.	Inventory signing needs and, as needed, post bilingual signs with rules and regulations regarding the use of Reclamation lands.  As needed, post bilingual OHV closure signs at areas that have been closed to unauthorized OHV users.	Prepare a comprehensive sign plan for the study area.  Inventory signing needs and, as needed, post bilingual signs with emergency contact numbers and rules and regulations regarding the use of Reclamation lands at visitor contact areas and authorized OHV use areas.	Same as Alternative B.
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUE CATEGORY</b>				
<b>Enforcement of Rules and Regulations</b>	Continue current level of enforcement of existing rules and regulations.	Increase efforts to enforce rules and regulations to discourage unauthorized use within the study area and promote proactive law enforcement activities.	Same as Alternative B.	Same as Alternative B.

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<b>Mosquito Abatement</b>	Continue current level of abatement procedures.	Cooperate with the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District in its effort to reduce or eliminate conditions conducive for mosquito breeding. (See Partnerships.)	Same as Alternative B.	Same as Alternative B.
<b>Crime Witness Program</b>	Promote the Crime Wit-ness Protection Program.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
<b>Trash removal</b>	Continue current level of trash removal efforts.	Increase efforts to remove existing trash from Coachella Canal Area lands.  Increase efforts to keep Coachella Canal Area lands free of trash through signing and strict enforcement.	Same as Alternative B.	Same as Alternative B.
<b>Recreation development</b>	Take no additional action.	Same as Alternative A.	Ensure that visitor health and safety is the main focus during facility planning and development.	Take no additional action, except to continue to ensure that visitor health and safety is the main focus during facility planning.
<b>Signs</b>	Provide no additional signing.	As needed, post bilingual warning signs, as appropriate.	Same as Alternative B.	Same as Alternative B.

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<b>ELEMENTS</b>	<b>NO ACTION (ALTERNATIVE A)</b>	<b>NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE B)</b>	<b>RECREATION, COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT<sup>1,2</sup> (ALTERNATIVE C)</b>	<b>MODIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION/ PROTECTION WITH LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (ALTERNATIVE D) (PREFERRED)</b>
<b>Fencing</b>	Install no new fencing.	Install proper fencing to protect the health and safety of the public and Project features and structures.	Same as Alternative B.	Same as Alternative B.

<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this resource management plan, community development means the use of Coachella Canal Area lands for the purposes of community public recreation purposes, such as trails, public parks, open space green belts, amphitheaters, baseball and soccer fields, picnic, and day-use areas.

<sup>2</sup> Commercial development means the development of recreation-related facilities that are privately funded, developed, and managed for profit and that supply needed goods and services to the recreating public. Commercial opportunities on Federal lands should be offered to perspective operators through a public bid process.

<sup>3</sup> Passive recreation is defined as recreational opportunities that occur in a natural setting and that require minimal development or facilities. The importance of the environment or setting for the activities is greater than in developed recreation settings. Examples of passive recreation activities include walking, bicycling, horseback riding, bird watching, and photography.

<sup>4</sup> Open space is defined as a parcel of land that has public value because the land offers important opportunities for recreation. Open space may also have value as a visual amenity to the landscape or backdrop of an outdoor natural setting.

**Attachment D**  
**Bird Species Observed During**  
**Biological Inventory of**  
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# Attachment D

## Bird Species Observed During Biological Inventory of Reclamation Parcels

Bird Species Observed During Biological Inventory of Reclamation Parcels  
Count in Biological Inventory Parcels – April 2004

SPECIES	STATUS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	17	20	21	22	24	25	26	27	29	30	37
American kestrel*	R			1	1										1					2							
Anna's hummingbird	R	1																									
Ash-throated flycatcher*	NM	1	1		1				1		3	1	1		1	1	1		2					1			
Barn swallow*	NM								5			2							1								
Black phoebe*	R							1				2	1														
Brewer's blackbird	R											1															
Brewer's sparrow	NM								3	1		26	4														
Black-chinned hummingbird*	NM	1															1							1			
Black-headed grosbeak	NM																		1								
Black-tailed gnatcatcher*	R	1		1	1					6						1							1				
Black-throated gray warbler	NM																									7	
Blue grosbeak*	NM																									1	
Black-throated sparrow*	R					5				4																	
Blue-gray gnatcatcher	NM											2															
Bullock's oriole*	NM																		1						1		
Cactus wren*	R				1																						
Cassin's kingbird*	NM						1																				
Cedar waxwing	W																			1							
Chipping sparrow	NM																									1	
Cliff swallow*	NM											20		1											1		
Cooper's hawk*	R																		2								
Common ground dove*	R											1															
Common raven*	R		1			1			1			1															
Costa's hummingbird*	NM							2																			
Double-crested cormorant	R							1																			
European starling*	R				1																						
Gamble's quail*	R	2							1		6	3					1		3			1	2		1		1
Great-blue heron	R						2																				
Great-horned owl*	R								1								1										
Great-tailed grackle*	R		1																								
Greater roadrunner*	R				1														1		1			1	2		1
House finch*	R	5	2		3				2	4		14		1	2	2	4	20	2	10							
House wren	NM																									2	
Killdeer*	R	2						2				1														1	
Lazuli bunting	NM																		1	3							
Lesser goldfinch*	NM											1															
Lark sparrow	NM								6			1						1									
Loggerhead shrike*	R	2								1		1															
MacGillivray's warbler	NM		1	2								5	1													1	
Mourning dove*	R	9	1	1	7	1			13	4	3	24	6		1		1	20	20	12				1	4	5	
Northern mockingbird*	R	3	2		2				3	9		10	1		3	1	4				1			1	2	2	3
Olive-sided flycatcher	NM									1																	
Phainopepla*	R				2				11	7																12	
Pacific-slope flycatcher	NM																										3
Red-tailed hawk*	R										1			1													
Rock wren*	R	1	1		2																						
Say's phoebe*	NM	1			1			1		1	1	1					1										
Verdin*	R	1	1	4	9				1	3					2				1					2	8		
Warbling vireo	NM									1																	
White-crowned sparrow	W											2							1		1						
White-throated swift	NM																										1
White-winged dove*	R									2																	
Western kingbird*	NM				2					2		7							1		5			2			
Wilson's warbler	NM			1														2								3	
Yellow warbler*	NM																									5	
Yellow-rumped warbler	NM																									1	

(R - Year-long resident; W - winter resident; NM - neotropical migrant landbird)

(\* breeds in habitat associations of Reclamation's parcels)

# **Attachment E**

## **Partial List of Applicable Federal Laws, Regulations, and Executive Orders**



## **Attachment E**

### **Partial List of Applicable Federal Laws, Regulations, and Executive Orders**

- 1968 Architectural Barriers Act (Public Law [P.L.] 90-480)
- Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act (P.L. 93-112)
- 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (P.L. 101-336)
- Federal Water Project Recreation Act of 1965 (P.L. 89-72, as amended by Title 28 of P.L. 102-575)
- Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-320, as amended by P.L. 96-336)
- American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978
- Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, as amended
- Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974
- Clean Water Act of 1974, as amended
- Clean Air Act of 1970, as amended
- Department of Defense American Indian and Alaska Native Policy, 1998
- Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended
- Executive Orders 11644 and 11989, Off-Road Vehicles on Public Lands, 1972 and 1977
- Executive Order 11990, 1977, Protection of Wetlands
- Executive Order 12875, Enhancing the Intergovernmental Partnership, 1983
- Executive Order 12898, Environmental Justice, 1994
- Executive Order 12962, Recreational Fisheries, 1995
- Executive Order 13007, Indian Sacred Sites, 1996
- Executive Order 13084, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, 1998
- Executive Order 13186, Conservation of Migratory Birds, 2001
- Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958, as amended
- Indian Trust Assets Policy, 1993
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, as amended
- National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

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- Boulder Canyon Project Act of December 21, 1928 (45 Stat. 1057)
- National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended
- Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990
- Presidential Memorandum: Government-to-Government Relations with Native American Tribal Governments, April 29, 1994
- Pertinent Bureau of Reclamation Policies and Directives and Standards

**Attachment F**  
**Coachella Canal Area**  
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**Preferred Alternative (Alternative D)**

# Attachment F

## Coachella Canal Area Resource Management Plan

### Preferred Alternative (Alternative D)

Elements	Coachella Canal Area Resource Management Plan Preferred Alternative (Alternative D)
<b>GENERAL MANAGEMENT ISSUE CATEGORY</b>	
<p>General management strategy for Coachella Canal Area lands</p>	<p>Continue to operate the lands within the study area for the primary purposes authorized by the Boulder Canyon Project Act (Project).</p> <p>Continue to manage lands according to Bureau of Reclamation Policies and Directives and Standards; Federal laws, rules and regulations; Executive orders; and State and county laws, regulations, and ordinances.</p> <p>Continue to cooperate with adjacent landowners to ensure compatible uses.</p> <p>Continue to conduct site-specific National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance for proposed land uses to ensure that surface and ground water quality and other natural resources are protected.</p> <p>Continue to seek non-Federal entities to manage recreation on Coachella Canal Area lands. (Also see Partnerships Issue Category.)</p> <p>Consider soil conditions and other limiting factors and adjacent land uses when placing future facilities on lands within the study area.</p> <p>Work with Coachella Valley Recreation and Park District (CVRPD), Riverside County, and other potential partners that are qualified, to expand a limited number of recreation opportunities on lands within the study area.</p> <p>Ensure that public use and any recreation facility development are consistent with the goals and objectives of the RMP and other approved planning documents.</p> <p>Ensure that land management decisions are made for the benefit of the Project and the general public.</p> <p>Conduct periodic land management reviews and other monitoring efforts to ensure lands are managed pursuant to existing agreements and land use authorizations.</p> <p>Monitor the variety of land uses to identify user and user conflicts and investigate corrective measures to prevent further conflicts, if necessary.</p> <p>Implement Resource Management Plan (RMP) management actions within the 10-year planning period.</p>
<b>LAND USE ISSUE CATEGORY</b>	
<p>Issuance of new land use authorizations (licenses, leases, and permits) and agreements</p>	<p>Continue to follow existing land use authorization application requirements and procedures.</p> <p>Continue to allow only those land uses that do not adversely affect Reclamation and Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) Project features or the delivery of water to Coachella Canal water users.</p>

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Elements	Coachella Canal Area Resource Management Plan Preferred Alternative (Alternative D)
Issuance of new land use authorizations (licenses, leases, and permits) and agreements (continued)	<p>Continue to prohibit private, exclusive use of Reclamation lands within the study area.</p> <p>Continue to consider applications for specific land uses submitted by potential recreation partners, private developers, and utility companies, etc.</p> <p>Continue to prohibit land uses that adversely affect Indian trust assets unless proper mitigation measures are achieved and all environmental clearances are obtained.</p> <p>Continue to avoid Indian sacred sites and traditional cultural properties when issuing land use authorizations.</p> <p>Continue to prohibit land uses that adversely affect threatened and endangered or other special status species or critical habitat unless proper mitigation measures are achieved and all environmental clearances are obtained.</p> <p>Issue future land use authorizations that allow for limited developments that do not adversely affect natural resources and Project purposes.</p> <p>Enter into agreements with non-Federal government entities for planning, developing, and managing additional recreation facilities and opportunities.</p> <p>Ensure that Reclamation actions are consistent with other planning efforts in the Coachella Valley including, but not limited to, the CVMSHCP/NCCP when compatible with project purposes and as required by applicable laws and regulations.</p>
Continuance of existing land use authorizations and agreements	<p>Continue to honor the terms and conditions of the agreement with CVWD in perpetuity for care, operation, maintenance, and replacement of the Coachella Canal. (See Partnerships Issue Category.)</p> <p>Continue to honor the terms and conditions of the agreement with Riverside County that expires in 2021 for recreation management of Lake Cahuilla. (See Partnerships Issue Category.)</p> <p>Continue to honor the terms and conditions of the agreement with CVRPD that expires in 2026 for management of three recreation sites within the study area. (See Partnerships Issue Category.)</p> <p>Continue to honor the terms and conditions of existing land use authorizations addressing, among other things, bridges, access roads, crossing agreements, fences, power and transmission lines, telephone lines, and water and power pipelines.</p> <p>Phase out land uses that are not compatible with Project purposes.</p>
Use of easement lands	Continue to follow the necessary procedures to authorize land uses on lands where easements were acquired from underlying fee owners.
Noxious weed management	<p>Initiate a comprehensive weed control program.</p> <p>Rehabilitate damaged and degraded habitat, including unauthorized off highway vehicle (OHV) use areas and other small areas of past intense use.</p>
Fire management	Follow the updated 2001 Federal Fire Management Policy and the Secretary of the Interior's 2001 policy letter, and develop a fire management plan for all Coachella Canal Area lands.

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<b>PARTNERSHIP ISSUE CATEGORY</b>	
Coachella Valley Recreation and Park District	<p>Continue to cooperate with CVRPD in its effort to operate and maintain three separate recreation areas within the study area. (See Land Use Issue Category.)</p> <p>Cooperate with CVRPD in developing additional facilities within the three areas currently under lease to CVRPD.</p>
Coachella Valley Water District	<p>Continue to cooperate with CVWD in its responsibilities for the care, operation, and maintenance of the Coachella Canal protective works and water delivery system. (See Boulder Canyon Project Purposes and Land Use Issue Categories.)</p>
Riverside County	<p>Continue to cooperate with the Riverside County in its effort to operate and maintain a county park at Lake Cahuilla. (See Land Use Issue Category.)</p> <p>Cooperate with Riverside County to improve recreation opportunities within the existing county park at Lake Cahuilla.</p> <p>Authorize expansion of recreation facilities managed by county. (See parcels O and P element under Recreation Management Issue Category.)</p>
Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District	<p>Coordinate mosquito abatement activities within the study area with the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District.</p>
Potential recreation partnerships	<p>Explore opportunities to work with qualified recreation partners to manage additional recreation activities within the study area.</p>
Trail development partnerships	<p>Expand efforts to seek trail partnerships with local government entities and local trail user interest groups to help identify alternatives and local needs and expectations to provide a limited number of developed multi-use trails within the study area.</p>
Bureau of Land Management	<p>Continue to cooperate with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on issues of mutual concern and in identifying lands within the study area that may be returned to BLM for its management.</p> <p>Continue negotiations with BLM to make available a portion of parcel R (16 acres) to proposed developer through a revocation of withdrawn lands to BLM and a subsequent land exchange.</p> <p>Cooperate with BLM to control unauthorized OHV use on areas with shared boundaries.</p> <p>Work with BLM to address legal public access across Reclamation lands or interest in lands so that access to recreational trails and public use areas is not hindered.</p>
United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)	<p>Continue to consult with the Service pursuant to the Endangered Species Act. Coordination with the Service on projects that may affect listed or sensitive species or their habitats will be initiated early in the process.</p> <p>Cooperate with the Service on special status species and the habitat management within the study area. This includes coordination or the development of an inventory, monitoring, and protection plan for vegetation and wildlife habitat.</p>

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United States Fish and Wildlife Service (continued)	Continue to work with the Service and other concerned entities on mutually agreed upon tamarisk removal and mesquite restoration projects.  Continue to work with the Service on possible land exchanges that are mutually beneficial and when such exchanges would not adversely affect CVWD's care, operation, and maintenance of the Coachella Canal.
Cities of Indio, La Quinta, Coachella, Thermal, and Mecca	Continue to work with local governments within the Coachella Valley on matters of mutual concern.
California Department of Fish and Game	Cooperate with California Department of Fish and Game on special status species and the habitat management within the study area. This includes coordination or the development of an inventory, monitoring, and protection plan for vegetation and wildlife habitat.

**BOULDER CANYON PROJECT ACT (COACHELLA UNIT) PURPOSES ISSUE CATEGORY**

Primary purposes	CVWD would continue to operate the Coachella Canal Area for the primary purpose of delivering water for agriculture.
Uses not adversely affecting Project purposes	CVWD would continue to cooperate with Reclamation in efforts to process land use requests that are compatible with, and do not adversely affect, Project purposes as well as natural resource conservation and protection.
Borrow pits	Reclamation and CVWD would retain parcels B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, and R for potential borrow pits to be used for Project purposes.  Acceptable stabilization techniques would be used for active borrow pits to ensure that offsite impacts are avoided.  Unused or abandoned borrow pits would be reclaimed after a reasonable period of non-use.
Water treatment facility	Reclamation and CVWD also would retain parcel H for a potential water treatment facility for the benefit of the Project and water conservation purposes.
Terminal reservoir (Lake Cahuilla)	Reclamation and CVWD would retain parcels O and P to be used in conjunction with Lake Cahuilla.
Canal access roads	CVWD would continue to use all canal access roads for operation and maintenance purposes.
Dikes	CVWD would continue to use parcels G, I, J, K, L, M, Q, R, S, and T for protective dike purposes.
Electrical substation	Reclamation and CVWD would continue to retain parcel F for Imperial Irrigation District's management of an electrical substation.
Parcel U	Reclamation and CVWD would continue to retain a portion of parcel U for Project purposes. Refer to page 51, last bullet, for further explanation of parcel U.

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<b>NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ISSUE CATEGORY</b>	
Natural and cultural resources	<p>Continue to consult, As necessary, with California State Preservation Office under section 106/110 of National Historic Preservation Act.</p> <p>Continue to conduct opportunistic inspections of sites and locales as personnel and time are available.</p> <p>Provide cultural resource surveys to other entities, including California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) for their information and use.</p> <p>Continue to consult with area Indian tribes and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) concerning Indian trust assets, Indian sacred sites, and traditional cultural properties.</p> <p>Coordinate with BIA and Indian tribes in future environmental compliance activities in a manner that protects Indian trust assets and avoids adverse impacts when possible. When adverse impacts cannot be avoided, Reclamation will provide appropriate mitigation or compensation.</p> <p>Consult with appropriate Indian tribes to determine if they have cultural resource concerns or are aware of traditional cultural properties when actions will affect a site eligible for the <i>National Register of Historic Places</i> (Register) or when planning actions that could result in significant new impacts to Coachella Canal Area lands.</p> <p>Complete site-specific investigations, as needed, to enable implementation of resource management plan development and restoration efforts when compatible with current project needs and purposes.</p> <p>Implement interpretation at sites for public interest and education on a case-by-case basis, or as required as part of a mitigation requirement.</p>
Aeolian (windblown) sand habitat and associated special status species protection and management	<p>Inventory all sand habitat types to ascertain presence/absence, habitat suitability for special status species, and restoration potential.</p> <p>Avoid or minimize developments and land use that could affect suitable habitat.</p> <p>Conduct long-term monitoring of suitable habitat.</p> <p>In cooperation with other entities, increase efforts to protect suitable habitat from OHV use and other ground-disturbing activities.</p> <p>As necessary, provide fencing to protect suitable and occupied habitat for special status species</p> <p>If appropriate, develop a restoration plan in cooperation with other entities.</p> <p>Conduct environmental compliance and Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation for any projects that could affect habitat.</p> <p>If needed, mitigate and compensate for impacts of development activity on suitable and occupied habitat.</p>
Undisturbed desert shrub habitat	<p>Avoid impacts to undisturbed sites.</p> <p>Conduct environmental compliance and ESA consultation for any projects that could affect habitat.</p>



<b>Elements</b>	<b>Coachella Canal Area Resource Management Plan Preferred Alternative (Alternative D)</b>
Desert wash and other habitats that provide linkages and biological corridors	<p>Evaluate different study area parcels for their value as corridors and linkages for sensitive species in cooperation with FWS and other involved entities and when implementing the management actions identified in chapter 6 of the RMP/EA.</p> <p>Avoid developments that would affect the biological integrity of desert washes and potential corridors.</p> <p>Conduct environmental compliance and ESA consultation for any projects that could affect habitat.</p>
Peninsular bighorn sheep habitat and disturbance buffer	<p>Conduct environmental compliance and ESA consultation for any projects that could affect habitat.</p> <p>Avoid developments and land use that would eliminate buffer and suitable habitat.</p> <p>In cooperation with other entities, increase efforts to protect suitable habitat from OHV use and other ground-disturbing activities.</p> <p>In cooperation with golf course developers and CVWD as recommended by the Service, explore the need to install fencing to mitigate potential drownings of Peninsular bighorn sheep.</p> <p>Implement measures to protect Peninsular bighorn sheep. Identify key habitat and disturbance buffers. Restrict all developments in key habitats and allow only passive recreation use in adjacent buffer habitat. Implement seasonal closures and fencing, if necessary, and install interpretive signs.</p>
Cottonwood-willow oases	<p>Inventory all cottonwood willow habitat to ascertain presence/absence, habitat suitability for special status species, and restoration potential.</p> <p>Avoid or minimize developments and land use that could affect suitable habitat.</p> <p>Conduct long-term monitoring of suitable habitat.</p>
<b>RECREATION MANAGEMENT ISSUE CATEGORY</b>	
Carrying capacity/public demand	<p>Reclamation's recreation partners would provide appropriate information related to social, physical, environmental, or facility capacities for proposed developments.</p>
Recreation planning	<p>Existing and potential qualified recreation partners would prepare and submit appropriate planning documents to Reclamation prior to any facility development.</p> <p>When planning for recreation development, follow up-to-date design standards and criteria.</p> <p>When recreation developments take place on Reclamation lands, Reclamation will ensure that project coordinators take into account how much water will be required to create and maintain the facility and how to account for this water.</p>
Off highway vehicle use	<p>Eliminate OHV use except for emergency situations. (Note: All Reclamation lands are closed to OHV use unless officially opened through a public involvement and planning process.)</p>

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Off highway vehicle use (continued)	<p>Restrict the public to existing public roads.</p> <p>In cooperation with other entities, install needed fencing and barriers to prevent future OHV use.</p>
Multi-use trail development	<p>In cooperation with a single non-Federal government entity or a variety of entities, authorize construction of a limited number of multi-use trails using strict development criteria to ensure that trail and trail users do not adversely affect natural resources, wildlife, critical habitat, or CVWD Project features.</p> <p>Cooperate with the Service to ensure that trails are sited in a manner that continues to avoid and minimize effects on Peninsular bighorn sheep.</p> <p>Design portions of trails to accommodate a variety of uses, such as hiking, biking, and horseback riding.</p> <p>Ensure trail development follows appropriate design standards, including Americans with Disabilities Act Standards.</p>
Interpretation	<p>Encourage existing and potential recreation partners to provide interpretation of the natural resources, wildlife, and Project features to better educate the public. (See Public Information Issue Category.)</p> <p>Reclamation and its partners would provide an appropriate level of interpretation as required to fulfill mitigation measures associated with Project and recreation facility development.</p>
Retention of lands for existing recreation purposes.	<p>Reclamation and CVWD would retain parcels E, K, R, and portions of S and T for CVRPD recreation management purposes.</p>
Parcels A, B, C, D, and K	<p>Continue to use as open space.</p>
Parcels E and F	<p>Continue to make available as open space.</p>
Parcels E, K, R and portions of S and T	<p>Continue to use as open space and use by CVRPD.</p> <p>Consider proposals from potential qualified recreation partners to provide for passive types of recreation opportunities and to provide assistance enforcing unauthorized OHV use.</p>
Parcels O and P	<p>Authorize expansion of facilities managed by Riverside County for county park at Lake Cahuilla.</p>
Other fee, withdrawn, and easement lands within study area not identified as a lettered parcel	<p>Depending on land status, Reclamation would assess plans submitted by existing and potential qualified recreation partners for using remaining Project lands for outdoor recreation purposes.</p>

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**PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ISSUE CATEGORY**

Public information and education	<p>Continue current level of public information and education.</p> <p>Reclamation would encourage existing and potential partners to provide an appropriate level of interpretative services to inform and educate the public. (See interpretation element under Recreation Management Issue Category.)</p> <p>Encourage existing and future partners to use a variety of media to communicate with the public, including printed materials, maps, photographs, brochures, and Web sites.</p> <p>Encourage partners to provide additional programs for public enjoyment (e.g., wildlife observation and interpretative programs).</p>
Signing	<p>Inventory signing needs and, as needed, post bilingual signs with rules and regulations regarding the use of Reclamation lands.</p> <p>As needed, post bilingual OHV closure signs at areas that have been closed to unauthorized OHV users.</p>

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUE CATEGORY**

Enforcement of rules and regulations	Increase efforts to enforce rules and regulations to discourage unauthorized use within the study area and promote proactive law enforcement activities.
Mosquito abatement	Cooperate with the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District in its effort to reduce or eliminate conditions conducive for mosquito breeding. (See Partnerships.)
Crime Witness Program	Promote the Crime Witness Protection Program.
Trash removal	<p>Increase efforts to remove existing trash from Coachella Canal Area lands.</p> <p>Increase efforts to keep Coachella Canal Area lands free of trash through signing and strict enforcement.</p>
Recreation development	Take no additional action, except to continue to ensure that visitor health and safety is the main focus during facility planning.
Signs	As needed, post bilingual warning signs.
Fencing	Install proper fencing to protect the health and safety of the public and Project features and structures.

<sup>1</sup> Passive recreation is defined as recreational opportunities that occur in a natural setting and that require minimal development or facilities. The importance of the environment or setting for the activities is greater than in developed recreation settings. Examples of passive recreation activities include walking, bicycling, horseback riding, bird watching, and photography.

<sup>2</sup> Open space is defined as a parcel of land that has public value because the land offers important opportunities for recreation. Open space may also have value as a visual amenity to the landscape or backdrop of an outdoor natural setting.

**Attachment G**  
**Criteria for Facility Development**

## **Attachment G**

### **Criteria for Facility Development**

- Facilities development will be based on the most current recreation design standards dealing with campground layout, road construction, utilities, sewage systems, potable water systems, landscape planting, and irrigation systems.
- To the extent possible, facilities will be developed only at sites that have already been disturbed and sites that have been fragmented by human activity.
- To the extent possible, the use of adjacent lands will be taken into consideration when planning for facility development.
- Development must be subjected to public involvement and publicly supported.
- Development will be based on public demand and carrying capacity limitations. Limitations will be determined by assessing safety, quality of the visitor experience, potential for visitor-use conflicts, and natural resource conditions such as the presence of heritage resource sites or critical habitat.
- Development must be compatible with the goals and objectives of the Resource Management Plan and Bureau of Reclamation Policies and Directives and Standards.
- Development will be compatible with existing uses and opportunities.
- Developed facilities will be able to sustain anticipated use and will comply with applicable Federal, State, and local regulations, laws, and policies, including the Americans with Disabilities Act Guidelines and the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards.
- Developed facilities will accommodate general public use; private, exclusive use of facilities will not be allowed according to established Reclamation policy.
- Developed facilities will be designed to complement the surrounding landscape and will use native plant species for vegetation and landscaping.
- Vegetation on areas disturbed by construction will be restored, to the extent practicable, to its predisturbance conditions.

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- Development and use of facilities must not create safety hazards, increase noise levels, or limit emergency access.
- Development will take into consideration the future cost of operation and maintenance (O&M) of new facilities (i.e., emphasis should be on low cost O&M items).
- Best management practices will be employed to prevent erosion and surface runoff.
- Development of facilities will incorporate universal design standards to the maximum extent practical.
- When locating facilities, every effort will be made to avoid prime farmlands and other environmentally sensitive areas.
- Developments should adhere to Federal, State, and local requirements concerning placement of facilities adjacent to streams and lakes (i.e., appropriate setbacks are realized).

**Attachment H**  
**Criteria for Nonmotorized, Multi-Use**  
**Trail Development**

## **Attachment H**

### **Criteria for Non-motorized, Multi-Use Trail Development**

- A trail plan will be prepared before any construction and will detail, among other things, site locations (alignment), lengths, materials, signing needs, construction costs, and an operation and maintenance strategy.
- Public use of the non-motorized trails will be limited to foot traffic, equestrian users, non-motorized bikes, and wheelchair users, when possible.
- Construction will not proceed until all environmental and cultural resource clearances are obtained.
- Existing trails and abandoned and reclaimed off highway vehicle roads will be integrated with new trail construction as much as possible, providing old trails and roads were properly laid out and have good drainage.
- Terrain and elevation changes should not be extreme.
- The route should be planned for minimum maintenance, while providing maximum ecological variety (i.e., stay on the fringe of critical habitat areas, rather than crossing habitat areas).
- Portions of the trail designed for access by people with disabilities will follow appropriate accessibility guidelines and standards for outdoor recreation facilities and components.
- Location should be suitable for all seasons of use to the degree that visitor or management needs, terrain, and climate patterns will allow.
- Access points to trail heads should be provided, as feasible.
- For interpretive purposes, trails should meander to take advantage of scenic panoramas and historic, cultural, and natural resources.
- Trails should be located to disperse visitors from fragile or heavily used areas.
- Areas of critical or sensitive habitat should be avoided.
- Critical cultural resource sites will be avoided whenever feasible.



- Trails should avoid areas where plants and animals may be seriously impacted.
- Trails should be located on stable soils. If soils are not stable, alternate material must be provided.
- Special attention should be given to the problems that traffic and traffic-related noise and safety could create for hikers and equestrians at road crossings.
- Access at varying distances along the trail should be provided so that users can choose trips of varying lengths.
- If equestrians frequent the trail, hitching rails should be located near trails so riders can secure their horses at trail heads, rest stops, viewing, and scenic areas. Also, trail heads should be large enough to accommodate horse trailers, and access roads should be designed to provide safe access to trail heads by vehicles handling large trailers.
- Alignment should offer the users the best views, follow contours, avoid steep topography, and angle across the natural slope to take advantage of natural drainage.
- Structures should be made of native materials when feasible (i.e., bridges, benches, retaining walls, erosion-control devices, etc.).
- The best available guidelines will be used for specific guidance on drainage (water bars and culverts), trail signing, dimensions, clearing requirements, structures, surface, revegetation, cribbing (retaining walls), switchbacks, base construction, and bridges.
- Proper facilities, such as loading, staging and parking areas, signage, potable water sources, and restrooms, will be incorporated into trail designs.