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November 14, 2022

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RE: Results of Archaeological Survey (NMCRIS Activity No. 151323) for Phase 3 of the Regina MDWCA Water System Improvements Project (SRI Technical Report 22-108)

Dear Ms. Woods:

This letter presents the results of a cultural resources inventory for Phase 3 of the Regina Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association (MDWCA) Water System Improvements Project. The undertaking for Phase 3 includes replacement of approximately 14,000 linear feet of existing, 2-inch pipe with 6-inch pipe along Naranjo Creek Road, east of New Mexico State Highway 96 in the community of Regina, New Mexico. Statistical Research, Inc. (SRI), provided Class I cultural resource records search and Class III archaeological survey in support of this undertaking.

SRI conducted a Class I cultural resource records search using both the New Mexico Cultural Resources Information System (NMCRIS) database and the Archaeological Records Management Section (ARMS) on September 23, 2022. The records search identified 13 previously recorded cultural resources within 100 feet of the project area of potential effects (APE), but no previously recorded resources were identified that intersect the project APE.

SRI conducted Class III archaeological pedestrian survey on September 29 and 30, 2022. The total area surveyed consisted of 25 acres within a 100-foot corridor along the project centerline. Surface visibility along the edges of the survey corridor was significantly limited by vegetation, including both oak and piñon-juniper overstory and a dense understory of grasses and forbs. Visibility was excellent in the portion of the survey area within Naranjo Creek Road, primarily along the project centerline. No cultural resources were identified within the project area.

SRI conducted the survey with a field crew of two persons spaced at 15-m transects. The crew's positions were monitored using an Android mobile device with Esri's ArcGIS Field Maps software and a Trimble R1 Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) receiver with submeter accuracy that included the boundaries of the survey area and the locations of previously recorded sites.

Archaeological fieldwork was conducted primarily on land under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management; however, a small portion of the project APE is located on private property. Phase 3 is located entirely within Sandoval County, New Mexico.

Because no cultural resources were identified within the survey area, SRI provides no treatment recommendations for the Phase 3 undertaking.

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Re: HPD Log# 118349, Regina Mutual Domestic Water Customer's Associations (RMDWCA) Water Improvements Project
Dear Ms. Woods:

On behalf of the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) I want to thank you for cooperating with SHPO regarding the aforementioned project. I have reviewed the documents you have submitted, including the project phasing overview map (Exhibit A), as well as our State Register of Cultural Properties (SRCP), the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and our cultural resource records database.

As Phase 1 of the project area has been completed, we did not review this location.

For the phase 2 project area, the portion on NM Highway 95 has not been surveyed. This will require a cultural resource survey. The section of phase 2 on State Route 595 has been surveyed and our database shows that two archaeological sites are situated in the project area [REDACTED]

We understand that you have engaged Statistical Research, Inc. (SRI) of Albuquerque, New Mexico, to survey Phase 3 of the project area. Our records show that no historic properties were encountered by this survey (NMCRI#151323). Thus, construction for Phase 3 of this project will have no effect on historic properties.

Phase 4, along NM Highway 96 has been surveyed and it contains no cultural properties.

Phases 4&5 along NM Highway 96 and NM Highway 112 has also been surveyed. The latter route contains 6 archaeological site [REDACTED]

Phase 6 along NM Highway 95 has never been surveyed and it will also require a cultural resource survey.

Phase 6, along San Jose Trail, has been surveyed and it contains no known historic properties.

Phase 7, along NM Highway 96, has been surveyed for cultural resources and it contains no cultural properties.

The project locations specified for Phases 8, 9, & 10 have never been surveyed for the presence of historic properties and these locations will require cultural resource surveys.

The surveys should be conducted by a qualified, state permitted, archaeologist to identify significant cultural properties that could be inadvertently damaged or destroyed by the proposed project. Additionally, where known archaeological sites intersect with the project area, the archaeologist should revisit the site to determine project effects and re-evaluate site integrity. For a list of qualified, permitted archaeologists please refer to the cultural resource consultant list at:

<https://www.nmhistoricpreservation.org/documents/consultants.html>

Finally, as most of these project locations take place in New Mexico Department of Transportation (DOT) right-of-way. The DOT should be contacted regarding this project. Also, as small portions of the project area lie on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands. The BLM should also be contacted regarding this project.

We can be reached at (505) 827-6320, or, if you have any concerns or questions, please contact me by phone at (505)-452-6115 or e-mail me at richard.reycraft@dca.nm.gov.

Sincerely,

Richard Reycraft

Richard Reycraft, PhD.

HPD Archaeologist



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November 1, 2022

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Governor Joseph Sanchez
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RE: Regina Mutual Domestic Water Consumer's Association Environmental Information Document for the Water System Improvements Project Phases 2 through 10

Dear Governor Sanchez:

On behalf of Regina Mutual Domestic Water Consumer's Association (RMDWCA), Souder, Miller & Associates (SMA) is preparing an Environmental Information Document (EID) for the Water System Improvements Project Phases 2 through 10. The purpose of the project is to upgrade the system infrastructure to provide reliable service to customers and add capacity for fire protection. The project area is in Regina, Sandoval County, New Mexico as illustrated on the attached figure. During construction, the area of disturbance will be limited to the right-of-way of the existing system and will consist of the removal of existing pipe and installation of larger diameter pipe with associated control equipment. We invite you to attend a public meeting that will be held at the Regina Fire Station, 923 Highway 96, Regina, New Mexico on Monday, **November 14th, 2022**, from 5:00 to 7:00pm MST.

We understand that cultural resources may be present in the project area including places of religious significance, plant and mineral gathering areas, archeological sites, and animal grazing areas. We value your help identifying and mitigating potential impacts to these and any other cultural resources and would like to invite you to provide your questions and comments regarding the planned project. If you could please complete and return the attached Acknowledgement Form by **November 14, 2022**. For additional information or to provide comments, please contact Heather Woods at (505) 325-7535 or email Heather.Woods@SouderMiller.com. The completed Acknowledgement Form may also be emailed to the same address. We also welcome your comments and questions during the above referenced public meeting.

We appreciate your assistance and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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From: Timothy Begay <tbegay@navajo-nsn.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 12:01 PM
To: Heather Woods
Subject: [EXTERNAL]REGINA MUTUAL DOMESTIC WATER CONSUMER'S ASSOCIATION PROJECTS (S-106-22-435)

Dear Ms. Woods:

The Navajo Nation Heritage and Historic Preservation Department's (NNHHPD) Traditional Culture Program is (TCP) in receipt of your letter regarding the Regina Mutual Domestic Water Consumer's Association (RMDWCA), and Souder, Miller & Associates (SMA) is preparing an Environmental Information Document for the Water System Improvements Projects Phases 2 through 10 near the town of Regina, New Mexico.

After reviewing your letter and map, then cross referencing our Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP's) database, NNHHPD-TCP has determined that there are No known Navajo TCP's within the proposed project areas and you may proceed without further consultation.

If you have any additional questions, concerns or would like to discuss these issues further, please don't hesitate to contact our office at (928) 871-7198 or (928) 871-7152. Thank you for including the Navajo Nation in the consultation process.

Sincerely,

Timothy C. Begay

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Acknowledgement Form

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

As a representative for the Pueblo of Sandia, the undersigned acknowledges receipt of this request for comment, and having reviewed the attached project summary and additional information, we

☒ have no comments,

☐ have comments (Please describe in the space below or on another sheet of paper).

Signature: Stuart Paisano Date: 11/7/22

Name: STUART PAISANO Date: 11/7/22

Comments:

Heather Woods

From: Heather Woods
Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 3:32 PM
To: Monica Murrell
Cc: governors
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]RE: Tribal Consultation for RMDWCA EID
Attachments: Map - Project Phasing Overview.pdf

Good Afternoon Ms. Murrell,

Thank you very much for your response.

We believe the original system may have been constructed in the 1970's, but I would have to ask for clarification from our client to answer that question for certain. I'm unsure if there was any evaluation completed for the original construction. I've attached a map of the project area and construction Phases for reference.

As part of the preparation of the EID document, Statistical Research, Inc. (SRI) of Albuquerque has completed a survey of Phase 3 of the project and has reported no findings in that area, which is the next Phase planned for construction. SRI is drafting a letter report this week, and I would be happy to provide that to you when I receive it. We are in consultation with the State Historical Preservation Office for review of the remainder of the Phases to help us identify any cultural resources in those areas. At this time, the draft EID document recommends that each Phase have a completed cultural survey conducted and appropriate mitigations be undertaken prior to construction.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Many Thanks,
Heather

From: Monica Murrell <Monica.Murrell@santaana-nsn.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 1:19 PM
To: Heather Woods <Heather.Woods@soudermiller.com>
Cc: governors <governors@santaana-nsn.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]RE: Tribal Consultation for RMDWCA EID

Good afternoon, Ms. Woods

The Pueblo of Santa Ana THPO is in receipt of SMA's notification of an EID document preparation for the Regina Mutual Domestic Water Consumer's Association. We are writing to request if any additional information may be available to assist in the review of your project. Depending on when the original water system was constructed, and concomitant compliance procedures followed at that time, we would like to ask if a new cultural resources survey was deemed to be necessary and to review any results provided in that report, if a cultural resources evaluation was required and conducted in association with this project. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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Dear Ms. Ensey:

Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District (USACE) seeks your concurrence on a determination of **No Historic Properties Affected** for the proposed replacement of the existing waterline along Naranjo Creek Rd in Regina, in Sandoval County, New Mexico (Enclosure 1).

USACE in cooperation with, and at the request of Regina Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association (MDWCA) is proposing to make improvements to the water system in Regina, New Mexico. The overall Water System Improvements Project has up to nine proposed phases; however, this consultation is only for Phase 3- improvements along Naranjo Creek Rd. Naranjo Creek Road is approximately 8.3 miles north of Cuba, New Mexico, and approximately 2.7 miles south of Regina, New Mexico. The Regina MDWCA manages the water system, which serves the Regina Census Designated Place and surrounding areas.

The Regina MDWCA experiences areas with low pressure and deals with operations and maintenance issues mostly attributed to older, undersized, or deteriorated waterlines. Additionally, the system does not have the infrastructure capacity to provide fire protection. The proposed project would allow Regina MDWCA to upgrade their system to provide reliable service and reduce the fire risk for residents. The proposed undertaking would consist of replacing existing 2-inch waterline along Naranjo Creek Rd with approximately 14,000 linear feet of 6-inch waterline (Enclosure 2). It would also include all appurtenances and replacement of customer meters within the Phase 3 project limits. Access to the project area is via Naranjo Creek Rd, and all ground disturbance will take place within the Right-of-Way.

Regina MDWCA contracted Souder, Miller and Associates (SMA) to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. In the process of preparing the EA, SMA subcontracted Statistical Research, Inc (SRI) of Albuquerque, New Mexico to perform a cultural resources inventory of the Phase 3 project area on September 29 and 30, 2022 (Enclosure 3). The total area surveyed consisted of 25 acres within a 100-foot corridor along the project centerline. No cultural resources were identified within the survey area. Post survey, SMA consulted with your office on November 17, 2022 regarding the project footprint. A response was provided by Mr. Richard Reycraft, stating for Phase 3 "We understand that you have engaged Statistical Research, Inc (SRI) of Albuquerque, New Mexico, to survey Phase 3 of the project area. Our records show

that no historic properties were encountered by this survey (NMCRIS#151323). Thus, construction for Phase 3 of this project will have no effect on historic properties.” (Enclosure 4)

In the process of preparing the EA for Phase 3, SMA sent consultation letters to the following Tribes on November 1, 2022 (Enclosure 5): Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, Pueblo of Isleta, Pueblo of Laguna, Pueblo of San Felipe, Pueblo of Santa Ana, Pueblo of Tesuque, The Hopi Tribe, Jicarilla Apache Nation, Pueblo of Santa Clara, Pueblo of Cochiti, Pueblo of Jemez, Navajo Nation, Pueblo of San Ildefonso, Pueblo of Zia, Ohkay Owingeh, Pueblo of Sandia, Pueblo of Santo Domingo (Kewa Pueblo), Pueblo of Zuni, Kiowa Tribe, Pueblo of Picuris, Pueblo of Pojoaque, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and Pueblo of Taos. SMA received responses from Navajo Nation, Pueblo of Santa Ana, and Pueblo of Sandia. Navajo Nation responded, “that there are no known Navajo TCP’s within the proposed project areas” and the project could proceed (Enclosure 6). The Pueblo of Sandia acknowledged receipt and had no comments (Enclosure 7). The Pueblo of Santa Ana requested additional information regarding recent cultural resource surveys in the area (Enclosure 8). SMA provided the SRI survey report to the Pueblo of Santa Ana.

Although SMA had previous correspondence with your office and Tribes, USACE is conducting consultation as the lead federal agency to fulfill its responsibilities under 36 CFR 800. USACE determines that the proposed undertaking of replacing the waterline along Naranjo Creek Rd, Phase 3 of the Water System Improvements Project for the Regina MDWCA, would result in **No Historic Properties Affected**. We seek your concurrence with this determination.

USACE will send consultation letters to your office and the following tribes: Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, Pueblo of Isleta, Pueblo of Laguna, Pueblo of San Felipe, Pueblo of Santa Ana, Pueblo of Tesuque, The Hopi Tribe, Jicarilla Apache Nation, Pueblo of Santa Clara, Pueblo of Cochiti, Pueblo of Jemez, Navajo Nation, Pueblo of San Ildefonso, Pueblo of Zia, Ohkay Owingeh, Pueblo of Sandia, Pueblo of Santo Domingo (Kewa Pueblo), Pueblo of Zuni, Kiowa Tribe, Pueblo of Picuris, Pueblo of Pojoaque, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and Pueblo of Taos.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Corps Albuquerque District archaeologist Kaitlyn Fuqua at kaitlyn.n.fuqua@usace.army.mil, or me at danielle.a.galloway@usace.army.mil or at (505) 342-3661. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely:

For **SIGNATURE ON FILE**

Danielle Galloway
Chief, Environmental Resources
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Concur, No Historic Properties
Affected

Cortney Wands, State Archaeologist
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September 12, 2025

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Dear Chairman Woommavovah:

Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District (USACE) seeks your comments on a determination of **No Historic Properties Affected** for the proposed replacement of the existing waterline along Naranjo Creek Rd in Regina, in Sandoval County, New Mexico (Enclosure 1).

The purpose of this scoping letter is to provide you with the opportunity to submit concerns or comments regarding potential effects. Specifically, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the environmental such as natural, biological, or cultural resources; wildlife, vegetation, and special status species; air, water, or sound quality; aesthetics; health and safety; Traditional Cultural Properties; or Indian Trust Assets that may occur within or adjacent to the project area.

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