

## ***Cultural Resources Study*** **SUMMARY**

Consistent with Section 4.0 of the *Cultural Resources Study Plan* (Plan) that was filed with FERC on January 9, 2017,<sup>1</sup> the SSWD provides the following summary for the *Cultural Resources Study* (Study). The summary includes a description of work completed to date, key findings, variances, and remaining work. Links to associated data files are not included for this Study, as data collected are considered Privileged. The Cultural Resources Study Report, once completed, will be provided to participating Native American Tribes, the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and filed with FERC, in FERC's Privileged files where confidential information, not for public distribution, is filed.

### **Work Completed as of 3/1/18:**

SSWD completed Step 1 (archival research); Step 2 (field survey and identification of resources); and Step 3 (identify and assess potential Project effects on cultural resources) of the Plan. A cultural resources inventory of the area of potential effects (APE), which corresponds to the existing FERC Project Boundary, was conducted in 2016 and 2017. All accessible areas within the APE were surveyed with 15 to 20 meter parallel transects. A representative for the UAIC served as the tribal monitor throughout the survey.

### **Key Findings:**

Preliminarily, a total of roughly 95 archaeological sites, 124 isolated finds, and 11 built environment resources were documented in the APE. Both historic and prehistoric resources were encountered. Only one resources has been determined ineligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), for which the SHPO has concurred with. This one resource is the Camp Far West Spillway Bridge (Caltrans Bridge 16C0081/Primary No. P-58-2624). The Camp Far West Spillway Bridge was previously documented and determined not eligible for listing in the NRHP as part of the 2004 *Caltrans Statewide Historic Bridge Inventory Update: Metal Truss, Movable, and Steel Arch Bridges* (JRP 2004).<sup>2</sup> The other cultural resources identified within the APE remain unevaluated for the NRHP.

Archival research has been conducted and a cultural context developed for the APE and vicinity.

### **Associated Data Files:**

Data collected for this Study, including resource photographs, geographic information system (GIS) spatial information, and resource specific information, is considered Privileged and will not be made available to the public. Data to be made available to the public upon completion of the Study will be a Study summary, that summarizes the Study goals and objectives, the methods, any variances to the Plan, and the findings of the Study (i.e., the natural and cultural setting, the records search results, a list of the resources identified, the NRHP status of each resource, and the Project effects to each resource). A preliminary summary table of the

<sup>1</sup> The Plan is available on SSWD's public relicensing website ([www.sswdrelicensing.com](http://www.sswdrelicensing.com)) under 'Study Plans.'

<sup>2</sup> JRP Historical Consulting. 2004. *Caltrans Statewide Historic Bridge Inventory Update: Metal Truss, Movable, and Steel Arch Bridges*. Prepared for State of California Department of Transportation, Sacramento, California.

resources identified within the APE during Study implementation has been prepared and is described in Table 1 below. SSWD prepared the data file below which is Public and provides a preliminary summary of the resources identified within the APE during Study implementation. The file is available on SSWD’s public relicensing website ([www.sswdrelicensing.com](http://www.sswdrelicensing.com)).

**Table 1. Data files associated with Study summary.**

File Name	Data Description	File Type and Size
SSWD_CFW_Cultural Resources Study_ResourceSummary	Preliminary summary table of resources identified within the APE during study implementation.	Microsoft Word, 27 KB

**Variations from Study:**

There is one Study variance. As provided in the Plan, the schedule for Study Report completion was March 2017. However, a much greater number of resources were encountered than anticipated in the APE and the water levels of the reservoir were lower than expected, resulting in more area to survey. Both of these unexpected circumstances have resulted in additional time needed to process the field data. Accordingly, the one variance to the Plan is a change in schedule for completion of the Study Report. The Study Report is now expected to be completed and included in the DLA.

**Remaining Work:**

Remaining work includes preparation of a report that includes the following sections: 1) Study Goals and Objectives; 2) Methods; 3) Results of the Study; and 4) Description of Variations from the Plan. The report will include maps that clearly depict the following on USGS 1:24,000 topographic maps: the area examined, current inventory coverage in the areas surveyed, and intensity of the survey coverage. The report will be a summary of findings. The body of the report will exclude sensitive, Confidential, and Privileged information for purposes of the public relicensing process.

Attached to the report will be a Privileged report that will be filed as “Privileged” with FERC and will contain the sensitive, Confidential, and Privileged information resulting from the Study. The Privileged report will be distributed to interested tribes and the SHPO for review and comment as part of the Section 106 of the NHPA consultation process. A draft of the Privileged report will be provided to the tribes for a 30-day review, and then submitted to the SHPO for 30-day review and concurrence on the report findings. Any written comments received by SSWD within these review periods will be addressed in the final Privileged report filed with FERC.

SSWD anticipates that the Study will be completed in December 2018.