

Tribal Interests Study
SUMMARY

Consistent with Section 6.0 of the *Tribal Interests Study Plan* (Plan) that was filed with FERC on January 9, 2017,¹ the SSWD provides the following summary for the *Tribal Interests Study* (Study). Links to associated data files are not included for this Study, as data collected are considered Confidential. The Tribal Interests Study Report, once completed, will be provided to participating Native American Tribes, the California 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 (tribal consultation and identification of resources); Step 3 (site visits); and Step 4 (identify and assess potential effects on tribal interests) of the Plan. Two meetings were held with local tribal groups who participated in the Study. Additionally, seven interviews were conducted with individuals or groups of Native American participants to gain information on the area of potential effects (APE) and vicinity. This required numerous emails and phone calls to coordinate. The archival research was conducted at the California State University, Sacramento library, the California State Archives, the Bancroft Library, the Searls Library in Nevada City, the Yuba County Library in Marysville, and the California Room of the Marysville Library. The C. Hart Merriam ethnographic and ethnogeographic field notes were available online, as were the Smithsonian Institution's copies of John. P. Harrington's fieldnotes. Newspaper articles from the 1850s and 1860s at the California State Library were also reviewed. In addition to these materials and repositories, other scholarly articles, manuscripts, and books available online and/or in the researchers' personal libraries, were also reviewed.

Key Findings:

No identifiable places that meet one or more of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) criteria and the conditions of integrity and association for being a TCP were found.

Associated Data Files:

Data collected for this Study is considered Privileged and will not be made available to the public.

Variances from Study:

There is one study variance. As provided in the Plan, the schedule for Study Report completion was March 2017. However, a much larger amount of data was available in the ethnographic/ethnohistoric record than initially expected. As well, the number of Native American participants and subsequent coordination required to speak with these participants was also greater than expected. Both of these unexpected circumstances have resulted in additional time needed to process the data collected for this Study. 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 with and included in the DLA.

¹ The Plan is available on SSWD's public relicensing website (www.sswdrelicensing.com) under 'Study Plans.'

Remaining Work:

Remaining work includes preparing a report that includes the following sections: 1) Study Goals and Objectives; 2) Methods; 3) Results of the Study; and 4) Description of Variances from the Plan. The Study Report will be a summary of findings. The body of the Study Report will exclude sensitive, Confidential, and Privileged information for purposes of the public relicensing process.

Attached to the Study Report, will be a Privileged report that will be filed as “Privileged” with FERC and contains 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. With the tribes’ approval, the report will be submitted to the North Central Information Center (NCIC). Any written comments received by SSWD within these review periods will be addressed in the final Privileged report filed with FERC. Any TCPs identified during the Study will be evaluated for potential listing in the NRHP in the privileged report to be filed with FERC.

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