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No. A147

Amended Application for Certification for
HYDROGEN ENERGY CALIFORNIA
(08-AFC-8A)
Kern County, California
RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST A147  
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LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED IN RESPONSES 

AFC  Application for Certification 
ARSA  Archaeological Resources Study Area 
BVWSD  Buena Vista Water Storage District 
CEC  California Energy Commission
BACKGROUND

The proposed process water pipeline would extend through the vicinity of recorded sites P-15-89 (CA-KER-89/H), P-15-171 (CA-KER-171), P-15-179 (CA-KER-179), P-15-2485 (CA-KER-2485), P-15-6725, P-15-7176, P-15-13717, HECA-2008-1 (JM-BVWD-1), HECA-2009-09, HECA-2009-10, BS-BVWD-1, BS-INF-001, BS-INF-002, BS-INF-003, BS-INF-005, JM-INF-001, JM-INF-004, KRM-INF-002, KRM-INF-003, KRM-INF-004, KRM-INF-005, KRM-INF-006, and KRM-INF-007. The Amended AFC states that the process water pipeline would be placed in fill sediments and that impacts on cultural resources would be negligible (Amended AFC Section 5.3, pp. 27–29). The Amended AFC, however, does not state its source of information regarding the depth of fill in the vicinity of these resources.

DATA REQUEST

A147. Provide more detailed engineering drawings, showing where exactly the process water pipes will be placed in cross-section of levee. Provide proof, such as historic documents or test results, demonstrating the depth of fill used to build the levee, thereby proving that the sites along the pipeline will be successfully avoided.

RESPONSE

The depth of levee fill in the vicinity of the archaeological resources identified within the Archaeological Resources Study Area (ARSA) as described in the Amended AFC as well as in the Archaeological Technical Report (Hale et al. 2012) submitted under confidential cover (Appendix G-3) to the CEC is summarized below in Table A147-1. The depth is estimated based on the surveyed elevation of the levee road and an estimated existing ground surface elevation.

<table>
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<th>Recorded Archaeological Sites in ARSA</th>
<th>Approximate Depth of Fill in Vicinity of Resources (feet)</th>
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<td>HECA-2009-10</td>
<td>1.4 to 2.2</td>
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<td>P-15-171 (CA-KER-171), HECA-2009-09</td>
<td>1.4 to 4.1</td>
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<td>HECA-2008-1 (JM-BVWD-1)</td>
<td>1.9 to 2.5</td>
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<td>P-15-179 (CA-KER-179)</td>
<td>2.2 to 2.8</td>
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<td>BS-BVWD-1</td>
<td>1.2 to 2.6</td>
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In the vicinity of these identified resources, the depth of the levee fill is insufficient to accommodate the pipe without excavating into the native soils. Therefore, the avoidance approach in these areas is to place the pipe adjacent to the levee above the existing ground surface and then place fill over the pipe. A typical section showing the pipeline installation proposed for these areas is provided on Figure A147-1.

Archaeological resources listed in the Data Request and not included in the table above are either not located in the ARSA (i.e., P-15-89/H, -2485, and -6725) or are isolated finds (i.e., P-15-7176, BS-INF-001, -002, -003, -005, JM-INF-001, -004, KRM-INF-002, -003, -004, -005, -006, -007).
and -007) that do not require further treatment. A remaining resource, P-15-13717 is a section of the West Side canal and is not an archaeological resource.

For the remainder of the pipeline installation, BVWSD will install the pipeline within the existing levee road fill.
Fill over waterline

Notes:
1. Based on preliminary design, not for construction.
2. Conceptual plan for pipeline installation to avoid potentially sensitive areas.
AMENDED APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
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