

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
PALM SPRINGS-SOUTH COAST FIELD OFFICE

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW AND DECISION RECORD

CX Number: CA-660-05-41

Name of Proposed Action: Coachella Valley Water District – CA-17065
Right-of-way Grant Renewal

Legal Description: Riverside County, California, SBBM
Township 6 South, Range 7 East,
Section 18: NW¼NW¼NW¼

Containing 1.84 acres, more or less.

Land Use Plan conformance: In compliance with 43CFR1610.5-3 and BLM
MS1617.3, the proposed action is in
conformance with the *California Desert
Conservation Area Plan (1980 as amended)*.
The site is adjacent to, but not within, the
Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains
National Monument.

Description of Proposed Action: Right-of-way (R/W) grant, renewal.

Background: In 1985, the Coachella Valley Water District was granted a right-of-way for twenty years under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976, (FLPMA - 43 U.S.C. 1761) for permission to construct, operate and maintain a flood control channel across public land.

Map: A site map showing the R/W grant is attached as “Exhibit A”.

Categorical Exclusion Reference: 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4, E (9): “Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations.”

Screening for Exceptions: The following exceptions apply to individual actions within categorical exclusions (516 DM, Appendix 2). The preparer and/or indicated specialist must verify that the Proposed Action does not:

2.1	Have significant adverse effects of public health or safety?	None
2.2	Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farm lands, wet lands, flood plains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of National Landmarks?	None
2.3	Have highly controversial environmental effects?	None
2.4	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	None
2.5	Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	None
2.6	Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects?	None
2.7	Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?	None
2.8	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species or have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species?	None
2.9	Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act?	None
2.10	Threaten to violate a Federal, State, or local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	None

Prepared by: Diane Gomez, Realty Specialist

Reviewed by: _____
Environmental Coordinator Date

DECISION: It is my decision to approve the proposed action as described in Categorical Exclusion (CX) number CA-660-05-41. I find this action conforms with 516 Departmental Manual (DM) 2 and DM 6 with no exceptions. I further find this action in conformance with applicable land use plans and that it will not cause unnecessary or undue degradation. Conditions of approval, if attached, are incorporated by reference as the decision of the Bureau of Land Management regarding this action. A copy of this Decision Record and attendant conditions of approval shall be in the possession of the on-site operator during all undertakings approved herein.

APPROVED BY:

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