APPENDIX E

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REPLY TO: FHWA990315A

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Re: Construction of the Brawley Bypass, Brawley, Imperial County.

Dear Mr. Lindley:

Thank you for submitting to our office your March 15, 1999 letter and Historic Property Survey Report (HPSR) regarding the proposed construction of the Brawley Bypass, a four-lane divided expressway from State Route (SR) 86 north of the City of Brawley to 1.5 miles east across the New River channel to 1.5 miles south of the eastern junction of SR 11 and SR 78 in Imperial County. The Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans are considering three alternative alignments for the proposed project and are conducting cultural resource studies in each alignment corridor. Details of these alignment alternatives are contained in your letter and HPSR documentation. Two of the alternatives, the "Fredericks Road Alignment" and the "Del Rio North Alignment" are currently receiving the most attention. The new bypass roadway is expected to accommodate the anticipated traffic increases resulting from the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

The FHWA is seeking our comments on its determination of the eligibility of 36 pre-1948 properties located within the project Area of Potential Effects (APE) for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in accordance with 36 CFR 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Of the aforementioned properties, 32 structures are sections of the Imperial Irrigation District (IID), and 18 structures were treated in accordance with the "Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Evaluation of Post-1945 Buildings, Moved Pre-1945 Buildings, and Altered Pre-1945 Buildings," as updated by the Interim Post-1950 Guidelines, July 1997. Our review of the submitted HPSR leads us to leads us to concur with the FHWA's determination that none of the aforementioned properties are eligible for inclusion on the NRHP under any of the criteria established by 36 CFR 60.4. The properties have no strong associations with significant historical events or persons, nor are they outstanding examples of architectural or engineering design or function.

Thank you again for seeking our comments on your project. If you have any questions, please contact staff historian Clarence Caesar at (916) 653-8902.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

Daniel Abeyta, Acting
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