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Table 19 provides the current status of Owens Valley Enhancement/Mitigation Projects.

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E/M Project Status**

Project/ Item Description	Project Status, Strategies/ Actions/ Plans and overall effectiveness of Mitigation effort and Plan in reaching its goal	1991 EIR Impact No.
Independence Springfield (283 acres)	The Independence Springfield has achieved its goal over approximately 280 acres. Another 40 acres needs to be planted and is planned for initiation in the 2007-08 runoff year.	10-11
Independence Woodlot (21 acres)	The Woodlot has achieved its goals. California Department of Forestry helps with harvesting and cleanup and Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action distributes wood to needy individuals.	10-11
Independence East Side Regreening Project (30 acres)	Discussions have taken place regarding possible modifications to this project. Mitigation plans were submitted to ICWD for this project on August 13, 2004. CEQA was filed for the Independence project September 23 with a public comment period from September 23 to October 29, 2004. Responses to comments were completed. The Board of Water and Power Commission approved the project in May 2005. CEQA was completed for the project with the well location on the project site. Subsequently, ICWD decided that the well should be located west of the community and Inyo County will complete any CEQA required for the new location. As of April 2007, Inyo County has not completed the required CEQA. Currently, the plans for the water source for the project are to tap a 4-inch irrigation water metered system off of the existing 8-inch town water main. This was to be completed in spring/summer 2006 but Inyo County has concerns about having enough water for the water system. As a consequence, Inyo County will not allow the installation of the new irrigation service and tentatively will not allow the service until a new well is installed. When implemented, an irrigation system will be installed on only 2/3 of the project area to allow room to accommodate the possible implementation of a 10-acre sports complex which is being considered by Inyo County.	10-11
Big Pine Northeast Regreening (30 acres)	Mitigation plans were submitted to ICWD for this project on August 13, 2004 CEQA will be completed and implementation of the project detailed in the 1987 Scope of Work will begin in 2007. An archaeological survey of the site has been completed as required by the CEQA process.	10-11
Shepherds Creek Alfalfa Field (198 acres)	The Shepherd Creek project is 100% complete and has achieved its goals.	10-11
Shepherds Creek Potential (60 acres)	The Shepherd Creek Potential Project was evaluated and natural increases in the density of native cover have occurred that are comparable to baseline conditions in adjacent undisturbed parcels. Therefore, the goals for this potential project, as stated in the EIR, have been met.	10-11
Lower Owens River Rewatering Project (18,000 AFY)	This project was to provide a continuous flow of water in a 62-mile, previously dry (1913-1986) portion of the river channel and maintain five small lakes creating a warm water fishery and wildlife habitat in the southern Owens Valley. Inyo County and LADWP decided to reduce the water supply to the Project in 1991 because of a lack of E/M well supply. Since that time, the portion of the river between Blackrock Spillgate and Independence was dry until the Lower Owens River Project was implemented in December, 2006.	10-14
Independence Pasture Lands and Native Pasture Lands (460 acres)	This project is complete and the goals for this project are being met.	10-16

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Van Norman Fields (171 acres)	This project is complete and the goals for this project are being met.	10-16
Richards Fields (160 acres)	This project is complete and the goals for this project are being met.	10-16
Lone Pine Woodlot (12 acres)	The Woodlot has achieved its goals. California Department of Forestry helps with harvesting and cleanup and Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action distributes wood to needy individuals.	10-16
Lone Pine East Side Regreening (11 acres)	This project is complete and the goals for this project are being met.	10-16
Lone Pine West Side Regreening (7 acres)	This project is complete and the goals for this project are being met.	10-16
Laws/ Poleta Native Pasture (216 acres)	This project is complete and the goals for this project are being met.	10-18
Laws Historical Museum Pasturelands (21+15 acres)	This project was only partially Implemented because a reliable, adequate water supply has been difficult to maintain. The water supply has been changed to a well and sprinkler system. All mainline and lateral lines were fully installed during the spring of 2006 and irrigation began in summer/fall 2006. The project is now fully implemented.	10-18
McNally Ponds and Native Pasturelands (348 acres)	Inyo County and LADWP decided to reduce the water supply to the McNally Ponds and Native Pasturelands Project in 1991 because of a lack of E/M well supply. Since that time, water has been provided to McNally Ponds only in years when water is diverted from the Owens River to the McNally Canals. In runoff year 2006-2007 this project received its full allotment of water from the McNally Canals and pumped water.	10-18
Klondike Lake Aquatic Habitat (160 ac)	The Klondike Lake Project is being implemented. The estimated water usage was reduced from 2,200 AF to 1,700 AF with 1,500 AF for conveyance and lake level maintenance, and up to 200 AF for waterfowl habitat south of the lake. A new diversion was installed and implementation of releases for waterfowl habitat south of the lake began in May 2005. Delivery of 200 AF to the south has been more difficult than originally thought. Additional modifications conducted in 2006 included cleaning out the pipe delivering water to the project, moving the measuring station and raising the water level in Klondike. Delivery of up to 200 AF was still not possible. Additional modifications will be investigated in 2007.	11-1
Millpond Recreation Area (18 acres irrigated, pond, pay portion of power bill).	This project is being implemented.	n/a
Independence Ditch	Complete	n/a
Independence Roadside Rest Area (0.5 acres)	Complete	n/a
Eastern California Museum	Complete	n/a
Manzanar Tree Pruning	Complete	n/a
Lone Pine North Clean-Up	Complete	n/a
Lone Pine Sports Complex	Complete	n/a
Lone Pine Riparian Park (320 acres)	Complete	n/a

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Tree Planting Along Public Roads	Complete	n/a