

# PROJECT REVIEW SHEET - EZ1

## HISTORIC & CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW

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**Property / Client Name:** L Cowiche Creek Restoration Design, 11-1600  
**Worksite Name/Number:** L Cowiche Creek Floodplain Worksite 1 (Worksite 1 of 1)  
**Funding Agency:** Rec. and Conserv. Office

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### Funding Agency:

**Organization** Rec. and Conserv. Office  
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<b>PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TYPE OF WORK TO BE COMPLETED</b>
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(Be as detailed as possible to avoid having to provide additional information)
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### Provide a detailed description of the proposed project:

Yakima County Public Services will use the RCO salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) Grant to contract an Engineered Design of the stream restoration, levee removal, and stream relocation project on Lower Cowiche Creek at the Naches River confluence. This SRFB funding request is for Phase 2 of the L Cowiche Creek Riparian Easement and Stream Restoration Project. This property has been identified in previous studies as critical for plans to return lower Cowiche Creek to a less confined floodplain after current levees are removed and the stream is relocated back onto its historical floodplain. This reach has been identified as prime habitat for ESA listed steelhead and spring Chinook, bull trout, and Coho.

Yakima County and the City of Yakima are continuing plans to relocate the existing Naches River Fruitvale Diversion and related structures upstream to the Nelson Dam location. This action will reduce the need for the existing Cowiche Creek levee system, which was created to redirect Cowiche Creek onto an unnatural floodplain in order to minimize risk to landowners and irrigation diversion structures.

Yakima County is currently working with the landowner to create a conservation easement through the historical floodplain for this stream relocation project in Phase 1 of project (10-1909), funded in 2010. Phase 3 will be Project Construction.

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### Describe existing project site conditions.

The floodplain at the Lower Cowiche Creek confluence with the Naches River has been used as agricultural land for many years. Cowiche Creek flows through this site in an artificially constructed and leveed channel. Salmonids have been identified in this reach in the past. This stream/channel restoration project will enhance salmonid habitat.

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**Describe any proposed ground disturbing activities. That is, will a tool(s) be used to move earth (soil, rock, gra**

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**Will buildings be altered or demolished? If so please complete a DAHP Determination of Eligibility EZ2 form for each building affected by the proposed project and attach the form to your project in PRISM. <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/pages/Documents/Sites.htm>**

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If no PRISM map, please attach a copy of the relevant portion of a 7.5 series USGS quad map and outline the project impact area.  
(USGS Quad maps are available on-line at <http://www.topozone.com>)

### Worksite Location (identified with star):

Address:

Township: 13N  
Range: 18E  
Section: 09

City:  
County: Yakima  
Latitude: 46.63  
Longitude: -120.58

