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Table 16 provides the current status of Owens Valley Enhancement/Mitigation Projects.

**TABLE 16
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 revegetated.	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. The contract for well installation is out to bid. Currently, the plans for the water source for the project are to tap a metered system off of the existing town water system. This will be completed in spring/summer 2006. At this time an irrigation system above ground sprinklers will be installed on <u>only</u> 2/3 of the project area to <u>allow room to</u> 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)	Discussions have taken place regarding possible modifications to this project. Mitigation plans were submitted to ICWD for this project on August 13, 2004. Once plans are solidified, CEQA will be completed and implementation will begin. 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 compared to baseline conditions.	10-11
Lower Owens River Rewatering Project (18,000 AFY)	This project was to provide a continuous flow of water in a 50-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 has been dry.	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
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

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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)	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. The museum pasture irrigation system has been designed, mainline installation was initiated in 2005 but supplies of pipe required for the project were not available due to emergency deliveries in response to Hurricane Katrina. All mainline and lateral lines will be fully installed during the spring of 2006 and irrigation will begin in summer/fall 2006.	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 2005-2006 this project received its full allotment of water from the McNally Canals.	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 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 are planned for 2006-07.	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
Tree Planting Along Public Roads	Complete	n/a