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

**TABLE 19
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 Owens Valley 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 2009-10 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 according to the operations plan and management guidelines developed by the Technical Group.	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 East Side Regreening Project and Town Water System September 23, 2004 with a public comment period from September 23 to October 29, 2004. Responses to comments were completed. The Board of Water and Power Commissioners approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project in May 2005. Inyo County requested that three modifications to the project be made: 1) The project well to be located approximately 100 yards to the east of the originally proposed location. 2) That sprinkler irrigation be considered in place of flood irrigation. 3) That a portion of the 30 pasture include stables and/or corrals. An amendment to the project scoping document that incorporates these changes was approved by Standing Committee on April 23, 2009. Inyo County has agreed to complete any additional CEQA requirements for these changes.	10-11
Big Pine Northeast Regreening (30 acres)	Mitigation Plans for the Big Pine Northeast Regreening were transmitted to the County in 2004. Comments were received from the County in 2005. The County identified a portion of the project area for land release and sale. In addition, a portion of the Big Pine Ditch system runs through the project area. This reduced the original project area by less than an acre. A letter was sent to Inyo County in February 2008 asking for concurrence on the acreage change but a response has not been received. An archaeological survey of the site was completed as required by the CEQA process. Cultural resources were identified during the survey. These resources will be avoided during implementation. As a consequence, an amended mitigation plan will be submitted for Technical Group approval and CEQA will be completed for the project described in the 1988 Scope of Work.	10-11
Shepherd Creek Alfalfa Field (198 acres)	The Shepherd Creek project is 100% complete and has achieved its goals.	10-11
Shepherd 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

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Independence Pasture Lands and Native Pasture Lands (610 acres)	Currently, approximately 520 acres are incorporated into the project. The EIR noted the acreage for this project as 610 acres. The project was evaluated this year to determine if additional acreage should be irrigated. The figure (12-2) for the project in the 1991 EIR was scanned and rubber sheeted onto a quad sheet for acreage calculations in GIS. The Independence pasturelands acreage in this image was actually 522 acres. Therefore, LADWP has implemented the acreage designated in the figure presented in the 1991 EIR.	10-16
Van Norman Fields (171 acres)	This project is complete and the goals for this project are being met. A portion of the project cannot be irrigated because of the area's topography. This area was evaluated jointly by LADWP and Inyo County and a decision was made that this high area could not be modified to increase irrigation efficiency and that the project was fulfilling the stated goals for the project.	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 according to the operations plan and management guidelines developed by the Technical Group.	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 is complete and the goals for this project are being met.	10-18
McNally Ponds and Native Pasturelands (348 acres)	The Standing Committee decided in 1991 to eliminate the water commitment to the McNally Ponds Project because of dry conditions. In most normal and below normal runoff years since that time, the Standing Committee had eliminated water releases to this project. Because of abundant runoff in 2006-2007 the project received its full allotment of water for that year. In 2008-09 the project did not receive water because the Interim Management Plan did not allow the associated supply wells to be pumped.	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 2007 included cleaning out accumulated sand in front of the headgate prior to opening the diversion to reduce the amount of sand in the pipe. Crews also removed some vegetation at the pipe outflow area to facilitate flow. Delivery of the 200 AF was still not possible. A total of 96 AF of water was released in 2007. Vegetation and sediment were removed in front of release pipe, and 89 AF of water was released in 2008.	11-1

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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