



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND  
INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**Project Name:** Los Padres Dam Gravel Augmentation Program

**Lead Agency:** Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

**Location:** Carmel River, Monterey County, California

**Review Period:** May 18 – June 18, 2018

**Public Hearing to Consider the Project:** Monday July 16, 2018, beginning at 7 p.m. in the District Conference Room located at 5 Harris Court, Bldg. G, Monterey CA 93940

**Project Description:** The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (District) desires to continue a gravel augmentation program to enhance spawning and rearing habitat for steelhead downstream of Los Padres Dam (LPD) by periodically placing imported gravel downstream of the dam. The goal is to increase the amount of available spawning and rearing habitat in the main stem of the Carmel River downstream of the dam, which is located about 25 River Miles (RM) upstream of the Pacific Ocean in Monterey County. Gravel augmentation would occur along the stream bank of the river for approximately 0.3 mile downstream of the dam spillway. The staging area and gravel stockpile area for the project is located in a field adjacent to the Los Padres Dam access road, at RM 25 and approximately 1.5 miles upstream of the confluence with Cachagua Creek. The project coordinates are latitude 36.32162700N: longitude -121.40036000E.

Gravel augmentation would occupy the footprint of a similar project completed by MPWMD in 2014 under the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Fisheries Restoration Grant Program.

The initial project in this program is to import up to 2,000 tons of gravel and place up to 1,500 tons in the river channel during the low flow season. Material would be placed in the same footprint as the 2014 project (i.e., along the stream edge), but would be placed carefully with heavy construction equipment. The balance of material not placed into the river in the initial phase would be stockpiled for later use after the river washes material downstream. It is estimated that three to four replenishment projects to import and place up to 1,500 tons during each project could be carried out in a 10-year period.

**Mitigated Negative Declaration:** In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, the District has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project. The District has determined that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment with implementation of mitigation measures as noted in the Draft IS/MND.

**Public Comment Period:** The public and all affected agencies are hereby invited to review the Draft IS/MND and submit written comments by 5 p.m., Monday, June 18, 2018. The Draft IS/MND is currently available for review on the District's website (<http://www.mpwmd.net/regulations/public-notices/ceqa/>) or in hardcopy at the District's office at 5 Harris Court, Building G (Ryan Ranch), Monterey, California 93940.

Comments should be submitted to Larry Hampson, District Engineer, at the address below, by email at [larry@mpwmd.net](mailto:larry@mpwmd.net), or by phone at (831) 658-5620.



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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**LOS PADRES DAM GRAVEL AUGMENTATION PROJECT**

The District Engineer has reviewed the proposed project described below to determine whether it could have a significant effect on the environment as a result of project completion. “Significant effect on the environment” means a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance.

**NAME OF PROJECT:** Los Padres Dam Gravel Augmentation Program

**PROJECT FILE NUMBER:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project is located along the Carmel River immediately downstream of Los Padres Dam, approximately 19 miles southeast of Monterey in Monterey County. The site is on the eastern side of the Santa Lucia Mountains, which are part of the Pacific Coast Range system. The Carmel Valley is sparsely populated. Carmel Valley Village (population 4,325 in 2013) is the furthest upstream populated place, approximately 7 miles northwest of the proposed project location.

The Los Padres Dam (LPD) has been a known fish passage impediment for both upstream and downstream migrating South-Central California Coast (S-CCC) steelhead as well as impacting the downstream habitat by blocking the natural sediment supply. S-CCC steelhead were listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in 1997. Most of the streams in the Carmel River watershed have been designated as critical habitat for S-CCC steelhead. Due to the presence of diversions and water supply facilities along the Carmel River by California American Water (Cal-Am), as a first step towards protecting S-CCC steelhead, NMFS strongly encouraged Cal-Am in 2013 to resolve the fish passage and other potential take issues at LPD. In January 2018, NMFS and Cal-Am signed a Memorandum of Agreement that included a requirement that Cal-Am carry out gravel augmentation at Los Padres Dam to improve steelhead spawning habitat downstream of the dam.

Subsequently, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD or District) entered into an agreement with Cal-Am to assist with the gravel augmentation program by becoming Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and to supervise the project in the field.

The District has carried out similar projects along the Carmel River since 1993 with the most recent project completed in 2014 at the proposed project site show in Figure 1. The 2014

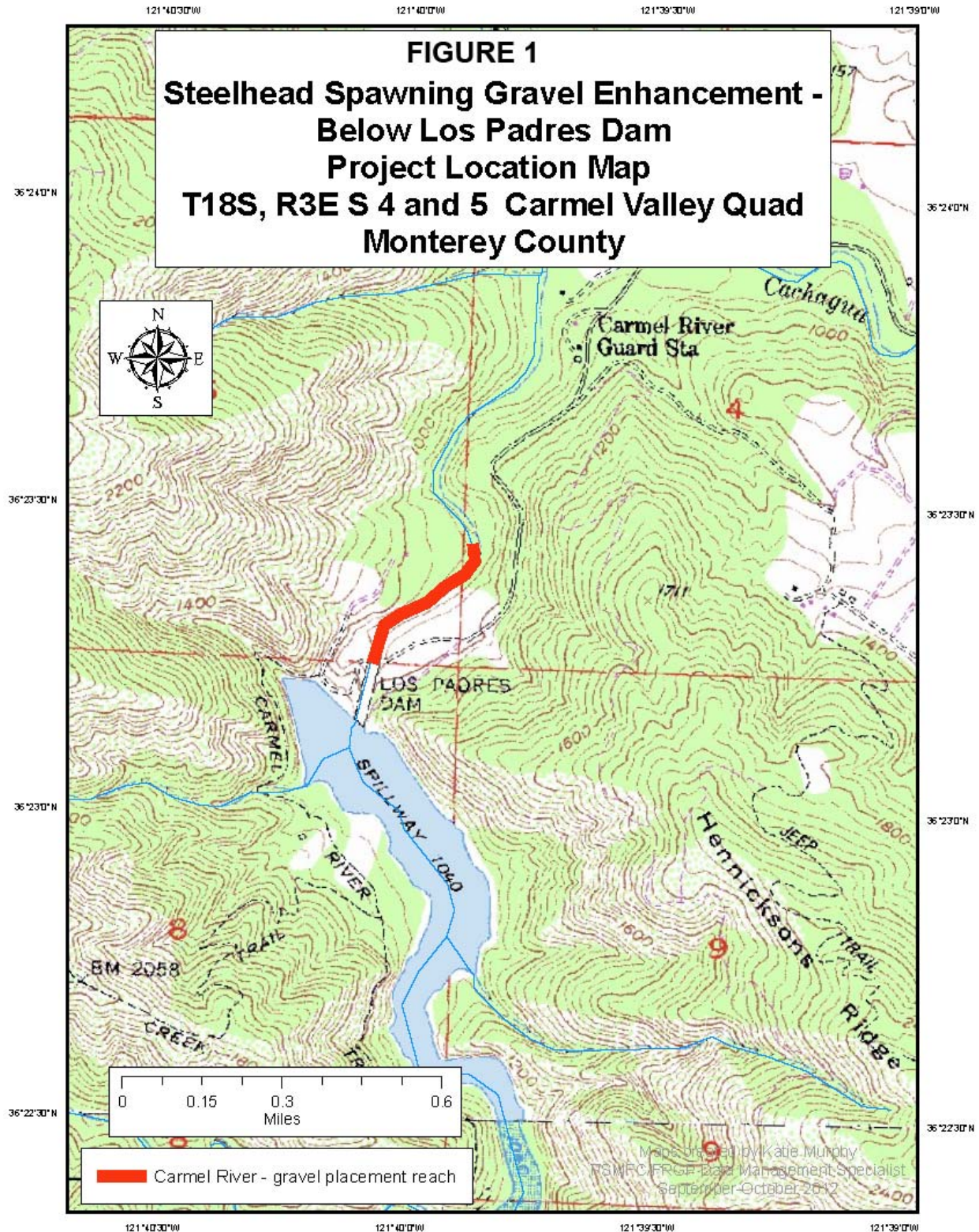
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project, which consisted of importation and placement of 1,500 tons of spawning gravel, was one of the projects carried out under the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) 2013 Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP). CDFW, as Lead Agency for the FRGP, approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH Number: 2012122042) on June 10, 2014.

The District now desires to continue a gravel augmentation program to enhance spawning and rearing habitat for steelhead downstream of Los Padres Dam (LPD) by periodically placing imported gravel downstream of the dam. The goal is to increase the amount of available spawning and rearing habitat in the main stem of the Carmel River downstream of the dam, which is located about 25 River Miles (RM) upstream of the Pacific Ocean in Monterey County. Gravel augmentation would occur along the stream bank of the river for approximately 0.3 mile downstream of the dam spillway. The staging area and gravel stockpile area for the project is located in a field adjacent to the Los Padres Dam access road, at RM 25 and approximately 1.5 miles upstream of the confluence with Cachagua Creek. The project coordinates are latitude 36.32162700N: longitude -121.40036000E.

Gravel augmentation would occupy the footprint of a similar project completed by MPWMD in 2014 under the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Fisheries Restoration Grant Program. The initial phase in this program is to import up to 2,000 tons of gravel and place up to 1,500 tons in the river channel during the low flow season. Gravel would be placed in the same footprint as the 2014 project (i.e., along the stream edge), but would be placed carefully with heavy construction equipment (as opposed to the method used in 2014 to catapult the material with a conveyor from a cliff overlooking the plunge pool). The balance of material not placed into the river initially would be stockpiled for use in a subsequent year after gravel is transported downstream by the river. It is anticipated that periodic replenishment projects would occur to import additional material and place up to 1,500 tons of gravel at the site during each replenishment project. It is estimated that three to four replenishment projects could be carried out in a 10-year period.

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**PROJECT LOCATION & ASSESSORS PARCEL NO.:** The project coordinates are latitude 36.32162700N: longitude -121.40036000E. APN 418-191-003

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### **APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Larry Hampson, District Engineer [larry@mpwmd.net](mailto:larry@mpwmd.net), phone (831) 658-5620  
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District  
P.O. Box 85, Monterey, California 93942

### **FINDING**

The District Engineer finds the project described above will not have a significant effect on the environment in that the attached initial study identifies one or more potentially significant effects on the environment for which the District, before public release of this draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, has agreed to include measures that clearly mitigate the effects to a less than significant level.

### **MITIGATION MEASURES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT TO REDUCE POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS TO A LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT LEVEL**

- I. AESTHETICS** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- II. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- III. AIR QUALITY** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES** – The project could have a significant impact on these resources, therefore the following mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the potential impact to a less than significant level.

The Carmel River at the project location supports spawning by steelhead in the winter and spring. To mitigate for potential effects to spawning, work near the stream will be carried out in the low flow season between June 15 to October 15. Actual project start and end dates will be coordinated with CDFW and NMFS. Placement of material along the stream edges would be with a backhoe or loader. No equipment will need to work in the live stream.

California red-legged frogs (CRLF) may be present at the site. CRLF were listed as a threatened species under the ESA in 1996 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). To mitigate for any potential effects to CRLF, a qualified biologist will carry out a survey prior to commencement of project work as described by USFWS protocol. If any CRLF are found within the vicinity of the project work, they would be moved to an approved site along the river.

Raptors may be present near the site. A qualified biologist will conduct a survey for raptors prior to commencement of work. If any raptors are found in the vicinity, CDFW and/or the USFWS will be consulted about an appropriate buffer to establish between raptors and the work along the river.

- V. CULTURAL RESOURCES** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.

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- VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- X. MINERAL RESOURCES** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- XI. NOISE** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- XIII. PUBLIC SERVICES** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- XIV. RECREATION** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- XV. TRANSPORTATION / TRAFFIC** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE** – The project will not substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, be cumulatively considerable, or have a substantial adverse effect on human beings, therefore no additional mitigation is required.

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**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD**

Before 5:00 p.m. on June 18, 2018, any person may:

1. Review the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) as an informational document only; or
2. Submit written comments regarding the information, analysis, and mitigation measures in the Draft MND. Before the MND is adopted, District staff will prepare written responses to any comments, and revise the Draft MND, if necessary, to reflect any concerns raised during the public review period. All written comments will be included as part of the Final MND.

MPWMD will hold a Public Hearing to consider approval of this project on Monday July 16, 2018, beginning at 7 p.m. in the District Conference Room located at 5 Harris Court, Bldg. G, Monterey CA 93940.

Larry Hampson, District Engineer

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Adopted on: \_\_\_\_\_

**CEQA Environmental Checklist**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND**

Project Title:	Los Padres Dam Gravel Augmentation Program
Lead agency name and address:	Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, P.O. Box 85, Monterey CA 93942
Contact person and phone number:	Larry Hampson, (831) 658-5620
Project Location:	Los Padres Dam, Carmel River, Monterey County
Project sponsor's name and address:	Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, P.O. Box 85, Monterey CA 93942
General plan description:	
Zoning:	
Description of project: (Describe the whole action involved, including but not limited to later phases of the project, and any secondary, support, or off-site features necessary for its implementation.)	<p>MPWMD (District) desires to continue a gravel augmentation program to enhance spawning and rearing habitat for steelhead downstream of Los Padres Dam (LPD) by periodically placing imported gravel downstream of the dam. The goal is to increase the amount of available spawning and rearing habitat in the main stem of the Carmel River downstream of the dam, which is located about 25 River Miles (RM) upstream of the Pacific Ocean in Monterey County. Gravel augmentation would occur along the stream bank of the river for approximately 0.3 mile downstream of the dam spillway. The staging area and gravel stockpile area for the project is located in a field adjacent to the Los Padres Dam access road, at RM 25 and approximately 1.5 miles upstream of the confluence with Cachagua Creek. The project coordinates are latitude 36.32162700N: longitude -121.40036000E.</p> <p>This project is nearly identical to a gravel augmentation project carried out in 2014 at this site under the California Department of Fisheries Restoration Grant Program</p> <p>The initial project in this program is to import up to 2,000 tons of gravel and place up to 1,500 tons in the river channel during the low flow season. Material would be placed in the same footprint as the 2014 project (i.e., along the stream edge), but would be placed carefully with heavy construction equipment. The balance of material not placed in the channel in the initial phase would be stockpiled for use after the river washes material downstream. Subsequent periodic projects would be carried out to place up to 1,500 tons of gravel at the site during each replenishment project. It is estimated that three to four replenishment projects could be carried out in a 10-year period.</p>
Surrounding land uses and setting; briefly describe the project's surroundings:	The proposed project is located along the Carmel River at Los Padres Dam, approximately 19 miles southeast of Monterey. The site is on the eastern side of the Santa Lucia Mountains, which are part of the Pacific Coast Range system. The Carmel Valley is sparsely populated. The town of Carmel Valley



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	Village (population 4,325 in 2013) is the furthest upstream populated place, approximately 7 miles northwest of the proposed project location.
Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g. permits, financial approval, or participation agreements):	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Monterey County
Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1? If so, has consultation begun?  Note: Conducting consultation early in the CEQA process allows tribal governments, lead agencies, and project proponents to discuss the level of environmental review, identify and address potential adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, and reduce the potential for delay and conflict in the environmental review process. (See Public Resources Code section 21083.3.2.) Information may also be available from the California Native American Heritage Commission's Sacred Lands File per Public Resources Code section 5097.96 and the California Historical Resources Information System administered by the California Office of Historic Preservation. Please also note that Public Resources Code section 21082.3(c) contains provisions specific to confidentiality.	No; however, this area has previously been exhaustively surveyed and extensive consultation with California Native Americans traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area occurred in the early 1990s. There are no known cultural resources at the site proposed for gravel augmentation.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:**

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project. Please see the checklist beginning on page 3 for additional information.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture and Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Air Quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Biological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cultural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	Geology/Soils
<input type="checkbox"/>	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hazards and Hazardous Materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hydrology/Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/>	Land Use/Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mineral Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	Noise
<input type="checkbox"/>	Population/Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation/Traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tribal Cultural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	Utilities/Service Systems
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mandatory Findings of Significance				

**DETERMINATION:**

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

<input type="checkbox"/>	I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Printed Name: Larry Hampson, District Engineer</b>	<b>For: MPWMD</b>

**CEQA Environmental Checklist**

This checklist identifies physical, biological, social and economic factors that might be affected by the proposed project. In many cases, background studies performed in connection with the projects indicate no impacts. A NO IMPACT answer in the last column reflects this determination. Where there is a need for clarifying discussion, the discussion is included either following the applicable section of the checklist or is within the body of the environmental document itself. The words "significant" and "significance" used throughout the following checklist are related to CEQA, not NEPA, impacts. The questions in this form are intended to encourage the thoughtful assessment of impacts and do not represent thresholds of significance.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>I. AESTHETICS:</b> Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**II. AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES:**

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment Project; and the forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:

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a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**III. AIR QUALITY:** Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non- attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES:** Would the project:

a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Inspection of the site by a qualified biologist for migratory bird species and California red-legged frog surveys at the project site will be conducted by a qualified biologist at least two weeks before the onset of activities.

Gravel will be transferred from the stockpile to the river using a backhoe or loader, which will deposit the gravel downstream of Los Padres Dam. Work in the stream will be restricted to June 15 to October 15. Actual project start and end dates will be coordinated with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

**V. CULTURAL RESOURCES:** Would the project:

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| a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS:** Would the project:

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| a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:                                                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| iv) Landslides?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS:** Would the project:

a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS:** Would the project:

a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY:** Would the project:

a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>X. LAND USE AND PLANNING:</b> Would the project:				
a) Physically divide an established community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>XI. MINERAL RESOURCES:</b> Would the project:				
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**XII. NOISE:** Would the project result in:

a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING:** Would the project:

a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES:**

a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

Fire protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Police protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**XV. RECREATION:**

a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?

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b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC:** Would the project:

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a) Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Conflict with adopted policies, plans or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**XVII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES:** Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:

a) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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b) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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**XVIII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS:**

Would the project:

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| a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?                                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?                                                                                                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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**XIX. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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| a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?                                                                                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |