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SECTION 3 Comment Letters

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project (proposed project) was circulated for public review for 30 days (April 10, 2020 through May 10, 2020) in accordance with the requirements of *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15072(a). The Department of Water Resources (DWR) received four comment letters during the public review period, which are listed in **Table 3-1** and are included within this chapter. The letters have been marked with brackets that delineate comments pertaining to environmental issues and the information and analysis contained in the IS/MND. Responses to such comments are provided in Section 4.

TABLE 3-1 COMMENT LETTERS RECEIVED

Comment Letter No.	Commenter
1	California Department of Transportation
2	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
3	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
4	County of Los Angeles Fire Department

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May 11, 2020

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> RE: Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) SCH # 2020049025 GTS # 07-LA-2020-03230 Vic. LA-5/PM: R60.646L

Dear Kevin Smith:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The proposed project would seismically retrofit the tower bridge at Castaic Lake, the terminal reservoir of the State Water Project's West Branch located within the Castaic Lake State Recreation Area. Construction would occur at the tower bridge, high tower abutment, Piers 2 through 4, and Abutment 5. The tower bridge retrofit would include installing restrainer cables to transfer longitudinal seismic forces to the adjacent spans or frames and the piers would be jacketed with carbon fiber reinforcement. Project implementation would require the lake's surface elevation be lowered from the normal operation elevation of approximately 1,505 feet above mean sea level (amsl) to 1,380 feet amsl to access project components, such as the piers and abutment structures holding the tower bridge above water level. Construction staging areas would only be located in unvegetated areas near the dam's right abutment. Existing paved and dirt roads would be used for hauling and transporting materials within the project area. Project construction is anticipated to take 15.5 months, with the drawdown of Castaic Lake taking approximately 10 months. Construction work hours would generally range between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The California State Department of Water Resources is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

According to the MND, "The project site would be accessed from I-5, along Lake Hughes Road to Ridge Route Road to West Ramp Road, which ends at the West Boat Launch Ramp parking lot." However, "Once the equipment and materials are on-site there would be minimal construction trips required during the retrofitting project." Also, "Once operational, existing staff would periodically maintain and access the high tower similar to existing conditions." Based on this information, Caltrans does not expect this project to have a direct adverse effect on its facilities, including the Interstate 5 (I-5).

The following information is included for your consideration.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. Furthermore, Caltrans encourages the Lead Agency to integrate transportation and land use in a way that reduces Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, as well as facilitates a high level of non-motorized travel and transit use. Caltrans

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also supports the implementation of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) to decrease VMT. For more information on TDM options that could be incorporated into this project, please refer to:

- The 2010 *Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures* report by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), available at http://www.capcoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CAPCOA-Quantification-Report-9-14-Final.pdf, or
- Integrating Demand Management into the Transportation Planning Process: A Desk Reference (Chapter 8) by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), available at https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop12035/index.htm.

As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends that the project limit construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause delays on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these delays for Caltrans' review.

If you have any questions about these comments, please contact Emily Gibson, the project coordinator, at Emily.Gibson@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2020-03230.

Sincerely,

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MIYA EDMONSON IGR/CEQA Branch Chief cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse

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May 18, 2020

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Subject: Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project, Los Angeles County

Dear Ms. Radieve:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has reviewed the above-referenced Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project (Project). Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations regarding those activities involved in the Project that may affect California fish and wildlife. Likewise, we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments regarding those aspects of the Project that CDFW, by law, may be required to carry out or approve through the exercise of its own regulatory authority under the Fish and Game Code.

CDFW's Role

CDFW is California's Trustee Agency for fish and wildlife resources and holds those resources in trust by statute for all the people of the State [Fish & Game Code, §§ 711.7, subdivision (a) & 1802; Public Resources Code, § 21070; California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, § 15386, subdivision (a)]. CDFW, in its trustee capacity, has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of those species (Id., § 1802). Similarly, for purposes of CEQA, CDFW is charged by law to provide, as available, biological expertise during public agency environmental review efforts, focusing specifically on projects and related activities that have the potential to adversely affect state fish and wildlife resources.

CDFW is also submitting comments as a Responsible Agency under CEQA (Public Resources Code, § 21069; CEQA Guidelines, § 15381). CDFW expects that it may need to exercise regulatory authority as provided by the Fish and Game Code, including lake and streambed alteration regulatory authority (Fish & Game Code, § 1600 *et seq.*). Likewise, to the extent implementation of the Project as proposed may result in "take", as defined by State law, of any species protected under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) (Fish & Game Code, § 2050 *et seq.*), or CESA-listed rare plant pursuant to the Native Plant Protection Act (NPPA; Fish & Game Code, §1900 et seq.), CDFW recommends the Project proponent obtain appropriate authorization under the Fish and Game Code.

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Project Description and Summary

Objective: As the Lead Agency, California Department of Water Resources (DWR) proposes the Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project (Project). The proposed Project is intended to retrofit the tower bridge at Castaic Lake to make it more seismically safe and to screen out large debris from potentially clogging the high tower outlet tunnel. Construction would occur at the tower bridge, high tower abutment, Piers 2 through 4, and Abutment 5. A construction laydown area would likely be required within or near the western launch ramp parking lot. Construction activities would include clearing and grading an access road within the exposed lakebed to access each pier. Construction at each of the three piers would require excavation of the footings to apply a jacket around the pier for carbon fiber reinforcement. It is anticipated that construction activities would take approximately 6 weeks to retrofit each pier. Once retrofitting of the piers are complete, the lake water level would return to normal conditions. The work on the tower bridge is independent of the pier work and would not be dependent on the lake drawdown schedule.

In addition, a large screen, or grizzly, is proposed to be installed inside the high tower. These screens are intended to prevent large debris from blocking the outlet tunnel if the tower collapses during a large seismic event. The grizzly is a preventative measure recommended by the state dam regulator, Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD).

To access the pier footings, the lake's surface elevation would be lowered from the normal operation elevation of approximately 1,505 feet above sea level (amsl) to 1,380 feet amsl. Pier 2 is the largest of the three piers and is located in the deepest portion of the lake of any of the piers being worked on during this project. The drawdown would take approximately 5 months to lower the water surface elevation to 1,380 feet amsl, beginning around June 2021 and reaching the elevation of 1,380 feet amsl by November 1, 2021. The lake would remain at the lowered level through December 15, 2021, at which time refilling of the lake would begin. The lake would return to its normal operating elevation (1,505 feet) around April 2022. The duration of the drawdown and refilling of the lake would encompass approximately 10 months.

Location: Castaic Lake is located approximately 41 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles within the Sierra Pelona Mountains, north of Santa Clarita along Interstate 5 (I-5). The Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge (tower bridge) and the Castaic Dam High Intake Tower (high tower) are located within the southwestern portion of the lake on Castaic Dam's right abutment.

Comments and Recommendations

CDFW offers the comments and recommendations below to assist DWR in adequately identifying, avoiding, and/or mitigating the Project's significant, or potentially significant, direct and indirect impacts on fish and wildlife (biological) resources.

Project Description and Related Impact Shortcomings

Comment #1: Impacts to Castaic Lake - aquatic and riparian resources

Issue: According to page 15 of the MND, the lake's surface elevation would be lowered from the normal operational elevation of approximately 1,505 feet above mean sea level (amsl) to 1,380 feet amsl. The drawdown would take approximately 5 months to lower the water surface

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elevation to 1,380 feet amsl, beginning around June 2021 and reaching the elevation of 1,380 feet amsl by November 1, 2021. The lake would remain at the lowered level through December 15, 2021, at which time refilling of the lake would begin. The lake would return to its normal operating elevation (1,505 feet) around April 2022. The duration of the drawdown and refilling of the lake would encompass approximately 10 months.

Specific impacts: Page 16 of the *Biological Resources Technical Report for the Castaic Lake High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project, Los Angeles County, California* (BRTR) offers an incomplete evaluation of all riparian resources likely to be impacted by the Project. It states that "Riparian habitat is not present within the project site (e.g., tower bridge, access roads, and staging areas)", but fails to acknowledge impacts to resources found outside of the immediate Project footprint. The Project may result in the loss of lakes and streams along with associated watershed function and biological diversity outside of the Project footprint.

Specific impacts: Page 15 of the *Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Access Bridge Retrofit Project – Technical Memorandum* (Memo) acknowledges that there will be impacts to aquatic resources. "The lowering of the reservoir's surface elevation would decrease the overall aquatic habitat area in the reservoir."

Why impacts would occur: Ground disturbing activities from water diversions and dewatering would physically remove or otherwise alter existing lakes and streams or their function and associated riparian habitat on the Project site. Downstream streams and associated biological resources beyond the Project development footprint may also be impacted by Project-related releases of sediment, organic matter, pathogens, and altered watershed effects resulting from Project activities.

Evidence impacts would be significant: The Project may substantially adversely affect the existing stream pattern of the Project site through the alteration or diversion of a stream, which absent specific mitigation, could result in substantial erosion or siltation on site or off site of the Project.

Recommended Potentially Feasible Mitigation Measure(s):

Mitigation Measure #1: CDFW has concluded that the Project may result in the alteration of streams. For any such activities, the Project applicant (or "entity") must provide written notification to CDFW pursuant to Fish and Game Code, Section 1600 *et seq.* of the Fish and Game Code. Based on this notification and other information, CDFW determines whether a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSA) with the applicant is required prior to conducting the proposed activities. A notification package for a LSA may be obtained by accessing CDFW's web site at <u>www.wildlife.ca.gov/habcon/1600</u>.

CDFW's issuance of an LSA for a Project that is subject to CEQA will require CEQA compliance actions by CDFW as a Responsible Agency. As a Responsible Agency, CDFW may consider the CEQA document of the Lead Agency (DWR) for the Project. However, the MND does not meet CDFW's standard at this time. To minimize additional requirements by CDFW pursuant to Fish and Game Code, Section 1600 *et seq.* and/or under CEQA, the CEQA document should fully identify the potential impacts to the stream or riparian resources and provide adequate avoidance, mitigation, monitoring and reporting commitments for issuance of the LSA.

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Mitigation Measure #2: Any LSA permit issued for the Project by CDFW may include additional measures protective of streambeds on and downstream of the Project. The LSA may include further erosion and pollution control measures. To compensate for any on-site and off-site impacts to riparian resources, additional mitigation conditioned in any LSA may include the following: avoidance of resources, on-site or off-site creation, enhancement or restoration, and/or protection and management of mitigation lands in perpetuity.

Comment #2: Impacts to Sensitive Natural Communities

Issue: Page 20 of the *Biological Resources Technical Report for the Castaic Lake High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project, Los Angeles County, California* (BRTR) states, "The tower bridge or adjacent areas do not support sensitive natural communities identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the CDFW. Therefore, no impacts to sensitive plant communities would occur from the development of the proposed project." The limited scope of analysis provided by the BRTR overlooks impacts to sensitive vegetation communities along much of the shoreline of Castaic Lake.

There are multiple sensitive natural communities found along the shoreline of Castaic Lake. Page 16 of BRTR indicates that "Fremont cottonwood trees are located approximately 50 to 220 feet to the southeast of the tower bridge." A review of the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) indicates that there is also historical record of Southern cottonwood willow riparian (*Populus fremontii*) at the northern most point in the Fish Arm (eastern portion) of Castaic Lake. CDFW considers all subcategories of Fremont cottonwood (*Populus fremontii*) as a sensitive natural vegetation community and classified by California Native Plant Society with a rarity ranking of S3.2.

Specific impact: CDFW considers plant communities, alliances, and associations with a statewide ranking of S1, S2, S3 and S4 as sensitive and declining at the local and regional level (Sawyer et al. 2008). An S3 ranking indicates there are 21-80 occurrences of this community in existence in California, S2 has 6-20 occurrences, and S1 has less than 6 occurrences. The Project may have direct or indirect effects to these sensitive species.

Why impact would occur: Riparian habitats are often transitional between terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and are distinguished by gradients in biophysical conditions, ecological processes and biota. They are areas through which surface and subsurface hydrology connect water bodies with their adjacent uplands. They include those portions of terrestrial ecosystems that significantly influence exchanges of energy and matter with aquatic ecosystems. Riparian habitats are typically adjacent to perennial, intermittent, and ephemeral streams, lakes and estuarine-marine shorelines (Collins et al 2006).

Project implementation includes dewatering, grading, vegetation clearing for construction, road maintenance, and other activities that may result in direct mortality, population declines, or local extirpation of sensitive plant species. CDFW is concerned that the materials supporting the MND do not sufficiently evaluate impacts to all resources found around Castaic Lake. By providing a partial analysis, CDFW is concerned that impacts to sensitive natural communities would not fully mitigate the function and value of the impacted native vegetation.

Evidence impact would be significant: Impacts to special status plant species should be considered significant under CEQA unless they are clearly mitigated below a level of

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significance. Inadequate avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures for impacts to these sensitive plant species will result in the Project continuing to have a substantial adverse direct, indirect, and cumulative 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 CDFW or USFWS.

Recommended Potentially Feasible Mitigation Measure(s):

Mitigation Measure #1: CDFW recommends conducting focused surveys for sensitive/rare plants on-site and disclosing the results in the IS. Based on the *Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Natural Communities* (CDFW, 2018) (<u>https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=18959</u>), a qualified biologist should "conduct surveys in the field at the time of year when species are both evident and identifiable. Usually this is during flowering or fruiting." The final CEQA documentation should provide a thorough discussion on the presence/absence of sensitive plants on-site and identify measures to protect sensitive plant communities from project-related direct and indirect impacts.

Mitigation Measure #2: In 2007, the State Legislature required CDFW to develop and maintain a vegetation mapping standard for the state (Fish & Game Code, § 1940). This standard complies with the National Vegetation Classification System, which utilizes alliance and association-based classification of unique vegetation stands. CDFW utilizes vegetation descriptions found in the Manual of California Vegetation (MCV), found online at http://vegetation.cnps.org/. To determine the rarity ranking of vegetation communities on the Project site, the MCV alliance/association community names should be provided as CDFW only tracks rare natural communities using this classification system.

Mitigation Measure #3: CDFW recommends avoiding impacts to any sensitive natural communities found on the Project. If avoidance is not feasible, mitigating at a ratio of no less than 5:1 for impacts to S3 ranked communities and 7:1 for S2 communities should be implemented. This ratio is for the acreage and the individual plants that comprise each unique community. All revegetation/restoration areas that will serve as mitigation should include preparation of a restoration plan, to be approved by USFWS and CDFW prior to any ground disturbance. The restoration plan should include restoration and monitoring methods; annual success criteria; contingency actions should success criteria not be met; long-term management and maintenance goals; and, a funding mechanism to assure for in perpetuity management and reporting. Areas proposed as mitigation should have a recorded conservation easement and be dedicated to an entity which has been approved to hold/manage lands (Assembly Bill 1094; Government Code, §§ 65965-65968).

Mitigation Measure #4: Correct mapping of recognized vegetation alliances is vital to disclose actual acreage-based impacts to sensitive natural communities, as well as ensure they are adequately mitigated. CDFW recommends a thorough analysis of the impacts of a drawdown of water levels in Castaic Lake on riparian vegetation found along the entirety of the shoreline, not just in the immediate Project footprint. Components of such an analysis should include: a vegetation survey broken down by alliance (as directed in the Manual of California Vegetation), acreage of each vegetation alliance, potential habitat gained/lost due to shoreline recession, estimated time of recovery, and any potential need for restoration or creation to replace lost acreage.

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Comment #3: Impacts to two-striped garter snake

Issue: Page 18 of the BRTR indicates that "two-striped garter snake and western pond turtle both inhabit Castaic Lake". Two-striped garter snake (*Thamnophis hammondii*) are listed as Species of Special Concern (SSC) by the State of California. The MND only considers impacts to the immediate Project site, not throughout the shoreline of Castaic Lake and applies the reasoning that "these species are not expected to breed or forage in the immediate vicinity of the Project site". As a result, it concluded that "the temporary effects of the drawdown are not expected to present a significant impact on endemic amphibians and aquatic reptile species.

Specific impacts: The drawdown of water levels at Castaic Lake will likely lead to a loss of habitat for the SSCs. Dewatering of habitat may lead to mortality of individual SSCs through the diminished nesting, foraging, and refugia. Ground clearing and construction activities could potentially lead to mortality of individual snakes found on the Project site.

Why impact would occur: These SSC reptiles are cryptic species that often evade threats from predators by remaining still and blending into the surrounding landscape. Therefore, untrained workers may not recognize the presence of this species.

Evidence impact would be significant: Ground clearing and construction activities could lead to the direct mortality of a species of special concern. The loss of occupied habitat could yield a loss of foraging potential, basking sites, or egg-laying sites and would constitute a significant impact absent appropriate mitigation. CDFW considers impacts to SSC, including two-striped garter snake, a significant direct and cumulative adverse effect without implementing appropriate avoidance and/or mitigation measures.

Recommended Potentially Feasible Mitigation Measure(s):

Mitigation Measure #1: To mitigate impacts to SSC, CDFW recommends focused surveys for the species. Surveys should typically be scheduled when these animals are most likely to be encountered, usually conducted between June and July. To achieve 100 percent visual coverage, CDFW recommends surveys be conducted with parallel transects at approximately 20 feet apart and walked on-site in appropriate habitat suitable for each of these species.

Mitigation Measure #2: In consultation with qualified biologist familiar with the life history of each of the SSC, a relocation plan (Plan) should be developed. The Plan should include, but not be limited to, the timing and location of the surveys that will be conducted for this species, identify the locations where more intensive survey efforts will be conducted (based on high habitat suitability); identify the habitat and conditions in any proposed relocation site(s); the methods that will be utilized for trapping and relocating the individuals of this species; and the documentation/recordation of the number of animals relocated. CDFW recommends the Plan be submitted to the Lead Agency for approval 60 days prior to any ground disturbing activities within potentially occupied habitat.

Mitigation Measure #3: The Plan should include specific survey and relocation efforts that occur during construction activities for the activity period of these reptiles (generally March to November) and for periods when the species may be present in the work area but difficult to detect due to weather conditions (generally December through February). Thirty days prior to

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construction activities in coastal scrub, chaparral, oak woodland, riparian habitats, or other areas supporting this species, qualified biologists should conduct surveys to capture and relocate individual reptiles to avoid or minimize take of these special-status species. The Plan should require a minimum of three surveys conducted during the time of year/day when these species most likely to be observed. Individuals should be relocated to nearby undisturbed areas with suitable habitat.

Mitigation Measure #4: If construction is to occur during the low activity period (generally December through February), surveys should be conducted prior to this period if possible. Exclusion fencing should be placed to limit the potential for re-colonization of the site prior to construction. CDFW further recommends a qualified biologist be present during ground-disturbing activities immediately adjacent to or within habitat, which supports populations of this species.

Comment #4: Impacts to western pond turtle

Issue: Page 18 of the BRTR indicates that "two-striped garter snake and western pond turtle both inhabit Castaic Lake". Western pond turtle (*Emys marmorata*) is listed as Species of Special Concern (SSC) by the State of California. The MND only considers impacts to the immediate Project site, not throughout the shoreline of Castaic Lake and applies the reasoning that "these species are not expected to breed or forage in the immediate vicinity of the Project site". As a result, it concluded that "the temporary effects of the drawdown are not expected to present a significant impact on endemic amphibians and aquatic reptile species.

Specific impacts: The drawdown of water levels at Castaic Lake will likely lead to a loss of habitat for the SSCs. Dewatering of habitat may lead to mortality of individual SSCs through the diminished nesting, foraging, and refugia. Ground clearing and construction activities could potentially lead to mortality of individual turtles found on the Project site.

Why impact would occur: The MND assumes the presence of western pond turtle and assumes that no impacts would result from the drawdown of lake levels. But the MND does not specify the level of occupancy or justify the lack of impacts the Project may have on western pond turtle. While resources may still be available, there will be a reduction in the habitat which may lead to increased stress on turtles.

Evidence impact would be significant: Drawing down the water levels of Castaic Lake is likely to reduce available western pond turtle habitat. The loss of habitat could yield a loss of foraging potential, basking sites, or egg-laying sites and would constitute a significant impact absent appropriate mitigation. CDFW considers impacts to SSC, including western pond turtle, a significant direct and cumulative adverse effect without implementing appropriate avoidance and/or mitigation measures.

Recommended Potentially Feasible Mitigation Measure(s):

Mitigation Measure #1: Within the breeding season (May-July) prior to the onset of construction activities, a CDFW-approved qualified biologist should conduct pre-construction trapping surveys, following U.S. Geological Survey trapping protocol, for western pond turtle within all areas of any suitable aquatic habitat for this species (retention ponds). If Western pond turtles are observed or trapped during the pre-construction survey, the Applicant should prepare

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for CDFW review and approval, a translocation plan identifying proposed protocol for trapping and relocating turtles, including identifying potential, appropriate receiver sites to relocate western pond turtles. If no western pond turtles are observed during the pre-construction survey, then construction activities may begin. If construction is delayed or halted for more than 30 days, another pre-construction survey for western pond turtle will be conducted. Within seven days of the pre-construction survey, a report of findings from the survey will be submitted to the CDFW. During construction, a qualified biological monitor who has been approved by the CDFW to relocate western pond turtles should be onsite to ensure that no western pond turtles are harmed. If western pond turtles are observed in the construction area at any time during construction, the onsite biological monitor should be notified and construction in the vicinity of the sighting will be halted until such a time as a turtle has been removed from the construction zone, and relocated by an approved biologist. If a sighting occurs during construction, the biologist should prepare a report of the event and submit it to CDFW.

Mitigation Measure #2: The Applicant should mitigate impacts to western pond turtle by creating suitable, breeding, foraging habitat at a CDFW-approved location within Los Angeles County. Habitat will be conserved in perpetuity via conveyance of a conservation easement to a CDFW-approved conservation entity and a management fund (endowment) should be established by the Applicant consisting of an interest-bearing account with the amount of capital necessary to generate sufficient interest and/or income to fund all monitoring, management, and protection of the conservation area(s), including but not limited to, reasonable administrative overhead, biological monitoring, invasive species and trash removal, fencing and signage replacement and repair, law enforcement measures, long-term management reporting (as described below), and other actions designed to maintain and improve the habitat of the conserved land(s), in perpetuity. A Property Analysis Record, or substantially equivalent analysis, should be conducted to determine the management needs and costs described above, which then will be used to calculate the capital needed for the management of the fund. Except for uses appropriate to a habitat conservation area, the public should not have access to the mitigation area(s), and no activities should be permitted within the site, except maintenance of habitat, including the removal of nonnative plant species, trash, and debris, and the installation of native plant materials.

Comment #5: Impacts to nesting birds

Issue: Nesting bird habitat located along the shore of Castaic Lake, outside of the immediate Project construction footprint, is likely to be impacted by a drawdown of water levels. Page 13 of the BRTR states that there is potential for multiple SSCs to occur on the Project site. Loggerhead shrike (*Lanius Iudovicianus*) "was observed in 2015 in Castaic Lagoon, approximately 0.7 miles south of tower bridge. A review of CNDDB indicates that there is historic record of observation of loggerhead shrike immediately southwest of the Project site.

Yellow warbler (*Setophaga petechial*) has potential to occur on the Project site because "Suitable habitat for foraging is available adjacent to tower bridge and lake in the California buckwheat-California sagebrush approximately 200 feet away."

Specific impacts: Construction during the breeding season for nesting birds could result in the incidental loss of fertile eggs or nestlings or otherwise lead to nest abandonment. The Project could also lead to the loss of foraging habitat for sensitive bird species.

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Why impact would occur: Impacts to nesting birds could result from vegetation clearing and other ground disturbing activities. Project disturbance activities could result in mortality or injury to nestlings, as well temporary or long-term loss of suitable nesting and foraging habitats. Construction during the breeding season for nesting birds could result in the incidental loss of reproductive success or otherwise lead to nest abandonment.

Evidence impact would be significant: The loss of occupied habitat or reductions in the number of rare bird species, either directly or indirectly through nest abandonment or reproductive suppression, would constitute a significant impact absent appropriate mitigation. Furthermore, nests of all native bird species are protected under State laws and regulations, including Fish and Game Code sections 3503 and 3503.5. CDFW also considers impacts to SSC a significant direct and cumulative adverse effect without implementing appropriate avoidance and/or mitigation measures.

Recommended Potentially Feasible Mitigation Measure(s):

Mitigation Measure #1: To protect nesting birds that may occur on-site, CDFW recommends that the final environmental document include a measure that no construction should occur from February 15 through August 31. If construction during this period must occur, a qualified biologist should complete a survey for nesting bird activity within a 500-foot radius of the construction site. The nesting bird surveys should be conducted at appropriate nesting times and concentrate on potential roosting or perch sites. If any nests of birds of prey are observed, they will be designated an ecologically sensitive area and protected (while occupied) by a minimum 500-foot radius during project construction.

Comment #6: Impacts to least Bell's vireo

Issue: A review of CNDDB indicates that there are recorded observations of least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus* - LBV), a state and federally endangered species, immediately south (and downstream) to the Project site in Castaic Lagoon.

Specific impacts: Impacts to LBV could result from the loss of habitat as a result of diminished water levels. Riparian vegetation, such a willow riparian scrub, are reliant upon nearby water levels. If the shoreline is to recede or less water is allowed to flow downstream, sensitive species such as LBV, may experience a loss of habitat.

Why impact would occur: Project disturbance activities could result in temporary or long-term loss of suitable nesting and foraging habitats. Construction during the breeding season of nesting birds could result in the incidental loss of breeding success or otherwise lead to nest abandonment.

Noise from road use, generators, and other equipment may disrupt LBV mating calls or songs, which could impact reproductive success (Patricelli and Blickley 2006, Halfwerk et al. 2011). Noise has been shown to reduce the density of nesting birds (Francis et al. 2009), and Bayne et al. (2008) found that songbird abundance and density was significantly reduced in areas with high levels of noise. Additionally, noise exceeding 70 dB(A) may affect feather and body growth of young birds (Kleist et al. 2018).

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Artificial light may attract or disorient migrating least Bell's vireo by disrupting navigation (Ogden 1996, Longcore and Rich 2004, 2016) and may also suppress their immune system (Moore and Siopes 2000). In addition, songbirds that live in areas with artificial light often begin morning choruses during night hours (Derrickson 1988, Miller 2006, Fuller et al. 2007), which may disrupt typical breeding behaviors.

Evidence impact would be significant: Consistent with CEQA Guidelines, Section 15380, the status of the LBV as an endangered species pursuant to the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. § 1531 *et seq.*) and the California Endangered Species Act (Fish & G. Code, § 2050 *et seq.*) qualifies it as an endangered, rare, or threatened species under CEQA.

Least Bell's vireo were abundant and widespread in the U.S. until the 1950s (Grinnell and Miller 1944). By the 1960s, they were considered scarce (Monson 1960), and by 1980, there were fewer than 50 pairs remaining (Edwards 1980), although this number had increased to 2,500 by 2004 (Kus and Whitfield 2005). The primary cause of decline for this species has been the loss and alteration of riparian woodland habitats (USFWS 2006).

Project impacts may result in substantial adverse effects, either directly or through habitat modifications, on a species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by CDFW or USFWS. Adverse impacts to LBV may occur without implementing take avoidance surveys prior to operations, including, but not limited to, ground and vegetation disturbing activities.

Recommended Potentially Feasible Mitigation Measure(s):

Mitigation Measure #1: CDFW recommends conducting focused surveys for least Bell's vireo and incorporating the results into the MND. Prior to initiation of construction within or adjacent to suitable nesting habitat, a CDFW-approved biologist with experience surveying for and observing least Bell's vireo should conduct preconstruction surveys in accordance with established protocols to establish use of nesting habitat. Surveys should be conducted within and adjacent to suitable habitat, where access allows, during the nesting season (generally March 15 to July 31). If a nesting colony is found, no activity should occur within a 500-foot buffer of the colony until a qualified biologist determines and CDFW confirms that all chicks have fledged and are no longer reliant on the nest site.

Mitigation Measure #2: If take of least Bell's vireo would occur from Project construction or operation, a state incidental take permit (ITP) under CESA would be required for the Project. CDFW may consider the Lead Agency's CEQA documentation for its CESA-related actions if it adequately analyzes/discloses impacts and mitigation to State-listed species. Additional documentation may be required as part of an ITP application for the Project for CDFW to adequately develop an accurate take analysis and identify measures that would fully mitigate for take of state-listed species.

General Comments

The Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project analysis of impacts can be broken down into two main components: reduction of water levels in Castaic Lake and construction related activities for pier maintenance. The MND provides an analysis of impacts resulting from activities in the immediate footprint of the Project. But the Project MND, BRTR, and Memo did

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not fully consider the impacts to the entirety of the shoreline of Castaic Lake. If Project activities include reducing water levels to near-drought conditions, then those conditions apply to the entire lake. The sensitive species found around the lake, including sensitive natural communities and wildlife species that are reliant upon them, need to be included in a complete analysis of the Project.

Filing Fees

The Project, as proposed, would have an impact on fish and/or wildlife, and assessment of filing fees is necessary. Fees are payable upon filing of the Notice of Determination by DWR and serve to help defray the cost of environmental review by CDFW. Payment of the fee is required for the underlying Project approval to be operative, vested, and final. (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, § 753.5; Fish & Game Code, § 711.4; Pub. Resources Code, § 21089).

Conclusion

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Project to assist California Department of Water Resources in adequately analyzing and minimizing/mitigating impacts to biological resources. CDFW requests an opportunity to review and comment on any response that the DWR has to our comments and to receive notification of any forthcoming hearing date(s) for the Project [CEQA Guidelines; § 15073(e)]. If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact Andrew Valand, Environmental Scientist, at <u>Andrew.Valand@wildlife.ca.gov</u> or (562) 342-2142.

Sincerely,

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Erinn Wilson Erinn VVIISon Environmental Program Manager I

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CDFW recommends the following language to be incorporated into a future environmental document for the Project.

Biological Resources				
	Mitigation Measure	Timing	Responsible Party	
MM-BIO-1 – Notification for a Lake & Streambed Alteration Agreement	For activities resulting in the alteration of streams, the Project proponent must provide written notification to CDFW pursuant to Section 1600 <i>et seq.</i> of the Fish and Game Code. To minimize additional requirements by CDFW pursuant to Fish and Game Code, Section 1600 <i>et seq.</i> and/or under CEQA, the CEQA document shall fully identify the potential impacts to the stream or riparian resources and shall provide adequate avoidance, mitigation, monitoring and reporting commitments for issuance of the LSA.	Prior to construction	California Department of Water Resources	
MM-BIO-2 – Additional Measures in Lake & Streambed Alteration Agreements	To compensate for any on-site and off-site impacts to riparian resources, the Project proponent shall provide measures of avoidance of resources, on-site or off-site creation, enhancement or restoration, and/or protection and management of mitigation lands in perpetuity.	Prior to construction	California Department of Water Resources	
MM-BIO-3 – Sensitive/rare Plant Surveys	The Project proponent shall conduct focused surveys for sensitive/rare plants on site and disclose the results in the final environmental document. Based on the <i>Protocols for Surveying</i> <i>and Evaluating Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations</i> <i>and Natural Communities</i> (CDFW 2018), a qualified biologist shall "conduct surveys in the field at the time of year when species are both evident and identifiable. Usually this is during flowering or fruiting." The final CEQA documentation shall provide a thorough discussion on the presence/absence of sensitive plants on site and	Prior to construction	California Department of Water Resources	

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MM-BIO-4 – Mapping According to Manual of California	identify measures to protect sensitive plant communities from Project-related direct and indirect impacts. The Project proponent shall provide the Manual of California Vegetation alliance/association community names for mapped vegetation in the final environmental document to determine the rarity ranking of vegetation communities on the Project site.	Prior to construction	California Department of Water Resources	
MM-BIO-5 – Replacement of Sensitive Vegetation	The Project proponent shall avoid any sensitive natural communities found on the Project. If avoidance is not feasible, the Project proponent shall mitigate at a ratio of no less than 5:1 for impacts to S3 ranked communities and 7:1 for S2 communities. This ratio is for the acreage and the individual plants that comprise each unique community. All revegetation/restoration areas that will serve as mitigation shall include preparation of a restoration plan, to be approved by USFWS and CDFW prior to any ground disturbance. The restoration plan shall include restoration and monitoring methods; annual success criteria; contingency actions should success criteria not be met; long-term management and maintenance goals; and, a funding mechanism to assure for in perpetuity management and reporting. Areas proposed as mitigation shall have a recorded conservation easement and be dedicated to an entity which has been approved to hold/manage lands.	Prior to construction	California Department of Water Resources	2-AE cont.
MM-BIO-6 – Survey of Entirety of Impacted Area	CDFW recommends a conducting a thorough analysis of the impacts of a drawdown of water levels in Castaic Lake on riparian vegetation found along the entirety of the shoreline, not just in the immediate Project footprint. Components of such an analysis shall include: a vegetation survey broken down by alliance (as directed in the Manual of California Vegetation), acreage of each vegetation alliance, potential habitat gained/lost due to shoreline recession, estimated time of recovery, and any potential need for restoration or creation to replace lost acreage.	Prior to construction	California Department of Water Resources	

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MM-BIO-7 – Herpetological Surveys	The Project proponent shall conduct focused surveys for the species. Surveys shall be scheduled when these animals are most likely to be encountered, usually conducted between June and July. To achieve 100 percent visual coverage, CDFW recommends surveys be conducted with parallel transects at approximately 20 feet apart and walked on-site in appropriate habitat suitable for each of these species.	Prior to construction	California Department of Water Resources	
MM-BIO-8 – Herpetological Relocation Plan	In consultation with qualified biologist familiar with the life history of each of the SSC, a relocation plan (Plan) shall be developed. The Plan shall include, but not be limited to, the timing and location of the surveys that will be conducted for this species, identify the locations where more intensive survey efforts will be conducted (based on high habitat suitability); identify the habitat and conditions in any proposed relocation site(s); the methods that will be utilized for trapping and relocating the individuals of this species; and the documentation/recordation of the number of animals relocated. CDFW recommends the Plan be submitted to the Lead Agency for approval 60 days prior to any ground disturbing activities within potentially occupied habitat.	Prior to construction	California Department of Water Resources	
MM-BIO-9 – Herpetological Survey Standards	The Plan shall include specific survey and relocation efforts that occur during construction activities for the activity period of these reptiles (generally March to November) and for periods when the species may be present in the work area but difficult to detect due to weather conditions (generally December through February). Thirty days prior to construction activities in coastal scrub, chaparral, oak woodland, riparian habitats, or other areas supporting this species, qualified biologists shall conduct surveys to capture and relocate individual reptiles to avoid or minimize take of these special-status species. The Plan shall require a minimum of three surveys conducted during the time of year/day when these species most likely to be observed. Individuals shall be relocated to pearby undisturbed areas with suitable habitat	Prior to construction	California Department of Water Resources	- 2-A cont

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MM-BIO-10 -	If construction is to occur during the low activity period (generally	Prior to	California	
Exclusionary	December through February), surveys shall be conducted prior to	construction	Department of	
Fencing and	this period if possible. Exclusion fencing shall be placed to limit the		Water Resources	
Biological	potential for re-colonization of the site prior to construction. CDFW			
Monitor	further recommends a qualified biologist be present during ground-			
	disturbing activities immediately adjacent to or within habitat, which			
	supports populations of this species.			
MM-BIO-11 –	Within the breeding season (May-July) prior to the onset of	Prior to	California	
Western Pond	construction activities, a CDFW-approved qualified biologist shall	construction	Department of	
Turtle Survey	conduct pre-construction trapping surveys, following U.S.		Water Resources	
Protocol	Geological Survey trapping protocol, for western pond turtle within			
	all areas of any suitable aquatic habitat for this species (retention			
	ponds). If Western pond turtles are observed or trapped during the			
	pre-construction survey, the Applicant shall prepare for CDFW			
	review and approval, a translocation plan identifying proposed			
	protocol for trapping and relocating turtles, including identifying			
	potential, appropriate receiver sites to relocate western pond			
	turties. If no western pond turties are observed during the pre-			
	construction survey, then construction activities may begin. If			
	construction is delayed or halled for more than 30 days, another			
	Within seven days of the pro-construction survey, a report of			2-AE
	findings from the survey shall be submitted to the CDEW. During			cont.
	construction a qualified biological monitor who has been approved			
	by the CDEW to relocate western pond turtles shall be onsite to			
	ensure that no western pond turtles are harmed. If western pond			
	turtles are observed in the construction area at any time during			
	construction, the onsite biological monitor shall be notified and			
	construction in the vicinity of the sighting shall be halted until such			
	a time as a turtle has been removed from the construction zone.			
	and relocated by an approved biologist. If a sighting occurs during			
	construction, the biologist shall prepare a report of the event and			
	submit it to CDFW.			
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MM-BIO-12 –	The Applicant shall mitigate impacts to western pond turtle by	Prior to	California	T	
Western Pond	creating suitable, breeding, foraging habitat at a CDFW-approved	construction	Department of		
Turtle	location within Los Angeles County. Habitat shall be conserved in		Water Resources		
Replacement	perpetuity via conveyance of a conservation easement to a CDFW-				
Habitat	approved conservation entity and a management fund				
	(endowment) shall be established by the Applicant consisting of an				
	interest-bearing account with the amount of capital necessary to				
	generate sufficient interest and/or income to fund all monitoring,				
	management, and protection of the conservation area(s), including				
	but not limited to, reasonable administrative overhead, biological				
	monitoring, invasive species and trash removal, fencing and				
	signage replacement and repair, law enforcement measures, long-				
	term management reporting (as described below), and other				
	actions designed to maintain and improve the habitat of the				
	conserved land(s), in perpetuity. A Property Analysis Record, or				
	substantially equivalent analysis, shall be conducted to determine				
	the management needs and costs described above, which then will				
	be used to calculate the capital needed for the management of the				
	fund. Except for uses appropriate to a habitat conservation area,				
	the public shall not have access to the mitigation area(s), and no				ΔE
	activities shall be permitted within the site, except maintenance of				AL
	habitat, including the removal of nonnative plant species, trash,				m.
	and debris, and the installation of native plant materials.				
MM-BIO-13 –	CDFW recommends that the final environmental document include	Prior to	California		
Nesting Bird	a measure that no construction shall occur from February 15	construction	Department of		
Surveys	through August 31. If construction during this period must occur, a		Water Resources		
	qualified biologist shall complete a survey for nesting bird activity				
	within a 500-foot radius of the construction site. The nesting bird				
	surveys shall be conducted at appropriate nesting times and				
	concentrate on potential roosting or perch sites. If any nests of				
	birds of prey are observed, they shall be designated an				
	ecologically sensitive area and protected (while occupied) by a				
	minimum 500-foot radius during project construction.			\square \vee	

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MM-BIO-14 –	Prior to initiation of construction within or adjacent to suitable	Prior to	California	
Least Bell's	nesting habitat, a CDFW-approved biologist with experience	construction	Department of	
Vireo Surveys	surveying for and observing least Bell's vireo shall conduct		Water Resources	
	preconstruction surveys in accordance with established protocols			
	to establish use of nesting habitat. Surveys shall be conducted			
	within and adjacent to suitable habitat, where access allows,			
	during the nesting season (generally March 15 to July 31). If a			
	nesting colony is found, no activity shall occur within a 500-foot			
	buffer of the colony until a qualified biologist determines and			
	CDFW confirms that all chicks have fledged and are no longer			2-AE
	reliant on the nest site.			cont.
MM-BIO-15 – In	If take of least Bell's vireo would occur from Project construction or	Prior to	California	
Case of Take of	operation, a state incidental take permit (ITP) under CESA would	construction	Department of	
Least Bell's	be required for the Project. Additional documentation may be		Water Resources	
Vireo	required as part of an ITP application for the Project for CDFW to			
	adequately develop an accurate take analysis and identify			
	measures that would fully mitigate for take of state-listed species.			

Comment Letter 3: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

May 8, 2020

EMAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

Kevin Smith on behalf of the California Department of Water Resources Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project 626 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1100 Los Angeles, California 90017

Dear Mr. Smith:

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) has reviewed the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit (Project). The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) proposes to implement the Project to seismically retrofit the tower bridge at Castaic Lake, the terminal reservoir of the State Water Project's West Branch located within the Castaic Lake State Recreation Area. Construction will occur at the tower bridge, high tower abutment, Piers 2 through 4, and Abutment 5. The Project will include installing restrainer cables to transfer longitudinal seismic forces to the adjacent spans or frames and jacketing the piers with carbon fiber reinforcement.

Project implementation requires lowering the lake level from the normal operation elevation of approximately 1,505 feet above mean sea level (amsl) to 1,380 feet amsl. This allows access to project components, such as the piers and abutment structures that support the tower bridge above water level. Construction staging areas will be located within unvegetated areas near the dam's right abutment. Existing paved and dirt roads will be used for hauling and transporting materials within the Project area. Project construction is anticipated to take 15.5 months with the drawdown of Castaic Lake taking approximately 10 months. Construction work hours would generally range between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The proposed Project is located at Castaic Lake approximately 40 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles within the Sierra Pelona Mountains, north of Santa Clarita along Interstate 5. The Project site is located at 34 degrees north latitude, 118 degrees west longitude, in Township 05N, Range 17W, Sections 12 and 13. The Castaic Dam high intake tower and bridge are located within the southwestern portion of the lake on Castaic Dam's right abutment.

Metropolitan relies on Castaic Lake for water deliveries in the western region of its service area and is in support of this project. However, Metropolitan is concerned about the challenges that this and other projects proposed for Castaic Lake might have on water supply reliability. Currently, Metropolitan is working on the Greg Avenue Pump Station, which would allow Colorado River water to reach Metropolitan's western-most customers. This project is slated for completion late Spring 2021 and Metropolitan requests that DWR schedule

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any major work on Castaic Lake that requires water level drawdown after this date. In addition to the proposed projects at Castaic Lake, DWR has also several proposed projects in the Lake Perris area. If major work is conducted on both SWP terminal reservoirs at the same time, Metropolitan's water supply reliability for its member agencies might be significantly impacted.

In addition to scheduled deliveries of Table A water, Metropolitan has contract rights to access up to 153,940 AF of Article 54c water, called "Flex Storage", in Castaic Lake. In times of need, such as during a low State Water Project (SWP) allocation, Metropolitan can borrow the Flex Storage to meet its demand. Castaic Lake storage also can be used in case of an emergency, such as if a major earthquake cuts off imported supplies. The proposed low elevation of 1,380 feet amsl would keep Castaic Lake at around 100,000 AF of total storage, impacting the availability of Flex Storage and emergency backup supplies. Although the retrofit project is necessary, the proposed drawdown duration of 10 months might cause significant stress to water supplies, should the period of reduced storage coincide with Metropolitan's need to access Castaic Lake's supplies. Finally, the lower lake levels will limit the amount of flow Metropolitan can deliver on the Foothill Feeder and will eventually stop hydroelectric generation at the Foothill Hydroelectric Plant. MWD requests coordination with DWR to work around these constraints.

Metropolitan respectfully requests DWR to consider:

- 1) Consolidating all Castaic Lake projects that need a drawdown for the same period;
- 2) Reducing the duration of the lowest elevation (1,380 feet amsl);
- 3) Postponing the start of Castaic Lake work that requires water level drawdown until after Metropolitan's Greg Ave project is completed (scheduled for late Spring 2021);
- 4) Scheduling Castaic Lake and Perris Lake work to minimize impacts to water supply reliability; and
- 5) Allowing for substitution of the Flex Storage and/or Castaic Lake's emergency supplies with other supplies, in case such supplies are needed during the project duration.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input to your planning process and look forward to future coordination for this project. If we can be of further assistance, please contact Ellen Mackey at (213) 217-6127.

Very truly yours,

Sean Carlson Team Manager, Environmental Planning Section

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Letter Number 4



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May 21, 2020

Kevin Smith, Analyst California Department of Water Services **Environmental Science Associates** 626 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear Mr. Smith:

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, "CASTAIC DAM HIGH INTAKE TOWER BRIDGE RETROFIT," IS PROPOSING TO IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT TO SEISMICALLY RETROFIT THE TOWER BRIDGE AT CASTAIC LAKE. THE TERMINAL RESERVOIR OF THE STATE WATER PROJECT'S WEST BRANCH. THE RETROFIT WOULD INCLUDE INSTALLING SEISMIC FORCES TO THE ADJACENT SPANS OR FRAMES AND THE PIERS WOULD BE JACKETED WITH CARBON FIBER **REINFORCEMENT, CASTAIC, FFER 2020002308**

The Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been reviewed by the Planning Division, Land Development Unit, Forestry Division, and Health Hazardous Materials Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department.

The following are their comments:

PLANNING DIVISION:

We have no comments.

For any questions regarding this response, please contact Loretta Bagwell, Planning Analyst, at (323) 881-2404 or Loretta.Bagwell@fire.lacounty.gov.

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LAND DEVELOPMENT UNIT:

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Land Development Unit has no requirements for the Seismic Retrofit of the Tower Bridge at Castaic Lake.

Additional comments pending the information returned by the applicant for Fire Department plan check; presently all outstanding comments have been addressed via plan check.

For any questions regarding the report, please contact Joseph Youman at (323) 890-4243 or <u>Joseph Youman@fire.lacounty.gov.</u>

FORESTRY DIVISION - OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

The statutory responsibilities of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Forestry Division include erosion control, watershed management, rare and endangered species, vegetation, fuel modification for Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, archeological and cultural resources, and the County Oak Tree Ordinance. Potential impacts in these areas should be addressed.

Under the Los Angeles County Oak tree Ordinance, a permit is required to cut, destroy, remove, relocate, inflict damage or encroach into the protected zone of any tree of the Oak genus which is 25 inches or more in circumference (eight inches in diameter), as measured 4 1/2 feet above mean natural grade.

If Oak trees are known to exist in the proposed project area further field studies should be conducted to determine the presence of this species on the project site.

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Forestry Division has no further comments regarding this project.

For any questions regarding this response, please contact Forestry Assistant, Joseph Brunet at (818) 890-5719.

HEALTH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION:

The Health Hazardous Materials Division of the Los Angeles County Fire Department has no comments or requirements for the project at this time.

Please contact HHMD senior typist-clerk, Perla Garcia at (323) 890-4035 or <u>Perla.garcia@fire.lacounty.gov</u> if you have any questions.

If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (323) 890-4330.

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SECTION 4 Response to Comments

Comments on the IS/MND and Response to Comments

The responses to comments included in this section correspond to each comment letter outlined in Section 3. Responses did not require revisions to text or the analysis presented in the IS/MND.

Letter 1: California Department of Transportation

Comment 1-A

The comment summarizes the proposed project.

Response 1-A

The comment does not state a specific concern about the adequacy of the IS/MND or otherwise comment on the contents of the IS/MND analysis. Therefore, the comment is noted and will be included in the project record, but a response is not required pursuant to CEQA.

Comment 1-B

Caltrans encourages the Lead Agency to integrate transportation and land use in a way that reduces Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, as well as facilitates a high level of non-motorized travel and transit use. Caltrans also supports the implementation of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) to decrease VMT.

Response 1-B

Section 15064.3 of the CEQA Guidelines suggests that the analysis of VMT impacts applies mainly to land use and transportation projects. Furthermore, projects that generate or attract fewer than 110 operational trips per day would generally be exempt from further consideration with respect to VMT and impacts are assumed to be less than significant. Per this guidance, since the proposed project is neither a land use nor a transportation project, and would generate few (less than 110) operational trips, it can be assumed to have a less than significant impact with respect to VMT.

Comment 1-C

Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends that the project limit construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause delays on any

State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these delays for Caltrans' review.

Response 1-C

Comment noted. DWR will coordinate with Caltrans if oversized construction equipment or materials are required for the proposed project. Currently, it is not expected that such equipment or materials are required to complete the seismic retrofit project. Once the equipment and materials are on-site there would be minimal construction trips required during the retrofitting project. The daily trip would consist of workers accessing the site. It is not anticipated that soils or rock would be required to be exported or imported to the site.

Letter 2: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Comment 2-A

The comment acknowledges that California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received the MND for review and to provide comments.

Response 2-A

The comment does not state a specific concern about the adequacy of the IS/MND or otherwise comment on the contents of the IS/MND analysis. Therefore, the comment is noted and will be included in the project record, but a response is not required pursuant to CEQA.

Comment 2-B

The comment explains CDFW's role as a Responsible Agency under CEQA.

Response 2-B

The comment does not state a specific concern about the adequacy of the IS/MND or otherwise comment on the contents of the IS/MND analysis. Therefore, the comment is noted and will be included in the project record, but a response is not required pursuant to CEQA.

Comment 2-C

The comment summarizes the proposed project.

Response 2-C

The comment does not state a specific concern about the adequacy of the IS/MND or otherwise comment on the contents of the IS/MND analysis. Therefore, the comment is noted and will be included in the project record, but a response is not required pursuant to CEQA.

Comment 2-D

The comment is an introduction to the CDFW comments and recommendations section.

Response 2-D

The comment does not state a specific concern about the adequacy of the IS/MND or otherwise comment on the contents of the IS/MND analysis. Therefore, the comment is noted and will be included in the project record, but a response is not required pursuant to CEQA.

Comment 2-E

Ground disturbing activities from water diversions and dewatering would physically remove or otherwise alter existing lakes and streams or their function and associated riparian habitat on the Project site. Downstream streams and associated biological resources beyond the Project development footprint may also be impacted by Project-related releases of sediment, organic matter, pathogens, and altered watershed effects resulting from Project activities.

Response 2-E

Ground disturbing activities related to the proposed project would not physically remove or alter existing lakes and streams or their function and associated riparian habitat. Work on the piers will require the contractor to construct temporary roads down the sloped side of the reservoir to access the bottom of each pier. At the base of each pier, a level work area would be benched into the slope. Upon completion of the pier retrofit work, the benched work areas and temporary access roads would be backfilled and graded to re-establish the original slope of the reservoir. This work would occur during the drawdown and would be isolated to the immediate footprints of the piers and access road and would not impact or alter the riparian habitat within the banks of the lake. Downstream of Castaic Lake is the Castaic Lagoon, which would not be impacted by the proposed project. Water levels in Castaic Lagoon are controlled by outlet from Castaic Dam and would be subject to normal operating conditions despite the lowering of Castaic Lake. Similarly, Castaic Creek below the Castaic Lagoon, would not be impacted by the proposed project drawdown.

The annual water level at Castaic Lake fluctuates seasonally, with the highest lake surface elevations occurring in the summer and fall at around 1,505 feet above mean sea level (amsl), dropping during the winter and spring by approximately 20 feet to 1,485 feet amsl. The shorelines are generally steep with a few small coves. Riparian and aquatic vegetation is generally lacking on the lake edges due to water level fluctuations and the steep shorelines of the reservoir. Fluctuations are typically annual and seasonally repetitive, regulated by normal operating conditions.

As shown on Figure 8 of the IS/MND and copied below, the drawdown would begin in early June. The water elevation would reach the lower end of the normal operating elevation of 1,485 feet amsl in late July, early August 2021. From this point, it would then take approximately 4 months for the lake level to reach 1,380 feet amsl, then the lake would remain at the lowest level for a total of 6 weeks between November 1 and December 15, 2021. The lake would return to 1,485 feet amsl around March 2022 and to normal summer operating levels (1,505 feet amsl) in April 2022. The overall duration of the lake level drawdown below the 1,485 feet amsl would be approximately 8 months.



IS/MND Figure 8 Proposed Drawdown Scenario

The proposed drawdown would be similar to the lake's elevation in 2015 that was caused by statewide drought conditions. During the drought, the water elevation fluctuated between 1,375 feet and 1,390 feet amsl for a period of over 12 months, longer than the duration of the entire drawdown period for the proposed project. In addition, the lake would only remain at the lowest proposed water level of 1,380 feet amsl for approximately 6 weeks. This temporary drawdown period is not expected to result in a permanent reduction in riparian and aquatic vegetation. The riparian and aquatic vegetation supported by the lake is generally lacking due to water level fluctuations and the steep shorelines of the reservoir. As depicted in aerial imagery of Castaic Lake, riparian and aquatic vegetation are primarily concentrated at the Elderberry Forebay at the northwest corner of the lake and in Elizabeth Canyon at the northeast corner of the lake. Water levels in the Elderberry Forebay are independent and separate of Castaic Lake water levels due to Elderberry Dam. The water levels in Elderberry Forebay will remain at normal operational levels for hydropower generation purposes and would not be affected by the proposed drawdown. Riparian vegetation within Elizabeth Canyon includes a historic Southern Cottonwood Riparian Forest that extends from the head of Castaic Lake for approximately 1.5 miles upstream. As seen in aerial imagery dating back to 1994 (Google Earth Pro 2020), this area appears to be primarily influenced by seasonal flows from Elizabeth Canyon Lake Creek and not from inundation by the lake. This area where riparian vegetation is present, has sustained for decades during seasonal droughts and is at a higher elevation than the lake at 1,600 feet amsl (CNDDB, Element Code CTT61330CA, 2020); and therefore is not expected to be influenced during the proposed drawdown period.
Droughts are a recurring feature of California's climate, and the four-year period between fall 2011 and fall 2015 was the driest since record keeping began in 1895. This prolonged drought resulted in a substantial reduction of the lake's level in 2015 that sustained for over 12 months, into 2016. As depicted in aerial imagery dating back to 1994 (Google Earth Pro 2020), the riparian habitat that occurs around the lake's edge has sustained during periods of drought that effect the lake level. The proposed drawdown would be much shorter than the 2015 drought conditions which maintained the reduced water levels between 1,375 to 1,390 feet amsl for over 12 months.

The project construction site consists of the lakebed, tower bridge, and the nearby proposed staging areas which are all disturbed developed land within or adjacent to the lake. As discussed in the Technical Memorandum prepared for the proposed project and appended to the Biological Resources Technical Report for the Castaic Lake High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project (BRTR), water quality data was collected during, before and after the 2015-2016 drought. Water quality at the lake did not decline due to drought conditions. In addition, DWR would prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for coverage under the National Pollutant Detection and Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities, also known as the statewide Construction General Permit (CGP). The SWPPP would be maintained at the construction site for the entire duration of construction. The objectives of the SWPPP are to identify pollutant sources that may affect the quality of stormwater discharge and to implement best management practices (BMPs) to reduce pollutants in stormwater discharges during and after construction. Construction contractors would be made aware of the required BMPs and good housekeeping measures for the project area and associated construction staging areas.

Comment 2-F

The Project may substantially adversely affect the existing stream pattern of the Project site through the alteration or diversion of a stream, which absent specific mitigation, could result in substantial erosion or siltation on site or off site of the Project. CDFW recommends the following mitigation measure.

Mitigation Measure #1: CDFW has concluded that the Project may result in the alteration of streams. For any such activities, the Project applicant (or "entity") must provide written notification to CDFW pursuant to Fish and Game Code, Section 1600et seq. of the Fish and Game Code. Based on this notification and other information, CDFW determines whether a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSA) with the applicant is required prior to conducting the proposed activities. A notification package for a LSA may be obtained by accessing CDFW's web site atwww.wildlife.ca.gov/habcon/1600.

CDFW's issuance of an LSA for a Project that is subject to CEQA will require CEQA compliance actions by CDFW as a Responsible Agency. As a Responsible Agency, CDFW may consider the CEQA document of the Lead Agency (DWR) for the Project. However, the MND does not meet CDFW's standard at this time. To minimize additional requirements by CDFW pursuant to Fish and Game Code, Section 1600et seq. and/or under CEQA, the CEQA document

should fully identify the potential impacts to the stream or riparian resources and provide adequate avoidance, mitigation, monitoring and reporting commitments for issuance of the LSA.

Response 2-F

Please refer to Response 2-E.

DWR prepared and submitted an LSA permit application on May 1, 2020 for the proposed project.

Comment 2-G

Mitigation # 2: Any LSA permit issued for the Project by CDFW may include additional measures protective of streambeds on and downstream of the Project. The LSA may include further erosion and pollution control measures. To compensate for any on-site and off-site impacts to riparian resources, additional mitigation conditioned in any LSA may include the following: avoidance of resources, on-site or off-site creation, enhancement or restoration, and/or protection and management of mitigation lands in perpetuity.

Response 2-G

DWR prepared and submitted an LSA permit application on May 1, 2020 for the proposed project. These issues will be addressed in the LSA permit.

Comment 2-H

Page 20 of the BRTR states, "The tower bridge or adjacent areas do not support sensitive natural communities identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the CDFW. Therefore, no impacts to sensitive plant communities would occur from the development of the proposed project." The limited scope of analysis provided by the BRTR overlooks impacts to sensitive vegetation communities along much of the shoreline of Castaic Lake.

There are multiple sensitive natural communities found along the shoreline of Castaic Lake. Page 16 of the BRTR indicates that "Fremont cottonwood trees are located approximately 50 to 220 feet to the southeast of the tower bridge." A review of the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) indicates that there is also historical record of Southern cottonwood willow riparian (*Populus fremontii*) at the northern most point in the Fish Arm (eastern portion) of Castaic Lake. CDFW considers all subcategories of Fremont cottonwood (*Populus fremontii*) as a sensitive natural vegetation community and classified by California Native Plant Society with a rarity ranking of S3.2.

CDFW considers plant communities, alliances, and associations with a statewide ranking of S1, S2, S3 and S4 as sensitive and declining at the local and regional level (Sawyer et al. 2008). An S3 ranking indicates there are 21-80 occurrences of this community inexistence in California, S2 has 6-20 occurrences, and S1 has less than 6 occurrences. The Project may have direct or indirect effects to these sensitive species.

Response 2-H

Please refer to Response 2-E.

The annual water level at Castaic Lake fluctuates seasonally, with the highest lake surface elevations occurring in the summer and fall, dropping during the winter and spring by approximately 20 feet to 1,485 feet amsl. Riparian and aquatic vegetation around the edges of the lake are generally lacking due to water level fluctuations and the steep shorelines of the reservoir. Fluctuations are typically annual and seasonally repetitive regulated by normal operating conditions. As shown on Figure 8 of the IS/MND, the water elevation would reach the lower-end of the normal operating elevation of 1,485 feet amsl during the temporary draw down period, reaching a low of 1,380 feet amsl for 6 weeks. Following the completion of the project after an eight-month period below normal operating levels, the lake would return to normal operating levels and typical seasonal fluctuations.

Cottonwoods favor moist soil conditions, but can tolerate drought

(https://www.laspilitas.com/nature-of-california/plants/529--populus-fremontii-zapata). Cottonwoods are often used as an indicator of water in low desert areas and are known to occur in arid and semiarid environments of the American Southwest. Cottonwoods are a fast growing tree that can grow in areas removed from groundwater as long as soil moisture is available in the spring (https://www.fs.fed.us/database/feis/plants/tree/popfre/all.html#26). As stated above, there are few stands of cottonwoods and other riparian communities around the lake. As stated in Response 2-E, the historic Southern Cottonwood Riparian Forest that extends from the head of Castaic Lake for approximately 1.5 miles upstream appears to primarily be supported by seasonal flows from Elizabeth Canyon Lake Creek, and therefore is not expected to be influenced during the proposed drawdown period (refer to Response 2E for a discussion the historic Southern Cottonwood Riparian Forest impacts).

Comment 2-I

Riparian habitats are often transitional between terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and are distinguished by gradients in biophysical conditions, ecological processes and biota. They are areas through which surface and subsurface hydrology connect water bodies with their adjacent uplands. They include those portions of terrestrial ecosystems that significantly influence exchanges of energy and matter with aquatic ecosystems. Riparian habitats are typically adjacent to perennial, intermittent, and ephemeral streams, lakes and estuarine-marine shorelines (Collins et al 2006).

Project implementation includes dewatering, grading, vegetation clearing for construction, road maintenance, and other activities that may result in direct mortality, population declines, or local extirpation of sensitive plant species. CDFW is concerned that the materials supporting the MND do not sufficiently evaluate impacts to all resources found around Castaic Lake. By providing a partial analysis, CDFW is concerned that impacts to sensitive natural communities would not fully mitigate the function and value of the impacted native vegetation.

Impacts to special-status plant species should be considered significant under CEQA unless they are clearly mitigated below a level of significance. Inadequate avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures for impacts to these sensitive plant species will result in the Project continuing to have a substantial adverse direct, indirect, and cumulative 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 CDFW or USFWS.

Response 2-I

Please refer to Response 2-E and 2-H for a discussion related to the lake drawdown.

Based on the database query summarized in the BRTR that included a 9-USGS quadrangle search of the CNDDB, there are few special-status riparian plants that have been recorded in the region, none of which have any potential to occur near the lake's edge and/or littoral zone where drawdown would occur. As indicated in Response 2-E, water in the Elderberry Forebay will remain at normal operational levels for hydropower generation purposes and this area would not be effected by the proposed drawdown. There is potential for special-status riparian plants to occur within Elizabeth Canyon above the head of Castaic Lake; however, as addressed in Response 2-E with regards to impacts to a known Southern Cottonwood Riparian Forest, this area appears to be supported by seasonal flows from Elizabeth Canyon Lake Creek and less by inundation from the lake as seen in aerial imagery dating back to 1994 (Google Earth Pro 2020). Moreover, this area within Elizabeth Lake Canyon where riparian vegetation is present has sustained for decades during seasonal droughts and is at a higher elevation than the lake at 1,600 feet amsl; and therefore is not expected to be influenced during the proposed drawdown period.

Comment 2-J

Mitigation Measure #1: CDFW recommends conducting focused surveys for sensitive/rare plants on-site and disclosing the results in the IS. Based on the Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Natural Communities (CDFW, 2018) (https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=18959), a qualified biologist should "conduct surveys in the field at the time of year when species are both evident and identifiable. Usually this is during flowering or fruiting." The final CEQA documentation should provide a thorough discussion on the presence/absence of sensitive plants on-site and identify measures to protect sensitive plant communities from project-related direct and indirect impacts.

Response 2-J

Please refer to Response 2-I.

Due to the high level of disturbance and development that has occurred within the proposed project impact areas and the fact that a large portion of the project impact area is typically inundated (within the lake), it was determined that none of the special-status plant species have the potential to occur within the project site.

Comment 2-K

Mitigation Measure #2: In 2007, the State Legislature required CDFW to develop and maintain a vegetation mapping standard for the state (Fish & Game Code, § 1940). This standard complies with the National Vegetation Classification System, which utilizes alliance and association-based classification of unique vegetation stands. CDFW utilizes vegetation descriptions found in the Manual of California Vegetation (MCV), found online at http://vegetation.cnps.org/. To determine the rarity ranking of vegetation communities on the Project site, the MCV alliance/association community names should be provided as CDFW only tracks rare natural communities using this classification system.

Response 2-K

As indicated on page 7 of the BRTR for the project (Appendix B, ESA, 2019a), the nomenclature used to describe the vegetation is based on *A Manual of California Vegetation*, *Second Edition (Manual)* (Sawyer 2009), or was characterized based on species dominance when not identified in the Manual.

Comment 2-L

Mitigation Measure #3: CDFW recommends avoiding impacts to any sensitive natural communities found on the Project. If avoidance is not feasible, mitigating at a ratio of no less than 5:1 for impacts to S3 ranked communities and 7:1 for S2 communities should be implemented. This ratio is for the acreage and the individual plants that comprise each unique community. All revegetation/restoration areas that will serve as mitigation should include preparation of a restoration plan, to be approved by USFWS and CDFW prior to any ground disturbance. The restoration plan should include restoration and monitoring methods; annual success criteria; contingency actions should success criteria not be met; long-term management and maintenance goals; and, a funding mechanism to assure for in perpetuity management and reporting. Areas proposed as mitigation should have a recorded conservation easement and be dedicated to an entity which has been approved to hold/manage lands (Assembly Bill 1094; Government Code, §§ 65965-65968).

Response 2-L

Please refer to Response 2-E and 2-H.

As documented in the BRTR and in the IS/MND, the proposed project impact areas and adjacent areas do not support sensitive natural communities identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the CDFW. There is no riparian vegetation within the project footprint. Riparian and aquatic vegetation supported by the lake is generally lacking due to water level fluctuations and the steep shorelines of the reservoir. Several Gooding's willow and Fremont cottonwood are situated to the southeast of the tower bridge well outside of the project's construction footprint. Aquatic vegetation densities in Castaic Lake are low, potentially due to normal operating conditions and the accompanying changes in surface elevation of the lake (CDFW, 2013). The Gooding's willow and Fremont cottonwood are potentially hydrologically supported by the lake. However, due to the short duration of the drawdown period outside of the

normal fluctuation associated with the lake operations (8 months) and during the winter months when rain provides the opportunity for moist soil conditions, these are not expected to be impacted. The proposed drawdown would be similar to a recent drought event which occurred in 2015. The water elevation fluctuated between 1,375 feet and 1,390 feet amsl for a period of over 12 months during the drought, and appeared to maintain riparian habitat areas. The riparian vegetation at Castaic Lake would recover over time, adjusting to re-stabilized water levels after the construction and 8-month drawdown, similar to the past drought event.

Comment 2-M

Mitigation Measure #4: Correct mapping of recognized vegetation alliances is vital to disclose actual acreage-based impacts to sensitive natural communities, as well as ensure they are adequately mitigated. CDFW recommends a thorough analysis of the impacts of a drawdown of water levels in Castaic Lake on riparian vegetation found along the entirety of the shoreline, not just in the immediate Project footprint. Components of such an analysis should include: a vegetation survey broken down by alliance (as directed in the Manual of California Vegetation), acreage of each vegetation alliance, potential habitat gained/lost due to shoreline recession, estimated time of recovery, and any potential need for restoration or creation to replace lost acreage.

Response 2-M

Please refer to Response 2-E and 2-H.

As stated, riparian and aquatic vegetation supported by the lake is generally lacking due to water level fluctuations and the steep shorelines of the reservoir. Any riparian habitat or habitat hydrologically connected to the lake would not be permanently impacted following the drawdown period water level when considering natural droughts and water level reductions that have taken place as far back as 1994 (Google Earth Pro 2020). Based on aerial imagery, it appears that riparian vegetation, such as clusters of cottonwood trees, has shown drought resiliency and the ability to sustain during periods of drought. The proposed drawdown would be much shorter in duration, lasting approximately 8 months with most of that time over the wet winter months. It is anticipated that the much shorter drawdown over the winter months will not substantially change the habitat in the vicinity of the project as shown by the habitat drought resiliency in past droughts, including the most recent drought in 2015-2016.

Comment 2-N

Page 18 of the BRTR indicates that "two-striped garter snake and western pond turtle both inhabit Castaic Lake". Two-striped garter snake (*Thamnophis hammondii*) are listed as Species of Special Concern (SSC) by the State of California. The MND only considers impacts to the immediate Project site, not the entire shoreline of Castaic Lake and applies the reasoning that "these species are not expected to breed or forage in the immediate vicinity of the Project site". As a result, it concluded that "the temporary effects of the drawdown are not expected to present a significant impact on endemic amphibians and aquatic reptile species.

The drawdown of water levels at Castaic Lake will likely lead to a loss of habitat for the SSCs. Dewatering of habitat may lead to mortality of individual SSCs through the diminished nesting, foraging, and refugia. Ground clearing and construction activities could potentially lead to mortality of individual snakes found on the Project site.

These SSC reptiles are cryptic species that often evade threats from predators by remaining still and blending into the surrounding landscape. Therefore, untrained workers may not recognize the presence of this species.

Ground clearing and construction activities could lead to the direct mortality of an SSC concern. The loss of occupied habitat could yield a loss of foraging potential, basking sites, or egg-laying sites and would constitute a significant impact absent appropriate mitigation. CDFW considers impacts to SSC, including two-striped garter snake, a significant direct and cumulative adverse effect without implementing appropriate avoidance and/or mitigation measures.

Response 2-N

Please refer to Response 2-E for details on the lake drawdown.

Two-striped garter snake inhabit Castaic Lake; however, the species is not expected to be present in the immediate vicinity of the project site, because preferred habitat conditions (e.g., sandy, gradual sloping banks for leisure and foraging) do not exist near the tower bridge and high intake tower. Food sources and foraging opportunities for the species will continue to be available throughout the lake during the drawdown. The lake would be at an elevation of 1,485 feet by March 2022 before typical mating season for the two-striped garter snake which begins in late March and early April. The aquatic resources would be expected to recover from the temporary effects as the water levels return to the normal operating elevation and the temporary effects of the drawdown are not expected to present a significant impact to the two-striped garter snake.

Mitigation Measure BIO-1 of the IS/MND requires a Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training. Prior to construction a qualified biologist shall provide a WEAP training to all construction workers on-site. The training would include materials to aid workers in identifying any special-status plants and wildlife that should be avoided; relocation procedures of species; applicable laws and regulations protecting such resources; and proper avoidance and communication procedures to protect sensitive biological resources, as well as common wildlife whenever possible.

Comment 2-O

Mitigation Measure #1: To mitigate impacts to SSC, CDFW recommends focused surveys for the species. Surveys should typically be scheduled when these animals are most likely to been countered, usually conducted between June and July. To achieve 100 percent visual coverage, CDFW recommends surveys be conducted with parallel transects at approximately 20 feet apart and walked on-site in appropriate habitat suitable for each of these species.

Response 2-O

Please refer to Response 2-N.

The majority of the drawdown would occur over the winter months when reptiles are in a low activity period (hibernating). The lake would be at normal operating elevations during June and July. Further, a qualified biologist is required to provide WEAP training prior to construction which would focus on identifying and avoiding Species of Special Concern.

Comment 2-P

Mitigation Measure #2: In consultation with qualified biologist familiar with the life history of each of the SSC, a relocation plan (Plan) should be developed. The Plan should include, but not be limited to, the timing and location of the surveys that will be conducted for this species, identify the locations where more intensive survey efforts will be conducted (based on high habitat suitability); identify the habitat and conditions in any proposed relocation site(s); the methods that will be utilized for trapping and relocating the individuals of this species; and the documentation/recordation of the number of animals relocated. CDFW recommends the Plan be submitted to the Lead Agency for approval 60 days prior to any ground disturbing activities within potentially occupied habitat.

Response 2-P

Please refer to Responses 2-N and 2-O.

Comment 2-Q

Mitigation Measure #3: The Plan should include specific survey and relocation efforts that occur during construction activities for the activity period of these reptiles (generally March to November) and for periods when the species may be present in the work area but difficult to detect due to weather conditions (generally December through February). Thirty days prior to construction activities in coastal scrub, chaparral, oak woodland, riparian habitats, or other areas supporting this species, qualified biologists should conduct surveys to capture and relocate individual reptiles to avoid or minimize take of these special-status species. The Plan should require a minimum of three surveys conducted during the time of year/day when these species most likely to be observed. Individuals should be relocated to nearby undisturbed areas with suitable habitat.

Response 2-Q

Please refer to Responses 2-N and 2-O.

Comment 2-R

Mitigation Measure #4: If construction is to occur during the low activity period (generally December through February), surveys should be conducted prior to this period if possible. Exclusion fencing should be placed to limit the potential for re-colonization of the site prior to construction. CDFW further recommends a qualified biologist be present during ground-

disturbing activities immediately adjacent to or within habitat, which supports populations of this species.

Response 2-R

Please refer to Responses 2-N and 2-O.

Comment 2-S

Page 18 of the BRTR indicates that "two-striped garter snake and western pond turtle both inhabit Castaic Lake". Western pond turtle (*Emys marmorata*) is listed as Species of Special Concern (SSC) by the State of California. The MND only considers impacts to the immediate Project site, not throughout the shoreline of Castaic Lake and applies the reasoning that "these species are not expected to breed or forage in the immediate vicinity of the Project site". As a result, it concluded that "the temporary effects of the drawdown are not expected to present a significant impact on endemic amphibians and aquatic reptile species.

The drawdown of water levels at Castaic Lake will likely lead to a loss of habitat for the SSCs. Dewatering of habitat may lead to mortality of individual SSCs through the diminished nesting, foraging, and refugia. Ground clearing and construction activities could potentially lead to mortality of individual turtles found on the Project site.

The MND assumes the presence of western pond turtle and assumes that no impacts would result from the drawdown of lake levels. But the MND does not specify the level of occupancy or justify the lack of impacts the Project may have on western pond turtle. While resources may still be available, there will be a reduction in the habitat which may lead to increased stress on turtles.

Drawing down the water levels of Castaic Lake is likely to reduce available western pond turtle habitat. The loss of habitat could yield a loss of foraging potential, basking sites, or egg-laying sites and would constitute a significant impact absent appropriate mitigation. CDFW considers impacts to SSC, including western pond turtle, a significant direct and cumulative adverse effect without implementing appropriate avoidance and/or mitigation measures.

Response 2-S

Western pond turtle inhabits Castaic Lake; however, the species is not expected to be present in the immediate vicinity of the project site, because preferred habitat conditions (e.g., areas to bask) do not exist near the tower bridge and high tower. Basking opportunities for western pond turtle, and food sources and foraging for will continue to be available throughout the lake during the drawdown as it was during the 2015-2016 drought. Furthermore, the lowest lake levels experienced during the drawdown would occur in winter while the western pond turtle is in a low activity period (hibernation-like state) and would be refilled to normal operating level by early spring when the turtle reemerges from the low activity period. The lake would be at an elevation of 1,485 feet by March 2022 before typical mating season for the western pond turtle reducing potential impacts for female turtles to create nesting sites and laying eggs. The aquatic resources would be expected to recover from the temporary effects as the water levels return to the normal

operating elevation and the temporary effects of the drawdown are not expected to present a significant impact to the western pond turtle.

Mitigation Measure BIO-1 of the IS/MND requires a Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training. Prior to construction a qualified biologist shall provide a WEAP training to all construction workers on-site. The training would include materials to aid workers in identifying any special-status plants and wildlife that should be avoided; relocation procedures of species; applicable laws and regulations protecting such resources; and proper avoidance and communication procedures to protect sensitive biological resources, as well as common wildlife whenever possible.

Comment 2-T

Mitigation Measure #1: Within the breeding season (May-July) prior to the onset of construction activities, a CDFW-approved qualified biologist should conduct pre-construction trapping surveys, following U.S. Geological Survey trapping protocol, for western pond turtle within all areas of any suitable aquatic habitat for this species (retention ponds). If Western pond turtles are observed or trapped during the pre-construction survey, the Applicant should prepare for CDFW review and approval, a translocation plan identifying proposed protocol for trapping and relocating turtles, including identifying potential, appropriate receiver sites to relocate western pond turtles. If no western pond turtles are observed during the pre-construction survey, then construction activities may begin. If construction is delayed or halted for more than 30 days, another pre-construction survey for western pond turtle will be conducted. Within seven days of the pre-construction survey, a report of findings from the survey will be submitted to the CDFW. During construction, a qualified biological monitor who has been approved by the CDFW to relocate western pond turtles should be onsite to ensure that no western pond turtles are harmed. If western pond turtles are observed in the construction area at any time during construction, the onsite biological monitor should be notified and construction in the vicinity of the sighting will be halted until such a time as a turtle has been removed from the construction zone, and relocated by an approved biologist. If a sighting occurs during construction, the biologist should prepare a report of the event and submit it to CDFW.

Response 2-T

The annual water level at Castaic Lake fluctuates seasonally, with the highest lake surface elevations occurring in the summer and fall, dropping during the winter and spring by approximately 20 feet to 1,485 feet amsl. As shown on Figure 8 of the IS/MND the drawdown would begin in early June. The water elevation would reach the lower end of the normal operating elevation of 1,485 feet amsl in late July, early August 2021. The project would then take approximately 4 months to reach 1,380 feet amsl and would remain at the lowest level for a total of 6 weeks. During the western pond turtle breeding season between May and June, the project footprint would be submerged and trapping surveys would be infeasible. Once the drawdown reaches the lowest elevation to expose pier 2, the deepest for the piers, the retrofit work would occur in the middle of winter, outside of the breeding season for the western pond turtle. The lake would return to 1,485 feet amsl around March 2022 and to the 1,505 feet amsl in April 2022 before breeding season begins.

Comment 2-U

Mitigation Measure #2: The Applicant should mitigate impacts to western pond turtle by creating suitable, breeding, foraging habitat at a CDFW-approved location within Los Angeles County. Habitat will be conserved in perpetuity via conveyance of a conservation easement to a CDFW-approved conservation entity and a management fund (endowment) should be established by the Applicant consisting of an interest-bearing account with the amount of capital necessary to generate sufficient interest and/or income to fund all monitoring, management, and protection of the conservation area(s), including but not limited to, reasonable administrative overhead, biological monitoring, invasive species and trash removal, fencing and signage replacement and repair, law enforcement measures, long-term management reporting (as described below), and other actions designed to maintain and improve the habitat of the conserved land(s), in perpetuity. A Property Analysis Record, or substantially equivalent analysis, should be conducted to determine the management needs and costs described above, which then will be used to calculate the capital needed for the management of the fund. Except for uses appropriate to a habitat conservation area, the public should not have access to the mitigation area(s), and no activities should be permitted within the site, except maintenance of habitat, including the removal of nonnative plant species, trash, and debris, and the installation of native plant materials.

Response 2-U

Please refer to Responses 2S and 2T.

Comment 2-V

Nesting bird habitat located along the shore of Castaic Lake, outside of the immediate Project construction footprint, is likely to be impacted by a drawdown of water levels. Page 13 of the BRTR states that there is potential for multiple SSCs to occur on the Project site. Loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*) "was observed in 2015 in Castaic Lagoon, approximately 0.7 miles south of tower bridge. A review of CNDDB indicates that there is historic record of observation of loggerhead shrike immediately southwest of the Project site.

Yellow warbler (*Setophaga petechial*) has potential to occur on the Project site because "Suitable habitat for foraging is available adjacent to tower bridge and lake in the California buckwheat-California sagebrush approximately 200 feet away.

Construction during the breeding season for nesting birds could result in the incidental loss of fertile eggs or nestlings or otherwise lead to nest abandonment. The Project could also lead to the loss of foraging habitat for sensitive bird species.

Impacts to nesting birds could result from vegetation clearing and other ground disturbing activities. Project disturbance activities could result in mortality or injury to nestlings, as well temporary or long-term loss of suitable nesting and foraging habitats. Construction during the breeding season for nesting birds could result in the incidental loss of reproductive success or otherwise lead to nest abandonment.

The loss of occupied habitat or reductions in the number of rare bird species, either directly or indirectly through nest abandonment or reproductive suppression, would constitute a significant impact absent appropriate mitigation. Furthermore, nests of all native bird species are protected under State laws and regulations, including Fish and Game Code sections 3503and 3503.5. CDFW also considers impacts to SSC a significant direct and cumulative adverse effect without implementing appropriate avoidance and/or mitigation measures.

Response 2-V

The IS/MND identifies that three special-status avian species (prairie falcon, loggerhead shrike, and yellow warbler) have a medium or high potential to occur (for foraging only); however, none of these species were observed during the field assessment. Suitable habitat for these species exists in the California buckwheat - California sagebrush scrub vegetation adjacent to the tower bridge. Although suitable habitat exists within 200 feet of the proposed work areas, construction activities would not require vegetation removal and activities would be limited to those areas shown on Figure 5 of the IS/MND. These areas are comprised of an existing parking lot, dirt roads, the newly exposed lake bottom, and the tower bridge. The proposed project would not include the removal or destruction of suitable habitat used by these three special-status avian species. In addition, suitable habit for the species, California buckwheat - California sagebrush scrub, is available throughout the recreational areas surrounding Castaic Lake (e.g., east side of the Castaic Dam) and these species would have the ability to temporarily find suitable habitat elsewhere within the State Recreation Area. No nighttime construction would occur. Temporary construction activities would not significantly impact the yellow warbler, prairie falcon, or loggerhead shrike's foraging habits. Furthermore, the IS/MND includes Mitigation Measure BIO-2, which requires that a preconstruction avian nesting surveys be conducted by a qualified biologist prior to any vegetation removal, grading, or work on the tower bridge. If any active nests are found during the preconstruction survey, a qualified biologist will implement avoidance buffers to remain until a qualified biologist confirms that the nest is inactive and the young have fledged.

The IS/MND identified that there are mud nests of barn swallows underneath the tower bridge and that the barn swallows are protected under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 (MBTA). Construction activities could potentially impact and displace nesting barn swallow. As a result, the IS/MND includes Mitigation Measure BIO-2, which requires preconstruction avian nesting surveys to be conducted by a qualified biologist if construction occurs between March 1 to September 15. If active nests are found below the tower bridge during the preconstruction avian nesting surveys, a qualified biologist shall prepare a Nesting Bird Exclusion Plan that avoidance measures, including exclusionary techniques, and installation of materials to temporarily prevent barn swallows or any birds nesting below the tower bridge from re-entering the nests. Implementation of Mitigation Measure BIO-2 would reduce the potential impacting to nesting birds to less than significant.

Comment 2-W

Mitigation Measure #1: To protect nesting birds that may occur on-site, CDFW recommends that the final environmental document include a measure that no construction should occur from

February 15 through August 31. If construction during this period must occur, a qualified biologist should complete a survey for nesting bird activity within a 500-foot radius of the construction site. The nesting bird surveys should be conducted at appropriate nesting times and concentrate on potential roosting or perch sites. If any nests of birds of prey are observed, they will be designated an ecologically sensitive area and protected (while occupied) by a minimum 500-foot radius during project construction.

Response 2-W

Please refer to Response 2-V.

Comment 2-X

A review of CNDDB indicates that there are recorded observations of least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*- LBV), a state and federally endangered species, immediately south (and downstream) to the Project site in Castaic Lagoon.

Impacts to LBV could result from the loss of habitat as a result of diminished water levels. Riparian vegetation, such a willow riparian scrub, are reliant upon nearby water levels. If the shoreline is to recede or less water is allowed to flow downstream, sensitive species such as LBV, may experience a loss of habitat.

Project disturbance activities could result in temporary or long-term loss of suitable nesting and foraging habitats. Construction during the breeding season of nesting birds could result in the incidental loss of breeding success or otherwise lead to nest abandonment.

Response 2-X

Within the project site, riparian and aquatic vegetation supported by the lake is generally lacking due to water level fluctuations and the steep shorelines of the reservoir. Several Gooding's willow and Fremont cottonwood are naturally situated to the southeast of the tower bridge approximately 50 to 220 feet away. Aquatic vegetation densities in Castaic Lake are low, potentially due to normal operating conditions and the accompanying changes in surface elevation of the lake (CDFW 2013). Species that depend on riparian vegetation, such as least Bell's vireo, are not expected to be impacted by the project, since a limited amount of riparian trees (e.g., Gooding's willow) are present in the vicinity of the project. As shown by the recent drought, the temporary drawdown of the lake. Gooding's willow, Fremont cottonwood, and other habitat showed drought resiliency; therefore, a much shorter drawdown will not substantially change the habitat in the vicinity of the project. As a result, no impacts on least Bell's vireo habitat or breeding populations are expected to occur. Further, the implementation of the proposed project would not change the water elevation at the Castaic Lagoon. The willow riparian scrub that exists within the Castaic Lagoon would not be altered as a result of the proposed project.

Comment 2-Y

Noise from road use, generators, and other equipment may disrupt LBV mating calls or songs, which could impact reproductive success (Patricelli and Blickley 2006, Halfwerk et al. 2011).

Noise has been shown to reduce the density of nesting birds (Francis et al. 2009), and Bayne et al. (2008) found that songbird abundance and density was significantly reduced in areas with high levels of noise. Additionally, noise exceeding 70 dB(A) may affect feather and body growth of young birds (Kleist et al. 2018).

Artificial light may attract or disorient migrating least Bell's vireo by disrupting navigation (Ogden1996, Longcore and Rich 2004, 2016) and may also suppress their immune system (Moore and Siopes 2000). In addition, songbirds that live in areas with artificial light often begin morning choruses during night hours (Derricks on 1988, Miller 2006, Fuller et al. 2007), which may disrupt typical breeding behaviors.

Response 2-Y

Please refer to Response 2-V.

Least Bell's vireo depend on riparian vegetation such as the willow riparian scrub located at the Castaic Lagoon. Riparian and aquatic vegetation supported by the lake is generally lacking around Castaic Lake due to water level fluctuations and the steep shorelines of the reservoir. Unlike Castaic Lake, Castaic Lagoon water levels do not fluctuate, allowing for riparian vegetation to thrive around the shoreline.

Furthermore, construction noise would only be associated with short-term construction of the access road, and in the lake bed around the piers. The existing Castaic Dam would block any temporary construction noise from impacting the habitat within the Castaic Lagoon. There is very little habit within the immediate construction footprint that would support song birds. The project would not impact the riparian trees found just southeast of the tower. In addition, construction would begin outside of the nesting bird season. However, even if construction activities do overlap with the nesting bird season, the IS/MND includes Mitigation Measure BIO-2 which would require nesting bird surveys. The proposed project would not include nighttime construction and would not include lighting that could disorient LBV.

Comment 2-Z

Consistent with CEQA Guidelines, Section 15380, the status of the LBV as an endangered species pursuant to the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. § 1531et seq.) and the California Endangered Species Act (Fish & G. Code, § 2050 et seq.) qualifies it as an endangered, rare, or threatened species under CEQA.

Least Bell's vireo were abundant and widespread in the U.S. until the 1950s (Grinnell and Miller1944). By the 1960s, they were considered scarce (Monson 1960), and by 1980, there were fewer than 50 pairs remaining (Edwards 1980), although this number had increased to 2,500 by2004 (Kus and Whitfield 2005). The primary cause of decline for this species has been the loss and alteration of riparian woodland habitats (USFWS 2006).

Project impacts may result in substantial adverse effects, either directly or through habitat modifications, on a species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by CDFW or USFWS. Adverse impacts to LBV may

occur without implementing take avoidance surveys prior to operations, including, but not limited to, ground and vegetation disturbing activities.

Response 2-Z

Please refer to Response 2-V through 2-Y.

Comment 2-AA

Mitigation Measure #1: CDFW recommends conducting focused surveys for least Bell's vireo and incorporating the results into the MND. Prior to initiation of construction within or adjacent to suitable nesting habitat, a CDFW-approved biologist with experience surveying for and observing least Bell's vireo should conduct preconstruction surveys in accordance with established protocols to establish use of nesting habitat. Surveys should be conducted within and adjacent to suitable habitat, where access allows, during the nesting season (generally March 15 to July 31). If a nesting colony is found, no activity should occur within a 500-footbuffer of the colony until a qualified biologist determines and CDFW confirms that all chicks have fledged and are no longer reliant on the nest site.

Response 2-AA

Please refer to Response 2-V through 2-Y.

Comment 2-AB

Mitigation Measure #2: If take of least Bell's vireo would occur from Project construction or operation, a state incidental take permit (ITP) under CESA would be required for the Project. CDFW may consider the Lead Agency's CEQA documentation for its CESA-related actions if it adequately analyzes/discloses impacts and mitigation to State-listed species. Additional documentation may be required as part of an ITP application for the Project for CDFW to adequately develop an accurate take analysis and identify measures that would fully mitigate for take of state-listed species.

Response 2-AB

Please refer to Response 2-V through 2-Y.

Comment 2-AC

The Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project analysis of impacts can be broken down into two main components: reduction of water levels in Castaic Lake and construction related activities for pier maintenance. The MND provides an analysis of impacts resulting from activities in the immediate footprint of the Project. But the Project MND, BRTR, and Memo did not fully consider the impacts to the entirety of the shoreline of Castaic Lake. If Project activities include reducing water levels to near-drought conditions, then those conditions apply to the entire lake. The sensitive species found around the lake, including sensitive natural communities and wildlife species that are reliant upon them, need to be included in a complete analysis of the Project.

Response 2-AC

Please refer to Response 2-E.

As stated, riparian and aquatic vegetation supported by the lake are generally lacking due to water level fluctuations and the steep shorelines of the reservoir. Any riparian habitat or habitat hydrologically connected to the lake would be temporarily impacted over the span of the 8-months of reduced water levels. However, the riparian habitat has shown drought resiliency and the ability to recover once the water levels were restored after past droughts including the most recent drought in 2015-2016 when water levels fluctuated between 1,375 and 1,390 feet amsl for over a year. The proposed drawdown would be much shorter in duration, lasting approximately 8 months with most of that time over the wet winter months and only for 6 weeks during the lowest planned elevation of 1,380 feet amsl. It is anticipated that the much shorter drawdown over the winter months will not substantially change the habitat in the vicinity of the project area as shown by the habitat resiliency from past droughts.

Comment 2-AD

The Project, as proposed, would have an impact on fish and/or wildlife, and assessment of filing fees is necessary. Fees are payable upon filing of the Notice of Determination by DWR and serve to help defray the cost of environmental review by CDFW. Payment of the fee is required for the underlying Project approval to be operative, vested, and final. (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, §753.5; Fish & Game Code, § 711.4; Pub. Resources Code, § 21089).

Response 2-AD

Comment noted.

Comment 2-AE

The comment includes a table with all of the CDFW proposed Mitigation Measures outlined in the letter.

Response 2-AE

Please refer to Responses 2-F through 2-AB.

Letter 3: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Comment 3-A

The comment summarizes the proposed project.

Response 3-A

The comment does not state a specific concern about the adequacy of the IS/MND or otherwise comment on the contents of the IS/MND analysis. Therefore, the comment is noted and will be included in the project record, but a response is not required pursuant to CEQA.

Comment 3-B

The comment states that Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) is in favor of the proposed project, but is concerned about the challenges that the proposed project and other proposed projects at Castaic Lake might have on water supply reliability. The comment requests that DWR schedule projects that require water level drawdowns at Castaic Lake until after the completion of the current Greg Avenue Pump Station project slated for completion in late Spring 2021. In addition, the comment states a concern that major work in both State Water Project (SWP) terminal reservoirs, Castaic Lake and Lake Perris at the same time, may significantly impact Metropolitan's water supply reliability for its member agencies.

Response 3-B

Comment noted. The comment does not state a specific concern about the adequacy of the IS/MND or otherwise comment on the contents of the IS/MND analysis. Therefore, the comment is noted and will be included in the project record. DWR acknowledges Metropolitan is working on the Greg Avenue Pump Station project that is slated to be completed in Spring 2021. As described in the Public Draft IS/MND, the drawdown would take approximately 5 months to lower the water surface elevation to 1,380 feet above mean sea level (amsl), beginning around June 2021 and reaching the elevation of 1,380 feet amsl by November 1, 2021. Castaic Lake would remain at the lowered level through December 15, 2021, at which time refilling of the lake would begin. It is anticipated that the lake would return to its normal operating elevation (1,505 feet) around April 2022. As a result, the drawdown would begin in late spring near the completion of the Greg Avenue Pump Station project. Furthermore, DWR will coordinate with Metropolitan to ensure that water supply reliability is not significantly impacted as a result of the drawdown required for the project.

Please refer to Responses 3E, 3G, and 3H.

Comment 3-C

The comment states that Metropolitan has contract rights to access up to 153,940-acre feet (AF) of Article 54c water, called Flex Storage, in Castaic Lake, in addition to its scheduled deliveries of Table A water. In times of need, such as during a low SWP allocation, Metropolitan can borrow the Flex Storage to meet its demand. Castaic Lake storage can be used in case of an emergency. The proposed low elevation of 1,380 amsl would keep Castaic Lake at around 100,000 AF of total storage, impacting the availability of Flex Storage and emergency backup supplies.

Response 3-C

The proposed project was designed to include the lowest water level drawdown period during the winter months, when the lake is already at a reduced capacity and Metropolitan typically experiences decreased water demand. The proposed project is deemed essential for dam safety purposes and continued maintenance work necessary for DWR's operation of the SWP. The project also enhances the reliability of water deliveries, whether that be Table A, Flex Storage, or emergency backup supplies. Although there will be a temporary decrease in available Flex

Storage or emergency supply during the project's duration, DWR will coordinate with Metropolitan and other stakeholders who may be impacted by the proposed project, regarding water deliveries, including requests in Flex Storage or emergency purposes, if necessary.

The lowest elevation of the drawdown at 1,380 feet amsl is required in order to access the lowest bridge pier footing. The construction work has been designed to take place on the other piers and abutment during the drawdown (while the lake level is being lowered and raised) in order to minimize the time required for the reduced water level. As shown on page 15 and Figure 8 of the Public Draft IS/MND, the lake would remain at 1,380 feet amsl for approximately 1.5 months of the 10-month drawdown period. This time is required to access and conduct the work around the tower bridge's Pier 2 footing. The work will be conducted expeditiously and safely, in order to ensure the seismic retrofit of the tower bridge is conducted properly. Note that the lowest surface elevation (1,380 feet amsl) is 100 feet above the low water intake tower, which allows for the continued capability to deliver water through the Castaic Dam outlet system.

Throughout the duration of the project, DWR will coordinate the drawdown and refill of the lake with the State Water Contractors and other stakeholders who may be impacted by the proposed project, including Metropolitan. DWR will conduct regular reoccurring stakeholder engagement meetings to schedule and coordinate with Metropolitan and other stakeholders who may be impacted by the proposed project, for water delivery during this drawdown and refill period.

Comment 3-D

The comment states that although the project is necessary, the drawdown duration of 10 months might cause significant stress to water supplies, should the period coincide with Metropolitan's need to access Castaic Lake supplies. In addition, the lower lake levels will limit the amount of flow Metropolitan can deliver on the Foothill Feeder and will eventually stop hydroelectric generation at the Foothill Hydroelectric Plant. Metropolitan requests coordination with DWR to work around these potential constraints.

Response 3-D

Please refer to Response 3C.

The drawdown at the lake is temporary, lasting a total of approximately 10 months while the water level is reduced and returned to normal conditions. As shown on Page 15 and Figure 8 of the Public Draft IS/MND, the lake would remain at 1,380 feet amsl for approximately 1.5 months during low water demands, typically, of the 10-month drawdown period.

DWR will coordinate the drawdown with State Water Contractors and other stakeholders who may be impacted by the proposed project, including Metropolitan.

Comment 3-E

The comment requests DWR consider consolidating all Castaic Lake projects that need a drawdown for the same period.

Response 3-E

As part of the Castaic Dam Modernization Program, DWR does have several projects in the future (5 - 10 years) for dam safety purposes that may require a drawdown. However, these projects are still in the planning phase with no established requirements for drawing down the lake. Public safety is a top priority of DWR. The objective of the proposed project is to retrofit the tower bridge to make it more seismically safe for continued use after a significant seismic event in the near-term. In order to maintain public safety, the project is being scheduled in 2021.

Prior to construction, DWR will coordinate the drawdown with State Water Contractors and other stakeholders who may be impacted by the proposed project, including Metropolitan.

Comment 3-F

The comment requests DWR consider reducing the duration of the lowest elevation (1,380 feet amsl).

Response 3-F

Please refer to Response 3-C.

Comment 3-G

The comment requests DWR consider postponing the start of Castaic Lake work that requires water level drawdown until after Metropolitan's Greg Avenue project is completed (scheduled for late Spring 2021).

Response 3-G

Please refer to Response 3-B.

DWR will coordinate with Metropolitan on water deliveries, but does not anticipate postponing the seismic retrofit safety project due to construction delays of the Greg Avenue project. See Figure 8 of the Public Draft IS/MND showing the lake drawdown schedule. DWR does not anticipate a conflict with the drawdown and the completion of the Greg Avenue project, particularly since the lowest levels in Castaic Lake will occur 6 months after the anticipated completion of the Greg Avenue project. Nevertheless, DWR will coordinate the drawdown with State Water Contractors and other stakeholders who may be impacted by the proposed project, including Metropolitan.

Comment 3-H

The comment requests DWR consider scheduling Castaic Lake and Perris Lake work to minimize impacts to water supply reliability.

Response 3-H

Comment noted. DWR will coordinate the drawdown with State Water Contractors and other stakeholders who may be impacted by this proposed project and Perris Dam projects that could impact water supplies and deliveries. This coordination will include Metropolitan.

Comment 3-I

The comment requests DWR consider allowing for substitution of the Flex Storage and/or Castaic Lake's emergency supplies with other supplies, in case such supplies are needed during the project duration.

Response 3-I

Comment noted. DWR will coordinate the drawdown with State Water Contractors and other stakeholders who may be impacted by the proposed project, including Metropolitan. DWR will continue to work closely with Metropolitan by conducting reoccurring stakeholder engagement meetings to schedule and coordinate water deliveries during this drawdown and refill period.

Please refer to Response 3-C.

Letter 4: County of Los Angeles Fire Department **Comment 4-A**

The Planning Division has no comment.

Response 4-A

Comment noted.

Comment 4-B

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Land Development Unit has no requirements for the Seismic Retrofit of the Tower Bridge at Castaic Lake.

Additional comments pending the information returned by the applicant for Fire Department plan check; presently all outstanding comments have been addressed via plan check.

Response 4-B

Comment noted. The comment does not state a specific concern about the adequacy of the IS/MND or otherwise comment on the contents of the IS/MND analysis. Therefore, the comment is noted and will be included in the project record, but a response is not required pursuant to CEQA.

Comment 4-C

The statutory responsibilities of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Forestry Division include erosion control, watershed management, rare and endangered species, vegetation, fuel modification for Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, archeological and cultural resources, and the County Oak Tree Ordinance. Potential impacts in these areas should be addressed.

If Oak trees are known to exist in the proposed project area further field studies should be conducted to determine the presence of this species on the project site.

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Forestry Division has no further comments regarding this project.

Response 4-C

The IS/MND prepared for the proposed project evaluated the potential impacts of the project on biological resources, cultural resources, hydrology and water quality, and wildfire. IS/MND concluded the proposed project would have a less than significant impact to hydrology and water quality and wildfire. The project would have a less than significant impact with mitigation to biological resources and cultural resources.

As documented in the BRTR and in the IS/MND, the proposed project impact areas and adjacent areas do not support sensitive natural communities, including Oak trees. The proposed project footprint would be along the lake bank and with the lakebed. The implementation of the proposed project would not impact Oak trees.

Comment 4-D

The Health Hazardous Materials Division of Los Angeles Fire Department has no comments or requirements for the project at this time.

Response 4-D

Comment noted.

SECTION 5 Errata

The following revisions to the text as presented herein are incorporated into the IS/MND. <u>Underlines</u> indicate where additions were made to the original text. Strikeout indicates where the original text was deleted. The locations of revisions are identified according to section number and/or page number from the IS/MND. Revisions to the IS/MND have not resulted in new significant impacts or mitigation measures or increased the severity of an impact.

5.1 Changes Made by the Lead Agency

Section 1.5 Project Description

Page 8 Clarification/Revision

The following text has been added to Section 1.5, Project Description to include the addition of the new electrical upgrades to the high tower.

Construction would occur at the tower bridge, high tower abutment, Piers 2 through 4, and Abutment 5. The tower bridge retrofits include <u>upgrading the high tower's electrical</u> <u>system</u>, installing restrainer cables to transfer longitudinal seismic forces to the adjacent spans or frames, retainer and catcher blocks of the tower bridge, and carbon fiber reinforcement jacketing of the piers. Carbon fiber reinforcement is an extremely strong and lightweight carbon-fiber-reinforced plastic. Each pier jacket would strengthen the pier structure to further withstand a large seismic event. It is anticipated that construction activities would take approximately 6 weeks to retrofit each pier. Once retrofitting of the piers are complete, the lake water level would return to normal conditions. The work on the tower bridge is independent of the pier work and would not be dependent on the lake drawdown schedule (described below).

Page 11 Clarification/Revision

Figure 5, Project Detail, has been modified to show a slightly revised project impact area for the access road within the lake and the addition of the alignment for the electrical conduit. Based on current design requirements of the truck turn-around areas surrounding each pier, it was determined that the original design would require encroachment below the 1380 foot amsl water level. Therefore, DWR has re-designed the access road and truck turn-around areas to ensure that construction activities stay above the water level. No changes to the project description are required beyond what was described above.



SOURCE: Google Earth, 2018

Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project

Figure 5 Project Detail



Section 1.6 Project Construction

Page 16 Clarification/Revision

The following change to the total cubic yards of soil being removed and stocked piled has been made due to the changes to the project footprint.

Pier Modifications

The tower bridge retrofit work would occur while the lake is being drawn down. Work on Piers 2 through Pier 4, and high tower abutment, would commence as the water level drops, ultimately reaching 1,380 feet amsl, the level required to complete work on Pier 2. Once the soils have dried sufficiently, access roads would be constructed and soils around each pier would be excavated to the top of the pile shaft. Approximately <u>2,75025,615</u> cubic yards of soil would be removed and temporarily stored at a nearby staging area. Light (30-pound) jackhammers would be used to roughen the surface of existing concrete on abutments where new concrete would be placed. Power washing on piers could be conducted one of two ways, with a hydroblasting wall tool providing a necessary surface profile to collect all the debris and/or sponge blasting where all the debris is collected in a sponge. Debris and water would be contained and would not enter the lake with both power-washing methods.

Page 17 Clarification/Revision

The following text has been added to Section 1.6, Project Construction to include the addition of the high tower electrical upgrades.

Electrical Upgrade

The electrical upgrade would include installing a new telephone line from the high tower within the utilities corridor of the access bridge, south along an existing maintenance road, to an existing pull box adjacent to the spillway (see revised Figure 5). The electrical conduit would be installed via a cut and cover technique, the trench for the conduit would be approximately three feet deep by one foot wide. All work would occur within the existing maintenance road and would not impact any adjacent vegetation.

Section 2.3 Air Quality

Page 29 Clarification/Revision

The following change to the total cubic yards of soil being removed and stocked piled has been made due to the changes to the project footprint. No additional analysis is required beyond what was included in the MND.

... Once the pier retrofit is completed the access roads would be removed and the lake bed would be restored to preconstruction conditions. After site preparation of the staging areas is completed, construction of on the tower bridge and Abutment 5 would occur simultaneously as the lake is being drawn down. Work on Abutment 5 would begin once the footings are exposed and surrounding soils have dried sufficiently. As the lake is drawn down to where the piers are exposed enough, construction and retrofitting activities on Piers 2, 3, and 4 would occur, sequentially without overlap as the water level

drops. The lake is to be refilled as the construction and seismic retrofitting activities are completed. Approximately 2,75025,615 cubic yards of soil may be removed and temporarily stored at a nearby staging area...

Section 2.5 Cultural Resources

Page 51 Clarification/Revision

The following modification has been made to Mitigation Measure CUL-1.

CUL-1: After the lake's surface elevation is lowered from the normal operation elevation of 1,505 feet to approximately 1,380 feet and the soils have dried sufficiently, a Qualified Archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for archaeology shall conduct a pre-construction archaeological resources survey of all accessible areas within the construction impact area<u>Area of Direct Impacts</u> (<u>ADI</u>) and site access route that were not previously surveyed in 2019 and the area between the 1,495-foot and 1,505-foot elevation contours. DWR shall invite one representative from the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians who consulted on this project (referred to hereafter as the consulting tribe) to participate in the survey. Prior to initiating the survey, the Qualified Archaeologist, or their designee, shall conduct a records search update at the South Central Coastal Information Center and a review of resources on file at California State Parks, U.S. Forest Service – Angeles National Forest, and U.S. Bureau of Land Management – Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office (land management agencies), to ensure that the most recent data is available to surveyors.

Section 2.7 Geology and Soils

Page 62 Clarification/Revision

The following change to the total cubic yards of soil being removed and stocked piled has been made due to the changes to the project footprint.

b) Less than Significant Impact. During construction of the proposed project, grading and excavation activities would expose and disturb surface soils. Construction would begin once soil sufficiently dries to complete excavation work. Excavation would occur to a depth of up to 10 feet surrounding tower bridge piers and along the lakebed access road. During construction, approximately 2,75025,615 cubic yards of soil would be removed and temporarily stored at nearby staging areas. Soil exposed by construction activities could be subject to erosion if exposed to heavy rain, winds, or other storm events. However, the proposed project would require a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit from the Regional Water Quality Control Board, as the proposed project would disturb at least one acre of soil. A project specific Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) would be prepared in compliance with the Construction General Permit.

Section 2.10 Hydrology and Water Quality

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The following text has been added to Section 2.10, Hydrology and Water Quality.

a) Less than Significant Impact. The proposed project would require earthwork activities such as site preparation, grading, <u>trenching</u>, stockpiling of soils and excavation.

SECTION 6 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the proposed project has been prepared in accordance with Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21081.6 and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091(d). DWR will use this MMRP to track compliance with the project mitigation measures. DWR will consider the MMRP during the certification hearing for the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND). The MMRP will incorporate all mitigation measures adopted for the proposed project.

This MMRP summarizes potentially significant impacts and mitigation commitments identified in the Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit IS/MND. **Table 6-1** provides the MMRP which includes all mitigation measures, project design features, monitoring processes, monitoring timing, and responsible persons/agency for implementation. Impacts and mitigation measures are presented in the same order as in the project IS/MND. The columns in the table provide the following information:

- Mitigation Measures: The action(s) that will be taken to reduce the impact to a less-thansignificant level.
- **Monitoring Process/Reporting Action:** This column outlines the appropriate steps to implement and verify compliance with the mitigation measures.
- **Monitoring Timing:** This column indicates the general schedule for conducting each monitoring task, either prior to construction, during construction, and/or after construction.
- **Responsible Person(s):** This column lists the agency responsible for ensuring implementation of the mitigation measure.

TABLE 6-1
MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM - DWR CASTAIC DAM HIGH INTAKE TOWER BRIDGE RETROFIT PROJECT

Mitigation Measure	Monitoring Process/ Reporting Action	Monitoring Time	Responsible Person(s)
Air Quality	-		
AQ-1 : The project shall utilize off-road diesel-powered construction equipment that meets or exceeds the CARB and USEPA Tier 3 off-road emissions standards for equipment rated at 175 horsepower or greater during project construction. These requirements shall be included in applicable bid documents and successful contractor(s) must demonstrate the ability to supply such equipment. A copy of each unit's certified tier specification or model year specification and CARB or SCAQMD operating permit (if applicable) shall be available upon request at the time of mobilization of each applicable unit of equipment.	Site Monitoring	Prior to Construction During Construction	DWR Construction Contractor
Biological Resources			
BIO-1: Prior to the start of construction that could affect special-status species, a qualified biologist shall provide a Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training to all construction workers on-site. The training shall include materials to aid workers in identifying and special-status plants and wildlife that should be avoided; relocation procedures of species; applicable laws and regulations protecting such resources; and proper avoidance and communication procedures to protect sensitive biological resources, as well as common wildlife whenever possible.	Retain a qualified biologist to provide WEAP training to all construction workers on-site as specified in Mitigation Measure BIO-1	Prior to and throughout Construction	DWR Construction Contractor
 BIO-2: If the nesting bird season cannot be avoided and construction underneath the tower bridge occurs March 1 to September 15, the following shall be implemented to avoid and minimize impacts to nesting birds: A qualified biologist shall conduct a preconstruction avian nesting survey no more than five days prior to initiation project activities on the tower bridge. If construction begins in the non-breeding season and proceeds continuously into the breeding season, no surveys are required. However, if there is a break of five days or more in project activities during the breeding season, a new nesting bird survey shall be conducted before construction begins again. The preconstruction survey shall cover all reasonable potential nesting locations underneath the tower bridge as well as any areas where vegetation removal/grading is proposed. If an active nest is found during the preconstruction avian nesting survey, a qualified biologist shall implement a suitable avoidance buffer that shall be based on the location of the nest, species, and the type of work that is being conducted. The nest is inactive and the young have fledged. Buffer areas may be increased if any special-status birds or raptors are determined to be nesting in the area. A Nesting Bird Exclusion Plan (Bird Plan) shall be prepared if any birds such as barn swallows are observed nesting on the underside of the tower bridge. The Bird Plan will include procedures for avoiding impacts to nesting birds, including an overview of the proposed work that will be conducted where nests have been documented; purpose and need; survey methodology; laws and regulations protecting nesting birds; survey results and overview of potential impacts; and avoidance measures, including exclusionary techniques, and installation of materials to temporarily prevent barn swallows for metering the neets. 	Retain a qualified biologist to conduct a preconstruction spring/summer active season reconnaissance survey for birds as specified in Mitigation Measure BIO-2	Prior to Construction During Construction	DWR

Mitigation Measure	Monitoring Process/ Reporting Action	Monitoring Time	Responsible Person(s)
BIO-3: A focused visual survey for roosting special-status bats shall focus on detecting evidence (guano) of bat roosting on the underside of the tower bridge. Qualified biologists shall conduct a visual survey to identify ingress/egress locations of potential bat roosting sites.	Retain a qualified biologist to conduct a visual survey to identify ingress/egress	Prior to Construction	DWR
In the event that it is determined that bats are roosting on the underside of the tower bridge, a Bat Exclusion Plan (Bat Plan) shall be prepared that includes procedures for avoiding impacts to roosting bats. The Bat Plan shall include an overview of the project; purpose and need; survey methodology; laws and regulations protecting bats; survey results and overview of potential impacts; and avoidance measures, such as preconstruction surveys, exclusionary techniques, and installation of materials to temporarily prevent bats from recolonization.	locations of potential bat roosting sites, and in the event of roosting bats, prepare a Bat Plan as specified in Mitigation Measure BIO-3.		
Cultural Resources			
CUL-1: After the lake's surface elevation is lowered from the normal operation elevation of 1,505 feet to approximately 1,380 feet and the soils have dried sufficiently, a Qualified Archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for archaeology shall conduct a preconstruction archaeological resources survey of all accessible areas within the Area of Direct Impacts (ADI) and site access route and the area between the 1,495-foot and 1,505-foot elevation contours. DWR shall invite one representative from the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians who consulted on this project (referred to hereafter as the consulting tribe) to participate in the survey. Prior to initiating the survey, the Qualified Archaeologist, or their designee, shall conduct a records search update at the South Central Coastal Information Center and a review of resources on file at California State Parks, U.S. Forest Service – Angeles National Forest, and U.S. Bureau of Land Management – Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office (land management agencies), to ensure that the most recent data is available to surveyors.	al operation elevation of 1,505 feet to alified Archaeologist meeting the archaeology shall conduct a pre- swithin the Area of Direct Impacts at 1,505-foot elevation contours. In Band of Mission Indians who pe) to participate in the survey. Prior ee, shall conduct a records search wo fresources on file at California S. Bureau of Land Management – s), to ensure that the most recentRetain a Qualified Archaeologist and one representative from the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians who consulted on this project to conduct a pre- constructionPrior to ConstructionDWRalifying as historical resources or CEQA. The Qualified Archaeologist shall perpare lified Archaeologist shall prepare lified Archaeologist shall prepare lified Archaeologist shall also submit er and land management agencies. mical resources or unique are identified during the survey, theyRetain a Qualified Archaeologist and one representative from the 	Prior to Construction During Construction	DWR
The survey shall document archaeological resources potentially qualifying as historical resources or unique archaeological resources or tribal cultural resources under CEQA. The Qualified Archaeologist shall document the results of the survey in a report addendum (or technical memorandum). The Qualified Archaeologist shall also prepare Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) 523 forms for resources encountered during the survey, which shall be appended to the report. The Qualified Archaeologist shall submit the report to DWR within 5 days after completion of the survey. DWR shall provide a copy of the report addendum (or technical memorandum) and DPR 523 forms for resources that are prehistoric or Native American in origin to the consulting tribe for their review and comment, and shall provide them with 30 days to comment in writing. The Qualified Archaeologist shall also submit the final documents to the South Central Coastal Information Center and land management agencies. In the event archaeological resources potentially qualifying as historical resources or unique archaeological resources or tribal cultural resources under CEQA are identified during the survey, they shall be treated in accordance with Mitigation Measure CUL-2 .			

Mitigation Measure	Monitoring Process/ Reporting Action	Monitoring Time	Responsible Person(s)
CUL-2: In the event that archaeological resources potentially qualifying as historical resources or	Retain qualified	Prior to Construction	DWR
Unique archaeological resources or tribal cultural resources under CEQA are encountered during pre- construction surveys or construction-related ground disturbance, the Qualified Archaeologist shall evaluate the resource to determine if it meets the definition for historical resource in CEQA Guidelines subdivision 15064.5(a) or unique archaeological resource in PRC subdivision 21083.2(g) or tribal cultural resource in PRC Section 21074. DWR shall consult with the consulting tribe on the eligibility of potential tribal cultural resources. If a discovery of archaeological materials occurs during construction, DWR or its contractor shall immediately cease all work activities in the area (within approximately 100 feet) of the discovery until the Qualified Archaeologist has inspected the discovery and conferred with DWR on the potential significance of the resource. In the event that the discovery is prehistoric or Native American in origin, DWR shall notify the consulting tribe and provide them with the opportunity to consult on the significance of the discovery, as well as the opportunity to provide a monitor during future ground disturbance, if deemed appropriate.	Archaeologist to determine CEQA and PRC needs in the event a potentially historic or unique archaeological resource encountered and notify consulting tribe in the event of a discovery of prehistoric or Native American Origin as specified in Mitigation Measure CUL-2.	During Construction	
If it is determined that a discovered archaeological resource within the ADI meets the definition for historical resource in CEQA Guidelines subdivision 15064.5(a) or unique archaeological resource in PRC subdivision 21083.2(g) or tribal cultural resource in PRC subdivision 21074, avoidance and preservation in place shall be the preferred manner of mitigation. Preservation in place maintains the important relationship between artifacts and their archaeological context and also serves to avoid conflict with traditional and religious values of groups who may ascribe meaning to the resource. Preservation in place may be accomplished by, but is not limited to, avoidance, incorporating the resource into open space, capping, or deeding the site into a permanent conservation easement. If avoidance of a resource is determined by DWR to be infeasible in light of factors such as the nature of the find, proposed project design, costs, and other considerations, then the Qualified Archaeologist shall develop and implement an Archaeological Resources Data Recovery and Treatment Plan. The plan shall be designed to provide for adequately recovering the scientifically consequential information for which the resource is eligible for the CRHR under Criterion 4, which entails recovery of archaeological materials sufficient to address important regional and local research questions.			
DWR shall afford the consulting tribe the opportunity to participate in development of plans for data recovery and treatment of prehistoric or Native American resources to ensure that cultural values ascribed to the resource by the tribe are considered. DWR shall also afford the consulting tribe the opportunity to monitor implementation of any data recovery or other treatment measures for prehistoric or Native American resources. Should the consulting tribe elect not to participate, DWR shall consult with other appropriate Native American representatives in determining treatment for prehistoric or Native American resources.			
If any additional historical resources, unique archaeological resources, or tribal cultural resources are identified in the Area of Indirect Impacts (AII), they shall be subject to the site condition assessments required by Mitigation Measure CUL-3 .			

Mitigation Measure	Monitoring Process/ Reporting Action	Monitoring Time	Responsible Person(s)
CUL-3: A Qualified Archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for archaeology, or an archaeologist working under their direct supervision, shall conduct periodic site condition assessments of resources CA-LAN-4475, CA-LAN-4476, Castaic Incidental Find Site, P-19-003611, P-19-101216, and P-19-101217, and any other historical or unique archaeological resources or tribal cultural resources that may be identified in the All as a result of surveys and evaluations required in Mitigation Measures CUL-1 and CUL-2 . Site condition assessments shall be conducted on a monthly basis for the duration of the lake drawdown related to this project (estimated to be 4 months). DWR shall afford the consulting tribe the opportunity to participate in site condition assessments for prehistoric or Native American resources. The archaeologist shall inspect each resource to assess whether the project's drawdown is adversely impacting resources through actions such as increased erosion due to wave action, looting, vandalism, or other disturbances that could be the inadvertent result of the project's drawdown. The results of the monthly inspections shall be documented on Site Condition Assessment Forms and shall include: confirmation of resource boundaries with sub-meter GPS; relocation of previously identified artifacts; confirmation of locations, quantities, and types of artifacts present; general condition has occurred; and recommendations for protective measures or for data recovery/documentation/interpretation for any resources that are being adversely impacted by the drawdown. DPR 523 form updates, following California Office of Historic Preservation's (OHP) <i>Instructions for Recording Historical Resources</i> , shall be prepared and filed with the South Central Coastal Information Center for all resources where changes in setting or condition are observed. Site Condition Assessment Forms and any associated DPR 523 form updates shall be submitted to DWR within 5 working days of comple	Retain a qualified archaeologist to conduct site condition assessments on a monthly basis during lake drawdown related to the project, and to document findings on Site Condition Assessment Forms including recommendations for additional protective measures if needed as determined by the qualified archaeologist as specified in Mitigation Measure CUL-3	During Construction	DWR
If project-related adverse impacts occur to any resource(s), the Qualified Archaeologist shall provide recommendations for additional protective measures or data recovery and/or additional documentation and interpretation (depending on the nature of the resource). Protective measures may include, but would not be limited to, increased security patrols, temporary fencing and/or signage, or stabilization efforts. DWR shall afford the consulting tribe the opportunity to monitor implementation of any protective measures for prehistoric or Native American resources. If it is clear that additional protective measures would not prevent further damage and the project is likely to result in a substantial adverse change in the significance of a resource such that the resource will no longer convey its historical significance and would no longer be eligible for listing in the California Register, DWR shall implement data recovery and/or additional documentation and interpretation per the Qualified Archaeologist's recommendations. DWR shall implement recommended measures as expeditiously as possible to prevent further damage or to mitigate adverse impacts before additional damage occurs. If data recovery is selected, the Qualified Archaeologist shall develop and implement an Archaeological Resources Data Recovery and Treatment Plan following the same process as outlined under CUL-2. If protective measures are implemented, verification of the duration of the drawdown. If the protective measures fail to prevent further damage, then DWR shall implement data recovery and/or additional documentation of the process outlined above.			

	Monitoring Process/		Responsible
Mitigation Measure	Reporting Action	Monitoring Time	Person(s)
CUL-4: Human remains discoveries shall be treated in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 and PRC Section 5097.98, which require assessment of the discovery by the County Coroner, assignment of a Most Likely Descendant (MLD) by the California Native American Heritage Commission, and consultation between the MLD and the landowner regarding treatment of the discovery. Until the landowner has conferred with the MLD, DWR or its contractor shall ensure that the immediate vicinity where the discovery occurred is not disturbed by further activity, is adequately protected according to generally accepted cultural or archaeological standards or practices, and that further activities take into account the possibility of multiple burials. In the event of a humans remains discovery, DWR shall also notify the consulting tribe within 48 hours of the discovery.	Treat any human remains discovery in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 and PRC Section 5097.98, as is specified in Mitigation Measure CUL-4.	During Construction	DWR
Geology and Soils			
GEO-1: Prior to the start of construction, a Qualified Paleontologist (defined as a paleontologist who meets the standards of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontologist) or their designed at the standards	Retain a Qualified	Prior to Construction	DWR
meets the standards of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology), or their designee, shall conduct paleontological resources sensitivity training for construction personnel. The training shall include instruction on the appearance of fossils, and the procedures and notification protocols to follow in the event of a discovery. DWR shall ensure that construction personnel are made available for and attend the training and retain documentation demonstrating attendance.	Paleontologist to conduct paleontological resources sensitivity training for construction personnel.		Construction Contractor
GEO-2: In the event of a fossil discovery by construction personnel, all work in the immediate vicinity of the find shall cease and the Qualified Paleontologist shall evaluate the find before restarting construction activity in the area. The Qualified Paleontologist shall assess the discovery and make recommendations as to the appropriate treatment. If the find is deemed significant, it shall be salvaged following the standards of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology and curated with a certified repository. The Qualified Paleontologist shall provide recommendations regarding whether paleontological monitoring is warranted for future ground disturbance.	In the event of fossil discovery, Qualified Paleontologist shall assess discovery and make recommendations as to appropriate treatment, as specified in Mitigation Measure GEO-2.	During Construction	DWR Construction Contractor
Recreation			
REC-1: Prior the start of the lake drawdown, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) shall	Provide lake drawdown	Prior to Construction	DWR
coordinate with Los Angeles County Parks including providing a lake drawdown schedule. DWR shall identify a contact person responsible for communicating with Los Angeles County Parks, including status of the drawdown schedule. While the lake is below an elevation of 1485 feet (normal low operating conditions), DWR shall work with the Los Angeles County Parks to provide resources needed to assist in the reconfiguration of boat docks and buoys that are affected by the drawdown, including buoys needed to circumscribe submerged hazards.	schedule to Los Angeles County Parks including status of drawdown schedule and provide resources as needed in the reconfiguration of boat docks and buoys as specified in Mitigation Measure REC-1.	During Construction	Construction Contractor

Mitigation Measure	Monitoring Process/ Reporting Action	Monitoring Time	Responsible Person(s)
Tribal Cultural Resources	<u>.</u>	-	
TCR-1: A Native American monitor from the consulting tribe shall be invited to participate in pre- construction archaeological surveys and site conditions assessments for the duration of the project.	Invite Native American monitor from consulting tribe to participate in site condition assessment and surveys as specified in Mitigation Measure TCR-1.	Prior to Construction During Construction	DWR
TCR-2: DWR shall provide the consulting tribe the opportunity to review and comment on the pre- construction survey report addendum, as well as Department of Parks and Recreation 523 forms and any other cultural resources documents prepared by the Qualified Archaeologist for all prehistoric or Native American resources.	Provide consulting tribe comment and review of documents and forms as specified in Mitigation Measure TCR-2.	Prior to Construction During Construction	DWR
TCR-3: DWR shall, in good faith, consult with the consulting tribe on the disposition and treatment of any Tribal Cultural Resource encountered during pre-construction surveys, construction related ground disturbance, and periodic site condition assessments.	Consult with consulting tribe on actions regarding any Tribal Cultural Resource as specified in Mitigation Measure TCR-3.	Prior to Construction During Construction	DWR
TCR-4: If avoidance of a Tribal Cultural Resource is determined to be infeasible, any Archaeological Resources Data Recovery and Treatment Plan shall be developed and implemented in consultation with the consulting tribe.	Prepare an Archaeological Resources Data Recovery and Treatment Plan if necessary as specified in Mitigation Measure TCR-4.	Prior to Construction During Construction	DWR
TCR-5: Should Tribal Cultural Resources deemed significant to the consulting tribe be encountered during construction related ground disturbing activities, the consulting tribe shall be provided the opportunity to request that a Native American Monitor be present to observe remaining ground disturbing activities within the vicinity of the find.	Provide consulting tribe opportunity to request a Native American Monitor be present during ground disturbing activities under appropriate conditions as specified in Mitigation Measure TCR-5.	During Construction	DWR

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1.	Project Title:	Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project
2.	Lead Agency Name and Address:	California Department of Water Resources 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
3.	Contact Person and Phone Number:	Gina Radieve, Senior Environmental Scientist (916) 651-2458
4.	Project Location:	Castaic Lake State Recreation Area (Figure 1)
5.	Project Sponsor's Name and Address:	Same as Lead Agency
6.	General Plan Designation(s):	Water (OS-W) and Open Space-Parks and Recreation (OS-PR)
7.	Zoning:	Open Space

8. **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. Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

See Section 1 below.

9. Surrounding Land Uses and Setting. (Briefly describe the project's surroundings.)

The project is surrounded by open space to the west, north, and east. To the south and southwest is the lower lake recreational area and the community of Castaic, respectively.

- **10. Other public agencies whose approval is required** (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.)
 - U.S Army Corps of Engineers; 404 Nationwide Permit
 - Regional Water Quality Control Board; 401 certification
 - California Department of Fish and Wildlife; 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement
 - Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
 - California Department of Parks and Recreation

11. 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, is there a plan for consultation that includes, for example, the determination of significance of impacts to tribal cultural resources, procedures regarding confidentiality, etc.?

DWR as the CEQA Lead Agency sent AB 52 consultation notification letters via certified mail on November 12, 2019 to three Native American groups affiliated with the proposed project's geographic area including the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians (FTBMI), the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians (San Manuel), and the Tongva Ancestral Territorial Tribal Nation (Tongva). The FTBMI requested consultation. The San Manuel declined consultation and the Tongva did not respond to the notification letter. Consultation with the FTBMI resulted in the identification of tribal cultural resources, none of which would be directly impacted by project activities. DWR and FTBMI consulted on the development of mitigation measures to reduce potential indirect impacts to such resources. With implementation of the agreed upon mitigation measures, impacts to tribal cultural resources would be less than significant.

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1.0 Project Description

1.1 Introduction

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is proposing to implement the proposed Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project (project) to seismically retrofit the high tower bridge at Castaic Lake, the terminal reservoir of the State Water Project's (SWP's) West Branch, located in Los Angeles County. This section describes the location of the proposed project, identifies project objectives, presents the project description, and briefly describes proposed construction methods.

1.2 Project Location

Castaic Lake is located approximately 41 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles within the Sierra Pelona Mountains, north of Santa Clarita along the Interstate 5 (I-5) freeway (**Figure 1**). As shown in **Figure 2**, Castaic Lake consists of two distinct "arms," referred to as the Ski Arm and the Fish Arm, with Castaic Dam located at the southern end of the reservoir. A separate impoundment (Elderberry Forebay) is located at the northern end of the Ski Arm and is segregated by Elderberry Dam. Figure 2 also shows the locations of the West Boat Launch Ramp and the Main Boat Launch Ramp, which provide recreational boating access to the lake. The Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge (tower bridge) and the Castaic Dam High Intake Tower (high tower) are located within the southwestern portion of the lake on Castaic Dam's right abutment.

1.3 Project Background and Purpose

The typical summertime surface elevation of Castaic Lake fluctuates around 1,505 feet above mean sea level (amsl), with a surface area of approximately 2,200 acres and a storage capacity of approximately 324,000-acre feet of water. Castaic Lake's earthen dam construction was completed in 1974 in the Castaic Creek Basin as part of the SWP, a water supply and conveyance system operated by DWR that includes 26 dams and reservoirs, 20 pumping plants, 4 pumping-generating plants, 5 hydroelectric power plants, and more than 700 miles of canals and pipelines. Castaic Lake supplies domestic water to Southern California. Water is supplied to Castaic Lake from Elderberry Forebay, via Angeles Tunnel, an approximately 7-mile aqueduct from Pyramid

Lake, located to the north of Castaic Lake. The water supplied through Elderberry Forebay at the northern end of the lake's Ski Arm is operated by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP).

Located on the right side of Castaic Dam, the high tower allows for water from various depth elevations to be discharged in a controlled manner from Castaic Lake. Water from the high tower discharges through the outlet tunnel to the Castaic Lagoon downstream of the lake, or primarily for water deliveries to the State Water Contractors (SWC). To prevent potential clogging of the outlet tunnel in the event the high tower collapses, a large debris screen—commonly called "grizzly"—is proposed to be installed on the interior of the intake tower.

The tower bridge allows for maintenance and operations crews to access the high tower and ensure that the tower continues to function as intended. The high tower and tower bridge were designed in the 1960s and constructed in the late 1960s through the early 1970s. The tower bridge is elevated from the lake bottom by the high tower (Abutment 1), three piers (Piers 2, 3, and 4), and the lakeshore abutment (Abutment 5), as shown on **Figure 3**.

During the 1994 Northridge earthquake, the tower bridge experienced a permanent longitudinal displacement of 2.5 inches. As a result of this damage, the tower bridge required repairs and was retrofitted in 1998. The retrofit measures were implemented to ensure the tower bridge would withstand future earthquake events. However, even with the previous retrofits, it has been determined that the tower bridge requires additional retrofits to make it more robust to handle larger earthquake events. Piers 2 through 4 and Abutment 5 require the footings to be jacketed and strengthened. This would require temporarily lowering the lake level to access the bridge's pier footings.

Castaic Lake is one of the SWP's largest recreational lakes and provides emergency storage in the event of a shutdown of the SWP in Northern California. The lake is within the Castaic Lake State Park Recreation Area, which is currently operated by the County of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation. The lake is a popular recreation area with recreational uses, including swimming, boating, water skiing, and fishing. Numerous public and private fishing competition events are held at the lake each year, with a sport fishery that includes rainbow trout, large-mouthed bass, and bluegill. The lake is regularly stocked with rainbow trout by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

The annual water level at Castaic Lake fluctuates seasonally, with the highest lake surface elevations occurring in the summer and fall, dropping during the winter and spring by approximately 20 feet to 1,485 feet amsl. The shorelines are generally steep with a few small coves. Aquatic vegetation is generally lacking due to water level fluctuations.



SOURCE: ESRI

Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project

Figure 1 Regional Location

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SOURCE: Mapbox

Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project

Figure 2 Project Location Map





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1.4 Project Objectives

The objectives of the proposed project are to retrofit the tower bridge to make it more seismically safe for continued use after a significant seismic event (up to 200-year return period) and to screen out large debris from potentially clogging the high tower outlet tunnel.

1.5 Project Description

Construction would occur at the tower bridge, high tower abutment, Piers 2 through 4, and Abutment 5. The tower bridge retrofits include installing restrainer cables to transfer longitudinal seismic forces to the adjacent spans or frames, retainer and catcher blocks of the tower bridge, and carbon fiber reinforcement jacketing of the piers. Carbon fiber reinforcement is an extremely strong and lightweight carbon-fiber-reinforced plastic. Each pier jacket would strengthen the pier structure to further withstand a large seismic event. It is anticipated that construction activities would take approximately 6 weeks to retrofit each pier. Once retrofitting of the piers are complete, the lake water level would return to normal conditions. The work on the tower bridge is independent of the pier work and would not be dependent on the lake drawdown schedule (described below).

In addition, a large screen, or grizzly, is proposed to be installed inside the high tower. These screens are intended to prevent large debris from blocking the outlet tunnel in the event that the tower collapses during a large seismic event. The grizzly is a preventative measure recommended by the state dam regulator, Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD).

The project work area would be accessed from I-5 along Lake Hughes Road to Ridge Route Road to Castaic Lake Drive to West Ramp Road, which ends at the West Boat Launch Ramp parking lot (**Figure 4**). Access to each pier would be provided by new access roads with spurs to each pier within the exposed lake bed. Access roads would be composed of native material and may be surfaced with gravel; they would not require concrete or asphalt surfacing. See **Figure 5** for a depiction of staging areas and proposed temporary access roads.

The West Boat Launch Ramp extends to an elevation of 1,435 feet at the lowest point, and as a result would be closed during a portion of the proposed lake level drawdown during project activities (**Figure 6**). During the construction period, portions of the West Boat Launch Ramp parking area would be closed to the public to accommodate haul traffic and staging. The Main Boat Launch Ramp would continue to operate throughout the project, but at a limited capacity at lower levels in Castaic Lake, as shown in **Figure 7**. DWR would coordinate regularly with Los Angeles County to communicate the lake level fluctuation schedule and to implement and monitor the parking area and boat ramp access restrictions. The water level fluctuation is not expected to disrupt operations at the Castaic Lake Power Plant. DWR would communicate the proposed schedule of the lake lowering to LADWP in advance.



SOURCE: Stantec, 2020

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Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project

Figure 4 Site Access Map

Project Description

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SOURCE: Google Earth, 2018

Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project

Figure 5 Project Detail



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SOURCE: ESRI, 2019, ESA, 2019.

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Figure 6 West Boat Launch Ramp Water Elevation Comparison



SOURCE: ESRI, 2019, ESA, 2019.

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Figure 7 Main Boat Launch Ramp Water Elevation Comparison To access the pier footings, the lake's surface elevation would be lowered from the normal operation elevation of approximately 1,505 feet amsl to 1,380 feet amsl. Pier 2 is the largest of the three piers and is located in the deepest portion of the lake of any of the piers being worked on during this project (Figure 3). The drawdown would take approximately 5 months to lower the water surface elevation to 1,380 feet amsl, beginning around June 2021 and reaching the elevation of 1,380 feet amsl by November 1, 2021. The lake would remain at the lowered level through December 15, 2021, at which time refilling of the lake would begin. The lake would return to its normal operating elevation (1,505 feet) around April 2022. The duration of the drawdown and refilling of the lake would encompass approximately 10 months. **Figure 8** illustrates the proposed lake elevation over the course of the drawdown/refilling of the lake.



Proposed Drawdown Scenario

1.6 Project Construction

Tower Bridge Modifications

Structural modifications and replacements would be required to retrofit the abutment, piers, and tower bridge. Modification or replacement of the steel diaphragm braces between the girders at each end of all four spans would occur. The work on the steel diaphragm braces would involve removing the existing braces by unbolting the existing connections and replacing them with new, shop-fabricated steel braces installed by bolting into place. Minor amounts of field welding and/or touch-up painting at the connections may be required. Bearing pad replacement at the top of the columns would require jacking and shoring of the tower bridge to lift it off the existing

steel bridge bearings, removal of the existing bearings, minor concrete demolition using handheld jackhammers, placement of formwork, reinforcing steel, steel dowels, and concrete. Work at the top of the columns to retrofit the support bearings and steel braces would require the installation of temporary scaffolding and/or the use of floating work platforms to gain access for the work. Temporary scaffolding would be attached to the existing column cap and/or suspended from the existing concrete deck of the tower bridge. Similar scaffolding would also be required at the high tower end of the tower bridge for work on the support bearings at the high tower abutment seat. Work on the support bearings at the land-side abutment would be performed from the existing ground, and would not require the use of scaffolding. Retrofit of the existing bearings would involve removal and replacement of the existing steel roller bearings with elastomeric pads designed to safely accommodate the anticipated large seismic movements. Concrete shear keys would be constructed to prevent unseating of the tower bridge in the transverse direction, and concrete catcher blocks would be constructed to support the tower bridge in the event of excessive longitudinal movement.

Pier Modifications

The tower bridge retrofit work would occur while the lake is being drawn down. Work on Piers 2 through Pier 4, and high tower abutment, would commence as the water level drops, ultimately reaching 1,380 feet amsl, the level required to complete work on Pier 2. Once the soils have dried sufficiently, access roads would be constructed and soils around each pier would be excavated to the top of the pile shaft. Approximately 2,750 cubic yards of soil would be removed and temporarily stored at a nearby staging area. Light (30-pound) jackhammers would be used to roughen the surface of existing concrete on abutments where new concrete would be placed. Power washing on piers could be conducted one of two ways, with a hydroblasting wall tool providing a necessary surface profile to collect all the debris and/or sponge blasting where all the debris is collected in a sponge. Debris and water would be contained and would not enter the lake with both power-washing methods.

Once the surface of the piers are primed, carbon-fiber fabric saturated with epoxy would be wrapped around the piers and allowed to cure completely. The piers would be jacketed to their full height by wrapping them with carbon-fiber reinforced polymer by specialty contractors trained in the process of carbon fiber application. Wrapping the concrete columns may involve the use of a manlift to access the full height of the columns, or may be done by semi-automated machinery which is self-supporting, either from the ground, or by being suspended from the top of the columns. Work on the columns may require the contractor to construct temporary roads down the sloped side of the reservoir to access the bottom of each column. At the base of each column, a level work area would be benched into the slope for setting up tools, material and equipment necessary for the column wrapping work. Upon completion of the column work, the benched work areas and temporary access roads would be backfilled and graded to re-establish the original slope of the reservoir. Construction of the access roads may be accomplished by either excavating the roads into the hillside (benching), placing fill, or a combination of both. This may require hauling and temporarily stockpiling of spoils from excavating the roads and work area benches, and/or hauling temporary fill materials into and back out of the work area (temporary import and removal at the end of construction). This would depend on the capabilities and equipment of the specific contractor who performs the work. Once the carbon fiber jackets have been applied and the epoxy has cured, the excavated soil would be backfilled. No soil would be exported off-site.

Once the retrofit is completed, the Castaic Lake would be re-filled to normal operating levels, and the retrofitted piers would be partially submerged. The tower bridge, high tower, existing roadways, temporary roadways and staging areas would be returned to pre-project conditions.

Staging Areas and Preliminary Activities

While the site preparation and staging areas would be developed surrounding the tower bridge and high tower. Construction staging areas would only be located in unvegetated areas. These construction areas may require clearing of debris and/or large rocks using bulldozers and other ground-clearing equipment. Existing paved and dirt roads would be used for hauling and transporting materials within the project area (Figure 5).

During construction, several staging areas would be located around the project site. As shown in Figure 5, staging areas would likely be located within or near the West Boat Launch Ramp parking lot within previously disturbed, unvegetated areas. Ingress and egress areas would be delineated, fenced, or marked so that the surrounding areas would not be impacted.

Typical construction-related activities within the staging areas include the following:

- Stockpiling material
- Storage/staging of carbon fiber application product and materials
- Storage/staging of other products and materials for the tower bridge retrofit
- Delivery of fuel and fueling/maintenance of construction equipment (daily)
- Construction administration and meetings (project trailers) (daily)
- Worker restrooms
- Visitor parking and sign-in area
- Temporary storage for other equipment and materials (scaffolding, etc.) (daily)

The retrofit work would generally involve the use of portable generators, air compressors, welding machines, and manlifts; one or more cranes, forklifts, and trucks to deliver and move materials on-site; ready-mix concrete trucks and a trailer-mounted or boom-equipped concrete pump to deliver and place concrete for the work at the top of the columns and at the high tower abutment seat. Construction and restoration of the benched work areas and temporary access roads may involve the use of tracked bulldozers and excavators, loaders, compactors, motor graders, water trucks, and/or dump trucks.

Construction Schedule

Overall project construction is anticipated to take approximately 15 months. Construction work on the tower bridge and abutment would last approximately 6 months, and work at each pier

would last up to 6 weeks each, and approximately 4 months' duration for the installation of the grizzly inside the high tower. The proposed drawdown schedule is shown on Figure 8, and would last approximately 10 months. Construction work hours would generally range between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Nighttime construction is not anticipated.

1.7 Operation and Maintenance Characteristics

Once constructed, existing staff would operate and maintain the high tower by utilizing the tower bridge similar to existing conditions. Routine inspection of the tower bridge piers would be conducted periodically.

1.8 Project Approvals

Table 1-1 presents a preliminary list of the agencies and entities, in addition to DWR, that would use this Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) in their consideration of specific permits and other discretionary approvals that may apply to the proposed project. This Draft IS/MND is intended to provide these agencies with information to support their decision-making processes. The table also lists the types of activities that would be subject to these requirements.

Agency	Permits and Authorizations Required	Activities Subject to Regulations
Regional Water Quality Control Board	Construction General Permit, NPDES Permit Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan	Control runoff from construction sites
	401 Water Quality Certification	Discharge of dredge or fill material into waters of the U.S.
U.S Army Corps of Engineers	Section 404 Permit	Discharge of dredge or fill material into waters of the U.S.
California Department of Fish and Wildlife	Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (Section 1602 of Fish and Game Code)	Any activity that may substantially modify a river, stream, or lake
Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation	Right-of-Entry Permit	Access through, or use of, LA County property.

 TABLE 1-1

 DISCRETIONARY PERMITS AND EASEMENTS POTENTIALLY REQUIRED

2.0 Environmental Factors Potentially Affected

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

	Aesthetics		Agriculture and Forestry Resources	\boxtimes	Air Quality
\boxtimes	Biological Resources	\boxtimes	Cultural Resources		Energy
\boxtimes	Geology/Soils		Greenhouse Gas Emissions		Hazards & Hazardous Materials
	Hydrology/Water Quality		Land Use/Planning		Mineral Resources
	Noise		Population/Housing		Public Services
\boxtimes	Recreation		Transportation	\boxtimes	Tribal Cultural Resources
	Utilities/Service Systems		Wildfire	\boxtimes	Mandatory Findings of Significance

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial study:

- ☐ I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- 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.
- ☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ 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.

Jeannern Kuttel		4/9/2020		
Signature	Chief, DOE	Date		
Signature		Date		

2.1 Aesthetics

Iss	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	AESTHETICS — Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:				
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?			\boxtimes	
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				\boxtimes
c)	In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?			\boxtimes	
d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect daytime or nighttime views in the area?				\boxtimes

Discussion

a) Less than Significant Impact. The Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan (SCVA Plan) Conservation and Open Space Element lists Castaic Lake as one of the Plan Area's scenic resources (LACDRP, 2012). Several scenic viewpoints, characterized by unpaved turnouts along the southbound shoulder of Lake Hughes Road, provide cars, bikers, and hikers with elevated views of the Upper Lake, Lower Lake, and National Forest lands surrounding the Castaic Lake State Recreation Area (SRA). Lake Hughes Road is the road primarily used by the public to access the SRA; it extends east from U.S. Highway 5, wraps around the southern end of the Lower Lake, and climbs a ridge on the east side of the Upper Lake. Although scenic viewpoints would not be altered or otherwise directly impacted by the proposed project, the quality of scenic views typically enjoyed by recreational visitors from these viewpoints would be temporarily diminished during retrofitting of the tower bridge due to reduced water levels. As project activity progresses, views of the lake would begin to show a reduced water surface, an exposed lakebed, dry or wet dirt where shorelines have receded, excavated soil, and construction vehicles, equipment, and staging areas. However, the drawdown of the lake would occur gradually. During the peak drawdown, the lake would look similar to past drought conditions that have occurred in the last 10 years. Views of the lake during the peak drawdown would still be available but would include a smaller surface water footprint for approximately 10 months. Construction staging areas would be confined to the West Boat Launch Ramp parking lot and on the west dam abutment (Figure 4). Once the rehabilitation of Pier 2 is completed, the lake would be slowly refilled. The conditions in the lake would gradually return to normal operating conditions as each pier is retrofitted. The temporary lowering of the lake would not eliminate or remove views, but rather it would change the appearance of the lake similar to past drought conditions. Once

construction is completed the lake would be returned to existing conditions. Therefore, impacts to scenic vistas in the SRA would be less than significant.

- b) **No Impact.** Construction for the proposed project would include seismic upgrades to an existing tower bridge and would not impact any scenic resources, including trees, rock outcropping, or historic buildings. In addition, there are no state designated scenic highway within the vicinity of the project. No impacts would occur.
- Less than Significant Impact. Proposed construction activities include the tower bridge c) retrofit, lake drawdown, lakebed excavation, tower bridge pier retrofitting, and construction equipment/vehicle staging. Construction activities associated with the proposed project would result in short-term impacts to the visual character and quality of the project area. Construction activities would require the use of construction equipment and storage of materials within the project sites. Excavated areas, stockpiled soils, and other materials generated during construction could impact the visual character of the surrounding environment. During the drawdown period, there would be a visual ring around the lake where the newly exposed lakebed would differ in color than the current dry lakeshore. In addition, the lake's surface area would be smaller. However, these visual changes would be similar to the lake conditions during past drought years. These impacts would be temporary, occurring over the 15.5-month construction period, and would not permanently affect the existing visual character of the lake or surrounding area. Once construction is completed, all project areas would return to pre-project conditions and water levels would return to normal operating levels. Therefore, impacts to the visual character and quality of public views of the project area would be less than significant.
- No Impact. Construction work hours for the proposed project would generally range from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, and no nighttime construction is anticipated. Once retrofitted, the proposed project would not add reflective materials to the tower bridge or piers and no new security or nighttime lighting would be required. Therefore, no new sources of light or glare would be introduced to the project area and no impact would occur.

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2.2 Agriculture and Forestry Resources

<u>ไรรเ</u>	es (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES — In determining whether impacts to agricultural resource refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in a determining whether impacts to forest resources, inclu agencies may refer to information compiled by the Cal the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement California Air Resources Board. Would the project:	es are significa I Site Assessm assessing impa Iding timberlan Iifornia Departr and Range A methodology p	ant environmental of lent Model (1997) locts on agriculture d, are significant e nent of Forestry ar lssessment Projec rovided in Forest F	effects, lead age prepared by the and farmland. In nvironmental ef nd Fire Protection t and the Forest Protocols adopted	encies may California n ffects, lead on regarding t Legacy ed by the
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?				\boxtimes
b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				\boxtimes
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))?				
d)	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				\boxtimes
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?				\boxtimes

Discussion

a) **No Impact.** According to the California Department of Conservation (DOC), Prime Farmland is land which has the best combination of physical and chemical features able to sustain long term agricultural production. This land has the soil quality, growing season, and moisture supply needed to produce sustained high yields. Land must have been used for irrigated agricultural production at some time during the four years prior to the mapping date (DOC, 2019).

The proposed project is not located within an area designated as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide importance according to Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program maps prepared for Los Angeles County by the DOC. According to DOC, the project area includes Water and Urban and Built-Up Land, and lands surrounding the project area include Grazing Land, Urban and Built-Up Land, and the Angeles National Forest (DOC, 2017). Therefore, the proposed project would not result in conversion of Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance. No impact would occur.

- b) **No Impact.** The SCVA Plan zones the Castaic Lake SRA, which includes the proposed project area, as Open Space (LACDRP, 2012). There are no lands within the project area that are zoned for agricultural use, and the proposed project would not be implemented on lands protected by a California Land Conservation Act (Williamson Act) Contract. No impacts to agricultural use, agricultural use zoning, or lands protected by the Williamson Act would occur.
- c,d,e) **No Impact.** There are no lands within the project area that are zoned for agricultural use, forest land, timberland, or timberland zoned for timberland production. The drawdown and construction activity for the proposed project would not require or involve construction of any new facilities on nearby Angeles National Forest lands which border the Castaic Lake Fish Arm. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in changes to the existing environment that could result in conversion or rezoning of agricultural land, forest land, timberland, or timberland zoned for timberland production. No impact would occur.

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2.3 Air Quality

lssu	es (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	AIR QUALITY — Where available, the significance criteria established b pollution control district may be relied upon to make the	y the applicabl e following det	e air quality manag erminations. Would	gement district c I the project:	or air
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?			\boxtimes	
b)	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?		\boxtimes		
c)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?			\boxtimes	
d)	Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?			\boxtimes	

Discussion

The project area is located in Castaic Lake approximately 41 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles within the Sierra Pelona Mountains near Castaic, which is an unincorporated community and census-designated place located in the northern part of Los Angeles County and within the South Coast Air Basin (SCAB). The SCAB is under the jurisdiction of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). The SCAB is a 6,600-square-mile coastal plain bounded by the Pacific Ocean to the southwest and the San Gabriel, San Bernardino, and San Jacinto Mountains to the north and east. The SCAB includes the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, and all of Orange County.

The ambient concentrations of air pollutants are determined by the amount of emissions released by sources and the atmosphere's ability to transport and dilute such emissions. Natural factors that affect transport and dilution include terrain, wind, atmospheric stability, and sunlight. Therefore, existing air quality conditions in the area are determined by such natural factors as topography, meteorology, and climate, in addition to the amount of emissions released by existing air pollutant sources.

Existing Air Quality

The proposed project area is located in the San Gabriel Mountains Air Monitoring Subregions. Currently, the nearest monitoring station to the project site is the Santa Clarita Station (22224 Placerita Canyon Rd Santa Clarita, CA 91321), which is located approximately 11 miles southwest of the project area. This station monitors ambient concentrations of carbon monoxide (CO), ozone (O₃), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), and respirable particulate matter (PM10), but does not monitor sulfur dioxide (SO₂), or fine particulate matter (PM2.5).

The nearest monitoring station that monitors PM2.5 is the West San Fernando Station located at 18330 Gault St in the City of Reseda, which is approximately 23 miles south of the proposed project area. The nearest monitoring station that monitors ambient concentrations of SO_2 is the

Central Los Angeles Station located at 1630 North Main Street in the City of Los Angeles, which is approximately 38 miles southwest of the proposed project. Historical data of ambient ozone, NO₂, SO₂, CO, and PM10 and PM2.5 concentrations from the applicable monitoring stations for the most recent 3 years of available data (2016–2018) are shown in **Table 2-1**.

Both the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) use this type of monitoring data to designate areas according to their attainment status for criteria air pollutants. The purpose of these designations is to identify the areas with air quality problems and thereby initiate planning efforts for improvement. The three basic designation categories are nonattainment, attainment, and unclassified. Unclassified is used in an area that cannot be classified on the basis of available information as meeting or not meeting the standards. In addition, the California designations include a subcategory of nonattainment-transitional, which is given to nonattainment areas that are progressing and nearing attainment. The current attainment status for the Los Angeles County portion of the SCAB is provided in **Table 2-2**.

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	Monitoring Data by Year			
Pollutant	Standard ^a	2016	2017	2018
Ozone – Santa Clarita Valley				
Highest 1 Hour Average (ppm)		0.130	0.151	0.132
Days over State Standard	0.09 ppm	29	45	21
Highest 8 Hour Average (ppm)		0.115	0.128	0.106
Days over National Standard	0.070 ppm	57	73	42
Days over State Standard	0.070 ppm	59	73	42
Carbon Monoxide – Santa Clarita Valley				
Highest 8 Hour Average (ppm)		1.1	0.8	0.8
Days over National Standard	9.0 ppm	0	0	0
Days over State Standard	9.0 ppm	0	0	0
Nitrogen Dioxide – Santa Clarita Valley				
Highest 1 Hour Average (ppm)		0.0464	0.0576	0.0589
Days over National Standard	0.100 ppm	0	0	0
Days over State Standard	0.18 ppm	0	0	0
Annual Average (ppm)		0.0102	0.0105	0.0109
Days over National Standard	0.053 ppm	0	0	0
Days over State Standard	0.030 ppm	0	0	0
Sulfur Dioxide – Central LA				
Highest 1-Hour Average (ppm)		0.0134	0.0057	0.0179
Days over State Standard	0.25 ppm	0	0	0

 Table 2-1

 Air Quality Data Summary (2016–2018) for Project Area

_	Monitoring Data by Year			
Pollutant	Standard ^a	2016	2017	2018
Particulate Matter (PM10) – Santa Clarita Vall	еу			
Highest 24 Hour Average $(\mu g/m^3)^b$		96	66	49
Days over National Standard (measured) ^c	150 μg/m³	0	0	0
Days over State Standard (measured) ^c	50 μg/m³	1	2	0
Annual Average (μg/m³) ^b	20 µg/m ³	23.4	23.6	23.4
Particulate Matter (PM2.5) – West San Fernar	ndo Valley			
Highest 24 Hour Average (µg/m³) ^b		30.1	35.2	31.0
Days over National Standard (measured) ^c	35 μg/m³	0	0	0
Annual Average (μg/m³) ^b	12 μg/m³	9.23	9.70	10.32

NOTES:

ppm = parts per million; μ g/m³ = micrograms per cubic meter.

* = Insufficient data available to determine the value.

^a Generally, state standards and national standards are not to be exceeded more than once per year.

^b Concentrations and averages represent federal statistics. State and federal statistics may differ because of different sampling methods.

^c Measurements are usually collected every 6 days. Days over the standard represent the measured number of days that the standard has been exceeded.

SOURCE: SCAQMD 2019a.

TABLE 2-2
SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN ATTAINMENT STATUS (LOS ANGELES COUNTY)

Pollutant	National Standards (NAAQS)	California Standards (CAAQS)		
O ₃ (1-hour standard)	N/A ª	Non-attainment – Extreme		
O_3 (8-hour standard)	Non-attainment – Extreme	Non-attainment		
со	Attainment	Attainment		
NO ₂	Attainment	Attainment		
SO ₂	Attainment	Attainment		
PM10	Attainment	Non-attainment		
PM2.5	Non-attainment – Serious	Non-attainment		
Lead (Pb)	Non-attainment (Partial) ^b	Attainment		

N/A = not applicable

^a The NAAQS for 1-hour ozone was revoked on June 15, 2005, for all areas except Early Action Compact areas.

^b Partial Non-attainment designation – Los Angeles County portion of the Air Basin only for near-source monitors. SOURCE: USEPA, 2018. CARB, 2018.

a) Less than Significant Impact. The proposed project is located within the SCAB, which is under the jurisdiction of the SCAQMD. As such, SCAQMD's 2016 AQMP is the applicable air quality plan for the proposed project. Projects that are consistent with the regional population, housing, and employment forecasts identified by Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) are considered to be consistent with the AQMP growth projections, since the forecast assumptions by SCAG forms the basis of the land use and transportation control portions of the AQMP. Additionally, because SCAG's regional growth forecasts are based upon, among other things, land uses designated in general plans, a project that is consistent with the land use designated in a general plan would also be consistent with the SCAG's regional forecast projections, and thus also with the AQMP growth projections. The proposed project would not result in long-term residential or employment growth within the region.

Construction of the proposed project would result in an increase in short-term employment compared to existing conditions. Construction employees are typically employees of the construction firm and are not hired specifically for any one construction job. Being relatively small in number and temporary in nature, construction jobs under the project would not conflict with the long-term employment projections upon which the AQMP is based. Control strategies in the AQMP with potential applicability to shortterm emissions from construction activities include strategies denoted in the 2016 AQMP as MOB-08 and MOB-10 and are intended to reduce emissions from on-road and offroad heavy-duty vehicles and equipment by accelerating replacement of older, emissionsprone engines with newer engines meeting more stringent emission standards. Construction contractors would be required to comply with the CARB Air Toxic Control Measure that limits heavy duty diesel motor vehicle idling to no more than five minutes at any given location. In addition, contractors would be required to comply with required and applicable Best Available Control Technology (BACT) and the CARB In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Regulation to use lower emitting equipment in accordance with the phased-in compliance schedule for equipment fleet operators. The project would not conflict with implementation of these strategies. In addition, as described in Section 1, Project Description, of this MND, project construction includes seismic retrofits of the tower bridge and of Piers 2 through 4, and Abutment 5, which would require the application of VOC-containing epoxy and coatings. The project would use commercially available epoxy and coatings that comply with applicable SCAQMD rules for VOC content. The project would also comply with SCAOMD regulations for controlling fugitive dust pursuant to SCAQMD Rule 403 (Fugitive Dust). Compliance with these requirements is consistent with and meets or exceeds the AQMP requirements for control strategies intended to reduce emissions from construction equipment and activities. Because the project would not conflict with the control strategies intended to reduce emissions from construction equipment, the project would not conflict with or obstruct implementation of the AQMP, and impacts would be less than significant with respect to construction activities.

The 2016 AQMP was prepared to accommodate growth, reduce the levels of pollutants within the areas under the jurisdiction of the SCAQMD, return clean air to the region, and minimize the impact on the economy. Projects that are considered consistent with the AQMP would not interfere with attainment because this growth is included in the projections used in the formulation of the AQMP. The proposed project represents an infrastructure project that would have no effect on long-term population and employment growth. The proposed project does not include residential or commercial development and its implementation is not forecasted to induce any additional growth within the

service area. As discussed in Section 1, Project Description, the proposed project is a bridge deck strengthening and seismic retrofitting project of the tower bridge to Castaic Lake's high tower. Therefore, the project would not conflict with growth projections in the AQMP. The project would not conflict with the growth projections in the AQMP, and impacts would be less than significant.

Less than Significant with Mitigation. A cumulative impact arises when two or more b) individual effects which, when considered together, are considerable or which compound or increase other environmental impacts. Cumulative impacts can result from individually minor but collectively significant impacts, meaning that the proposed project's incremental effects must be viewed in connection with the effects of past, current, and probable future projects.

The project area is located within the SCAB, which is considered the cumulative study area for air quality. Because the SCAB is currently classified as a state nonattainment area for ozone, PM10, and PM2.5, cumulative developments consisting of the proposed project along with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects in the SCAB as a whole could violate an air quality standard or contribute to an existing or projected air quality violation. Based on SCAQMD's cumulative air quality impact methodology, SCAQMD recommends that if an individual project results in air emissions of criteria pollutants (volatile organic compounds [VOC], nitrogen oxides [NO_X], CO, SO_x , PM10, and PM2.5) that exceed the SCAQMD's recommended daily thresholds for project-specific impacts, then it would also result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of these criteria pollutants for which the proposed project region is in nonattainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard.

Construction

Construction emissions are considered short term and temporary, but have the potential to represent a significant impact with respect to air quality. Particulate matter (i.e., PM10 and PM2.5) are among the pollutants of greatest localized concern with respect to construction activities. Particulate emissions from construction activities can lead to adverse health effects and nuisance concerns, such as reduced visibility and soiling of exposed surfaces. Particulate emissions can result from a variety of construction activities, including excavation, grading, demolition, vehicle travel on paved and unpaved surfaces, and vehicle and equipment exhaust. Construction emissions of PM10 and PM2.5 can vary greatly depending on the level of activity, the specific operations taking place, the number and types of equipment operated, local soil conditions, weather conditions, and the amount of earth disturbance.

Emissions of ozone precursors of VOC and NO_X are primarily generated from mobile sources and vary as a function of vehicle trips per day associated with delivery of construction materials, the importing and exporting of soil, vendor trips, worker commute trips, and the types and number of heavy-duty, off-road equipment used and the intensity and frequency of their operation.

The maximum daily construction emissions for the proposed project were estimated using the California Emissions Estimator Model (CalEEMod) Version 2016.3.2, which is designed to model construction emissions for land use development projects based on building size, land use and type, and disturbed acreage, and allows for the input of project-specific information. proposed project-generated emissions of criteria air pollutants (i.e., CO, SO₂, PM10, and PM2.5) and ozone precursors (i.e., VOC and NO_X) were modeled based on project specific information provided in the proposed project description by the applicant, and default SCAQMD-recommended settings and parameters attributable to the proposed land use types and site location.

It is mandatory for all construction projects in the Basin to comply with SCAQMD Rule 403 for controlling fugitive dust. Incorporating Rule 403 into the proposed project would reduce regional PM10 and PM2.5 fugitive dust emissions from the geotechnical activities. Specific Rule 403 control requirements include, but are not limited to, applying water in sufficient quantities to prevent the generation of visible dust plumes, applying soil binders to uncovered areas, reestablishing ground cover as quickly as possible, utilizing a wheel washing system to remove bulk material from tires and vehicle undercarriages before vehicles exit the project area, covering all trucks hauling soil with a fabric cover and maintaining a freeboard height of 12 inches, and maintaining effective cover over exposed areas. Compliance with Rule 403 was accounted for in the construction emissions modeling.¹ Site watering and application of soil binders would reduce the particulate matter from becoming airborne, while washing of transport vehicle tires and undercarriages would reduce re-entrainment of construction dust onto the local roadway network.

Lake drawdown activities would begin in the third quarter of 2021 and active construction and seismic retrofitting activities beginning in Winter 2020, occurring in phases over approximately 15.5 months. As stated in Section 1, Project Description, of this MND, construction activities would begin with site preparation of staging areas surrounding the tower bridge and high tower that require clearing of debris and/or large rocks using bulldozers and other ground-clearing equipment. Existing paved and dirt roads would be used for hauling and transporting materials within the project area. In addition, temporary roads would be created along the lake bed (Figure 4) to access the piers during construction. Once the pier retrofit is completed the access roads would be removed and the lake bed would be restored to preconstruction conditions. After site preparation of the staging areas is completed, construction of on the tower bridge and Abutment 5 would occur simultaneously as the lake is being drawn down. Work on Abutment 5 would begin once the footings are exposed and surrounding soils have dried sufficiently. As the lake is drawn down to where the piers are exposed enough, construction and retrofitting activities on Piers 2, 3, and 4 would occur, sequentially without overlap as the water level drops. The lake is to be refilled as the construction and seismic retrofitting activities are completed. Approximately 2,750 cubic yards of soil may

Note that the way CalEEMod is designed, fugitive dust controls pursuant to Rule 403 are incorporated in the model as "mitigation." Therefore, the "mitigated" fugitive dust emissions in CalEEMod represent the unmitigated conditions with the application of Rule 403 compliance.

be removed and temporarily stored at a nearby staging area. The carbon fiber reinforcement jackets would be spray- or roller-applied on the piers and Abutment 5 by specialty contractors trained in the process of carbon fiber application and would require approximately 1,505 gallons of epoxy applications. Each structure to be retrofitted would require approximately 30 workers on-site at one time. Once the carbon fiber jackets have been applied and allowed to cure, the excavated soil would be backfilled. No soil would be exported off-site. The seismic retrofitting work at the tower bridge and abutment would last approximately 6 months and work at each pier lasting up to 6 weeks. Therefore, construction of the proposed project assumed following phases: a site preparation for the preparation of the staging areas, a building construction phase encompassing the seismic retrofits of the tower bridge and Abutment 5, and a building construction phase for seismic retrofits for Piers 2, 3, and 4. The VOC emissions as a result of the epoxy application on the piers and Abutment 5 required for the carbon fiber reinforcement jackets were calculated outside of CalEEMod based on the VOC content contained in the safety data sheets (SDS) for the products that would be used for the project, which range from 3 to 7 grams of VOC per liter of epoxy or coating.

Table 2-3 summarizes the daily emissions of criteria air pollutants and ozone precursors associated with each individual phase (refer to **Appendix A** for a detailed summary of the modeling assumptions, CalEEMod inputs, and CalEEMod outputs). The estimated unmitigated maximum daily construction emissions are summarized on Table 2-3. Under the maximum evaluated scenario, emissions resulting from the project construction would exceed the criteria pollutant threshold for NO_X established by the SCAQMD.

	Estimated Maximum Daily Emissions (lbs/day) ^a					
Construction Activity	voc	NO _x	со	SO ₂	PM10	PM2.5
Unmitigated						
Site Preparation	1	8	13	<1	3	1
Building Construction-Tower Bridge /Abutment ^b	45	125	89	<1	8	6
Building Construction-Piers ^b	45	111	85	<1	7	4
Maximum Day	45	125	89	<1	8	6
Regional Significance Threshold	75	100	550	150	150	55
Significant Impact?	No	Yes	No	No	No	No

 TABLE 2-3

 UNMITIGATED MAXIMUM DAILY REGIONAL CONSTRUCTION EMISSIONS (POUNDS PER DAY) ^

^a Totals may not add up exactly due to rounding of the modeling calculation results.

^b VOC emissions from epoxy application on the piers and Abutment 5 required for the carbon fiber reinforcement added to these phases. SOURCE: Refer to Appendix A

Implementation of **Mitigation Measure AQ-1** would require equipment greater than 175 horsepower to meet Tier 3 emission standards and would reduce emissions to less than the NO_X significance threshold. The estimated mitigated maximum daily construction emissions are summarized in **Table 2-4**. Under the mitigated scenario, emissions resulting from the project construction would not exceed any criteria pollutant thresholds

established by the SCAQMD. As such, a less than significant impact would occur with mitigation incorporated.

	Estimated Maximum Daily Emissions (Ibs/day) ^a					
Construction Activity	voc	NO _x	со	SO ₂	PM10	PM2.5
Mitigated						
Site Preparation	1	7	13	<1	3	1
Building Construction-Tower Bridge /Abutment ^b	8	96	103	<1	7	5
Building Construction-Piers ^b	41	92	102	<1	7	5
Maximum Day	41	96	103	<1	7	5
Regional Significance Threshold	75	100	550	150	150	55
Significant Impact?	No	No	No	No	No	No

 TABLE 2-4

 MITIGATED MAXIMUM DAILY REGIONAL CONSTRUCTION EMISSIONS (POUNDS PER DAY) ^

^a Totals may not add up exactly due to rounding of the modeling calculation results.

^b VOC emissions from epoxy application on the piers and Abutment 5 required for the carbon fiber reinforcement added to these phases. SOURCE: Refer to Appendix A

Operation

As the proposed project is a bridge deck strengthening and seismic retrofitting project of the tower bridge to the lake's high tower, operation of the project would not result in a net increase in operational emissions. The project would require periodic maintenance activities which would involve a few trucks or vehicles per month, similar to existing conditions. Mobile emissions from the few vehicles for periodic maintenance would result in minimal emissions well below the SCAQMD operational thresholds and would not change from current conditions. Overall, given the sporadic usage of maintenance vehicles, project operational-source emissions would not exceed applicable SCAQMD regional thresholds of significance. As such, operation of the project would result in a less than significant impact.

Mitigation Measures

AQ-1: The project shall utilize off-road diesel-powered construction equipment that meets or exceeds the CARB and USEPA Tier 3 off-road emissions standards for equipment rated at 175 horsepower or greater during project construction. These requirements shall be included in applicable bid documents and successful contractor(s) must demonstrate the ability to supply such equipment. A copy of each unit's certified tier specification or model year specification and CARB or SCAQMD operating permit (if applicable) shall be available upon request at the time of mobilization of each applicable unit of equipment.

c) Less than Significant Impact. Sensitive receptors at nearby residences would be exposed to criteria and Toxic Air Contaminants (TAC) pollutants during construction and operational activities, but not to a significant level, as discussed below.

Carbon Monoxide Hotspots

CO hotspots are primarily a concern during the operational period of a project where the project increases local daily traffic on congested roadways for the foreseeable future. For the proposed project, daily traffic volumes to the proposed project would be minimal as operation of the proposed project would not require the addition of new employees and would only require periodic inspection of the tower bridge and piers. As such, the proposed project would not substantially contribute to an increase in traffic volumes on the roadway network compared to existing conditions. Therefore, the proposed project's emissions would not result in a CO hotspot. As a result, impacts would be less than significant.

Localized Significance Thresholds

Construction

The daily on-site construction emissions generated by the proposed project were evaluated against SCAQMD's localized significance thresholds (LSTs) for a 1-acre site located in SCAQMD Source Receptor Area 15 to determine whether the emissions would cause or contribute to adverse localized air quality impacts (SCAQMD, 2019b). The nearest sensitive receptor would be the 7 Acres recreational picnic area located approximately 700 feet (210 meters) south of the project site. The closest residential development is located approximately one-mile south of the project site along Pine Crest Place. The 7 Acres recreational picnic area sensitive receptors would have the greatest potential for exposure to air pollutants from project construction. Therefore, the SCAQMD localized significance threshold (LST) screening criteria for a 1-acre site in Source Receptor Area 15 with sensitive receptors conservatively assumed to be located within 200 meters to the project site were used.

Table 2-5 shows the impacts from each individual construction activity. As shown, the daily unmitigated emissions generated on-site by the construction would not exceed the applicable SCAQMD screening LSTs during construction.

Implementation of **Mitigation Measure AQ-1** described above would not only reduce regional construction emissions, but would also substantially reduce the less than significant localized emissions. With implementation of **Mitigation Measure AQ-1**, localized emissions near sensitive receptor locations would be less than shown in Table 2-5.
	Estimated Maximum Daily On-site Emissions (Ibs/day)			
Construction Phase	NO _x	со	PM10 ^ь	PM2.5 ^b
Site Preparation	6	10	<1	<1
Building Construction-Tower Bridge /Abutment	93	10	5	4
Building Construction-Piers	90	4	4	4
Maximum Daily Emissions	93	39	4	4
SCAQMD Threshold (25 meters)	173	2,500	51	18
Significant Impact?	No	No	No	No

 TABLE 2-5

 PROPOSED PROJECT UNMITIGATED LOCALIZED DAILY CONSTRUCTION EMISSIONS

^a According to SCAQMD's LST methodology, LSTs are only applicable to the on-site construction emissions that are generated by a project and do not apply to emissions generated off-site such as mobile emissions on roadways from worker, vendor, and haul truck trips. Totals may not add up exactly due to rounding of the modeling calculation results.

^b Emissions account for implementation of dust control measures as required by SCAQMD Rule 403 (Fugitive Dust). SOURCE: Refer to Appendix A

Operational

According to SCAQMD LST methodology, LSTs would apply to the operational phase of a project if the project includes stationary sources, or attracts mobile sources that may spend long periods queuing and idling at the site (e.g., warehouse or transfer facilities). As the proposed project is a strengthening and seismic retrofitting project of the tower bridge to the lake's high tower, no new stationary emission sources would be required. Overall, given the small scale and sporadic usage of maintenance vehicles, localized project operational-source emissions would not exceed applicable SCAQMD localized thresholds of significance and operational impacts would be less than significant.

Toxic Air Contaminants

Concentrations of toxic air contaminants (TACs) are also used as indicators of ambient air quality conditions. A TAC is defined as an air pollutant that may cause or contribute to an increase in mortality or in serious illness, or that may pose a hazard to human health. TACs are usually present in minute quantities in the ambient air; however, their high toxicity or health risk may pose a threat to public health even at low concentrations.

Construction

Construction activities associated with the project would result in temporary and shortterm emissions of diesel particulate matter, which the State has identified as a TAC. During construction, the exhaust of off-road heavy-duty diesel equipment would emit diesel particulate matter during general construction activities, such as site preparation excavation.

Diesel particulate matter poses a carcinogenic health risk. The nearest sensitive receptor would be the 7 Acres recreational picnic area located approximately 700 feet south of the project site; as described above, localized diesel particulate matter emissions (strongly

correlated with PM2.5 emissions) would be minimal and would be below localized thresholds as presented in Table 2-5 (and further reduced below the already less than significant localized levels with implementation of **Mitigation Measure AO-1**). Although the localized analysis does not directly measure health risk impacts, it does provide data that can be used to evaluate the potential to cause health risk impacts. Furthermore, construction activity would occur for a temporary and short-term duration. The low level of PM2.5 emissions coupled with the very short-term duration of construction activity at any one location, and the relatively small-scale of the project would result in an overall low level of diesel particulate matter concentrations at sensitive receptor locations. Furthermore, compliance with the CARB anti-idling Air Toxics Control Measure, which limits idling to no more than five minutes at any location for diesel-fueled commercial vehicles, would further minimize diesel particulate matter emissions in the construction area. The project would also utilize a construction contractor(s) that complies with required and applicable BACT and the In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Regulation. Thus, it is expected that sensitive receptors would be exposed to emissions below thresholds and construction TAC impacts would be less than significant.

Operations

The project would not require new stationary equipment. The project would not result in any other substantial sources of operational TAC emissions. Therefore, the project would not expose surrounding sensitive receptors to net new long-term TAC emissions and impacts would be less than significant.

d) Less than Significant Impact. Potential sources that may emit odors during construction activities include the use of architectural coatings and solvents and vehicle exhaust. SCAQMD Rule 1113 limits the allowable amount of VOCs from architectural coatings and solvents, and CARB's regulations on idling limit unnecessary emissions from idling equipment. Since compliance with CARB and SCAQMD Rules governing these compounds is mandatory, no construction activities or materials are proposed that would create objectionable odors. While construction equipment exhaust and application of carbon fiber coatings would temporarily generate odors, the proposed project activities are typically confined to the immediate vicinity of the equipment and would only be discernable off-site for brief instances depending on wind strength and direction. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

According to the SCAQMD California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Air Quality Handbook, land uses associated with odor complaints typically include agricultural uses, wastewater treatment plants, chemical plants, composting, refineries, landfills, dairies, and fiberglass molding. The proposed project does not include any uses identified by the SCAQMD as being typically associated with objectionable or nuisance odors. In addition, potential odors generated by new and existing non-residential land uses are required to be in compliance with SCAQMD Rule 402 (Nuisance) to prevent odor nuisances on sensitive land uses (i.e., residents near the project site). Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

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2.4 Biological Resources

Issu	ies (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	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?		\boxtimes		
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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				\boxtimes
c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				\boxtimes
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?			\boxtimes	
e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				\boxtimes
f)	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				\boxtimes

Discussion

On September 27, 2019, ESA's biologist a conducted a biological resource assessment of the proposed project and surrounding area to characterize and map existing conditions, most notably vegetation communities, habitats, disturbed/developed areas, and to determine the potential for special-status species and sensitive habitats to occur.

The analysis presented in this section is based on the *Biological Resources Technical Report for the Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project, Los Angeles County, California,* included as **Appendix B** (ESA, 2019a).

a) Less than Significant with Mitigation. During the biological resource assessment, plant communities were mapped and characterized, including disturbed/developed areas, and observations of plants and wildlife species were recorded. A thorough discussion of the existing biological conditions, including potentially occurring special-status species and sensitive natural vegetation communities, can be found in the Biological Resources Technical Report (BRTR) provided in Appendix B (ESA, 2019a).

According to the CNDDB and CNPS database search results, 46 special-status wildlife species and 42 special-status plant species have been previously recorded within the Warm Springs Mountain USGS quadrangle and the eight surrounding quadrangles. The potential for special-status wildlife and plant species to occur within the project site is based on the proximity to these previously recorded occurrences and the habitat conditions capable of supporting these species, such as existing vegetation communities and habitats, topography, elevation, soils, surrounding land uses, habitat preferences, and geographic ranges. The "Potential for Occurrence" category included in **Table 2-6** is defined as follows:

- Low Potential: The project site only provides limited habitat for a particular species, such as, but not limited to, submergence much of the year by reservoir water, habitats that are subjected to substantial disturbances from previous grading activities or developments (e.g., roads, buildings, parking lots, etc.), fragmented habitat, and/or certain habitat requirements are absent while others are present. For example, suitable vegetation is present, but soil substrate is inadequate. In addition, low potential would be assumed if the known range or habitat requirements for a particular species is outside of the project area.
- **Medium Potential:** The project site provides marginal habitat for a particular species. For example, the habitat characteristics are suitable for a particular species (e.g., vegetation, soils, elevation) and the site is within the known range of the species, but the habitat is moderately disturbed by past human activities and therefore/or may not support all stages of a species life cycle.
- **High Potential**: The Project site provides suitable habitat conditions for a particular species and/or known populations occur in the immediate area.
- **Present**: The species has been observed or previously recorded within the Project site.

Due to the high level of disturbance and development that has occurred at or adjacent to the tower bridge, it was determined that none of the special-status plant species have the potential to occur within the project site or vicinity. Of the 46 special-status wildlife species, 18 were determined to have varying levels of potential to occur within the project site or vicinity and are listed in Table 2-6.

Based on the vegetation and habitats that were characterized during the field survey, three special-status wildlife species have a medium to high potential to occur: prairie falcon (*Falco mexicanus*), loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*), and yellow warbler (*Setophaga petechial*).

The remaining 15 species have a low potential to occur due to the current disturbed conditions and absence of suitable habitat. These species include pallid bat (*Antrozous pallidus*), Yuma myotis (Myotis yumanensis), Cooper's hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*), southern California rufous-crowned sparrow (*Aimophila ruficeps canescens*), grasshopper sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*), Bell's sage sparrow (*Artemisiospiza belli*), burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*), white-tailed kite (*Elanus leucurus*), California horned lark (*Eremophila alpestris actia*), bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus),

California glossy snake (Arizona elegans occidentalis), coast horned lizard (Phrynosoma coronatum), coastal whiptail (*Aspidoscelis tigris stejnegeri*), western pond turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*), and two-striped garter snake (*Thamnophis hammondii*).

Table 2-6 also includes the federal and state regulatory status of each species and their preferred habitat.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status (Federal/State)	Habitat	Potential to Occur
Birds				
Cooper's hawk	Accipiter cooperii	None/WL	Mature forest, open woodlands, wood edges, river groves. Nests in coniferous, deciduous, and mixed woods, typically those with tall trees and with openings or edge habitat nearby. Also found among trees along rivers through open country, and increasingly in suburbs and cities where some tall trees exist for nest sites. In winter may be in fairly open country, especially in west.	Low. The tower bridge and surrounding vegetation does not provide suitable nesting habitat; however, this species could forage in the area.
Southern California rufous- crowned sparrow	Aimophila ruficeps	None/WL	Grassy or rocky slopes with sparse low bushes; open pine-oak woods. Habitat varies in different parts of range, but always in brushy areas. In Southwest, usually in rocky areas of foothills and lower canyons, in understory of pine-oak woods, or in chaparral or coastal scrub.	Low. The tower bridge and surrounding vegetation does not provide suitable nesting habitat; however, this species could forage in the area.
Grasshopper sparrow	Ammodramus savannarum	None/SSC	Grassland, hayfields, prairies. Breeds in rather dry fields and prairies, especially those with fairly tall grass and weeds and a few scattered shrubs. Also nests in overgrown pastures and hayfields, and sometimes in fields of other crops.	Low. The tower bridge and surrounding vegetation does not provide suitable nesting habitat; however, this species could forage in the area.

TABLE 2-6
POTENTIALLY OCCURRING SPECIAL-STATUS WILDLIFE SPECIES WITHIN PROJECT SITE

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status (Federal/State)	Habitat	Potential to Occur
Bell's sage sparrow	Artemisiospiza belli belli	None/WL	Coastal sage scrub, chaparral; in winter, also deserts. Found year- round in unique sage scrub habitat on the California coastal slope and foothills. In the interior, also breeds in saltbush, chamise, and other low shrubs of arid flats. In winter some spread eastward into open flats and deserts with scattered brush.	Low . The tower bridge and surrounding vegetation does not provide suitable nesting habitat; however, this species could forage in the area.
Burrowing owl	Athene cunicularia	None/SSC	Open, dry annual and perennial grasslands, deserts, and scrublands with low-grading vegetation	Low . Suitable habitat is present in the vicinity of the project site; however, no suitable burrows that can be used for nesting or wintering are present.
White-tailed kite	Elanus leucurus	None/FP	Open groves, river valleys, marshes, and grasslands	Low . The tower bridge and surrounding vegetation does not provide suitable nesting habitat; however, this species could forage in the area.
California horned lark	Eremophila alpestris	None/WL	Prairies, fields, airports, shores, tundra. Inhabits open ground, generally avoiding areas with trees or even bushes. May occur in a wide variety of situations that are sufficiently open: short- grass prairies, extensive lawns (as on airports or golf courses), plowed fields, stubble fields, beaches, lake flats, dry tundra of far north or high mountains.	Low . The tower bridge and surrounding vegetation does not provide suitable nesting habitat; however, this species could forage in the area.
Prairie falcon	Falco mexicanus	None/WL	Open hills, plains, prairies, deserts. Typically found in fairly dry open country, including grassland and desert. Also in open country above treeline in high mountains. In winter, often found in farmland and around lakes and reservoirs.	High (foraging only). The tower bridge and surrounding vegetation does not provide suitable nesting habitat; however, this species could forage in the area. However, this species was observed in 2015 adjacent to Castaic Lagoon, approximately one mile south of tower bridge.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status (Federal/State)	Habitat	Potential to Occur
Bald eagle	Haliaeetus Ieucocephalus	None/FE/FP	Coasts, rivers, large lakes; in migration, also mountains, open country. Typically, close to water, also locally in open dry country. Occurs in a variety of waterside settings where prey is abundant.	Low . The tower bridge and surrounding vegetation does not provide suitable nesting habitat; however, this species could forage in the area.
Loggerhead shrike	Lanius Iudovicianus	None/SSC	Semi-open country with lookout posts; wires, trees, scrub. Breeds in any kind of semi-open terrain, from large clearings in wooded regions to open grassland or desert with a few scattered trees or large shrubs	High (foraging only). Suitable foraging habitat is present that includes California buckwheat- California sagebrush. Species was observed in 2015 in Castaic Lagoon, approximately 0.7 miles south of tower bridge . This species is not expected to nest in the vicinity of the project.
Yellow warbler	Setophaga petechial	None/SSC	Widespread in any wet brushy habitat.	Medium (foraging only). Suitable habitat for foraging is available adjacent to tower bridge and lake in the California buckwheat-California sagebrush approximately 200 feet away; however, this species is not expected to nest in the vicinity of the project.
Mammals				
Pallid bat	Antrozous pallidus	None/SSC	Grasslands, shrublands, woodlands, and coniferous forests; most common in open, dry habitat with rocky areas for roosting, as well as abandon buildings and medal clad structures.	Low. Sign or evidence (guano) of species was not detected during field reconnaissance; however, marginal habitat exists underneath the tower bridge for roosting (metal beams).
Yuma myotis	Myotis yumanensis	None/SSC	Found in a variety of habitats, ranging from juniper and riparian woodlands to desert regions near open water Species found wherever there are rivers, streams, ponds, lakes, etc. When not near water over which to forage, can be found roosting in caves, attics, buildings, mines, underneath bridges, and other similar structures.	Low. Sign or evidence (guano) of species was not detected during field reconnaissance; however, marginal habitat exists underneath the tower bridge for roosting (metal beams).

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status (Federal/State)	Habitat	Potential to Occur
Reptiles				
California glossy snake	Arizona elegans occidentalis	None/SSC	Most common in desert habitats but also occur in chaparral, sagebrush, valley-foothill hardwood, pine-juniper, and annual grass.	Low. California buckwheat-California sagebrush provides suitable habitat adjacent to project site; however, species is not expected to forage within project site due to previously disturbed/developed conditions.
Coastal western whiptail	Aspidoscelis tigris ssp. Stejnegeri	None/SSC	Deserts and semiarid areas with sparse vegetation and open areas, woodland and riparian areas.	Low. California buckwheat-California sagebrush provides suitable habitat adjacent to project site; however, species is not expected to forage within project site due to previously disturbed/developed conditions.
Western pond turtle	Emys marmorata	None/SSC	Aquatic habitats with exposed areas for basking, with aquatic vegetation, such as algae and other water plants	Low. Castaic Lake provides suitable habitat; however, the project site itself does not provide suitable habitat. Areas for basking opportunities (logs, rocks and boulders) are absent from the project site.
Coast horned lizard	Phrynosoma blainvillii	None/SSC	Various habitats throughout the foothills of California including coast live oak woodland and the herbaceous cover and friable soils.	Low. California buckwheat-California sagebrush provides suitable habitat adjacent to project site; however, species is not expected to forage within project site due to previously disturbed/developed conditions.
Two-striped garter snake	Thamnophis hammondii	None/SSC	Occurs adjacent to permanent or semi- permanent bodies of water. This species feeds primarily on fish and amphibians.	Low. Castaic Lake provides suitable habitat for the species; however, once the lake drawdown is complete, the project site does not provide suitable habitat.

<u>Status</u>

Federal: FE-federally endangered, FT - federally threatened

State: SE – state endangered; state threatened; FP – State Fully Protected, SSC – State Species of Special Concern, CE-Candidate for listing as Endangered, WL – Watch List

Prairie Falcon, Loggerhead Shrike, Yellow Warbler, and Barn Swallow

Three special-status avian species (prairie falcon, loggerhead shrike, and yellow warbler) have a medium or high potential to occur (for foraging only); however, none of these species were observed during the field assessment. Suitable habitat for these species

exists in the California buckwheat – California sagebrush scrub vegetation adjacent to the tower bridge. Prairie falcon and loggerhead shrike have both been recorded within vicinity of the tower bridge (ESA, 2019a). Though not a special-status species, the observed mud nests of barn swallows underneath the tower bridge (ESA, 2019a) are protected under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 (MBTA). The MBTA prohibits the take of native birds "by any means or manner to pursue, hunt, take, capture (or) kill" any migratory birds except as permitted by regulations issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The term "take" is defined by USFWS regulation to mean to "pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect" any migratory bird or any part, nest, or egg of any migratory bird covered by the conventions, or to attempt those activities. Construction activities on the tower bridge could potentially impact and displace nesting barn swallow. Impacts that could occur during construction would be considered less than significant with the implementation of **Mitigation Measure BIO-1** and **BIO-2**.

Mitigation Measures

BIO-1: Prior to the start of construction that could affect special-status species, a qualified biologist shall provide a Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training to all construction workers on-site. The training shall include materials to aid workers in identifying and special-status plants and wildlife that should be avoided; relocation procedures of species; applicable laws and regulations protecting such resources; and proper avoidance and communication procedures to protect sensitive biological resources, as well as common wildlife whenever possible.

BIO-2: If the nesting bird season cannot be avoided and construction underneath the tower bridge occurs March 1 to September 15, the following shall be implemented to avoid and minimize impacts to nesting birds:

- A qualified biologist shall conduct a preconstruction avian nesting survey no more than five days prior to initiation project activities on the tower bridge. If construction begins in the non-breeding season and proceeds continuously into the breeding season, no surveys are required. However, if there is a break of five days or more in project activities during the breeding season, a new nesting bird survey shall be conducted before construction begins again.
- The preconstruction survey shall cover all reasonable potential nesting locations underneath the tower bridge as well as any areas where vegetation removal/grading is proposed.
- If an active nest is found during the preconstruction avian nesting survey, a qualified biologist shall implement a suitable avoidance buffer that shall be based on the location of the nest, species, and the type of work that is being conducted. The nest site area shall not be disturbed until a qualified biologist confirms that the nest is inactive and the young have fledged. Buffer areas may be increased if any special-status birds or raptors are determined to be nesting in the area.

• A Nesting Bird Exclusion Plan (Bird Plan) shall be prepared if any birds such as barn swallows are observed nesting on the underside of the tower bridge. The Bird Plan will include procedures for avoiding impacts to nesting birds, including an overview of the proposed work that will be conducted where nests have been documented; purpose and need; survey methodology; laws and regulations protecting nesting birds; survey results and overview of potential impacts; and avoidance measures, including exclusionary techniques, and installation of materials to temporarily prevent barn swallows from re-entering the nests.

Bats

Two special-status species of bats (pallid bat and Yuma myotis) were found to have a low potential to utilize the area for foraging and roosting. Based on the assessment conducted by ESA, no potential maternity roosts or guano were observed; however, metal beams beneath the tower bridge could provide suitable roosting habitat for these two species. Construction activities on the tower bridge could potentially impact and displace special-status bat species during roosting. However, with implementation of **Mitigation Measure BIO-3**, potential impacts to special-status bat species would be considered less than significant.

BIO-3: A focused visual survey for roosting special-status bats shall focus on detecting evidence (guano) of bat roosting on the underside of the tower bridge. Qualified biologists shall conduct a visual survey to identify ingress/egress locations of potential bat roosting sites.

In the event that it is determined that bats are roosting on the underside of the tower bridge, a Bat Exclusion Plan (Bat Plan) shall be prepared that includes procedures for avoiding impacts to roosting bats. The Bat Plan shall include an overview of the project; purpose and need; survey methodology; laws and regulations protecting bats; survey results and overview of potential impacts; and avoidance measures, such as preconstruction surveys, exclusionary techniques, and installation of materials to temporarily prevent bats from recolonization.

b) No Impact. Sensitive natural communities are those that are considered by the CDFW to be imperiled due to their decline in the region and/or their ability to support special-status plant and/or wildlife species. These communities include those that, if eliminated or substantially degraded, would sustain a significant adverse impact as defined under CEQA.

A review of the most recent CNDDB (CDFW, 2019) records revealed a list of 14 sensitive natural communities known to occur within the nine queried quadrangles: California Walnut Woodland, Mainland Cherry Forest, Riversidian Alluvial Fan Sage Scrub, Southern California Threespine Stickleback Stream, Southern Coast Live Oak Riparian Forest, Southern Cottonwood Willow Riparian Forest, Southern Mixed Riparian Forest, Southern Riparian Forest, Southern Riparian Scrub, Southern Sycamore Alder Riparian Woodland, Southern Willow Scrub, Valley Needlegrass Grassland, Valley Oak Woodland, and Wildflower Field. None of these communities occur within the project site; therefore, no impact would occur.

Within the project site, riparian vegetation is extremely scarce. As indicated in the BRTR (ESA, 2019a), several Gooding's willow and Fremont cottonwood are naturally situated to the southeast of the tower bridge approximately 50 to 220 feet away. Aquatic vegetation densities in Castaic Lake are low, potentially due to normal facility operations and the accompanying changes in surface elevation of the lake (CDFW, 2013). The Gooding's willow and Fremont cottonwood located adjacent to the tower bridge are potentially hydrologically supported by the lake. However, due to the short duration of the drawdown period (10 months), these are not expected to be impacted. The aquatic ecosystem would recover over time, adjusting to re-stabilized water levels post-construction (ESA, 2019b).

- c) **No Impact.** Based on the field assessment, there are no discernible hydrologic features (other than the lake) that would indicate that there are any federal or state regulated waters (e.g., drainages, wetlands, creeks, streams or marshes), such as riparian vegetation, hydric soils, ordinary high water mark, or established bed or bank. Therefore, other than the lake itself, there are no other federal or state regulated waters in the immediate vicinity of the project that are subject to the regulatory authority of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), CDFW, or Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). The proposed project includes the retrofit of an existing tower bridge within an existing lake and would not substantially divert or obstruct the natural flow of any river, stream, or lake. No impact would occur.
- Less than Significant Impact. Wildlife movement corridors are areas where regional wildlife populations regularly and predictably move during dispersal or migration. Movement corridors in California are typically associated with ridgelines, valleys, rivers and creeks supporting riparian vegetation. Movement corridors link together areas of suitable wildlife habitat that are otherwise separated by rugged terrain, changes in vegetation, by human disturbance, or by the encroachment of urban development. Movement corridors are important as the combination of topography and other natural factors, in addition to urbanization, has fragmented or separated large open space areas. Castaic Lake is situated within two wildlife movement corridors.

Castaic Lake is a resting stop for migrating birds along the Pacific Flyway. The Pacific Flyway is a major north-south flyway for migratory birds in America, extending from Alaska to Patagonia. Every year, migratory birds travel some or all of this distance both in spring and in fall, following food sources, heading to breeding grounds, or travelling to overwintering sites. Bird that are migrating along the Pacific Flyway may stop to rest within Castaic Lake to feed and regain their strength before continuing. Some species may remain within Castaic Lake for the entire season, but most stay a few days before moving on (Wilson, 2010).

Castaic Lake is located within the Sierra Pelona Mountains and surrounding topography ranges from rolling hills to steep canyons and ridgelines. Species such as mountain lion (*Puma concolor*), bobcat (*Lynx rufus*), and American black bear (*Ursus americanus*) utilize these areas for foraging and movement. While Castaic Lake and the surrounding hills and mountains are undoubtedly utilized by wildlife for foraging and breeding purposes, it may be also utilized for migration purposes.

Within the last 20 years, there has been a substantial increase in residential development throughout the community of Castaic and city of Santa Clarita. This surge in residential development could potentially "push" mammal species away from those areas and reroute them towards Castaic Lake. The project site is surrounded by several wildlife movement corridors but is located within disturbed and/or developed conditions that consists of several paved access roads, a paved parking lot, Castaic Dam, and the tower bridge and high tower. Castaic Lake supports local wildlife for such species as coyote, striped skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*), and raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), amongst others; however, project activities would not impede or constrain local or regional wildlife movement. While mammals of all sizes could wander through the project site, project activities (including the lake drawdown) would not present an impact to local or regional wildlife movement. Additionally, the project site is not located within or adjacent to any designated critical habitat for special-status species.

Construction activities associated with the proposed project would not impede or disrupt any wildlife corridors or wildlife movement and impacts would be considered less than significant. Temporary impacts associated with the drawdown are described in more detail below.

Reservoir Drawdown

The lake would begin to lower from its normal operating water elevation (approximately 1,505 feet) in June 15, 2021 and would return to the normal operating water elevation in April 15, 2022. From approximately November 1, 2021 through December 15, 2021, the water level would be lowered to approximately 1,380 feet. The water level would raise to 1,415 feet from January 15 through February 1, 2022, returning to normal operating levels by April 2022.

Migratory Birds

Though the water level of Castaic Lake is proposed to be temporarily lowered by approximately 125 feet during the drawdown period, overall food sources (fish) and areas of refuge for migratory birds are not expected to be impacted by the proposed drawdown. The lake would continue to provide open water opportunities for far-ranging migratory birds during the drawdown. In addition, several other open water features are available to migratory bird species in the vicinity of Castaic Lake, including Pyramid Lake approximately 12 miles to the northwest, Lake Piru approximately 9 miles to the west, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Van Norman Complex Reservoir approximately 18 miles to the south, and Quail Lake approximately 17 miles to the north. Impacts would be considered less than significant.

Fish

Analysis of fish species in the lake and the potential effects of the project's drawdown on the fish population was conducted in 2019, the results of this analysis are provided in a separate report, *Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project, Technical Memorandum,* and summarized in the BRTR. The fish community at Castaic Lake is dominated by non-native, warm-water species, however, several native species are also present. Seventeen species of non-native, warm water species can be found in Castaic Lake, including largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*), smallmouth bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*), and bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*) to name a few (see Appendix B for a complete list of species). Native species at Castaic Lake include Sacramento blackfish (*Orthodon microlepidotus*), tule perch (*Hysterocarpus traskii*), hitch (*Lavinia exilicauda*), and prickly sculpin (*Cottus asper*). Castaic Lake also contains hatchery rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), a cold water species. No federal or state-listed species are present in Castaic Lake.

Lowering of the reservoir's surface elevation would decrease the overall aquatic habitat area in the reservoir (ESA, 2019b). However, short-term drawdown and subsequent reflooding is not likely to have long term effects on reservoir fish communities, so long as the lowered condition provides sufficient area and water quality to maintain habitat values for the variously sized fish (Chizinski et al., 2014). The proposed drawdown would lower water levels similar to a recent drawdown event which occurred in 2015 and was caused by state-wide drought conditions. The lower water elevation of 1,390 feet was sustained for a period of over 12 months during the drought, and appeared to maintain habitat area and water depths sufficient for the existing fish populations. No documentation of fish overcrowding, significant population declines, or fish kills were identified. As such, the aquatic resources at Castaic Lake would be expected to recover from the temporary effects of the drawdown as the water levels return to normal operating levels, similar to the 2015 drought conditions. Impacts would be considered less than significant

Amphibians and Aquatic Reptiles

Amphibians and aquatic reptiles are expected to be impacted similarly to fish species during the lake drawdown. Two-striped garter snake and western pond turtle both inhabit Castaic Lake; however, these species are not expected to be present in the immediate vicinity of the project site, because preferred habitat conditions (i.e., areas to bask [for western pond turtle] and sandy, gradual sloping banks for leisure and foraging [for both species]) do not exist near the tower bridge and high tower. Basking opportunities for western pond turtle, and food sources and foraging for both species will continue to be available throughout the lake during the drawdown. As with fish, the aquatic resources would be expected to recover from the temporary effects as the water levels return to the normal operating elevation and the temporary effects of the drawdown are not expected to present a significant impact on amphibians and aquatic reptile species. Impacts would be considered less than significant.

- e) **No Impact.** The proposed retrofit to the tower bridge would not present any conflicts with any local policies or ordinances, such as those established by the Angeles Forest or Los Angeles County, including, but not limited to, a native tree protection, natural resource, or open space ordinance, since work would be confined to the existing bridge and staging areas and to currently disturbed areas; therefore, the project would no impact on local ordinances or policies pertaining to biological resources.
- f) **No Impact.** The project site is not located within an established NCCP or HCP jurisdiction; therefore, no impacts would occur.

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2.5 Cultural Resources

Issi	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	CULTURAL RESOURCES — Would the project:				
a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5?		\boxtimes		
b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?		\boxtimes		
c)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?		\boxtimes		

Discussion

a) Less than Significant with Mitigation. For the purposes of the proposed project and in consultation with DWR, direct impacts to historical resources due to the tower bridge retrofitting were analyzed, as were indirect impacts associated with the drawdown of Castaic Lake from the 1,505-foot elevation contour to the 1,380-foot elevation contour. As such, an Area of Direct Impacts (ADI) was delineated to address direct impacts and includes the construction impact area where work would occur, staging areas, and access routes. Similarly, an Area of Indirect Impacts (AII) was delineated, which includes the area around the lake shore where the drawdown would occur. The ADI is the area where cultural resources could be directly impacted through alteration or ground disturbance. The AII is the area where cultural resources could be indirectly adversely impacted through actions such as increased erosion due to wave action, looting, vandalism, etc. The following paragraphs summarize the identification of historical resources within the ADI and AII, respectively.

Area of Direct Impact

Identification of historical resources (including both architectural and archaeological resources that could qualify as historical resources) within the ADI included: a records search at the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) South Central Coastal Information Center (SCCIC) conducted on October 8, 2019; a search of the California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Sacred Lands File (SLF) conducted on October 21, 2019; a cultural resources survey conducted on October 10, 2019; and a geoarchaeological review (Ehringer and Cleveland, 2019).

The CHRIS-SCCIC results indicate that no cultural resources have been previously recorded within the ADI or a 0.5-mile radius. The CHRIS-SCCIC results indicate that six cultural resources studies have been conducted within a 0.5-mile radius of the ADI (**Table 2-7**). Of these studies, four appear to overlap the proposed ADI (LA-848, -1667, -3848, and -12857). The entirety of the proposed project area and 0.5-mile radius have been included in previous cultural resources studies (Ehringer and Cleveland, 2019).

Author	Report No. (LA-)	Title	Year
Leonard, Nelson N. III	54	Archaeological Resources of the Proposed Castaic Conduit System	1974
Pierce, Wendy	13056	Department of Water Resources Supplemental Archaeological Survey Report, Castaic Geologic Exploration 2 Project, Los Angeles County, California	2015
Schulz, Peter D.	*848	Review of Archaeological Resource Identification and Impact Mitigation California Aqueduct Project (West Branch, Mojave Division and Coastal Branch)	1977
Tartaglia, Louis J.	*3848	Cultural Resources Survey Report Lake Castaic, California	1997
Vader, Michael an Christopher Lockwood	*12857	California Department of Water Resources Castaic Lake Drawdown Project Phase I Cultural Resources Survey Report	2016
Woodward, Jim	*1667	Archaeological Survey of Proposed New Development Areas in Castaic Lake State Recreation Area	1987
* Indicates study overlaps	the proposed A	DI	

 TABLE 2-7

 PREVIOUS CULTURAL RESOURCES INVESTIGATIONS WITHIN A 0.5-MILE RADIUS OF THE PROJECT AREA

Previous surveys of the ADI include one conducted by ESA in 2014, that included the Castaic Lake shoreline between the 1,495-foot elevation contour and the 1,380foot elevation contour. A small portion of the ADI was included as part of the survey; however, much of it could not be accessed due to steep slopes or inaccessibility leaving much of it unsurveyed (Vader and Lockwood, 2016). The ADI was also subject to survey in the 1960s/1970s in advance of the construction of the California Aqueduct and Castaic Dam and Lake (Nelson, 1974; Schulz, 1977). As such, the ADI does not appear to have been systematically surveyed for cultural resources for at least 40 years or more (Ehringer and Cleveland, 2019).

The SLF results indicate that no Native American resources or sacred sites are on file at the NAHC for the proposed project area (Quinn, 2019).

The cultural resources survey resulted in the identification and recordation of one architectural resource within the ADI – the Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge (i.e., the tower bridge) and Castaic Dam High Intake Tower (i.e., the high tower). No archaeological resources were observed or recorded within the ADI during the survey, however, the area where the majority of ground disturbance would occur was inundated and was not accessible to surveyors (Ehringer and Cleveland, 2019).

The high tower and tower bridge are both components of Castaic Dam and Lake, which is in turn part of the SWP. The high tower is a round structure with projecting concrete panels extending to four sides, giving the appearance of an octagonal building. The high tower was constructed from reinforced concrete located at the end of the tower bridge, approximately 525 feet east from the current shoreline in Castaic Lake. The high tower is a vernacular industrial building, jutting high above the water and measuring approximately 40 feet in diameter (with the concrete panels extending out an additional 5 feet). The high tower is topped with a gantry crane and ringed with metal safety rails, and the flat roof is accessed via a metal safety ladder on the western side of the high tower. The tower bridge is a four-span, concrete slab bridge structure measuring approximately 20 feet wide and flanked with metal and concrete guardrails. Entrance to the tower bridge and high tower is restricted by the presence of a chain link fence gate at the shoreline (Ehringer and Cleveland, 2019).

The tower bridge and tower were evaluated under the historical and architectural theme of the SWP and are recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register/California Register under Criteria A/1-D/4 (Ehringer and Cleveland, 2019). They may be eligible as contributors to a larger district related to the SWP, however, evaluation of such a district is beyond the scope of this report. Nonetheless, for the purposes of the proposed project, they are being considered as historical resources pursuant to CEQA. However, even if the SWP district existed, the proposed project's modifications to the tower bridge and tower would not result in a significant adverse change to the elements of the resource that would theoretically contribute to the resource's eligibility as a potential contributor to such a district, since the Castaic Dam and Lake would continue to reflect their association with mid-20th-century water conveyance and the SWP even after completion of the proposed project. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in a substantial adverse change in the significance of this historical resource.

While no archaeological resources were identified within the ADI, the area where the majority of ground disturbance would occur was inundated and was not accessible to surveyors. Since the proposed project would include excavations up to 10 feet in depth in areas that have not been systematically surveyed for at least 40 years or more, there is a potential for the proposed project to encounter unknown archaeological resources. Implementation of Mitigation Measures CUL-1 and CUL-2 would reduce potential direct impacts to archaeological resources qualifying as historical resources to a level of less than significant.

Area of Indirect Impacts

Identification of historical resources within the AII is based on the 2016 cultural resources assessment prepared by ESA for the DWR Castaic Lake Drawdown Project (Vader and Lockwood, 2016). The assessment included a records search of Castaic Lake and a 0.5-mile buffer and a pedestrian survey of the area between the 1,495-foot and 1,380-foot elevation contours in November 2014. Based on the results of this assessment, a total of nine cultural resources are within the AII, including two prehistoric archaeological sites (CA-LAN--4475 and -4476); two historic-period archaeological sites (CA-LAN-4477 and -004478); two prehistoric isolates (P-19-101216 and -101217); one historic-period isolate (P-19-101218); and two historic built environment resources (P-19-003611 [Dry Gulch Road] and -187811 [Lake Hughes Road]).

Resources CA-LAN-4477 and -4478, and P-19-101216, -101217, -101218, and -187811 were previously recommended not eligible for listing in the California Register, and do not qualify as historical resources pursuant to CEQA. Resources CA-LAN-4475 and -4476 were previously evaluated as eligible for listing in the California Register under Criterion 4 (information potential), and they qualify as historical resources pursuant to CEQA. Because P-19-003611 could not be accessed due to steep terrain and was not visually inspected, it has not been evaluated for listing in the California Register, However, it is being considered a historical resource for the purposes of this project².

Additionally, after ESA's survey and lake levels continued to decline, in April 2015 California State Parks recorded a new prehistoric archaeological site that had been at least partially submerged during the 2014 survey (referred to as the Castaic Incidental Find Site [Tejada, 2015]). The site appears to be at the 1,380-foot elevation contour. This site has not been evaluated for listing in the California Register. However, given that it has similar constituents to CA-LAN-4475 and -4476 with similar data potential, it is being considered a historical resource for the purposes of this project.³

Four historical resources have been identified within the AII, including three prehistoric archaeological sites (CA-LAN-4475 and -4476, and Castaic Incidental Find Site) and one historic-built resource (P-19-003611 [Dry Gulch Road]). These four resources could be subject to indirect impacts associated with the proposed project's drawdown of Castaic Lake, such as vandalism and erosion due to wave action. Also, there is the possibility that as-yet-unknown archaeological resources could be exposed in the AII as a result of the drawdown, particularly in the area between the 1,495-foot and 1,505-foot elevation contours, which was not surveyed in 2014 since it was not part of the DWR Castaic Lake Drawdown Project. Therefore, known historical resources, as well as as-yet-unknown archaeological resources that may qualify as historical resources, could be indirectly impacted by the proposed project. Implementation of **Mitigation Measures CUL-1** through **CUL-3** would reduce potential indirect impacts to archaeological resources qualifying as historical resources that significant.

Mitigation Measures

CUL-1: After the lake's surface elevation is lowered from the normal operation elevation of 1,505 feet to approximately 1,380 feet and the soils have dried sufficiently, a Qualified Archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for archaeology shall conduct a preconstruction archaeological resources survey of all accessible areas within the construction impact area and site access route and the area between the 1,495-foot and 1,505-foot elevation contours. DWR shall invite one representative from

² Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5(a)(4), DWR has in its discretion determined that the resource may be a historical resource as defined in Public Resources Code sections 5020.1(j) or 5024.1

³ ibid

the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians who consulted on this project (referred to hereafter as the consulting tribe) to participate in the survey. Prior to initiating the survey, the Qualified Archaeologist, or their designee, shall conduct a records search update at the South Central Coastal Information Center and a review of resources on file at California State Parks, U.S. Forest Service – Angeles National Forest, and U.S. Bureau of Land Management – Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office (land management agencies), to ensure that the most recent data is available to surveyors.

The survey shall document archaeological resources potentially qualifying as historical resources or unique archaeological resources or tribal cultural resources under CEQA. The Qualified Archaeologist shall document the results of the survey in a report addendum (or technical memorandum). The Qualified Archaeologist shall also prepare Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) 523 forms for resources encountered during the survey, which shall be appended to the report. The Qualified Archaeologist shall submit the report to DWR within 5 days after completion of the survey. DWR shall provide a copy of the report addendum (or technical memorandum) and DPR 523 forms for resources that are prehistoric or Native American in origin to the consulting tribe for their review and comment, and shall provide them with 30 days to comment in writing. The Qualified Archaeologist shall prepare final documents incorporating DWR and tribal comments. The Qualified Archaeologist shall also submit the final documents to the South Central Coastal Information Center and land management agencies. In the event archaeological resources potentially qualifying as historical resources or unique archaeological resources or tribal cultural resources under CEQA are identified during the survey, they shall be treated in accordance with Mitigation Measure CUL-2.

CUL-2: In the event that archaeological resources potentially qualifying as historical resources or unique archaeological resources or tribal cultural resources under CEQA are encountered during pre-construction surveys or constructionrelated ground disturbance, the Qualified Archaeologist shall evaluate the resource to determine if it meets the definition for historical resource in CEQA Guidelines subdivision 15064.5(a) or unique archaeological resource in PRC subdivision 21083.2(g) or tribal cultural resource in PRC Section 21074. DWR shall consult with the consulting tribe on the eligibility of potential tribal cultural resources. If a discovery of archaeological materials occurs during construction, DWR or its contractor shall immediately cease all work activities in the area (within approximately 100 feet) of the discovery until the Qualified Archaeologist has inspected the discovery and conferred with DWR on the potential significance of the resource. In the event that the discovery is prehistoric or Native American in origin, DWR shall notify the consulting tribe and provide them with the opportunity to consult on the significance of the discovery, as well as the opportunity to provide a monitor during future ground disturbance, if deemed appropriate.

If it is determined that a discovered archaeological resource within the ADI meets the definition for historical resource in CEQA Guidelines subdivision 15064.5(a) or unique archaeological resource in PRC subdivision 21083.2(g) or tribal cultural resource in PRC subdivision 21074, avoidance and preservation in place shall be the preferred manner of mitigation. Preservation in place maintains the important relationship between artifacts and their archaeological context and also serves to avoid conflict with traditional and religious values of groups who may ascribe meaning to the resource. Preservation in place may be accomplished by, but is not limited to, avoidance, incorporating the resource into open space, capping, or deeding the site into a permanent conservation easement. If avoidance of a resource is determined by DWR to be infeasible in light of factors such as the nature of the find, proposed project design, costs, and other considerations, then the Qualified Archaeologist shall develop and implement an Archaeological Resources Data Recovery and Treatment Plan. The plan shall be designed to provide for adequately recovering the scientifically consequential information for which the resource is eligible for the CRHR under Criterion 4, which entails recovery of archaeological materials sufficient to address important regional and local research questions.

DWR shall afford the consulting tribe the opportunity to participate in development of plans for data recovery and treatment of prehistoric or Native American resources to ensure that cultural values ascribed to the resource by the tribe are considered. DWR shall also afford the consulting tribe the opportunity to monitor implementation of any data recovery or other treatment measures for prehistoric or Native American resources. Should the consulting tribe elect not to participate, DWR shall consult with other appropriate Native American representatives in determining treatment for prehistoric or Native American resources.

If any additional historical resources, unique archaeological resources, or tribal cultural resources are identified in the AII, they shall be subject to the site condition assessments required by **Mitigation Measure CUL-3**.

CUL-3: A Qualified Archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for archaeology, or an archaeologist working under their direct supervision, shall conduct periodic site condition assessments of resources CA-LAN-4475, CA-LAN-4476, Castaic Incidental Find Site, P-19-003611, P-19-101216, and P-19-101217, and any other historical or unique archaeological resources or tribal cultural resources that may be identified in the AII as a result of surveys and evaluations required in **Mitigation Measures CUL-1** and **CUL-2**. Site condition assessments shall be conducted on a monthly basis for the duration of the lake drawdown related to this project (estimated to be 4 months). DWR shall afford the consulting tribe the opportunity to participate in site condition assessments for prehistoric or Native American resources. The archaeologist shall inspect each resource to assess whether the project's drawdown is adversely impacting resources through actions such as increased erosion due to wave action, looting, vandalism, or other disturbances that could be the inadvertent result of the project's drawdown.

The results of the monthly inspections shall be documented on Site Condition Assessment Forms and shall include: confirmation of resource boundaries with sub-meter GPS; relocation of previously identified artifacts; confirmation of locations, quantities, and types of artifacts present; general condition and disturbances observed; photography to document whether any change in resource condition has occurred; and recommendations for protective measures or for data recovery/documentation/interpretation for any resources that are being adversely impacted by the drawdown. DPR 523 form updates, following California Office of Historic Preservation's (OHP) Instructions for Recording Historical Resources, shall be prepared and filed with the South Central Coastal Information Center for all resources where changes in setting or condition are observed. Site Condition Assessment Forms and any associated DPR 523 form updates shall be submitted to DWR within 5 working days of completion of each inspection. DWR shall provide a copy of site conditions assessments and DPR 523 forms for resources that are prehistoric or native American in origin to the consulting tribe for their review and comment, and shall provide them with 30 days to comment in writing. The Qualified Archaeologist shall prepare final documents incorporating DWR and tribal comments.

If project-related adverse impacts occur to any resource(s), the Qualified Archaeologist shall provide recommendations for additional protective measures or data recovery and/or additional documentation and interpretation (depending on the nature of the resource). Protective measures may include, but would not be limited to, increased security patrols, temporary fencing and/or signage, or stabilization efforts. DWR shall afford the consulting tribe the opportunity to monitor implementation of any protective measures for prehistoric or Native American resources. If it is clear that additional protective measures would not prevent further damage and the project is likely to result in a substantial adverse change in the significance of a resource such that the resource will no longer convey its historical significance and would no longer be eligible for listing in the California Register, DWR shall implement data recovery and/or additional documentation and interpretation per the Qualified Archaeologist's recommendations. DWR shall implement recommended measures as expeditiously as possible to prevent further damage or to mitigate adverse impacts before additional damage occurs. If data recovery is selected, the Qualified Archaeologist shall develop and implement an Archaeological Resources Data Recovery and Treatment Plan following the same process as outlined under CUL-2.

If protective measures are implemented, verification of the measures' success shall be confirmed during the monthly site condition assessments for the duration of the drawdown. If the protective measures fail to prevent further damage, then DWR shall implement data recovery and/or additional documentation and interpretation following the process outlined above.

b) Less than Significant with Mitigation. As described under Issue 2.5 a, no archaeological resources were identified within the ADI. While no archaeological resources were identified within the ADI, the area where the majority of ground disturbance would occur was inundated and was not accessible to surveyors. Since the proposed project would include excavations up to 10 feet in depth in areas not recently surveyed, there is a potential for the proposed project to directly impact unknown archaeological resources. Implementation of Mitigation Measures CUL-1 and CUL-2, described under Issue 2.5 a, would reduce potential direct impacts to archaeological resources to a level of less than significant.

As described under Issue 2.5 a, archaeological resources are known to be within the AII. Also, there is the possibility that as-yet-unknown archaeological resources could be exposed in the AII as a result of the drawdown, particularly in the area between the 1,495-foot and 1,505-foot elevation contours, which was not surveyed in 2014 since it was not part of the DWR Castaic Lake Drawdown Project. Therefore, known and as as-yet-unknown archaeological resources located within the AII could be indirectly impacted by the proposed project. Implementation of **Mitigation Measures CUL-1** through **CUL-3**, described under Issue 2.5 a, would reduce potential impacts to archaeological resources to a level of less than significant.

c) Less than Significant with Mitigation. No human remains are known to exist within the ADI or AII, including those located outside of dedicated cemeteries, and the NAHC does not have any record of Native American burials within or near the proposed project area (Quinn, 2019). Nonetheless, given the proposed project would include excavations up to 10 feet in depth within the ADI as well as a drawdown of the entire lake. These actions have the potential to disturb and/or expose human remains. Implementation of Mitigation Measure CUL-4 would reduce potential impacts to human remains to a level of less than significant.

Mitigation Measures

CUL-4: Human remains discoveries shall be treated in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 and Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, which require assessment of the discovery by the County Coroner, assignment of a Most Likely Descendant (MLD) by the California Native American Heritage Commission, and consultation between the MLD and the landowner regarding treatment of the discovery. Until the landowner has conferred with the MLD, DWR or its contractor shall ensure that the immediate vicinity where the discovery occurred is not disturbed by further activity, is adequately protected according to generally accepted cultural or archaeological standards or practices, and that further activities take into account the possibility of multiple burials. In the event of a humans remains discovery, DWR shall also notify the consulting tribe within 48 hours of the discovery.

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2.6 Energy

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	
	ENERGY — Would the project:					
a)	Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?			\boxtimes		
b)	Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?			\boxtimes		

Discussion

Supporting documentation of the energy calculations provided in this section are included in Appendix A of this IS/MND.

The proposed project would consume energy during construction activities primarily from onand off-road vehicle, and off-road equipment fuel consumption in the form of diesel and gasoline. The analysis below includes the project's energy requirements and energy use efficiencies by fuel type for each stage of the project (construction and operations). However, operations energy consumption would be minimal as the project is an infrastructure project that involves tower bridge seismic retrofitting and does not include net new stationary sources. The project would require periodic maintenance activities which would involve a few trucks or vehicles. Fuel consumption from the few vehicles for periodic maintenance would result in minimal energy use. Additionally, the construction and operational activities would not include natural gas usage.

The project's estimated construction energy consumption was calculated using the CalEEMod Version 2016.3.2 and spreadsheet calculations to determine transportation fuel consumption. Electricity consumption estimates used for powering lighting and other construction activities were provided by the applicant.

Less than Significant Impact. The project would consume energy during construction a) activities, primarily from on- and off-road vehicle, and off-road equipment fuel consumption in the form of diesel and gasoline. For construction, electricity would be used for construction activities such as construction lighting. For comparison purposes, the project's construction energy demand from transportation fuel and electricity is compared to the Los Angeles County and Statewide transportation fuel sales and electricity usage. In addition, the project's construction electricity demand is compared to the Southern California Edison service area, which covers approximately 50,000 square miles, 180 incorporated cities, and 15 counties in Southern California (excluding San Diego and Imperial Counties) and in the southeast Sierra Nevada Mountains area. The estimated project fuel consumption and comparison to existing (2017) state and county usage are provide in Table 2-8. The total project use of gasoline- and diesel-powered mobile construction equipment would be less than 0.01 percent and less than 0.01 of the overall annual state gasoline- and diesel-usage in 2018, respectively, and less than 0.01 percent and approximately 0.04 percent of the Los Angeles County gasoline- and dieselusage in 2018, respectively. The annual use of electricity from construction activities would be less than 0.01 percent of the Los Angeles County electricity usage in 2018, less than 0.01 percent of the state electricity usage in 2018, and less than 0.01 percent of the SCE electricity kilo-watt hour sales in 2017. Therefore, the increased demand from the proposed project would not require regional or local capacity increases.

Project construction trucks would be required to comply with fuel saving regulations such as the USEPA Phase 1 and Phase 2 standards, which affect model year 2014 through model year 2027 medium- and heavy-duty trucks. The Phase 1 standards result in a reduction in fuel consumption from 6 to 23 percent over the 2010 baseline, depending on the vehicle type (USEPA, 2011). The USEPA and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) jointly finalized the Phase 2 standards, which cover model years 2021 through 2027 and require the phase in of a 5 to 25 percent reduction in fuel consumption over the 2017 baseline depending on the compliance year and vehicle type (USEPA, 2016). According to the USEPA, the Phase 2 standards would reduce oil consumption by up to two billion barrels (84 billion gallons) over the lifetime of the vehicles sold under the program (USEPA, 2018), and a portion of the fuel savings would be from those model year 2017 through 2027 medium- and heavy-duty trucks used for the project. Furthermore, mobile equipment used on-site would be limited by California law to a maximum of 5 minutes of idling time per location (Title 13 California Code of Regulations [CCR] Section 2485) as applicable. While the goal of the idling regulation is primarily to reduce public health impacts from diesel emissions, compliance with the regulation also results in energy savings in the form of reduced fuel consumption from unnecessary idling. As a result, construction of the project would not result in wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources. Impacts would be less than significant.

	Total Project Fuel Consumption (gallons)		Project Electrical Consumption
	Diesel	Gasoline	GWh/yr
Project Total Usage	216,611	32,364	0.002
Los Angeles County Usage ^a	527,083,333	3,638,000,000	67,856
% County Usage	0.04%	<0.01%	<0.01%
State Usage ^a	3,702,083,333	15,471,000,000	562,240
% State Usage	<0.01%	<0.01%	<0.01%
SCE Electricity Usage ^c	NA	NA	87,143
% SCE Usage	NA	NA	<0.01%
^a CEC 2019a, CEC 2019b ^b SCE 2019.			

 TABLE 2-8

 ESTIMATED PROJECT CONSTRUCTION FUEL CONSUMPTION

As stated above, operational energy consumption would be minimal as the project is an infrastructure project that involves bridge deck strengthening and seismic retrofitting of the tower bridge to the lake's high tower, and would not require new stationary sources. The proposed project would not result in net new electricity or natural gas energy consumption, but would require periodic maintenance activities which would involve a few trucks or vehicles per month, similar to existing conditions. Fuel consumption from the few vehicles for periodic maintenance would result in minimal energy use. Thus, operation of the project would use energy necessary to provide maintenance for the project but would not result in the wasteful, inefficient, and unnecessary use of energy and impacts would be less than significant.

b) Less than Significant Impact. Construction and operation of the project would not result in an increase in demand for natural gas and a minimal and temporary increase in electricity demand. As stated above, the project's energy consumption primarily would result from on- and off-road fuel, and off-road equipment use from construction related vehicles. The project is an infrastructure project that once constructed would not contribute to operational related energy consumption requiring increased supply or distribution facilities. Construction of the project would comply with applicable regulations that would minimize necessary fuel usage such as the USEPA Phase 2 standards and CARB idling regulation, as discussed previously. Therefore, the project's burden on energy demand would be minimal and would not conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency. Impacts would be less than significant.

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2.7 Geology and Soils

Issi	ies (a	nd Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	GE	OLOGY AND SOILS — Would the project:				
a)	Dire adv dea	ectly or indirectly cause potential substantial erse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or th involving:				
	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.			\boxtimes	
	ii)	Strong seismic ground shaking?			\boxtimes	
	iii)	Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?			\boxtimes	
	iv)	Landslides?			\boxtimes	
b)	Res	sult in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?			\boxtimes	
c)	Be or ti proj lanc or c	located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, hat would become unstable as a result of the ject, and potentially result in on- or off-site dslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, collapse?			\boxtimes	
d)	Be Tab crea proj	located on expansive soil, as defined in ole 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), ating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or perty?			\boxtimes	
e)	Hav of s sys disp	ve soils incapable of adequately supporting the use eptic tanks or alternative waste water disposal tems where sewers are not available for the bosal of waste water?				\boxtimes
f)	Dire rese	ectly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological ource or site or unique geologic feature?		\boxtimes		

Discussion

a.i-iv) Less than Significant Impact. The faults most susceptible to earthquake rupture are active faults, which have experienced surface displacement within the last 11,000 years. The project site is not located within an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone and no mapped active faults are known to pass through the immediate project region. The nearest Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone is approximately 6 miles northwest of the project site. Therefore, the potential for fault rupture to affect the proposed project would be considered less than significant.

The project area is located in a seismically active region and is subject to strong ground shaking. The principal potential earthquake hazard for the project area is ground shaking, which could cause damage to buildings and infrastructure. However, the proposed project includes updates to the high tower's bridge at Castaic Lake in order to make it

seismically capable of withstanding a potential earthquake of 7.3 magnitude. Since the proposed project improves the capacity of the tower bridge to withstand ground shaking impacts would be considered less than significant.

Liquefaction is a phenomenon where unconsolidated and/or near saturated soils lose cohesion and are converted to a fluid state as a result of severe vibratory motion. The relatively rapid loss of soil during strong earthquake shaking results in the temporary fluid-like behavior of the soil. The proposed project site itself does not overlap with a liquefaction zone, unlike the Castaic Lagoon. The proposed project would include upgrades to the existing tower bridge and would not include construction of new or habitable facilities. Impacts would be considered less than significant.

Landslides are deep-seated ground failures (several tens to hundreds of feet deep) in which a large section of a slope detaches and slides downhill. Landslide-susceptible areas are characterized by steep slopes and downslope creep of surface materials. There is no information through the California Department of Conservation on landslides directly within the project site, areas located south of Castaic Lake are classified as having the potential for landslides. The proposed project includes updates to an existing tower bridge and would not add any new structures or impact existing habitable structures. The proposed project would not directly or indirectly include the risk of loss, injury or death involving seismic related ground failure and impacts would be considered less than significant.

The proposed project includes retrofitting existing infrastructure to be resilient to the potential impact of future earthquakes in the project area. Implementation of the proposed project would not expose people or structures, directly or indirectly, to potential substantial adverse impact, including loss, injury, or death resulting from seismically induced fault rupture, ground shaking, liquefaction or landslides.

b) Less than Significant Impact. During construction of the proposed project, grading and excavation activities would expose and disturb surface soils. Construction would begin once soil sufficiently dries to complete excavation work. Excavation would occur to a depth of up to 10 feet surrounding tower bridge piers and along the lakebed access road. During construction, approximately 2,750 cubic yards of soil would be removed and temporarily stored at nearby staging areas. Soil exposed by construction activities could be subject to erosion if exposed to heavy rain, winds, or other storm events. However, the proposed project would require a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit from the Regional Water Quality Control Board, as the proposed project would disturb at least one acre of soil. A project specific Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) would be prepared in compliance with the Construction General Permit.

The SWPPP would identify erosion control and sediment control best management practices (BMPs) that would be implemented to minimize the occurrence of soil erosion or loss of topsoil. Once the carbon fiber jackets have been applied and allowed to cure,

the excavated soil would be backfilled around the Piers and Abutment 5. The remaining excavated soil would be stored on-site within the DWR maintenance yard for future maintenance needs. Additionally, once construction of the proposed project is complete water levels would be returned to normal operating conditions and any soils exposed during construction would become submerged again. With implementation of the required SWPPP and BMPs, impacts would be less than significant.

- c) Less than Significant Impact. As discussed above, impacts relating to liquefaction and landslides would be less than significant. Land subsidence can occur as a result of groundwater or oil extraction. Construction and operation of the proposed project would not include water or oil extraction. Drawdown of the lake would not involve the pumping of groundwater. As such, implementation of the proposed project would not promote subsidence. Impacts would be less than significant.
- d) Less than Significant Impact. Expansive soils are predominantly comprised of clays, which expand in volume when water is absorbed and shrink when the soil dries. Expansion is measured by shrink-swell potential, which is the volume change in soil with a gain in moisture. Soils with a moderate to high shrink-swell potential can cause damage to roads, buildings, and infrastructure (USDA, 2019). The project site is surrounded by Castaic-Balcom silty clay loams, Hanford sandy loam, and Ramona loam, all of which are well drained. The Hanford and Ramona loams are derived from alluvial granite and the Castaic-Balcom clay is derived of residuum weathered from sedimentary rocks. Soils within the lake are not mapped by USDA. These soils are contained solely under water and do not pose an issue related to shrinking and swelling as lake levels are maintained at particular operating levels year-round (except in the rare case of extreme drought conditions). The proposed project includes upgrades to an existing structure (tower bridge) and would not construct new facilities at the lake and would, therefore, not modify existing conditions. Impacts would be less than significant.
- e) **No Impact.** The proposed project does not include septic tanks or alternative waste disposal systems. As a result, there is no potential for soil failure associated with the installation of septic tanks or alternative waste disposal systems.
- f) Less than Significant with Mitigation. Castaic Lake is located within the Sierra Pelona Mountains, part of the Transverse Ranges of Southern California. Bedrock within the vicinity of Castaic Lake consists primarily of Castaic Formation marine clastic rocks, including shale, claystone, sandstone, and conglomerate (Dibblee and Ehrenspeck, 1997a/1997b). These rocks formed in a shallow marine environment during the late Miocene epoch (approximately 11.6–5.3 million years ago) between the Mohnian and Delmontian stages (Barren, 1989) and were subsequently uplifted. The Ski Arm of the lake is bounded primarily by gray, micaceous clay shale and claystone with some thin sandstone strata (Tc). The Fish Arm of the lake is bounded primarily by light gray to tan, arkosic sandstone with interbedded clay shale, as well as pebble-cobble conglomerate in lower strata (Tcs). The northern end of the Fish Arm is bounded by a conglomerate composed of hard sandstone cobbles and pebbles (Tcg).

The geology of the proposed project area has been mapped by Dibblee and Ehrenspeck at a scale of 1:24,000. The proposed project area is underlain by late Miocene-age clay shale or claystone (Tc) (also referred to as the Castaic Formation) (approximately 11.6-5.3 million years ago), older Pleistocene-age alluvium (Qoa) (approximately 2.5 million years ago – 11,000 B.P.), and recent (modern) artificial fill.

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (LACM) conducted a search of its paleontology collection records on October 10, 2019 (McLeod, 2019). The search revealed that no vertebrate fossil localities have been recorded within the boundaries of the proposed project area. However, there are localities nearby from the same sedimentary deposits that occur within the proposed project area, both at surface and at depth.

The closest vertebrate fossil locality from older Pleistocene-age alluvium (Qoa) is LACM 5745, located about 17 miles to the south-southeast of the proposed project area in the northeastern San Fernando Valley. This locality produced fossil specimens of mastodon and horse in artificial fill. The next closest fossil vertebrate localities from older Pleistocene-age alluvium (Qoa) are LACM 3397 and LACM 7152, located about 20 miles south of the proposed project area near Van Norman Reservoir. LACM 3397 produced a specimen of fossil bison at a depth of 75 feet and LACM 7152 produced fossil mammoth and bison in terrace deposits.

The closest locality from the late Miocene-age Castaic Formation (Tc) is LACM (CIT) 440, located about 6 miles to the southeast of the proposed project area. This locality produced a fossil specimen of camel. Located a little further to the southeast of the proposed project area, locality LACM 5461 produced an uncommon fossil specimen of tapir from a shell bed. Slightly further to the south, LACM 7772-7773 produced fossil specimens of sea turtle, carnivore, and baleen whale. Even further to the southeast of the proposed project area, locality LACM 7656 produced a rare nearly complete carapace of a fossil leatherback turtle.

Excavations in the artificial fill exposed in the southern portion of the proposed project area is unlikely to uncover significant vertebrate fossil remains, unless excavations extend into underlying native sediments, such as the older alluvium or the Castaic Formation. Excavations in the older alluvium or Castaic Formation may encounter significant fossil vertebrate specimens. Since the proposed project's excavations would extend up to 10 feet in depth, it is possible that fossiliferous deposits could be encountered. Should fossiliferous deposits be encountered, the proposed project could result in an impact to unique paleontological resources. **Mitigation Measures GEO-1** and **GEO-2** would reduce potential impacts to a level of less than significant.

Mitigation Measures

GEO-1: Prior to the start of construction, a Qualified Paleontologist (defined as a paleontologist who meets the standards of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology), or their designee, shall conduct paleontological resources

sensitivity training for construction personnel. The training shall include instruction on the appearance of fossils, and the procedures and notification protocols to follow in the event of a discovery. DWR shall ensure that construction personnel are made available for and attend the training and retain documentation demonstrating attendance.

GEO-2: In the event of a fossil discovery by construction personnel, all work in the immediate vicinity of the find shall cease and the Qualified Paleontologist shall evaluate the find before restarting construction activity in the area. The Qualified Paleontologist shall assess the discovery and make recommendations as to the appropriate treatment. If the find is deemed significant, it shall be salvaged following the standards of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology and curated with a certified repository. The Qualified Paleontologist shall provide recommendations regarding whether paleontological monitoring is warranted for future ground disturbance.

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2.8 Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS — Would the project:				
a)	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?			\boxtimes	
b)	Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?			\boxtimes	

Discussion

"Global warming" and "global climate change" are the terms used to describe the increase in the average temperature of the earth's near-surface air and oceans since the mid-20th century and its projected continuation. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warming of the climate system is now considered unequivocal (IPCC, 2007). Natural processes and human actions have been identified as the causes of this warming. The IPCC has concluded that variations in natural phenomena such as solar radiation and volcanoes produced most of the warming from pre-industrial times to 1950 and had a small cooling effect afterward. After 1950, increasing greenhouse gas (GHG) concentrations resulting from human activity such as fossil fuel burning and deforestation are believed to be responsible for most of the observed temperature increase. Increases in GHG concentrations in the earth's atmosphere are thought to be the main cause of human-induced climate change. Certain gases in the atmosphere naturally trap heat by impeding the exit of solar radiation that is reflected back into space after striking the earth. This is sometimes referred to as the "greenhouse effect," and the gases that cause it are called "greenhouse gases." Some GHGs occur naturally and are necessary for keeping the earth's surface inhabitable. However, increases in the concentrations of these gases in the atmosphere during the last 100 years have decreased the amount of solar radiation that is reflected back into space, intensifying the natural greenhouse effect and increasing average global temperatures.

State law defines GHGs as carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), and sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆). When concentrations of these gases exceed natural concentrations in the atmosphere, the greenhouse effect may be intensified. CO₂, CH₄ and N₂O occur naturally, and through human activity. Emissions of CO₂ are largely by-products of fossil fuel combustion, whereas CH₄ results from off-gassing⁴ associated with agricultural practices and landfills. Other human-generated GHGs include fluorinated gases such as HFCs, PFCs and SF₆, which have much higher heat-absorption potential than CO₂, and are byproducts of certain industrial processes.

CO₂ is the reference gas for climate change because it is the predominant GHG emitted. The effect that each of the aforementioned gases can have on global warming is a combination of the mass of their emissions and their global warming potential (GWP). GWP indicates, on a pound-for-pound basis, how much a gas contributes to global warming relative to how much warming

⁴ Off-gassing is defined as the release of chemicals under normal conditions of temperature and pressure.

would be caused by the same mass of CO₂. For example, CH₄ and N₂O are substantially more potent GHGs than CO₂, with GWPs of 25 and 298 times that of CO₂, respectively.

In emissions inventories, GHG emissions are typically reported in terms of pounds or metric tons of CO_2 equivalents (CO_2e). CO_2e is calculated as the product of the mass emitted of a given GHG and its specific GWP. While CH_4 and N_2O have much higher GWPs than CO_2 , CO_2 is emitted in such vastly higher quantities that it accounts for the majority of GHG emissions in CO_2e , both from residential/commercial developments and human activity in general.

Although GHG emissions can be quantified, CARB, SCAQMD, and Los Angeles County have not formally adopted project-level significance thresholds for GHG emissions that would be applicable to the project. The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) released a technical advisory on CEQA and climate change that provided some guidance on assessing the significance of GHG emissions, and states that "lead agencies may undertake a project-by-project analysis, consistent with available guidance and current CEQA practice," (OPR, 2008) and that while "climate change is ultimately a cumulative impact, not every individual project that emits GHGs must necessarily be found to contribute to a significant cumulative impact on the environment." Furthermore, the technical advisory states that "CEQA authorizes reliance on previously approved plans and mitigation programs that have adequately analyzed and mitigated GHG emissions to a less than significant level as a means to avoid or substantially reduce the cumulative impact of a project." (OPR, 2008).

Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15064(h)(3), a project's incremental contribution to a cumulative impact can be found not cumulatively considerable if the project would comply with an approved plan or mitigation program that provides specific requirements that would avoid or substantially lessen the cumulative problem within the geographic area of the project.⁵ To qualify, such a plan or program must be specified in law or adopted by the public agency with jurisdiction over the affected resources through a public review process to implement, interpret, or make specific the law enforced or administered by the public agency.³ Examples of such programs include a "water quality control plan, air quality attainment or maintenance plan, integrated waste management plan, habitat conservation plan, natural community conservation plan, [and] plans or regulations for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions."³ Thus, CEQA Guidelines Section 15064(h)(3) allows a lead agency to make a finding of non-significance for GHG emissions if a project complies with a program or other regulatory schemes to reduce GHG emissions.⁶

⁵ 14 CCR Section 15064(h)(3).

⁶ See, for example, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD), CEQA Determinations of Significance for projects Subject to ARB's GHG Cap-and-Trade Regulation, APR-2025 (June 25, 2014), in which the SJVAPCD "determined that GHG emissions increases that are covered under ABR's Cap-and-Trade regulation cannot constitute significant increases under CEQA..." Furthermore, the SCAQMD has taken this position in CEQA documents it has produced as a lead agency. The SCAQMD has prepared three Negative Declarations and one Draft Environmental Impact Report that demonstrate the SCAQMD has applied its 10,000 MTCO₂e/yr significance threshold in such a way that GHG emissions covered by the Cap-and-Trade Program do not constitute emissions that must be measured against the threshold. See SCAQMD, Final Negative Declaration for Ultramar Inc. Wilmington Refinery Cogeneration project, SHC No. 2012041014 (October 2014); SCAQMD Final Negative Declaration for Phillips 99 Los Angeles Refinery Carson Plant—Crude Oil Storage Capacity project, SCH No. 2013091029 (December 2014); SCAQMD Final Mitigated Negative Declaration for Toxic Air Contaminant Reduction for Compliance with SCAQMD Rules 1420.1 and 1402 at the Exide Technologies Facility in Vernon, CA, SCH No. 2014101040 (December 2014); and SCAQMD Final Environmental Impact Report for the Breitburn Santa Fe Springs Blocks 400/700 Upgrade project, SCH No. 2014121014 (August 2015).

Less than Significant Impact. According to SCAQMD methodology, because GHG a) emissions are a cumulative impact, project significance is determined by the combined amortized construction and operational emissions. As a method for evaluating significance under CEQA, SCAQMD developed a draft tiered flowchart in 2008 for determining significance thresholds for GHGs for industrial projects where SCAQMD is acting as the lead agency (SCAQMD, 2008). In December 2008, SCAQMD adopted a 10,000 metric tons of CO₂e (MTCO₂e)/year threshold for industrial facilities for projects in which SCAQMD is the lead agency. Although SCAQMD has not formally adopted a significance threshold for GHG emissions generated by a project for which SCAQMD is not the lead agency, or a uniform methodology for analyzing impacts related to GHG emissions on global climate change, in the absence of any industry-wide accepted standards applicable to this project, the SCAOMD's significance threshold of 10,000 MTCO₂e per year for industrial projects is the most relevant GHG significance threshold and is used as a benchmark for the project. It should be noted that the SCAQMD's significance threshold of 10,000 MTCO₂e per year for industrial projects is intended for long-term operational GHG emissions. The SCAQMD has developed guidance for the determination of the significance of GHG construction emissions that recommends that total emissions from construction be amortized over an assumed project lifetime of 30 years and added to operational emissions and then compared to the threshold (SCAQMD, 2008).

The justification for the threshold is provided in SCAQMD's Interim CEQA GHG Significance Threshold for Stationary Sources, Rules and Plans (SCAQMD Interim GHG Threshold) (SCAQMD, 2008). The SCAQMD Interim GHG Threshold identifies a screening threshold to determine whether additional analysis is required. As stated by the SCAQMD:

"...the ...screening level for stationary sources is based on an emission capture rate of 90 percent for all new or modified projects...the policy objective of [SCAQMD's] recommended interim GHG significance threshold proposal is to achieve an emission capture rate of 90 percent of all new or modified stationary source projects. A GHG significance threshold based on a 90 percent emission capture rate may be more appropriate to address the long-term adverse impacts associated with global climate change because most projects will be required to implement GHG reduction measures. Further, a 90 percent emission capture rate sets the emission threshold low enough to capture a substantial fraction of future stationary source projects that will be constructed to accommodate future statewide population and economic growth, while setting the emission threshold high enough to exclude small projects that will in aggregate contribute a relatively small fraction of the cumulative statewide GHG emissions. This assertion is based on the fact that [SCAQMD] staff estimates that these GHG emissions would account for slightly less than one percent of future 2050 statewide GHG emissions target (85 [MMTCO₂e per year]). In addition, these small projects may be subject to future applicable GHG control regulations that would further reduce their overall future contribution to
the statewide GHG inventory. Finally, these small sources are already subject to [Best Available Control Technology (BACT)] for criteria pollutants and are more likely to be single-permit facilities, so they are more likely to have few opportunities readily available to reduce GHG emissions from other parts of their facility."

Thus, based on guidance from the SCAQMD, if an industrial project would emit GHGs less than 10,000 MTCO₂e per year, the project would not be considered a substantial GHG emitter and GHG emission impact would be less than significant, requiring no additional analysis and no mitigation.

CEQA Guidelines 15064.4 (b)(1) states that a lead agency may use a model or methodology to quantify GHGs associated with a project. In late 2017, the SCAQMD in conjunction with the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) released the latest version of the CalEEMod (Version 2016.3.2). The purpose of this model is to estimate construction-source and operational-source emissions from direct and indirect sources. Accordingly, the latest version of CalEEMod has been used for this project to estimate the project's emission impacts.

Construction GHG emissions for the proposed project were estimated using CalEEMod Version 2016.3.2 with the same assumptions as the air quality analysis as described in Section 2.3, *Air Quality*. Proposed project-generated emissions were modeled based on general information provided in the proposed project description and default SCAQMD-recommended settings and parameters attributable to the proposed land use types and site location. Lake drawdown activities would begin in the third quarter of 2020 and active construction and seismic retrofitting activities beginning in Winter 2020, occurring in phases over approximately 15.5 months.

The proposed project's total estimated GHG emissions during the construction activities would be approximately 2,380 MTCO₂e over the project duration of 15.5 months from Winter 2020 through early 2022. This would equal approximately 79 MTCO₂e per year after amortization over 30 years per SCAQMD methodology.

Operational activities associated with the project would result in minor amounts of GHG emissions. Operational sources of GHG emissions would include mobile sources from vehicles for periodic maintenance. Mobile emissions would only add trace amounts of GHG emissions annually and would not substantially contribute to annual operational GHG emissions. As the amortized project construction emissions and negligible operational emissions would be less than the 10,000 MTCO₂e/year threshold, the proposed project would result in less than significant impacts.

b) Less than Significant Impact. The proposed project would not conflict with any plan, policy, or regulation aimed at reducing the emissions of greenhouse gas emissions, as discussed below. Impacts would be less than significant.

Consistency with CARB Scoping Plan

The CARB Scoping Plan was designed to reduce Statewide GHG emissions to meet the adopted targets in Assembly Bill 32 (i.e., 1990 level GHG emissions by 2020) and Senate Bill 32 (i.e., 40 percent below 1990 level GHG emission by 2030) (CARB, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017). The majority of the Scoping Plan measures target measures that reduce energy and transportation emissions from residential and commercial/industrial development and therefore the majority of the Scoping Plan measures are not applicable to the project as there is minimal operational energy or transportation emissions. The majority of project emissions are associated with construction activities. Out of the Recommended Actions contained in CARB's Scoping Plan, the actions that are most applicable to the proposed project would be reducing diesel-fueled commercial motor vehicle GHG exhaust and idling emissions, and waste management to divert solid waste from disposal facilities. The project would utilize contractors that comply with the California regulations to limit idling of on-site vehicles to 5 minutes or less at a location (Title 13 CCR Section 2485). While the goal of the idling regulation is primarily to reduce public health impacts from diesel emissions, compliance with the regulation also results in GHG emissions reductions in the form of reduced fuel combustion from unnecessary idling. Project construction trucks would also be required to comply with fuel saving regulations such as the USEPA standards for GHG emissions and fuel efficiency for medium- and heavy-duty trucks jointly developed by USEPA and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The Phase 1 standards apply to combination tractors, heavy-duty pickup trucks and vans, and vocational vehicles starting in model year 2014 and result in a reduction in fuel consumption from 6 to 23 percent over the 2010 baseline, depending on the vehicle type (USEPA, 2011). The Phase 2 standards, which affect model year 2021 through model year 2027 medium- and heavy-duty trucks, require the phase in of a 5 to 25 percent reduction in fuel consumption over the 2017 baseline depending on the compliance year and vehicle type (USEPA, 2016). According to the USEPA, the Phase 2 standards would reduce oil consumption by up to two billion barrels (84 billion gallons) over the lifetime of the vehicles sold under the program (USEPA, 2018), and a portion of the GHG reductions would be from those model year 2014 through 2027 medium- and heavy-duty trucks used for the project.

Also, over excavated materials would be stored on-site within the DWR maintenance yard for future use, greatly minimizing the need to transport material off-site and minimizing potential haul truck-related emissions. As the project results in a minimal long-term consumption of energy and does not substantially increase traffic within the region, the project would not conflict with any of the Scoping Plan measures. That combined with the reduction in vehicle idling and maintaining soil on-site, the proposed project would be consistent with the Scoping Plan measures applicable to the project.

Consistency with SB 375

The key goal of the Sustainable Communities Standard is to achieve GHG emission reduction targets through integrated land use and transportation strategies. The focus of these reductions is on transportation and land use strategies that influence vehicle travel.

As operational activities would not require any new, permanent employment and would only generate minor amounts of GHG emissions from vehicles for periodic maintenance, the proposed project would not significantly or permanently increase vehicle traffic within the County or the region. Therefore, the proposed project would not conflict with the implementation of SB 375.

Consistency with the Unincorporated Los Angeles County Community Climate Action Plan

The Unincorporated Los Angeles County Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) describes the County's plan for reducing the County's GHG emissions, including specific strategy areas for each of the major emissions sectors including: Green Building and Energy; Land Use and Transportation; Water Conservation and Wastewater, Waste Reduction Reuse and Recycling; and Land Conservation and Tree Planting (County of Los Angeles, 2015). As the proposed project represents an infrastructure project where operational activities would not require any new, permanent employment and would only continue to generate minor amounts of GHG emissions from vehicles for periodic maintenance similar to existing conditions, the proposed project would not significantly or permanently increase vehicle traffic within the County or the region. In addition, as the proposed project represents an infrastructure project with minimal operational activities, the proposed project would not require building energy, would not have significant water usage, would not generate significant amounts of waste and would not influence land conservation strategies. As discussed above, construction of the project would comply with applicable regulations for reducing GHG emissions from medium- and heavy-duty trucks, such as idling restrictions and standards for GHG emissions and fuel efficiency for medium- and heavy-duty trucks. Therefore, the proposed project would not conflict with the implementation of the Unincorporated Los Angeles County Community Climate Action Plan. Impacts would be less than significant.

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2.9 Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Issu	es (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	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?			\boxtimes	
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?			\boxtimes	
c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				\boxtimes
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?				\boxtimes
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 or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?				\boxtimes
f)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				\boxtimes
g)	Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires?			\boxtimes	

Discussion

a) Less than Significant Impact. The California Office of Emergency Services oversees state agencies and programs that regulate hazardous materials (Health and Safety Code, Article 1, Chapter 6.95). A hazardous material is any material that because of its quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics, poses a significant present or potential hazard to human health and safety or to the environment if released into the workplace or environment.

Soils around each pier and Abutment 5 would be excavated to a depth of 10 feet, and haul trucks would be used to haul excavated soils from the lake bed to be stored temporarily at nearby staging areas. During construction activities for the projects, typical hazardous materials would be used at the sites, including epoxy, hydraulic fluids, paints, cleaning materials, and vehicle fuels. The use of these materials during project construction would be short-term in nature and would occur in accordance with standard construction practices, as well as with applicable federal, state, and local health and safety regulations. Construction activities would not create a significant hazard to the public or environment

through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

- b) Less than Significant Impact. Construction and operation of the proposed project would involve the use of minimal amounts of commercially available hazardous materials, including epoxy, hydraulic fluids, paints, cleaning materials, and vehicle fuels. Staging areas would be located within or near the West Boat Launch Ramp parking lot within previously disturbed, unvegetated areas. Staging areas and lake bed access roads would incorporate native materials and, if necessary, use only low-impact materials such as gravel for surfacing. It is assumed that any potentially hazardous materials used for the proposed project would be contained, stored, and used in accordance with manufacturers' instructions and handled in compliance with applicable standards and regulations, including California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements, and Title 8 and 22 of the Code of California Regulations. Best management practices (BMPs) that dictate handling of hazardous materials would be used during construction, to prevent accidental spills and to dictate a response in the case of a spill. Therefore, the project would not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably forseeable upset and accident conditions involving the use of hazardous materials. Impacts would be less than significant.
- c) **No Impact.** There are no schools within 0.25 miles of the project area. The nearest school is Northlake Hills Elementary, which is located approximately 1.2 miles southwest of the project area at 32545 Ridge Route Road, Castaic, CA. Therefore, the project would not emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous materials within 0.25 miles of a school. No impacts would occur.
- No Impact. Government Code Section 65962.5, amended in 1992, requires the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) to develop and update annually the Cortese List, which is a list of hazardous waste sites and other contaminated sites. According to the most recently published Cortese List, no hazardous waste sites are located on or in close proximity to the project site. Therefore, no impact would occur.
- e) **No Impact.** The proposed project is not located within any of the airport sphere of influence areas identified in Los Angeles County Airport Land Use Plan maps (LACDRP, 2004). No public airports or private airstrips are within a two-mile vicinity of the proposed project. The nearest airport to the proposed project is Agua Dulce airport located approximately 15 miles east of the proposed project. Therefore, no impact would occur.
- f) No Impact. The SCVA Plan identifies evacuation routes applicable to the project area. Santa Clarita Valley has freeway access along only three routes, which include Interstate 5 and State Route 14 going north and south, and State Route 126 going west. The primary evacuation route for Castaic Lake SRA is US Highway 5, which is the north-south arterial traversing Santa Clarita Valley, located approximately 2 miles southwest of the proposed project. US Highway 5 can be accessed via Lake Hughes Road which leads the

project site. The proposed project is not expected to result in a significant increase of workers driving on Interstate 5, State Route 14, or State Route 126, at least to the extent that they would physically interfere with emergency evacuation plans in Santa Clarita Valley. Therefore, no impact would occur.

g) Less than Significant Impact. Lands immediately surrounding the proposed project are designated by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's (CAL FIRE) Fire Resource and Protection Program (FRAP) as "Very High" in State Responsibility Area mapping (CAL FIRE, 2007). These hazard areas are described according to their potential to cause fire hazards due to relevant factors such as fuels, terrain, and weather, and provide the basis for application of various mitigation strategies to reduce risks to buildings associated with wildfires. Retrofit activities for the tower bridge would occur on the lake bed, however, the lake is not given a fire severity designation and is mapped open water. Daily worker vehicle trips to the project site, equipment deliveries, spoils export, and other construction-related traffic would require trips within areas designated "Very High" fire hazard severity within the SRA. As indicated in response to Issue 2.9 b above, construction could include materials that are considered flammable, such as fuels and epoxy. The handling and storage of such materials would be conducted in accordance with applicable regulations and BMPs would be implemented to prevent accidental spills and to dictate a response in the case of a spill. In addition, as part of standard DWR protocol, the contractor would be required to prepare a Fire Prevention and Control Plan which complies with all provisions of the California Fire Code, Chapter 33. The plan would include appropriate preventative measures, emergency procedures to be followed, current emergency telephone numbers, and an area map (see Issue 2.20 b for a more detailed plan discussion). Therefore, potential impacts on people or structures associated with fire hazards would be less than significant.

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2.10 Hydrology and Water Quality

Issu	ies (a	nd Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	H) W	(DROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY — ould the project:				
a)	Vio diso deg	late any water quality standards or waste charge requirements or otherwise substantially rade surface or ground water quality?			\boxtimes	\boxtimes
b)	Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?				\boxtimes	
c)	Sub site cou imp	ostantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the or area, including through the alteration of the irse of a stream or river or through the addition of pervious surfaces, in a manner which would:				
	i)	result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off- site;			\boxtimes	
	ii)	substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site;			\boxtimes	
	iii)	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; or			\boxtimes	
	iv)	impede or redirect flood flows?				\boxtimes
d)	In fl of p	ood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release ollutants due to project inundation?			\boxtimes	
e)	Cor qua ma	nflict with or obstruct implementation of a water lity control plan or sustainable groundwater nagement plan?				\boxtimes

Discussion

a) Less than Significant Impact. The proposed project would require earthwork activities such as site preparation, grading, stockpiling of soils and excavation. Once disturbed, soils could be exposed to the effects of wind and water erosion causing sedimentation in stormwater runoff if not managed appropriately. Construction would also involve use of chemicals and solvents such as fuel and lubricating grease for motorized heavy equipment, and epoxy on the piers. Inadvertent spills or releases of such chemicals could cause an adverse water quality impact if not managed appropriately. DWR would be required to prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for coverage under the statewide stormwater discharge National Pollutant Detection and Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The SWPPP shall be maintained at the construction site for the entire duration of construction. The objectives of the SWPPP are to identify pollutant sources that may affect the quality of stormwater discharge and to implement best management practices (BMPs) to reduce pollutants in stormwater discharges during construction and after construction. Construction contractors would be made aware of the required BMPs and good housekeeping measures for the project area and associated construction staging

areas. Construction of the proposed project entails lowering of the water elevation levels at Castaic Lake to reach the piers of the tower bridge that are normally submerged. While water levels fluctuate annually at Castaic Lake, this project proposes temporarily reducing water levels beyond typical operations. The proposed project could cause shortterm fluctuations in water temperature, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity within the lake. To assess the potential impact to water quality at Castaic Lake as result of the proposed project a Technical Memorandum was prepared, see the attachment to the BRTR in Appendix B.

The Technical Memorandum evaluated four key water quality parameters including: water temperature, dissolved oxygen, water clarity, and stratification. As discussed in the Technical Memorandum the proposed drawdown level is similar to the water elevation experienced during the 2015 drought. Therefore, the water conditions during the 2015 drought provide a good proxy for drawdown conditions and comparison with other non-drought years. Based on the water quality data from 2015 in comparison with 2018 (a non-drought year) the technical memorandum concludes that water temperature and dissolved oxygen in the littoral zone were similar. Water clarity in the littoral zone, however, was lower in all months of 2015 compared to 2018. This was likely due to resuspension of sediments from banks during reduced water elevations. Water clarity in the littoral zone could temporarily decrease as result of the proposed project, but would return to normal upon the end of the drawdown period.

When investigating potential impacts to water quality in the pelagic zone, the technical memorandum concludes that changes in water temperature and dissolved oxygen could be impacted if the drawdown occurred in the summer and fall. However, the proposed lowest water levels during the drawdown would occur in winter and spring avoiding the warmer weather months and the potential water quality impacts that would result of construction occurring during them.

Once the piers and abutment are retrofitted, the lake level would return to normal operating levels. Potential water quality impacts due to construction activities would be less than significant, and no impact would occur as result of project operation.

b) Less than Significant Impact. Construction of the proposed project entails lowering water levels at the lake to allow for construction on sections of the project that are typically submerged under existing conditions. Lowering of the lake would be temporary and once construction is complete the lake would return to current levels. Water levels fluctuate annually to accommodate water supply for municipal, recreational, industrial, agricultural, and environmental issues in Southern California. Fluctuations are typically annual and seasonally repetitive regulated by standard operations. While the project involves drawing down the water elevation of the lake, no pumping of groundwater would occur as result of the proposed project. The project would not result in any increased use or extraction of local groundwater, and as such, impacts would be less than significant.

- c.i-ii) Less than Significant Impact. Construction of the proposed project would involve drawing down the water elevation to retrofit the piers of the tower bridge that are currently submerged. The lake drawdown would result in a temporary increase of shoreline being exposed to potential erosion or siltation from ground-disturbing activities, such as grading and excavation. However, implementation of the required project-specific SWPPP would minimize the potential for erosion or siltation through the implementation of BMPs. Once the retrofit of the project components is completed, the lake water elevation would be raised back to current operating levels. Therefore, impacts associated with substantial erosion and temporary drainage alterations including flooding during construction would be less than significant.
- c.iii) Less than Significant Impact. As discussed above, construction of the proposed project would temporarily alter flow within the project area due to ground disturbing activities. However, with implementation of the required project-specific SWPPP and associated BMPs, the retrofit of the project components would not create or contribute runoff water that would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff. Once operational, the project area would return to pre-project conditions. Therefore, the proposed project would be less than significant.
- c.iv) No Impact. The Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA) Flood Map Service Center for the project area shows that the project area is located within a Zone A "Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE)" location. Per FEMA, Zone A entails areas with a 1 percent annual chance of flooding, and because detailed analyses are not performed for such areas; no depths or base flood elevations are shown within these zones (FEMA, 2019). The project area is within Lake Castaic. Once the retrofitting has been completed, the project would be re-submerged and would therefore not impede or redirect flood flows. No impact would occur.
- d) Less than Significant Impact. A tsunami is a sea wave of local or distant origin that results from large-scale seafloor displacements associated with earthquakes, major submarine slides or exploding volcanic islands (USGS, 2019a). An event such as an earthquake creates a large displacement of water resulting in a rise or mounding at the ocean surface that moves away from this center as a sea wave. The project area is located approximately 33 miles north of the Pacific Ocean and therefore, is not located within a tsunami risk zone. As discussed above, the project is located in FEMA designated Zone A, and the proposed project is located within Castaic Lake. A seiche is the sloshing of a closed body of water from earthquake shaking (USGS, 2019b). The project include work within Castaic Lake, in the event of an earthquake seiche waves could occur. However, the proposed project does not propose the construction of any new infrastructure, and the infrastructure present would be fortified as result of the proposed project. The existing infrastructure fortified by the proposed project is not a habitable structure. As such impacts as result of tsunami, seiche waves, or inundation would be less than significant.

e) **No Impact.** The proposed project is a tower bridge retrofit project and would not involve pumping or extraction of groundwater. Once the retrofit to the tower bridge are completed, operation of the high tower would not change. No impacts to water quality control plans or sustainable groundwater management plans would occur.

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2.11 Land Use and Planning

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	LAND USE AND PLANNING — Would the project:				
a)	Physically divide an established community?				\boxtimes
b)	Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				\boxtimes

Discussion

- a) **No Impact.** The proposed project is located within the Castaic Lake SRA, approximately 2.5 miles north of the community of Castaic, the nearest established community. The proposed project includes upgrades to an existing tower bridge and would not include additional structures with the potential to physically divide a community. Therefore, no impact would occur.
- b) No Impact. The proposed project is located in a geographic area designated as Water (OS-W) and Open Space-Parks and Recreation (OS-PR) in the SCVA Plan Land Use Policy Map, and zoned for Open Space in the SCVA Plan Zoning Map. The proposed project includes upgrades to an existing tower bridge and would not conflict with any land use plan, policy or regulation. No impact would occur.

References

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, 2012. Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan: One Valley One Vision 2012. Available at: http://planning.lacounty.gov/ovov. Accessed October 10, 2019.

2.12 Mineral Resources

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	MINERAL RESOURCES — 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?				\boxtimes
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?				\boxtimes

Discussion

a,b) No Impact. According to the Mineral Resources Map included in Appendix II of the SCVA Plan, there are no mineral resources located in the project area (LACDRP, 2012). There are, two mineral resources in close proximity to the project area identified as Placer Gold Gulches. One Placer Gold Gulch is located on land just outside the project area boundary, on the northwestern tip of the Castaic Lake Ski Arm. The second Placer Gold Gulch is located between Lake Hughes Road and the southeastern boundary of Castaic Lake. Neither of these mineral resources would be impacted by construction activities. No impacts to mineral resources would occur.

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http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/ovov_2012-fulldoc.pdf. Accessed October 10, 2019.

2.13 Noise

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	NOISE — Would the project result in:				
a)	Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?			\boxtimes	
b)	Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?			\boxtimes	
c)	For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or 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				\boxtimes

Discussion

to excessive noise levels?

expose people residing or working in the project area

a) Less than Significant Impact. Noise is defined as unwanted sound. Sound becomes unwanted when it creates a nuisance that interferes with normal activities, or when it causes physical harm and adversely affects human health. The standard unit of measurement of the loudness of sound is the decibel (dB). The zero point on the dB scale is based on the lowest sound level that a healthy, unimpaired human ear can detect. Changes of 3 dB or fewer are only perceptible in laboratory environments. An increase of 10 dB represents a 10-fold increase in acoustic energy, while 20 dB is 100 times more intense, and 30 dB is 1,000 times more intense. Each 10-dB increase in sound level is perceived as approximately a doubling of loudness (Egan, 1988).

Numerous methods have been developed to measure sound over a period of time, including: Equivalent Sound Level (L_{eq}) and Maximum Noise event (L_{max}). Noise level can vary depending on the noise source and duration. Below is description of the units of measure used in this analysis to describe the noise environment (Caltrans, 2013).

- L_{eq}: Time variations in noise exposure are typically expressed as a statistical description of the sound pressure level that is exceeded over some fraction of a given observation period (called L_{eq}). For example, the noise levels exceeded on 10 percent of readings is called L₁₀, the median (50th percentile) reading is called L₅₀, etc.
- L_{max}: The maximum instantaneous noise level recorded during a noise event is typically expressed as L_{max}.

The attenuation of sound is highly dependent on the conditions of the land between the noise source and receiver. To account for this ground-effect attenuation (absorption), two types of site conditions are commonly used in noise models, soft-site and hard-site conditions. Soft-site conditions account for the sound propagation loss over natural surfaces such as normal earth and ground vegetation. For point sources, a drop-off rate of 7.5 A-weighted decibles (dBA) for each doubling of distance from the point source is

typically observed over soft ground with landscaping, as compared with a 6.0 dBA for each doubling of distance over hard ground such as asphalt, concrete, stone and very hard packed earth (Caltrans, 2013).

County of Los Angeles

The County of Los Angeles Noise Restrictions are provided in Chapter 12.08, Noise Control of the Los Angeles County Code (LACC). Chapter 12.08 provides procedures and criteria for the measurement of the sound level of "offending" noise sources.

The LACC outlines exterior noise standards for four noise zones based on land use type: noise-sensitive areas, residential properties, commercial properties, and industrial properties. The County's maximum exterior noise standards set forth in LACC Section 12.08.390 are provided in **Error! Reference source not found.** Los Angeles County Presumed Ambient Noise Levels and are shown in **Table 2-9**.

Noise Zone	Zone	Daytime Hours (7 A.M. to 10 P.M.) dBA (L _{eq})	Nighttime Hours (10 P.M. to 7 A.M.) dBA (L _{eq})					
I	Noise-sensitive area	45	45					
П	Residential	50	45					
Ш	Commercial	60	55					
IV	Industrial	70	70					
SOURCE: LACC, Section 12.08.390.								

TABLE 2-9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY PRESUMED AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

LACC Section 12.08.440 prohibits construction between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and at any time on Sundays or holidays, if it creates a noise disturbance across a residential or commercial real-property line, except for emergency work of public service utilities or by variance issued by the County health officer. **Table 2-10** outlines the maximum noise levels permissible by construction equipment at affected buildings depending on land use. These noise thresholds pertain to two timeframes: daytime hours from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily (except Sundays and holidays) and nighttime hours from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. daily (or all day Sundays and holidays).

Equipment Type	Receptor Type	Daytime Hours (7 A.M. to 8 P.M.) dBA (L _{eq})	Nighttime Hours (8 P.M. to 7 A.M.) dBA (L _{eq})
Mobile	Single-family Residential	75	60
short-term operation (less	Multi-family Residential	80	64
than 10 days)	Semiresidential/Commercial	85	70
	Business Structures	85	85
Stationary	Single-family Residential	60	50
long-term operation (more	Multi-family Residential	65	55
than 10 days)	Semiresidential/Commercial	70	60
	440		

 TABLE 2-10

 Los Angeles County Permissible Construction Equipment Noise at Receptor

SOURCE: LACC, Section 12.08.440.

Construction

On-Site Construction Noise

Short-term construction noise impacts are related primarily to the use of heavy construction equipment. Construction equipment can be considered to operate in two modes: stationary and mobile. Stationary equipment operates in one location for one or more days at a time, with a fixed-power operation. Mobile equipment moves around a construction site with power applied in cyclic fashion (such as bulldozers, graders, and loaders). Individual pieces of construction equipment anticipated during construction of the proposed project could produce maximum noise levels of 77 dBA to 90 dBA L_{max} at a reference distance of 50 feet from the noise source, as shown in **Table 2-11**. These maximum noise levels would occur when equipment is operating at full power. The estimated usage factor for the equipment is also shown in Table 2-11. The usage factors are based on Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Roadway Construction Noise Model (RCNM) User's Guide (FHWA, 2006).

Construction equipment would intermittently operate over an 8-hour period. Over the course of a construction day, the highest noise levels would be generated when multiple pieces of construction equipment are being operated concurrently. The nearest sensitive receptors are single-family residential uses located approximately 1.1 miles to the south of the project site. Additionally, there is a recreation area located approximately 700 feet west of the project, however, it is not considered a noise sensitive receptor in the LACC. At a distance of 1.1 miles, the noise levels from project construction would attenuate at a rate of at least 6 dBA per doubling of distance. At a distance of 1.1 miles, the construction noise would attenuate to a level such that the noise would be indistinguishable from the existing ambient noise environment at the sensitive receptor location. Changes in elevation and barrier attenuation between the site and the sensitive uses would also contribute to lower noise levels and any changes in ambient levels would be unperceivable.

Furthermore, proposed construction hours would occur within the LACC's permitted hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday. Therefore, there would not be any conflict with the noise ordinance and construction noise levels would not affect the nearest sensitive uses and construction noise impacts would be less than significant.

Construction Equipment	Noise Level at 50 Feet (dBA, Lmax)	Estimated Usage Factor, %
Concrete Saw	90	20%
Cranes	81	16%
Dozer	82	40%
Dump/Haul Truck	84	40%
Generator Sets	81	50%
Other Equipment	85	50%
Paver	77	50%
Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	80	25%

TABLE 2-11 CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT NOISE EMISSION LEVELS

Off-Site Construction Noise

On-road trucks would be used to transport materials to and from the construction areas. Trucks would travel past noise-sensitive residential uses along Ridge Route Road in the community of Castaic located in unincorporated Los Angeles County. However, the number of trucks would be minimal at approximately 30 employee trips per day and 12 vendor trips per day (analysis conservatively assumes all vehicles arrive in the same peak hour). The temporary addition of a minimal number of trucks per day during construction activities would cause noise levels of 56.8 dBA L_{eq} and would be less than the allowable daytime mobile construction noise levels of 75 dBA L_{eq} for Los Angeles County. Therefore, the off-site construction traffic noise impacts would be less than significant.

Operations

The existing noise environment in the project area is dominated by traffic and watercraft noise from nearby roadways and Castaic Lake, as well as from other existing noise sources including overhead aircraft. As the project is an infrastructure project that involves retrofitting a tower bridge, operation of the project would not result in a net increase in operational noise levels. The project would require periodic maintenance activities, which would involve only a few trucks and/or vehicles periodically traveling on the bridge to access the high tower and local roadways. However, the maintenance trips would be equal or similar to the number of operational trips before the retrofit occurs and project operation would not result in a permanent increase in noise levels. As such, operation of the project would result in a less than significant impact. b) Less than Significant Impact. The project would be constructed using typical construction techniques and would not use impact equipment, such as pile drivers or jack hammers. As such, it is anticipated that the equipment to be used during construction would not expose persons to or generate excessive groundborne vibration.

Ground-borne vibration is primarily generated from the use of construction equipment and from heavy-duty vehicle traffic and trains. Ground-borne vibration propagates from the source through the ground to adjacent buildings by surface waves. Vibration energy dissipates as it travels through the ground, causing the vibration amplitude to decrease with distance away from the source. Vibration in buildings is typically perceived as rattling of windows, shaking of loose items, or the motion of building surfaces. The vibration of building surfaces also can be radiated as sound and heard as a low-frequency rumbling noise, known as ground-borne noise. Vibration levels for potential structural damage is described in terms of the peak particle velocity (PPV) measured in inches per second (in/sec). Road vehicles rarely create enough ground-borne vibration amplitude to be perceptible to humans unless the receiver is in immediate proximity to the source or the road surface is poorly maintained and has potholes or bumps.

Human sensitivity to vibration varies by frequency and by receiver. Generally, people are more sensitive to low-frequency vibration. Human annoyance also is related to the number and duration of events; the more events or the greater the duration, the more annoying it becomes. Ground-borne vibration related to human annoyance is generally related to root mean square (rms) velocity levels and expressed as velocity in decibels (VdB).

The County does not address vibration in either their respective code or general plan noise elements. With respect to ground-borne vibration from construction activities, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has adopted guidance to limit ground-borne vibration based on the condition of the structures that are located in close proximity to construction activity. With respect to residential and commercial structures, the FTA technical publication, *Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Manual* (FTA, 2018), provides a vibration damage potential criterion for continuous/frequent intermittent vibration sources of 0.5 in/sec PPV for reinforced concrete, steel or timber buildings, 0.3 in/sec PPV for engineered concrete and masonry buildings (no plaster), 0.2 in/sec PPV for non-engineered timber and masonry buildings, and 0.12 in/sec PPV for buildings extremely susceptible to vibration damage (FTA, 2018).

Construction

According to the FTA, ground vibrations from construction activities very rarely reach the level that can damage structures. A possible exception is the case of old, fragile buildings of historical significance where special care must be taken to avoid damage (FTA, 2018). The construction activities that typically generate the most severe vibrations are blasting and impact pile driving, which would not be utilized for the project. The project would utilize construction equipment such as use of dozers and excavators, which would generate ground-borne vibration during excavation and foundation activities. Based on the vibration data by the FTA, typical vibration velocities from the operation of a large dozer would be approximately 0.089 in/sec PPV at 25 feet from the source of activity, 0.031 in/sec PPV at 50 feet distance, and 0.011 in/sec PPV at 100 feet distance.

The nearest residential buildings to the construction areas are located approximately 1.1 miles from the project site. As discussed above, vibration also attenuates rapidly with distance and at a distance of 1.1 miles, the vibration from project construction would be imperceptible and indistinguishable from background vibration levels in the area of the sensitive receptors. Based on this assessment, construction vibration impacts would be less than significant.

Operations

Once construction activities have been completed, there would be no substantial sources of vibration activities from operation of the project. The project would not include new stationary sources of vibration. Periodic maintenance activities, which would involve a few trucks or vehicles periodically traveling on local roadways, would not generate perceptible vibration levels that would cause structural damage or human annoyance. Therefore, vibration impacts during project operation would be less than significant.

c) No impact. The project Site is located approximately 17 miles from the nearest airport (Agua Dulce Airpark) and is not part of any airport land use plan. No impact would occur.

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2.14 Population and Housing

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
F	POPULATION AND HOUSING — Would the project:				
a)	Induce substantial unplanned 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)?				\boxtimes
b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				\boxtimes

Discussion

- a) **No Impact**. The proposed project would not directly induce population growth in the region because the project does not involve construction of new homes or businesses and would draw construction workers from the labor force within the region. The proposed project would not indirectly induce population growth in the region by removing an obstacle to growth, such as contributing to water supply capacity. Therefore, no impact would occur.
- b) No Impact. The proposed project is located in a geographic area designated as Water (OS-W) and Open Space-Parks and Recreation (OS-PR), and zoned for Open Space (LACDRP, 2012). Therefore, no homes are located in the project area and the proposed project would not displace existing housing or necessitate the construction of replacement housing elsewhere. In addition, the proposed project includes upgrades to an existing tower bridge and would not include demolition of existing facilities or construction of new ones. No impact would occur.

References

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (LACDRP), 2012. Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan: One Valley Vision 2012. Available at: http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/ovov_2012-fulldoc.pdf. Accessed October 10, 2019.

2.15 Public Services

Issue	es (ar	nd Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Pl	JBLI	IC SERVICES —				
a)	Wou phys or p new cons envi acce perf serv	ald the project result in substantial adverse sical impacts associated with the provision of new hysically altered governmental facilities, need for or physically altered governmental facilities, the struction of which could cause significant ironmental impacts, in order to maintain eptable service ratios, response times or other ormance objectives for any of the following public rices:				
	i)	Fire protection?			\boxtimes	
	ii)	Police protection?			\boxtimes	
	iii)	Schools?				\boxtimes
	iv)	Parks?				\boxtimes
	v)	Other public facilities?				\boxtimes

Discussion

a.i-ii) Less than Significant Impact. The Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACFD) and Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) provide fire protection services to the project area. The Los Angeles County Police Department (LACPD) provides police services to the project area. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is responsible for the enforcement of traffic-related offenses in the County of Los Angeles' unincorporated areas. State Park Rangers are responsible for safety within the Castaic Lake SRA.

There are no residential structures associated with the proposed project and no new permanent employees would be located on-site after construction. Therefore, no new residents or employees would occupy the project site and service demands per person would not increase. The proposed project would not require the provision of, or need for, new or physically altered government facilities.

Construction of the project would entail delivery of fuel and fueling/maintenance of the construction equipment as well as temporary storage for scaffolding for other equipment and material (carbon fiber fabric, epoxy, concrete forms, etc.) daily. In the event of a fire or other emergency within the proposed project area, existing fire protection and police services within the community of Castaic or County of Los Angeles would be able to sufficiently respond to emergency events with existing equipment and staffing capacities. Therefore, implementation of the proposed project would not require new fire or police facilities to maintain response ratios, service ratios, or other measures of performance. Impacts would be considered less than significant.

- a.iii) **No Impact.** The proposed project would not change existing demand for school services, as the proposed project would not result in an increase in population. Therefore, the proposed project would have no impact related to school services.
- a.iv) **No Impact.** The proposed project would not result in an increase in population, and would not prompt the need for new parks. Therefore, the proposed project would have no impact related to parks.
- a.v) **No Impact.** The proposed project would not include new housing or bring new businesses to the area that would require any additional services or public facilities, including libraries. Therefore, the proposed project would have no impact related to other public facilities.

2.16 Recreation

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	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?		\boxtimes		
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?			\boxtimes	

Discussion

a) Less than Significant with Mitigation. The proposed project would include temporarily lowering the water levels in Castaic Lake to approximately 1,380 feet amsl from normal operating capacity (1,505 feet amsl) for approximately 10 months in order to retrofit the tower bridge piers. Water-based recreational activities that typically occur in the lake include motorized/non-motorized boating, wake boarding, jet skiing, and fishing. Further, the lake is a popular location for hosting largemouth bass fishing tournaments each year. In 2019, bass fishing clubs scheduled a total of 18 tournaments over 10 months (the majority of tournaments were scheduled March through August, and no tournaments occurred in October or August). Lake drawdown would limit the number of boats allowed on the lake at any one time due to a reduction in surface area and the potential for submerged obstacles to be present. Additionally, the drawdown would cause operation of the West Boat Launch Ramp to be closed for approximately 5 months, starting in mid-September 2021 when water levels would dip below 1,435 feet amsl-the level at which the ramp would be out of the water and not functional-and ending in mid-February 2022 when the water would be returned to a level above 1,435 feet amsl, as shown by the gray line on Figure 7. The Main Boat Launch Ramp would remain operational at the 1,380 feet elevation; however, the number of lanes available at the Main Boat Launch Ramp would be reduced when water levels are below an elevation of approximately 1,380 feet. As a result, the diminished conditions in Castaic Lake may discourage recreational boaters and result in higher use at other local lakes. However, the lake has experienced prolonged periods of low water levels in the past without affecting recreational boating or the ability to host fishing tournaments in the lake. In 2015, a prolonged drought reduced the lakes surface elevation to levels similar to the conditions that would occur during the proposed project drawdown. During the drought years, organized fishing tournaments continued as scheduled (National Bass West, 2019). Furthermore, the proposed drawdown schedule indicates the lake would be at its lowest level from November 1 to December 15, which corresponds to the time of year when fishing tournaments are less frequent. As a result, it is assumed that the proposed project would not hinder fishing tournaments in Castaic to the extent that

fishermen would be required to relocate the tournaments and cause substantial physical deterioration at nearby lakes and recreational facilities.

The drawdown in Castaic Lake would expose shorelines on the perimeter of the lake shore and could hinder shoreline fishermen from accessing areas around the lake due to creating unsafe conditions such as exposing rocky shores and muddy shores. As a result, other fishing locations in the Santa Clarita Valley (such as Pyramid Lake, an approximately 20-mile drive north on U.S. Highway 5) may become popular alternative fishing locations used by visitors for the duration of the proposed project. There may be an increase in demand for fishing and other recreation activities at the Lower Lake, Pyramid Lake, or other nearby lakes as a result of the proposed project. However, the drawdown would last for approximately 10 months and any increase in fishing at other recreational facilities would be temporary and is not expected to impact nearby facilities to the extent that substantial physical deterioration would occur. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

The lake drawdown could potentially expose hazards that are typically submerged at the normal operating level. It is the responsibility of the Los Angeles County Parks' lifeguards to keep the lake safe. As a result, the lifeguards would need to place buoys throughout the lake to flag potential hazards. Since the lake elevation would lower by approximately 1.5 feet daily, the potential for submerged hazards to be exposed would change daily requiring the lifeguards to survey the lake every morning before visitors would be allowed on the lake. In addition, the docks within the marina would require constant maintenance to loosen the dock cable to prevent the docks from drying up on the shore as water levels recede. As a result, the drawdown would have a potentially significant impact on the lifeguard's availability to oversee the safety on the lake. However, with the implementation **Mitigation Measure REC-1**, requiring schedule coordination with Los Angeles County Parks and reconfiguration of water facilities when the lake is below 1485 feet would reduce the potential impacts to less than significant.

Mitigation Measures

REC-1: Prior the start of the lake drawdown, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) shall coordinate with Los Angeles County Parks including providing a lake drawdown schedule. DWR shall identify a contact person responsible for communicating with Los Angeles County Parks, including status of the drawdown schedule. While the lake is below an elevation of 1485 feet (normal low operating conditions), DWR shall work with the Los Angeles County Parks to provide resources needed to assist in the reconfiguration of boat docks and buoys that are affected by the drawdown, including buoys needed to circumscribe submerged hazards.

b) Less than Significant Impact. As described in Issue 2.16 a, the proposed project would occur on the Castaic SRA Upper Lake and have temporary impacts on water levels and the surrounding shoreline, which are used by recreational visitors for boating and fishing. However, water levels would be restored to normal operating conditions once retrofit for

the tower bridge is complete. The project would not include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

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National Bass West. 2019. Web Site. Available at: http://www.nationalbasswest.com/tournament-results/friends-of-castaic-lake-night-tournaments/friends-of-castaic-tournament-results-2014-2015/focl-year-to-date/. Accessed October 15, 2019.

2.17 Transportation

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
٦	RANSPORTATION — Would the project:				
a)	Conflict with a program plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?			\boxtimes	
b)	Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?			\boxtimes	
c)	Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				\boxtimes
d)	Result in inadequate emergency access?			\boxtimes	

Discussion

Less than Significant Impact. The project would entail the drawdown of Castaic Lake to a) retrofit the existing tower bridge. The project site would be accessed from I-5, along Lake Hughes Road to Ridge Route Road to West Ramp Road, which ends at the West Boat Launch Ramp parking lot. Existing paved and newly constructed lake bed roads would be used for hauling and transporting material to and within the project area (Figure 4). Project construction is anticipated to take approximately 15.5 months. The work would occur within the SRA and between staging areas and access roads which would be located in close proximity to each other (Figure 2). Minor exporting of construction debris would be required. Importing of construction equipment would include one or more cranes, forklifts, and trucks to deliver and move materials on-site; ready-mix concrete trucks and a trailermounted or boom-equipped concrete pump to deliver and place concrete for the work at the top of the piers and abutment. Construction and restoration of the work areas and temporary access roads may involve the use of tracked bulldozers and excavators, loaders, compactors, motor graders, water trucks, dump trucks. Once the equipment and materials are on-site there would be minimal construction trips required during the retrofitting project. The daily trip would consist of workers accessing the site. It is not anticipated that soils would be required to be exported from the site. Vehicular access to recreational areas within the SRA would be maintained at all times. Once the lake is drawn down below an elevation of 1480 feet, the West Boat Launch Ramp would be closed. However, the portion of the parking lot not being used for construction staging and stockpiling would remain open for recreational visitors and park staff.

All of the construction traffic would occur on the west side of the lake and would not conflict with the recreational vehicles accessing the Main Boat Launch Ramp. The majority of construction traffic would be confined to the lake areas between the West Boat Launch Ramp parking lot, staging areas, and the tower bridge (see Figure 4). As a result, the proposed project would not conflict with any program plans, or any ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Impacts would be considered less than significant.

Once operational, existing staff would periodically maintain and access the high tower similar to existing conditions, and therefore, would not increase transit in the project area. No impact would occur.

b) Less than Significant Impact. In accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 743, the new CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, subdivision (b) was adopted in December 2018 by the California Natural Resources Agency. These revisions to the CEOA Guidelines criteria for determining the significance of transportation impacts are primarily focused on projects within transit priority areas and shift the focus from driver delay to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, creation of multimodal networks, and promotion of a mix of land uses. Vehicle miles traveled, or VMT, is a measure of the total number of miles driven to or from a development and is sometimes expressed as an average per trip or per person. The newly adopted guidance provides that a lead agency may elect to be governed by the provisions of this section immediately. Beginning on July 1, 2020, the provisions of this section shall apply statewide. The County has not yet formally adopted its updated transportation significance thresholds or its updated transportation impact analysis procedures. Since the regulations of SB 743 have not been finalized or adopted by the County, a qualitative traffic analysis was used in this MND to determine significance of transportation impacts (see discussion in 17a above).

In addition, Section 15064.3 of the CEQA Guidelines suggests that the analysis of VMT impacts applies mainly to land use and transportation projects. Furthermore, projects that generate or attract fewer than 110 operational trips per day would generally be exempt from further consideration with respect to VMT and impacts are assumed to be less than significant. Per this guidance, since the proposed project is neither a land use nor a transportation project, and would generate very few operational trips, it can be assumed to have a less than significant impact with respect to VMT.

- c) **No Impact.** The proposed project entails seismic retrofit of the existing tower bridge. Retrofit of the existing structures would not include any new geometric design features that could be considered dangerous or increase hazard in the project area. Additionally, once constructed the proposed project areas would return to pre-project conditions. No impact would occur.
- d) Less than Significant Impact. Construction activities for the proposed project would take place mainly within the lake and tower bridge. Staging and stockpiling areas are located in close proximity to the lake and impact areas, reducing the need for trucks to be travelling within the SRA. Emergency access would be maintained at all times within the SRA. In addition, DWR will coordinate with Parks staff and will provide an anticipated schedule of activities outlining approximate daily active construction dates and time. Impacts would be considered less than significant.

2.18 Tribal Cultural Resources

5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	
Т	RIB	AL CULTURAL RESOURCES —				
a)	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:					
	i)	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		\boxtimes		
	ii)	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 Resources Code Section		\boxtimes		

Discussion

American tribe

a.i) This discussion provides an assessment of potential impacts related to tribal cultural resources that could result from implementation of the proposed project and is based on the results of a Sacred Land Files (SLF) search from the California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), as well as Assembly Bill 52 (AB 52) consultation with California Native American tribes. AB 52, through its implementing regulations, requires that lead agencies consult with California Native American tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project and who have requested in writing to be informed by the lead agency of proposed projects in the tribe's geographic area (PRC Section 21080.3.1[b] and [d]).

The NAHC maintains a confidential SLF which contains sites of traditional, cultural, or religious value to the Native American community. The NAHC was contacted on October 4, 2019, to request a search of the SLF for the proposed project. In a letter response dated October 21, 2019, the NAHC indicated that a search of the SLF returned negative results.

Pursuant to AB 52, DWR as the CEQA Lead Agency sent AB 52 consultation notification letters via certified mail on November 12, 2019 to three Native American groups affiliated with the proposed project's geographic area including the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians (FTBMI), the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians (San Manuel), and the Tongva Ancestral Territorial Tribal Nation (Tongva). The letters included a description of the proposed project and provided map figures depicting the project location. To date, two responses have been received. In an email dated November 12, 2019, Alexandra McCleary, Tribal Archaeologist for the San Manuel, stated the proposed project is located outside of San Manuel's ancestral territory and that the San Manuel are not requesting consultation.

In an email dated December 4, 2019, Jairo Avila, Tribal Historic and Cultural Preservation Officer for the FTBMI, stated the proposed project is located within the FTBMI's traditional ancestral territory and formally requested consultation with DWR pursuant to AB 52. Mr. Avila also requested information regarding the soil conditions within the proposed project area and asked for a copy of the cultural resources report prepared for the project. DWR responded to Mr. Avila in a letter dated December 18, 2019 acknowledging FTBMI's request to engage in AB 52 consultation and stated the cultural resources report would be provided when completed. In a follow-up email dated January 20, 2020, DWR provided Mr. Avila with the cultural resources report. In an email dated February 20, 2020, Mr. Avila stated that the FTBMI identified significant tribal cultural resources throughout the Castaic Lake area, and requested a follow-up consultation call.

On February 27, 2020 DWR and its consultant met via conference call with Mr. Avila. During the call, Mr. Avila stated that the FTBMI consider all prehistoric resources to be tribal cultural resources, even if they did not meet the criteria for listing in the California Register. Mr. Avila re-iterated that there were tribal cultural resources within the project's lake drawdown area (referred to as the Area of Indirect Impacts, or AII, in the Cultural Resources section above), and that they could be inadvertently impacted by the project's lake draw down (such as from looting). Mr. Avila requested additions to the mitigation measures recommended in the cultural resources report. Mr. Avila indicated that he would provide his comments in writing.

In a letter dated February 29, 2020, the FTBMI re-iterated that the Tribe considers all prehistoric resources as tribal cultural resources, whether or not they are "determined eligible for listing and/or are not considered historical resources or unique archaeological resources under CEQA." The Tribe's letter also requested updated records searches; additional survey; Tribal participation in pre-construction archaeological surveys, site conditions assessments, and implementation of data recovery and protective measures; Tribal review and comment on cultural resources documents, including report addenda, DPR 523 forms, and any other cultural resources documents; Tribal notification of cultural resources and human remains discoveries; Tribal consultation on discoveries and the opportunity to provide monitoring in the event of discoveries; and Tribal participation in the development of archaeological resources data recovery and treatment plans. The Tribe's requests were considered during development of mitigation measures in Section 2.5, Cultural Resources, and Section 2.18, Tribal Cultural Resources.

Summary of Identified Tribal Cultural Resources

No potential tribal cultural resources were identified within the ADI. Three prehistoric archaeological sites were identified within the AII; two (CA-LAN-4475 and -4476) of which were previously recommended eligible for listing in the California Register and therefore qualify as historical resources under CEQA, and one (Castaic Lake Incidental Find) which DWR is, in its discretion, treating as a historical resource for the purposes of this project based on its similarities to CA-LAN-4475 and CA-LAN-4476. None of the three resources has been formally evaluated for their eligibility for listing in the California Register as tribal cultural resources for their cultural value to a California Native American tribe pursuant to PRC Section 21074(a). Nonetheless, DWR has determined that because the three sites are considered historical resources, they will also be considered tribal cultural resources for the purpose of this project given, the significance of these resources to a California Native American tribe, specifically the FTBMI. While none of these resources would be directly impacted through projectrelated ground disturbing activities, they could be subject to indirect impacts, such as vandalism and erosion due to wave action resulting from exposure as a result of the proposed project's drawdown of Castaic Lake. Implementation of Mitigation Measures CUL-1 through CUL-4 and TCR-1 through TCR-5, which were developed in consultation with the FTBMI, would reduce potential impacts to tribal cultural resources to a level of less than significant.

a.ii) As noted under Issue 2.18, a.i, consultation resulted in the identification of three prehistoric archaeological resources that are considered to be tribal cultural resources (CA-LAN-4475, -4476, and Castaic Lake Incidental Find). Additionally, while isolates do not typically qualify as historical resources, based on the value ascribed to isolates by the FTBMI and as a result of consultation with the Tribe, DWR is treating the two prehistoric isolates (P-19-101216 and -101217) as tribal cultural resources for the purposes of this project. While none of these resources would be directly impacted through project-related ground disturbing activities, they could be subject to indirect impacts associated with the proposed project's drawdown of Castaic Lake, such as vandalism and erosion due to wave action. Implementation of **Mitigation Measures CUL-1** through **CUL-4** and **TCR-1** through **TCR-5**, which were developed in consultation with the FTBMI, would reduce potential impacts to tribal cultural resources to a level of less than significant.

Mitigation Measures

TCR-1: A Native American monitor from the consulting tribe shall be invited to participate in pre-construction archaeological surveys and site conditions assessments for the duration of the project.

TCR-2: DWR shall provide the consulting tribe the opportunity to review and comment on the pre-construction survey report addendum, as well as Department of Parks and Recreation 523 forms and any other cultural resources documents prepared by the Qualified Archaeologist for all prehistoric or Native American resources.

TCR-3: DWR shall, in good faith, consult with the consulting tribe on the disposition and treatment of any Tribal Cultural Resource encountered during pre-construction surveys, construction related ground disturbance, and periodic site condition assessments.

TCR-4: If avoidance of a Tribal Cultural Resource is determined to be infeasible, any Archaeological Resources Data Recovery and Treatment Plan shall be developed and implemented in consultation with the consulting tribe.

TCR-5: Should Tribal Cultural Resources deemed significant to the consulting tribe be encountered during construction related ground disturbing activities, the consulting tribe shall be provided the opportunity to request that a Native American Monitor be present to observe remaining ground disturbing activities within the vicinity of the find.

2.19 Utilities and Service Systems

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS — Would the project:				
a)	Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?			\boxtimes	
b)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?				\boxtimes
c)	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?				\boxtimes
d)	Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?			\boxtimes	
e)	Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?			\boxtimes	

Discussion

- a) Less than Significant Impact. The proposed project is a seismic retrofit of an existing tower bridge. Wastewater generated during construction of the proposed project would be minimal, consisting of portable toilet waste generated by construction workers. Waste water generated during construction would be collected within portable toilet facilities. All wastewater generated in portable toilets would be collected by a permitted portable toilet waste hauler and appropriately disposed of at an identified liquid-disposal station. In addition, power washing (hydroblasting or sponge blasting) activities would generate water during construction. Water from either power washing method would be contained as described in Section 1, Project Description, and would not be allowed to spill or flow into the lake. Water from power washing would be appropriately disposed of on- or offsite by the contractor. Construction or relocation of water or wastewater facilities would not be required for construction of the proposed project and impacts would be less than significant. The proposed project would not require the relocation or construction of stormwater drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities. No impact would occur.
- b) **No Impact.** The proposed project includes a seismic retrofit to an existing tower bridge and once constructed operation of the facility would remain unchanged. The proposed would not require water supplies to serve the project. No impact would occur.

- c) **No Impact.** The proposed project is a seismic retrofit project and would not generate wastewater that would require treatment. No impact would occur.
- d) Less than Significant Impact. The proposed project would require excavation of the lakebed and around the tower bridge piers. Soils would be stockpiled and re-used on-site, as appropriate. Any remaining excavated soil would be stored on-site within the DWR maintenance yard for future maintenance needs. The proposed project could result in other construction-related debris that would require disposal at regional landfills serving the project area. Exported soils and debris generated during construction are anticipated to be minimal and would not result in a significant impact on the permitted capacity of landfills serving the project area. The nearest landfill to the proposed project area is the Chiquita Canyon Landfill, a solid waste landfill located in Castaic about seven miles from the project site. The Chiquita Canyon Landfill accepts mixed industrial waste, municipal waste, green materials, construction/demolition waste, and inert waste. The Chiquita Canyon Landfill is estimated to have sufficient capacity through the year 2047 (CalRecycle, 2018). Impacts would be considered less than significant.
- e) Less than Significant Impact. Construction of the proposed project would result in minimal solid waste debris. Recycling and proper disposal of materials would comply with local applicable solid waste statutes and regulations. Compliance with all federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste would ensure impacts would be less than significant.

References

California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), 2018. CalRecycle.ca.gov. Solid Waste Information System (SWIS). Available at: https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/swfacilities/Directory/19-AA-0052. Accessed October 10, 2019.

2.20 Wildfire

Issi	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	WILDFIRE — If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:				
a)	Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?			\boxtimes	
b)	Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?			\boxtimes	
c)	Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?				\boxtimes
d)	Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?			\boxtimes	

Discussion

- a) Less than Significant Impact. The proposed project would be located on the western end of the dam at Castaic Lake within a State Responsibility Area with a Very High Fire Hazard Severity designation from CAL FIRE (CAL FIRE, 2019). These hazard areas are described according to their potential to cause fire hazards due to relevant factors such as fuels, terrain, and weather, and provide the basis for application of various mitigation strategies to reduce risks to buildings associated with wildfires. However, the remote location of the proposed project site would not impede traffic through the area, nor impair any emergency response or evacuation plan in the local area. Impact to emergency response or evacuation plans would be less than significant.
- b) Less than Significant Impact. As discussed above, the project is located in a zone designated by CAL FIRE as Very High Fire Hazard Severity. Construction of the proposed project would involve materials that are considered flammable, such as fuels and epoxy. The handling and storage of such materials would be conducted in accordance with applicable regulations and BMPs would be implemented to prevent accidental spills and to dictate a response in the case of a spill. Additionally, contractors would have to comply with PRC Sections 4427, 4428, 4431, and 4442. In addition, as part of standard DWR protocol, the contractor would be required to prepare a Fire Prevention and Control Plan which complies with all provisions of the California Fire Code, Chapter 33. The plan would include appropriate preventative measures, emergency procedures to be followed, current emergency telephone numbers, and an area map. Plans items will be outlined by DWR at the time of the project. At a minimum, the plan will be required to have the following:
 - Procedures and policies for preventing and controlling worksite fires occurring during construction.

- Materials susceptible to spontaneous ignition would be stored in an approved disposal container.
- No fires would be allowed at the work site.
- Contractor would be required to maintain appropriate fire suppression equipment at the work site, including an all-wheel drive water truck or fire truck with a water tank of at least 3,000-gallon capacity.
- Internal combustion engines would be required to be equipped with spark arrestors and motorized construction equipment would be located such that the exhausts do not discharge again combustible materials.
- Gasoline-powered construction equipment with catalytic converters would need to be equipped with shielding or other acceptable fire prevention features.
- Contract would be required to maintain contact with local firefighting agencies for updates on fire conditions and would be communicated to DWR Engineers daily during times of elevated fire danger.
- Vehicles would be restricted to project rights of way unless otherwise allowed in writing by the DWR Engineer for fire control procedures.

During construction, strict adherence to PRC sections and preparation and implementation of the Fire Prevention and Control Plan would ensure that contractors are responsible for all monitoring and safety measures ensuring that any risk to exacerbate wildfire, and in turn, pollution due to wildfire are considered less than significant. Once construction is complete, the project site would be returned to pre-construction conditions, and the facilities would not be manned and would not store flammable materials. Impacts during operation would be less than significant.

- c) **No Impact.** The proposed project would retrofit an existing tower bridge. The project would not involve the construction of any new infrastructure such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities. No impact would occur.
- d) Less than Significant Impact. The proposed project would take place on sloped surfaces, namely the bed of Castaic Lake, once water has been drawn down to a sufficient level to expose project components for construction. However, the project site consists of the lakebed, tower bridge, and the surrounding proposed staging areas which are all disturbed developed land within or adjacent to the lake; and does not include habitable structures. As such, the risk downslope flooding or landslide as result of post-fire slope instability or drainage changes would be less than significant.

References

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), 2007. Fire Hazard Severity Zones in SRA. Available: https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/wildfire-prevention-planning-engineering/wildland-hazards-building-codes/fire-hazard-severity-zones-maps/. Accessed October 11, 2019.

2.21 Mandatory Findings of Significance

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE —				
a)	Does the project have the potential to substantially 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?				
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)?				
c)	Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?		\boxtimes		

Discussion

a) Less than Significant with Mitigation. As discussed above within Section 2.4, construction of the proposed project would have the potential to disrupt nesting birds and roosting bats along the underside of the tower bridge. However, implementation of Mitigation Measures BIO-1, BIO-2, and BIO-3 would ensure that impacts to biological resources are mitigated to a less than significant level. As discussed above in Section 2.5, construction activities within the exposed lakebed could potentially encounter archaeological and paleontological resources, or human remains. However, implementation of Mitigation Measures CUL-1, CUL-2, CUL-3, CUL-4, GEO-1, and GEO-2 would reduce these impacts to a less than significant level. Once constructed, operation of the proposed project would have no long-term permanent impacts to biological or cultural resources.

Mitigation Measures

Implementation of Mitigation Measures BIO-1, BIO-2, BIO-3, CUL-1, CUL-2, CUL-3, CUL-4, GEO-1, and GEO-2.

b) Less than Significant with Mitigation. A cumulative impact could occur if the proposed project would result in an incrementally considerable contribution to a significant cumulative impact in consideration of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects for each resource area. No direct significant impacts were identified for the proposed project that could not be mitigated to a less than significant level. However, when combined with other projects within the vicinity, the proposed project may result in a contribution to a potentially significant cumulative impact.
The proposed project would have no impact on agriculture and forestry resources, land use and planning, mineral resources, population and housing and the proposed project would have less than significant impacts on aesthetics, energy, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, public services, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, and wildfire. As a result, cumulative impacts related to these resources would not occur.

Air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, and recreation impacts that are generated by construction activities would be short-term and limited by minimal construction workers traveling to the site, and construction occurring in short durations due to phases. Furthermore, impacts related to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, and recreation would be less than cumulatively considerable with implementation of mitigation measures. Therefore, cumulative impacts would be considered less than significant with implementation of mitigation.

Mitigation Measures

Implementation of Mitigation Measures AQ-1, BIO-1, BIO-2, BIO-3, CUL-1, CUL-2, CUL-3, CUL-4, GEO-1, GEO-2, and REC-1.

c) Less than Significant with Mitigation. With implementation of mitigation measures included in this IS/MND, the proposed project would not result in substantial adverse effects to humans, either directly or indirectly.

Mitigation Measures

Implementation of **Mitigation Measures AQ-1**, **BIO-1**, **BIO-2**, **BIO-3**, **CUL-1**, **CUL-2**, **CUL-3**, **CUL-4**, **GEO-1**, **GEO-2**, and **REC-1**.

Appendix A

Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Access Bridge Retrofit Project: Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas, and Energy Worksheets



A-1 Project Construction Air Quality Emissions Worksheets - Unmitigated

Castaic

Air Quality Construction Analysis

						Total
Regional Maximums	ROG	NOX	со	SO2	Total PM10	PM2.5
Source			lk	o/day		
3.2 Site Preparation - 2020	0.8	7.7	12.7	0.0	2.6	0.9
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2020	11.9	125.1	89.1	0.2	8.0	5.8
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2021	45.0	108.8	84.9	0.2	7.0	5.0
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2021	45.1	110.8	85.4	0.2	7.2	5.1
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022	9.7	97.5	82.3	0.2	6.3	4.4
Project Daily Maximum Emissions	45.12	125.06	89.06	0.20	7.98	5.77

Castaic

Air Quality Construction Analysis

					0	nsite Emissio	ns				Offsite Emissions									
Summer					Fugitive	Exhaust		Fugitive	Exhaust	Total					Fugitive E	xhaus	Total	Fugitive	Exhaust	Total
	ROG	NOX	со	SO2	PM10	PM10	Total PM10	PM2.5	PM2.5	PM2.5	ROG	NOX	со	SO2	PM10 t P	M10	PM10	PM2.5	PM2.5	PM2.5
Source						lb/day									lb/day					
3.2 Site Preparation - 2020	0.63	7.05	4.76	0.01	0.02	0.31	0.33	0.00	0.29	0.29	0.18	0.64	7.97	0.02	2.28	0.02	2.29	0.60	0.01	0.62
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2020	11.67	122.15	80.55	0.17	0.00	5.39	5.39	0.00	5.04	5.04	0.27	2.91	8.51	0.03	2.53	0.06	2.59	0.68	0.05	0.73
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2021	44.89	108.28	77.74	0.17	0.00	4.66	4.66	0.00	4.35	4.35	0.15	0.55	7.17	0.02	2.28	0.01	2.29	0.60	0.01	0.62
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2021	44.89	108.28	77.74	0.17	0.00	4.66	4.66	0.00	4.35	4.35	0.23	2.55	7.64	0.03	2.53	0.05	2.58	0.68	0.04	0.72
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022	9.61	97.04	75.79	0.17	0.00	4.05	4.05	0.00	3.78	3.78	0.13	0.48	6.50	0.02	2.28	0.01	2.29	0.60	0.01	0.62
					Fugitive	Exhaust		Fugitive	Exhaust	Total										
Regional Emissions	ROG	NOX	со	SO2	PM10	PM10	Total PM10	PM2.5	PM2.5	PM2.5										
3.2 Site Preparation - 2020	0.8	7.7	12.7	0.0	2.3	0.3	2.6	0.6	0.3	0.9										
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2020	11.9	125.1	89.1	0.2	2.5	5.5	8.0	0.7	5.1	5.8										
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2021	45.0	108.8	84.9	0.2	2.3	4.7	7.0	0.6	4.4	5.0										
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2021	45.1	110.8	85.4	0.2	2.5	4.7	7.2	0.7	4.4	5.1										
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022	9.7	97.5	82.3	0.2	2.3	4.1	6.3	0.6	3.8	4.4										
Project Daily Maximum Emissions	45.1217 1	25.0582	89.0569	0.2015	2.5327	5.4510	7.9837	0.6771	5.0911	5.7681										

Air Quality Construction Analysis

	Onsite Emissions								Offsite Emissions											
Winter					Fugitive	Exhaust		Fugitive	Exhaust	Total					Fugitive I	xhaust	Total	Fugitive	Exhaust	Total
	ROG	NOX	со	SO2	PM10	PM10	Total PM10	PM2.5	PM2.5	PM2.5	ROG	NOX	со	SO2	PM10 PN	110	PM10	PM2.5	PM2.5	PM2.5
Source						lb/day									lb/day					
3.2 Site Preparation - 2020	0.63	7.05	4.76	0.01	0.02	0.31	0.33	0.00	0.29	0.29	0.18	0.64	7.97	0.02	2.28	0.02	2.29	0.60	0.01	0.62
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2020	11.67	122.15	80.55	0.17	0.00	5.39	5.39	0.00	5.04	5.04	0.27	2.91	8.51	0.03	2.53	0.06	2.59	0.68	0.05	0.73
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2021	44.89	108.28	77.74	0.17	0.00	4.66	4.66	0.00	4.35	4.35	0.15	0.55	7.17	0.02	2.28	0.01	2.29	0.60	0.01	0.62
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2021	44.89	108.28	77.74	0.17	0.00	4.66	4.66	0.00	4.35	4.35	0.23	2.55	7.64	0.03	2.53	0.05	2.58	0.68	0.04	0.72
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022	9.61	97.04	75.79	0.17	0.00	4.05	4.05	0.00	3.78	3.78	0.13	0.48	6.50	0.02	2.28	0.01	2.29	0.60	0.01	0.62
					Fugitive	Exhaust		Fugitive	Exhaust	Total										
Regional Emissions	ROG	NOX	со	SO2	PM10	PM10	Total PM10	PM2.5	PM2.5	PM2.5										
3.2 Site Preparation - 2020	0.8	7.7	12.7	0.0	2.3	0.3	2.6	0.6	0.3	0.9										
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2020	11.9	125.1	89.1	0.2	2.5	5.5	8.0	0.7	5.1	5.8										
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2021	45.0	108.8	84.9	0.2	2.3	4.7	7.0	0.6	4.4	5.0										
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2021	45.1	110.8	85.4	0.2	2.5	4.7	7.2	0.7	4.4	5.1										
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022	9.7	97.5	82.3	0.2	2.3	4.1	6.3	0.6	3.8	4.4										
Project Daily Maximum Emissions	45.1217 1	25.0582	89.0569	0.2015	2.5327	5.4510	7.9837	0.6771	5.0911	5.7681										

Air Quality Construction Analysis

	Onsite	Onsite Emissions					
Localized Emissions				Total			
	NOX	со	Total PM10	PM2.5			
Source			lb/day				
3.2 Site Preparation - 2020	7.05	4.76	0.33	0.29			
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure -2020	122.15	80.55	5.39	5.04			
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2021	108.28	77.74	4.66	4.35			
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2021	108.28	77.74	4.66	4.35			
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022	97.04	75.79	4.05	3.78			
	-			Total			
Localized Emissions	NOX	СО	Total PM10	PM2.5			
3.2 Site Preparation - 2020	7.05	4.76	0.33	0.29			
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2020	122.15	80.55	5.39	5.04			
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure -2021	108.28	77.74	4.66	4.35			
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2021	108.28	77.74	4.66	4.35			
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022	97.04	75.79	4.05	3.78			
Project Daily Maximum Emissions	122.15	80.55	5.39	5.04			
Localized Cignificance Thresholds	170	2 500	F 4	10			
Localized Significance Infestiolds	1/3	2,500	51	18			

SRA 15, 1-acre site, 200 m away from receptor

Epoxy Coating VOC Emissions

		Component A	Component B	Liters Per	VOC emission	VOC emission	VOC emissions
	Total Gallons	Gallons	Gallons	Column	(g/l)	(g/column)	(lbs/day)
Epoxy Primer for substrate surface	75	50	25	95	3	284	0.63
Epoxy Primer for fiber saturant	1050	700	350	1325	3	3975	8.76
Epoxy Paste/Filler	300	200	100	379	7	2650	5.84
UV Coating	80			101	86	8681	19.14
						Total	34.37

Notes: VOC content and gallon amount provided by client.

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Castaic Lake High Tower Bridge Retrofit - Los Angeles-South Coast County, Summer

Castaic Lake High Tower Bridge Retrofit

Los Angeles-South Coast County, Summer

1.0 Project Characteristics

1.1 Land Usage

Land	d Uses	Size		Metric	Lot Acreage	Floor Surface Area	Population					
General L	ight Industry	43.56		1000sqft	1.00	43,560.00	0					
1.2 Other Proj	ect Characteristic	cs										
Urbanization	Urban	Wind Speed (m/s)	2.2	Precipitation Freq (I	Days) 33							
Climate Zone	8			Operational Year	2022							
Utility Company	Southern California Edi	ison										
CO2 Intensity (Ib/MWhr)	702.44	CH4 Intensity (Ib/MWhr)	0.029	N2O Intensity (Ib/MWhr)	0.006							
1.3 User Ente	red Comments &	Non-Default Data										
Project Characte	eristics -											
Land Use -												
Construction Ph	ase - see constructio	n assumptions										
Off-road Equipm	ent - see constructio	n assumptions										
Off-road Equipm	ient - see constructio	n assumptions										
Off-road Equipm	Off-road Equipment - see construction assumptions											
Trips and VMT -	see construction ass	sumptions										

Construction Off-road Equipment Mitigation -

Table Name	Column Name	Default Value	New Value
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tblConstructionPhase	PhaseEndDate	12/17/2020	12/16/2020
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tblOffRoadEquipment	LoadFactor	0.38	0.38
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tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Other Construction Equipment
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Rubber Tired Dozers

tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes
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tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Other Construction Equipment
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Rubber Tired Dozers
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tblTripsAndVMT	VendorTripNumber	7.00	0.00
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tblTripsAndVMT	WorkerTripNumber	5.00	0.00
tblTripsAndVMT	WorkerTripNumber	18.00	0.00

2.1 Overall Construction (Maximum Daily Emission)

Unmitigated Construction

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Year					lb/c	lay							lb/d	ay		
2020	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1729	0.0442	5.3944	5.3944	4.7700e- 003	5.0395	5.0395	0.0000	16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317	0.0000	16,720.90 28
2021	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730	0.0000	4.6577	4.6577	0.0000	4.3517	4.3517	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180	0.0000	16,727.07 97
2022	9.6064	97.0441	75.7869	0.1731	0.0000	4.0454	4.0454	0.0000	3.7798	3.7798	0.0000	16,644.68 52	16,644.685 2	3.8096	0.0000	16,739.92 38
Maximum	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1731	0.0442	5.3944	5.3944	4.7700e- 003	5.0395	5.0395	0.0000	16,644.68 52	16,644.685 2	3.8317	0.0000	16,739.92 38

Mitigated Construction

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Year					lb/c	lay							lb/d	day		
2020	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1729	0.0172	5.3944	5.3944	1.8600e- 003	5.0395	5.0395	0.0000	16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317	0.0000	16,720.90 28
2021	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730	0.0000	4.6577	4.6577	0.0000	4.3517	4.3517	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180	0.0000	16,727.07 97
2022	9.6064	97.0441	75.7869	0.1731	0.0000	4.0454	4.0454	0.0000	3.7798	3.7798	0.0000	16,644.68 51	16,644.685 1	3.8096	0.0000	16,739.92 38
Maximum	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1731	0.0172	5.3944	5.3944	1.8600e- 003	5.0395	5.0395	0.0000	16,644.68 51	16,644.685 1	3.8317	0.0000	16,739.92 38
	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio-CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N20	CO2e
Percent Reduction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	61.01	0.00	0.00	61.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

3.0 Construction Detail

Construction Phase

Phase Number	Phase Name	Phase Type	Start Date	End Date	Num Days Num I Week	Days	Phase Description
1	Site Preparation	Site Preparation	12/3/2020	12/16/2020	6	12	
2	Building Construction- Superstructure	Building Construction	12/17/2020	6/2/2021	6	144	
3	Building Construction-Columns	Building Construction	8/17/2021	1/17/2022	6	132	

Acres of Grading (Site Preparation Phase): 0.5

Acres of Grading (Grading Phase): 0

Acres of Paving: 0

Residential Indoor: 0; Residential Outdoor: 0; Non-Residential Indoor: 0; Non-Residential Outdoor: 0; Striped Parking Area: 0 <u>OffRoad Equipment</u>

Phase Name	Offroad Equipment Type	Amount	Usage Hours	Horse Power	Load Factor
Building Construction-Columns	Cranes	4	8.00	120	0.29
Building Construction-Columns	Forklifts	0	6.00	89	0.20
Building Construction-Columns	Generator Sets	2	8.00	250	0.74
Building Construction-Superstructure	Generator Sets	2	8.00	250	0.74
Building Construction-Superstructure	Cranes	4	8.00	120	0.29
Building Construction-Superstructure	Forklifts	0	6.00	89	0.20
Site Preparation	Graders	0	8.00	187	0.41
Building Construction-Columns	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	120	0.37
Building Construction-Columns	Welders	0	8.00	46	0.45
Site Preparation	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	250	0.37
Building Construction-Superstructure	Pavers	1	8.00	50	0.42
Building Construction-Superstructure	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	120	0.37
Building Construction-Superstructure	Concrete/Industrial Saws	2	8.00	120	0.73
Building Construction-Superstructure	Off-Highway Tractors	1	8.00	120	0.44
Building Construction-Superstructure	Off-Highway Trucks	3	8.00	175	0.38
Site Preparation	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	120	0.37

Building Construction-Superstructure	Off-Highway Trucks	1	8.00	1000	0.38
Building Construction-Superstructure	Other Construction Equipment	1	8.00	500	0.42
Site Preparation	Rubber Tired Dozers	0	7.00	247	0.40
Building Construction-Superstructure	Welders	0	8.00	46	0.45
Building Construction-Superstructure	Rubber Tired Dozers	1	8.00	500	0.40
Building Construction-Superstructure	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	250	0.37
Building Construction-Columns	Pavers	1	8.00	50	0.42
Building Construction-Columns	Concrete/Industrial Saws	2	8.00	120	0.73
Building Construction-Columns	Off-Highway Tractors	1	8.00	120	0.44
Building Construction-Columns	Off-Highway Trucks	3	8.00	175	0.38
Building Construction-Columns	Off-Highway Trucks	1	8.00	1000	0.38
Building Construction-Columns	Other Construction Equipment	1	8.00	500	0.42
Building Construction-Columns	Rubber Tired Dozers	1	8.00	500	0.40
Building Construction-Columns	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	250	0.37

Trips and VMT

Phase Name	Offroad Equipment Count	Worker Trip Number	Vendor Trip Number	Hauling Trip Number	Worker Trip Length	Vendor Trip Length	Hauling Trip Length	Worker Vehicle Class	Vendor Vehicle Class	Hauling Vehicle Class
Building Construction- Columns	18	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.70	6.90	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT
Site Preparation	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.70	6.90	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT
Building Construction- Superstructure	18	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.70	6.90	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT

3.1 Mitigation Measures Construction

Use Soil Stabilizer

Water Exposed Area

Reduce Vehicle Speed on Unpaved Roads

3.2 Site Preparation - 2020

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/c	lay							lb/d	ay		
Fugitive Dust					0.0442	0.0000	0.0442	4.7700e- 003	0.0000	4.7700e- 003			0.0000			0.0000
Off-Road	0.6251	7.0529	4.7634	0.0117		0.3106	0.3106		0.2858	0.2858		1,136.556 0	1,136.5560	0.3676		1,145.745 7
Total	0.6251	7.0529	4.7634	0.0117	0.0442	0.3106	0.3548	4.7700e- 003	0.2858	0.2905		1,136.556 0	1,136.5560	0.3676		1,145.745 7

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/c	lay							lb/d	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	lay		
Fugitive Dust					0.0172	0.0000	0.0172	1.8600e- 003	0.0000	1.8600e- 003			0.0000			0.0000
Off-Road	0.6251	7.0529	4.7634	0.0117		0.3106	0.3106		0.2858	0.2858	0.0000	1,136.556 0	1,136.5560	0.3676		1,145.745 7
Total	0.6251	7.0529	4.7634	0.0117	0.0172	0.3106	0.3278	1.8600e- 003	0.2858	0.2876	0.0000	1,136.556 0	1,136.5560	0.3676		1,145.745 7

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	lay							lb/c	lay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2020

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1729		5.3944	5.3944		5.0395	5.0395		16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317		16,720.90 28
Total	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1729		5.3944	5.3944		5.0395	5.0395		16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317		16,720.90 28

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

	ROG	NOx	СО	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d:	ay		
Off-Road	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1729		5.3944	5.3944		5.0395	5.0395	0.0000	16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317		16,720.90 28
Total	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1729		5.3944	5.3944		5.0395	5.0395	0.0000	16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317		16,720.90 28

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	lay							lb/c	lay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2021

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517		16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97
Total	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517		16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/c	lay							lb/c	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

	ROG	NOx	со	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97
Total	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2021

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	со	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/da	ay		
Off-Road	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517		16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97
Total	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517		16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

	ROG	NOx	со	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ау							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97
Total	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	lay							lb/c	lay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	9.6064	97.0441	75.7869	0.1731		4.0454	4.0454		3.7798	3.7798		16,644.68 52	16,644.685 2	3.8096		16,739.92 38
Total	9.6064	97.0441	75.7869	0.1731		4.0454	4.0454		3.7798	3.7798		16,644.68 52	16,644.685 2	3.8096		16,739.92 38

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	lay							lb/c	lay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/c	lay		
Off-Road	9.6064	97.0441	75.7869	0.1731		4.0454	4.0454		3.7798	3.7798	0.0000	16,644.68 51	16,644.685 1	3.8096		16,739.92 38
Total	9.6064	97.0441	75.7869	0.1731		4.0454	4.0454		3.7798	3.7798	0.0000	16,644.68 51	16,644.685 1	3.8096		16,739.92 38

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/c	lay							lb/c	lay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

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Castaic Lake High Tower Bridge Retrofit - Los Angeles-South Coast County, Winter

Castaic Lake High Tower Bridge Retrofit Los Angeles-South Coast County, Winter

1.0 Project Characteristics

1.1 Land Usage

Lanc	Uses	Size		Metric	Lot Acreage	Floor Surface Area	Population
General Li	ght Industry	43.56		1000sqft	1.00	43,560.00	0
1.2 Other Proj	ect Characteristi	cs					
Urbanization	Urban	Wind Speed (m/s)	2.2	Precipitation Freq (D	ays) 33		
Climate Zone	8			Operational Year	2022		
Utility Company	Southern California Ec	lison					
CO2 Intensity (Ib/MWhr)	702.44	CH4 Intensity (Ib/MWhr)	0.029	N2O Intensity (Ib/MWhr)	0.006		
1.3 User Enter	ed Comments &	Non-Default Data					
Project Characte	eristics -						
Land Use -							
Construction Pha	ase - see constructi	on assumptions					
Off-road Equipm	ent - see constructi	on assumptions					
Off-road Equipm	ent - see constructi	on assumptions					
Off-road Equipm	ent - see constructi	on assumptions					
Trips and VMT -	see construction as	sumptions					

Construction Off-road Equipment Mitigation -

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tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Other Construction Equipment
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Rubber Tired Dozers

tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Pavers
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Concrete/Industrial Saws
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tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Other Construction Equipment
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Rubber Tired Dozers
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tblTripsAndVMT	WorkerTripNumber	18.00	0.00

2.1 Overall Construction (Maximum Daily Emission)

Unmitigated Construction

	ROG	NOx	со	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Year					lb/d	lay							lb/d	ay		
2020	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1729	0.0442	5.3944	5.3944	4.7700e- 003	5.0395	5.0395	0.0000	16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317	0.0000	16,720.90 28
2021	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730	0.0000	4.6577	4.6577	0.0000	4.3517	4.3517	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180	0.0000	16,727.07 97
2022	9.6064	97.0441	75.7869	0.1731	0.0000	4.0454	4.0454	0.0000	3.7798	3.7798	0.0000	16,644.68 52	16,644.685 2	3.8096	0.0000	16,739.92 38
Maximum	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1731	0.0442	5.3944	5.3944	4.7700e- 003	5.0395	5.0395	0.0000	16,644.68 52	16,644.685 2	3.8317	0.0000	16,739.92 38

Mitigated Construction

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Year					lb/c	lay							lb/c	lay		
2020	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1729	0.0172	5.3944	5.3944	1.8600e- 003	5.0395	5.0395	0.0000	16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317	0.0000	16,720.90 28
2021	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730	0.0000	4.6577	4.6577	0.0000	4.3517	4.3517	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180	0.0000	16,727.07 97
2022	9.6064	97.0441	75.7869	0.1731	0.0000	4.0454	4.0454	0.0000	3.7798	3.7798	0.0000	16,644.68 51	16,644.685 1	3.8096	0.0000	16,739.92 38
Maximum	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1731	0.0172	5.3944	5.3944	1.8600e- 003	5.0395	5.0395	0.0000	16,644.68 51	16,644.685 1	3.8317	0.0000	16,739.92 38
	ROG	NOx	со	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio-CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N20	CO2e
Percent Reduction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	61.01	0.00	0.00	61.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

3.0 Construction Detail

Construction Phase

Phase Number	Phase Name	Phase Type	Start Date	End Date	Num Days Nur Week	m Days	Phase Description
1	Site Preparation	Site Preparation	12/3/2020	12/16/2020	6	12	
2	Building Construction-	Building Construction	12/17/2020	6/2/2021	6	144	
3	Building Construction-Columns	Building Construction	8/17/2021	1/17/2022	6	132	

Acres of Grading (Site Preparation Phase): 0.5

Acres of Grading (Grading Phase): 0

Acres of Paving: 0

Residential Indoor: 0; Residential Outdoor: 0; Non-Residential Indoor: 0; Non-Residential Outdoor: 0; Striped Parking Area: 0

OffRoad Equipment

Phase Name	Offroad Equipment Type	Amount	Usage Hours	Horse Power	Load Factor
Building Construction-Columns	Cranes	4	8.00	120	0.29
Building Construction-Columns	Forklifts	0	6.00	89	0.20
Building Construction-Columns	Generator Sets	2	8.00	250	0.74
Building Construction-Superstructure	Generator Sets	2	8.00	250	0.74
Building Construction-Superstructure	Cranes	4	8.00	120	0.29
Building Construction-Superstructure	Forklifts	0	6.00	89	0.20
Site Preparation	Graders	0	8.00	187	0.41
Building Construction-Columns	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	120	0.37
Building Construction-Columns	Welders	0	8.00	46	0.45
Site Preparation	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	250	0.37
Building Construction-Superstructure	Pavers	1	8.00	50	0.42
Building Construction-Superstructure	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	120	0.37
Building Construction-Superstructure	Concrete/Industrial Saws	2	8.00	120	0.73
Building Construction-Superstructure	Off-Highway Tractors	1	8.00	120	0.44
Building Construction-Superstructure	Off-Highway Trucks	3	8.00	175	0.38

Site Preparation	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	120	0.37
Building Construction-Superstructure	Off-Highway Trucks	1	8.00	1000	0.38
Building Construction-Superstructure	Other Construction Equipment	1	8.00	500	0.42
Site Preparation	Rubber Tired Dozers	0	7.00	247	0.40
Building Construction-Superstructure	Welders	0	8.00	46	0.45
Building Construction-Superstructure	Rubber Tired Dozers	1	8.00	500	0.40
Building Construction-Superstructure	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	250	0.37
Building Construction-Columns	Pavers	1	8.00	50	0.42
Building Construction-Columns	Concrete/Industrial Saws	2	8.00	120	0.73
Building Construction-Columns	Off-Highway Tractors	1	8.00	120	0.44
Building Construction-Columns	Off-Highway Trucks	3	8.00	175	0.38
Building Construction-Columns	Off-Highway Trucks	1	8.00	1000	0.38
Building Construction-Columns	Other Construction Equipment	1	8.00	500	0.42
Building Construction-Columns	Rubber Tired Dozers	1	8.00	500	0.40
Building Construction-Columns	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	250	0.37

Trips and VMT

Phase Name	Offroad Equipment Count	Worker Trip Number	Vendor Trip Number	Hauling Trip Number	Worker Trip Length	Vendor Trip Length	Hauling Trip Length	Worker Vehicle Class	Vendor Vehicle Class	Hauling Vehicle Class
Building Construction-	18	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.70	6.90	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT
Columns Site Preparation	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.70	6.90	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT
Building Construction-	18	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.70	6.90	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT

3.1 Mitigation Measures Construction

Use Soil Stabilizer

Water Exposed Area

Reduce Vehicle Speed on Unpaved Roads

3.2 Site Preparation - 2020

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/c	lay							lb/d	ay		
Fugitive Dust					0.0442	0.0000	0.0442	4.7700e- 003	0.0000	4.7700e- 003			0.0000			0.0000
Off-Road	0.6251	7.0529	4.7634	0.0117		0.3106	0.3106		0.2858	0.2858		1,136.556 0	1,136.5560	0.3676		1,145.745 7
Total	0.6251	7.0529	4.7634	0.0117	0.0442	0.3106	0.3548	4.7700e- 003	0.2858	0.2905		1,136.556 0	1,136.5560	0.3676		1,145.745 7

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/c	lay							lb/d	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/c	lay							lb/d	lay		
Fugitive Dust					0.0172	0.0000	0.0172	1.8600e- 003	0.0000	1.8600e- 003			0.0000			0.0000
Off-Road	0.6251	7.0529	4.7634	0.0117		0.3106	0.3106		0.2858	0.2858	0.0000	1,136.556 0	1,136.5560	0.3676		1,145.745 7
Total	0.6251	7.0529	4.7634	0.0117	0.0172	0.3106	0.3278	1.8600e- 003	0.2858	0.2876	0.0000	1,136.556 0	1,136.5560	0.3676		1,145.745 7

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e			
Category	lb/day											lb/day							
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000			
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000			
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000			
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000			

3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2020

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	lay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1729		5.3944	5.3944		5.0395	5.0395		16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317		16,720.90 28
Total	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1729		5.3944	5.3944		5.0395	5.0395		16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317		16,720.90 28

	ROG	NOx	со	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e			
Category	lb/day											lb/day							
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000			
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000			
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000			
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000			

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1729		5.3944	5.3944		5.0395	5.0395	0.0000	16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317		16,720.90 28
Total	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1729		5.3944	5.3944		5.0395	5.0395	0.0000	16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317		16,720.90 28

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e			
Category	lb/day											lb/day							
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000			
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000			
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000			
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000			
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2021

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	lay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517		16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97
Total	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517		16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/c	lay							lb/d	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

	RÓG	NÖx	СО	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d;	ау		
Off-Road	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97
Total	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/c	lay							lb/d	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2021

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517		16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97
Total	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517		16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/c	lay							lb/d	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	lay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97
Total	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/c	lay							lb/d	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	lay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	9.6064	97.0441	75.7869	0.1731		4.0454	4.0454		3.7798	3.7798		16,644.68 52	16,644.685 2	3.8096		16,739.92 38
Total	9.6064	97.0441	75.7869	0.1731		4.0454	4.0454		3.7798	3.7798		16,644.68 52	16,644.685 2	3.8096		16,739.92 38

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/c	lay							lb/d	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

	ROG	NOx	со	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	lay							lb/da	ay		
Off-Road	9.6064	97.0441	75.7869	0.1731		4.0454	4.0454		3.7798	3.7798	0.0000	16,644.68 51	16,644.685 1	3.8096		16,739.92 38
Total	9.6064	97.0441	75.7869	0.1731		4.0454	4.0454		3.7798	3.7798	0.0000	16,644.68 51	16,644.685 1	3.8096		16,739.92 38

	ROG	NOx	СО	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	lay							lb/d	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

A-2 Project Construction Air Quality Emissions Worksheets - Mitigated

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Regional Maximums	ROG	NOX	со	SO2	Total PM10	PM2.5			
Source	lb/day								
3.2 Site Preparation - 2020	0.6	7.0	13.9	0.0	2.6	0.9			
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2020	7.5	95.8	103.4	0.2	7.1	5.1			
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2021	41.4	90.2	101.6	0.2	6.5	4.7			
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2021	41.4	92.2	102.1	0.2	6.8	4.8			
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022	6.6	87.1	100.5	0.2	6.2	4.5			
Project Daily Maximum Emissions	41.45	95.82	103.39	0.20	7.10	5.10			

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Air Quality Construction Analysis

Onsite Emissions										Offsite Emissions										
Summer					Fugitive	Exhaust		Fugitive	Exhaust	Total					Fugitive	Exhaus	Total	Fugitive	Exhaust	Total
	ROG	NOX	со	SO2	PM10	PM10	Total PM10	PM2.5	PM2.5	PM2.5	ROG	NOX	со	SO2	PM10	t PM10	PM10	PM2.5	PM2.5	PM2.5
Source						lb/day									lb/da	y				
3.2 Site Preparation - 2020	0.46	6.32	5.94	0.01	0.02	0.27	0.29	0.00	0.26	0.26	0.18	0.64	7.97	0.02	2.28	0.02	2.29	0.60	0.01	0.62
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2020	7.26	92.92	94.88	0.17	0.00	4.51	4.51	0.00	4.37	4.37	0.27	2.91	8.51	0.03	2.53	0.06	2.59	0.68	0.05	0.73
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2021	41.22	89.68	94.44	0.17	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	4.10	4.10	0.15	0.55	7.17	0.02	2.28	0.01	2.29	0.60	0.01	0.62
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2021	41.22	89.68	94.44	0.17	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	4.10	4.10	0.23	2.55	7.64	0.03	2.53	0.05	2.58	0.68	0.04	0.72
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022	6.47	86.66	94.05	0.17	0.00	3.95	3.95	0.00	3.85	3.85	0.13	0.48	6.50	0.02	2.28	0.01	2.29	0.60	0.01	0.62
					Fugitive	Exhaust		Fugitive	Exhaust	Total										
Regional Emissions	ROG	NOX	со	SO2	PM10	PM10	Total PM10	PM2.5	PM2.5	PM2.5										
3.2 Site Preparation - 2020	0.6	7.0	13.9	0.0	2.3	0.3	2.6	0.6	0.3	0.9										
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2020	7.5	95.8	103.4	0.2	2.5	4.6	7.1	0.7	4.4	5.1										
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2021	41.4	90.2	101.6	0.2	2.3	4.2	6.5	0.6	4.1	4.7										
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2021	41.4	92.2	102.1	0.2	2.5	4.3	6.8	0.7	4.1	4.8										
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022	6.6	87.1	100.5	0.2	2.3	4.0	6.2	0.6	3.9	4.5										
Project Daily Maximum Emissions	A1 AA92	05 9775	102 2040	0 2015	2 5227	4 5629	7 0065	0 6771	4 4220	E 1000										

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Air Quality Construction Analysis

Onsite Emissions											Offsite Emissions									
Winter					Fugitive	Exhaust		Fugitive	Exhaust	Total					Fugitive	Exhaust	Total	Fugitive	Exhaust	Total
	ROG	NOX	со	SO2	PM10	PM10	Total PM10	PM2.5	PM2.5	PM2.5	ROG	NOX	со	SO2	PM10	PM10	PM10	PM2.5	PM2.5	PM2.5
Source						lb/day									lb/day					
3.2 Site Preparation - 2020	0.46	6.32	5.94	0.01	0.02	0.27	0.29	0.00	0.26	0.26	0.18	0.64	7.97	0.02	2.28	0.02	2.29	0.60	0.01	0.62
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2020	7.26	92.92	94.88	0.17	0.00	4.51	4.51	0.00	4.37	4.37	0.27	2.91	8.51	0.03	2.53	0.06	2.59	0.68	0.05	0.73
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2021	41.22	89.68	94.44	0.17	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	4.10	4.10	0.15	0.55	7.17	0.02	2.28	0.01	2.29	0.60	0.01	0.62
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2021	41.22	89.68	94.44	0.17	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	4.10	4.10	0.23	2.55	7.64	0.03	2.53	0.05	2.58	0.68	0.04	0.72
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022	6.47	86.66	94.05	0.17	0.00	3.95	3.95	0.00	3.85	3.85	0.13	0.48	6.50	0.02	2.28	0.01	2.29	0.60	0.01	0.62
					Fugitive	Exhaust		Fugitive	Exhaust	Total										
Regional Emissions	ROG	NOX	CO	SO2	PM10	PM10	Total PM10	PM2.5	PM2.5	PM2.5										
3.2 Site Preparation - 2020	0.6	7.0	13.9	0.0	2.3	0.3	2.6	0.6	0.3	0.9										
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2020	7.5	95.8	103.4	0.2	2.5	4.6	7.1	0.7	4.4	5.1										
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2021	41.4	90.2	101.6	0.2	2.3	4.2	6.5	0.6	4.1	4.7										
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2021	41.4	92.2	102.1	0.2	2.5	4.3	6.8	0.7	4.1	4.8										
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022	6.6	87.1	100.5	0.2	2.3	4.0	6.2	0.6	3.9	4.5										
Project Daily Maximum Emissions	41.4483	95.8225	103.3940	0.2015	2.5327	4.5638	7.0965	0.6771	4.4230	5.1000										

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Air Quality Construction Analysis

		Onsite	Emissions	
Localized Emissions				Total
	NOX	со	Total PM10	PM2.5
Source		II	b/day	
3.2 Site Preparation - 2020	6.32	5.94	0.29	0.26
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2020	92.92	94.88	4.51	4.37
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2021	89.68	94.44	4.22	4.10
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2021	89.68	94.44	4.22	4.10
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022	86.66	94.05	3.95	3.85
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Localized Emissions	NOX	со	Total PM10	PM2.5
3.2 Site Preparation - 2020	6.32	5.94	0.29	0.26
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2020	92.92	94.88	4.51	4.37
3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2021	89.68	94.44	4.22	4.10
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2021	89.68	94.44	4.22	4.10
	86 66	94 05	3.95	3.85
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022	80.00	51.05	0.00	
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022	80.00	51.05	0.00	
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022 Project Daily Maximum Emissions	92.92	94.88	4.51	4.37
3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022 Project Daily Maximum Emissions	92.92	94.88	4.51	4.37

SRA 15, 1-acre site, 200 m away from receptor

Epoxy Coating VOC Emissions

		Component A	Component	Liters Per	VOC emission	VOC emission	VOC emissions
	Total Gallons	Gallons	B Gallons	Column	(g/l)	(g/column)	(lbs/day)
Epoxy Primer for substrate surface	75	50	25	95	3	284	0.63
Epoxy Primer for fiber saturant	1050	700	350	1325	3	3975	8.76
Epoxy Paste/Filler	300	200	100	379	7	2650	5.84
UV Coating	80			101	86	8681	19.14
						Total	34.37

Notes: VOC content and gallon amount provided by client.

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Castaic Lake High Tower Bridge Retrofit

Los Angeles-South Coast County, Summer

1.0 Project Characteristics

1.1 Land Usage

Land	Uses	Size		Metric	Lot Acreage	Floor Surface Area	Population
General Lig	ght Industry	43.56		1000sqft	1.00	43,560.00	0
1.2 Other Proje	ect Characteristic	S					
Urbanization	Urban	Wind Speed (m/s)	2.2	Precipitation Freq (Day	/s) 33		
Climate Zone	8			Operational Year	2022		
Utility Company	Southern California Edis	on					
CO2 Intensity (Ib/MWhr)	702.44	CH4 Intensity (Ib/MWhr)	0.029	N2O Intensity (Ib/MWhr)	0.006		
1.3 User Enter Project Characte	ed Comments & N ristics -	Ion-Default Data					
Land Use -							
Construction Pha	se - see construction	assumptions					
Off-road Equipme	ent - see constructior	assumptions					
Off-road Equipme	ent - see construction	assumptions					
Off-road Equipme	ent - see constructior	assumptions					
Trips and VMT -	see construction assi	umptions					
Construction Off-	road Equipment Mitiç	gation - see constructio	on assumptions				

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2.0 Emissions Summary

2.1 Overall Construction (Maximum Daily Emission)

Unmitigated Construction

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e	
Year		lb/day									lb/day						
2020	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1729	0.0442	5.3944	5.3944	4.7700e- 003	5.0395	5.0395	0.0000	16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317	0.0000	16,720.90 28	
2021	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730	0.0000	4.6577	4.6577	0.0000	4.3517	4.3517	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180	0.0000	16,727.07 97	
2022	9.6064	97.0441	75.7869	0.1731	0.0000	4.0454	4.0454	0.0000	3.7798	3.7798	0.0000	16,644.68 52	16,644.685 2	3.8096	0.0000	16,739.92 38	
Maximum	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1731	0.0442	5.3944	5.3944	4.7700e- 003	5.0395	5.0395	0.0000	16,644.68 52	16,644.685 2	3.8317	0.0000	16,739.92 38	

Mitigated Construction

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Year					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
2020	7.2623	92.9163	94.8827	0.1729	0.0172	4.5072	4.5072	1.8600e- 003	4.3714	4.3714	0.0000	16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317	0.0000	16,720.90 28
2021	6.8498	89.6808	94.4414	0.1730	0.0000	4.2235	4.2235	0.0000	4.1045	4.1045	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180	0.0000	16,727.07 97
2022	6.4711	86.6576	94.0534	0.1731	0.0000	3.9500	3.9500	0.0000	3.8474	3.8474	0.0000	16,644.68 51	16,644.685 1	3.8096	0.0000	16,739.92 38
Maximum	7.2623	92.9163	94.8827	0.1731	0.0172	4.5072	4.5072	1.8600e- 003	4.3714	4.3714	0.0000	16,644.68 51	16,644.685 1	3.8317	0.0000	16,739.92 38

	ROG	NOx	со	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio-CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N20	CO2e
Percent Reduction	35.28	17.78	-21.06	0.00	61.01	10.05	10.05	61.01	6.44	6.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

3.0 Construction Detail

Construction Phase

Phase Number	Phase Name	Phase Type	Start Date	End Date	Num Days Num Week	Days	Phase Description
1	Site Preparation	Site Preparation	12/3/2020	12/16/2020	6	12	
2	Building Construction-	Building Construction	12/17/2020	6/2/2021	6	144	
3	Building Construction-Columns	Building Construction	8/17/2021	1/17/2022	6	132	

Acres of Grading (Site Preparation Phase): 0.5

Acres of Grading (Grading Phase): 0

Acres of Paving: 0

Residential Indoor: 0; Residential Outdoor: 0; Non-Residential Indoor: 0; Non-Residential Outdoor: 0; Striped Parking Area: 0

OffRoad Equipment

Phase Name	Offroad Equipment Type	Amount	Usage Hours	Horse Power	Load Factor
Building Construction-Columns	Cranes	4	8.00	120	0.29
Building Construction-Columns	Forklifts	0	6.00	89	0.20
Building Construction-Columns	Generator Sets	2	8.00	250	0.74
Building Construction-Superstructure	Generator Sets	2	8.00	250	0.74
Building Construction-Superstructure	Cranes	4	8.00	120	0.29
Building Construction-Superstructure	Forklifts	0	6.00	89	0.20
Site Preparation	Graders	0	8.00	187	0.41
Building Construction-Columns	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	120	0.37
Building Construction-Columns	Welders	0	8.00	46	0.45
Site Preparation	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	250	0.37
Building Construction-Superstructure	Pavers	1	8.00	50	0.42

Building Construction-Superstructure	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	120	0.37
Building Construction-Superstructure	Concrete/Industrial Saws	2	8.00	120	0.73
Building Construction-Superstructure	Off-Highway Tractors	1	8.00	120	0.44
Building Construction-Superstructure	Off-Highway Trucks	3	8.00	175	0.38
Site Preparation	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	120	0.37
Building Construction-Superstructure	Off-Highway Trucks	1	8.00	1000	0.38
Building Construction-Superstructure	Other Construction Equipment	1	8.00	500	0.42
Site Preparation	Rubber Tired Dozers	0	7.00	247	0.40
Building Construction-Superstructure	Welders	0	8.00	46	0.45
Building Construction-Superstructure	Rubber Tired Dozers	1	8.00	500	0.40
Building Construction-Superstructure	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	250	0.37
Building Construction-Columns	Pavers	1	8.00	50	0.42
Building Construction-Columns	Concrete/Industrial Saws	2	8.00	120	0.73
Building Construction-Columns	Off-Highway Tractors	1	8.00	120	0.44
Building Construction-Columns	Off-Highway Trucks	3	8.00	175	0.38
Building Construction-Columns	Off-Highway Trucks	1	8.00	1000	0.38
Building Construction-Columns	Other Construction Equipment	1	8.00	500	0.42
Building Construction-Columns	Rubber Tired Dozers	1	8.00	500	0.40
Building Construction-Columns	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	250	0.37

Trips and VMT

Phase Name	Offroad Equipment Count	Worker Trip Number	Vendor Trip Number	Hauling Trip Number	Worker Trip Length	Vendor Trip Length	Hauling Trip Length	Worker Vehicle Class	Vendor Vehicle Class	Hauling Vehicle Class
Building Construction- Columns	18	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.70	6.90	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT
Site Preparation	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.70	6.90	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT
Building Construction- Superstructure	18	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.70	6.90	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT

3.1 Mitigation Measures Construction

Use Cleaner Engines for Construction Equipment

Use Soil Stabilizer

Water Exposed Area

Reduce Vehicle Speed on Unpaved Roads

3.2 Site Preparation - 2020

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/c	lay							lb/d	ay		
Fugitive Dust					0.0442	0.0000	0.0442	4.7700e- 003	0.0000	4.7700e- 003			0.0000			0.0000
Off-Road	0.6251	7.0529	4.7634	0.0117		0.3106	0.3106		0.2858	0.2858		1,136.556 0	1,136.5560	0.3676		1,145.745 7
Total	0.6251	7.0529	4.7634	0.0117	0.0442	0.3106	0.3548	4.7700e- 003	0.2858	0.2905		1,136.556 0	1,136.5560	0.3676		1,145.745 7

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	lay							lb/c	lay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Fugitive Dust					0.0172	0.0000	0.0172	1.8600e- 003	0.0000	1.8600e- 003			0.0000			0.0000
Off-Road	0.4570	6.3196	5.9426	0.0117		0.2706	0.2706		0.2582	0.2582	0.0000	1,136.556 0	1,136.5560	0.3676		1,145.745 7
Total	0.4570	6.3196	5.9426	0.0117	0.0172	0.2706	0.2879	1.8600e- 003	0.2582	0.2601	0.0000	1,136.556 0	1,136.5560	0.3676		1,145.745 7

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	lay							lb/c	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2020

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1729		5.3944	5.3944		5.0395	5.0395		16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317		16,720.90 28
Total	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1729		5.3944	5.3944		5.0395	5.0395		16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317		16,720.90 28

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	lay							lb/d	lay		
Off-Road	7.2623	92.9163	94.8827	0.1729		4.5072	4.5072		4.3714	4.3714	0.0000	16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317		16,720.90 28
Total	7.2623	92.9163	94.8827	0.1729		4.5072	4.5072		4.3714	4.3714	0.0000	16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317		16,720.90 28

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/c	lay							lb/c	lay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2021

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517		16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97
Total	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517		16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	lay							lb/d	lay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	6.8498	89.6808	94.4414	0.1730		4.2235	4.2235		4.1045	4.1045	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97
Total	6.8498	89.6808	94.4414	0.1730		4.2235	4.2235		4.1045	4.1045	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	lay							lb/c	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2021

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517		16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97
Total	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517		16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/c	lay							lb/c	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

	ROG	NOx	СО	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d;	ау							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	6.8498	89.6808	94.4414	0.1730		4.2235	4.2235		4.1045	4.1045	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97
Total	6.8498	89.6808	94.4414	0.1730		4.2235	4.2235		4.1045	4.1045	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/c	lay							lb/c	lay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	9.6064	97.0441	75.7869	0.1731		4.0454	4.0454		3.7798	3.7798		16,644.68 52	16,644.685 2	3.8096		16,739.92 38
Total	9.6064	97.0441	75.7869	0.1731		4.0454	4.0454		3.7798	3.7798		16,644.68 52	16,644.685 2	3.8096		16,739.92 38

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/c	lay							lb/c	lay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

	RÓG	NÖx	со	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ау							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	6.4711	86.6576	94.0534	0.1731		3.9500	3.9500		3.8474	3.8474	0.0000	16,644.68 51	16,644.685 1	3.8096		16,739.92 38
Total	6.4711	86.6576	94.0534	0.1731		3.9500	3.9500		3.8474	3.8474	0.0000	16,644.68 51	16,644.685 1	3.8096		16,739.92 38

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

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Castaic Lake High Tower Bridge Retrofit

Los Angeles-South Coast County, Winter

1.0 Project Characteristics

tblConstDustMitigation

WaterUnpavedRoadVehicleSpeed

1.1 Land Usage

Lan	d Uses	Size		Metric	Lot Acreage	Floor Surfa
General L	ight Industry	43.56		1000sqft	1.00	43,56
1.2 Other Pro	ject Characteris	tics				
Urbanization	Urban	Wind Speed (m/s)	2.2	Precipitation Freq (D	ays) 33	
Climate Zone	8			Operational Year	2022	
Utility Company	Southern California	Edison				
CO2 Intensity (Ib/MWhr)	702.44	CH4 Intensity (Ib/MWhr)	0.029	N2O Intensity (Ib/MWhr)	0.006	
1.3 User Ente	red Comments	& Non-Default Data				
Project Characte	eristics -					
Land Use -						
Construction Ph	ase - see construc	tion assumptions				
Off-road Equipm	nent - see construc	tion assumptions				
Off-road Equipm	nent - see construc	tion assumptions				
Off-road Equipm	nent - see construc	tion assumptions				
Trips and VMT -	- see construction	assumptions				
Construction Of	f-road Equipment I	Vitigation - see construct	ion assumptions			
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2.0 Emissions Summary

2.1 Overall Construction (Maximum Daily Emission)

Unmitigated Construction

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Year					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
2020	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1729	0.0442	5.3944	5.3944	4.7700e- 003	5.0395	5.0395	0.0000	16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317	0.0000	16,720.90 28
2021	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730	0.0000	4.6577	4.6577	0.0000	4.3517	4.3517	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180	0.0000	16,727.07 97
2022	9.6064	97.0441	75.7869	0.1731	0.0000	4.0454	4.0454	0.0000	3.7798	3.7798	0.0000	16,644.68 52	16,644.685 2	3.8096	0.0000	16,739.92 38
Maximum	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1731	0.0442	5.3944	5.3944	4.7700e- 003	5.0395	5.0395	0.0000	16,644.68 52	16,644.685 2	3.8317	0.0000	16,739.92 38

Mitigated Construction

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Year					lb/c	lay							lb/d	ay		
2020	7.2623	92.9163	94.8827	0.1729	0.0172	4.5072	4.5072	1.8600e- 003	4.3714	4.3714	0.0000	16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317	0.0000	16,720.90 28
2021	6.8498	89.6808	94.4414	0.1730	0.0000	4.2235	4.2235	0.0000	4.1045	4.1045	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180	0.0000	16,727.07 97
2022	6.4711	86.6576	94.0534	0.1731	0.0000	3.9500	3.9500	0.0000	3.8474	3.8474	0.0000	16,644.68 51	16,644.685 1	3.8096	0.0000	16,739.92 38
Maximum	7.2623	92.9163	94.8827	0.1731	0.0172	4.5072	4.5072	1.8600e- 003	4.3714	4.3714	0.0000	16,644.68 51	16,644.685 1	3.8317	0.0000	16,739.92 38

	ROG	NOx	со	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio-CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N20	CO2e
Percent Reduction	35.28	17.78	-21.06	0.00	61.01	10.05	10.05	61.01	6.44	6.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

3.0 Construction Detail

Construction Phase

Phase Number	Phase Name	Phase Type	Start Date	End Date	Num Days Num Week	Days	Phase Description
1	Site Preparation	Site Preparation	12/3/2020	12/16/2020	6	12	
2	Building Construction- Superstructure	Building Construction	12/17/2020	6/2/2021	6	144	
3	Building Construction-Columns	Building Construction	8/17/2021	1/17/2022	6	132	

Acres of Grading (Site Preparation Phase): 0.5

Acres of Grading (Grading Phase): 0

Acres of Paving: 0

Residential Indoor: 0; Residential Outdoor: 0; Non-Residential Indoor: 0; Non-Residential Outdoor: 0; Striped Parking Area: 0

OffRoad Equipment

Phase Name	Offroad Equipment Type	Amount	Usage Hours	Horse Power	Load Factor
Building Construction-Columns	Cranes	4	8.00	120	0.29
Building Construction-Columns	Forklifts	0	6.00	89	0.20
Building Construction-Columns	Generator Sets	2	8.00	250	0.74
Building Construction-Superstructure	Generator Sets	2	8.00	250	0.74
Building Construction-Superstructure	Cranes	4	8.00	120	0.29
Building Construction-Superstructure	Forklifts	0	6.00	89	0.20
Site Preparation	Graders	0	8.00	187	0.41
Building Construction-Columns	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	120	0.37
Building Construction-Columns	Welders	0	8.00	46	0.45
Site Preparation	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	250	0.37
Building Construction-Superstructure	Pavers	1	8.00	50	0.42
Building Construction-Superstructure	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	120	0.37

Building Construction-Superstructure	Concrete/Industrial Saws	2	8.00	120	0.73
Building Construction-Superstructure	Off-Highway Tractors	1	8.00	120	0.44
Building Construction-Superstructure	Off-Highway Trucks	3	8.00	175	0.38
Site Preparation	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	120	0.37
Building Construction-Superstructure	Off-Highway Trucks	1	8.00	1000	0.38
Building Construction-Superstructure	Other Construction Equipment	1	8.00	500	0.42
Site Preparation	Rubber Tired Dozers	0	7.00	247	0.40
Building Construction-Superstructure	Welders	0	8.00	46	0.45
Building Construction-Superstructure	Rubber Tired Dozers	1	8.00	500	0.40
Building Construction-Superstructure	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	250	0.37
Building Construction-Columns	Pavers	1	8.00	50	0.42
Building Construction-Columns	Concrete/Industrial Saws	2	8.00	120	0.73
Building Construction-Columns	Off-Highway Tractors	1	8.00	120	0.44
Building Construction-Columns	Off-Highway Trucks	3	8.00	175	0.38
Building Construction-Columns	Off-Highway Trucks	1	8.00	1000	0.38
Building Construction-Columns	Other Construction Equipment	1	8.00	500	0.42
Building Construction-Columns	Rubber Tired Dozers	1	8.00	500	0.40
Building Construction-Columns	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	250	0.37

Trips and VMT

Phase Name	Offroad Equipment Count	Worker Trip Number	Vendor Trip Number	Hauling Trip Number	Worker Trip Length	Vendor Trip Length	Hauling Trip Length	Worker Vehicle Class	Vendor Vehicle Class	Hauling Vehicle Class
Building Construction-	18	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.70	6.90	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT
Columns Site Preparation	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.70	6.90	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT
Building Construction-	18	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.70	6.90	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT

3.1 Mitigation Measures Construction

Use Cleaner Engines for Construction Equipment

Use Soil Stabilizer

Water Exposed Area

Reduce Vehicle Speed on Unpaved Roads
3.2 Site Preparation - 2020

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	lay							lb/d	lay		
Fugitive Dust					0.0442	0.0000	0.0442	4.7700e- 003	0.0000	4.7700e- 003			0.0000			0.0000
Off-Road	0.6251	7.0529	4.7634	0.0117		0.3106	0.3106		0.2858	0.2858		1,136.556 0	1,136.5560	0.3676		1,145.745 7
Total	0.6251	7.0529	4.7634	0.0117	0.0442	0.3106	0.3548	4.7700e- 003	0.2858	0.2905		1,136.556 0	1,136.5560	0.3676		1,145.745 7

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	lay							lb/c	lay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

	ROG	NOx	СО	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	lay							lb/d	ay		
Fugitive Dust					0.0172	0.0000	0.0172	1.8600e- 003	0.0000	1.8600e- 003			0.0000			0.0000
Off-Road	0.4570	6.3196	5.9426	0.0117		0.2706	0.2706		0.2582	0.2582	0.0000	1,136.556 0	1,136.5560	0.3676		1,145.745 7
Total	0.4570	6.3196	5.9426	0.0117	0.0172	0.2706	0.2879	1.8600e- 003	0.2582	0.2601	0.0000	1,136.556 0	1,136.5560	0.3676		1,145.745 7

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	lay							lb/d	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2020

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1729		5.3944	5.3944		5.0395	5.0395		16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317		16,720.90 28
Total	11.6716	122.1520	80.5456	0.1729		5.3944	5.3944		5.0395	5.0395		16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317		16,720.90 28

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/c	lay							lb/c	lay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

	ROG	NOx	СО	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	7.2623	92.9163	94.8827	0.1729		4.5072	4.5072		4.3714	4.3714	0.0000	16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317		16,720.90 28
Total	7.2623	92.9163	94.8827	0.1729		4.5072	4.5072		4.3714	4.3714	0.0000	16,625.10 99	16,625.109 9	3.8317		16,720.90 28

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2021

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517		16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97
Total	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517		16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	6.8498	89.6808	94.4414	0.1730		4.2235	4.2235		4.1045	4.1045	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97
Total	6.8498	89.6808	94.4414	0.1730		4.2235	4.2235		4.1045	4.1045	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2021

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517		16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97
Total	10.5232	108.2765	77.7389	0.1730		4.6577	4.6577		4.3517	4.3517		16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/c	lay							lb/c	lay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

	ROG	NOx	СО	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	6.8498	89.6808	94.4414	0.1730		4.2235	4.2235		4.1045	4.1045	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97
Total	6.8498	89.6808	94.4414	0.1730		4.2235	4.2235		4.1045	4.1045	0.0000	16,631.62 90	16,631.629 0	3.8180		16,727.07 97

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	9.6064	97.0441	75.7869	0.1731		4.0454	4.0454		3.7798	3.7798		16,644.68 52	16,644.685 2	3.8096		16,739.92 38
Total	9.6064	97.0441	75.7869	0.1731		4.0454	4.0454		3.7798	3.7798		16,644.68 52	16,644.685 2	3.8096		16,739.92 38

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	lay							lb/c	ay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

	ROG	NOx	со	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/d	ay							lb/d	ay		
Off-Road	6.4711	86.6576	94.0534	0.1731		3.9500	3.9500		3.8474	3.8474	0.0000	16,644.68 51	16,644.685 1	3.8096		16,739.92 38
Total	6.4711	86.6576	94.0534	0.1731		3.9500	3.9500		3.8474	3.8474	0.0000	16,644.68 51	16,644.685 1	3.8096		16,739.92 38

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					lb/c	lay							lb/c	lay		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

Castaic Total On-Road Emissions

Castaic Total On-Road Emissions

	Daily	Haul Days	Work Hours	One-Way						Regio	onal Emis	sions			
Construction Phase	One-Way	per Phase	per Day	Trip Distance	Idling					(pound	ls/day)				
	Trips			per Day	per Day					PM10	PM10	Total	PM2.5	PM2.5	Total
		(days)	(hours/day)	(miles)	(minutes)	ROG	NOX	со	SO2	Dust	Exh	PM10	Dust	Exh	PM2.5
Site Preparation	2020														
Vendor	0	0	12	23	15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Worker	30	12	12	100	0	0.18	0.64	7.97	0.02	2.28	0.02	2.29	0.60	0.01	0.62
Total						0.18	0.64	7.97	0.02	2.28	0.02	2.29	0.60	0.01	0.62
Building Construction-Superstructure	2020														
Vendor	12	6	12	23	15	0.09	2.27	0.54	0.01	0.25	0.04	0.29	0.07	0.04	0.11
Worker	30	13	12	100	0	0.18	0.64	7.97	0.02	2.28	0.02	2.29	0.60	0.01	0.62
Total						0.27	2.91	8.51	0.03	2.53	0.06	2.59	0.68	0.05	0.73
Building Construction-Superstructure	2021														
Vendor	0	0	12	23	15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Worker	30	131	12	100	0	0.15	0.55	7.17	0.02	2.28	0.01	2.29	0.60	0.01	0.62
Total						0.15	0.55	7.17	0.02	2.28	0.01	2.29	0.60	0.01	0.62
Building Construction-Columns	2021														
Vendor	12	18	12	23	15	0.08	2.00	0.48	0.01	0.25	0.03	0.29	0.07	0.03	0.10
Worker	30	118	12	100	0	0.15	0.55	7.17	0.02	2.28	0.01	2.29	0.60	0.01	0.62
Total						0.23	2.55	7.64	0.03	2.53	0.05	2.58	0.68	0.04	0.72
Building Construction-Columns	2022														
Vendor	0	0	12	23	15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Worker	30	14	12	100	0	0.13	0.48	6.50	0.02	2.28	0.01	2.29	0.60	0.01	0.62
Total						0.13	0.48	6.50	0.02	2.28	0.01	2.29	0.60	0.01	0.62

Castaic Running Emissions

		F	Running Emiss (grams/i	ions Factor mile)		
	ROG	NOX	со	SO2	PM10	PM2.5
2020Vendor Vendor 2020Worker Worker	0.15052095	3.661476833 0.096097887	0.82032612 1.20453196	0.01250546 0.00316067	0.0674547 0.002367	0.06124278 0.00217971
2021Vendor Vendor 2021Worker Worker	0.12175156	3.217634225 0.083007514	0.70325362	0.01222293	0.05527116	0.04911126
2022Vendor Vendor 2022Worker Worker	0.0717977 0.01983052	2.602453214 0.072203528	0.52331731 0.98204326	0.01185125 0.00297251	0.02991351 0.00205325	0.02359656 0.00189053

	Daily	Haul Days	Work Hours	One-Way			Regional Er	nissions		
Construction Phase	One-Way	per Phase	per Day	Trip Distance			(pounds	/day)		
	Trips			per Day						
		(days)	(hours/day)	(miles)	ROG	NOX	со	SO2	PM10	PM2.5
Site Prenaration	2020									
Vendor	0	0	12	23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Worker	30	12	12	100	0.18	0.64	7.97	0.02	0.02	0.01
Building Construction-Superstructure	<u>2020</u>									
Vendor	12	6	12	23	0.09	2.21	0.50	0.01	0.04	0.04
Worker	30	13	12	100	0.18	0.64	7.97	0.02	0.02	0.01
Building Construction-Superstructure	2021									
Vendor	0	0	12	23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Worker	30	131	12	100	0.15	0.55	7.17	0.02	0.01	0.01
Building Construction-Columns	2021									
Vendor	12	18	12	23	0.07	1.95	0.43	0.01	0.03	0.03
Worker	30	118	12	100	0.15	0.55	7.17	0.02	0.01	0.01
Building Construction-Columns	2022									
Vendor	0	0	12	23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Worker	30	14	12	100	0.13	0.48	6.50	0.02	0.01	0.01

Castaic Idling Emissions

		i	Idling Emissic (grams/m	ons Factor inute)		
	ROG	NOX	со	SO2	PM10	PM2.5
2020Vendor Vendor	0.00987959	0.142517399	0.12251179	0.00022933	0.00030983	0.00029642
2020Worker Worker	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021Vendor Vendor	0.00978725	0.13997517	0.1278175	0.00023088	0.00022325	0.00021359
2021Worker Worker	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022Vendor Vendor	0.0096457	0.137105548	0.13427245	0.00023364	0.00010016	9.5824E-05
2022Worker Worker	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Daily	Haul Days	Work Hours	Idling			Regional Er	nissions		
Construction Phase	One-Way	per Phase	per Day	minutes			(pounds	/day)		
	Trips	(days)	(hours/day)	per Day (miles)	ROG	NOX	со	SO2	PM10	PM2.5
Site Preparation	2020									
Vendor	0	0	12	15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Worker	30	12	12	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Building Construction-Superstructure	2020									
Vendor	12	6	12	15	0.00	0.06	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00
Worker	30	13	12	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Building Construction-Superstructure	2021									
Vendor	0	0	12	15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Worker	30	131	12	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Building Construction-Columns	<u>2021</u>									
Vendor	12	18	12	15	0.00	0.06	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00
Worker	30	118	12	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Building Construction-Columns	2022									
Vendor	0	0	12	15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Worker	30	14	12	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Castaic Road Dust, Break Wear, and Tire wear Emissions

	Emission Factors (grams/mile)						
		PM10			PM2.5		
	RD	BW	тw	RD	BW	TW	
2020Vendor Vendor	3.00E-01	0.095689863	0.02378913	7.36E-02	0.04100994	0.00594728	
2020Worker Worker	3.00E-01	0.036750011	0.008	7.36E-02	0.01575	0.002	
2021Vendor Vendor	3.00E-01	0.095694022	0.02379166	7.36E-02	0.04101172	0.00594791	
2021Worker Worker	3.00E-01	0.036750011	0.008	7.36E-02	0.01575	0.002	
2022Vendor Vendor	3.00E-01	0.095697894	0.02379395	7.36E-02	0.04101338	0.00594849	
2022Worker Worker	3.00E-01	0.036750011	0.008	7.36E-02	0.01575	0.002	
2023Vendor Vendor	3.00E-01	0.095701749	0.02379617	7.36E-02	0.04101504	0.00594904	
2023Worker Worker	3.00E-01	0.036750011	0.008	7.36E-02	0.01575	0.002	

Construction Phase	Daily One-Way	Haul Days per Phase	Work Hours per Day	One-Way Trip Distance			Regional Er (pounds)	nissions /day)		
	Trips			per Day		PM10			PM2.5	
		(days)	(hours/day)	(miles)	RD	BW	TW	RD	BW	TW
Site Prenaration	2020									
Vendor	0	0	12	23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Worker	30	12	12	100	1.98	0.24	0.05	0.49	0.10	0.01
Building Construction-Superstructure	2020									
Vendor	12	6	12	23	0.18	0.06	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.00
Worker	30	13	12	100	1.98	0.24	0.05	0.49	0.10	0.01
Building Construction-Superstructure	2021									
Vendor	0	0	12	23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Worker	30	131	12	100	1.98	0.24	0.05	0.49	0.10	0.01
Building Construction-Columns	2021									
Vendor	12	18	12	23	0.18	0.06	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.00
Worker	30	118	12	100	1.98	0.24	0.05	0.49	0.10	0.01
Building Construction-Columns	2022									
Vendor	0	0	12	23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Worker	30	14	12	100	1.98	0.24	0.05	0.49	0.10	0.01

Castaic Road Dust

Paved Road Dust Emission Factors (Assumes No Precipitation)

Formula:	EF _{Dust,P} = (k	$(sL)^{0.91} \times (W)^{1.02}$)		
	Where:			
	EF _{Dust,P} =	Paved Road Dust Em units as k)	ission Factor (havi	ng the same
	k =	particle size multiplie	er	
	sL =	road surface silt load	ing (g/m ²)	
	W =	average fleet vehicle	weight (tons) (CA	RB uses 2.4
		tons as a fleet average	ge vehicle weight f	actor)
	Er	nission Factor (grams)	per VMT)	
		PM10	PM2.5	
		0.0070	0.2440	T

	PM2.5	
k	0.9979	0.2449
sL	0.1	0.1
W	2.4	2.4
EF _{Dust,P}	3.00E-01	7.36E-02

Unpaved Road Dust Emission Factors (Assumes No Precipitation)

Formula: $EF_{Dust,U} = (k (s / 12)^1 \times (Sp / 30)^{0.5} / (M / 0.5)^{0.2}) - C)$

Where:

EFound un =	Unpayed Road Dust Emission Factor (having the same	e units as k)
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k = particle size multiplier

s = surface material silt content (%)

Sp = mean vehicle speed (mph)

M = surface material moisture content (%)

C = Emission Factor for 1980s vehicle fleet exhaust, brake wear, and tire wear

Emission Factor (grams per VMT)					
	PM10	, PM2.5			
k	816.47	81.65			
S	4.3%	4.3%			
Sp	15	15			
М	0.5%	0.5%			
С	0.00047	0.00036			
EF _{Dust,U}	5.20E+00	5.19E-01			

Sources:

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A-3 Project Construction Greenhouse Gas Emissions Worksheets

Castaic Construction GHG Emissions

Construction GHG Emissions Summary

	Project Equipment Emissions	Project On-Road Emissions	Project Total
Year	(MTCO2e/year)	(MTCO2e/year)	(MTCO2e/year)
2020	105.39	26.47	131.86
2021	1889.229	240.14	2129.37
2022	106.30	12.70	119.01
Project Total			2,380
30 Year-Amortization			79

MTCO₂e=Metric Tons Carbon Dioxide equivalents

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Castaic Lake High Tower Bridge Retrofit

Los Angeles-South Coast County, Annual

1.0 Project Characteristics

1.1 Land Usage

Land	d Uses	Size		Metric	Lot Acreage	Floor Surface Area	Population
General L	ight Industry	43.56		1000sqft	1.00	43,560.00	0
1.2 Other Pro	ject Characteris	stics					
Urbanization	Urban	Wind Speed (m/s)	2.2	Precipitation Freq	(Days) 33		
Climate Zone	8			Operational Year	2022		
Utility Company	Southern California	Edison					
CO2 Intensity (Ib/MWhr)	702.44	CH4 Intensity (Ib/MWhr)	0.029	N2O Intensity (Ib/MWhr)	0.006		
1.3 User Ente Project Characte	red Comments eristics -	& Non-Default Data					
Land Use -							
Construction Ph	ase - see constru	ction assumptions					
Off-road Equipm	nent - see constru	ction assumptions					
Off-road Equipm	nent - see constru	ction assumptions					
Off-road Equipm	nent - see constru	ction assumptions					
Trips and VMT -	see construction	assumptions					
Construction Off-road Equipment Mitigation -							
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2.0 Emissions Summary

2.1 Overall Construction

Unmitigated Construction

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Year					tons	/yr							MT/	yr		
2020	0.0796	0.8363	0.5521	1.1900e- 003	2.7000e- 004	0.0369	0.0372	3.0000e- 005	0.0345	0.0345	0.0000	104.2197	104.2197	0.0246	0.0000	104.8346
2021	1.3101	13.4804	9.6785	0.0215	0.0000	0.5799	0.5799	0.0000	0.5418	0.5418	0.0000	1,878.451 0	1,878.4510	0.4312	0.0000	1,889.231 7
2022	0.0672	0.6793	0.5305	1.2100e- 003	0.0000	0.0283	0.0283	0.0000	0.0265	0.0265	0.0000	105.6986	105.6986	0.0242	0.0000	106.3034
Maximum	1.3101	13.4804	9.6785	0.0215	2.7000e- 004	0.5799	0.5799	3.0000e- 005	0.5418	0.5418	0.0000	1,878.451 0	1,878.4510	0.4312	0.0000	1,889.231 7

Mitigated Construction

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Year					tons	s/yr							MT	/yr		
2020	0.0796	0.8363	0.5521	1.1900e- 003	1.0000e- 004	0.0369	0.0370	1.0000e- 005	0.0345	0.0345	0.0000	104.2196	104.2196	0.0246	0.0000	104.8345
2021	1.3101	13.4804	9.6785	0.0215	0.0000	0.5799	0.5799	0.0000	0.5418	0.5418	0.0000	1,878.448 8	1,878.4488	0.4312	0.0000	1,889.229 4
2022	0.0672	0.6793	0.5305	1.2100e- 003	0.0000	0.0283	0.0283	0.0000	0.0265	0.0265	0.0000	105.6985	105.6985	0.0242	0.0000	106.3033
Maximum	1.3101	13.4804	9.6785	0.0215	1.0000e- 004	0.5799	0.5799	1.0000e- 005	0.5418	0.5418	0.0000	1,878.448 8	1,878.4488	0.4312	0.0000	1,889.229 4
	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio-CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N20	CO2e
Percent Reduction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.96	0.00	0.03	66.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Quarter	Start Date	End Date	Maximum Unmitigated ROG + NOX (tons/quarter)	Maximum Mitigated ROG + NOX (tons/quarter)
1	12-3-2020	3-2-2021	4.0121	4.0121
2	3-3-2021	6-2-2021	4.6841	4.6841
3	6-3-2021	9-2-2021	0.8655	0.8655
4	9-3-2021	12-2-2021	4.6332	4.6332
5	12-3-2021	3-2-2022	2.2535	2.2535
		Highest	4.6841	4.6841

3.0 Construction Detail

Construction Phase

Phase Number	Phase Name	Phase Type	Start Date	End Date	Num Days Nu Week	m Days	Phase Description
1	Site Preparation	Site Preparation	12/3/2020	12/16/2020	6	12	
2	Building Construction- Superstructure	Building Construction	12/17/2020	6/2/2021	6	144	
3	Building Construction-Columns	Building Construction	8/17/2021	1/17/2022	6	132	

Acres of Grading (Site Preparation Phase): 0.5

Acres of Grading (Grading Phase): 0

Acres of Paving: 0

Residential Indoor: 0; Residential Outdoor: 0; Non-Residential Indoor: 0; Non-Residential Outdoor: 0; Striped Parking Area: 0

OffRoad Equipment

Phase Name	Offroad Equipment Type	Amount	Usage Hours	Horse Power	Load Factor
Building Construction-Columns	Cranes	4	8.00	120	0.29
Building Construction-Columns	Forklifts	0	6.00	89	0.20
Building Construction-Columns	Generator Sets	2	8.00	250	0.74
Building Construction-Superstructure	Generator Sets	2	8.00	250	0.74
Building Construction-Superstructure	Cranes	4	8.00	120	0.29

Building Construction-Superstructure	Forklifts	0	6.00	89	0.20
Site Preparation	Graders	0	8.00	187	0.41
Building Construction-Columns	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	120	0.37
Building Construction-Columns	Welders	0	8.00	46	0.45
Site Preparation	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	250	0.37
Building Construction-Superstructure	Pavers	1	8.00	50	0.42
Building Construction-Superstructure	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	120	0.37
Building Construction-Superstructure	Concrete/Industrial Saws	2	8.00	120	0.73
Building Construction-Superstructure	Off-Highway Tractors	1	8.00	120	0.44
Building Construction-Superstructure	Off-Highway Trucks	3	8.00	175	0.38
Site Preparation	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	120	0.37
Building Construction-Superstructure	Off-Highway Trucks	1	8.00	1000	0.38
Building Construction-Superstructure	Other Construction Equipment	1	8.00	500	0.42
Site Preparation	Rubber Tired Dozers	0	7.00	247	0.40
Building Construction-Superstructure	Welders	0	8.00	46	0.45
Building Construction-Superstructure	Rubber Tired Dozers	1	8.00	500	0.40
Building Construction-Superstructure	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	250	0.37
Building Construction-Columns	Pavers	1	8.00	50	0.42
Building Construction-Columns	Concrete/Industrial Saws	2	8.00	120	0.73
Building Construction-Columns	Off-Highway Tractors	1	8.00	120	0.44
Building Construction-Columns	Off-Highway Trucks	3	8.00	175	0.38
Building Construction-Columns	Off-Highway Trucks	1	8.00	1000	0.38
Building Construction-Columns	Other Construction Equipment	1	8.00	500	0.42
Building Construction-Columns	Rubber Tired Dozers	1	8.00	500	0.40
Building Construction-Columns	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	250	0.37

Trips and VMT

Phase Name	Offroad Equipment Count	Worker Trip Number	Vendor Trip Number	Hauling Trip Number	Worker Trip Length	Vendor Trip Length	Hauling Trip Length	Worker Vehicle Class	Vendor Vehicle Class	Hauling Vehicle Class
Building Construction- Columns	18	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.70	6.90	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT
Site Preparation	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.70	6.90	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT
Building Construction- Superstructure	18	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.70	6.90	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT

3.1 Mitigation Measures Construction

Use Soil Stabilizer

Water Exposed Area

Reduce Vehicle Speed on Unpaved Roads

3.2 Site Preparation - 2020

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					tons	s/yr							MT	/yr		
Fugitive Dust					2.7000e- 004	0.0000	2.7000e- 004	3.0000e- 005	0.0000	3.0000e- 005	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Off-Road	3.7500e- 003	0.0423	0.0286	7.0000e- 005		1.8600e- 003	1.8600e- 003		1.7100e- 003	1.7100e- 003	0.0000	6.1864	6.1864	2.0000e- 003	0.0000	6.2364
Total	3.7500e- 003	0.0423	0.0286	7.0000e- 005	2.7000e- 004	1.8600e- 003	2.1300e- 003	3.0000e- 005	1.7100e- 003	1.7400e- 003	0.0000	6.1864	6.1864	2.0000e- 003	0.0000	6.2364

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					tons	s/yr							MT	/yr		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					tons	s/yr							MT	/yr		
Fugitive Dust					1.0000e- 004	0.0000	1.0000e- 004	1.0000e- 005	0.0000	1.0000e- 005	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Off-Road	3.7500e- 003	0.0423	0.0286	7.0000e- 005		1.8600e- 003	1.8600e- 003		1.7100e- 003	1.7100e- 003	0.0000	6.1864	6.1864	2.0000e- 003	0.0000	6.2364
Total	3.7500e- 003	0.0423	0.0286	7.0000e- 005	1.0000e- 004	1.8600e- 003	1.9600e- 003	1.0000e- 005	1.7100e- 003	1.7200e- 003	0.0000	6.1864	6.1864	2.0000e- 003	0.0000	6.2364

	ROG	NOx	СО	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					tons	s/yr							MT	/yr		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2020

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					tons	s/yr							MT	/yr		
Off-Road	0.0759	0.7940	0.5236	1.1200e- 003		0.0351	0.0351		0.0328	0.0328	0.0000	98.0333	98.0333	0.0226	0.0000	98.5982
Total	0.0759	0.7940	0.5236	1.1200e- 003		0.0351	0.0351		0.0328	0.0328	0.0000	98.0333	98.0333	0.0226	0.0000	98.5982

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					tons	s/yr							MT	/yr		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					tons	s/yr							MT	/yr		
Off-Road	0.0759	0.7940	0.5236	1.1200e- 003		0.0351	0.0351		0.0328	0.0328	0.0000	98.0332	98.0332	0.0226	0.0000	98.5980
Total	0.0759	0.7940	0.5236	1.1200e- 003		0.0351	0.0351		0.0328	0.0328	0.0000	98.0332	98.0332	0.0226	0.0000	98.5980

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					tons	s/yr							MT	/yr		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

3.3 Building Construction-Superstructure - 2021

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					tons	s/yr							MT	/yr		
Off-Road	0.6893	7.0921	5.0919	0.0113		0.3051	0.3051		0.2850	0.2850	0.0000	988.2614	988.2614	0.2269	0.0000	993.9331
Total	0.6893	7.0921	5.0919	0.0113		0.3051	0.3051		0.2850	0.2850	0.0000	988.2614	988.2614	0.2269	0.0000	993.9331

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					tons	s/yr							MT	/yr		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					tons/y	yr							MT	/yr		
Off-Road	0.6893	7.0921	5.0919	0.0113		0.3051	0.3051		0.2850	0.2850	0.0000	988.2602	988.2602	0.2269	0.0000	993.9319
Total	0.6893	7.0921	5.0919	0.0113		0.3051	0.3051		0.2850	0.2850	0.0000	988.2602	988.2602	0.2269	0.0000	993.9319

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					tons	s/yr							MT	/yr		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2021

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					tons	/yr							MT	/yr		
Off-Road	0.6209	6.3883	4.5866	0.0102		0.2748	0.2748		0.2568	0.2568	0.0000	890.1896	890.1896	0.2044	0.0000	895.2985
Total	0.6209	6.3883	4.5866	0.0102		0.2748	0.2748		0.2568	0.2568	0.0000	890.1896	890.1896	0.2044	0.0000	895.2985

Category					tons	s/yr							МТ	/yr		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					tons	/yr							MT/	/yr		
Off-Road	0.6209	6.3883	4.5866	0.0102		0.2748	0.2748		0.2568	0.2568	0.0000	890.1886	890.1886	0.2044	0.0000	895.2975
Total	0.6209	6.3883	4.5866	0.0102		0.2748	0.2748		0.2568	0.2568	0.0000	890.1886	890.1886	0.2044	0.0000	895.2975

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					tons	s/yr							MT	/yr		
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

3.4 Building Construction-Columns - 2022

Unmitigated Construction On-Site

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					tons	s/yr							MT	/yr		
Off-Road	0.0672	0.6793	0.5305	1.2100e- 003		0.0283	0.0283		0.0265	0.0265	0.0000	105.6986	105.6986	0.0242	0.0000	106.3034
Total	0.0672	0.6793	0.5305	1.2100e- 003		0.0283	0.0283		0.0265	0.0265	0.0000	105.6986	105.6986	0.0242	0.0000	106.3034

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					tons	s/yr					MT/yr					
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category					tons	/yr							MT	/yr		
Off-Road	0.0672	0.6793	0.5305	1.2100e- 003		0.0283	0.0283		0.0265	0.0265	0.0000	105.6985	105.6985	0.0242	0.0000	106.3033
Total	0.0672	0.6793	0.5305	1.2100e- 003		0.0283	0.0283		0.0265	0.0265	0.0000	105.6985	105.6985	0.0242	0.0000	106.3033

	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	Fugitive PM10	Exhaust PM10	PM10 Total	Fugitive PM2.5	Exhaust PM2.5	PM2.5 Total	Bio- CO2	NBio- CO2	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category	tons/yr								MT/yr							
Hauling	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Vendor	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Worker	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

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Total On-Road Emissions

Castaic Total On-Road Emissions

Haul Days **Regional Emissions** Daily Work Hours One-Way **Trip Distance Construction Phase** One-Way per Phase per Day Idling (MT/yr) Trips per Day per Day Total (days) (hours/day) (miles) (minutes) CO2e Site Preparation 2020 Vendor 0 0 12 23 15 0.00 30 12 0 Worker 12 100 11.59 Total 11.59 **Building Construction-Superstructure** 2020 Vendor 12 6 12 23 15 2.33 Worker 30 13 12 100 0 12.55 Total 14.88 Building Construction-Superstructure 2021 0 0 Vendor 15 0.00 12 23 Worker 30 131 12 100 0 122.74 Total 122.74 **Building Construction-Columns** 2021 Vendor 12 18 12 23 15 6.83 Worker 30 118 12 100 0 110.56 Total 117.40 **Building Construction-Columns** 2022 Vendor 0 0 12 23 15 0.00 Worker 30 14 12 100 0 12.70 Total 12.70

Castaic **Running Emissions**

	Running Emissions Factor (grams/mile)						
	CO2	CH4	N2O				
2020Vendor Vendor	1340.46338	0.04529837	0.19169371				
2020Worker Worker	319.458691	0.00617495	0.00790785				
2021Vendor Vendor	1311.85371	0.04440854	0.18764154				
2021Worker Worker	310.119284	0.00538825	0.00712331				
2022Vendor Vendor	1273.54109	0.04239589	0.18204996				
2022Worker Worker	300.448479	0.00471177	0.00646256				

	Daily	Haul Days	Work Hours	One-Way		Regional	onal Emissions			
Construction Phase	One-Way	per Phase	per Day	Trip Distance	(MT/year)					
	Trips			per Day		1	I			
		(days)	(hours/day)	(miles)	CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e		
Site Bronaration	2020									
Vender	2020	0	10	22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Vendor	0	0	12	25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
worker	30	12	12	100	11.50	0.01	0.08	11.59		
Building Construction-Superstructure	2020									
Vendor	12	6	12	23	2.21	0.00	0.09	2.30		
Worker	30	13	12	100	12.46	0.01	0.09	12.55		
Building Construction-Superstructure	2021									
Vendor	0	0	12	23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Worker	30	131	12	100	121.88	0.05	0.81	122.74		
Building Construction-Columns	2021									
Vendor	12	18	12	23	6.48	0.01	0.27	6.75		
Worker	30	118	12	100	109.78	0.05	0.73	110.56		
Building Construction-Columns	2022									
Vendor	0	0	12	23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Worker	30	14	12	100	12 62	0.00	0.08	12 70		
Worker	50	14	12	100	12.02	0.00	0.00	12.70		
Castaic Idling Emissions

	Idling Emissions Factor (grams/minute)					
	CO2	CH4	N2O			
2020Vendor Vendor	24.6020747	0.00063132	0.0038577			
2020Worker Worker	0	0	0			
2021Vendor Vendor	24.7786148	0.00063074	0.00388666			
2021Worker Worker	0	0	0			
2022Vendor Vendor	25.0816526	0.00062854	0.00393519			
2022Worker Worker	0	0	0			

	Daily	Haul Days	Work Hours	Idling	Regional Emissions			
Construction Phase	One-Way	per Phase	per Day	minutes		(MT/	/year)	
	Trips			per Day				
		(days)	(hours/day)	(miles)	CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Site Preparation	2020							
Vendor	0	0	12	15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Worker	30	12	12	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Building Construction-Superstructure	2020							
Vendor	12	6	12	15	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.03
Worker	30	13	12	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Building Construction-Superstructure	2021							
Vendor	0	0	12	15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Worker	30	131	12	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Building Construction-Columns	<u>2021</u>							
Vendor	12	18	12	15	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.08
Worker	30	118	12	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Building Construction-Columns	<u>2022</u>							
Vendor	0	0	12	15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Worker	30	14	12	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

A-4 Project Construction Energy Consumption Worksheets

Castaic Construction Energy Analysis

Fuel Consumption Summary

Category	Value
Diesel fuel for Off-Road Equipment	215,769
Diesel fuel for Vendor Trucks	842
Gasoline fuel for workers	32,364
Total Diesel Consumption	216,611
Total Gasoline Consumption	32,364
Construction Phase Duration (years)	0.92

Source	Diesel	Gas		
Off-Road Equipment	215,769	-		
Vendor	842	-		
Worker	-	32,364		
Total Project Fuel Consumption	216,611	32,364		
	Los Angeles County	y Fuel Consumption	State Fuel Co	nsumption
	Diesel	Gas	Diesel	Gas
	527,083,333	3,638,000,000	3,702,083,333	15,471,000,000
Annual Project % of Consumption	0.041%	0.0009%	0.0059%	0.0002%

 California Energy Commission, California Retail Fuel Outlet Annual Reporting (CEC-A15) Results, 2018 <u>https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/almanac/transportation_data/gasoline/piira_retail_survey.html</u> Diesel is adjusted to account for retail (52%) and non-retail (48%) diesel sales.

	MWh/year	kWh/year	
Construction Electricity Use	0.002	2,000	Project Percent of Total
Los Angeles County	67,856.281	67,856,281,249	0.000029%
State	562,240.387	562,240,386,857	0.000004%
SCE	87,143.000	87,143,000,000	0.000023%

Notes:

Construction electricity use provided by client.

SCE, 2018 Annual Financial and Statistical Report

https://www.edison.com/content/dam/eix/documents/investors/corporate-governance/eix-sce-2018-annual-report.pdf

County and State fuel usage

http://www.ecdms.energy.ca.gov/elecbycounty.asphttp://www.ecdms.energy.ca.gov/elecbycounty.as

Castaic Construction Energy Analysis

Off-Road Equipment

Equipment ≤ 100 HP

	Parameter	Value
pounds diesel fuel/hp-hr (lb/hp-hr):1		0.41
diesel fuel density (lb/gal):1		7.11
diesel gallons/hp-hr (gal/hp-hr):		0.06
Total hp-hr :		46,368
Total diesel consumption (gal):		2,661

Equipment > 100 HP

Parameter	Value
pounds diesel fuel/hp-hr (lb/hp-hr):1	0.37
diesel fuel density (lb/gal):1	7.11
diesel gallons/hp-hr (gal/hp-hr):	0.05
Total hp-hr:	4,127,971
Total diesel gallons:	213,108

Phase	Equipment	# of Equipment		Hours/ Day	HP	Load Factor	Days	Total hp-h
Site Preparation	Graders		0	8	187	0.41	12	0
Site Preparation	Rubber Tired Dozers		0	7	247	0.40	12	0
Site Preparation	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes		1	8	120	0.37	12	4,262
Site Preparation	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes		1	8	250	0.37	12	8,880
Building Construction-Superstructure	Concrete/Industrial Saws		2	8	120	0.73	144	201,830
Building Construction-Superstructure	Cranes		4	8	120	0.29	144	160,358
Building Construction-Superstructure	Forklifts		0	6	89	0.20	144	0
Building Construction-Superstructure	Generator Sets		2	8	250	0.74	144	426,240
Building Construction-Superstructure	Off-Highway Tractors		1	8	120	0.44	144	60,826
Building Construction-Superstructure	Off-Highway Trucks		3	8	175	0.38	144	229,824
Building Construction-Superstructure	Off-Highway Trucks		1	8	1000	0.38	144	437,760
Building Construction-Superstructure	Other Construction Equipment		1	8	500	0.42	144	241,920
Building Construction-Superstructure	Pavers		1	8	50	0.42	144	24,192
Building Construction-Superstructure	Rubber Tired Dozers		1	8	500	0.40	144	230,400
Building Construction-Superstructure	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes		1	8	120	0.37	144	51,149
Building Construction-Superstructure	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes		1	8	250	0.37	144	106,560
Building Construction-Superstructure	Welders		0	8	46	0.45	144	0
Building Construction-Columns	Concrete/Industrial Saws		2	8	120	0.73	132	185,011
Building Construction-Columns	Cranes		4	8	120	0.29	132	146,995
Building Construction-Columns	Forklifts		0	6	89	0.20	132	0
Building Construction-Columns	Generator Sets		2	8	250	0.74	132	390,720
Building Construction-Columns	Off-Highway Tractors		1	8	120	0.44	132	55,757
Building Construction-Columns	Off-Highway Trucks		3	8	175	0.38	132	210,672
Building Construction-Columns	Off-Highway Trucks		1	8	1000	0.38	132	401,280
Building Construction-Columns	Other Construction Equipment		1	8	500	0.42	132	221,760
Building Construction-Columns	Pavers		1	8	50	0.42	132	22,176
Building Construction-Columns	Rubber Tired Dozers		1	8	500	0.40	132	211,200
Building Construction-Columns	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes		1	8	120	0.37	132	46,886
Building Construction-Columns	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes		1	8	250	0.37	132	97,680
Building Construction-Columns	Welders		0	8	46	0.45	132	0

 Total ≤ 100
 46,368

 Total >100
 4,127,971

Castaic Total On-Road Fuel Consumption

	gal/mile	gal/min
2020Vendor Vendor	0.1298909	9.15757E-06
2020Worker Worker	0.03844702	1.94905E-06
2021Vendor Vendor	0.12720883	9.12128E-06
2021Worker Worker	0.03742093	2.06198E-06
2022Vendor Vendor	0.12346263	8.98135E-06
2022Worker Worker	0.03636982	2.00421E-06
2023Vendor Vendor	0.11698571	8.58941E-06
2023Worker Worker	0.03532451	1.94677E-06

	Daily	Haul Days	Work Hours	One-Way		Regional Emissions			
Construction Phase One-Way		per Phase	per Day	Trip Distance	Idling				
	Trips			per Day	per Day				
		(days)	(hours/day)	(miles)	(minutes)	gal/mile	gal/min	gal/day	Total Gallons/yr
Site Preparation	2020								
Vendor	0	0	12	23	15	0.13	9.16E-06	0	0
Worker	30	12	12	100	0	0.04	1.95E-06	115	1,384
Building Construction-Superstruc	2020								
Vendor	12	6	12	23	15	0.13	9.16E-06	36	214
Worker	30	13	12	100	0	0.04	1.95E-06	115	1,499
Building Construction-Superstruc	2021								
Vendor	0	0	12	23	15	0.13	9.12E-06	0	0
Worker	30	131	12	100	0	0.04	2.06E-06	112	14,706
Building Construction-Columns	2021								
Vendor	12	18	12	23	15	0.13	9.12E-06	35	628
Worker	30	118	12	100	0	0.04	2.06E-06	112	13,247
Building Construction-Columns	2022								
Vendor	0	0	12	23	15	0.12	8.98E-06	0	0
Worker	30	14	12	100	0	0.04	2.00E-06	109	1,528

APPENDIX B Biological Resources Technical Report



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Subject: Biological Resources Technical Report for the Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project, Los Angeles County, California

Dear Ms. Radieve:

This letter report documents the findings of a biological resource assessment conducted by Environmental Science Associates (ESA) at the High Intake Tower Bridge, located at Castaic Lake, Los Angeles County (Project site). A description of the project, methods used during the assessment, assessment results, impacts analysis, and mitigation measure recommendations are described in this report.

Project Description

Castaic Lake is located 41 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles within the Sierra Pelona Mountains, north of Santa Clarita along the Interstate 5 freeway (**Figures 1 and 2**). The Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge (tower bridge) provides access to the Castaic Dam High Intake Tower (high tower) and allows for maintenance and operations crews to ensure that the tower continues to function as intended (**Figure 3**). The tower and bridge were designed in the 1960s and constructed in the late 1960s through the early 1970s. The tower bridge is elevated from the lake bottom by three piers (Piers 2-4) and one abutment at the lakeshore (Abutment 5), as shown on Figure 3.

In order to access the pier footings for the retrofit work, the lake's surface elevation needs to be lowered from the normal operation elevation of 1,505 feet to approximately 1,380 feet (**Figure 4**). Pier 2 is the tallest of the three piers and is located in the deepest portion of the lake affected by the proposed project. The drawdown would take approximately four months to bring the surface elevation to 1,380 feet to repair Pier 2. It is anticipated that it would take approximately six weeks to retrofit each pier.

A construction laydown area would likely be required within or near the western launch ramp parking lot. Construction activities would include clearing and grading an access road within the exposed lake bed to access each pier. Construction at each of the three piers would require excavation of the footings to apply a jacket around the pier for carbon fiber reinforcement. The location of the tower bridge, high tower, construction access routes, and equipment staging areas are depicted on (**Figure 5**).



SOURCE: ESRI

DWR SoCal On-Call for Environmental Services - Castaic

Figure 1 Regional Location

ESA



SOURCE: Mapbox

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Figure 2
Project Location Map



SOURCE: Department of Water Resources, 2019

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Figure 4 Proposed Drawdown Scenario



SOURCE: Google Earth, 2018

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Figure 5 Project Staging Areas



Methods

Database Review

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDB) (CDFW, 2019) and California Native Plant Society Rare Plant Inventory (CNPS, 2019) were queried to identify special-status plant and wildlife species that have been previously recorded in the region. The search area for these database queries included the Warm Springs Mountain United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute quadrangle map in which the project is located, as well as the surrounding eight USGS quadrangles: Mint Canyon, Liebre Mountain, Burnt Peak, Lake Hughes, Whitaker Peak, Green Valley, Val Verde, and Newhall. In addition, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Environmental Conservation Online System was also queried to assess whether the tower bridge is located within or near designated critical habitat for listed species. These resources were used to establish a list of special-status species and sensitive natural plant communities that have been recorded in the area of the Project.

Field Assessment

A biological resources field assessment was conducted by ESA senior biologist Travis Marella on September 27, 2019. The assessment consisted of characterizing and mapping the vegetation communities and general conditions of the tower bridge and high tower, construction access routes, and equipment staging, including a 300-foot buffer area in all directions. All incidental observations of flora and fauna, including sign of wildlife presence (e.g., scat, tracks, burrows, vocalization, etc.) were noted during the assessment, which are described below in the Existing Conditions section. Special attention was afforded in assessing suitable habitat for the species that have been recorded in the region based on the results of the database review. This includes determining if any special-status wildlife may occur within the vegetation and habitats that surround the Project site, such as roosting habitat for bats, suitable burrows for burrowing owls (Athene cunicularia) or American badger (Taxidea taxus), typical nesting habitat for birds and raptors, and appropriate riparian habitat for such species as least Bell's vireo (Vireo bellii pusillus), California red-legged frog (Rana draytonii) and arroyo toad (Anaxyrus californicus). Vegetation was characterized and delineated on aerial photographs during the field assessment and then digitized on aerial maps using a Geographic Information System software (ArcGIS). The nomenclature used to describe the vegetation is based on A Manual of California Vegetation, Second Edition (Manual) (Sawyer 2009), or characterized based on species dominance when not identified in the Manual. Representative photographs of the Project area are provided in Attachment A.

Existing Conditions

Several paved and unpaved access roads are located adjacent to the tower bridge and high tower. These roads are designed for DWR staff to access the bridge, pump stations, and the dam, which is located nearby to the southeast. Several patches of California buckwheat – California Sagebrush scrub are located adjacent to the tower bridge and staging areas. The staging areas have been previously disturbed and are mostly devoid of any vegetation, one of which is an existing asphalt parking area used for the West Boat Launch Ramp. This parking area has some landscape planters that have various ornamental trees and shrubs, including longleaf pitch pine (*Pinus palustris,* non-native), honey locust (*Gleditsia triacanthos,* non-native), London plane (*Platanus × acerifolia*, non-native), and toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia,* native). Several Gooding's willow (*Salix gooddingii*)



and Fremont cottonwood (*Populus fremontii*) are located approximately 50 to 220 feet to the southeast of the tower bridge that are naturally occurring and may be hydrologically supported by the lake.

Vegetation

Vegetation communities located adjacent to the tower bridge are described in detail below and are depicted on **Figure 6.**

California sagebrush - California buckwheat scrub - *Artemisia californica - Eriogonum fasciculatum Shrubland Alliance*

This native community was characterized and mapped in several locations in the vicinity of the tower bridge. This community is co-dominated by California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*) and California buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*). Less dominant species that were observed were generally dispersed intermittently, including telegraph weed (*Heterotheca grandiflora*), black sage (*Salvia mellifera*), horseweed (*Erigeron canadensis*), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*), Russian thistle (*Kali tragus*), and brittlebush (*Encelia farinosa*).

Non-Native Grassland

This non-native community was characterized and mapped in one area located in the vicinity of the tower bridge. This area appears to have been disturbed by grading or other invasive practices. Species observed within this community were limited to Russian thistle and shortpod mustard (*Hirschfeldia incana*).

Special-Status Plants and Wildlife

The general area surrounding the Project is in a disturbed condition and provides limited habitat that is valuable to special-status plant and wildlife species. Numerous common wildlife occur in the area, and several were observed during the field assessment conducted by ESA, such as resident birds including American bushtit (*Psaltriparus minimus*), mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*), California scrub jay (*Aphelocoma californica*), great blue heron (*Ardea herodias*), and green heron (*Butorides virescens*). Several mud nests, belonging to barn swallows (*Hirundo rustica*), were observed on the underside of the tower bridge. Mammal species observed during the assessment included: coyote (*Canis latrans*), California ground squirrel (*Otospermophilus beecheyi*), and desert cottontail (*Sylvilagus audubonii*). One reptile and fish species were observed, western fence lizard (*Sceloporus occidentalis*) and striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*), respectively. All wildlife and plant species observed during the field assessment are listed in **Attachment B**.

Special-status wildlife and plant species are defined as those animals and plants that, because of their recognized rarity or vulnerability to various forms of habitat loss or population decline, are recognized by federal, state, or other agencies as under threat from human-associated developments. Some of these species receive specific protection that is defined by federal or state endangered species legislation. Others have been designated as special-status on the basis of adopted policies and expertise of state resource agencies or organizations with acknowledged expertise, or policies adopted by local governmental agencies such as counties, cities, and special districts to meet local conservation objectives.



SOURCE: Google Earth, 2018

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Figure 6 Vegetation Communities

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According to the CNDDB and CNPS database search results, 46 special-status wildlife species and 42 specialstatus plant species have been previously recorded in the Warm Springs Mountain USGS quadrangle and the eight surrounding quadrangles (see these database search results **Attachment C**). However, due to the high level of disturbance and development that has occurred, as well as an absence of suitable habitat, it was determined that no special-status plants have potential to occur in the Project site.

Of the 46 special-status wildlife species, only 18 species listed in **Table 1 Special-Status Wildlife Species** were determined to have varying levels of potential to occur within the Project site, including species that could be affected by the temporary drawdown of the lake during construction, based on the following criteria:

Low Potential: The Project site only provides limited habitat for a particular species, such as, but not limited to, submergence much of the year by reservoir water, habitats that are subjected to substantial disturbances from previous grading activities or developments (e.g., roads, buildings, parking lots, etc.), fragmented habitat, and/or certain habitat requirements are absent while others are present. For example, suitable vegetation is present, but soil substrate is inadequate. In addition, low potential would be assumed if the known range or habitat requirements for a particular species is outside of the project area.

Medium Potential: The Project site provides marginal habitat for a particular species. For example, the habitat characteristics are suitable for a particular species (e.g., vegetation, soils, elevation) and the site is within the known range of the species, but the habitat is moderately disturbed by past human activities and therefore/or may not support all stages of a species life cycle.

High Potential: The Project site provides suitable habitat conditions for a particular species and/or known populations occur in the immediate area.

Present: The species has been observed or previously recorded within the Project site.



Common Name	Scientific Name	Status (Federal/State)	Habitat	Potential to Occur
Birds				
Cooper's hawk	Accipiter cooperii	None/WL	Mature forest, open woodlands, wood edges, river groves. Nests in coniferous, deciduous, and mixed woods, typically those with tall trees and with openings or edge habitat nearby. Also found among trees along rivers through open country, and increasingly in suburbs and cities where some tall trees exist for nest sites. In winter may be in fairly open country, especially in west.	Low. The tower bridge and surrounding vegetation does not provide suitable nesting habitat; however, this species could forage in the area.
Southern California rufous- crowned sparrow	Aimophila ruficeps	None/WL	Grassy or rocky slopes with sparse low bushes; open pine-oak woods. Habitat varies in different parts of range, but always in brushy areas. In Southwest, usually in rocky areas of foothills and lower canyons, in understory of pine-oak woods, or in chaparral or coastal scrub.	Low. The tower bridge and surrounding vegetation does not provide suitable nesting habitat; however, this species could forage in the area.
Grasshopper sparrow	Ammodramus savannarum	None/SSC	Grassland, hayfields, prairies. Breeds in rather dry fields and prairies, especially those with fairly tall grass and weeds and a few scattered shrubs. Also nests in overgrown pastures and hayfields, and sometimes in fields of other crops.	Low. The tower bridge and surrounding vegetation does not provide suitable nesting habitat; however, this species could forage in the area.

TABLE 1 POTENTIALLY OCCURRING SPECIAL-STATUS WILDLIFE SPECIES ON THE PROJECT SITE



Common Name	Scientific Name	Status (Federal/State)	Habitat	Potential to Occur
Bell's sage sparrow	Artemisiospiza belli belli	None/WL	Coastal sage scrub, chaparral; in winter, also deserts. Found year- round in unique sage scrub habitat on the California coastal slope and foothills. In the interior, also breeds in saltbush, chamise, and other low shrubs of arid flats. In winter some spread eastward into open flats and deserts with scattered brush.	Low. The tower bridge and surrounding vegetation does not provide suitable nesting habitat; however, this species could forage in the area.
Burrowing owl	Athene cunicularia	None/SSC	Open, dry annual and perennial grasslands, deserts, and scrublands with low-grading vegetation	Low. Suitable habitat is present in the vicinity of the Project site; however, no suitable burrows that can be used for nesting or wintering are present.
White-tailed kite	Elanus leucurus	None/FP	Open groves, river valleys, marshes, and grasslands	Low. The tower bridge and surrounding vegetation does not provide suitable nesting habitat; however, this species could forage in the area.
California horned lark	Eremophila alpestris	None/WL	Prairies, fields, airports, shores, tundra. Inhabits open ground, generally avoiding areas with trees or even bushes. May occur in a wide variety of situations that are sufficiently open: short- grass prairies, extensive lawns (as on airports or golf courses), plowed fields, stubble fields, beaches, lake flats, dry tundra of far north or high mountains.	Low. The tower bridge and surrounding vegetation does not provide suitable nesting habitat; however, this species could forage in the area.
Prairie falcon	Falco mexicanus	None/WL	Open hills, plains, prairies, deserts. Typically found in fairly dry open country, including grassland and desert. Also in open country above treeline in high mountains. In winter, often found in farmland and around lakes and reservoirs.	High (foraging only). The tower bridge and surrounding vegetation does not provide suitable nesting habitat; however, this species could forage in the area. However, this species was observed in 2015 adjacent to Castaic Lagoon, approximately one-mile south of tower bridge.



Common Name	Scientific Name	Status (Federal/State)	Habitat	Potential to Occur		
Bald eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	None/FE/FP	Coasts, rivers, large lakes; in migration, also mountains, open country. Typically, close to water, also locally in open dry country. Occurs in a variety of waterside settings where prey is abundant.	Low. The tower bridge and surrounding vegetation does not provide suitable nesting habitat; however, this species could forage in the area.		
Loggerhead shrike	Lanius Iudovicianus	None/SSC	Semi-open country with lookout posts; wires, trees, scrub. Breeds in any kind of semi-open terrain, from large clearings in wooded regions to open grassland or desert with a few scattered trees or large shrubs	High (foraging only). Suitable foraging habitat is present that includes California buckwheat- California sagebrush. Species was observed in 2015 in Castaic Lagoon, approximately 0.7 miles south of tower bridge. This species is not expected to nest in the vicinity of the Project.		
Yellow warbler	Setophaga petechial	None/SSC	Widespread in any wet brushy habitat.	Medium (foraging only). Suitable habitat for foraging is available adjacent to tower bridge and lake in the California buckwheat-California sagebrush approximately 200 feet away; however, this species is not expected to nest in the vicinity of the Project.		
Mammals						
Pallid bat	Antrozous pallidus	None/SSC	Grasslands, shrublands, woodlands, and coniferous forests; most common in open, dry habitat with rocky areas for roosting, as well as abandon buildings and medal clad structures.	Low. Sign or evidence (guano) of species was not detected during field reconnaissance; however, marginal habitat that consists of metal beams with seams capable of supporting a bat roost exists underneath the tower bridge.		



Common Name	Scientific Name	Status (Federal/State)	Habitat	Potential to Occur
Yuma myotis	Myotis yumanensis	None/SSC	Found in a variety of habitats, ranging from juniper and riparian woodlands to desert regions near open water Species found wherever there are rivers, streams, ponds, lakes, etc. When not near water over which to forage, can be found roosting in caves, attics, buildings, mines, underneath bridges, and other similar structures.	Low. Sign or evidence (guano) of species was not detected during field reconnaissance; however, marginal habitat that consists of metal beams with seams capable of supporting a bat roost exists underneath the tower bridge.
Reptiles				
California glossy snake	Arizona elegans occidentalis	None/SSC	Most common in desert habitats but also occur in chaparral, sagebrush, valley-foothill hardwood, pine-juniper, and annual grass.	Low. Fragmented areas supporting California buckwheat-California sagebrush are present in the vicinity of the Project site; however, this species is not expected to forage within Project site due to its previously disturbed/developed conditions.
Coastal western whiptail	Aspidoscelis tigris ssp. Stejnegeri	None/SSC	Deserts and semiarid areas with sparse vegetation and open areas, woodland and riparian areas.	Low. Fragmented areas supporting California buckwheat-California sagebrush are present in the vicinity of the Project site; however, this species is not expected to forage within Project site due to its previously disturbed/developed conditions.
Western pond turtle	Emys marmorata	None/SSC	Aquatic habitats with exposed areas for basking, with aquatic vegetation, such as algae and other water plants	Low. Castaic Lake provides suitable habitat; however, the Project site itself does not provide suitable habitat. Areas for basking opportunities (logs, rocks and boulders) are absent from the Project site but exists in other parts of Castaic Lake.



Common Name	Scientific Name	Status (Federal/State)	Habitat	Potential to Occur		
Coast horned lizard	Phrynosoma blainvillii	None/SSC	Various habitats throughout the foothills of California including coast live oak woodland and the herbaceous cover and friable soils.	Low. Fragmented areas supporting California buckwheat-California sagebrush are present in the vicinity of the Project site; however, this species is not expected to forage within Project site due to its previously disturbed/developed conditions.		
Two-striped garter snake	Thamnophis hammondii	None/SSC	Occurs adjacent to permanent or semi- permanent bodies of water. This species feeds primarily on fish and amphibians.	Low. Castaic Lake provides suitable habitat for the species; however, once the lake drawdown is complete, the Project site does not provide suitable habitat.		
Status Federal: FE-federally endangered, FT – federally threatened State: SE – state endangered: state threatened: EP – State Fully Protected, SSC – State Species of Special Concern, CE-Candidate for listing as						

Nesting Birds

Endangered, WL - Watch List

Barn swallow nests were observed on the underside of the tower bridge. The remaining areas within the Project site provide little-to-no habitat for supporting nesting birds due to the level of disturbance that exists. Nesting birds, including barn swallows, are protected in accordance with the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 (MBTA). The MBTA prohibits the take of native birds "by any means or manner to pursue, hunt, take, capture (or) kill" any migratory birds except as permitted by regulations issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The term "take" is defined by USFWS regulation to mean to "pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect" any migratory bird or any part, nest, or egg of any migratory bird covered by the conventions, or to attempt those activities.

Sensitive Natural Communities and Riparian Habitat

Sensitive natural communities are listed by CDFW on their List of Vegetation Alliances and Associations (CDFG 2010). Communities on this list are given a Global (G) and State (S) rarity ranking on a scale of 1 to 5, where communities with a ranking of 5 are the most common and communities with a ranking of 1 are the rarest and of the highest priority to preserve. For the purpose of this report, Sensitive natural communities are those communities that have a state ranking of S3 or rarer, and are generally those that are considered by the CDFW to be imperiled due to their decline in the region and/or the habitat they provide to rare and endemic wildlife species. Continued degradation and destruction of these ecologically important communities could threaten the regional distribution and viability of the community and possibly the sensitive species they support.



A review of the most recent CNDDB (CDFW, 2019) records revealed a list of 14 sensitive natural communities known to occur within the Warm Springs Mountain and eight surrounding quadrangles of the Project site: California Walnut Woodland, Mainland Cherry Forest, Riversidian Alluvial Fan Sage Scrub, Southern California Threespine Stickleback Stream, Southern Coast Live Oak Riparian Forest, Southern Cottonwood Willow Riparian Forest, Southern Mixed Riparian Forest, Southern Riparian Scrub, Southern Sycamore Alder Riparian Woodland, Southern Willow Scrub, Valley Needlegrass Grassland, Valley Oak Woodland, and Wildflower Field; however, none of these communities occur within the Project site.

Riparian habitats are often transitional between terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and are distinguished by gradients in biophysical conditions, ecological processes and biota. They are areas through which surface and subsurface hydrology connect water bodies with their adjacent uplands. They include those portions of terrestrial ecosystems that significantly influence exchanges of energy and matter with aquatic ecosystems. Riparian habitats are typically adjacent to perennial, intermittent, and ephemeral streams, lakes and estuarine-marine shorelines (Collins et al 2006). Riparian habitat is not present within the project site (e.g., tower bridge, access roads, and staging areas). However, several Gooding's willow and Fremont cottonwood trees are located approximately 50 to 220 feet to the southeast of the tower bridge.

Jurisdictional Resources

Based on the field assessment, there are no discernible hydrologic features (other than the lake) that would indicate that there are any federal or state regulated waters (e.g., drainages, wetlands, creeks, streams or marshes), such as riparian vegetation, hydric soils, ordinary high water mark, or established bed or bank. Therefore, other than the lake itself, there are no other federal or state regulated waters in the immediate vicinity of the Project that are subject to the regulatory authority of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), CDFW, or Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). The lake elevation is capable of sustaining a water level at 1,515 feet (NOAA, 2019).

Critical Habitat

Based on the review of the USFWS Environmental Conservation Online System, designated critical habitat for arroyo toad (*Anaxyrus californicus*) is located in Castaic Creek, approximately five miles northwest of the Project site. Designated critical habitat for California red-legged frog is located in San Franciscquito Creek, approximately five miles east of the Project site.

Wildlife Movement Corridors

Wildlife movement corridors are areas where regional wildlife populations regularly and predictably move during dispersal or migration. Movement corridors in California are typically associated with ridgelines, valleys, rivers and creeks supporting riparian vegetation. Movement corridors link together areas of suitable wildlife habitat that are otherwise separated by rugged terrain, changes in vegetation, by human disturbance, or by the encroachment of urban development. Movement corridors are important as the combination of topography and other natural factors, in addition to urbanization, has fragmented or separated large open space areas

Castaic Lake is a resting stop for migrating birds along the Pacific Flyway. The Pacific Flyway is a major northsouth flyway for migratory birds in America, extending from Alaska to Patagonia. Every year, migratory birds travel some or all of this distance both in spring and in fall, following food sources, heading to breeding grounds,



or travelling to overwintering sites. Bird that are migrating along the Pacific Flyway may stop to rest within Castaic Lake to feed and regain their strength before continuing. Some species may remain within Castaic Lake for the entire season, but most stay a few days before moving on (Wilson 2010).

Castaic Lake is located within the Sierra Pelona Mountains and surrounding topography ranges from rolling hills to steep canyons and ridgelines. Species such as mountain lion (*Puma concolor*), bobcat (*Lynx rufus*), and American black bear (*Ursus americanus*) utilize these areas for foraging and movement. While Castaic Lake and the surrounding hills and mountains are undoubtedly utilized by wildlife for foraging and breeding purposes, it may be also utilized for migration purposes.

Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan

A habitat conservation plan (HCP) is a document that meets federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) requirements and enables local agencies to allow projects and activities to occur in endangered species' habitats. In exchange, those projects and activities must incorporate HCP-prescribed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for adverse effects on natural communities and endangered species.

A natural community conservation plan (NCCP) is the State counterpart to the federal HCP. It provides a means of complying with the Natural Community Conservation Plan Act (NCCP Act) and securing take authorization at the State level. The NCCP Act is broader than federal ESA and the California Endangered Species Act. The primary objective of the NCCP program is to conserve natural communities at the ecosystem scale while accommodating compatible land uses. To be approved by CDFW, an NCCP must provide for the conservation of species and protection and management of natural communities in perpetuity within the area covered by permits.

The Project site is not located within an NCCP or HCP.

Impact Analysis

Reservoir Drawdown

According to the most recent Project schedule, the lake will begin to lower its normal operating level (1,505 feet) in July 2021 and will return to the normal operating level in April 2022. From approximately November 1, 2021 through December 15, 2021, the water level will be kept at approximately 1,380 feet (this will be the lowest that the water level will be throughout the construction period).

Special-Status Plants and Wildlife

Special-Status Plants

The tower bridge and surrounding area do not support suitable habitat for special-status plant species due to a general absence of suitable habitat from past disturbance and developments, including but not limited to: grading and vegetation removal, access road construction, asphalt covered areas, and submergence much of the year by reservoir water.



Special-Status Wildlife

Avian Species

Suitable habitat for three special-status avian species - prairie falcon, loggerhead shrike and yellow warbler, includes the California sagebrush – California buckwheat scrub vegetation within the vicinity of the tower bridge. Based on the presence of suitable habitat within areas surrounding the project site, there is a medium to high potential for these special-status wildlife species to occur. These species are not expected to nest or forage on-site due to absence of suitable habitat, but they could forage in the California sagebrush – California buckwheat scrub that is present in the immediate area.

Eight additional avian species have a low potential to occur on the project site and include: Cooper's hawk, southern California rufous-crowned sparrow, grasshopper sparrow, Bell's sage sparrow, burrowing owl, white-tailed kite, California horned lark, and bald eagle. The tower bridge and surrounding vegetation do not provide suitable nesting habitat for these species (including no suitable burrows for burrowing owl); however, there is low potential for these species to forage in the vicinity. The adjacent California sagebrush – California buckwheat scrub could be a foraging location for these species (excluding bald eagle); however, these vegetation communities are not ideal foraging habitats and these species are not expected. In addition, bald eagles are not expected but could potentially fly overhead for foraging.

Amphibians and Reptiles

California glossy snake, coast horned lizard, and coastal whiptail, have a low potential to occur on the project site, due to the current disturbed conditions and absence of suitable habitat; however, there is low potential for these species to occur in the vicinity where marginal habitat is present.

The effects of temporary drawdown of the lake would have a similar effect on amphibians and aquatic reptiles as on fish. For example, two-striped garter snake and western pond turtle both inhabit Castaic Lake; however, these species are not expected to breed or forage in the immediate vicinity of the Project site, because preferred habitat conditions such as areas to bask for western pond turtle, and sandy, gradual sloping banks for foraging (for these species are not present) in the immediate vicinity of the tower bridge and high tower. Basking opportunities for western pond turtle, and foraging for pond turtle and garter snake will continue to be available during the lake drawdown. As with fish, the aquatic resources would be expected to recover from the temporary effects as the water levels return to the normal operating elevation. Therefore, the temporary effects of the drawdown are not expected to present a significant impact on endemic amphibians and aquatic reptile species.

Bats

No bats, or sign of bats (e.g., guano) were detected under the tower bridge. Bats, including pallid bat and Yuma myotis, have a low potential to roost within the metal beams/pillars under the bridge. The drawdown of the water level would not impact roosting bats; however, impacts from construction activities, such as noise, vibration and application of protective coating, could displace roosting bats, if present. Avoidance of roosting bats would prevent any impacts from occurring (see Recommended Mitigation Measures, BIO-3).

Migratory and Nesting Birds

Though the water level of Castaic Lake is proposed to be temporarily lowered by up to 125 feet during the drawdown period, overall food sources (fish) and areas of refuge for migratory birds are not expected to be



impacted by the proposed drawdown. The lake would continue to provide open water opportunities for farranging migratory birds during the drawdown. In addition, several other open water features are available to migratory bird species in the vicinity of Castaic Lake, including Pyramid Lake approximately 12 miles to the northwest, Lake Piru approximately 9 miles to the west, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Van Norman Complex Reservoir approximately 18 miles to the south, and Quail Lake approximately 17 miles to the north.

Barn swallow nests were observed on the underside of the tower bridge. Construction activities on the tower bridge could potentially impact and displace nesting barn swallows. Avoidance of active bird nests would prevent any impacts from occurring (see Recommended Mitigation Measures, BIO-2).

Fish

The potential effects of the Project's drawdown on the fish population was analyzed in a separate report, Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project, Technical Memorandum (Tech Memo, **Attachment D**), and are summarized here. The fish community at Castaic Lake is dominated by non-native, warm-water species, however, several native species are also present. Non-native, warm water species found in Castaic Lake include largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*), smallmouth bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*), bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*), green sunfish (*Lepomis cyanellus*), black crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*), white crappie (*Pomoxis annularis*), striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*), channel catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*), white catfish (*Ameiurus catus*), brown bullhead (*Ameiurus nebulosus*), common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*), goldfish (*Carassius auratus*), golden shiner (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*), threadfin shad (Dorosoma petenense), inland silverside (*Menidia beryllina*), bigscale logperch (*Percina macrolepida*), and shimofuri gobi (*Tridentiger bifasciatus*). Native species at Castaic Lake include Sacramento blackfish (*Orthodon microlepidotus*), tule perch (*Hysterocarpus traskii*), hitch (*Lavinia exilicauda*), and prickly sculpin (*Cottus asper*). Castaic Lake also contains hatchery rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), a cold water species. No federal or state-listed species are present in Castaic Lake.

The lake's surface elevation is proposed to be lowered from the normal operation elevation of 1,505 feet to approximately 1,380 feet. Lowering of the reservoir's surface elevation would decrease the overall aquatic habitat area by approximately 125 feet, or approximately two-thirds (approximately 200,000 acre feet) of the reservoir (ESA 2019). However, short-term drawdown and subsequent re-flooding is not likely to have long term effects on reservoir fish communities, so long as the lowered condition provides sufficient area and water quality to maintain habitat values for the variously sized fish (Chizinski et al. 2014). The proposed drawdown would lower water levels similar to a recent drawdown event in 2015 caused by state-wide drought conditions. The lower water elevation of 1,390 feet was sustained for a period of over 12 months during the drought, and appeared to maintain habitat area and water depths sufficient for the existing fish populations. No documentation of fish overcrowding, significant population declines, or fish kills were identified. The aquatic resources would be expected to recover from the temporary effects of the proposed Project's drawdown as the water levels return to normal operating levels.

Wildlife Movement Corridors

Within the last 20 years, there has been a substantial increase in residential development throughout the community of Castaic and city of Santa Clarita. This surge in residential development could potentially "push" mammal species away from those areas and reroute them towards Castaic Lake. The Project site is surrounded by



several wildlife movement corridors but is located within disturbed and/or developed conditions that consists of several paved access roads, a paved parking lot, Castaic Dam, and the tower bridge and high tower. Castaic Lake supports habitat for such species as coyote, striped skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*), and raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), amongst others; however, project activities would not impede or constrain local or regional wildlife movement. While mammals of all sizes could wander through the Project site, Project activities (including the lake drawdown) would not present an impact to local or regional wildlife movement. Additionally, the Project site is not located within or adjacent to any designated critical habitat for any special-status species.

Riparian Habitat and Sensitive Natural Communities

Within the Project site, riparian vegetation is extremely scarce. As previously stated, several Gooding's willow and Fremont cottonwood are naturally situated to the southeast of the tower bridge approximately 50 to 220 feet away. Aquatic vegetation densities in Castaic Lake are low, potentially due to normal facility operations and the accompanying changes in surface elevation of the lake (CDFW 2013). Species that depend on riparian vegetation, such as least Bell's vireo, are not expected to be impacted by the Project, since a limited amount of riparian trees (i.e., Gooding's willow) are present in the vicinity of the Project. Moreover, the temporary drawdown of the lake will not eliminate or reduce riparian woodlands that are hydrologically supported by the lake; therefore, no impacts on least Bell's vireo habitat or breeding populations are expected to occur. Lastly, the Gooding's willow and Fremont cottonwood trees located adjacent to the tower bridge are not expected to be impacted by the lake drawdown, and as concluded in the Tech Memo (Attachment D), the aquatic ecosystem would recover over time, adjusting to re-stabilized water levels.

The tower bridge or adjacent areas do not support sensitive natural communities identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the CDFW. Therefore, no impacts to sensitive plant communities would occur from the development of the proposed project.

Consistency with Local Policies and Ordinances

The proposed retrofit to the tower bridge would not present any conflicts with any local policies or ordinances, such as those established by the Angeles National Forest or Los Angeles County, including, but not limited to, a native tree protection, natural resource, or open space ordinance, since the retrofit work will be confined to disturbed areas including the existing tower bridge, access roads and staging areas; therefore, the project would not have an impact on local ordinances or policies pertaining to biological resources.

Consistency with Adopted Natural Community Conservation Plan or Habitat Conservation Plan

The tower bridge does not occur within an adopted HCP or NCCP; therefore, no impacts would occur.

Recommended Mitigation Measures

Special-Status Wildlife

Construction activities could result in impacts to special-status wildlife. The following measures are recommended to be implemented to avoid potentially significant impacts to special-status wildlife during project construction activities:



BIO-1 (Worker Environmental Awareness Program): Prior to the start of construction that could affect special-status species, a qualified biologist should provide a Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training to all construction workers on-site. The training should include materials to aid workers in identifying special-status plants and wildlife that should be avoided; relocation procedures of species; applicable laws and regulations protecting such resources; and proper avoidance and communication procedures to protect sensitive biological resources, as well as common wildlife whenever possible.

BIO-2 (Nesting Bird Avoidance): If the nesting bird season cannot be avoided and construction underneath the tower bridge occurs between March 1 and September 15, the following should be implemented to avoid and minimize impacts to nesting birds:

- A qualified biologist should conduct a preconstruction avian nesting survey no more than five days prior to initiation project activities on the tower bridge. If construction begins in the non-breeding season and proceeds continuously into the breeding season, no surveys are required. However, if there is a break of five days or more in project activities during the breeding season, a new nesting bird survey should be conducted before construction begins again.
- The preconstruction survey should cover all reasonable potential nesting locations underneath the tower bridge as well as any areas where vegetation removal/grading is proposed.
- If an active nest is found during the preconstruction avian nesting survey, a qualified biologist should implement a suitable avoidance buffer should be based on the location of the nest, species, and the type of work that is being conducted. The nest site area should not be disturbed until a qualified biologist confirms that the nest is inactive and the young have fledged. Buffer areas may be increased if any special-status birds or raptors are determined to be nesting in the area.
- A Nesting Bird Exclusion Plan (Bird Plan) should be prepared if any birds such as barn swallows are observed nesting on the underside of the tower bridge. The Bird Plan will include procedures for avoiding impacts to nesting birds, including an overview of the proposed work that will be conducted where nests have been documented; purpose and need; survey methodology; laws and regulations protecting nesting birds; survey results and overview of potential impacts; and avoidance measures, including exclusionary techniques, and installation of materials to temporarily prevent barn swallows from re-entering the nests.

BIO-3 (Roosting Bat Avoidance): A focused visual survey for roosting and special-status bats should be conducted on the underside of the tower bridge. This survey will focus on the detecting evidence (guano) of bat roosting on the underside of the tower bridge, as well as a visual assessment of ingress/egress locations during dusk.

In the event that it is determined that bats are roosting on the underside of the tower bridge, a Bat Exclusion Plan (Bat Plan) should be prepared that includes procedures for avoiding impacts to roosting bats. The Bat Plan should include an overview of the project; purpose and need; survey methodology; laws and regulations protecting bats; survey results and overview of potential impacts; and avoidance measures, such as preconstruction surveys, exclusionary techniques, and installation of materials to temporarily prevent bats from recolonization.



Conclusions

The Project site is disturbed/developed and consists of several paved access roads, a paved parking lot, Castaic Dam, and the tower bridge and high tower. The Project site is also submerged much of the year by reservoir water; therefore, the Project would not have a significant impact on biological resources with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures **BIO 1**, **BIO 2**, and **BIO 3**.

Due to the existing disturbed and developed condition within and generally surrounding the Project site, there is no potential for special-status plants to be present. Similarly, the disturbed and developed conditions reduce the potential for special-status wildlife species to be present; however, loggerhead shrike, prairie falcon, and yellow warbler have a moderate-to-high potential to forage in the vicinity of the Project, particularly within the adjacent California sagebrush – California buckwheat scrub. There is virtually no potential for these species to nest in the immediate vicinity of the Project due to an absence of preferred nesting habitat for these species. Terrestrial species with a low potential to occur include California glossy snake, coast horned lizard and coastal whiptail, which could forage and inhabit the scrub habitat adjacent to the Project site. However, these species are not expected to occur within the Project site itself, due to the current disturbed conditions, and because the proposed retrofit activities will be conducted over the water/lakebed where these species would not occur. Nesting swallow are present underneath the tower bridge; however, impacts to nesting birds can be minimized by conducting a pre-construction bird survey and preparing a nesting bird avoidance plan as suggested in Mitigation Measure BIO-2. Bats have a low potential to roost within the metal beams under the tower bridge, but impacts to roosting bats can be minimized or avoided by conducting a pre-construction bat roosting survey, and preparing a bat exclusion plan if roosting bats are determined to be present as specified in Mitigation Measure BIO-3.

Aquatic species, including fish, western pond turtle and two-striped garter snake, may be impacted by the shortterm drawdown and subsequent re-flooding. However, the impacts would be temporary and are not expected to have long term effects on reservoir fish communities or foraging opportunities for amphibian and other aquatic species, since an abundance of foraging resources will remain intact during the temporary drawdown, and the lake habitat will return to pre-Project conditions when the water is returned to normal operating levels. The amount of riparian habitat in the vicinity of the Project site is minimal, consisting of several Gooding's willow and Fremont cottonwood, which are present approximately 50 to 220 feet from the tower bridge and water's edge. Other riparian habitats throughout the edges of Castaic Lake are expected to sustain a hydrologic connection through groundwater resources and are not expected to recede during the timeframe of Project construction. Riparian habitats that are supported by the lake's hydrology are not expected to recede by a measurable amount. In addition, any reduction that could occur would be temporary and would return to current conditions when the lake elevation is returned to normal operating conditions.

The Project will not impact any designated critical habitat or any wildlife movement corridors. Designated critical habitat is not present in the Project site. The two nearest designated critical habitats are located approximately five miles north (arroyo toad) in Castaic Creek and five miles east (California red-legged frog) in San Francisquito Creek. Additionally, the Project site will not impede or restrict any wildlife movement. The water level within Castaic Lake will gradually be reduced over the drawdown period, but will not have a significant impact on migratory bird species, as area to forage, breed, and rest will remain available throughout the lake. In addition, several other open water features providing similar habitat quality are available to migratory bird



species within an 18-mile radius of Castaic Lake, including Pyramid Lake, Lake Piru, Quail Lake, and Van Norman Complex Reservoir.

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Attachments:

- A Representative Site Photographs
- B Flora and Fauna Compendia
- C-CNDDB and CNPS Database Search Results
- D Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Bridge Retrofit Project, Technical Memorandum

Attachment A Site Photographs



Photo 1. Facing north at Access Bridge and High Tower (left side).



Photo 2. Facing north at Access Bridge and High Tower.



Photo 3. Facing north at underneath of Access Road and High Tower.



Photo 4. Facing northwest at underneath of Access Road and High Tower. Several barn swallow mud nests were observed as well as wasp nests.



Photo 5. Facing north at large amount of bird whitewash under Access Bridge and High Tower.



Photo 6. Facing north at one of the five potential staging areas.



Photo 7. Facing west at California sagebrush – California buckwheat scrub.



Photo 8. Facing south at California sagebrush – California buckwheat scrub adjacent to one of the potential staging areas.



Photo 9. Facing northwest at California sagebrush – California buckwheat scrub adjacent to one of the potential staging areas.



Photo 10. Facing west at developed conditions at the West Boat Launch Ramp (one of the potential staging areas).


Photo 11. Facing southwest at developed conditions at the West Boat Launch Ramp (one of the potential staging areas).



Photo 12. Facing east at Access Bridge and High Tower from the West Boat Launch Ramp.

Attachment B Flora and Fauna Compendia

FLORA COMPENDIA

Scientific name	Common name
Vegetation	
Artemisia californica	California sagebrush
Atriplex confertifolia	shadescale saltbush
Baccharis pilularis	coyote brush
Brassica nigra	black mustard
Brassica tournefortii	Asian mustard
Corymbia citriodora	lemon-scented gum
Cupressus sempervirens	Italian cypress
Cynodon dactylon	Bermuda grass
Encelia farinosa	brittlebush
Erigeron canadensis	horseweed
Eriogonum fasciculatum	California buckwheat
Fraxinus velutina	velvet ash
Gleditsia triacanthos	honey locust
Heteromeles arbutifolia	toyon
Heterotheca grandiflora	telegraphweed
Juniperus sp.	juniper
Kali tragus	Russian thistle
Magnolia grandiflora	southern magnolia
Marrubium vulgare	common horehound
Nicotiana glauca	tree tobacco
Pinus palustris	longleaf pitch pine
Platanus × acerifolia	London plane tree
Populus fremontii	Fremont's cottonwood
Ricinus communis	castor bean
Salix gooddingii	Gooding's willow
Salvia mellifera	black sage
Schinus molle	Peruvian peppertree
Tamarix sp.	salt cedar

FAUNA COMPENDIA

Scientific name	Common name
Birds	
Anas platyrhynchos	mallard
Aphelocoma californica	California scrub jay
Ardea Herodias	great blue heron
Butorides virescens	green heron
Calypte anna	Anna's hummingbird
Cathartes aura	turkey vulture
Charadrius vociferus	killdeer
Columba livia	rock dove
Corvus brachyrhynchos	American crow
Corvus corax	common raven
Fulica americana	American coot
Hirundo rustica	barn swallow
Melozone crissalis	California towhee
Mimus polyglottos	northern mockingbird
Psaltriparus minimus	American bushtit
Sayornis nigricans	black phoebe
Setophaga coronata	yellow-rumped warbler
Spinus psaltria	lesser goldfinch
Zenaida macroura	mourning dove
Mammals	
Canis latrans	coyote (scat)
Otospermophilus beecheyi	California ground squirrel
Sylvilagus audubonii	desert cottontail
Reptiles	
Sceloporus occidentalis	western fence lizard
Fish	
Morone saxatilis	striped bass

Attachment C CNDDB and CNPS Results





California Natural Diversity Database

 Query Criteria:
 Quad IS (Mint Canyon (3411844) OR Liebre Mtn. (3411866) OR Lake Hughes (3411864) OR Whitaker Peak (3411856) OR Witaker Peak (3411856) OR Witaker Peak (3411856) OR Witaker Peak (3411856) OR Warm Springs Mountain (3411855) OR Green Valley (3411854) OR Val Verde (3411846) OR Newhall (3411845))
br /> AND Taxonomic Group IS (Fish OR Birds OR Birds OR Birds OR Arachnids OR Crustaceans OR Insects)

Species	Element Code	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank	Rare Plant Rank/CDFW SSC or FP
American badger	AMAJF04010	None	None	G5	S3	SSC
Taxidea taxus						
arroyo chub	AFCJB13120	None	None	G2	S2	SSC
Gila orcuttii						
arroyo toad	AAABB01230	Endangered	None	G2G3	S2S3	SSC
Anaxyrus californicus						
bald eagle	ABNKC10010	Delisted	Endangered	G5	S3	FP
Haliaeetus leucocephalus						
Bell's sage sparrow	ABPBX97021	None	None	G5T2T3	S3	WL
Artemisiospiza belli belli						
burrowing owl	ABNSB10010	None	None	G4	S3	SSC
Athene cunicularia						
California condor	ABNKA03010	Endangered	Endangered	G1	S1	FP
Gymnogyps californianus						
California glossy snake	ARADB01017	None	None	G5T2	S2	SSC
Arizona elegans occidentalis						
California horned lark	ABPAT02011	None	None	G5T4Q	S4	WL
Eremophila alpestris actia						
California legless lizard	ARACC01070	None	None	G3G4	S3S4	SSC
Anniella sp.						
California red-legged frog	AAABH01022	Threatened	None	G2G3	S2S3	SSC
Rana draytonii						
coast horned lizard	ARACF12100	None	None	G3G4	S3S4	SSC
Phrynosoma blainvillii						
coastal California gnatcatcher	ABPBJ08081	Threatened	None	G4G5T2Q	S2	SSC
Polioptila californica californica						
coastal whiptail	ARACJ02143	None	None	G5T5	S3	SSC
Aspidoscelis tigris stejnegeri						
Cooper's hawk	ABNKC12040	None	None	G5	S4	WL
Accipiter cooperii						
Crotch bumble bee	IIHYM24480	None	Candidate Endangerod	G3G4	S1S2	
Bombus crotchii			Linuariyered			
foothill yellow-legged frog	AAABH01050	None	Candidate	G3	S3	SSC
Rana bovlii			IIIEalEIIEU			



Selected Elements by Common Name California Department of Fish and Wildlife California Natural Diversity Database



Species	Element Code	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank	Rare Plant Rank/CDFW SSC or FP
grasshopper sparrow	ABPBXA0020	None	None	G5	S3	SSC
Ammodramus savannarum						
hoary bat	AMACC05030	None	None	G5	S4	
Lasiurus cinereus						
least Bell's vireo	ABPBW01114	Endangered	Endangered	G5T2	S2	
Vireo bellii pusillus						
lodgepole chipmunk	AMAFB02172	None	None	G4T2T3	S2S3	
Neotamias speciosus speciosus						
loggerhead shrike	ABPBR01030	None	None	G4	S4	SSC
Lanius Iudovicianus						
mountain plover	ABNNB03100	None	None	G3	S2S3	SSC
Charadrius montanus						
pallid bat	AMACC10010	None	None	G5	S3	SSC
Antrozous pallidus						
prairie falcon	ABNKD06090	None	None	G5	S4	WL
Falco mexicanus						
quino checkerspot butterfly	IILEPK405L	Endangered	None	G5T1T2	S1S2	
Euphydryas editha quino						
San Diego black-tailed jackrabbit	AMAEB03051	None	None	G5T3T4	S3S4	SSC
Lepus californicus bennettii						
Santa Ana sucker	AFCJC02190	Threatened	None	G1	S1	
Catostomus santaanae						
southern California rufous-crowned sparrow	ABPBX91091	None	None	G5T3	S3	WL
Aimophila ruficeps canescens						
southern grasshopper mouse	AMAFF06022	None	None	G5T3	S3	SSC
Onychomys torridus ramona						
spotted bat	AMACC07010	None	None	G4	S3	SSC
Euderma maculatum						
Swainson's hawk	ABNKC19070	None	Threatened	G5	S3	
Buteo swainsoni						
Tehachapi pocket mouse	AMAFD01082	None	None	G1G2T1T2	S1S2	SSC
Perognathus alticola inexpectatus						
Townsend's big-eared bat	AMACC08010	None	None	G3G4	S2	SSC
Corynorhinus townsendii						
tricolored blackbird	ABPBXB0020	None	Threatened	G2G3	S1S2	SSC
Agelaius tricolor				_		
two-striped gartersnake	ARADB36160	None	None	G4	S3S4	SSC
Thamnophis hammondii					_	
unarmored threespine stickleback	AFCPA03011	Endangered	Endangered	G5T1	S1	FP
Gasterosteus aculeatus williamsoni				0.0	0.0	
vernal pool tairy shrimp	ICBRA03030	Inreatened	None	G3	53	



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Species	Element Code	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank	Rare Plant Rank/CDFW SSC or FP
western mastiff bat	AMACD02011	None	None	G5T4	S3S4	SSC
Eumops perotis californicus						
western pond turtle	ARAAD02030	None	None	G3G4	S3	SSC
Emys marmorata						
western spadefoot	AAABF02020	None	None	G3	S3	SSC
Spea hammondii						
western yellow-billed cuckoo	ABNRB02022	Threatened	Endangered	G5T2T3	S1	
Coccyzus americanus occidentalis						
white-tailed kite	ABNKC06010	None	None	G5	S3S4	FP
Elanus leucurus						
yellow warbler	ABPBX03010	None	None	G5	S3S4	SSC
Setophaga petechia						
yellow-breasted chat	ABPBX24010	None	None	G5	S3	SSC
Icteria virens						
Yuma myotis	AMACC01020	None	None	G5	S4	
Myotis yumanensis						

Record Count: 46



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Plant List

42 matches found. Click on scientific name for details

Search Criteria

California Rare Plant Rank is one of [1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3, 4], FESA is one of [Endangered, Threatened, Candidate, Not Listed], CESA is one of [Endangered, Threatened, Rare, Not Listed], Found in Quads 3411866, 3411865, 3411864, 3411856, 3411855, 3411854, 3411846 3411845 and 3411844;

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Scientific Nam e	Common Name	Family	Lifeform	Blooming Period	CA Rare Plant Rank	State Rank	Global Rank
<u>Acanthoscyphus</u> parishii var. parishii	Parish's oxytheca	Polygonaceae	annual herb	Jun-Sep	4.2	S3S4	G4? T3T4
<u>Allium howellii var.</u> clokeyi	Mt. Pinos onion	Alliaceae	perennial bulbiferous herb	Apr-Jun	1B.3	S2	G4T2
Androsace elongata ssp. acuta	California androsace	Primulaceae	annual herb	Mar-Jun	4.2	S3S4	G5? T3T4
Berberis nevinii	Nevin's barberry	Berberidaceae	perennial evergreen shrub	(Feb)Mar- Jun	1B.1	S1	G1
Calochortus catalinae	Catalina mariposa lily	Liliaceae	perennial bulbiferous herb	(Feb)Mar- Jun	4.2	S3S4	G3G4
<u>Calochortus clavatus</u> <u>var. clavatus</u>	club-haired mariposa lily	Liliaceae	perennial bulbiferous herb	(Mar)May- Jun	4.3	S3	G4T3
<u>Calochortus clavatus</u> var. gracilis	slender mariposa lily	Liliaceae	perennial bulbiferous herb	Mar-Jun (Nov)	1B.2	S2S3	G4T2T3
<u>Calochortus palmeri</u> var. palmeri	Palmer's mariposa lily	Liliaceae	perennial bulbiferous herb	Apr-Jul	1B.2	S2	G3T2
<u>Calochortus</u> <u>plummerae</u>	Plummer's mariposa lily	Liliaceae	perennial bulbiferous herb	May-Jul	4.2	S4	G4
Calvstegia peirsonii	Peirson's morning-glory	Convolvulaceae	perennial rhizomatous herb	Apr-Jun	4.2	S4	G4
<u>Castilleia gleasoni</u>	Mt. Gleason paintbrush	Orobanchaceae	perennial herb (hemiparasitic)	May-Jun (Sep)	1B.2	S2	G2
		Rosaceae		Feb-May	4.3	S4	G5T4

Cercocarpus betuloides var. blancheae	island mountain- mahogany		perennial evergreen shrub				
Chorizanthe parryi var. fernandina	San Fernando Valley spineflower	Polygonaceae	annual herb	Apr-Jul	1B.1	S1	G2T1
Chorizanthe parryi var. parryi	Parry's spineflower	Polygonaceae	annual herb	Apr-Jun	1B.1	S2	G3T2
Clinopodium mimuloides	monkey-flower savory	Lamiaceae	perennial herb	Jun-Oct	4.2	S3	G3
Cryptantha clokeyi	Clokey's cryptantha	Boraginaceae	annual herb	Apr	1B.2	S3	G3
Deinandra paniculata	paniculate tarplant	Asteraceae	annual herb	(Mar)Apr- Nov(Dec)	4.2	S4	G4
Delphinium parryi ssp. purpureum	Mt. Pinos larkspur	Ranunculaceae	perennial herb	May-Jun	4.3	S4	G4T4
Dodecahema leptoceras	slender-horned spineflower	Polygonaceae	annual herb	Apr-Jun	1B.1	S1	G1
Galium grande	San Gabriel bedstraw	Rubiaceae	perennial deciduous shrub	Jan-Jul	1B.2	S1	G1
Harpagonella palmeri	Palmer's grapplinghook	Boraginaceae	annual herb	Mar-May	4.2	S3	G4
Helianthus inexpectatus	Newhall sunflower	Asteraceae	perennial rhizomatous herb	Aug-Oct	1B.1	S1	G1
<u>Helianthus nuttallii ssp.</u> parishii	Los Angeles sunflower	Asteraceae	perennial rhizomatous herb	Aug-Oct	1A	SH	G5TH
Hordeum intercedens	vernal barley	Poaceae	annual herb	Mar-Jun	3.2	S3S4	G3G4
<u>Hulsea vestita ssp.</u> parryi	Parry's sunflower	Asteraceae	perennial herb	Apr-Aug	4.3	S4	G5T4
Juglans californica	Southern California black walnut	Juglandaceae	perenniał deciduous tree	Mar-Aug	4.2	S4	G4
Lepechinia fragrans	fragrant pitcher sage	Lamiaceae	perennial shrub	Mar-Oct	4.2	S3	G3
Lepechinia rossii	Ross' pitcher sage	Lamiaceae	perennial shrub	May-Sep	1B.2	S1	G1
Lilium humboldtii ssp. ocellatum	ocellated Humboldt lily	Liliaceae	perennial bulbiferous herb	Mar-Jul (Aug)	4.2	S4?	G4T4?
Navarretia fossalis	spreading navarretia	Polemoniaceae	annual herb	Apr-Jun	1B.1	S2	G2
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Opuntia basilaris var. brachyclada	short-joint beavertail	Cactaceae	perennial stem succulent	Apr-Jun (Aug)	1B.2	S3	G5T3
Orcuttia californica	California Orcutt grass	Poaceae	annual herb	Apr-Aug	1B.1	S1	G1
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Phacelia mohavensis	Mojave phacelia	Hydrophyllaceae	annual herb	Apr-Aug	4.3	S4	G4Q
<u>Pseudognaphalium</u> leucocephalum	white rabbit- tobacco	Asteraceae	perennial herb	(Jul)Aug- Nov(Dec)	2B.2	S2	G4
Senecio aphanactis	chaparral ragwort	Asteraceae	annual herb	Jan-Apr (May)	2B.2	S2	G3
Sidalcea neomexicana	salt spring checkerbloom	Malvaceae	perennial herb	Mar-Jun	2B.2	S2	G4
<u>Streptanthus</u> campestris	southern jewelflower	Brassicaceae	perennial herb	(Apr)May- Jul	1B.3	S3	G3
Stylocline masonii	Mason's neststraw	Asteraceae	annual herb	Mar-May	1B.1	S1	G1
<u>Symphyotrichum</u> greatae	Greata's aster	Asteraceae	perennial rhizomatous herb	Jun-Oct	1B.3	S2	G2

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Mainland Cherry Forest	CTT81820CA	None	None	G1	S1.1	
Mainland Cherry Forest						
Riversidian Alluvial Fan Sage Scrub	CTT32720CA	None	None	G1	S1.1	
Riversidian Alluvial Fan Sage Scrub						
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Southern Coast Live Oak Riparian Forest	CTT61310CA	None	None	G4	S4	
Southern Coast Live Oak Riparian Forest						
Southern Cottonwood Willow Riparian Forest	CTT61330CA	None	None	G3	S3.2	
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CASTAIC DAM HIGH INTAKE TOWER ACCESS BRIDGE RETROFIT PROJECT

Technical Memorandum

1.0 Introduction

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is proposing to implement the Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Access Bridge Retrofit Project (project) to seismically retrofit the outlet tower bridge at Castaic Lake. The purpose of this technical memorandum is to provide a preliminary assessment of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project to assist in comparing potential implementation schedule scenarios. This memo evaluates aquatic resources, water quality, and recreational uses of the lake. In addition, operational considerations are summarized. The compiled setting and impact information is meant to assist in strategic environmental compliance planning and scheduling. Subsequent analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) will be conducted by DWR.

2.0 Project Description

Background

Castaic Lake is located 41 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles within the Sierra Pelona Mountains, north of Santa Clarita along the Interstate 5 freeway (**Figure 1**). The normal operational surface elevation of Castaic Lake is 1,505 feet above mean sea level, with a surface area of approximately 2,200 acres, and a storage capacity of approximately 324,000 acre feet of water. Castaic Lake's earthen dam was constructed in 1972 in the Castaic Creek Basin as part of the State Water Project (SWP), supplying domestic water and hydroelectric power to southern California. Castaic Lake is one of the SWP's largest recreational lakes and the terminus of the California Aqueduct's West Branch, providing emergency storage in the event of a shutdown of the SWP in northern California.

The SWP is a water supply and conveyance system that includes 25 dams, 34 reservoirs, 20 pumping plants, four pumping-generating plants, five hydroelectric power plants, and more than 700 miles of canals and pipelines. The SWP is funded by the 29 SWP Contractors who contract with DWR for water supplies. Water is supplied to Castaic Lake from Elderberry Forebay, via Angeles Tunnel, an approximately 7-mile aqueduct from Pyramid Lake, which is located north of Castaic Lake. Hydroelectricity is produced by allowing water to fall using gravity from Pyramid Lake to Elderberry Forebay, the water travels through turbines located at the Castaic Power Plant.



SOURCE: ESRI

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Figure 1 Project Location



The Castaic Power Plant located on Elderberry Forebay at the northern end of the lake's west branch was designed, built, and operated by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP).

The annual water level fluctuations at Castaic Lake. The lake surface elevations are highest in the summer and fall and drop during the winter and spring. The shorelines are generally steep with a few small coves. Aquatic vegetation is generally lacking due to water level fluctuations.

The Castaic Dam High Intake Tower Access Bridge (access bridge) provides access to the Castaic Dam High Intake Tower (high tower) and carries electrical conduits for powering the high tower valves and other equipment (**Figure 2**). The access bridge allows for maintenance and operations crews to ensure that the tower continues to function as intended. The tower and bridge were designed in the 1960s and constructed in the late 1960s through the early 1970s. The access bridge is elevated from the lake bottom by three piers (Piers 2-4) and one abutment at the lakeshore (Abutment 5), as shown on Figure 2.

During the 1994 Northridge earthquake the access bridge experienced a permanent longitudinal displacement of 2.5 inches. This resulted in an expansion gap decrease at the high tower and an increase at Pier 2 (Stantec 2019). As a result of this damage, the bridge required repairs and was retrofitted in 1998. The retrofit measures were implemented to ensure the bridge would withstand future earthquake events. Several modifications were made to the access bridge, the most important being installation of retainer blocks at the girder bearings and restrainer cables tying together the girder ends. However, even with the previous retrofits, it has been determined the access bridge requires additional retrofits to make it seismically capable of withstanding a potential earthquake. Piers 2 through 4, and abutment 5 require the footing to be jacketed and strengthened to meet current seismic requirements.

Construction Activities

In order to access the pier footings, the lake's surface elevation needs to be lowered from the normal operation elevation of 1,505 feet to approximately 1,380 feet. Pier 2 is the largest of the three piers and is located in the deepest portion of the lake. The drawdown would take approximately four months to bring the surface elevation to 1,380 feet to repair Pier 2. It is anticipated that it would take approximately six weeks to retrofit each pier.

A construction laydown area would likely be required within or near the western launch ramp parking lot. Construction activities would include clearing and grading an access road within the exposed lake bed to access each pier. Construction at each of the three piers would require excavation of the footings to apply a jacket around the pier for carbon fiber reinforcement. Construction equipment could include the following: excavators, backhoes, loader, dump trucks, crew trucks, concrete trucks, cranes, personal vehicles, compactor, delivery trucks, and a water truck.

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Traffic entering and leaving the site could include daily personal construction worker vehicles, equipment deliveries, concrete deliveries, export of excavated spoils, and other construction-related traffic. Access to the site would be from I-5 to Lake Hughes Road to Ridge Route Road to West Ramp Road, which ends at the west ramp parking lot. The west launch ramp would be

closed during the retrofit due to the lake level. The ramp extends to an elevation of 1,435 feet and at the lowest point of the drawdown to 1,380 feet, the ramp would be out of the water.

Schedule Scenarios

DWR is considering three drawdown schedule scenarios to conduct the repair work. The three scenarios are described below and are shown on **Figure 3**.

- Scenario 1: Scenario 1 would begin drawdown on September 15, 2020 and would reach an elevation of 1,380 feet by January 15, 2020. The lake would remain at the lowered lake level through March 1, 2020, at which time refilling of the lake would begin. The lake would return to its normal operating elevation (1,505 feet) by June 15, 2020. The duration of the drawdown, construction and refilling of the lake would encompass approximately nine months.
- Scenario 2: Scenario 2 would begin drawdown on June 1, 2020 and would reach an elevation of 1,380 feet by November 1, 2020. The lake would remain at the lowered lake level through December 15, 2020, at which time refilling of the lake would begin. The lake would return to its normal operating elevation (1,505 feet) by May 1, 2020. The duration of the drawdown, construction and refilling the lake would encompass approximately ten months.
- Scenario 3: Scenario 3 would begin drawdown on October 15, 2020 and would reach an elevation of 1,380 feet by January 1, 2020. The lake would remain at the lowered lake level through April 15, 2020, at which time refilling of the lake would begin. The lake would return to its normal operating elevation (1,505 feet) by June 15, 2020. The duration of the drawdown, construction and refilling the lake would encompass approximately nine months.

FIGURE 3. PROPOSED DRAWDOWN SCENARIOS



3.0 Local Setting

The following describes the existing setting for aquatic biological resources, water quality, recreation, and operations at Castaic Lake.

Existing Aquatic Biological Resources

Fishes

The fish community at Castaic Lake is dominated by non-native, warm water species, however, several native species are also present. Non-native, warm water species found in Castaic Lake include largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*), smallmouth bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*), bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*), green sunfish (*Lepomis cyanellus*), black crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*), white crappie (*Pomoxis annularis*), striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*), channel catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*), white catfish (*Ameiurus catus*), brown bullhead (*Ameiurus nebulosus*), common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*), goldfish (*Carassius auratus*), golden shiner (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*), threadfin shad (*Dorosoma petenense*), inland silverside (*Menidia beryllina*), bigscale logperch (*Percina macrolepida*), and shimofuri gobi (*Tridentiger bifasciatus*). Native species at Castaic Lake include Sacramento blackfish (*Orthodon microlepidotus*), tule perch (*Hysterocarpus traskii*), hitch (*Lavinia exilicauda*), and prickly sculpin (*Cottus asper*). Castaic Lake also contains hatchery rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), a cold water species. No federal or state-listed species are present in Castaic Lake.

Largemouth bass and bluegill were the most abundant species sampled during by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) during surveys in spring (May) and fall (October) of 2013 (CDFW 2013). Due to their abundance and recreational importance, these species as well as

striped bass and rainbow trout are the focus of this analysis, and are representative of the overall aquatic ecosystem.

Largemouth Bass

Preferred Habitat

Largemouth bass are non-native to California, but were introduced in 1891 to serve as a game fish (Dill and Cordone 1997). Today, largemouth bass are widespread and common in lakes, reservoirs, creeks, estuaries, and large rivers throughout California. Largemouth bass prefer shallow water (generally less than 6 meters deep) with substrates of silt and sand. The littoral zone (shallow area of light penetration) often has high species diversity and is where fish reproduction and development occur (Cooke et al. 2005). Preferred largemouth bass habitats have little water current, slight to moderate water clarity, and moderate densities of aquatic vegetation (Moyle 2002).

Diet

Largemouth bass are pursuit and ambush predators that forage during daylight hours but are most active at dusk. In general, juvenile largemouth bass diets consist of zooplankton and insect larvae. As largemouth bass mature, diets shift to larger macroinvertebrates and fish. Adult largemouth bass are primarily piscivorous and consume a wide variety of small-bodied and juvenile fish, including other largemouth bass.

Reproduction

Largemouth bass spawning starts in March or April when water temperatures reach 59-60 degrees Fahrenheit (°F) and continues through June in water temperatures up to 75°F. Nests are generally constructed in shallow water, often around 1 m deep, in sand, gravel, or debris-littered substrates. (Moyle 2002). Spawning is initiated by a female approaching a nest. A mating pair will circle the nest, settle into the nest, and release their eggs and milt simultaneously. A female may spawn again with the same or other male largemouth bass. The fertilized eggs adhere to the nest and hatch 2-7 days later. Offspring stay in the nest for 5-8 days before they become free swimming, and will remain guarded by the male for another 2-4 weeks. The spawning and rearing period for an individual largemouth bass lasts about a 6-8 weeks.

Bluegill

Preferred Habitat

Bluegill are non-native to California, but were introduced sometime in the late 1890's to early 1900's as both a food fish and sport fish (Dill and Cordone 1997). Today, bluegill are common in lakes, reservoirs, creeks, estuaries, and large rivers across the state (Fuller and Cannister 2019). Bluegill prefer environments with rooted aquatic vegetation over substrates of silt, sand, or gravel.

Diet

Bluegill are mostly predatory, but highly opportunistic feeders that commonly feed on zooplankton, insects and insect larvae, fish and fish eggs, and sometimes algae and aquatic plants if other food sources are scarce.

Reproduction

Bluegill typically spawn in the spring when water temperatures reach 64-70°F (Moyle 2002). Bluegill are colonial nest builders. Males construct nests in shallow water by creating depression in the sediment and adding leaves or twigs. Typical spawning occurs over gravel, sand, or mud. When a female is ready to spawn she approaches the nesting colony and is courted by a male and led back to his nest. Females release about a dozen eggs into a nest which are quickly fertilized by the male. Males use the same nest to spawn with multiple females, and females may spawn with multiple males within the colony. Breeding for a colony typically occurs within the span of a day, ensuring that all the young emerge around the same time. Developing embryos are guarded by the male for 2-3 days until they hatch, after which the male guards the young for several days.

Striped Bass

Preferred Habitat

Striped bass are non-native to California, but were introduced in the early 1879 as both a food fish and sport fish (Dill and Cordone 1997). The striped bass is now abundant from the San Francisco Bay into the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and upstream in most major rivers and creeks below barriers. Striped bass have also been planted in a number of reservoirs across California. It is likely that the striped bass in Castaic Lake were transported via the California Aqueduct and the associated water conveyance systems (Moyle 2002). Striped bass are anadromous. Adults regularly move between salt and fresh water spending most of their lives in estuarine environments if they are not impeded by infrastructure.

Diet

Striped bass are pelagic predators, often traveling and feeding in groups. Larval and juvenile Striped bass feed mostly on invertebrates, but become increasingly piscivorous as they mature. Striped bass will feed on almost any fish or invertebrate within their environment.

Reproduction

Striped bass spawning takes place when water temperatures are between 59-68°F. In California, spawning may begin as early as March and typically peaks from May into early June (Moyle 2002). Typically, striped bass spawn in masses and in areas with slight current. Once the eggs are fertilized they float downstream, suspended just off the substrate as they float (Moyle 2002). Evidence from multiple reservoirs across the nation has shown that striped bass are capable of successfully reproducing in reservoir systems. In these systems, striped bass eggs will hatch if they are not subjected to suffocation by silt or water quality (Bayless 1967). It is possible, but uncertain if the population of striped bass in Castaic Lake is a breeding population. It is also

possible that the population is, at least in part, sustained with fish entering from the California Aqueduct.

Rainbow Trout

Preferred Habitat

Rainbow trout are native to the Pacific states, from Alaska down to Mexico. They naturally occur in cool, clear, fast-flowing streams with an abundance of invertebrate life. Rainbow trout are commonly raised in hatcheries and planted throughout California for recreational purposes. CDFW typically plants rainbow trout in Castaic Lake from autumn to spring depending on water temperature and flow criteria. In 2019, rainbow trout were planted twice; once between 2/17/2019 - 2/23/2019 and a second time during 4/28/2019 - 5/4/2019.

Diet

Rainbow trout feed on a variety of terrestrial insects, adult and emergent aquatic insects, aquatic insect larvae, amphipods, snails, and small fish, but diet is largely based on prey availability (Moyle 2002). In lakes and reservoirs rainbow trout feed primarily on benthic invertebrates and zooplankton, but become increasing pisivorous as they mature.

Reproduction

Rainbow trout life history and reproductive strategy is highly variable and depends on a multitude of factors from genetics to their environmental conditions. Rainbow trout planted in Castaic Lake are considered put-and-take trout, meaning they are hatchery trout raised with the goal of being caught by recreational anglers. Butler and Borgeson (1965) revealed that most planted trout are caught within two weeks of being planted. Therefore, it is unlikely that rainbow trout reproduce in Castaic Lake. If Castaic Lake Rainbow Trout were to spawn, spawning would occur in the small creeks terminating in the lake. Mature adults would likely swim into tributaries during summer to spawn in cool, clear, fast-flowing waters, following a typical spawning pattern of lake resident trout.

Other Fish Species

There are a number of other fish species that occur in Castaic Lake, such as white catfish, channel catfish, and a suite of California native species. Spawning for most or all of these species is likely to occur from spring into summer. A fall electrofishing survey by CDFW reported low abundances for all species, except largemouth bass and bluegill.

Primary Producers and Invertebrates

Documentation and abundance of primary producers (macrophytes, phytoplankton, and algae) and benthic invertebrate species occurring in Castaic Lake is limited. However, these species play a critical role in the health of any aquatic ecosystem by cycling nutrients and acting as a food resource for larger organisms, such as fish.

The bulk of existing knowledge on invertebrate species in Castaic Lake is restricted to quagga mussels (*Dreissena rostriformeis*). Due to their invasive and destructive ecology, quagga mussels

are closely monitored through a vessel inspection program and monthly monitoring events at Castaic Lake. In 2016, a handful of individuals were discovered in 2016 within the Pyramid and Castaic Lake complex, triggering a series of inspections and surveys. A water drawdown, such as those proposed single drawdown event, is unlikely to have any long term impacts on quagga mussels. However, repeated reservoir drawdowns have been used as a control measure on invasive mussels by inducing mortality through desiccation and exposure (Nalepa and Schloesser 2014).

Water Quality

Water levels at Castaic Lake fluctuate annually to accommodate water supply for municipal, recreational, industrial, agricultural, and environmental uses in southern California. Fluctuations are typically annual, and seasonally repetitive, regulated by standard operations. Lake surface elevations are highest in the winter and spring, and drop during the summer and fall. This project, proposes reducing water levels at Castaic Lake beyond typical operations. A reduction in water elevation could cause potential impacts to water quality. A single, short-term event to lower the water level at Castaic Lake could cause short-term fluctuations in water temperature, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity within the lake but would not likely have long term effects on water quality.

Below is a summary of the key water quality parameters evaluated.

Water Temperature. Water temperature plays an important role in biological activity and growth, and water chemistry. Biological organisms such as fish, insects, zooplankton, and phytoplankton have preferred temperatures ranges. When temperatures fluctuate too far above or below these ranges, it can impact organism's metabolism, growth, and reproduction. Water chemistry is also influenced by water temperature.

Dissolved Oxygen. Water temperature can inversely affect dissolved oxygen concentrations. Oxygen solubility decreases as water temperatures increase. This relationship is important because an increase in water temperature may reduce the amount of dissolved oxygen available for aquatic organisms that depend on it. Similarly, at warmer temperatures, the metabolic rate of an organism increases but less oxygen is available. Dissolved oxygen comes from the atmosphere and from photosynthesis of aquatic plants. Surface water, where the water and atmosphere interact, generally has the highest concentration of dissolved oxygen. Dissolved oxygen is lower at greater depths. Warm and cold water fish species are sensitive to dissolved oxygen levels, preferring levels above 5mg/l and 6.5 mg/l, respectively (USEPA 1986). Dissolved oxygen levels below 3mg/l for several days may be lethal. Invertebrates also showed responses to dissolved oxygen below 2 mg/l.

Water Clarity. Turbidity is a measurement of suspended material in the water and is used to describe water clarity. Factors that may influence water clarity include but are not limited to abundance of algae, zooplankton, and suspended sediment. Turbidity is often measured with a secchi disk. A secchi disk is lowered into the water column until it is no longer visible from the surface. The point at which the disk is no longer visible, is a function of the lake clarity; a high secchi reading indicates more water clarity, a low secchi reading indicates less water clarity.

Stratification. Deep lakes and reservoirs often experience stratification of water quality variables at different depths. Thermal stratification, vertical differences in water temperature, is usually seasonal. In summer, the surface layers, including the littoral zone are warmer than deeper layers. Thermal stratification is lessoned and water temperatures become more uniform in colder months and when lake water elevations are lowered (Wetzel 2001).

Recreational Activities

Castaic Lake is located within the Castaic Lake State Recreation Area (SRA) which is operated by California State Parks and provides areas for hiking, horseback riding, biking, boating, fishing, and camping. Castaic Lake SRA features two lakes: Upper Lake and Lower Lake (lagoon). The Upper Lake has two launch ramps (west and main launch ramps) and is used for boating within various waterways and coves, wake boarding, jet skiing, and fishing (**Figure 4**). The Lower Lake has a launch area for kayaks, float tubes, and other non-gasoline boating activities, picnic areas, fishing, and a swim beach during the summer months.

FIGURE 4. LAUNCH RAMP LOCATIONS



Boating

The Upper Lake provides 2,235 acres for motorized watercraft opportunities at the SRA, mainly along its west arm, dedicated to activities such as water skiing, wakeboarding, and other towable watercraft. The west launch ramp is used as a seasonal ramp which could reach a lowest elevation of 1,435-feet with a capacity of 6 full lanes of traffic. The main launch ramp could reach a lowest elevation of 1,325-feet with a capacity of 18 full lanes of traffic. Aluminum boats are available for rent at the main launch ramp. An approximately 1-mile area in front of the dam is dedicated to personal watercraft (e.g. jetski). The Lower Lake has one launch ramp, for non-motorized boating activities.

Fishing

The Upper Lake has 29 miles of shoreline available to shoreline fisherman. The east arm of the Upper Lake is dedicated to fishing, but fishing is also allowed in the west arm coves and shoreline, and along the dam. The CDFW seasonally stocks Castaic Lake with rainbow trout from autumn to spring. In addition to the stocked trout, several other species are present within the lake, including largemouth bass, bluegill, striped bass, catfish, and crappie.

Additional recreational opportunities occur during the summer months, the majority of which are held at the lower lake. Events scheduled for the Upper Lake include an Annual Fishing and Fun Day for Kids in May, which is one of the lake's largest single-day draws, and Moonlight Madness Fishing at the Upper Lake's main launch ramp, which occurs once per month from May through September.

Fishing Tournaments

Castaic Lake is well known for its largemouth bass fishing tournaments. Six of the top 25 largemouth bass ever recorded have come from Castaic Lake, with four in the top ten. Several bass fishing clubs, including Castaic Bass Federation, Castaic Bass Club, American Bass, and National Bass West hold tournaments at the lake. For the 2019 season, 18 tournaments were scheduled by these clubs encompassing 10 months (no tournaments were listed in October or November), with the majority of the tournaments held March through August.

Operations at Castaic Lake

DWR's Standing Operating Order provides operational instructions and defines limitations of Lake/Reservoirs and notifications to be made during normal adverse conditions. A Winter Operations Mode (January 1st through March 1st) dictates that maximum water levels shall not exceed elevation 1485.5 feet in order to avoid activation of the Castaic spillway during a 100-year event and reduce the likelihood and duration of flows through the spillway.

The following operational procedures pertaining to water surface variations are also outlined as requirements of the Standing Operating Order:

Timeframe	Water Surface Variations
March 1 st to September 15 th	Shall not exceed 7 feet during each 7-day period, or 2 feet each day
April 1 st to April 30 th	Shall not exceed 4 feet during each 7-day period or 2 feet each day
May 1 st to September 15 th	Total drawdown is limited to 90 feet

Source: DWR Standing Operating Oder PC 500.27, 2019

In 2015, prolonged drought conditions forced Castaic Lake levels to be reduced below normal operating levels. Castaic Lake water levels in 2015 ranged from 1,375 feet to 1,404 feet, with the water levels maintained below 1,390 feet for approximately 5 months and water levels below 1,380 feet for approximately 42 days. The average annual operating level in 2015 was 1,390 feet with a surface area of approximately 1,130 acres at the lowest elevation. The average surface area during 2015 was 1,252 acres. In comparison, the average operating level in 2014 was 1,445 with a lowest elevation of 1,378 feet in September with an average surface area of 1,672 acres. In March of 2016 the average operating level was 1,453 feet and the lowest level was 1,374 feet in March with an average surface area of 1,729 acres. 2019 water levels ranged from 1,477 feet to 1,507 feet with an average surface area of 2,065 acres. See **Table 1** below:

Multiyear Operational Conditions				
Operating Year	Lowest	Average	Days	Average Annual
	Operating	Operating	Operated	Surface Area
	Elevation (feet)	Elevation (feet)	below 1,380	(acres)
			feet	
2014	1,378	1,445	13 days	1,672
2015	1,375	1,390	42 days	1,252
2016	1,374	1,453	1 day	1,729
2019	1,477	1,495	0 day	2,065

Table 1 Multiyear Operational Conditions

Source: DWR 2019

4.0 Impacts Discussion

The following discussion provides an analysis related to aquatic biological resources (including water quality impacts) and recreational resources comparing each of the three drawdown scenarios.

Potential Direct Impacts to Aquatic Biological Resources

The lowering of the reservoir's surface elevation would decrease the overall aquatic habitat area in the reservoir. However, short-term drawdown and subsequent re-flooding is not likely to have long term effects on reservoir fish communities so long as the lowered condition provides sufficient area and water quality to maintain habitat values for the variously sized fish (Chizinski et al. 2014). The proposed drawdown would lower water levels similar to a recent drawdown event in 2015 caused by state-wide drought conditions. The lower water elevation of 1390 feet was sustained for a period of over 12 months, and appeared to maintain habitat area and water depths sufficient for the existing fish populations. No documentation of fish overcrowding, significant population declines, or fish kills were identified.

Lowered water levels from March through July would reduce the amount of littoral habitat available for largemouth bass and bluegill during their spawning season and therefore, could have a potential short term impact on those fisheries. As shown in **Figure 5**, proposed drawdown Scenario 2 would limit impacts to the reproduction of fishes that spawn in the littoral zone, by minimizing low water levels in spring. Scenarios 1 and 3 would reduce littoral habitat during spring spawning seasons, likely leading to greater impact to spawning habitat in the littoral zone compared to Scenario 2. Under Scenarios 1 and 3, the reservoir would not re-fill to capacity until July, likely leading to much of the historic littoral zone spawning habitat being dry during peak spawning months of April and May. Any spawning activities that do occur during lower water levels would be inundated by returning water levels. Therefore, reservoir drawdowns in Scenarios 1 and 3 could cause at least a partial year-class failure for spawning Largemouth Bass and Bluegill.



FIGURE 5. WATER ELEVATIONS THROUGHOUT PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION PERIOD.

Shaded region indicates approximate timing of Largemouth Bass and Bluegill spawning.

Loss of submergent aquatic vegetation could constrain warm water species, such as largemouth bass and bluegill, by reducing structure and habitat, as well as, reducing populations of invertebrates that the fish feed on (Wilcox and Meeker 1992). However, aquatic vegetation densities in Castaic Lake are low, potentially due to normal facility operations and the accompanying changes in surface elevation of the lake (CDFW 2013). The aquatic ecosystem would recover over time, adjusting to re-stabilized water levels.

Changes in phytoplankton and benthic algae as a result of a drawdown are difficult to predict because they are understudied, and existing studies show contrasting results (Carmignani and Roy 2017). Grimas (1965) found that biomass and density of aquatic benthic invertebrates are often lowest in lakes with drawdown amplitudes greater than three meters, but there are many factors that influence benthic invertebrate populations including lake morphometry, benthic algae distribution and availability, macrophyte density/biomass, substrate characteristics, and organic matter. In some instances, winter drawdowns have resulted in decreased invertebrate densities initially, but within several months the densities rebounded to pre-drawdown densities (Carmignani and Roy 2017).

Potential Impacts to Water Quality

As shown in **Figure 6**, the proposed drawdown level is similar to the water elevation experienced during the 2015 drought. Therefore, water quality conditions experienced during 2015 provide a good proxy for proposed drawdown conditions. A comparison of measured water temperature, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity in Castaic Lake during 2015 and 2018, a non-drought year, were used to investigate potential constraints on water quality during the three proposed drawdown scenarios. Comparisons in water quality conditions in the littoral zone and throughout the water column were made between years.



FIGURE 6. WATER ELEVATION OF PROPOSED SCENARIOS AND MEASURED WATER ELEVATIONS DURING 2015 AND 2018.

Shaded region indicates approximate timing of Largemouth Bass and Bluegill spawning.

Littoral Zone Water Quality

Water quality measurements collected twice a month at Castaic Lake provide a good data set to evaluate water quality impacts. Water quality summaries below use the average monthly measurement at 2 meters depth to look at monthly patterns in the littoral zone between 2015 and 2018. A depth of 2 meters was used to summarize water quality data because sunlight is able to penetrate to the substrate at least 2m deep during standard water operations.

Water temperatures in the littoral zone were similar across months in 2015 and 2018. In both years, water temperatures in the littoral zone were lowest during winter months, reaching a lowest monthly average of 12.4°C and 13°C in 2015 and 2018, respectively. Water temperatures steadily increased through spring (**Figure 7a**).

Dissolved oxygen in the littoral zone was similar in most months in 2015 and 2018 (Figure 7b). In both years, dissolved oxygen in the littoral zone was lowest during winter months. Dissolved oxygen is naturally low in winter from reduced photosynthesis and lower respiration demand from aquatic organisms (Carmignani and Roy 2017).

During the 2015 drought year, water clarity in the littoral zone was lower in all months compared to standard operations in 2018 (**Figure 7c**). Decreased water quality in 2015 was likely due to resuspension of sediments from banks during reduced water elevations.

Therefore, the most significant impact to littoral zone water quality due to the proposed drawdown would likely be decreased water clarity due to re-suspension of bank sediments. Decreased water clarity could modify light penetration and thus primary production, suffocate larval fish as sediment particles settle, and clog or damage gill structures and impair respiratory

and feeding abilities of fish. While it is possible that increased turbidity would continue beyond the scheduled drawdown period, changes to water clarity would likely be temporary and return to normal once the drawdown period ended.



FIGURE 7. AVERAGE WATER QUALITY MEASUREMENTS AT 2 METERS DEPTH IN 2015 AND 2018.









Shaded region indicates approximate timing of Largemouth Bass and Bluegill spawning.

Stratification

Vertical profile measurements for water temperature and dissolved oxygen were also recorded at Castaic Lake during 2015 and 2018 (**Figure 8**). The depth of vertical measurements indicates the depth of Castaic Lake during each year's sampling, with measurements as deep as 50m in 2015 and over 80m in 2018. For the purpose of this review, measurements were averaged seasonally, (summer includes June, July, and August; fall includes September, October, November; winter includes December, January, February; and spring includes March, April, May).

Thermal stratification was present in spring, summer, and fall of 2015 and 2018. Water temperatures at depths >5 m were warmer in 2015 than 2018 in spring through fall, while shallow water temperatures (< 5 m deep) were similar between years (**Figure 8a**).

Dissolved oxygen levels were generally lower in 2015 during spring through fall than dissolved oxygen levels at similar depths in 2018 (**Figure 8b**). This pattern is expected due to the observations of water temperatures (Figure 7a) and the inverse relationship between water temperature and dissolved oxygen. Dissolved oxygen levels were below 5 mg/l in summer and fall at the lowest depths (> 30 m) in 2015, while dissolved oxygen levels remained above 5 mg/l at nearly all depths in 2018 (Figure 7b). Dissolved oxygen levels lower than 5 mg/l would likely be unsuitable for any fish present in the benthic zone, and become lethal once levels go below 3 mg/l. In addition, benthic habitat likely became unsuitable for invertebrates in summer and fall, 2015, likely impacting food availability for pelagic fish species.

Proposed drawdown stratification similar to 2015 could lead to warmer water temperatures in spring through fall that may limit the volume of available cold-water habitat and displace cold water species like rainbow trout. Also, short-term suspension of rainbow trout planting may occur if water temperatures do not meet criteria. Low dissolved oxygen conditions in summer and fall could also impact invertebrate populations in the benthic zone, impacting food availability for pelagic species such as rainbow trout and striped bass. Therefore, unlike impacts for the littoral zone, proposed drawdown Scenario 2 would likely have the greater impact to pelagic zone species due to the drawdown occurring in summer and fall when impacts to pelagic zone temperatures and dissolved oxygen would be expected to be the greatest, while proposed drawdowns 1 and 3 would occur in the winter and spring, avoiding the warm weather months.

FIGURE 8. SEASONAL VERTICAL PROFILE DATA OF (A) WATER TEMPERATURE AND (B) DISSOLVED OXYGEN IN 2015 (GREY LINE) AND 2018 (BLACK LINE).



(a) Water Temperature

(b) Dissolved Oxygen



Potential Impacts to Recreational Opportunities

Lowering of the water level would only occur within the Upper Lake and recreational activities conducted at the Lower Lake would not be impacted by the proposed project.

Boating

Lowering of the water levels within the Upper Lake would reduce the surface area available for boating activities from the current area of 2,065 acres to approximately 1,130 acres, and therefore would reduce the number of boats allowed in the lake. In addition, reduced water levels could create shallow areas that would hinder the arms of the lake unusable for boat access. **Figure 9**
shows water level contours for the lake at normal operation of 1,505 feet and the proposed drawdown limit of 1,380 feet. The lake lowering past 1,435 feet would require the West Ramp to be closed, only leaving the Main Ramp available for boat launching during the drawdown. The reduction in water levels at the lake could reduce visitorship for motorized watercrafts and associated activities. This impact would be similar for all drawdown scenarios assuming visitorship is stable year-round.

It is likely that boating and water-related recreational activities are more prominent during the summer months when the weather is warmer. As such, boating activities would be impacted by drawdown Scenarios 1 and 3, as water levels would be reduced during the summer months of June through September.

FIGURE 9. CASTAIC LAKE WATER LEVEL COMPARISON



Fishing

Reduced water levels would expose the bottom of the lake. These areas around the perimeter of the lakeshore would be comprised of soft, wet dirt. This could hinder shoreline fishermen from accessing fishing areas around the lake and increase the demand for fishing at the Lower Lake. Peak trout fishing season is considered to be from October through May and coincides with the CDFW stocking efforts. Lakeshore fishermen impacts would be similar for all drawdown months.

Recreational fishing opportunities at the lake such as the Annual Fishing and Fun Day for Kids and the Moonlight Madness Fishing would occur May through September. These activities would overlap with the water level drawdown in Scenarios 1 and 3.

As shown on **Figure 10**, several fishing tournaments were schedule in 2019, the majority of the tournaments are scheduled between March through August. The lake level would be lowered during these months for Scenarios 1 and 3. However, during the drawdown the lake conditions would be similar to the 2015 drought conditions which did not hinder the fishing tournaments. The Friends of Castaic Lake continued to host Largemouth Bass tournaments during the 2015 drought year (http://www.nationalbasswest.com/tournament-results/friends-of-castaic-tournament-results-2014-2015/focl-year-to-date/).



FIGURE 10. PROPOSED DRAWDOWN SCENARIOS AND FISHING TOURNAMENT DATES

Other Recreational Activities

The lowering of the lake would not impact other recreational activities at the Castaic Lake, such as biking, hiking, camping, and horseback riding. However, construction access and staging requirements would result in boat ramp lane closures and temporary reduced parking availability. These access restrictions would be similar for each of the schedule scenarios. Although Scenario 3 may have the greatest impact due to the construction activities scheduled for the spring time.

Potential Impacts to Operational Activities

Castaic Lake was built to provide emergency storage during a shutdown of the California Aqueduct to the north, assuring water deliveries to West Branch users. It also provides regulatory storage for deliveries during normal operations and recreational opportunities for Southern California. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWD) Foothill Feeder is part of the system that delivers water from Castaic Lake to Santa Clarita Valley Water (SCVW) for treatment and distribution for urban use. Castaic Lake is bisected by the Elderberry Forebay Dam, which creates the adjacent Elderberry Forebay. The SWP aqueduct water comes from Pyramid Lake through the Angeles Tunnel and is used to power Castaic Power Plant, a pumped-storage hydroelectric facility on the northern end of the forebay. Water from the lake is distributed throughout the northern portion of the Greater Los Angeles Area. A portion of the water is released into Castaic Lagoon below the dam, to maintain its water level for recreation.

The Elderberry Forebay is separated from Castaic Lake by Elderberry Forebay Dam, located at the upper end of Castaic Lake and provides regulatory storage for Castaic Power Plant (operated by LADWP). During on-peak hours when the value of energy is high, water from Pyramid Lake, located north of Castaic, flows 7.5 miles through the Angeles Tunnel and the turbines of Castaic Power Plant to produce electricity. The water then enters Elderberry Forebay. During off-peak hours (nighttime and all day Sunday) when the cost of power is low, water stored in Elderberry Forebay is pumped back into Pyramid Lake.

The annual water level fluctuations at Castaic Lake. The lake surface elevations are highest in the summer and fall and drop during the winter and spring. In 2018, the surface elevations in the summer averaged 1,497 feet and the winter averaged 1,482 feet. The lowering of the lake during the winter months when temperatures are mild, days are shorter and the need for outdoor irrigation is minimal would reduce operational constraints on the ability for MWD to deliver water to SCVW and the operations of the Castaic Power Plant.

Scenario 3 would occur in the winter months when the demand for water and power is lower. While Scenario 1 and 2 would occur during the summer months when the demand on water and electricity is higher. Scenario 1 and 2 may result in operational constraints on MWD, SCVW and LADWP.

Conclusion

The proposed project would lower the water levels at Castaic Lake over a 6-9-month period while repair work on the outlet tower bridge is conducted. None of the three proposed schedule scenarios would result in a fatal flaw impact to biological resources, water quality, recreation or operations. Each scenario provides tradeoffs as described below.

The drawdown would reduce the amount of littoral (shallow area of light penetration) habitat available to aquatic organisms, potentially during spawning periods of introduced sport fishes such as the largemouth bass and bluegill. The lake is dominated by introduced fish species and does not support sensitive aquatic wildlife that could be subject to the federal or State Endangered Species Acts. Although the drawdown may affect the spawning success of introduced species during the construction year, the one-time event is unlikely to have a long-term impact to the ecosystem or vitality of the sport fishery. Scenario 2 would have the least impact to fish spawning, with the water levels returning to normal levels prior to spawning season. However, since Scenario 2 would begin lowering the lake in the summer and fall, higher water temperatures may occur in the shallower water that could stress the open water fishes. In any case, the aquatic

resources would be expected to recover from the temporary effects as the water levels return to normal levels.

The lowering of the lake would require limiting the number of boats allowed on the water at any one time due to the reduced surface area and the potential for submerged obstacles to be present. In addition, the West Boat Ramp would be closed during much of the construction period, limiting boat ramp access. This limitation could discourage recreational users and result in higher use at other local lakes. This may result in a loss of revenue for State Parks since recreational users would opt to go to other lakes while Castaic Lake is drawn down during the access bridge retrofit. Since boating activities typically correspond to the warmer months, Scenario 2 would be the most impactful since it occurs during the summer months.

In the past the largemouth bass tournaments occur year round and generally are not impacted by lake water elevations. During the 2015 drought the lake was at historic lows and the organized tournaments proceed as scheduled. However, generally fewer tournaments are scheduled in the winter months and the majority of the tournaments are held in March through August. Nonetheless, each of the scenarios would overlap lower water levels with the majority of scheduled water recreational activities.

Construction access constraints could impact the use of the picnic areas and the hiking, biking and horse trails that meander throughout the hillside on the west side of the lake. These recreational areas are used year round. Construction associated with the bridge retrofit would be similar for each of the drawdown scenarios. APPENDIX C Cultural Resources Assessment *Confidential*

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Acreage:

Area of Direct Impact – 5.71 acres Area of Indirect Impacts – 1,019 acres

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