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Acronym List

BMPs	Best Management Practices
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
CDP	Criterium Decision Plus
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CVMSHCP	Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan
CVWD	Coachella Valley Water District
CWA	Clean Water Act
DAC	Disadvantaged Community
DEH	Riverside County Department of Environmental Health
DIP	Ductile Iron Pipe
DWSRF	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
ECVWSP	East Coachella Valley Water Supply Project
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
ESA	Endangered Species Act
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
gpm	gallons per minute
Hp	Horsepower
HCP	Habitat Conservation Plan
IS/MND	Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration
MCL	Maximum contaminant level
MTCO ₂ e	Metric Tons Carbon Dioxide Equivalent
MBTA	Migratory Bird Treaty Act
MMRP	Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan
MHP	Mobile Home Park
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
O&M	Operations and Maintenance
RAA	Running annual average
RO	Reverse Osmosis
RWQCB	Regional Water Quality Control Board

SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
SWS	Small Water System
USDA	US Department of Agriculture
USEPA	US Environmental Protection Agency
USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of this Document

Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) has prepared this Initial Study (IS) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts related to implementation of the Saint Anthony Mobile Home Park (MHP) Water Consolidation Project (the **“proposed project” or “proposed action”**), which consists of consolidation of three independent small water systems (SWS) into CVWD’s drinking water system. In 2018, an evaluation of water consolidation opportunities for **disadvantaged communities (DACs) in CVWD’s eastern service area was conducted as part of the East Coachella Valley Water Supply Project (ECVWSP)**. The proposed project is one of two highest ranked consolidation projects assessed in the ECVWSP.

CVWD is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed project. CEQA requires that the lead agency prepare an Initial Study (IS) to determine whether an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Negative Declaration (ND), or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is needed. CVWD has prepared this IS to evaluate the potential environmental consequences associated with the Saint Anthony MHP Water Consolidation Project, and to disclose to the public and decision makers the potential environmental effects of the proposed project. Based on the analysis presented herein, an MND is the appropriate level of environmental documentation for the proposed project.

1.2 Scope of this Document

This IS/MND has been prepared in accordance with CEQA (as amended) (Public Resources Code §§21000 et. seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, §§15000 et. seq.), as updated on December 28, 2018. CEQA Guidelines §15063 describes the requirements for an IS and §§15070-15075 describe the process for the preparation of an MND. Where appropriate, this document makes reference to either the CEQA Statute or State CEQA Guidelines (as amended in December 2018). This IS/MND contains all of the contents required by CEQA, which includes a project description, a description of the environmental setting, potential environmental impacts, mitigation measures for any significant effects, consistency with plans and policies, and names of preparers.

This IS/MND evaluates the potential for environmental impacts to resource areas identified in Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines (as amended in December 2018). The environmental resource areas analyzed in this document include:

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

The proposed project may receive funding under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), which is administered by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) via funds from US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and/or the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Program. Therefore, to support

compliance with the federal environmental review requirements of the funding programs, this document includes analysis pertinent to several federal regulations (also referred to as federal cross-cutters or CEQA-Plus). Guidelines for complying with cross-cutting federal authorities can be found in the DWSRF regulations at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §35.3575 and the USDA Environmental Policies and Procedures at 7 CFR §1970.

The federal cross-cutters analyzed in this document include:

- Environmental Alternative Analysis
- Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act (AHPA)
- Clean Air Act
- Coastal Zone Management Act
- Endangered Species Act (ESA)
- Environmental Justice
- Farmland Protection Policy Act
- Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA)
- Floodplain Management: Executive Orders 11988, 12148, and 13690
- Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)
- Protection of Wetlands
- Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 10
- Safe Drinking Water Act, Sole Source Aquifer Protection
- Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

1.3 CEQA Process

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15073, the Draft IS/MND was circulated for a 30-day public review period (July 25, 2019 – August 23, 2019) to local and state agencies, and to interested organizations and individuals who may have wished to review and comment on the report. CVWD circulated the Draft IS/MND to the State Clearinghouse for distribution to State agencies. In addition, CVWD circulated a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration to the Riverside County Clerk, responsible agencies, and interested entities. A copy of the Draft IS/MND was available for review at: www.cvwd.org.

Written comments were to be submitted to CVWD by 5:00 PM on August 23, 2019 and addressed to:

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Following the 30-day public review period, CVWD evaluated written comments and telephone calls received on the Draft IS/MND and incorporated any substantial evidence that the proposed project could have a significant impact on the environment into this Final IS/MND and prepared a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP).

CVWD's Board of Directors will consider adopting the Final IS/MND and MMRP in compliance with CEQA at a publicly noticed meeting, planned for September 24, 2019.

1.4 Impact Terminology

The scope of the environmental resource areas is listed above in *Section 1.2*. The level of significance for each resource area uses CEQA terminology as specified below:

- **No Impact.** No adverse environmental consequences have been identified for the resource or the consequences are negligible or undetectable.

- Less than Significant Impact. Potential adverse environmental consequences have been identified. However, they are not adverse enough to meet the significance threshold criteria for that resource. No mitigation measures are required.
- Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated. Adverse environmental consequences that have the potential to be significant but can be reduced to less than significant levels through the application of identified mitigation strategies that have not already been incorporated into the proposed project.
- Potentially Significant. Adverse environmental consequences that have the potential to be significant according to the threshold criteria identified for the resource, even after mitigation strategies are applied and/or an adverse effect that could be significant and for which no mitigation has been identified. If any potentially significant impacts are identified, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) must be prepared to meet the requirements of CEQA.

1.5 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

Table 1-1 provides a summary of potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures by resource area. Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines §§15097 and 15126.4, the following mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project design and would be implemented before or during construction in accordance with the project; thereby, reducing all identified potential environmental impacts to a less than significant level.

The table does not include impacts or criteria that were deemed No Impact or Less than Significant due to actions associated with the Saint Anthony MHP Water Consolidation Project; rather, the table focuses on potentially significant impacts and associated mitigation measures.

Table 1-1: Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for Saint Anthony Project

<i>Mitigation Measure</i>	<i>Monitoring and Reporting Actions</i>	<i>Implementation Schedule</i>	<i>Monitoring Frequency</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Review and Approval by:</i>	<i>Verification: Status/ Date Completed/ Initials</i>
<p>Mitigation Measure BIO-1: Roosting Bats Impact Avoidance and Minimization</p> <p>To avoid disturbance of roosting bats, which are a CDFW Species of Special Concern, CVWD shall, at least two weeks prior to, but not more than 30 days prior to, the start of construction, contract with a qualified biologist to conduct a pre-construction survey for roosting bats. The survey shall include all trees, bridges, and structures suitable for roosting by the western yellow bat and western mastiff bat. The pre-construction survey shall be conducted within the disturbance footprint and a 100-foot buffer with inaccessible areas (i.e. private lands) surveyed with binoculars, as feasible.</p> <p>If active bat roosts are present onsite, a buffer zone of 100 feet shall be established around the roosts that excludes construction activities or other disturbances. Tree removal activities shall occur only during periods when bats are not roosting in those trees proposed to be removed, as determined by a qualified biologist. If active maternity roosts or non-breeding bat hibernacula are found in trees scheduled to be removed, removal activities will be conducted during a season when young are not present.</p>	<p>1. Include measure in contract documents</p> <p>2. Confirm qualified biologist conducts pre-construction survey for roosting bats and established no-work buffer zone, as appropriate.</p> <p>3. Avoid tree removal and construction activities in buffer zone of roosting bats. Avoid tree removal when bats are nesting and/or young are present.</p>	<p>1. Contracting</p> <p>2. Pre-Construction</p> <p>3. Construction</p>	<p>1. Once</p> <p>2. Once, prior to construction, or if construction re-starts</p> <p>3. Continuously throughout construction, if applicable</p>	<p>1. CVWD</p> <p>2. CVWD, Construction Contractor</p> <p>3. Construction Contractor</p>	CVWD	<p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p>
<p>Mitigation Measure BIO-2: Pre-Construction Burrowing Owl Surveys</p> <p>To avoid potential impacts to burrowing owl, a pre-construction clearance survey for burrowing owl shall be conducted no more than fourteen (14) days prior to initiation of construction activities. The burrowing owl pre-construction survey shall be conducted on-foot within the proposed disturbance area including a 500-foot buffer. The survey methods will be consistent with the <i>Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation</i> (CDFW 2012) and shall consist of walking parallel transects spaced adequately to obtain 100% visual coverage of the site. The survey shall be conducted by a biologist familiar with the identification of burrowing owl and their habitat.</p> <p>If burrowing owls are found within the Study Area during the pre-construction surveys, active burrows will be avoided. If possible, the timing and location of construction activities will be adjusted to avoid the occupied burrow by the appropriate distance (see below), where possible. Due to the size of the project, it is anticipated that the construction schedule and location can be modified to avoid all potential impacts to occupied burrows during the breeding season. Buffer zones for occupied burrows will be established at 500 feet during the breeding season (February 1 to August 31) and at 100 feet for the non-breeding season. These buffers may be adjusted in consultation with California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Coachella Valley Conservation Commission and monitored at the discretion of a qualified biologist. The buffer zone will be clearly marked with flagging and/or construction fencing.</p>	<p>1. Include measure in contract documents.</p> <p>2. Confirm qualified biologist conducted pre-construction survey for burrowing owl and established buffer zone, as appropriate.</p> <p>3. Avoid construction within the buffer zone of active burrows.</p>	<p>1. Contracting</p> <p>2. Pre-Construction</p> <p>3. Construction</p>	<p>1. Once</p> <p>2. Once, prior to construction, or if construction re-starts</p> <p>3. Continuously throughout construction, if applicable</p>	<p>1. CVWD</p> <p>2. CVWD, Construction Contractor</p> <p>3. Construction Contractor</p>	CVWD	<p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p>
<p>Mitigation Measure BIO-3: Nesting Birds</p> <p>To avoid disturbance of nesting birds, including raptor species protected by the MBTA and CFGC 3503, activities related to the proposed project including, but not limited to, vegetation removal, ground disturbance, and construction shall occur outside of the bird breeding season (typically January 1 to September 15) to the extent practicable.</p> <p>If construction must occur within the bird breeding season (January 1 through September 15), CVWD shall, no more than three days prior to initiation of ground disturbance and/or vegetation removal, contract with a qualified biologist to conduct a nesting bird and raptor pre-construction survey within the disturbance footprint plus a 100-foot buffer (300-foot for raptors), where feasible. If the proposed project is phased or construction activities stop for more than one week, a subsequent pre-construction nesting bird and raptor survey will be required prior to each phase of construction within the project site.</p> <p>Pre-construction nesting bird and raptor surveys shall be conducted during the time of day when birds are active and shall factor in sufficient time to perform this survey adequately and completely. A report of the nesting bird and raptor survey</p>	<p>1. Include measure in contract documents.</p> <p>2. Avoid construction activities between January 1 and September 15.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>3. Confirm a qualified biologist conducted pre-construction nesting bird and raptor surveys and</p>	<p>1. Contracting</p> <p>2. Construction</p> <p>OR</p> <p>3. Pre-construction</p>	<p>1. Once</p> <p>2. Once</p> <p>OR</p> <p>3. Once, prior to construction, or if construction re-starts</p>	<p>1. CVWD</p> <p>2. Construction Contractor</p> <p>3. CVWD, Construction Contractor</p>	CVWD	<p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>OR</p> <p>3. _____</p>

<i>Mitigation Measure</i>	<i>Monitoring and Reporting Actions</i>	<i>Implementation Schedule</i>	<i>Monitoring Frequency</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Review and Approval by:</i>	<i>Verification: Status/ Date Completed/ Initials</i>
<p>results, if applicable, shall be submitted to the lead agency for review and approval prior to ground and/or vegetation disturbance activities.</p> <p>If nests are found, their locations shall be flagged. An appropriate avoidance buffer ranging in size from 25 to 50 feet for song birds, and up to 500 feet for raptors depending upon the species and the proposed work activity, shall be determined and demarcated by a qualified biologist with bright orange construction fencing or other suitable flagging. Buffers will be determined in conjunction with CDFW through the development of a nesting bird management plan. Active nests shall be monitored at a minimum of once per week until it has been determined that the nest is no longer being used by either the young or adults. No ground disturbance shall occur within this buffer until the qualified biologist confirms that the breeding/nesting is completed, and all the young have fledged. If project activities must occur within the buffer, they shall be conducted at the discretion of the qualified biologist. If no nesting birds are observed during pre-construction surveys, no further actions would be necessary.</p>	<p>established a no-work buffer zone, as appropriate.</p> <p>4. Confirm construction is avoided in the no-work buffer zone until biologist determines that the nest is inactive.</p>	4. Construction	4. Continuously throughout construction, if applicable	4. Construction Contractor		4. _____
<p>Mitigation Measure BIO-4: Frac-Out Prevention and Contingency Plan</p> <p>If HDD method of trenchless crossing of the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel is used, CVWD shall require its construction contractor to prepare a Frac-Out Prevention and Contingency Plan, prior to construction. At minimum, the plan shall prescribe the following measures to ensure protection of aquatic resources, special status plants, and wildlife:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify recommended depth of the pipeline under the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel based on soil properties and risk for potential frac-out during HDD operation, • Procedures to minimize the potential for a frac-out associated with HDD; • Procedures for timely detection of frac-outs; • Procedures for timely response and remediation in the event a frac-out; and • Monitoring of drilling and frac-out response activities in jurisdictional areas by a qualified biologist. 	<p>1. Include measure in contract documents.</p> <p>2. Confirm construction contractor has prepared a Frac-Out Prevention and Contingency Plan.</p> <p>3. Confirm construction contractor follows procedures in Frac-Out Prevention and Contingency Plan.</p>	<p>1. Contracting</p> <p>2. Pre-Construction</p> <p>3. Construction</p>	<p>1. Once</p> <p>2. Once</p> <p>3. Continuously throughout construction</p>	<p>1. CVWD</p> <p>2. CVWD, Construction Contractor</p> <p>3. Construction Contractor</p>	CVWD	<p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p>
<p>Mitigation Measure BIO-5: CVMSHCP Surveys</p> <p>Prior to construction, CVWD will coordinate with Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) or Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC) on specific burrowing owl and Crissal Thrasher survey requirements of Section 4.4 of the CVMSHCP that should be implemented for the portion of Seferino Huerta MHP located within the <i>Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta Conservation Area</i>. CVWD will implement any surveys determined to be required by CVAG or the CVCC to ensure compliance with the CVMSHCP.</p>	<p>1. Coordinate with CVAG or CVCC on CVMSHCP survey requirements for Seferino Huerta MHP.</p> <p>2. Conduct necessary CVMHSPC surveys, as needed.</p>	<p>1. Pre-construction</p> <p>2. Construction</p>	<p>1. Once</p> <p>2. Likely once prior to construction</p>	<p>1. CVWD</p> <p>2. CVWD, Construction Contractor</p>	CVWD	<p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p>
<p>Mitigation Measure CUL-1: Initial Monitoring of Archaeological Resources</p> <p>CVWD shall ensure that initial project-related ground-disturbing activities shall be observed by an archaeological and Native American monitor. The archaeological monitor shall be under the direction of a qualified archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for prehistoric archaeology (National Park Service 1983). If archaeological resources are encountered during ground-disturbing activities, work in the immediate area shall halt and the find shall be evaluated for CRHR and/or NRHP eligibility. Archaeological monitoring may be reduced or halted at the discretion of the qualified archaeologist as warranted by conditions such as encountering bedrock, sediments being excavated are fill materials, or negative findings during initial ground-disturbing activities. If monitoring is reduced, spot-checking shall occur when ground-disturbance moves to a new location or when ground disturbance will extend to depths not previously reached (unless those depths are within bedrock). Both the project archeologist and Native American monitor will be invited to attend the pre-construction meeting. The project archeologist and Native American monitor will provide a brief orientation to construction crews on the first day of construction.</p>	<p>1. Include measure in contract documents.</p> <p>2. Confirm project archaeologist and Native American monitor provide brief orientation to construction crews on first day of construction.</p> <p>3. Confirm archaeological and Native American monitor</p>	<p>1. Contracting</p> <p>2. Construction</p> <p>3. Construction</p>	<p>1. Once</p> <p>2. Once</p> <p>3. Continuously throughout initial</p>	<p>1. CVWD</p> <p>2. CVWD, Construction Contractor</p> <p>3 CVWD, Construction</p>	CVWD	<p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p>

Mitigation Measure	Monitoring and Reporting Actions	Implementation Schedule	Monitoring Frequency	Responsible Party	Review and Approval by:	Verification: Status/ Date Completed/ Initials
	<p>observe initial ground-disturbing activities.</p> <p>4. If resources are encountered during construction, confirm work halted and qualified archaeologist was consulted on eligibility, if applicable.</p>	4. Construction	<p>ground-disturbing activities.</p> <p>4. Throughout construction, if applicable.</p>	<p>Contractor</p> <p>4. Construction Contractor</p>		4. _____
<p>Mitigation Measure CUL-2: Unanticipated Discovery of Cultural Resources</p> <p>In the event that cultural resources are unearthed during project construction, the project archaeologist, in coordination with CVWD's Construction Inspector, shall temporarily suspend all earth disturbing work within a 100-foot radius of the discovery. A qualified professional archaeologist, meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards for prehistoric and historic archaeologist, shall be retained to evaluate the significance of the find, and shall have the authority to modify the no-work radius as appropriate, using professional judgment. The following notifications shall apply, depending on the nature of the find:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the professional archaeologist determines that the find does not represent a cultural resource, work may resume immediately, and no agency notifications are required. • If the professional archaeologist determines that the find does represent a cultural resource from any time period or cultural affiliation, he or she shall immediately notify CVWD's Construction Inspector and Environmental Services Department. CVWD shall consult on a finding of eligibility and implement appropriate treatment measures if the find is determined to be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP or CRHR. Work may not resume within the no-work radius until CVWD, through consultation as appropriate, determines that the site either: 1) is not eligible for the NRHP or CRHR; or 2) that the treatment measures have been completed to its satisfaction. 	<p>1. Include measures in contract documents.</p> <p>2. If resources are unearthed during construction, confirm work halted, qualified archaeologist was consulted on eligibility, and appropriate treatment measures and no-work buffers were implemented.</p> <p>3. Consult on finding and implement treatment measures, if applicable.</p>	<p>1. Contracting</p> <p>2. Construction</p> <p>3. Construction</p>	<p>1. Once</p> <p>2. Throughout construction, if applicable.</p> <p>3. Once</p>	<p>1. CVWD</p> <p>2. CVWD, Construction Contractor</p> <p>3. CVWD</p>	CVWD	<p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p>
<p>Mitigation Measure CUL-3: Unanticipated Discovery of Human Remains</p> <p>The discovery of human remains is always a possibility during ground-disturbing activities. In the event that human remains are found, CVWD shall temporarily suspend all earth disturbing work within a 100-foot radius of the discovery. The project archeologist would evaluate the significance of the find and shall have the authority to modify the no-work radius as appropriate, using professional judgment. The following notifications shall apply, depending on the nature of the find.</p> <p>If the find includes human remains, or remains that are potentially human, the professional archaeologist shall ensure reasonable protection measures are taken to protect the discovery from disturbance (AB 2641). The archaeologist shall notify the Riverside County Coroner (as per § 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code). The provisions of § 7050.5 of the California Health and Safety Code, § 5097.98 of the California PRC, and AB 2641 will be implemented. If the Coroner determines the remains are Native American and not the result of a crime scene, the Coroner will notify the NAHC, which then will designate a Native American Most Likely Descendant (MLD) for the project (§ 5097.98 of the PRC). The designated MLD will have 48 hours from the time access to the property is granted to make recommendations concerning treatment of the remains. If the landowner does not agree with the recommendations of the MLD, the NAHC can mediate (§ 5097.94 of the PRC). If no agreement is reached, the landowner must rebury the remains where they will not be further disturbed (§ 5097.98 of the PRC). This will also include either recording the site with the NAHC or the appropriate information center; using an open space or conservation zoning designation or easement; or recording a reinternment document with the county in which the property is located (AB 2641). Work may not resume within the no-work radius until the lead agencies, through consultation as appropriate, determine that the treatment measures have been completed to their satisfaction.</p>	<p>1. Include measure in contract documents.</p> <p>2. Suspend all earth disturbing work within 100 feet of discovery, if applicable.</p> <p>3. Confirm appropriate notifications have occurred, if applicable.</p> <p>4. Verify adequate consultation with MLD has occurred, if applicable.</p> <p>5. Verify reburial site has been appropriately recorded and human remains treated appropriately, if applicable.</p>	<p>1. Contracting</p> <p>2. Construction</p> <p>3. Construction</p> <p>4. Construction</p> <p>5. Construction</p>	<p>1. Once</p> <p>2. Throughout construction</p> <p>3. Once</p> <p>4. Once</p> <p>5. Once</p>	<p>1. CVWD</p> <p>2. Construction Contractor</p> <p>3. CVWD</p> <p>4. CVWD</p> <p>5. CVWD</p>	CVWD,	<p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p>4. _____</p> <p>5. _____</p>

Mitigation Measure	Monitoring and Reporting Actions	Implementation Schedule	Monitoring Frequency	Responsible Party	Review and Approval by:	Verification: Status/ Date Completed/ Initials
<p>Mitigation Measure HAZ-1: Hazardous Materials Management and Spill Control Plan</p> <p>Prior to construction, the construction contractor is required to submit to CVWD a Hazardous Materials Management Spill Control Plan that includes a project-specific contingency plan for hazardous materials and waste operations. The plan shall be applicable to construction activities and shall establish policies and procedures according to applicable codes and regulations, including but not limited to the California Building and Fire Codes, and federal and California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations. Elements of the Plan shall include, but not be limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A discussion of hazardous materials management, including delineation of hazardous material storage areas, access and egress routes, waterways, emergency assembly areas, and temporary hazardous waste storage areas; • Notification and documentation of procedures; and • Spill control and countermeasures, including employee spill prevention/response training. 	<p>1. Include measure in contract documents.</p> <p>2. Confirm construction contractor has prepared a Hazardous Materials Management and Spill Control Plan.</p> <p>3. Confirm construction contractor follows procedures in the Hazardous Materials Management and Spill Control Plan.</p>	<p>1. Contracting</p> <p>2. Pre-Construction</p> <p>3. Construction</p>	<p>1. Once</p> <p>2. Once.</p> <p>3. Periodically throughout construction</p>	<p>1. CVWD,</p> <p>2. Construction Contractor</p> <p>3. Construction Contractor</p>	CVWD	<p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p>
<p>Mitigation Measure TRA-1: Traffic Control Plan</p> <p>Prior to construction, CVWD shall require its construction contractor to implement an approved Traffic Control Plan, to the satisfaction of the CVWD construction inspector and the County. The components of the Traffic Control Plan shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of construction staging site locations and potential road closures, • Alternate routes of traffic detours, including emergency response contact information, • Planned routes for construction-related vehicle traffic (haul routes), and • Identification of alternative safe routes to maintain pedestrian safety during construction. <p>CVWD's Project Manager shall coordinate with the police, fire, and other emergency services to alert these entities about potential construction delays, project alignment, and construction schedule. CVWD shall minimize the duration of disruptions/closures to roadways and critical access points for emergency services. The Traffic Control Plan shall provide for traffic control measures including flag persons, warning signs, lights, barricades, and cones to provide safe passage of vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic and access by emergency responders. The Traffic Control Plan shall be submitted to CVWD's Project Manager and construction inspector for review and approval prior to construction.</p> <p>CVWD's construction inspector shall have the construction schedule and Traffic Control Plan reviewed by the County of Riverside to ensure construction of the proposed project does not conflict with construction activities associated with other construction projects that may be occurring at the same time in the vicinity.</p>	<p>1. Include measure in contract documents</p> <p>2. Confirm construction contractor has prepared a Traffic Control Plan to the satisfaction of the CVWD Construction Inspector and CVWD's Project Manager.</p> <p>3. Confirm Project Manager has coordinated with emergency services about construction.</p> <p>4. Confirm CVWD Construction Inspector has the Traffic Control Plan reviewed by the County of Riverside.</p>	<p>1. Contracting</p> <p>2. Pre-Construction</p> <p>3. Pre-Construction</p> <p>4. Pre-Construction</p>	<p>1. Once</p> <p>2. Once</p> <p>3. Once</p> <p>4. Once</p>	<p>1. CVWD</p> <p>2. CVWD, Construction Contractor</p> <p>3. CVWD Construction Inspector</p> <p>4. CVWD Construction Inspector</p>	CVWD	<p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p>4. _____</p>
<p>Mitigation Measure NOI-1: Noise and Vibration Control During Construction</p> <p>CVWD shall incorporate into the construction contract specifications the following noise and vibration control measures to be implemented by the construction contractor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to construction, the Construction Contractor shall provide [CVWD-approved] written notification to residents within 500 feet of the proposed facilities undergoing construction shall be provided, identifying the type, duration, and frequency of 	<p>1. Confirm measures are incorporated into the contract specifications.</p> <p>2. Send notices</p>	<p>1. Contracting</p> <p>2. Pre-Construction</p>	<p>1. Once</p> <p>2. Once</p>	<p>1. CVWD</p> <p>2. Construction</p>	CVWD	<p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p>

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<p>construction activities. Notification materials shall be provided in English/Spanish translation and identify a mechanism for residents to contact CVWD's Project Manager related to r noise or vibration concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During construction, the Construction Contractor shall use equipment (e.g., jack hammers, pavement breakers, and rock drills) which is hydraulically or electrically powered to avoid noise associated with compressed air exhaust from pneumatically powered tools. Where use of pneumatically powered tools is unavoidable, an exhaust muffler on the compressed air exhaust would be used. This muffler can lower noise levels from the exhaust by up to 10 dBA. External jackets on the tools themselves would be used where feasible, and this could achieve a reduction of 5 dBA. Quieter procedures will be used such as drilling rather than impact equipment whenever feasible. • During construction, the Construction Contractor shall comply with compaction standards for backfill. Vibration generated during soil compaction may be minimized by using a small compactor. • During sheetpile driving for trench excavation, the Construction Contractor shall use the following measures: pushing the sheetpile in as far as possible with non-vibratory equipment (e.g., excavator) before using the vibrator; using a small, hand-operated vibratory hammer or one with a different operational frequency to further reduce the vibration potential; flooding the soils before tamping with the vibrator; and/or operating vibratory equipment with "throttling" when a vibrator must be used. • All equipment and trucks used by the Construction Contractor for project construction shall use the best available noise control techniques (including mufflers, use of intake silencers, ducts, engine enclosures and acoustically attenuating shields or shrouds) and be maintained in good operating condition to minimize construction noise impacts. All internal combustion engine-drive equipment shall be fitted with intake and exhaust mufflers which are in good condition. • During construction, the Construction Contractor shall prohibit unnecessary idling of internal combustion engines. In practice, this would mean turning off equipment if it would not be used for five or more minutes. • During construction, the Construction Contractor shall locate stationary noise-generating construction equipment, such as air compressors and generators, as far as possible from homes and businesses. • The Construction Contractor shall locate staging areas as far as feasibly possible from sensitive receptors. 	3. Implement noise and vibration control measures.	3. Construction	3. Throughout construction	Contractor 3. Construction Contractor		3. _____

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.1 Project Overview

The Saint Anthony MHP Water Consolidation Project consists of consolidation of three, independent small water systems (SWSs) **into CVWD's potable water system** over several phases as shown in Table 2-1. Each SWS is shown in Figure 2-1. The proposed project alignment is approximately 27,000 feet in length and would be placed within or up to approximately 50 feet from the public right-of-way along Avenue 66 and Lincoln Street in unincorporated Riverside County.

Table 2-1: Saint Anthony MHP Water Consolidation Project Sites

Small Water System	Assessor's Parcel Number (APN)	County Land Use Designation	Zoning Designation
Manuela Garcia Water	749-090-031	Indian Lands	A-1-10
Seferino Huerta	727-260-016	Very Low Density Residential	W-2
Saint Anthony MHP	727-271-018	Agriculture	W-2
Source: County of Riverside 2019			

2.1.1 Project Background

CVWD is a potable water retailer that services a region covering approximately 1,000 square miles, mostly within the Coachella Valley in Riverside County, California; and has service area within Imperial and San Diego counties. In the East Coachella Valley region of its service area, there are a number of rural communities that are not connected to **CVWD's potable water system. These communities are** all classified as disadvantaged communities (DACs) with median household incomes (MHIs) less than 80 percent of the California statewide MHI and depend on local private wells connected to independent SWSs to supply their drinking water. The local groundwater supplies of several of the SWSs have shown elevated concentrations of arsenic, fluoride and other constituents that are currently regulated by the State or may be in the near future (e.g., hexavalent chromium) according to Riverside County Department of Environmental Health (DEH) Inspection Reports.

To improve the reliability and potential safety of water supply and quality to the SWSs, CVWD is evaluating the **consolidation of the SWSs into CVWD's potable water system. The ECVWSP was initiated in early 2018 via** a SWRCB planning grant to evaluate and prioritize the SWSs for potential consolidation, as well as develop preliminary engineering and environmental compliance documents for the highest priority systems. CVWD is partnering with its DAC Infrastructure Task Force¹ to implement the ECVWSP in coordination with other water and wastewater infrastructure projects in the East Coachella Valley.

The System Identification task of the ECVWSP addressed the SWSs identified for potential consolidation into the CVWD potable system; evaluated the current and projected water demand for each SWS; evaluated the infrastructure expansion and pump energy requirements to deliver the water; and evaluated the associated planning level capital and operations and maintenance (O&M) costs. The 83 SWSs identified for consolidation were grouped into 43 projects based on relative proximity of the SWSs. Four projects were then identified as suitable for grouping into a single regional project, bringing the total number of projects to 39. The projects were named based on the largest SWS each consolidation project would connect.

¹ The Disadvantaged Community Infrastructure Task Force is comprised of CVWD staff, CVWD Board members, non-profit organizations including Pueblo Unido Community Development Corporation, and DAC business owners and residents.

The findings from the System Identification task were then carried forward into the System Prioritization task to identify the top two consolidation projects to advance to develop preliminary engineering and environmental documents. The task evaluated and ranked the 39 water consolidation projects. The evaluation process included developing criteria for the projects, weighting the criteria, scoring the projects against each criterion, and ranking each project using a decision-making software (Criterion Decision Plus, or CDP) to then selecting projects for preliminary design. The two highest priority projects for advancing to preliminary design and environmental compliance were the Saint Anthony MHP and Valley View MHP. Development of the Saint Anthony MHP Water Consolidation Project is the subject of this IS/MND. A separate IS/MND has been prepared for the Valley View MHP Water Consolidation Project.

2.1.2 Project Purpose and Need

The proposed project is necessary to address public health potable water concerns in local DACs. The project would create water reliability for potable water for the identified SWSs to ensure adequate public health throughout the project area. The local groundwater supplies of the SWSs have shown elevated concentrations of arsenic and other constituents that are currently regulated by the State or may be in the near future (e.g., hexavalent chromium). Based on Riverside County DEH Inspection Reports, all three SWSs within the proposed project show a maximum contaminant level (MCL) exceedance for arsenic at their respective groundwater supply wells. All three SWSs have installed treatment that addresses the regulatory violations.

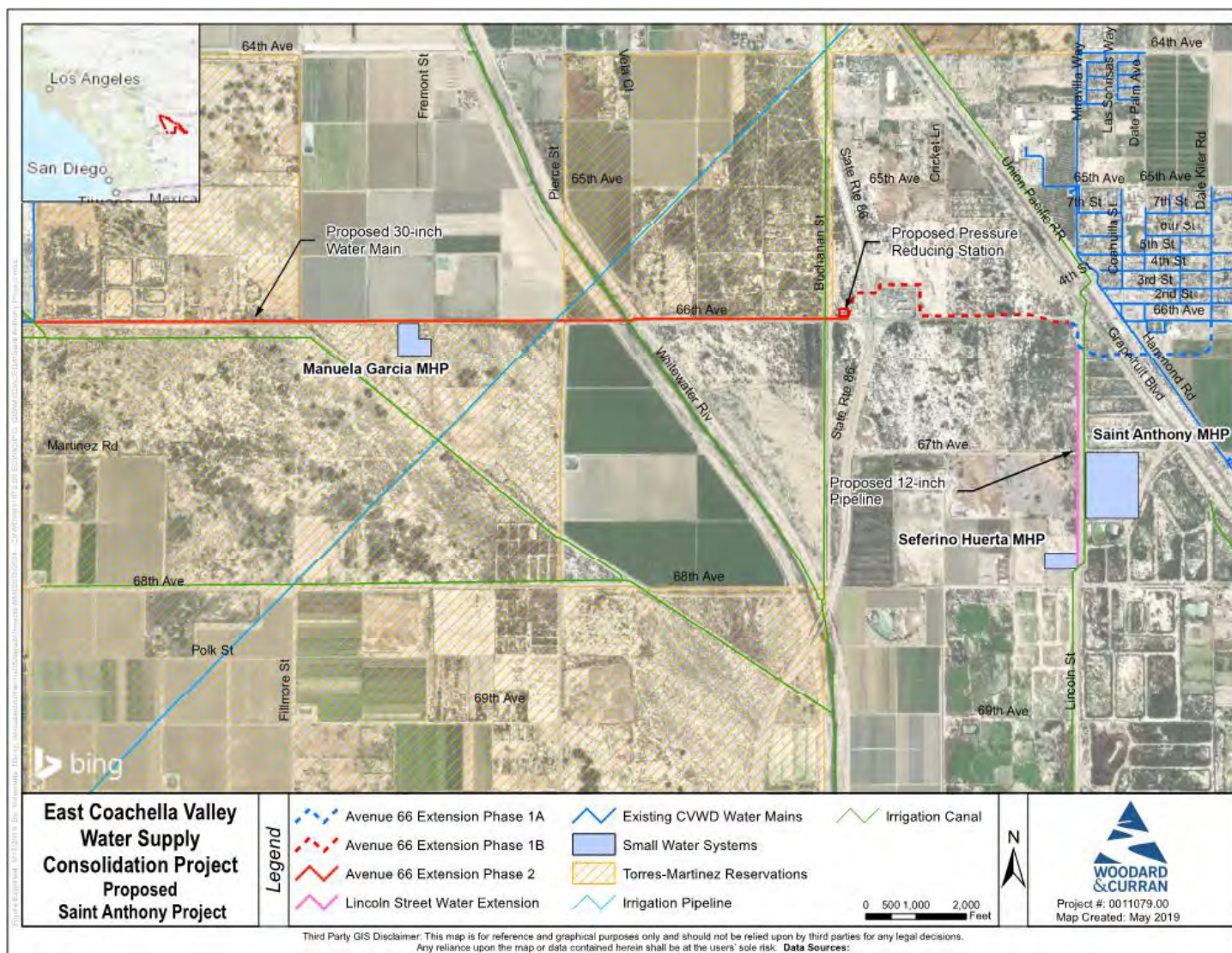
The proposed project would also provide redundancy and security for the Manuela Garcia and Seferino Huerta MHP SWSs, which are currently operated by the system owners. Consolidating them into the CVWD potable water system would provide a higher level of reliability and redundancy as the CVWD system is operated and maintained by full-time State of California certified operational staff. Additionally, the existing fire suppression systems for the SWSs offer less protection than a municipal water supply could provide; as such, consolidation into the CVWD system would provide a more robust and reliable water supply for fire protection.

The Manuela Garcia and Seferino Huerta SWSs have minimal to no security for their drinking water systems. The Saint Anthony SWS appears to provide a higher level of security with a more robust chain link fence and well building. However, these systems are still exposed to risk of vandalism or other unauthorized access. Consolidation into the CVWD municipal system would eliminate this risk exposure.

The objectives of the proposed project are twofold:

1. To improve the reliability, safety, and security of the water supply to rural DACs of the Saint Anthony MHP Water Consolidation Project that are not currently connected to the CVWD potable water system; and
2. To implement a cost-effective, technically feasible, long-term water supply solution for the drinking water quality deficiencies identified in the existing small water systems of the Saint Anthony MHP Water Consolidation Project.

Figure 2-1: Saint Anthony MHP Water Consolidation Project – Site Location Map



2.2 Environmental Setting

The proposed project is located in the eastern portion of the greater Coachella Valley within Riverside County, California near the community of Mecca. California State Route 111 borders the project area to the east. The project is bounded by Avenue 65 and Avenue 68 on the north and south, respectively. Highway 86 and the Whitewater River Stormwater Channel run north-south through the project area, as shown in Figure 2-2. The land use and zoning designations are summarized in Table 2-1.

The eastern portion of the Coachella Valley is located at the northern end of the Salton Sea, California's largest inland sea. Physically, the eastern Coachella Valley is bounded by the Santa Rosa Mountains to the west, and the Mecca Hills and the edge of Joshua Tree National Park to the northeast. The project area is located in the Coachella Valley region of the Salton Sea Air Basin, and it is located in the Whitewater River Watershed. The area encompasses rural desert communities, agricultural production, and the Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport. The Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians Reservation occupies significant portions of the southwestern eastern Coachella Valley. This reservation is designated in a checkerboard pattern extending south from Avenue 62 on through to the Riverside County border into Imperial County (County of Riverside 2016).

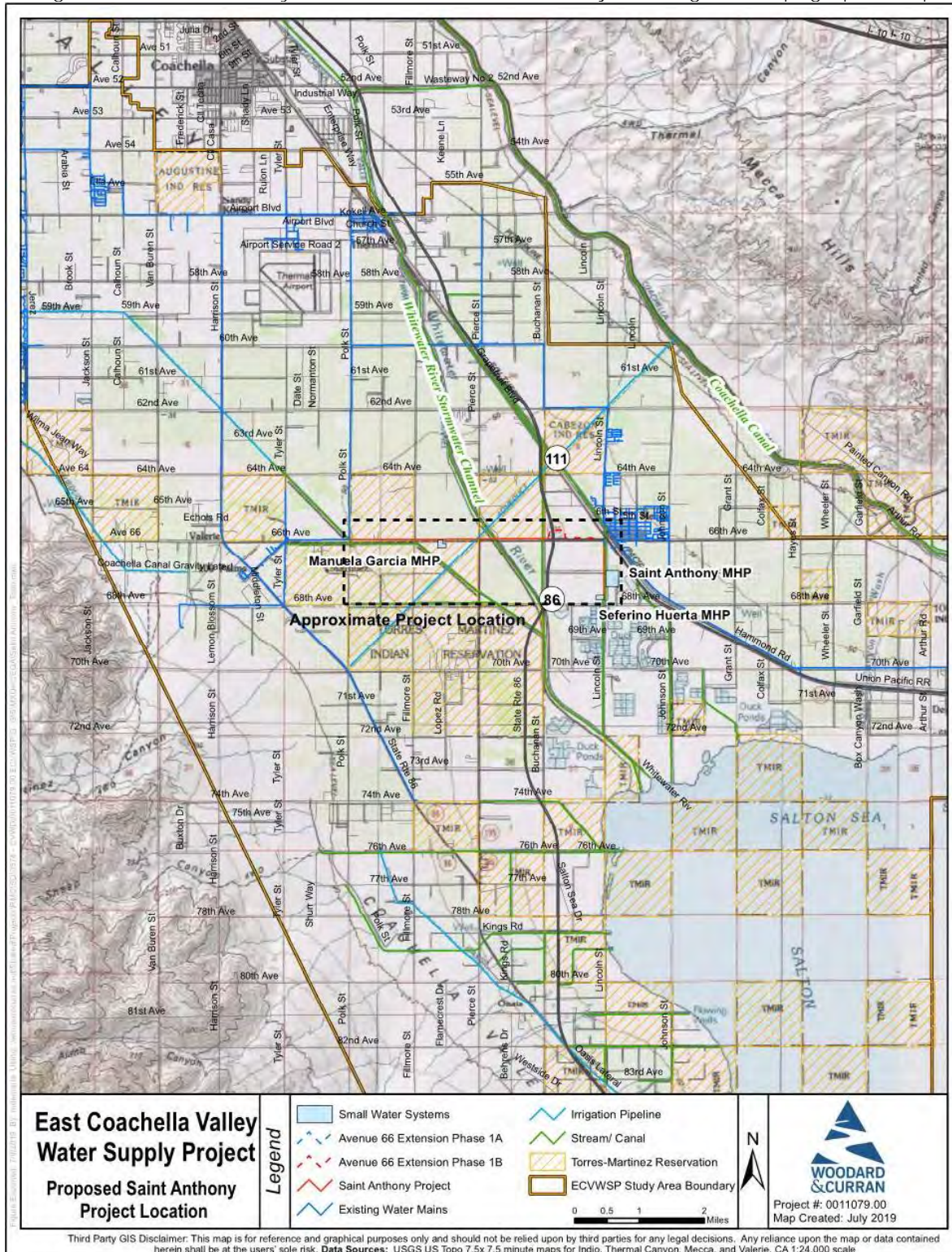
The small residential/agricultural community of Mecca is located southeast of Thermal east of State Route 111, and predominantly houses permanent residents working in the agricultural sector. Areas are also set aside for light industrial and commercial uses. Mecca is characterized by its traditional Mexican heritage. Mecca serves as a service center for commuters and truckers due to its location along State Route 111 and Highway 86. These routes are major transportation corridors for goods and agricultural movement to and from the Coachella Valley, Brawley and Imperial County, and Mexico. Mecca **is the main entrance into the Salton Sea State Recreational Park on the Salton Sea's** northern shoreline. Downtown Mecca includes a library, a church, school facilities, a fire station, the Boys and Girls Club of the Coachella Valley and the College of the Desert satellite campus (County of Riverside 2016).

State Route 111 and Highway 86 are the main north-south connector routes within the east Coachella Valley. The Southern Pacific Railroad runs adjacent to State Route 111 and the Salton Sea, to Riverside County's southern boundary. State Route 111, from Bombay Beach on the Salton Sea to Avenue 66 near Mecca, approximately one-half mile east of the proposed project, is a State-eligible Scenic Highway, providing views of the Salton Sea and the surrounding mountainous wilderness. Interstate 10 from Chiriaco Summit to the intersection with Highway 86, approximately nine miles north of the proposed project, is a County-eligible Scenic Highway. The project site is serviced by regional Class I bike paths and regional trails (County of Riverside 2016).

The proposed project lies within the boundaries of the *Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan* (referred to as the CVMSHCP). The CVMSHCP is a comprehensive multiple species habitat conservation planning program that addresses multiple species needs, including habitat and the preservation of natural communities in the Coachella Valley area of Riverside County. One of the MHP sites (Seferino Huerta) is located within *Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta CVMSHCP Conservation Area of the CVMSHCP*; and another (Saint Anthony MHP) is located adjacent to this Conservation Area. . The CVMSHCP was adopted by the plan participants in 2007 and 2008 and permits were issued by the wildlife agencies in late 2008 (County of Riverside 2016). CVWD is a permittee to the CVMSHCP.

The eastern Coachella Valley is traversed by the San Andreas fault, an active fault with a significant probability of earthquake activity; the proposed project site is located in an area of high liquefaction susceptibility. A large 100-year floodplain extends southerly from Thermal to the Salton Sea, approximately one-half mile west of the Seferino Huerta and Saint Anthony MHP sites, and overlapping the Manuela Garcia Water site. The desert and mountainous regions in the East Coachella Valley, roughly three miles to the west and to the east of the proposed project site, have a high and very high wildfire susceptibility; however, the wildfire susceptibility is moderate to low in the valley (County of Riverside 2016).

Figure 2-2: Saint Anthony MHP Water Consolidation Project – Regional Topographic Map



Surrounding Land Uses

The Seferino Huerta and Saint Anthony MHP sites are bordered as follows:

- North: mixed use, rural residential, and commercial retail lands; the community of Mecca; and the intersection of State Route 111 and Highway 86,
- East: agricultural and mixed-use lands and State Route 111,
- South: agricultural and rural residential lands. Salton Sea further south, and
- West: rural residential and agricultural lands; Highway 86; and the Whitewater River Stormwater Channel. Torres-Martinez Reservation further to the west.

The Manuela Garcia Water site is bordered as follows:

- North: agricultural land,
- East: Torres-Martinez reservation. The Whitewater River Stormwater Channel, Highway 86 and State Route 111, and the community of Mecca further to the east,
- South: Torres-Martinez reservation. The Salton Sea further south, and
- West: Torres-Martinez reservation. The community of One Hundred Palms further west.

Land uses on the SWS sites include both mobile homes and single family residences, as well as onsite water and septic systems, access roads and undeveloped land.

2.3 Existing Facilities and Conditions

The proposed project consists of three privately owned SWSs: Manuela Garcia Water, Saint Anthony MHP, and Seferino Huerta. Detailed descriptions of the existing facilities, conditions, and water quality for each SWS are provided below. The existing potable water supply for the three SWSs consists of local groundwater supplied by privately owned groundwater wells. The SWSs do not have access to surface water or municipal water supplies; there are no alternate potable water sources available in the event that the operation of the potable wells is interrupted.

The systems for Manuela Garcia and Seferino Huerta are operated and maintained by the property owners. The system for Saint Anthony MHP is maintained and operated by a D3/T2 operator.

The capacity of the supply well for each SWS is not known, as pumps curves, well development reports, and flow metering records are not available. Discussions with the SWS owners suggest that the capacity for their respective supply wells is adequate to meet current average daily demands. However, it is not clear if they are sufficient to meet maximum day demands. Leakage in the pipelines of each SWS is not known because well discharge flow for each system is not metered.

The County of Riverside requires the SWSs to have a minimum fire suppression storage capacity of 15,000 gallons for emergency conditions. The three SWSs have fire suppression storage tanks ranging from 15,000 to 20,000 gallons in total capacity on site. Manuela Garcia Water and Seferino Huerta meet the current County requirement for emergency storage and have enough emergency storage capacity to meet the anticipated maximum emergency daily demand for the system. Saint Anthony MHP meets the current County requirement for emergency storage but does not have enough emergency storage capacity to meet the anticipated maximum emergency daily demand for the system.

Table 2-2 summarizes the existing service connections and estimated population associated with the proposed project, as well as an estimate of water supply capacity in terms of maximum daily water demand.

Table 2-2: Saint Anthony MHP Project Connections

Small Water System	Existing Service Connections	Estimated Population ¹	Estimated Max. Day Demand (gpm) ²
Manuela Garcia Water	14	56	7.56
Saint Anthony MHP	95	380	51.3
Seferino Huerta	13	52	7.02
Total	122	488	65.88
1. Assumes 4 persons per service connection. 2. Assumes a max day demand of 0.54 gpm/unit			

Further details on the existing facilities and conditions at each SWS can be found in *Sections 2.4.4.1* through *2.4.4.3*, below

2.4 Proposed Project Description

A layout map showing the location of the proposed project system components is presented in Figure 2-1. New infrastructure for the proposed project would consist of the following:

- A 30-inch diameter Avenue 66 water main, which includes the Phase 1a design which is currently underway by CVWD in conjunction with the County of Riverside's **roadway grade separation project**, along with Phases 1b and 2 of the Avenue 66 water main which would be constructed by CVWD and are included in this IS/MND. Note that the Avenue 66 Phase 1a pipeline is not included in this IS/MND.
- 12-inch diameter Lincoln Street water main.
- 1-inch, 2-inch, and 4-inch diameter water service laterals. These would connect to the Avenue 66 Phase 2 pipeline and 12-inch diameter water pipeline along Lincoln Street and extend to the property boundaries of each SWSs.
- 2-inch diameter pipelines on SWS property to complete service to the existing SWSs.
- 6-inch diameter fire service pipelines. These would connect to the Avenue 66 pipeline and 12-inch Lincoln Street transmission pipeline and extend to fire hydrants or backflow preventors to provide fire service to each SWS. Fire hydrants would be located in accordance with CVWD and Riverside County Fire Department standards.

A summary of the pipeline components is presented in Table 2-3. The proposed project (Phases 1b and 2, Lincoln Street water main, and onsite piping) consists of a total of approximately 27,000 linear feet of pipeline, four water meters, two fire hydrants, a tee-valve and reducer, a pressure reducing station, and a fire service backflow preventor. Overall, the project would deliver 106 acre-feet per year (AFY) of potable water to meet a maximum day demand of 65.88 gallons per minute (gpm). The proposed project infrastructure is described in further detail below.

Table 2-3: Saint Anthony MHP SWS Consolidation Project Summary

Small Water System	<u>Water Main</u> 30-inch Diameter Pipeline Length (ft)	<u>Water Main</u> 12-inch Diameter Pipeline Length (ft)	<u>Fire Service</u> <u>Lines</u> 6-inch Diameter Pipeline Length (ft)	<u>On-Property</u> <u>Water Service</u> <u>Lines</u> 1-inch, 2-inch, and 4-inch Diameter Pipeline Length (ft)	Additional Components
Avenue 66 – Phase 1b and 2	21,900	--	--	--	Tee-valve, reducer, pressure reducing station
Lincoln Street Water Main	--	4,500	--	--	--
Manuela Garcia Water	--	--	30	90	two water meters, fire hydrant assembly
Saint Anthony MHP	--	--	20	340	fire service backflow preventor
Seferino Huerta	--	--	10	32	two water meters, fire hydrant assembly
Total	21,900	4,500	60	460	--

2.4.1 Avenue 66 Water Main

The Avenue 66 water main would be a 30-inch diameter ductile iron potable water pipeline approximately five miles long (approximately 25,800 linear feet long). Following is a summary of the three phases currently in various stages of design:

- Phase 1a is being designed and constructed by CVWD in conjunction with the County of Riverside grade separation project over the Union Pacific Railroad, State Route 111, and Hammond Road (see Figure 2-3). The Phase 1a pipeline is 3,900 linear feet and extends from the intersection of Avenue 66 and Dale Kiler Road south and west, across the Union Pacific Railroad, State Route 111, and Hammond Road, to a new intersection of Avenue 66 and Lincoln Street. This project involves realigning Lincoln Street, constructing a new intersection at Avenue 66 and Lincoln Street, realigning the Lincoln Street and State Route 111 intersection, and placement and relocation of utilities (including a new 30-inch water main). Caltrans issued a Categorical Exemption for the project in 2017 (Caltrans 2017). The Phase 1a segment of the Avenue 66 water main is not included in this IS/MND.
- Phase 1b is currently in design by CVWD to extend the water main from the new Lincoln Street intersection to the western side of Highway 86. The Phase 1b pipeline is 5,600 linear feet and extends from the new intersection at Avenue 66 and Lincoln Street into the private property along the north side of the alignment (outside of the relocated Caltrans right-of-way), jogs north around the gas station property adjacent to Highway 86, then crosses Highway 86 and jogs back south approximately 50 feet north of the Avenue 66 right-of-way (see Figure 2-3 and Figure 2-4). CVWD recently completed separate biological and cultural resources analyses of the Phase 1b alignment (Dokken 2018 and Dokken 2019; see Appendix D and Appendix C of

Appendix C) to support right-of-way acquisition. Those reports are incorporated into this IS/MND to address portions of the APE north of the roadway right-of-way that were not included in the ECVWSP surveys.

- Phase 2 extends from the terminus of Phase 1b (just west of Highway 86) to Polk Street to the west (Figure 2-5). The Phase 2 pipeline is 16,300 linear feet. To the east, it would connect to the terminus of the Avenue 66 Phase 1b pipeline located at the westerly right-of-way of Highway 86. To the west, it would connect to the existing CVWD water system at the intersection of Avenue 66 and Polk Street.

The Avenue 66 water main would be used to serve various domestic water supply demands in the area. The Phase 1a pipeline is currently in detailed design by **CVWD's consultant**, with construction to be completed in 2021. Note that the 30-inch diameter was sized based on the *2015 Urban Water Management Plan* (CVWD 2016) to accommodate future demand within the region and to provide additional redundancy to the community of Mecca; it is not intended to solely provide service to the Saint Anthony Project. However, it is not being included in this IS/MND as part of the proposed project because it is covered under separate environmental documentation.

The Avenue 66 Phase 2 pipeline would be constructed approximately 5 feet south from the northern pavement edge to allow for continued traffic along one lane of Avenue 66 during construction, while the Phase 1b pipeline would be located outside of the Caltrans right-of-way about 50 feet north on private property. Final alignment is pending utility research, survey and mapping. The Phase 2 extension would require special crossings at a CVWD irrigation ditch, the Whitewater River Stormwater Channel, and a 72-inch irrigation pipeline along the Avenue 66 alignment as shown on Figure 2-5. The irrigation ditch, stormwater channel, and irrigation pipeline would be traversed using trenchless construction such as horizontal directional drilling (HDD) or jack and bore techniques. Use of open trench installation at these three locations would be further evaluated during the detailed design stage based on permitting requirements, required depth, and other information yet to be obtained. Trenchless method, if required, would be determined during final design based on geotechnical data and the geometry of the proposed pipeline.

The following assumptions were also made at this stage of design for the 30-inch diameter pipe:

- The ductile iron pipeline installed would be zinc-coated Class 250 restrained pipe with restrained type joints (US Pipe TR Flex or equal). The use of restrained joint ductile iron piping and stated pressure rating are in accordance with CVWD requirements for new pipe installation.
- The ductile iron pipeline installed would be wrapped in polyethylene encasement. Additional corrosion protection may be required in certain areas; therefore, an allowance is provided for additional corrosion protection measures. Corrosion areas would be identified during final design for all pipelines and included in the construction bid documents. Geotechnical data and corrosivity data would be provided during the pipeline design process to identify where additional protection measures would be needed.
- The 24-inch tee, valve and 30-inch by 24-inch reducer would be installed to connect to the existing CVWD 24-inch pipeline on Polk Street to allow the connection of the 30-inch Phase 2 pipeline at the west end. The existing main would need to be temporarily taken out of service and dewatered for this connection.

Figure 2-3: Phase 1a and 1b Alignments for Avenue 66 Water Main, page 1



Figure 2-4: Phase 1a and 1b Alignments for Avenue 66 Water Main, page 2

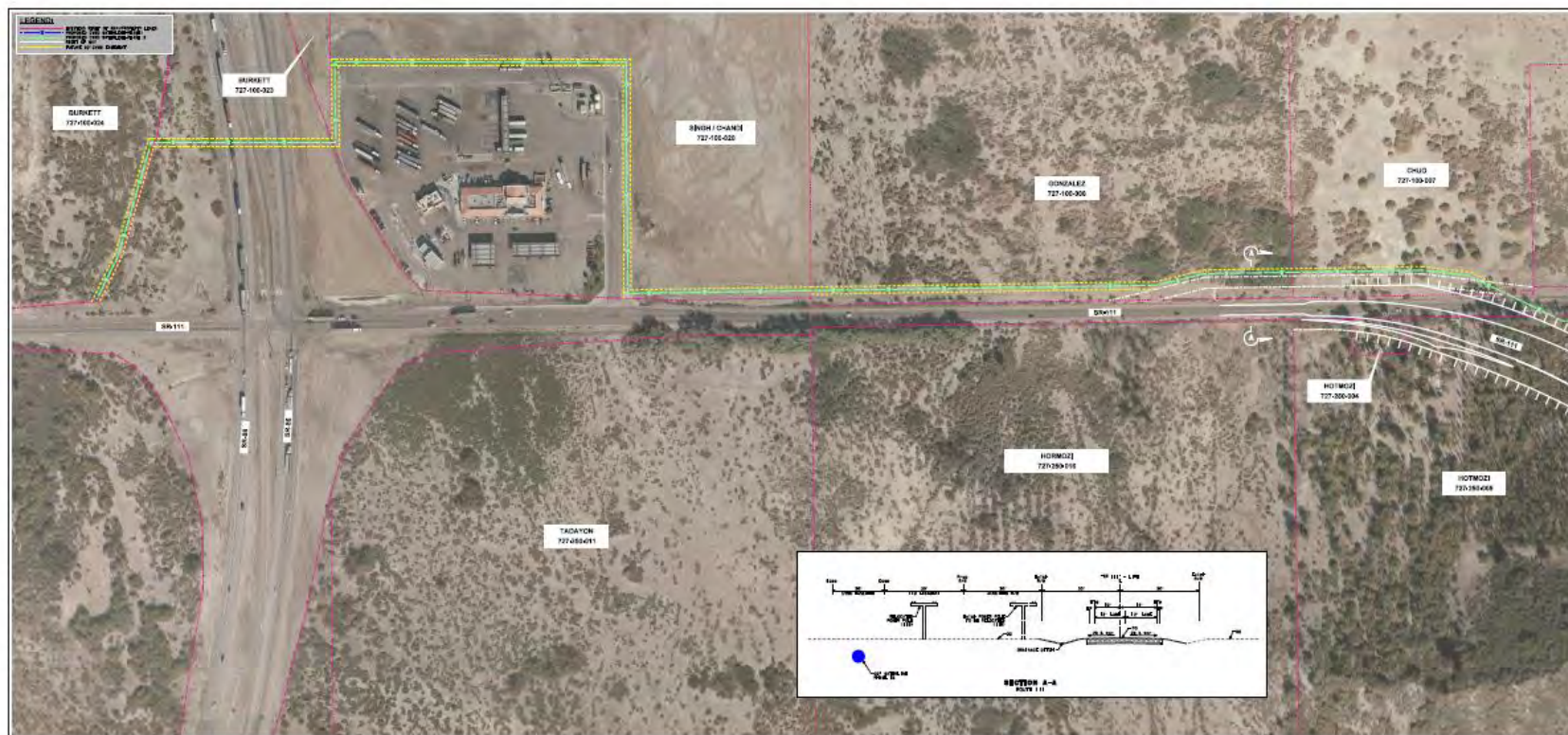
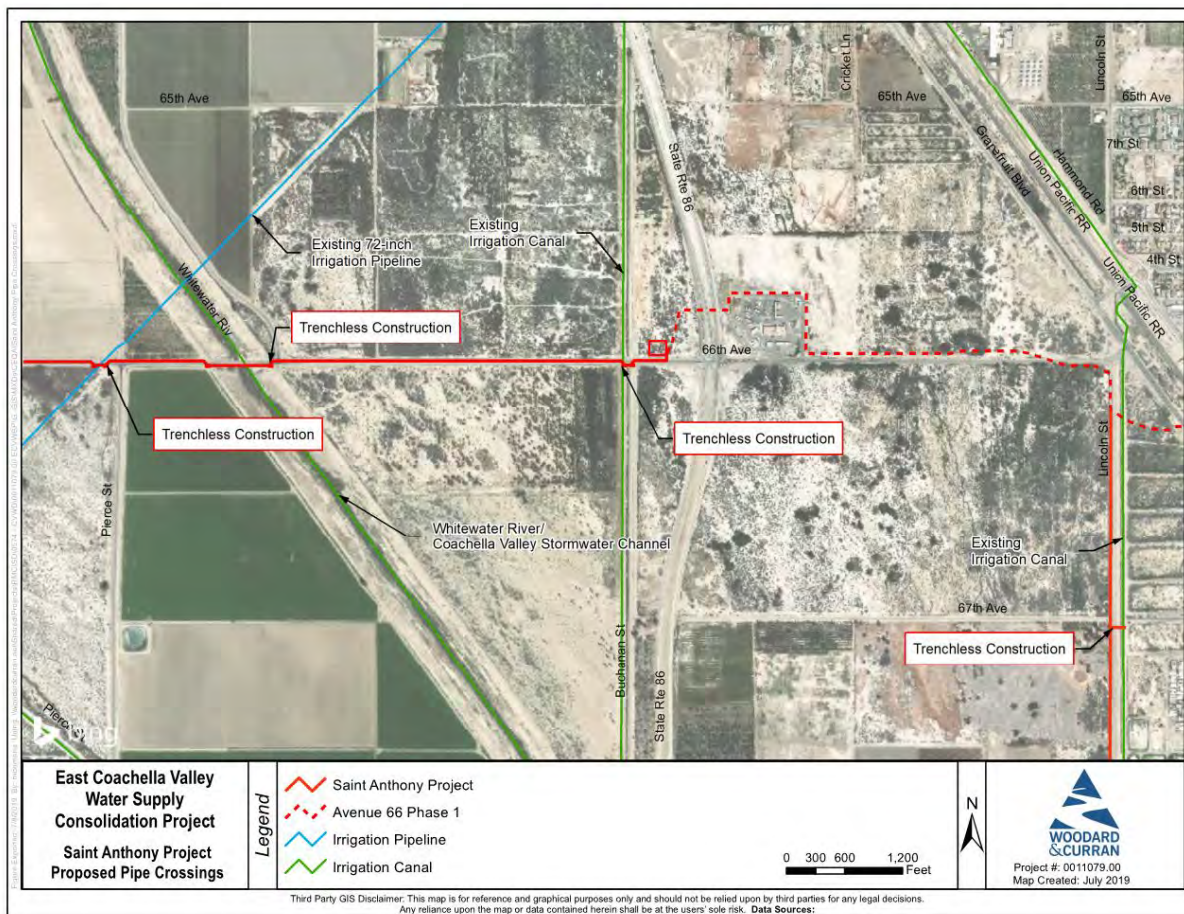


Figure 2-5: Avenue 66 Phase 2 Extension - Trenchless Crossing



2.4.2 Avenue 66 – Pressure Reducing Station

A pressure reducing station would be required at the western terminus of the Avenue 66 Phase 1 pipeline where it would connect to the Avenue 66 Phase 2 extension (see Figure 2-1). The pressure reducing station would reduce from a design pressure of 115 psi on the Phase 1 pipeline to 75 psi on the Phase 2 extension (i.e., design pressure reduction of 40 psi) through a flow range of 170 gpm during winter months to an MDD of 2,500 gpm during summer months. The pressure reducing station would consist of an 8-inch pressure reducing valve. A second 8-inch pressure reducing valve would also be included as part of the pressure reducing station for redundancy in accordance with Section 5 of the *CVWD Development Design Manual*. The pressure reducing station is anticipated to be housed below grade in a vault.

2.4.3 Lincoln Street Water Main

The Lincoln Street water main would be a 12-inch diameter ductile iron potable water pipeline approximately 4,500 linear feet long. It would connect to the new Avenue 66 Phase 1a alignment located south of the existing Lincoln Street and Avenue 66 intersection (north of the new intersection – see Figure 2-3 above). The 12-inch diameter was sized based on the fireflows and demands needed to serve the Saint Anthony MHP Water Consolidation Project.

The Lincoln Street pipeline alignment would be constructed approximately 5 feet west from the pavement edge to allow for continued traffic along one lane of Lincoln Street during construction. Final alignment within the roadway would be determined during final design.

The following assumptions were also made at this stage of design for the 12-inch diameter pipe:

- The ductile iron pipeline installed would be zinc-coated Class 350 restrained pipe with restrained type joints (US Pipe TR Flex or equal). The use of restrained joint ductile iron piping and stated pressure rating are in accordance with CVWD requirements for new pipe installation.
- The ductile iron pipeline installed would be wrapped in polyethylene encasement. Additional corrosion protection may be required in certain areas; therefore, an allowance is provided for additional corrosion protection measures. Corrosion areas would be identified during final design for all pipelines and included in the construction bid documents. Geotechnical data and corrosivity data would be provided during the pipeline design process to identify where additional protection measures would be needed.

2.4.4 Service Laterals and On-Property Piping

Two water service laterals would connect to the 12-inch diameter water main pipeline along Lincoln Street. A 4-inch diameter ductile iron pipe would provide service to the Saint Anthony MHP SWS and the second 1-inch diameter copper pipe would provide service to the Seferino Huerta MHP SWS.

One 2-inch copper lateral would connect to the Avenue 66 Phase 2 pipeline to provide service to the Manuela Garcia MHP SWS, located to the west of the Whitewater River Stormwater Channel crossing.

Service laterals would be extended to each SWS property boundary where a set of two three-quarter inch CVWD master meters would be installed. Once on property, service lateral piping would be reduced in diameter to match the existing onsite distribution system piping. New piping would be extended from the property boundary to an appropriate connection point to existing onsite piping. Overall, approximately 400 to 500 feet of piping is proposed on the SWS properties (see Table 2-3); however, less may be required because some of the existing onsite piping is relatively new and may not need to be replaced.

The following assumption was made for the service laterals: The copper pipeline installed would be soft type-K. The use of copper pipe is in accordance with CVWD requirements for new water service pipe installation.

Finally, modifications to the existing onsite SWSs may include removal of some existing infrastructure (e.g., tanks, pipelines, connections) and demolition of the wells. Wells that are currently used to support an existing agriculture operation may remain if exempted by the Riverside County DEH, determined on a case-by-case basis.

2.4.4.1 Manuela Garcia Mobile Home Park

Existing Conditions

The Manuela Garcia SWS serves a small mobile home park with a total of 14 service connections. The SWS is reliant on an 8-inch diameter groundwater well that is 500 feet (ft) deep. The well has a submersible pump that delivers water to six hydro-pneumatic pressure tanks to supply the potable water distribution system. There is also a second well with a 510 ft deep, 6-inch casing. This well was originally used for potable water but has since been repurposed for irrigation and is no longer connected to the potable system.

The potable water distribution system consists of 2-inch schedule 40 PVC service lines, shown on Figure 2-6.

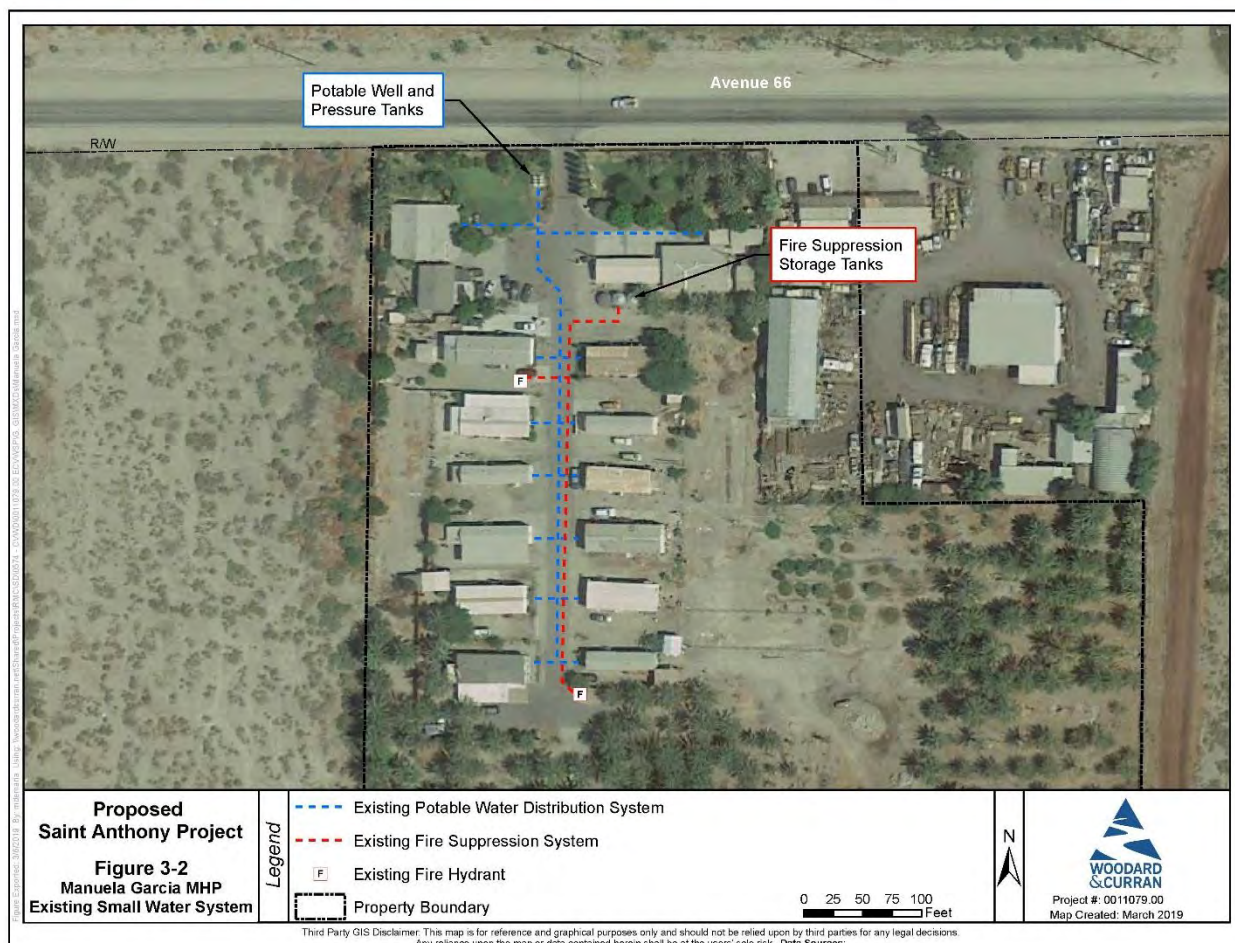
A separate fire suppression system consists of 4-inch C900 PVC piping and two fire hydrants. The fire suppression system is gravity supplied by three 5,000-gallon storage tanks. The fire suppression system is separated from the potable water distribution system via an air gap between the supply line and the tanks.

The potable groundwater well and pressure tanks that serve the Manuela Garcia SWS are secured by a chain link fence. The well was drilled in 2011 to replace an old well that has since been converted to an irrigation well for the property. The system is operational, although the potable water well appears to show signs of corrosion on the exterior. The well pump, pressure tanks and above grade piping appear to be in good condition free of visible corrosion. The age of the three 5,000-gallon fire suppression storage tanks is unknown. Two are corrugated, galvanized steel tanks and appear to be in good condition, free of visible corrosion. The third tank is high-density polyethylene (HDPE) and is also in good condition. The above grade piping shows minor corrosion at the valves.

The Manuela Garcia SWS DEH inspection report from February 2018 stated that the well exceeded the State of California MCL for arsenic at 10 ug/L. All other regulated constituents were below their respective MCLs.

Under the counter RO treatment units were installed in each mobile home in 2013 to reduce arsenic. The effluent from the treatment units was tested for arsenic in February 2018 and all treatment units met standards.

Figure 2-6: Manuela Garcia Existing Facilities



The water supply at the Saint Anthony MHP currently and has historically exceeded the 10 mg/L MCL for arsenic. To address this, a walk-up RO treatment station was installed in 2010 to provide safe drinking water to the MHP residents. The original unit was replaced with a new RO system in 2015. Untreated potable water is still conveyed directly to the mobile homes through the potable system for non-drinking domestic uses.

The RO treatment station was installed in 2010 and replaced in 2015 to address the arsenic concentrations of the groundwater well which exceeded the regulatory MCL. There are two small pressure tanks and a variable frequency drive (VFD) controlled booster pump after the 20,000- gallon steel tank. The water is chlorinated with sodium hypochlorite prior to the tank to provide a disinfection residual.

The potable well for the Saint Anthony MHP is housed in a building constructed of wood framing and wood siding. The well building and storage tank are secured behind a chain link fence. The potable well and storage tank was installed in February 2012 to replace the old groundwater well, which was then destroyed in 2014. The condition of the well is unknown as it is enclosed within the building; however, per the owner, the potable water system is operational. The well building and storage tank appear to be in good condition. The storage tank has some visible corrosion on the water level indicator on the outside of the tank and minor corrosion at the above-grade pipe connections.

According to the March 2017 DEH inspection report, Saint Anthony MHP samples the well, treatment station and distribution system monthly.

Arsenic is required to be sampled from the groundwater well quarterly. Regular exceedances for arsenic above the 10 ug/L MCL resulted in a Compliance Order being issued by the State of California in March 2010. The most recent arsenic sample showed an arsenic concentration of 21 ug/L in February 2017. The running annual average for arsenic is currently 19 ug/L. Both findings indicate that the issue is still present and persistent.

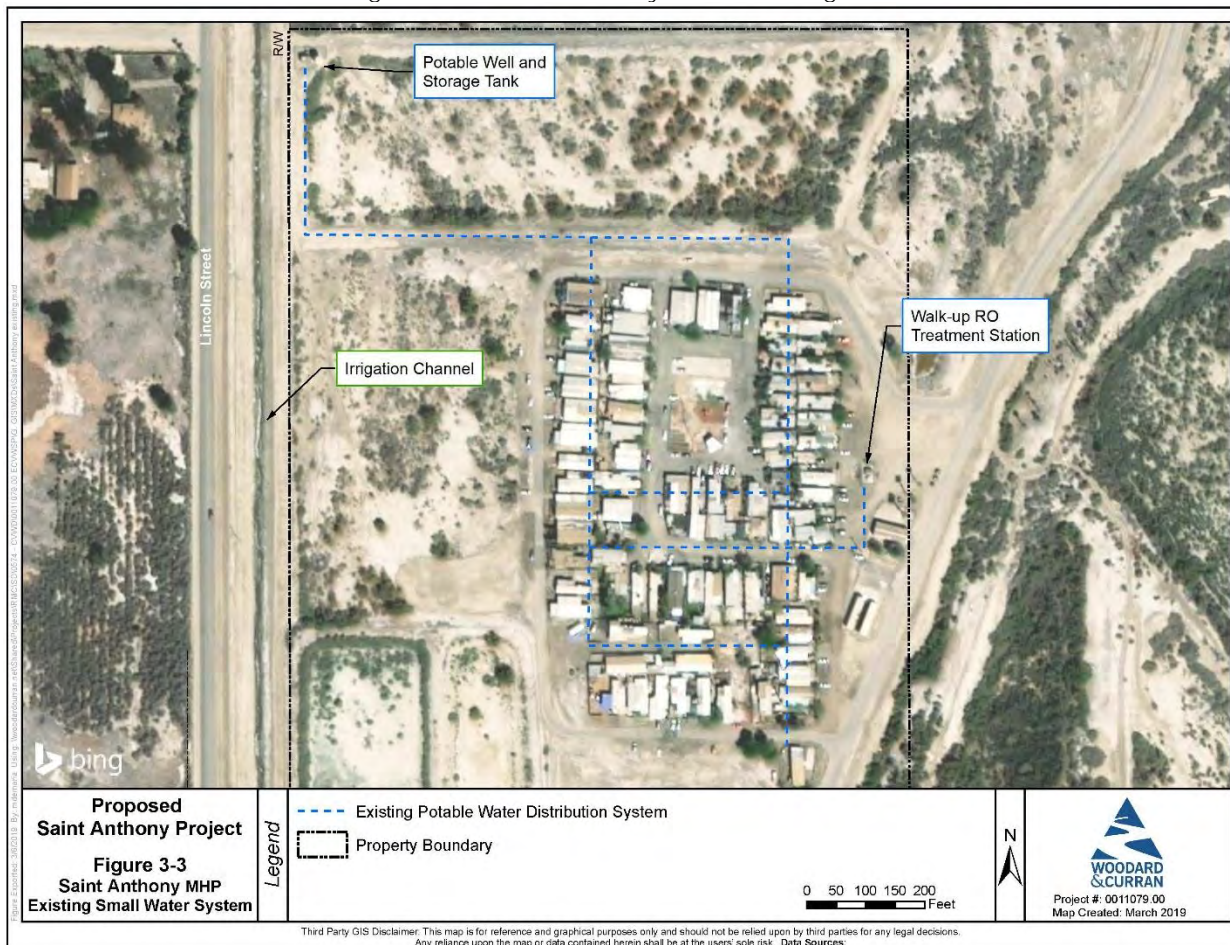
In response to the 2010 Compliance Order, an interim RO treatment station was approved by Riverside County DEH and installed in April 2010; the original system was replaced with a larger RO treatment station in 2015. The current system uses a Nimbus CIV 6000 RO system and is configured as a walk-up fill station where residents can obtain potable water safe for consumption. It is approved for use only as an intermediate measure and does not comply with the conditions of approval under Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 03645 or Substantial Conformance No. 1 to CUP 03645. As an interim system, it is only intended for use until a centralized RO system is approved and installed, or the Saint Anthony MHP potable system is consolidated into the CVWD municipal water system. A centralized water treatment system will be required by DEH if the Saint Anthony system is not consolidated into the CVWD municipal system.

For treatment, the raw well water is pumped to the Nimbus treatment unit which is enclosed in a small climate-controlled building located near the entrance of the MHP. Water first passes through a sediment filter, followed by a water softener and the Nimbus RO unit. The Nimbus RO unit includes membrane desalinators and carbon pre-filters. A delivery pump conveys the treated water to a distribution valve located on the outside of the building for filling of containers. The treatment unit can produce 6,000 gpd of treated water.

The RO system control panel includes: a concentrate recirculation valve, pre-filter inlet/outlet pressure gauges, RO vessel feed, concentrate, and product pressure gauges, a control panel, product flow meter, concentrate flow meter, recirculation flow meter and a TDS monitor. Concentrate generated by the RO system is pumped into a holding tank and is disposed of offsite by a licensed hauler.

All arsenic results for the treated water have been below the MCL of 10 ug/L except for August 2016, which showed 30 ug/L. The treatment unit was temporarily taken out of service to diagnose and resolve the issue. The issue was resolved, and the system has since been restored to operation.

Figure 2-8: Saint Anthony MHP Existing Facilities



Proposed Project

The Saint Anthony MHP is currently located on the eastern portion of the property. Due to the existing conditions of the site and improvements required, the property owner is moving forward with plans to develop vacant land on the north and west portions of the parcel for relocation of the MHP. Onsite sewer and water improvement plan drawings for the development of the new Saint Anthony MHP were provided by the property owner. The water improvement plan for Saint Anthony was used to determine the point of connection for the new CVWD 4-inch water service lateral from the Lincoln Street water pipeline.

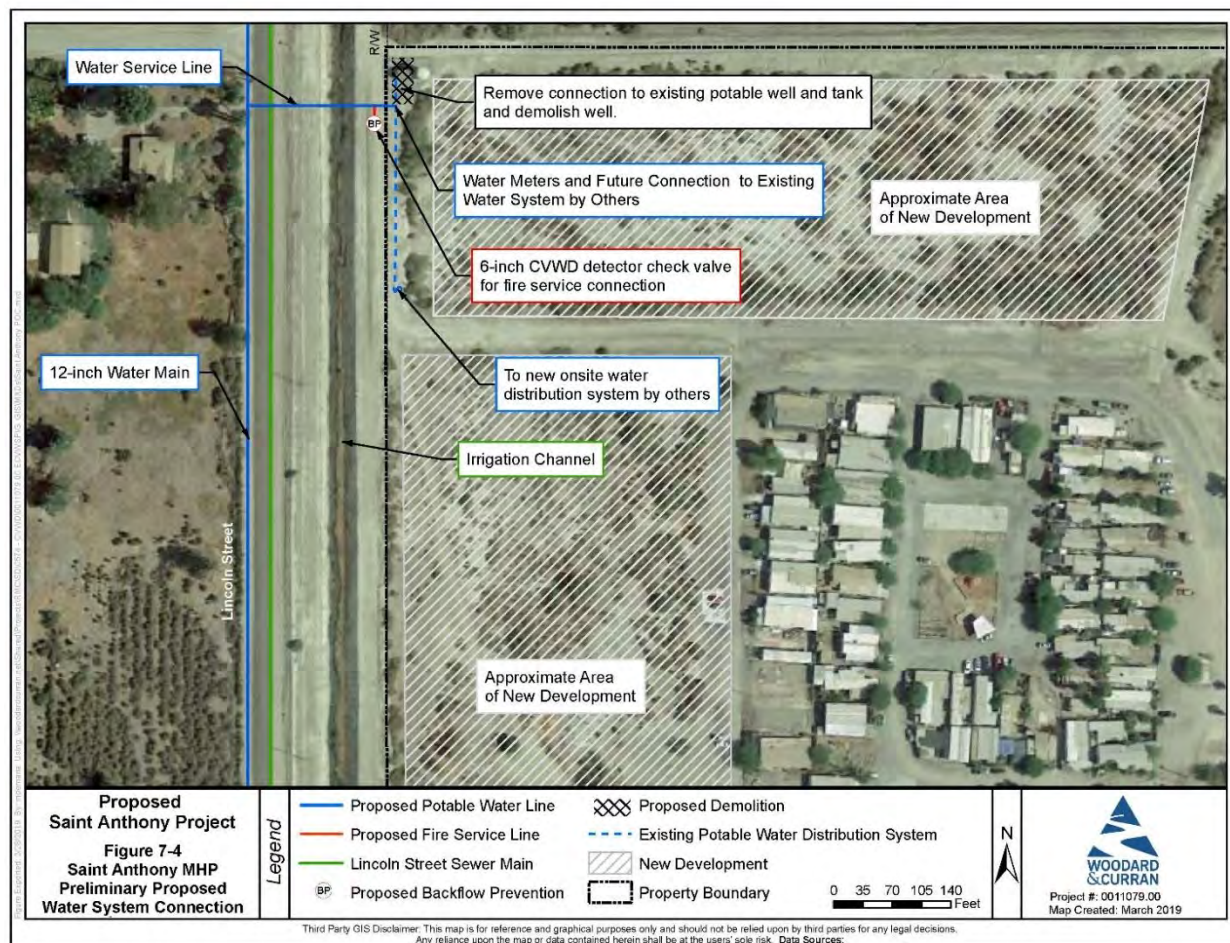
Approximately 340 linear feet of 4-inch diameter service lateral is estimated to be required to connect to the planned Lincoln Street pipeline and extend to the Saint Anthony MHP. The lateral may require a trenchless crossing of the existing CVWD irrigation channel if open cutting is determined to be infeasible. The pipeline must also avoid a proposed sewer force main that parallels Lincoln Street. The sewer crossing would need to meet the separation and construction requirements as stipulated in the CVWD Domestic Water Standard Drawings.

The irrigation channel is owned and maintained by CVWD and has a right-of-way 150 feet wide from the Saint Anthony MHP property line to the Lincoln Street center line. The sewer force main is currently under construction, located approximately 130 feet west from the Saint Anthony MHP property line. Figure 2-9 depicts the approximate location of

the Lincoln Street water pipeline and the point of connection to the Saint Anthony MHP. The water meter installation and onsite pipe connection will be completed by others.

Twenty linear feet of 6-inch diameter polyethylene wrapped DIP fire service line would tee off of the 6-inch water service line to provide a backflow preventor for fire service connection in the future. The CVWD standard fire service backflow preventor is a 6-inch detector check valve.

Figure 2-9: Proposed Saint Anthony MHP Point of Connection



2.4.4.3 Seferino Huerta Mobile Home Park

Existing Conditions

The Seferino Huerta SWS is a Polanco park that has 13 service connections. The water source for this system is a groundwater well of unknown depth with a submersible pump. The well pumps to a 100-gallon pressure tank and a separate 15,000-gallon fire suppression storage tank via an air gap. The fire suppression system pipe size and material are unknown. The 15,000-gallon tank connects to a discharge pump and pressure tank, which feed to two fire hydrants onsite. The existing Seferino Huerta distribution system is shown on Figure 2-10. The ages of the Seferino Huerta SWS groundwater well and pressure tank are unknown. The potable water system is operational, per discussions with the SWS owner. The pressure tank appears corrosion free and the coating appears to be intact, while the adjacent well shows some corrosion on the exterior. The 15,000-gallon fire suppression storage tank and pump are covered to

prevent weather damage; the ages of the tank and the pump are unknown. The outside of the tank and pump appear corroded.

The February 2018 DEH inspection report for Seferino Huerta SWS indicated water quality issues for iron, and arsenic. Iron exceeded the State of California secondary MCL of 0.3 mg/L (but is not generally a health hazard). Arsenic exceeded the MCL of 10 ug/L, with the most recent sample indicating 24 ug/L in March 2017.

Under-the-counter RO units (Water Maker 5-5004) for the removal of arsenic were installed at each residence in June 2017. Installations were sampled in June 2017 and arsenic results indicated non-detect values for all samples taken.

Figure 2-10: Seferino Huerta Existing Facilities

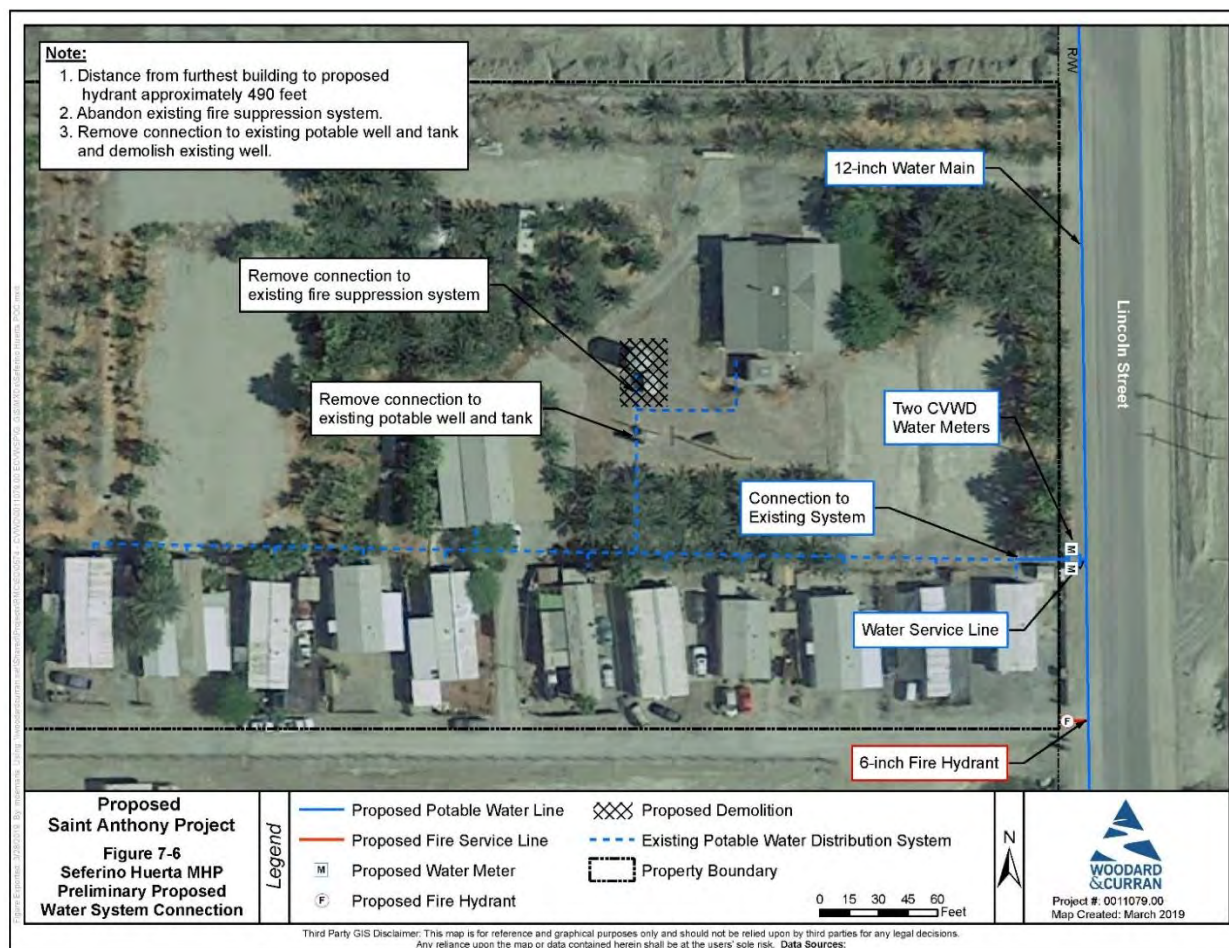


Proposed Project

Approximately 10 linear feet of 1-inch diameter water service lateral would be needed to connect from the Lincoln Street water pipeline to the Seferino Huerta SWS at the eastern parcel boundary, as shown in Figure 2-11. A set of two 3/4-inch water meters would be installed, and approximately 22 linear feet of 2-inch pipe would connect to the existing potable water system near the existing well. All onsite piping is assumed to be Schedule 80 PVC pipe.

Approximately 10 linear feet of 6-inch diameter polyethylene wrapped DIP and fire hydrant assembly would connect to the 12-inch Lincoln Street pipeline to provide fire service to the Seferino Huerta MHP SWS.

Figure 2-11: Proposed Seferino Huerta Point of Connection



2.4.5 Construction Methods

Well Demolition

The process for demolition of on-site wells would depend on the size and depth of the well. Generally, for shallower and/or smaller diameter wells, the well would be over-drilled and then the borehole backfilled with grout. Larger or **deeper wells would require perforating the casing (often with a subsurface explosion containing bb's) and then** pressure-grout the well/borehole. The work would be conducted in accordance with a County DEH well demolition permit and performed by a certified well driller (license required), with oversight by a County DEH inspector and in conformance with State well standards.

Pipeline Installation

The water pipelines would be installed within existing County of Riverside roadway rights of way and SWS properties. Typical pipeline construction processes are described below:

- **Staging Area(s)** – At various locations along the construction route, staging areas would be required to store pipe, construction equipment, and other construction-related material. Potential staging areas include vacant private and public land, parking lots, and segments of closed traffic lanes.

- Surface Preparation – Surface preparation involves removing structures (such as fences or posts), pavement, and/or vegetation from the trenching and HDD pit areas. Equipment may include jack hammers, pavement saws, graders, bulldozers, loaders, and trucks.
- Trench Excavation/Shoring - A backhoe, excavator, or trencher would be used to dig trenches for pipe installation. In general, trenches would have vertical side walls to minimize the amount of soil excavated, and the area needed for the construction easement. Soils excavated from the trenches, if of suitable quality, would be stockpiled alongside the trench or in staging areas for later reuse in backfilling the trench. If not reusable, the soil would be hauled off site for disposal. Disposal options include use as cover material at sanitary landfills **and use as “clean fill” at other sites. In general, pipe trenches would be 3-45 feet wide and 4-10 feet deep.** Deeper installations may be required under special circumstances, such as large utility or channel crossings.

Pipeline trenches, in any given location, would be open for two to three days on average. During construction, **vertical wall trenches would be temporarily “closed” at the end of each work day, by covering with steel plates** or backfilled. Trenches would be backfilled with either the excavated soil or imported material. Dump trucks would be used to deliver imported, engineered backfill material to stockpiles near the trenching operation. Native soil would be reused for backfill to the greatest extent possible; however, the soil may not have the properties necessary for compatibility and stability.

- Jack and Boring – Jack and boring employs a non-steerable system that drives an open-ended pipe laterally using a percussive hammer, thereby resulting in the displacement of soil limited to the wall thickness of the pipe. For this construction method, pits would be dug on either side of the surface feature to be avoided (e. g. stream crossing or heavily traveled roadway). The pits are typically 10-15 feet wide and 10-20 feet long for the receiving pit and up to 50 feet long for the jacking pit. The depth would depend on the feature to be avoided. The boring equipment and pipe would be lowered into the pit and aligned at the appropriate depth and angle to achieve the desired exit location. A compressor would supply air to the pneumatic ramming tool to thrust the pipe forward. A cutting shoe may be welded to the front of the lead pipe to help reduce friction and cut through the soil.

Depending on the size of the installation, spoil from inside the pipe would be removed with an auger, compressed air, water, or a combination of techniques. A seal cap would be installed on the starter pit side of the installation and spoil would be discharged into the receiver pit. Using this technique, ground surface disturbance would not occur, except at the pits.

- HDD – HDD crossings are installed using a drill rig, with the top of the drill rig tilted up at an angle of approximately ten degrees from horizontal. The bore entry holes would be drilled from the starting to the destination pits. In preparing the hole, a small diameter (3-inch-wide) pilot hole would be first drilled in a gentle arc from the drill rig to the destination pit on the other side of the area to be crossed. This pilot hole can be guided using magnetic readings transmitted from the drill bit back to the drill rig. After the initial hole is drilled, the final bore entry pit, approximately 10 ft square by approximately 8 ft deep, would be constructed and used as the collection point for Bentonite drilling mud and drill spoil.

During HDD, drilling mud would be injected into the drill and recovered from the entry hole until the drill bit surfaces at the exit pit. Once the drill bit surfaces, the drilling mud would be recovered at both the entry and exit hole, pumped into tanks and transported back to the rig location for cleaning and eventual reuse. The proposed pipeline would be pulled back through the hole while simultaneously back-reaming the pilot hole (making the hole larger) so it can accommodate the pipeline. Using this technique, the ground surface would not be disturbed except at the pits.

- Surface Restoration – After the pipe is installed, the ground surface of the pit areas would be restored. When pipe is installed on paved roadways, the asphalt would be patched and restored to pre-construction conditions.

When the pipe is installed in dirt access roads, the dirt would be graded and compacted. In natural or vegetated areas, native plantings would be installed.

2.4.6 Construction Trip Generation

During construction, the project would generate trips with construction crews and materials deliveries. Construction would generate up to approximately 60 round-trip trips per day, including 6 round trips for off hauling of material, 10 round trips for delivery of materials and mobilization and demobilization of the drill rig, and 43 small vehicle trips for construction worker commuting. Construction would proceed at a rate of approximately 150 linear feet per day and involve approximately 26,200 cubic yards (cy) of material export, assuming as much native fill is reused for backfill of trenches as possible.

2.4.7 Construction Schedule

Construction is anticipated to last 12 months. **The project's maximum area of disturbance during the construction period** would encompass about 160,000 square feet, or no more than four acres, not including staging areas. The pipelines would be installed at depths of five to six feet below ground surface with a trench width of three to five feet, except the pipelines installed using trenchless techniques. All construction activities would occur within the County of Riverside roadway rights of way and SWS properties. Disturbance activities would occur on existing dirt access roads and in vegetated areas adjacent to the access roads. Disturbed areas would be restored to original grade and vegetated areas would be replanted with the appropriate native species.

Project construction activity is anticipated to occur continuously between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday only (not on the weekend) and excluding federal holidays, which is compliant with the County of Riverside Ordinance Regulating Noise.

2.4.7.1 Construction Best Management Practices

CVWD would require implementation of the following construction BMPs with the Project:

- *Drainage / Erosion Control* - During the construction, existing storm water facilities including catch basins, manholes, and ditches would be protected using erosion control measures. Design standards outlined in the *Riverside County Whitewater River Region Stormwater Quality Best Management Practice Design Handbook for Low Impact Development* (Riverside County Flood Control and Watershed Conservation District [FCWCD] 2014) would be implemented as applicable to the **project site's stormwater drainage features**. **In addition, the project contractor would be required to obtain a Construction General Permit pursuant to NPDES, which would require development of a construction SWPPP and implementation of best management practices to prevent polluted runoff from leaving the construction site.**
- *Groundwater Dewatering* - The proposed pipe would be installed at a depth of five to six feet below ground surface. If encountered at this depth, groundwater would be controlled using standard methods including stone sumps wrapped in filter fabric and dewatering basins or baffled tanks if required.
- *Traffic Controls* - Construction of the proposed project may necessitate individual traffic lane closures. Traffic control requirements would require that emergency crews have access, as needed, and that the contractor coordinates the location of the work daily for routing of emergency vehicles. Traffic control would also require the contractor to make reasonable efforts, wherever possible, to provide landowners access to their property and patrons access to businesses during execution of the work. The contractor may be required to have a County-approved traffic control plan. Refer to mitigation measures TRA-1 Traffic Control Plan.

- *Air Quality / Dust Suppression* – The construction contractor would be required to comply with South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) rule 403.1 to control dust during construction specific to the Coachella Valley. The contractor is required to have an approved Fugitive Dust Control Plan prior to grading or excavation. The contractor is required to comply with the California Air Resources Boards (CARB) In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets Regulations, which would limit vehicle idling time to five minutes, restrict adding vehicles to construction fleets that have lower than Tier 3 engines, and establish a schedule for retiring older, less fuel-efficient engines from the construction fleet.

2.4.8 Operation and Maintenance

CVWD would continue to operate its domestic water system with no operational modifications. New water meters would be read per established CVWD schedules.

2.5 Permits Required

The Riverside County DEH requires operation permits for mobile home parks located in unincorporated communities. **The County's Department of Building and Safety is responsible for issuing occupancy permits for mobile home** parks. All SWSs in the proposed project have either been issued or have finalized their Polanco park / MHP permits with the County of Riverside. Note that some of the existing on-site wells will continue to operate for irrigation purposes and will not be demolished after the proposed project is implemented, and will be determined in collaboration with SWRCB and DEH. Table 2-4 summarizes the SWSs' permit statuses as of October 2018.

Table 2-4: SWS Permit Status

Small Water System	Riverside County Permit Status
Manuela Garcia Water	FINAL
Saint Anthony MHP	ISSUED
Seferino Huerta	FINAL

Additionally, the permits listed in Table 2-5 may be required for project construction.

Table 2-5: Permits and Approvals

Agency	Permit or Approval
Local	
County of Riverside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encroachment, Road and Construction Permits • Mobile Home Park/Polanco Park Permit • Well Demolition Permit
South Coast Air Quality Management District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permit to Construct • Fugitive Dust Control Plan
State	
California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encroachment Permit
Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), Colorado River Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Permit for Construction Discharges (dewatering/ test water)
State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drinking Water Supply Permit Amendment • Drinking Water Supply Deactivation notification letter • NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges associated with Construction Activities
Federal	
United States Environmental Protection Agency / SWRCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
United States Department of Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding under the Rural Development Program

The types of permits necessary to construct the project would be confirmed during the design phase.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

1. Project title: Saint Anthony Mobile Home Park (MHP) Water Consolidation Project
2. Lead agency name and address: Coachella Valley Water District
75515 Hovley Lane East
Palm Desert, CA 92211
3. Contact person and phone number: Elizabeth Meyerhoff, Environmental Specialist
Coachella Valley Water District
75515 Hovley Lane East
Palm Desert, CA 92211
(760)398-2651 x 2775
4. Project location: The proposed project is located in the eastern Coachella Valley area of Riverside County, California near the community of Mecca. California State Route 111 borders the project area to the east. The project is bounded by Avenue 65 and Avenue 68 on the north and south, respectively. Highway 86 and Whitewater River Stormwater Channel run north-south through the project area. It consists of three parcels: Manuela Garcia Water (APN: 749-090-031); Seferino Huerta (APN: 727-260-016); and Saint Anthony MHP (APN: 727-271-018).
5. Project **sponsor's** name and address: Same as Lead Agency
6. County of Riverside General Plan designation: Indian Lands; Very Low Density Residential ; Agriculture
7. County of Riverside Zoning: A-1-10; W-2
8. Description of project: The Saint Anthony MHP Water Consolidation Project consists of consolidation of three independent small water systems into CVWD's **potable water system**. **The project would deliver 106 acre-feet per year of potable water to meet a maximum day demand of 65.88 gallons per minute.** The proposed project would construct approximately 27,000 linear feet of water system laterals within existing roadways or within property currently owned by the small water systems owners.
9. Surrounding land uses and setting: The Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel bisects the proposed project sites. The project area is bordered as follows: North: agricultural land; mixed use, rural residential, and commercial retail; the community of Mecca; East: agricultural and mixed use lands; South: agricultural and rural residential lands; Salton Sea; and West: rural residential and agricultural lands; Torres-Martinez reservation; the community of One Hundred Palms.
10. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.)
Local:
 - Riverside County – Encroachment, Road and Construction Permits
 - Riverside County – Mobile Home Park/Polanco Park Permit
 - Riverside County – Well Demolition Permit
 - SCAQMD – Fugitive Dust Control Plan; Permit to Construct

State:

- Caltrans – Encroachment Permit
- Colorado River RWQCB – General Permit for Construction Discharges (dewatering/ test water)
- SWRCB Division of Drinking Water (DDW) - Drinking Water Supply Permit Amendment
- SWRCB DDW - Drinking Water Supply Deactivation notification letter
- SWRCB –NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges associated with Construction Activities

Federal:

- USEPA/SWRCB – funding under the DWSRF
- USDA – funding under the Rural Development Program

11. Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the Project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 2180.3.1? 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.?

On May 17, 2019, CVWD mailed formal AB 52 consultation letters to the local Native American tribal governments which have previously requested to consult under AB 52. As of June 2019, CVWD environmental staff have received written formal requests for consultation from two tribes. Staff has meet with both tribes to discuss the project. Refer to *Section 3.18 Tribal Cultural Resources* for further discussion.

NAHC identified 19 Native American contacts who may have knowledge of cultural resources of Native American origin at the project site. Rincon prepared and mailed letters to each of these groups on behalf of CVWD on January 22, 2019. On February 20 and 22, 2019, Rincon followed up with the Native American contacts who had not replied. Twelve responses were received from this outreach effort. A summary of each response received as of March 21, 2019 can be found in *Section 3.18*.

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. With adherence to the mitigation program identified within this IS/MND, the potentially significant impacts would be reduced or minimized to a less than significant level.

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

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- ☐ 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.

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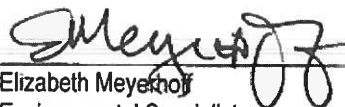


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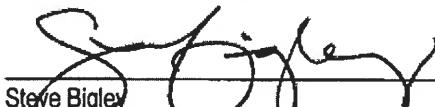
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3.1 Aesthetics

Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the Project:

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion

The proposed project is located in unincorporated Riverside County to the west of the unincorporated community of Mecca within the eastern Coachella Valley. The Coachella Valley is relatively flat, surrounded by undeveloped northwest-southeast trending mountainous areas to the east (Mecca Hills and Joshua Tree National Park) and west (Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains). Portions of the eastern Coachella Valley are relatively undeveloped and are composed largely of agricultural lands. The general visual character of the eastern Coachella Valley includes date groves and agricultural uses; desert oasis areas; cove-like communities at the base of the Santa Rosa Mountains; the Whitewater River Stormwater Channel; the Salton Sea State Recreation Area; and desert and mountain vistas (County of Riverside 2014).

There are no designated state scenic highways within the project area. State Route 111, from Bombay Beach on the Salton Sea to Avenue 66 in Mecca, within the project area, is a State-eligible Scenic Highway, providing views of the Salton Sea and the surrounding mountainous wilderness. Interstate 10, located approximately eight miles north of the project area, is a County-eligible Scenic Highway (County of Riverside 2015).

a, c) Less than Significant Impact

The *Riverside County General Plan* (County of Riverside 2015) defines scenic vistas as points accessible to the general public that provide a view of the countryside. The project area is located near the unincorporated community of Mecca in a predominantly undeveloped, agricultural area. The visual character of the project area, as shown in the photo of the Seferino Huerta site to the right, is defined by the relatively level agricultural lands and surrounding mountains which can be seen in the distance from the project area.

The proposed project would construct approximately 27,000 linear feet of pipelines, a pressure reducing station, and associated onsite piping, meters, hydrants and valves to consolidate three independent, privately **owned SWS into CVWD's potable water** system. Construction of the proposed project would temporarily impact views and the visual character of the project area through placement of large-scale construction equipment along and adjacent to roadways. These construction impacts would be temporary in nature and ground surfaces would be restored to pre-construction conditions upon completion. The majority of project facilities would be located below grade except for minor above grade features such as hydrants, meters and air valves, and would therefore not impact scenic vistas or the visual character or quality of the project area upon completion of construction. Thus, impacts would be less than significant.



View west from Seferino Huerta MH, along Lincoln Ave

b) No Impact

The proposed project is not within view of a State or County designated scenic highway. State Route 111, located within the project area, is recognized as a State-eligible scenic highway. Highway 86 located within the project area is not recognized as a State or County designated or eligible scenic highway. Any potential impacts to scenic resources would be construction-related and temporary in nature. Therefore, the proposed project would not substantially damage scenic resources within a state scenic highway and no impacts would occur.

d) Less than Significant Impact

Construction of the proposed project may create a temporary source of light from construction equipment parked onsite and potentially security lighting at staging areas, but the impact would cease upon completion of construction. The proposed project would not create any new source of light or glare following construction because the project does not include the introduction of permanent lighting; and therefore the proposed project would not create a new source of light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views within the project area and no impacts would occur.

Mitigation Measures: None required or recommended.

3.2 Agriculture and Forestry Resources

Would the Project:	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less Than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion

The project area is composed primarily of agricultural land and also includes major roadways, low density residential developments and the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel. According to the California Department of Conservation (DOC 2019) and shown in Figure 3-1, a large portion of the project vicinity is composed of important farmland, including prime farmland and farmland of local importance. The **Manuela Garcia MHP is designated as “other land” but** is surrounded to the west, south, and east by farmland of local importance and to the north by Prime Farmland. **The Saint Anthony MHP is designated as “urban and built-up land and is surrounded by “other land” and the Seferino Huerta MHP is designated as and surrounded by farmland of local importance.** Per DOC mapping of Williamson Act enrolled lands, and shown in Figure 3-2, the project area is not located on lands protected by a Williamson Act contract, although parcels within the vicinity of the project area are covered by a Williamson Act contract (DOC 2016).

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) published maps (Cal Fire 2006) which classifies land cover throughout the state into eight major forest or range-related classes, including Forestland - Conifer Forest, Forestland - Hardwood Forest, Forest and Rangeland - Conifer Woodland, Forest and Rangeland - Hardwood Woodland, Rangeland - Shrub, Rangeland - Desert, Rangeland - Herbaceous, and Rangeland - Wetland. Cal Fire also classifies land cover throughout the state into four non-forest and rangeland classes including Urban, Barren/Other, Water, and Agriculture. The project area is primarily designated as Agriculture with small pockets of Urban land (Cal Fire 2006). There are no designated forest lands within the project area.

Figure 3-1: Important Farmland Map

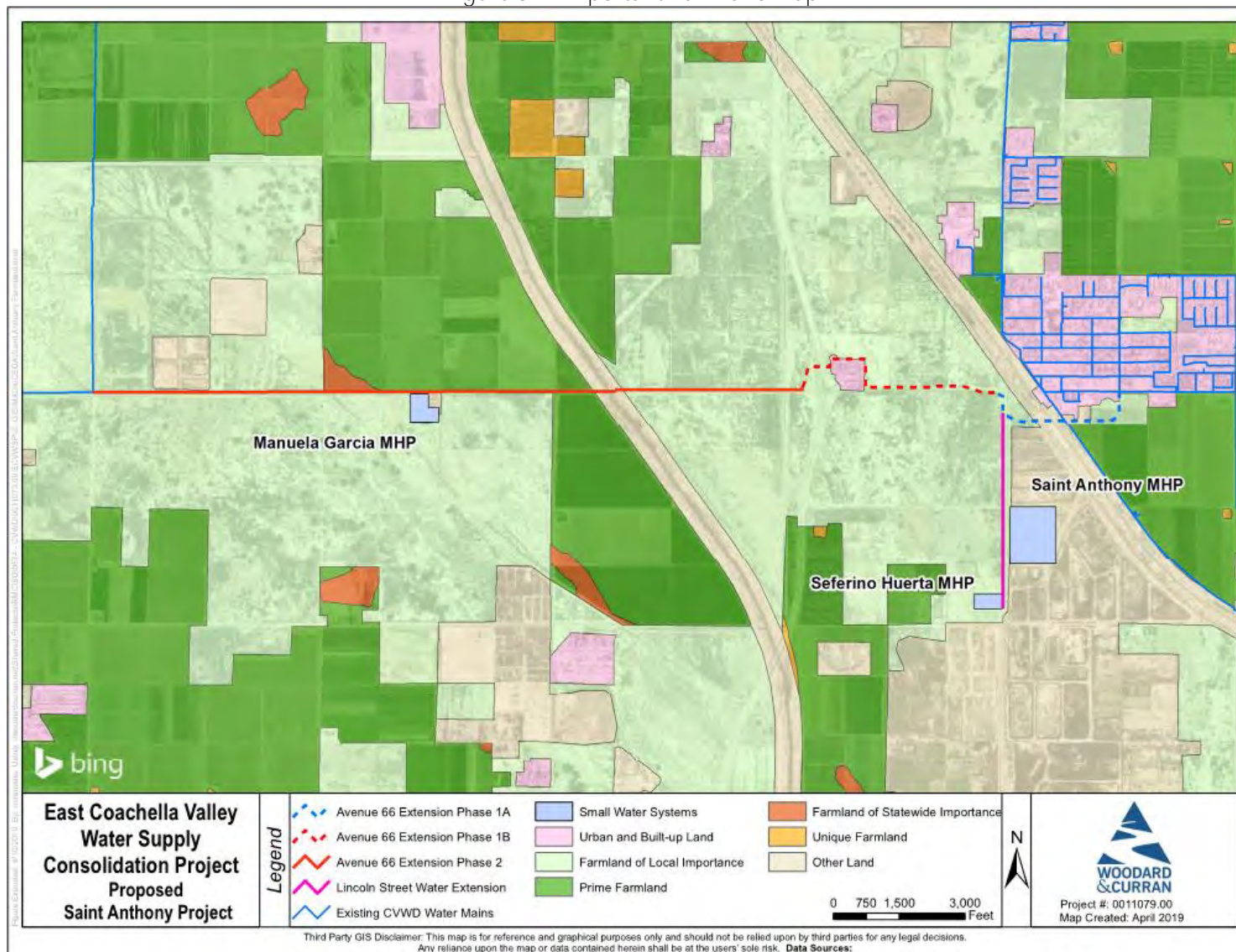
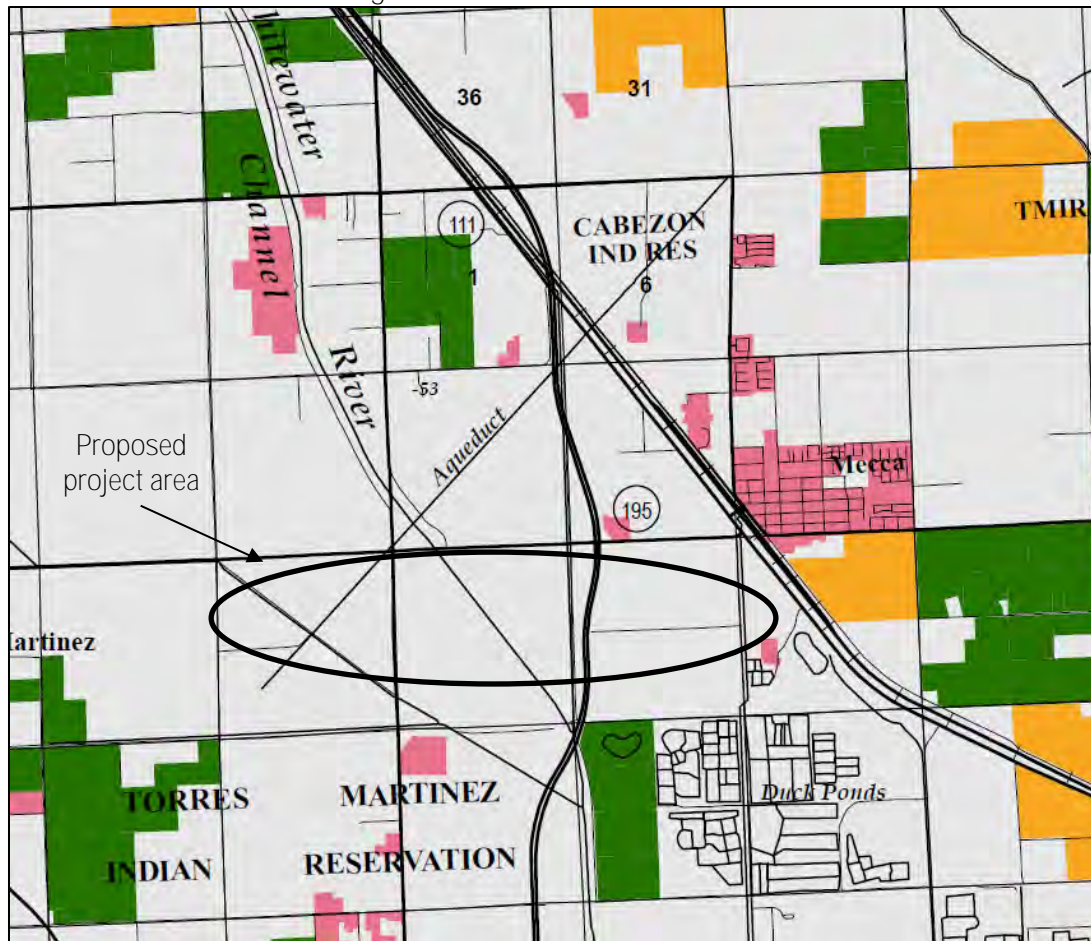


Figure 3-2: Williamson Act Lands



Notes: Green color indicates Williamson Act-Prime Agricultural land; yellow color indicates Williamson Act-nonrenewal land; pink color indicates urban and built up land.

Source: California Department of Conservation Division of Land Resource Protection Conservation Program Support, "Riverside County Williamson Act FY 2015/16 Sheet 2 of 3," 2016.

a, b, e) Less than Significant Impact

A majority of the project area outside of the public right-of-way is mapped as important farmland, including prime farmland and farmland of local importance. The proposed project would construct approximately 27,000 linear feet of pipelines, a pressure reducing station, and onsite improvements to consolidate three independent, privately owned **SWS into CVWD's potable water system**. The proposed project would be constructed within roadway rights-of-way, as well as on privately owned properties to connect CVWD's potable water system to the properties. The majority of the proposed project components would be located below-grade and ground surfaces would be restored to pre-construction conditions. The proposed project would not result in land use changes and would, therefore, not convert important farmland to a non-agricultural use, conflict with zoning regulations, or result in other changes that could indirectly result in conversion of nearby farmland to non-agricultural use. There are Williamson Act lands within proximity to the project area, however, the proposed project would not directly impact Williamson Act contracted lands because the land use and zoning of those lands. Therefore, impacts to important farmland and Williamson Act contracted lands would be less than significant and no mitigation is required.

c, d) No Impact

There are no forest lands or timberlands within the project area. Therefore, there would be no conflict with zoning or loss or conversion of forest land or timberland. No impacts to forest land or timberland would occur and no mitigation is required.

Mitigation Measures: None required or recommended.

3.3 Air Quality

	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less Than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
Would the Project:				
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion

The East Coachella Valley is bounded by the Santa Rosa Mountains to the west, and the Mecca Hills and the edge of Joshua Tree National Park to the northeast. The project area is located in the Coachella Valley region of the Salton Sea Air Basin (SSAB). The Coachella Valley region is under the regulatory jurisdiction of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). The SCAQMD monitors air pollutant levels to ensure the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and California Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS) are met and, if they are not met, to develop strategies to meet the standards. Air pollution in the project area is monitored at stations located in Palm Springs and Indio.

The NAAQS, which are required to be set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) under the Clean Air Act, provide public health protection, including protecting the health of sensitive populations such as asthmatics, children, and the elderly (US EPA 2019). Similarly, the CAAQS are established to protect the health of the most sensitive groups and are mandated by State law. US EPA has set NAAQS for six pollutants, which are called “**criteria pollutants**”: Carbon Monoxide (CO), Lead (Pb), Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂), Ozone (O₃), Particulate Matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}), and Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂). California has added three additional criteria pollutants: Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S), Visibility Reducing Particles, and Vinyl Chloride. In addition, California regulates about 200 different chemicals, referred to as toxic air contaminants (TACs) (CARB 2019).

Depending on whether or not the NAAQS or CAAQS are met or exceeded, the SSAB is classified as being in “attainment” or “nonattainment.” The 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP; SCAQMD 2017) assesses the attainment status of the Coachella Valley portion of the SSAB. The NAAQS and CAAQS attainment statuses for the Coachella Valley portion of the SSAB are listed in Table 3-1. As shown therein, the SSAB is in nonattainment for the State standards for 1-hour ozone, nonattainment for both the federal and State standards for 8-hour ozone, and nonattainment for respirable particulate matter, PM₁₀ (SCAQMD 2017). Thus, the Coachella Valley portion of the SSAB is required to implement strategies that would reduce pollutant levels to recognized standards. The AQMP provides a strategy for the attainment of State and federal air quality standards.

Table 3-1: Criteria Pollutant Attainment Status - Coachella Valley Portion of the Salton Sea Air Basin

Pollutant	State (CAAQS)	Federal (NAAQS)
O ₃ – 1-hour	Nonattainment (0.09 ppm)	Attainment (0.12 ppm)
O ₃ – 8-hour	Nonattainment (0.070 ppm)	Pending – Expect Nonattainment (Severe) (0.070 ppm)
PM ₁₀ – 24-hour	Nonattainment (50 µg/m ³)	Nonattainment (Serious) (150 µg/m ³)
PM ₁₀ – Annual	Nonattainment (20 µg/m ³)	--
PM _{2.5} – 24-hour	--	Unclassifiable/ Attainment (35.0 µg/m ³)
PM _{2.5} – Annual	Attainment (12.0 µg/m ³)	Unclassifiable/ Attainment (12.0 µg/m ³)
CO	Attainment (1-hour [20 ppm]; 8-hour [9 ppm])	Unclassifiable/ Attainment (1-hour [35 ppm]; 8-hour [9 ppm])
NO ₂	Attainment (1-hour [0.18 ppm]; annual [0.030 ppm])	Unclassifiable/ Attainment (1-hour [0.10 ppm]; annual [0.053 ppm])
SO ₂	Attainment (1-hour [0.25 ppm]; 24-hour [0.04 ppm])	Unclassifiable/ Attainment (1-hour [75 ppb]; 24-hour [0.14 ppm]; annual [0.03 ppm])
Lead	Attainment (30-day average [1.5 µg/m ³])	Unclassifiable/ Attainment (3-months rolling [0.15 µg/m ³])
Sulfates	Attainment (24-hour [25 µg/m ³])	--
H ₂ S	Unclassified (1-hour [0.03 ppm/42 µg/m ³])	--
Source: SCAQMD 2017; CARB 2016; SCAQMD 2016.		

The SCAQMD provides numerical thresholds to analyze the significance of a project's construction and operational emissions on regional air quality. These thresholds are designed such that a project consistent with the thresholds would not have an individually or cumulatively significant impact on the SSAB's air quality. These thresholds are listed in Table 3-2.

Table 3-2: SCAQMD Air Quality Significance Thresholds for Coachella Valley

	Mass Thresholds	
Pollutant	Construction Thresholds (pounds/day)	Operation Thresholds (pounds/day)
NO _x	100	100
ROG	75	75
PM ₁₀	150	150
PM _{2.5}	55	55
SO _x	150	150
CO	550	550
Lead	3	3
TACs	Maximum Incremental Cancer Risk ≥ 10 in 1 million Cancer Burden > 0.5 excess cancer cases (in areas ≥ 1 in 1 million) Chronic & Acute Hazard Index ≥ 1.0 (project increment)	
Odor	Project creates an odor nuisance pursuant to SCAQMD Rule 402	
GHG	10,000 MT/yr CO ₂ e for industrial facilities	
Notes: (1) NO _x (oxides of nitrogen) and ROG (reactive organic gases)/VOC (volatile organic compounds) are ozone precursors, which chemically react in the presence of sunlight to form ground-level ozone. (2) For Coachella Valley, the mass daily thresholds for operation are the same as the construction thresholds. Source: SCAQMD 2015.		

In addition, the SCAQMD has developed Localized Significance Thresholds (LSTs) in response to concern regarding exposure of individuals to criteria pollutants in local communities. LSTs have been developed for nitrogen oxides (NO_x), CO, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}. LSTs represent the maximum emissions from a project that will not cause or contribute to an air quality exceedance of the most stringent applicable federal or State ambient air quality standard at the nearest sensitive receptor, taking into consideration ambient concentrations in each source receptor area, distance to the sensitive receptor, and project size. LSTs only apply to emissions within a fixed stationary location; they are not applicable to mobile sources. The use of LSTs is voluntary, to be implemented at the discretion of local agencies (SCAQMD 2008).

The SCAQMD LSTs are defined for 37 source receptor areas (SRAs). The project site is located in source receptor area 30 (SRA-30), Coachella Valley (SCAQMD 2008). LSTs have been developed for emissions within construction areas up to five acres in size. The SCAQMD provides lookup tables for sites that measure up to one, two, or five acres. The footprint of the proposed project would be approximately four acres. However, construction of the pipelines would not occur over the entire four acres continuously. Instead, construction of the proposed project would proceed at a rate of approximately 150 linear feet of pipeline per day, which is equivalent to an active construction site less than one-tenth of an acre per day. Pursuant to SCAQMD guidance, LSTs for the one-acre site should be used for sites that are less than one acre in size. On occasion, ground disturbance for the proposed project may exceed the estimated rate of 150 LF/day and the equivalent 0.1 acre per day; however, in no case would the area under active construction at any given time exceed the one acre limit set in the LST lookup table. LSTs for construction on a one-acre site in SRA-30 are shown in Table 3-3. LSTs are provided for receptors at a distance of 25 meters (82 feet) from the project site boundary, which is the most conservative LST distance (LSTs range from 25 to 500 meters). The closest sensitive receptors to the project site are the residences located adjacent to the proposed pipelines.

Table 3-3: SCAQMD LSTs for Construction and Operation

Pollutant	Allowable emissions from a one-acre site in SRA-30 for a receptor within 25 meters, or 82 feet (pounds/day)
Gradual Conversion of NO _x to NO ₂	132
CO	878
PM ₁₀ - operation	1
PM ₁₀ - construction	4
PM _{2.5} - operation	1
PM _{2.5} - construction	3
Source: SCAQMD, Final LST Methodology Document, Appendix C – Mass Rate LST Look-up Tables, Revised October 2009.	

General Conformity with state implementation plans is a national Clean Air Act regulation that applies to most federal actions. For Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) funded projects, a Clean Air Act General Conformity analysis applies only to projects in a nonattainment area or an attainment area subject to a maintenance plan. It is only required for criteria pollutants for which an area has been designated nonattainment or maintenance. The General Conformity Rule ensures that actions taken by federal agencies in nonattainment and maintenance areas do not **interfere with the State's plans to meet NAAQS. 40 CFR Part 93.153 defines de minimis levels, which are the minimum threshold for which a conformity determination must be performed. If the proposed project's annual emissions** from construction and/or operation are below the applicable de minimis levels, the project is not subject to a General Conformity determination.

Based on the federal attainment statuses for the SSAB, the de minimis levels that apply to the SSAB are listed in Table 3-4. These levels apply to all direct and indirect annual emissions generated during construction and operation of the project.

Table 3-4: General Conformity De Minimis Emission Rates for the Salton Sea Air Basin

Pollutant	SSAB NAAQS Attainment Status Designation	De Minimis Emission Rate (tons/year)
Ozone (VOCs or NO _x)	Severe Nonattainment	25
PM ₁₀	Serious Nonattainment	70
Note: NO _x (oxides of nitrogen) and ROG (reactive organic gases)/VOC (volatile organic compounds) are ozone precursors, which chemically react in the presence of sunlight to form ground-level ozone. For the purposes of this analysis, the terms ROG and VOC are used interchangeably. Sources: USEPA 2017; SCAQMD 2017.		

a) Less than Significant Impact

The **SCAQMD's 2016 AQMP**, which assesses the attainment status of the Coachella Valley portion of the SSAB and provides a strategy for attainment of State and federal air quality standards, is the applicable air quality plan. The AQMP strategies are developed based on population, housing, and employment growth forecasts anticipated under local city general plans and the Southern California **Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy** (SCAG, 2016).

A project would conflict with or obstruct an applicable air quality plan if it would lead to population, housing or employment growth that exceeds the forecasts used in the development of the applicable air quality plan. The proposed project would construct approximately 27,000 linear feet of pipelines, a pressure reducing station, and associated onsite piping, meters, hydrants and valves to consolidate three **independent, privately owned SWSs into CVWD's**

potable water system. Although the proposed project would expand CVWD's municipal water delivery infrastructure, it would serve a pre-determined number of existing communities, which currently rely on SWSs, with a reliable potable water source from CVWD's municipal water system. The Phase 1a, 1b, 2 and Lincoln Street water mains were described in the UWMP and would serve growth that was planned for in local growth forecasts. Therefore, the proposed project would not lead to population, housing or employment growth that exceeds the forecasts used in the development of the AQMD. Potential for conflicts with the AQMP would be less than significant.

b) Less than Significant Impact

The proposed project would result in emissions of criteria pollutants from short-term construction activities and long-term O&M activities. Construction emissions were estimated using the California Emissions Estimator Model (CalEEMod 2016.3.2), which was developed by the SCAQMD and is used throughout California to quantify criteria pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs).

The CalEEMod emissions scenarios were based on project-specific information, found in Section 2 *Project Description*. In instances where project-specific information was not available (e.g. construction equipment horsepower, length of worker trips, soil moisture content), the analysis relied on CalEEMod default values for construction activities.

SCAQMD's Rule 403 (Fugitive Dust) and Rule 403.1 (Supplemental Fugitive Dust Control Requirements for Coachella Valley Sources) require construction projects to implement measures to suppress fugitive dust emissions, such as watering of exposed soils and the preparation of a Fugitive Dust Control Plan. The construction contractor would be required to have a Fugitive Dust Control Plan approved by either the SCAQMD or Riverside County prior to grading or excavation activities.

Construction Emissions

Air emissions of criteria pollutants during construction would result from the use of construction equipment with internal combustion engines, and offsite vehicles to transport workers, deliver materials to the site, and haul export material from the site. Project construction would also result in fugitive dust emissions, which would be lessened through the implementation of the fugitive dust control measures required by SCAQMD rules. Table 3-5 summarizes the maximum daily pollutant emissions during construction of the project.

Table 3-5: Proposed Project Maximum Daily Construction Emissions (lbs/day)

Emissions Source	NO _x	ROG	CO	SO _x	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀
Construction equipment	36	4	40	<0.1	1.8	2.0
Offsite emissions	2	<1	4	<0.1	0.3	1.1
Fugitive dust (with required fugitive dust controls)	--	--	--	--	<0.1	<0.1
Total Maximum Daily Emissions	38	4	43	<0.1	2.1	3.1
SCAQMD Regional Thresholds	100	75	550	150	55	150
Threshold exceeded?	No	No	No	No	No	No
LST (onsite stationary emissions only)	132	--	878	--	3	4
Threshold exceeded?	No	No	No	No	No	No

Notes: Emissions presented are the highest of winter or summer modeled emissions. Values may not sum due to rounding. See Appendix A for CalEEMod output sheets. Figures are from mitigated emissions scenario to account for standard dust control measures.

As shown in Table 3-5, project construction emissions would not exceed SCAQMD regional thresholds or LSTs. Therefore, impacts on regional air quality and local receptors due to construction-related air pollutant emissions would be less than significant.

Operational Emissions

Long-term, operational emissions of criteria pollutants would result from motor vehicle trips associated with O&M of the proposed pipelines. However, as explained in *Chapter 2 Project Description*, CVWD would continue to operate its water system with no operational modifications. New water meters would be read per established CVWD schedules. Thus, the project would not result in a change in existing O&M activities. The project does not propose stationary infrastructure, such as buildings or pump stations, that would substantially increase demand for electricity or natural gas; energy consumption from the proposed meters and hydrants would be minimal. The LSTs do not apply to the proposed project because they are only applicable to emissions within a fixed stationary location; they are not applicable to mobile sources. Overall, the project would offset energy currently used to pump and treat water supplied by the SWSs. Operation and maintenance emissions associated with the pipelines would be negligible. Because emissions would be minimal, the proposed project would not result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of a criteria pollutant for which the SSAB is non-attainment. Operational increase in criteria pollutants would be less than significant.

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Table 3-6 summarizes the proposed project's total annual construction emissions and compares those to the applicable de minimis threshold for the SSAB region. As shown in Table 3-6, the project's criteria air pollutant emissions would not exceed the applicable de minimis thresholds. Therefore, the general conformity requirements do not apply to these emissions and the project is exempt from a conformity determination.

Table 3-6: Maximum Annual Project Emissions Compared to De Minimis Thresholds (tons/year)

Emissions Source	NO _x	VOC	PM ₁₀
Maximum construction emissions	4	<1	<1
<i>De Minimis Threshold</i>	25	25	70
<i>Threshold exceeded?</i>	No	No	No
Notes: Notes: NO _x (oxides of nitrogen) and ROG (reactive organic gases)/VOC (volatile organic compounds) are ozone precursors, which chemically react in the presence of sunlight to form ground-level ozone. For the purposes of this analysis, the terms ROG and VOC are used interchangeably. Sources: USEPA 2017; SCAQMD 2017.			

c) Less than Significant Impact

Sensitive receptors are typically defined as schools (preschool – 12th grade), hospitals, resident care facilities, senior housing facilities, day care centers, or other facilities that may house individuals with health conditions that would be adversely impacted by changes in air quality. Land uses on the SWS sites include both mobile homes and single-family residences. The Mecca Elementary School is located approximately one-half mile to the northeast of the project area, the Saul Martinez Elementary School is located approximately one mile to the east of the project area, and the Las Palmitas Elementary School, Toro Canyon Middle School, and Desert Mirage High School are located approximately 1.5 miles to the west of the project area.

As discussed under “b” above, the project's construction and operational emissions would not exceed the SCAQMD regional thresholds or LSTs, which are set at levels that protect public health. Furthermore, construction emissions would be temporary and would not be located in the same location for the entire 12-month construction period. Sensitive receptors would be exposed to temporary construction air pollution emissions while adjacent pipelines are being actively installed. However, emissions would be less than applicable thresholds and mitigation would not be required.

CO hotspots have the potential to occur in traffic-congested roadways and intersections with poor circulation. The proposed project would involve minimal O&M trips. Furthermore, construction-related CO emissions would be below

SCAQMD regional and LST thresholds. Therefore, the project would not have the potential to cause a CO hotspot on roadways adjacent to sensitive receptors. Project impacts on sensitive receptors would be less than significant.

d) Less than Significant Impact

The project would involve emissions of sulfur compounds from use of oil and diesel fuel during construction, which would potentially result in unpleasant odors. Construction would be temporary and would not be located in a single location for the duration of the 12-month construction period. Odorous emissions from construction equipment tend to dissipate quickly within short distances from the construction site. Once the project is operational, the underground potable water pipelines pressure reducing station, and associated onsite piping, meters, hydrants and valves would not be associated with odors. Impacts would be less than significant.

Mitigation Measures: None required or recommended.

3.4 Biological Resources

	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less Than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
Would the Project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion

A Biological Resources Technical Study was prepared in February 2019 by Rincon Consultants, Inc. for the project. A field survey of the project area and associated biological resources was conducted by Rincon biologists on February 12, 2019. The complete Biological Resources Technical Study is provided in Appendix B. The study area covered by the *Biological Resources Technical Study* is shown Figure 3-3 and Figure 3-4.

Biological conditions in the project area were evaluated by confirming applicable biological regulations, policies, and standards; reviewing biological literature pertinent to the site and vicinity; and conducting a reconnaissance-level biological survey of the site. Rincon conducted a literature review to obtain baseline information about the biological resources with potential to occur at the project site and surrounding areas. As part of the literature review, Rincon reviewed the latest versions of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) *California Natural Diversity Data Base* (CNDDDB) and *Biogeographic Information and Observation System*, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) *Critical Habitat Portal and Information for Planning and Consultation* (IPaC), USFWS *National Wetland Inventory*, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) *Web Soil Survey*, and California Native **Plant Society's** (CNPS) *Electronic Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants* (Rincon 2019). A complete list of special status species previously documented within a five-mile radius of the project site was compiled from the CNDDDB and USFWS-IPaC queries.

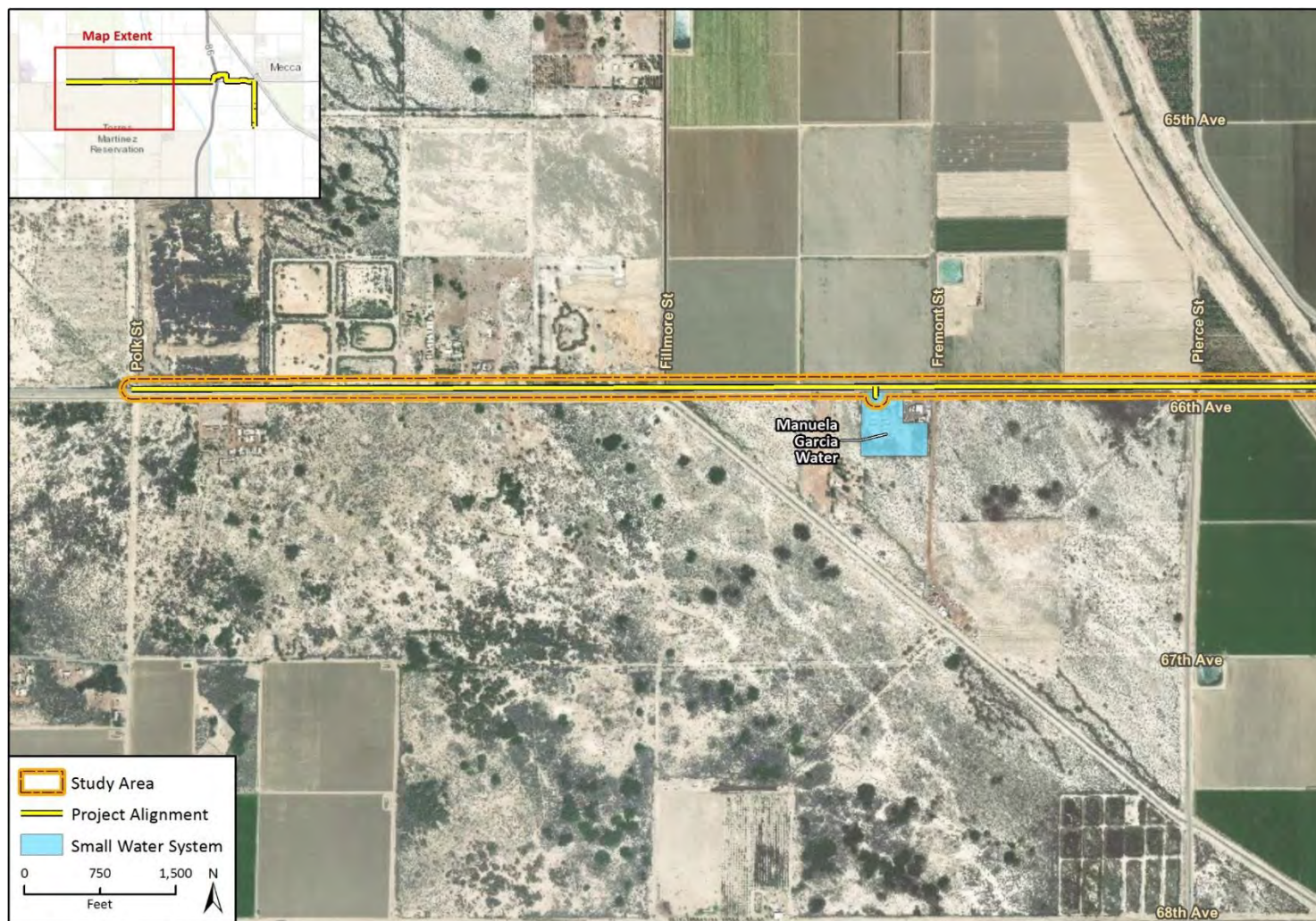
The project site, as well as a 100-foot buffer around the project site, was surveyed on foot by biologists familiar with the biological resources located in the regional vicinity of the property. Inaccessible private property was surveyed using binoculars. Figure 3-3 and Figure 3-4 show the study area boundary. An inventory of all plant and animal species observed was compiled, the existing vegetation communities were further classified, and the general site and habitat conditions were documented and provided in Appendix C of the Biological Resources Technical Study which is included as Appendix B to this IS/MND.

The project is located within the *Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan* (CVMSHCP) area. The CVMSHCP, which was approved in 2008, is a comprehensive, multi-jurisdictional habitat conservation plan focusing on the conservation of species and their associated habitats in the Coachella Valley region of Riverside County. The overall goal of the CVMSHCP is to maintain and enhance biological diversity and ecosystem processes within the region while allowing for future economic growth (CVAG 2007). CVWD is a permittee under the CVMSHCP.

The CVMSHCP covers 27 sensitive plant and wildlife species (CVMSHCP covered species) as well as 27 natural communities and includes 21 conservation areas. Covered species include both listed and non-listed species that are adequately conserved by the CVMSHCP. The overall provisions for the plan are subdivided according to specific resource conservation goals that have been organized according to geographic areas, or Conservation Areas. These are identified as Core, Essential, or Other Conserved Habitat for sensitive plant, invertebrate, amphibian, reptile, bird, and mammal species, Essential Ecological Process Areas, and Biological Corridors and Linkages.

As shown in Figure 3-5, the project is located within the planning boundary of the CVMSHCP and a small portion lies within the *Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta CVMSHCP Conservation Area* boundary. The portion of the site within the Conservation Area is the fenced interior of the Seferino Huerta MHP Park. Additional portions of the St. Anthony MHP along 66th Avenue and Lincoln Street are directly adjacent to the *Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta CVMSHCP Conservation Area*.

Figure 3-3: Biological Resources Study Area, page 1

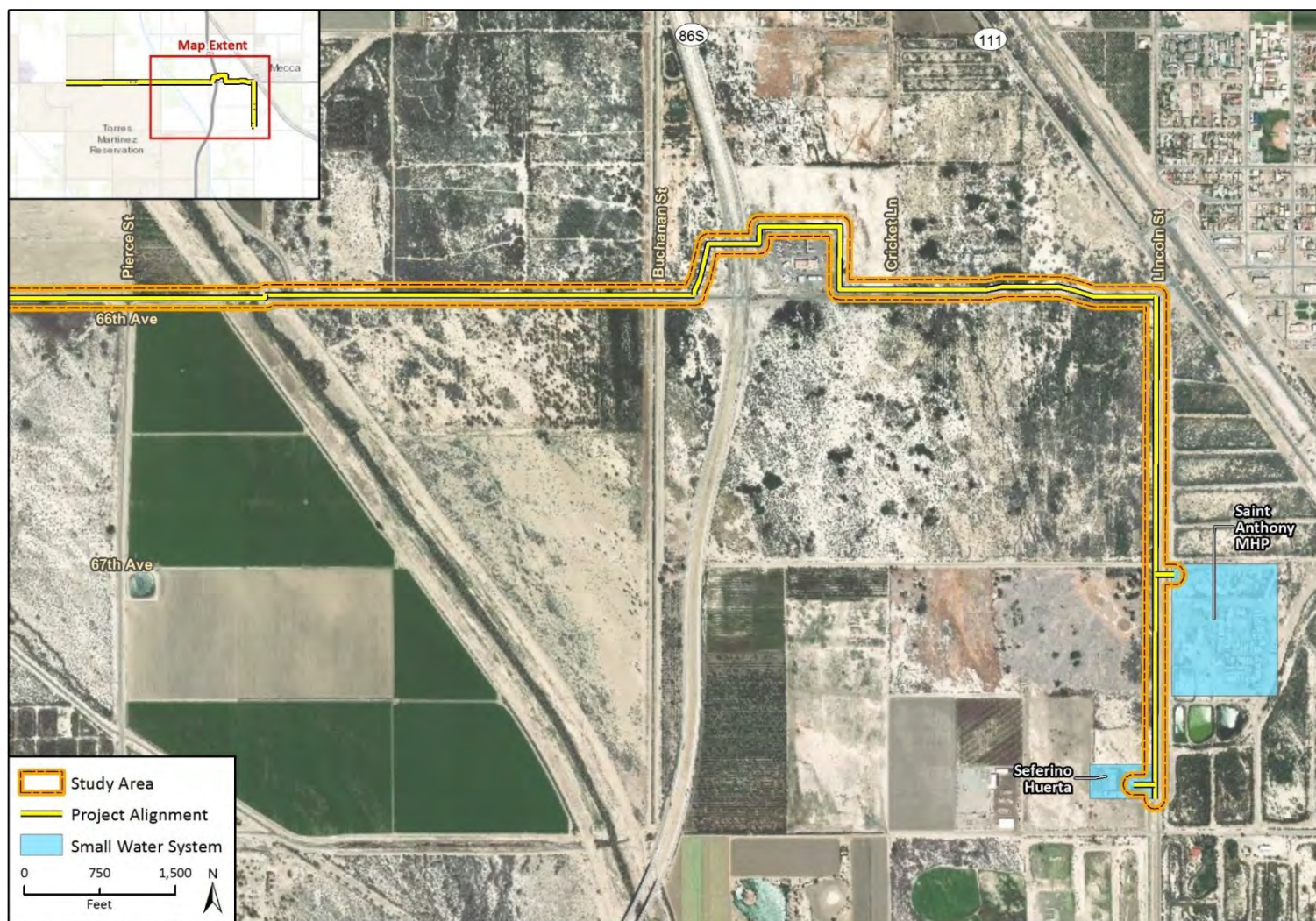


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Source: Rincon 2019

Fig 2a Project Location - St Anthony

Figure 3-4: Biological Resources Study Area, page 2

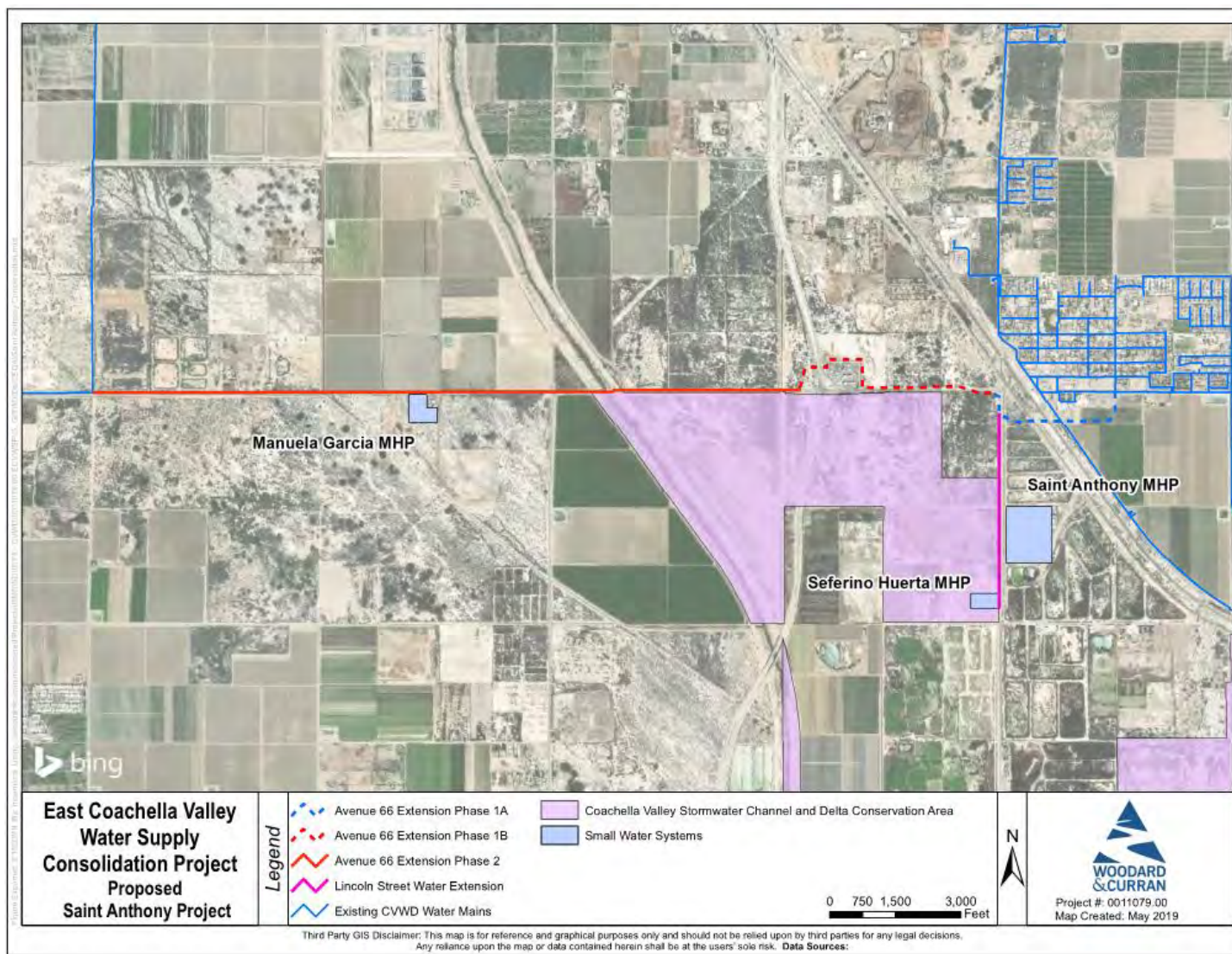


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Fig 2b Project Location - St Anthony

Figure 3-5: Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta CVMShCP Conservation Area



Habitat/Vegetation Communities

The majority of the project alignment is within developed urban and agricultural areas. The vegetation communities within the project area include tamarisk scrub, agriculture, disturbed/ruderal, and developed. Tamarisk scrub is dominated by the non-native and highly invasive tamarisk (*Tamarix* spp.) This weedy plant community is usually a monoculture of tamarisk that has supplanted native wetland plant species. Tamarisk usually invades following disturbance. Within the project area, this vegetation community typically occurs in washes and areas subject to runoff from irrigation waters. Disturbed or ruderal habitat consists of areas that have been physically disturbed and are no longer recognizable as a native or naturalized vegetation association but continue to retain a soil substrate. Within the project area, this habitat type is dominated by Russian thistle (*Salsola tragus*), a variety of thistles from the *Centaurea*, *Cynara*, and *Carduus* genera, mustards (*Brassica* spp., *Hirschfeldia incana*, *Sisymbrium* spp.), and non-native grasses (*Bromus* spp., *Schimus* spp.).

Agricultural areas within the project area include active farmland supporting a variety of crops including dates and lettuce. Agricultural areas also include pastureland and fallow cropland. These areas are usually tilled/disked regularly, irrigated, and are subject to regular planting and harvesting. Developed areas within the project area include mobile home parks, paved and dirt roads, and other buildings and paved areas. Mobile home parks within the project area contain ornamental trees and shrubs such as eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus* spp.), palm trees (*Washingtonia* spp., *Phoenix dactylifera*), and oleander (*Nerium oleander*).

Wildlife

The project site and surrounding areas provide habitat suitable for wildlife species that commonly occur in southern California suburban areas. Wildlife observed on or adjacent to the site included bird species such as American crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*), mourning dove (*Zenaida macroura*), **Anna's hummingbird** (*Calypte anna*), snowy egret (*Egretta thula*), northern mocking bird (*Mimus polyglottos*), and common raven (*Corvus corax*). Coyoter (*Canis latrans*) scat, as well as some lizards and small animal burrows were observed within disturbed/ruderal areas.

Special Status Plants

While 27 special status plant species have been previously documented within a five-mile radius of the project area by the CNDDDB and USFWS-IPaC, the project site does not contain suitable habitat for any special status species. The project site is not anticipated to be suitable to support special status plant species due to the disturbance history of the site, lack of suitable soils, inappropriate hydrologic conditions, absence of appropriate vegetation communities, or being outside the elevation range of the species.

Plant communities are considered sensitive biological resources if they have limited distributions, have high wildlife value, include sensitive species, or are particularly susceptible to disturbance. USFWS-IPaC includes federally listed plant species and (if designated) critical habitat According to the CNDDDB and USFWS-IPaC, no sensitive plant species or communities have been tracked within a five-mile radius of the project area.

Special Status Wildlife

Rincon evaluated 26 wildlife species for their potential to occur within the project area. The assessment of the potential for these species to occur is based upon the presence of suitable habitat as identified during field surveys and existing knowledge of species occurrences and distributions in the region. The site was determined to contain marginally suitable habitat for western yellow bat (*Lasiurus xanthinus*) and western mastiff bat (*Eumops perotis californicus*). Accordingly, these species have moderate potential to occur within the project area. Western yellow and western mastiff bat could roost in trees adjacent to the project site. Burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*) was determined to have low potential to occur in the project area, although some elements of suitable habitat exist in the unpaved portions of

the site, particularly along irrigation levees. However, the only recent occurrence (within last 15 years) was recorded **more than 3 miles southeast of St. Anthony's project site**. No special status wildlife species were observed within the project area during the field survey.

The project area provides suitable habitat for nesting or migratory bird species, which area protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the California Fish and Game Code Section 3503 and 3503.5. The project area provides suitable habitat for numerous species of birds common in the area and nesting birds are likely to be present within the project area during the nesting season.

Jurisdictional Resources

Section 404 of the federal Clean Water Act establishes a program to regulate the discharge of dredged or fill materials **into "waters of the United States."** **Section 404 permits are administered by the** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Section 401 of the Clean Water Act further regulates the discharge of dredged or fill materials and is administered in California by the SWRCB and Regional Water Quality Control Boards (**RWQCBs**). **CDFW's Lake and Streambed Alteration Program** (Fish & Game Code Section 1600) is focused on protection and conservation of fish and wildlife **resources within the bed, channel, and bank of "waters of the State."** Areas potentially subject to USACE, RWQCB, and CDFW jurisdiction were assessed during the literature review and field survey (demonstrated on Figures 3-3 and 3-4).

The Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel¹ (which bisects Avenue 66 east of Pierce Street), the agricultural drain south of Avenue 66 at Lincoln Street, and the agricultural drain south of Avenue 66 at Buchanan Street were evaluated for USACE, RWQCB, and CDFW jurisdiction. CVWD routinely maintains the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and its agricultural drains in order for each system to function. The Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel is a direct tributary to the Salton Sea, which is considered a Traditionally Navigable Water by the USACE. The Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel is considered jurisdictional for all three regulatory agencies – USACE, RWQCB, and CDFW. If trenchless technologies are used for the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel crossing, and no discharge of dredged or fill materials occurs within the channel, then Section 404 (USACE) and Section 401 (RWQCB) jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act would not apply. If trenchless methods are used for the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel crossing, and no impacts to species from vibration or potential for release of bentonite through the soil column into a waterbody (called frac-out) occurs, then CDFW would not require a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement under Fish & Game Code Section 1600.

¹ The Whitewater River Stormwater Channel and the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel (Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel) system follows a gentle slope from northwest to southeast, with the headwaters forming in the San Bernardino Mountains near Palm Springs and terminating at the Salton Sea. The Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel is the 50-mile backbone stormwater protection system for the Coachella Valley. The western half of the channel runs along the natural alignment of the Whitewater River, which cuts diagonally across the valley to Point Happy in La Quinta (near Highway 111 and Washington Street). This section of the channel is called the Whitewater River Stormwater Channel. Downstream from Point Happy, a man-made section of the stormwater channel conveys floodwaters to the Salton Sea. This portion of the channel is called the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel. The two sections were built separately, but they form one continuous channel. The Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel is a regional flood conveyance system, and also receives subsurface drainage from agricultural lands, rising groundwater, wastewater from treatment plants, and urban runoff.

Under CWA Section 404(f), activities involving the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States associated with the “irrigation of crops or livestock watering as part of a normal farming or ranching operation” are not subject to regulation under Section 404. As such, the two agricultural drains at Avenue 66/Lincoln and Avenue 66/Buchanan are exempt from USACE and RWQCB jurisdiction. The agricultural drains are artificially created with no riparian vegetation and are not maintained by natural surface flow; however, they are likely to fall under CDFW jurisdiction because they convey surface water and have hydrologic connection to natural surface flow that might support species. For either jack and bore or HDD trenchless crossings under the agricultural drainage channels that does not result in impacts to species from vibration or frac-out, CDFW would not require a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement under Fish & Game Code Section 1600.

Wildlife Corridors, Linkages, and Preserves

Wildlife movement and habitat fragmentation are important issues in assessing impacts to wildlife. Habitat fragmentation occurs when a proposed action results in a single, unified habitat area being divided into two or more areas in such a way that the division isolates the two new areas from each other. Isolation of habitat occurs when wildlife cannot move freely from one portion of the habitat to another or from one habitat type to another, as in the **fragmentation of habitats within and around “checkerboard” residential development**. **Habitat fragmentation also can** occur when a portion of one or more habitats is converted into another habitat, as when annual burning converts scrub habitats to grasslands habitat. The project area is located within previously disturbed and routinely managed areas that offer little to no value to wildlife movement. These areas are subject to frequent human disturbance that do not provide linkage to wildlife habitat.

a) Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated

A project-level Biological Resources Technical Study (Appendix B) was prepared to identify potential impacts to special-status species that would result from the proposed project. Although 27 special status plant species have been previously documented within a five-mile radius of the project area by the CNDDB and USFWS-IPaC, the field survey determined that the project site does not contain suitable habitat for any special status species. It was determined that the project site does not contain suitable habitat to support special status plant species because of the disturbance history of the site, lack of suitable soils, inappropriate hydrologic conditions, or absence of appropriate vegetation communities. Due to the absence of special status plant species within the project impact area, impacts to special status plant species are not anticipated to result from the proposed project.

Special-status wildlife were evaluated for their potential to occur within the project area, which includes the area of ground disturbance for construction of the pipelines and a 25-foot buffer on either side of the pipeline (See Figure 3-3 and Figure 3-4), where direct or indirect impacts could occur. Twenty-six special-status wildlife species were previously recorded within a five-mile radius of the project area and were evaluated for their potential to occur within the project site based upon presence of suitable habitat as identified during the field surveys and existing knowledge of the project area. The site was determined to contain marginally suitable habitat for western yellow bat (*Lasiurus xanthinus*) and western mastiff bat (*Eumops perotis californicus*). Accordingly, these species have moderate potential to occur within the project site. Western yellow and western mastiff bat could roost in trees adjacent to the project site. Burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*) was determined to have low potential to occur in the project area, although some elements of suitable habitat exist in the unpaved portions of the site, particularly along irrigation levees. However, the only recent occurrence (within last 15 years) was recorded more than 3 miles southeast of Saint. **Anthony’s project site**. No special status wildlife species were observed during the field survey. Mitigation Measures BIO-1 and BIO-2 would be implemented to reduce the potential to impact any roosting bats or burrowing owls.

There is habitat within and adjacent to the project area that is suitable for nesting birds, which are protected by the MBTA and the CFGC. Therefore, the proposed project has the potential to result in impacts to nesting birds through increased injury or mortality, or disruption of normal adult behaviors resulting in the abandonment or harm to eggs and

nestlings if construction activities would be required during the nesting season. Construction occurring within the vicinity of nesting birds may also result in indirect impacts resulting from noise and dust. If construction activities related to the proposed project would occur during the nesting season, Mitigation Measure BIO-3 would be implemented to reduce potential impacts to nesting birds to less than significant levels. Therefore, with implementation of Mitigation Measures BIO-1, BIO-2 and BIO-3, direct or indirect impacts to special status wildlife species and nesting birds would be less than significant.

b) Less than Significant Impact

Land cover within the project alignment is primarily developed urban and agricultural areas. According to the CNDDDB and USFWS-IPaC search, no sensitive plant communities have been recorded within a five-mile radius of the project area. Additionally, no sensitive vegetation communities were observed within or adjacent to the project area. Furthermore, project impacts would be limited to previously disturbed areas, such as within roadway rights-of-way and on private, developed properties, with high human activity. Therefore, potential impacts to sensitive vegetation communities would be less than significant and no mitigation would be required.

c) Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated

The Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and its connecting irrigation channels are located within the project area. The Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel is considered a Traditionally Navigable Water by the USACE. The Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel within the project area contains dense tamarisk scrub and other small connecting channels are unvegetated. As such, the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel is subject to USACE, RWQCB, and CDFW jurisdiction. The irrigation channels are not subject to USACE, RWQCB jurisdiction because they are man-made conveyances for agricultural purposes; however, they are subject to CDFW jurisdiction because they convey surface water and might support species (Land, 2019). Jurisdictional features (the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and the agricultural drains) could be partially or fully avoided through project design if trenchless technologies (HDD or jack and bore) are used for the channel crossings.

If HDD is selected, CVWD would prepare a Frac-Out Prevention and Contingency Plan to ensure that any potential impacts to jurisdictional resources due to frac-out are minimized. Frac-out is the unplanned release of drilling fluids to the surface during HDD. Although drilling fluid is typically bentonite and non-toxic, if frac-out occurs in the creek, it can result in sedimentation in the creek or other water quality impacts. If HDD is used, Mitigation Measure BIO-4 would be implemented. This mitigation measure requires development of a Frac-Out Prevention and Contingency Plan that would include monitoring for frac-out occurrence and appropriate responses to frac-out events to minimize impacts of potential release of drilling fluids into waterways. With these measures in place, potential water quality and species impacts in the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and the agricultural drains from frac-out would be less than significant.

As part of project design, a SWPPP, which would include BMPs, would also be developed to ensure the proposed project would not directly impact the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel or its connecting irrigation channels. Compliance with agency permits and regulations, along with implementation of Mitigation Measure BIO-4, would ensure impacts to state or federal waters or other potentially jurisdictional features would be less than significant.

d) Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated

The proposed project is located within previously developed and routinely managed areas that offer little to no value to wildlife movement. The proposed project is not anticipated to have an effect on localized, regional, or urban-adapted wildlife movement. Additionally, ground surfaces would be restored to pre-construction conditions and the project area would retain the existing contiguity and would therefore not result in habitat fragmentation in the region. The proposed

project would not include additional lighting and construction activities would occur during the day and would not indirectly impact potential nocturnal wildlife movement through nighttime lighting or noise generation. However, the proposed project is located adjacent to and within the *Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta CVMSHCP Conservation Area*. The Seferino Huerta MHP is the only project component within the conservation area, however none of the projects' ground disturbance impacts occur on un-disturbed parcels. As outlined in the CVMSHCP, the proposed project would comply with impact avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures specified in Section 4.4 of the CVMSHCP (See Mitigation Measure BIO-5) and would implement the Section 4.5 Land Use Adjacency Guidelines where applicable to avoid and minimize indirect effects to this Conservation Area (CVAG 2007). Therefore, with implementation of Mitigation Measure BIO-5 and applicable Land Use Adjacency Guidelines, direct and indirect impacts to wildlife movement would be less than significant.

e) No Impact

Riverside County Ordinance 559 protects oak woodlands and requires a permit for removal of any native trees on parcels greater than one-half acre in size and above 5,000 feet in elevation; however, activities conducted by public utilities are exempt. No protected trees would be removed as part of the proposed project as no trees within the project area meet these criteria. The proposed project would not conflict with any local policy or ordinance and impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation would be required.

f) Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated

The proposed project is within the CVMSHCP plan area and is located adjacent to and within a CVMSHCP Conservation Area called the *Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta Conservation Area* (see Figure 3-5). As shown in Figure 3-5, the Seferino Huerta MHP is the only project component within the conservation area, which is a fenced-in area with disturbed habitat. As outlined in the CVMSHCP Section 7.3, the proposed project is a covered activity and would comply with applicable impact avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures specified in Section 4.4 of the CVMSHCP regarding species and habitat conservation (See Mitigation Measure BIO-5 below). The proposed project would also implement the applicable Section 4.5 Land Use Adjacency Guidelines to avoid and minimize indirect effects to this conservation area (CVAG 2007). These guidelines include measures regarding drainage, toxics, lighting, noise, invasive species, barriers, and grading/land development. With the implementation of these guidelines, and Mitigation Measure BIO-5, the proposed project would avoid direct impacts to this CVMSHCP Conservation Areas and would not conflict with the CVMSHCP Conservation Objectives. Impacts would be less than significant with mitigation incorporated.

Mitigation Measures:

Mitigation Measure BIO-1: Roosting Bats Impact Avoidance and Minimization

To avoid disturbance of roosting bats, which are CDFW Species of Special Concern, CVWD shall, at least two weeks prior to, but not more than 30 days prior to, the start of construction, contract with a qualified biologist to conduct a pre-construction survey for roosting bats. The survey shall include all trees, bridges, and structures suitable for roosting by the western yellow bat and western mastiff bat. The pre-construction survey shall be conducted within the disturbance footprint and a 100-foot buffer with inaccessible areas (i.e. private lands) surveyed with binoculars, as feasible.

If active bat roosts are present onsite, a buffer zone of 100 feet shall be established around the roosts that excludes construction activities or other disturbances. Tree removal activities shall occur only during periods when bats are not roosting in those trees proposed to be removed, as determined by a qualified biologist. If active maternity roosts or non-breeding bat hibernacula are found in trees scheduled to be removed, removal activities will be conducted during a season when young are not present

Mitigation Measure BIO-2: Pre-Construction Burrowing Owl Surveys

To avoid potential impacts to burrowing owl, a pre-construction clearance survey for burrowing owl shall be conducted no more than fourteen (14) days prior to initiation of construction activities. The burrowing owl pre-construction survey shall be conducted on-foot within the proposed disturbance area including a 500-foot buffer. The survey methods will be consistent with the Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation (CDFW 2012) and shall consist of walking parallel transects spaced adequately to obtain 100% visual coverage of the site. The survey shall be conducted by a biologist familiar with the identification of burrowing owl and their habitat.

If burrowing owls are found within the project area during the pre-construction surveys, active burrows will be avoided. If possible, the timing and location of construction activities will be adjusted to avoid the occupied burrow by the appropriate distance (see below), where possible. Due to the size of the project, it is anticipated that the construction schedule and location can be modified to avoid all potential impacts to occupied burrows during the breeding season. Buffer zones for occupied burrows will be established at 500 feet during the breeding season (February 1 to August 31) and at 100 feet for the non-breeding season. These buffers may be adjusted in consultation with California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Coachella Valley Conservation Commission and monitored at the discretion of a qualified biologist. The buffer zone will be clearly marked with flagging and/or construction fencing.

Mitigation Measure BIO-3: Nesting Birds

To avoid disturbance of nesting birds, including raptor species protected by the MBTA and CFGC 3503, activities related to the proposed project including, but not limited to, vegetation removal, ground disturbance, and construction shall occur outside of the bird breeding season (typically January 1 to September 15) to the extent practicable.

If construction must occur within the bird breeding season (January 1 through September 15), CVWD shall, no more than three days prior to initiation of ground disturbance and/or vegetation removal, contract with a qualified biologist to conduct a nesting bird and raptor pre-construction survey within the disturbance footprint plus a 100-foot buffer (300-foot for raptors), where feasible. If the proposed project is phased or construction activities stop for more than one week, a subsequent pre-construction nesting bird and raptor survey will be required prior to each phase of construction within the project site.

Pre-construction nesting bird and raptor surveys shall be conducted during the time of day when birds are active and shall factor in sufficient time to perform this survey adequately and completely. A report of the nesting bird and raptor survey results, if applicable, shall be submitted to the lead agency for review and approval prior to ground and/or vegetation disturbance activities.

If nests are found, their locations shall be flagged. An appropriate avoidance buffer ranging in size from 25 to 50 feet for song birds, and up to 500 feet for raptors depending upon the species and the proposed work activity, and CDFW approval shall be determined and demarcated by a qualified biologist with bright orange construction fencing or other suitable flagging. Buffers will be determined in conjunction with CDFW through the development of a nesting bird management plan. Active nests shall be monitored at a minimum of once per week until it has been determined that the nest is no longer being used by either the young or adults. No ground disturbance shall occur within this buffer until the qualified biologist confirms that the breeding/nesting is completed, and all the young have fledged. If project activities must occur within the buffer, they shall be conducted at the discretion of the qualified biologist. If no nesting birds are observed during pre-construction surveys, no further actions would be necessary.

Mitigation Measure BIO-4: Frac-Out Prevention and Contingency Plan

If HDD method of trenchless crossing of the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel, the agricultural drain south of Avenue 66 at Lincoln Street, and/or the agricultural drain south of Avenue 66 at Buchanan Street is determined to be required, CVWD shall require its construction contractor to prepare a Frac-Out Prevention and Contingency Plan, prior to construction. At minimum, the Plan shall prescribe the following measures to ensure protection of aquatic resources, special status plants, and wildlife:

- Verify recommended depth of the pipeline under the channel based on soil properties and risk for potential frac-out during HDD operation,
- Procedures to minimize the potential for a frac-out associated with HDD;
- Procedures for timely detection of frac-outs;
- Procedures for timely response and remediation in the event a frac-out; and
- Monitoring of drilling and frac-out response activities in jurisdictional areas by a qualified biologist.

Mitigation Measure BIO 5: CVMSHCP Surveys

Prior to construction, CVWD will coordinate with Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) or Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC) on specific burrowing owl and Crissal Thrasher survey requirements of Section 4.4 of the CVMSHCP that should be implemented for the portion of Seferino Huerta MHP located within the *Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta Conservation Area*. CVWD will implement any surveys determined to be required by CVAG or the CVCC to ensure compliance with the CVMSHCP.

3.5 Cultural Resources

	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less Than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
Would the Project:				
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a unique archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion

A Cultural Resources Assessment Report was prepared in April 2019 by Rincon Consultants, Inc. for the proposed project. An intensive pedestrian field survey of the project area was conducted on February 12 and 13, 2019 and on April 18, 2019. The *Cultural Resources Assessment Report* was prepared to satisfy CEQA; AB52 Tribal Cultural Resources; the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The complete *Cultural Resources Assessment Report* is provided in Appendix C and is summarized in this IS/MND. The field survey identified no archaeological resources in the project area. In addition, results of the field investigation confirm no historic-age buildings or structures are located within the project area.

On January 17, 2019, as part of the Cultural Resources Assessment Report, a cultural resource records search of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) was conducted at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California, Riverside, and a search of the National Register of Historic Places, (NRHP), the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR), and the California State Historic Resources Inventory list was conducted. The records search was conducted to identify any previously recorded cultural resources and previously conducted cultural resources studies within the project area and a one-half-mile radius surrounding it. In addition, Dokken Engineering conducted a cultural resource assessment of a portions of the project area north of Avenue 66 for the Phase 1b pipeline extension (Marks 2018) and the results were included in the current cultural resource assessment.

The CHRIS records search indicate that 39 previous cultural resources studies have been conducted within a one-half-mile search radius of the project area. Of these studies, fifteen include portions of the project area and overlap with approximately 50 percent of the project area. A total of 18 cultural resources have been previously recorded within a one-half-mile radius of the proposed project. These include nine historic period structures (Union Pacific Railway, Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel, a utility line, and six road segments), one district (Martinez Historical District), four historic period archaeological sites (Mecca Railroad Station, the U.S. Experimental Date Station, Edna Cast Date Farm Complex, and a refuse scatter), one multi-component archaeological site (prehistoric and historic period artifact scatter), one prehistoric site (artifact scatter), and two prehistoric artifacts (isolated ceramic sherds).

The Martinez Historic District (P-33-001292) is situated approximately one-third of a mile of the project area on the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation. The district contains several historic period Indian Agency buildings, a palm tree,

and a multi-component archaeological site (P-33-009462), the latter of which consists of an artifact scatter composed of prehistoric (ceramics and flaked stone artifacts) and historic period (glass, metal, and ceramics) materials. The Martinez Historic District was listed on the NRHP in 1973.

Three additional prehistoric archaeological resources have been recorded within proximity of the project area on the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation. P-33-017371 consists of a surface scatter of ceramic and flaked stone artifacts and a buried subsurface feature located two-tenths of a mile from the project area. A Phase II evaluation of P-33-017371 determined the resource was individually ineligible for listing on the NRHP or CRHR and was not a contributing component to the Martinez Historical District. Two isolated artifact finds (P-33-017372 and P-33-017761), both of which consist of a small number of ceramic sherds, have also been recorded within one-half mile of the project area.

Two of the 18 known cultural resources, road segments on Avenue 66 (P-33-020844) and Lincoln Street (P-33-020839), intersect with the project area. Neither the field survey nor the previous field effort conducted by Dokken Engineering in March 2018 identified no archaeological resources in the project area. Avenue 66 (P-33-020844) consists of a 26-foot-wide, two-lane, asphalt-paved roadway flanked by gravel and dirt shoulders that measure as much as 15 feet in width. The appearance of the road remains largely unchanged since recordation in 2012. Given no significant alterations have occurred to P-33-020844 since its original documentation, the previous evaluation of Avenue 66 appears to remain valid; the resource is ineligible for listing on the NRHP and CRHR. A 100-foot long segment of Lincoln Street (P-33-020839) south of Avenue 66 was originally recorded in 2012. The boundary has since been expanded to encompass an almost one-mile long section of the road between Avenue 66 and Avenue 68. The recorded road consists of a 27-foot wide paved asphalt surface flanked by 12.5-foot wide earthen shoulders, giving the right-of-way a total width of approximately 52 feet. The paved surface is essentially flush with the unimproved shoulders. Although the portion of the roadway approaching the intersection with Avenue 66 is delineated as a two-lane road, the remainder is unmarked. This segment of Lincoln Street is likely associated with agricultural development on the outskirts of the community of Mecca, but, due to its comparatively recent construction date, is not linked to the early establishment of Mecca. The road also does not appear to have achieved significance in later years. It is not known to have played a role in any other historical events or with any individuals known to have made important historical contributions. Additionally, the subject road segment is of a ubiquitous type and does not represent a distinctive engineering design or method of construction. Finally, it has not yielded and is unlikely to yield important prehistoric or historical information. Therefore, Lincoln Street does not meet any of the criteria for listing on the NRHP or the CRHR. In addition, results of the field investigation confirm no historic-age buildings or structures are located within the project area.

Section 106 Native American outreach was initiated in January 2019. In addition, CVWD initiated AB 52 consultation in May 2019. *Section 3.1.18 Tribal Cultural Resources* provides an overview of the tribal outreach and consultation regarding the proposed project.

a-c) Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated

According to a CHRIS records search conducted for the Cultural Resources Assessment (Appendix C), two previously recorded historical structures, Avenue 66 (P-33-020844) and Lincoln Street (P-33-020839) overlap the project area. Both resources are ineligible for listing on the NRHP and CRHR. Based on the results of the Cultural Resources Assessment Report, with adherence to Mitigation Measures CUL-1, CUL-2, and CUL-3, there would be no effect on historic properties. No additional cultural resources were found within the project area during the field surveys conducted on February 12 and 13, 2019 and April 18, 2019, or the previous field effort conducted by Dokken Engineering in March 2018.

Although the archaeological resources are not anticipated to be encountered due to the developed nature of the project area, archeological sensitivity of the project area is considered relatively high given the cultural resources documented within proximity to the proposed project. Therefore, there is potential for ground-disturbing activities to expose

previously unrecorded cultural resources. Mitigation Measure CUL-1 would require the initial ground-disturbing activities be observed by an archaeological and Native American monitor. Mitigation Measure CUL-2 would require that all earth disturbing work be temporarily suspended if cultural resources are discovered during construction until the discovery can be evaluated, and appropriate notification measures can be taken. With implementation of Mitigation Measures CUL-1 and CUL-2, potential impacts resulting in a substantial adverse change to the significance of historical and/or archeological resources would be reduced to less-than-significant levels.

The discovery of human remains is always a possibility during ground disturbing activities. Mitigation Measure CUL-3 would be implemented to ensure proper procedures would be in place if human remains were unearthed during construction activities. The implementation of this measure would reduce impacts to less-than-significant levels.

Mitigation Measures:

Mitigation Measure CUL-1: Initial Monitoring of Archaeological Resources

CVWD shall ensure that initial project-related ground-disturbing activities shall be observed by an archaeological and Native American monitor. The archaeological monitor shall be under the direction of a qualified archaeologist **meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for prehistoric archaeology (National Park Service 1983)**. If archaeological resources are encountered during ground-disturbing activities, work in the immediate area shall halt and the find shall be evaluated for CRHR and/or NRHP eligibility. Archaeological monitoring may be reduced or halted at the discretion of the qualified archaeologist as warranted by conditions such as encountering bedrock, sediments being excavated are fill materials, or negative findings during initial ground-disturbing activities. If monitoring is reduced, spot-checking shall occur when ground-disturbance moves to a new location or when ground disturbance will extend to depths not previously reached (unless those depths are within bedrock). Both the project archeologist and Native American monitor will be invited to attend the pre-construction meeting. The project archeologist and Native American monitor will provide a brief orientation to construction crews on the first day of construction.

Mitigation Measure CUL-2: Unanticipated Discovery of Cultural Resources

In the event that cultural resources are unearthed during project construction, the project archeologist, in coordination with CVWD's **construction** inspector shall temporarily suspend all earth disturbing work within a 100-foot radius of the discovery. A **qualified professional archaeologist, meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards for prehistoric and historic archaeologist**, shall be retained to evaluate the significance of the find, and shall have the authority to modify the no-work radius as appropriate, using professional judgment. The following notifications shall apply, depending on the nature of the find:

- If the professional archaeologist determines that the find does not represent a cultural resource, work may resume immediately, and no agency notifications are required.
- If the professional archaeologist determines that the find does represent a cultural resource from any time period or cultural affiliation, he or she shall immediately notify CVWD's **Construction Inspector** and Environmental Services Department. CVWD shall consult on a finding of eligibility and implement appropriate treatment measures if the find is determined to be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP or CRHR. Work may not resume within the no-work radius until CVWD, through consultation as appropriate, determines that the site either: 1) is not eligible for the NRHP or CRHR; or 2) that the treatment measures have been completed to its satisfaction.

Mitigation Measure CUL-3: Unanticipated Discovery of Human Remains

The discovery of human remains is always a possibility during ground-disturbing activities. In the event that human remains are found, CVWD shall temporarily suspend all earth disturbing work within a 100-foot radius of the discovery. The project archeologist would evaluate the significance of the find and shall have the authority to modify the no-work radius as appropriate, using professional judgment. The following notifications shall apply, depending on the nature of the find.

If the find includes human remains, or remains that are potentially human, the professional archaeologist shall ensure reasonable protection measures are taken to protect the discovery from disturbance (AB 2641). The archaeologist shall notify the Riverside County Coroner (as per § 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code). The provisions of § 7050.5 of the California Health and Safety Code, § 5097.98 of the California PRC, and AB 2641 will be implemented. If the Coroner determines the remains are Native American and not the result of a crime scene, the Coroner will notify the NAHC, which then will designate a Native American Most Likely Descendant (MLD) for the project (§ 5097.98 of the PRC). The designated MLD will have 48 hours from the time access to the property is granted to make recommendations concerning treatment of the remains. If the landowner does not agree with the recommendations of the MLD, the NAHC can mediate (§ 5097.94 of the PRC). If no agreement is reached, the landowner must rebury the remains where they will not be further disturbed (§ 5097.98 of the PRC). This will also include either recording the site with the NAHC or the appropriate information center; using an open space or conservation zoning designation or easement; or recording a reinternment document with the county in which the property is located (AB 2641). Work may not resume within the no-work radius until the lead agencies, through consultation as appropriate, determine that the treatment measures have been completed to their satisfaction.

3.6 Energy

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion

The project area is served by Imperial Irrigation District (IID) for electricity, a public utility company with a 6,471 square mile service area. IID's energy service territory covers all of Imperial County, along with parts of Riverside and San Diego Counties. The project area is served by the Southern California Gas Company for natural gas. CVWD's facilities are powered by electricity supplied by IID in the east valley, and Southern California Edison in the remaining service area. CVWD employs approximately 530 full time employees.

a) Less than Significant Impact

Construction of the proposed project would involve construction-related fossil fuel consumption from operation of diesel-powered construction equipment, and fossil fuel consumption from material hauling, delivery, and worker vehicle trips. Table 3-7 summarizes the anticipated construction fleet for the proposed project. Table 3-8 summarizes the estimated material delivery and hauling truck trips, and worker vehicle trips for each type of construction activity.

Table 3-7: Construction Fleet Summary

Construction Phase	Duration (days)	Anticipated Fleet	Usage (hours/day)
Grading	261 days	2 Excavators	8
		2 Forklifts	8
		6 Tractor/Loader/Backhoes	7
		1 Trencher	8
		1 Bore/Drill Rig	8
Re-paving	261 days	2 Cement and Mortar Mixer	8
		1 Paver	8
		2 Paving Equipment	8
		2 Rollers	8
		1 Tractor/Loader/Backhoes	8
Sources: Project-specific information provided by design engineers and duration based on a total construction timeframe of one year; see <i>Section 2 Project Description</i> . CalEEMod Version 2016.3.2; see Appendix A for model output.			

Table 3-8: Construction Trip Summary

Construction Phase	Duration (days)	Daily Worker Vehicle Trips (14.6 miles each)	Daily Vendor Trips (6.2 miles each)	Daily Hauling Truck Trips (20 miles each)
Grading	261 days	43	10	5
Re-paving	261 days	43	10	5
Sources: Project-specific information provided by design engineers; see <i>Section 2 Project Description</i> . CalEEMod Version 2016.3.2; see Appendix A for model output.				

The proposed project would implement typical construction practices such as trenching and repaving. As shown in Table 3-7 and Table 3-8, the project would not require any unusual or excessive construction equipment or practices that would result in wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy compared to projects of similar type and size. In addition, the construction fleet contracted for the proposed project would be required to comply with the CARB In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets Regulations, which would limit vehicle idling time to 5 minutes, restrict adding vehicles to construction fleets with older-tier engines, and establish a schedule for retiring older, less fuel-efficient engines from the construction fleet. As such, construction of the proposed project would not result in wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy during construction.

The proposed project would have minimal daily operational energy demand associated with fossil fuels consumed for maintenance activities, including regular inspection trips (see *Section 2 Project Description*). The proposed project would implement typical operational practices compared to projects of similar type and size. In addition, the project would reduce existing energy use associated with current pumping and treatment of well water at the SWSSs. Finally, the energy consumption of the proposed project is necessary to provide a safe and reliable drinking water supply at each of the nine locations. As such, operation of the project would not result in wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy.

b) Less than Significant Impact

The 2017 *Climate Change Scoping Plan* (CARB 2017) focuses on reducing energy demand, and GHG emissions, that result from mobile sources and land use development. The proposed project would not involve a considerable increase in new vehicle trips or land use changes that would result in an increase in vehicle trips, such as urban sprawl. The *Scoping Plan* also recognizes that about two percent of the total energy used in the state is related to water conveyance; **it calls for, “increased water conservation and efficiency, improved coordination and management of various water supplies, greater understanding of the water-energy nexus, deployment of new technologies in drinking water treatment, groundwater remediation and recharge, and potentially brackish and seawater desalination.”** By connecting the SWSs to CVWD’s drinking water supply, the project would support the *Scoping Plan* objective of improved coordination and management of various water supplies, and offset energy demands associated with pumping and treatment at the SWSs.

The proposed project would not interfere with existing County or regional programs intended to reduce energy and improve water use efficiency. It would not result in emissions higher than the SCAQMD significance screening **thresholds and it would support Riverside County’s *Climate Action Plan* (CAP)** goal of reducing per-capita water consumption by providing a metered drinking water supply (see further analysis is *Section 3.8 Greenhouse Gas Emissions* of this document). The proposed project would not, therefore, conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency. Impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation would be required.

Mitigation Measures: None required or recommended.

3.7 Geology and Soils

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would the Project:				
a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death 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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iv) Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the Project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion

The Coachella Valley is **located within California's Colorado Desert Geomorphic Province, bordered to the west by the Peninsular Ranges, to the north by the Transverse Ranges, and to the east by the Mojave Desert.** The Colorado Desert is a low-lying barren desert basin, portions of which are about 245 feet below sea level.

The majority of Southern California, including the Coachella Valley, is considered a seismically active region and is subject to risk from earthquakes and other geologic effects that are triggered by earthquakes such as ground shaking,

fault rupture, landslides, liquefaction, subsidence, and seiches. Two of California's most active faults, the San Andreas and San Jacinto faults, are located within proximity to the project area. The San Andreas and San Jacinto have been designated by the California Geological Survey as Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones. The San Andreas Fault runs through the Coachella Valley and is located approximately five miles east of the project area. The San Jacinto Fault is a major strike-slip fault zone located approximately 15 miles southwest of the project area (USGS 2019).

a,c) Less than Significant Impact

The primary seismic hazard to the proposed project is strong ground shaking from earthquakes produced by local and regional faults. The intensity of ground shaking would depend upon the magnitude of the earthquake, distance to the epicenter, and the geology of the area between the epicenter and the project site. Seismically induced ground rupture **could occur with the physical displacement of surface deposits in response to an earthquake's seismic waves. Ground rupture is most likely along active faults, and typically occurs during earthquakes of magnitude five or higher. Ground rupture only affects the area immediately adjacent to a fault.**

The proposed project is located approximately five miles from the San Andreas fault and approximately 15 miles from the **San Jacinto fault, which are two of California's most active faults. Both the San Andreas and San Jacinto faults are** designated by the California Geological Survey as Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones. Ground rupture is most likely to occur along active faults. According to the **California Geologic Survey's on-line *Earthquake Hazard Zone Application*** (accessed 3/20/2019), the proposed project is not located within a fault zone. Due to the distance between the proposed project and the San Andreas and San Jacinto faults, impacts related to ground rupture would be less than significant.

However, due to the proximity of the proposed project to two active fault zones, the project area is subject to seismic ground shaking. The proposed project would construct approximately 27,000 linear feet of underground pipelines, a pressure reducing station, and associated onsite piping, meters, hydrants and valves to consolidate three existing SWS **into CVWD's potable water system.** Although impacts related to strong seismic ground shaking could potentially be significant in the project area, the proposed project would not include any land use components that would bring additional people to the area or structures people would occupy. The pipelines would be designed in conformance with seismic engineering standards to reduce potential damage in the event of ground shaking. Therefore, the proposed project would not directly or indirectly result in substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death due to seismic ground shaking and impacts would be less than significant.

The **California Geologic Survey's on-line *Earthquake Hazard Zone Application*** (accessed 3/20/2019) provides liquefaction and landslides zones. The proposed project is not located within a liquefaction or landslide zone or located on a geologic unit that is unstable or would become unstable. Additionally, the project area is relatively level with no slopes or hills. As such, the proposed project would not result in impacts related to seismic-related ground failure or landslides. Impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation would be required.

b) Less than Significant Impact

The proposed project would result in minor erosion of soils on or offsite during project construction due to the presence of soil piles and exposed HDD or jack and bore pits. However, construction of the proposed project would include BMPs as specified in the SWPPP to control wind or water erosion of exposed soils. Some of the BMPs included in the SWPPP may include use of silt fences to prevent erosion and sedimentation into water bodies, covering of stockpiles, use of desilting basins, limitations on work during high-wind events, and post-construction revegetation and drainage requirements. With implementation of BMPs, the potential for soil erosion or topsoil loss during proposed project construction would be considered less than significant and no mitigation would be required.

d) Less than Significant Impact

Expansive soils are generally high in clays or silts that shrink or swell with variation in soil moisture content and can adversely affect the structural integrity of underground facilities including pipelines. According to the UC Davis on-line *SoilWeb Tool* (accessed 3/20/2019), the project area is underlain primarily by a variety of sandy loam soils. Design of the proposed pipelines would **adhere to CVWD's professional engineering standards**, which provide regulations related to soils and foundations, to avoid adverse effects of potential expansive soils. Therefore, impacts related to expansive soils would be less than significant.

e) No Impact

Septic tanks or other alternative wastewater disposal systems would not be a part of the proposed project. Accordingly, no impact would occur.

f) Less than Significant Impact

Significant paleontological resources are fossils or assemblages of fossils that are unique, unusual, rare, uncommon, diagnostically or stratigraphically important, and those that add to an existing body of knowledge in specific areas, stratigraphically, taxonomically, or regionally. They include fossil remains of large to very small aquatic and terrestrial vertebrates, remains of plants and animals previously not represented in certain portions of the stratigraphy, and assemblages of fossils that might aid stratigraphic correlations, particularly those offering data for the interpretation of tectonic events, geomorphologic evolution, paleoclimatology, and the relationships of aquatic and terrestrial species (County of Riverside 2002).

The proposed project area is located in the Salton Trough, a large tectonic depression that includes the Coachella and Imperial Valleys of southern California, and the western half of the Mexicali Valley and the Colorado River delta in Mexico (Alles 2011). Over the past 4.5 million years, the Salton Trough has been periodically inundated with fresh and brackish waters, influenced by the Gulf of California, the Colorado River, and ancient Lake Cahuilla. Lake Cahuilla was a former freshwater lake that periodically occupied a major portion of the Salton Trough during the Holocene, approximately 10,000 to 240 years ago (Deméré 2002).

According to the Geologic Map of the Palm Desert & Coachella 15-minute quadrangles (Dibblee and Minch 2008), the project site is underlain by alluvial sand and clay of valley areas. Where the proposed project crosses the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel, the underlying sediments are alluvial sand and gravel associated with the channel. These relatively young sedimentary deposits are generally too young to contain fossilized material.

Project excavation is expected to reach depths of five to six feet below the ground surface and is therefore not expected to reach depths where sensitive paleontological resources would be expected to occur. As a result, the potential for encountering fossil resources during project excavation or ground disturbance is low and impacts to paleontological resources would be less than significant.

Mitigation Measures: None required or recommended.

3.8 Greenhouse Gas Emissions

	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less Than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
Would the Project:				
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion

Pollutants that are known to increase the greenhouse effect in the earth's atmosphere, thereby adding to global climate change impacts, are referred to as greenhouse gases (GHG). A number of pollutants have been identified as GHGs. The State of California definition of GHGs in the Health & Safety Code, Section 38505(g) includes carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride. Some GHGs, such as CO₂, occur naturally and are emitted to the atmosphere through natural processes. Water vapor is a GHG; however, it is short lived in the atmosphere and its atmospheric concentrations are largely determined by natural processes, such as oceanic evaporation. Other GHGs (e.g., fluorinated gases) are created and emitted solely through human activities. The most common GHGs that result from human activity are carbon dioxide, followed by methane and nitrous oxide.

The Global Warming Potential (GWP) measures how much energy the emissions of 1 ton of a gas will absorb over a given period of time, relative to the emissions of 1 ton of CO₂. **"Carbon dioxide equivalent" (CO₂e)** is the amount of GHG emitted multiplied by its GWP. CO₂ has a 100-year GWP of one; CH₄ has a GWP of 25; and N₂O has a GWP of 298.

Executive Order (EO) S-3-05 in 2005 set GHG emission reduction targets: reduce GHG emissions to 2000 levels by 2010; reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020; and reduce GHG emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. SB 32, passed in 2016, required that CARB, in its next update to the AB 32 *Scoping Plan*, **"ensure that statewide GHG emissions are reduced to at least 40 percent below the statewide GHG emissions limit no later than December 31, 2030."** EO B-55 set a GHG emission reduction target for California to be carbon neutral by 2045.

CARB adopted the *Scoping Plan* in December 2008 and a *Scoping Plan Update* in December 2017. The *Scoping Plan* contains the strategies California will implement to achieve reduction of 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. In the *Scoping Plan*, **"CARB recommends that lead agencies prioritize onsite design features that reduce emissions, especially from vehicle miles travelled (VMT), and direct investments in GHG reductions within the project's region that contribute potential air quality, health, and economic co-benefits locally."**

In 2015, the County of Riverside adopted a *Climate Action Plan* (CAP) to establish goals and policies that incorporate sustainability and GHG reduction targets into its management processes. The County set a goal to reduce emissions **to 1990 levels by 2020, which is in line with the State's AB 32 GHG reduction targets.** The CAP was updated in 2018 **to contain further guidance on Riverside County's GHG Inventory reduction goals, thresholds, policies, guidelines, and implementation programs.** In particular, the CAP elaborates on **the County's General Plan** goals and policies relative

to GHG emissions and provides a specific implementation tool to guide future decisions of the County. The County's CAP is qualified for CEQA tiering and streamlining of individual projects' CEQA review.

The County CAP GHG inventory included GHG emissions resulting from Water Supply, including GHG emissions resulting from energy used to pump/transport these imported sources of water from their sources to Riverside County. The CAP includes GHG emissions reduction programs and regulations, which include the following measures to reduce GHG emissions from purchased water:

- Measure R1-W1: Renewable Portfolio Standard Related to Water Supply and Conveyance. Increase electricity production from eligible renewable power sources to 33 percent by 2020.
- Measure R2-W1: Water Use Reduction Initiative. Encourages Riverside County to adopt a per capita water **use reduction goal in support of the Governor's Executive Order S-14-08** which mandates the reduction of water use of 20 percent per capita. In addition, implement County *General Plan* Policies LU 4.1d and f, C 5.2 and OS 2.1 through OS 2.4 and provide incentives for all new proposed development projects to comply with the California Green Building Standards Code to reduce indoor potable water use by 20 percent and outdoor potable water use by 50 percent.
- Measure R2-W2: **Increase Reclaimed Water Use. New development is able to achieve "points" against the CAP screening tables by including the use of recycled water (County of Riverside 2018).**

On December 5, 2008, the SCAQMD Board approved interim CEQA GHG significance thresholds for stationary sources, rules, and plans using a tiered approach for determining significance. Tier 3, the primary tier the SCAQMD board uses for determining significance, set a screening significance threshold of 10,000 MTCO₂e/year for determining whether a project would have a less than significant cumulative GHG impact (SCAQMD 2008b).

Climate change is a cumulative issue. Most projects do not generate sufficient GHG emissions to directly influence climate change by any noticeable degree; however, a project can contribute incrementally to cumulative effects that are significant. **"Cumulatively considerable"** means that the incremental effects of an individual project are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, other current projects, and probable future projects (CEQA Guidelines, Section 15064[h][1]).

a) Less than Significant Impact

The project would generate GHG emissions through the burning of fossil fuels or other emissions of GHGs, as a result of both construction and operations activities. Direct emissions would result from fuels burned to power construction equipment and worker and heavy construction equipment trips to and from the site. Construction is anticipated to last approximately 12 months. Once operational, the project pipelines would require routine maintenance, which would have a relatively small amount of GHG emissions from vehicle trips. However, as explained in *Section 2 Project Description*, CVWD would continue to operate its water system with no operational modifications. New water meters would be read per established CVWD schedules. The proposed project would not result in a net change in O&M activities and GHG emissions from mobile sources would, therefore, be negligible. Once the project is installed, it would not have a substantial demand for electricity or natural gas because the water main pipelines would be pressurized in **accordance with CVWD's existing master plan. Therefore, indirect GHG emissions from the project's energy supply would be negligible. The proposed project may be associated with occasional GHG emissions from 'area' sources, including operation of landscaping equipment or recoating pipelines.**

GHG emissions were estimated using CalEEMod version 2016.3.2, consistent with the methodology and project-specific assumptions used to quantify air pollutant emissions (see *Section 3.3 Air Quality*). The GHG emissions analyzed herein do not account for emissions from existing energy consumption associated with the current SWS operations. Consistent with SCAQMD guidance, construction emissions were amortized over the life of the project,

defined as 30 years, added to the operational emissions, and compared to the applicable interim GHG significance threshold Tier 3 (SCAQMD 2008b). Annualized GHG emissions are summarized in Table 3-9.

Table 3-9: Proposed Project GHG Emissions (MTCO₂e/year)

Source	MTCO ₂ e
Energy	<i>Negligible</i>
Mobile	<i>Negligible</i>
Area	<0.1
Amortized Construction Emissions	29.7
Total	29.7
SCAQMD Threshold	10,000
Significant?	No

The results of the inventory for construction and operational emissions, as shown in the CalEEMod output tables in Appendix A, are presented in Table 3-9. GHG emissions from the project would be below SCAQMD thresholds of significance. The project would not generate GHG emissions, directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment and no mitigation would be necessary.

b) Less than Significant Impact

The 2017 *Climate Change Scoping Plan* focuses on reducing energy demand, and GHG emissions, that result from mobile sources and land use development. The proposed project would not involve a considerable increase in new vehicle trips or land use changes that would result in an increase in vehicle trips, such as urban sprawl. The *Scoping Plan* also recognizes that about two percent of the total energy used in the state is related to water conveyance; it calls for, “increased water conservation and efficiency, improved coordination and management of various water supplies, greater understanding of the water-energy nexus, deployment of new technologies in drinking water treatment, groundwater remediation and recharge, and potentially brackish and seawater desalination.” By connecting the SWSs to CVWD’s drinking water supply, the project would support improved coordination and management of various water supplies, and offset energy demands associated with pumping and treatment at the SWSs.

The proposed project would not interfere with existing County or regional programs intended to reduce energy and improve water use efficiency. It would not result in emissions higher than the SCAQMD significance screening thresholds. It would also support Riverside County’s CAP goal of reducing per-capita water consumption by providing a metered drinking water supply. The proposed project would not, therefore, conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency. Impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation would be required.

Mitigation Measures: None required or recommended.

3.9 Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Would the Project:	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less Than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) For a Project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the Project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the Project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion

Hazardous materials are currently used throughout the project area for agricultural, residential, transportation, construction, and other similar land uses. Through natural events, system failures, and accidents (spills), hazardous materials can become a risk to the environment and human health. Numerous local, state and federal laws exist to regulate the storage, use, handling and transportation of hazardous materials. To increase public safety and awareness of hazardous materials exposure risk, businesses and entities that handle, store, transport, or use hazardous materials are required to file reports with appropriate authorities and maintain emergency response plans in the event of a hazardous materials release.

A regulatory records search was performed for the project area using the SWRCB *GeoTracker* database (SWRCB 2015) and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) *EnviroStor* database (DTSC 2019). These lists are a compilation of information from various sources listing potential and confirmed hazardous waste and hazardous substances sites in California. There are three active Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Cleanup Sites and two closed LUST Cleanup Sites **listed on the SWRCB's *GeoTracker* database** within one-quarter mile of the project area. Two of the active cleanup sites listed on the *GeoTracker* database, Former Coachella Valley Minimex (T0606500981) and Former Mecca Chevron (T10000003076) are located approximately 1,000 feet to the east of the Avenue 66 and Lincoln Street intersection at the intersection of Avenue 66 and Hammond Road. The third active cleanup site is, RVSD CO Fire #40 (T0606500985), is located approximately 1,150 feet to the northeast of the Avenue 66 and Lincoln Street intersection at 91100 4th Street. There are no hazardous sites listed on the *EnviroStor* database within one-quarter mile of the proposed project. There are two cleanup sites listed on the *EnviroStor* database located approximately two miles from the project area, one of which is inactive (Salton Sea Mecca Area – 80001166) and the other requires no further investigation (K-12 Educational Center – 33010012).¹

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's (Cal Fire) *Fire Resources Assessment Program* (FRAP; CalFire 2006) **assesses the amount and extent of California's forests and rangelands, analyzes their conditions, and identifies alternative management and policy guidelines.** Through the FRAP, Cal Fire produces maps designating very high fire hazard severity zones (VHFHSZ) within State and Local Responsibility Areas. The project is located within the **Western Riverside County's** Local Responsibility Area (LRA). The Western Riverside County LRA map designates the project area as a non-VHFHSZ (CalFire 2006).

The Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport is located approximately five miles northwest of the project area.

a) Less than Significant Impact

Construction of the proposed project would temporarily increase the routine transport and use of hazardous materials commonly used in construction activities. Limited quantities of miscellaneous hazardous substances, such as gasoline, diesel fuel, hydraulic fluids, paint, and other similar materials, would be brought into the project area, used, and stored during construction of the proposed project. The proposed project would be required to comply with applicable standards, including Division 20, Chapter 6.5, Article 6.5, Article 6.6, and Article 13 of the California Health and Safety Code and Title 40 CFR Part 263, that regulate the transport, use, storage, and disposal of hazardous materials. Upon completion of construction, the proposed project would not result in additional O&M activities requiring the transport of hazardous materials. Therefore, impacts due to transportation of minor amounts of hazardous materials would be less than significant and no mitigation would be required.

b) Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated

Construction of the proposed project could create a hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials used in construction, which include diesel fuel and minor amounts of paints, fuels, solvents and glues. The potential exists for accidents to occur during construction activities, which could result in the release of hazardous materials into the environment. Mitigation Measure HAZ-1 requires development of a Hazardous Materials Management Spill Control Plan that includes project-

¹ The Categorical Exemption/Categorical Exclusion prepared by CalTrans for the Avenue 66 grade separation project (CalTrans 2006) identified the Former Coachella Valley Minimex (T0606500981), Former Mecca Chevron (T10000003076), RVSD CO Fire #40 (T0606500985), as well as a fourth site, the Chevron Station #9 5315 as being adjacent to the Avenue 66 grade separation project. The Categorical Exemption/Categorical Exclusion called for environmental screening, and, if necessary, Phase II ISA, should final plans indicate that a portion of the parcels will be acquired for new right-of-way.

specific contingencies. Upon completion of construction, the proposed project would not result in a potential to release hazardous materials into the environment. With Mitigation Measure HAZ-1, impacts resulting from potential hazardous materials-related accidents during construction would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

c) No Impact

The Project site is not located within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school. Mecca Elementary School is located approximately one-half mile to the northwest of the project area and Saul Martinez Elementary School is located approximately one mile to the east of the project area. Three additional schools are located approximately 1.5 miles to the west of the project area. Therefore, the proposed project would not have the potential to emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school. There would be no impact, and no mitigation is required.

d) Less than Significant Impact

The GeoTracker database search indicated there are two active hazardous materials cleanup sites within a quarter mile of the proposed project. There are no active cleanup sites listed on the **DTSC's EnviroStor database** within a quarter mile of the project area. The two active LUST Cleanup Sites listed on the GeoTracker database are located approximately 1,000 to the east of the proposed project and are located on the east side of CA-111.

The proposed project construction would not impact either of these active hazardous waste sites. The Avenue 66 grade separation project would be located adjacent to these sites; CalTrans identified environmental commitment HAZ-1 in its Categorical Exemption/Categorical Exclusion to address this issue (CalTrans 2017) (see footnote 1, above). Therefore, construction and operation associated with the proposed project would not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the release of existing materials related to a listed hazardous materials site. Impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation would be required.

e) Less than Significant Impact

The Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport is located approximately five miles northwest of the project area. The proposed project would construct approximately 27,000 linear feet of pipeline, a pressure reducing station, and associated onsite piping, meters, hydrants and valves to consolidate three independent, privately owned SWS into **CVWD's potable water system**. Upon completion of construction, none of the proposed project components would create an aircraft safety hazard or expose residents or workers in the area to excessive aircraft noise. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation would be required.

f) Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated

Construction of the proposed project would involve installation of approximately 27,000 linear feet of pipelines, a pressure reducing station, and associated onsite piping, meters, hydrants and valves to connect three SWSs into **CVWD's potable water system**. Construction activities would take place within public rights-of-way as well as on private and public land, and potential staging areas include vacant private and public land, parking lots, and segments of closed traffic lanes. Therefore, project construction would temporarily block access to some roadways and driveways that are currently used by emergency response vehicles or in emergency evacuations. *Section 3.17 Transportation* addresses how CVWD would communicate with emergency response agencies to develop emergency access strategies under Mitigation Measure TRA-1. Long term, the proposed project would not physically impair or otherwise interfere with emergency response or evacuation in the project vicinity as the majority of the project components would be located below-grade and ground surfaces would be returned to pre-construction conditions. Thus, impacts would be less than significant with mitigation.

g) Less than Significant Impact

Cal Fire has identified wildfire risk areas through the Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps. The Western Riverside County LRA map designates the project area as a non-VHFHSZ. The project would be constructed within roadway rights-of-way and developed or disturbed areas; the project area does not contain and is not adjacent to wildlands. Riverside County Fire Department Station 40 is located at 91350 Avenue 66, approximately one-third of a mile to the east of the project area. The project area has a low risk of wildfire. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation would be required.

Mitigation Measures:

See Mitigation Measure TRA-1 in *Section 3.17 Transportation*.

Mitigation Measure HAZ-1: Hazardous Materials Management and Spill Control Plan

Prior to construction the construction contractor is required to submit to CVWD a Hazardous Materials Management Spill Control Plan that includes a project-specific contingency plan for hazardous materials and waste operations. The plan shall be applicable to construction activities and shall establish policies and procedures according to applicable codes and regulations, including but not limited to the California Building and Fire Codes, and federal and California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations. Elements of the Plan shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- A discussion of hazardous materials management, including delineation of hazardous material storage areas, access and egress routes, waterways, emergency assembly areas, and temporary hazardous waste storage areas;
- Notification and documentation of procedures; and
- Spill control and countermeasures, including employee spill prevention/response training.

3.10 Hydrology and Water Quality

	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less Than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
Would the Project:				
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the Project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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| i) | result in substantial erosion of siltation on- or off-site; | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ii) | substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site; | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iv) | impede or redirect flood flows? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| v) | In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to Project inundation? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| vi) | Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Discussion

Surface Water

The proposed project is located within the Whitewater River Watershed, which encompasses the entirety of the Coachella Valley. The drainage area of the Whitewater River Watershed is approximately 57.5 square miles and includes four sub-watersheds: Morongo, Shavers, San Gorgonio, and Coachella. The Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel, which is the primary drainage course in the watershed, runs southeast through the Coachella Valley and drains to the Salton Sea. Water sheet flows southeasterly to the Salton Sea. The principal tributaries of the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel include the San Gorgonio River, Snow Creek, Falls Creek, Chino Creek, Mission Creek, Morongo Creek, Tahquitz Creek, Andreas Creek, Palm Canyon Wash, Deep Canyon Creek, and the Palm Valley Channel.

The *Colorado River Basin Water Quality Control Plan* (Basin Plan, Colorado River RWQCB, 1993 and amended through October 2005) designates water quality standards for the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel in the form of beneficial uses and numeric and narrative water quality objectives. Beneficial uses of the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel include Freshwater Replenishment (FRSH), Contact Water Recreation (REC I; unauthorized use), Non-Contact Water Recreation (REC II; unauthorized use), Warm Freshwater Habitat (WARM), Wildlife Habitat (WILD), and Preservation of Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species (RARE).

Currently, within the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel the 17 mile stretch from Dillon Road to the Salton Sea is listed on the **State's 303 (d) List of Impaired Water Bodies for Indicator Bacteria**. In the 2 mile stretch from Lincoln Street to the Salton Sea The Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel is listed for Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs and the pesticides Toxaphene, Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT), and Dieldrin. The Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel is also listed for Nitrogen/Ammonia, Toxicity, (SWRCB 2016). The Colorado River RWQCB develops and implements total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) to address these impairments and help achieve water quality standards. Water quality is also addressed through compliance with the NPDES stormwater discharge permits issued to municipalities, construction sites and industrial facilities to control pollutants in storm water discharges to local surface waters.

The United States Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program provides Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) that identify flood hazard areas, called Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). SFHAs are defined as areas that will be inundated by the flood event having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The one percent chance flood is also referred to as the base flood or 100-year flood. SFHAs are labeled as Zone A, Zone AO, Zone AH, Zones A1-30, Zone AE, Zone A99, Zone AR, Zone AR/AE, Zone AR/AO, Zone AR/A1-A30, Zone AR/A, Zone V, Zone VE, and Zones V1-V30. Moderate flood hazard areas, labeled Zone B or Zone X (shaded) are also shown on the FIRM, and are areas between the limits of base flood and the two-tenths percent annual chance (or 500 year) flood. The areas of minimal flood hazard, which are the areas outside the SFHA and higher than the elevation of the two-tenths percent annual chance flood, are labeled Zone C or Zone X (unshaded) (FEMA 2019).

Groundwater

The Coachella Valley Groundwater Basin (California Department of Water Resources [DWR] Basin No. 7-21) underlies the Whitewater River Watershed. The Coachella Valley Groundwater Basin has an estimated storage capacity of 40 million acre-feet (AF) of water within the upper 1,000 feet (CVWD 2016). The Coachella Valley Groundwater Basin is divided into four subbasins: Indio (DWR Basin No. 7-21.01), Mission Creek (No. 7-21.02, Desert Hot Springs (No. 7-21.03, and San Geronio (No. 7-21.04). The Indio Subbasin underlies the project area.

Natural recharge is attributed to surface runoff and subsurface inflow; however, the Indio Subbasin is primarily recharged through groundwater replenishment efforts by CVWD and Desert Water Agency. CVWD operates and maintains three replenishment facilities within the Indio Subbasin: the Whitewater River Groundwater Replenishment Facility, the Thomas E. Levy Groundwater Replenishment Facility, and the Palm Desert Groundwater Replenishment Facility. These facilities recharge imported water.

The Coachella Valley Groundwater Basin is designated by DWR as a medium priority basin and is subject to the provisions of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). CVWD is the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the majority of the eastern portion of the Indio Subbasin, including the area that underlies the project area.

The RWQCB's designated beneficial uses of the Coachella Valley Groundwater Basin include Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN), Industrial Service Supply (IND), and Agriculture Supply (AGR). Groundwater supply used for potable uses is generally of high quality; however, CVWD treats delivered groundwater with free chlorine as a precautionary measure prior to distribution for potable use. Some areas of the Coachella Valley Groundwater Basin naturally contain elevated levels of salinity and groundwater quality issues for naturally occurring substances such as uranium, arsenic, chromium, and fluoride have occurred in isolated areas. Additionally, some localized areas have seen elevated nitrate levels. As discussed in *Chapter 2 Project Description*, all three of the SWSs being consolidated as part of the proposed project have shown elevated levels of arsenic in exceedance of state and federal MCLs.

a) Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated

Potential water quality impacts associated with construction of the proposed project would be limited to short-term erosion/sedimentation that could occur during construction of the pipeline alignments. The temporary disturbance area, including construction and staging areas, would total approximately 160,000 sq. ft., or no more than four acres.

Construction of the proposed project would require coverage under the SWRCB's NPDES General Permit for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Construction Activity - Construction General Permit (Order 2009-0009-DWQ). The Construction General Permit requires preparation and implementation of a SWPPP containing BMPs to control sediment and other construction-related pollutants in storm water discharges. Such BMPs would include, but are not limited to, general housekeeping practices such as sweeping up of site debris, proper waste disposal procedures, use of tarps on any stockpiles, containment of building materials, and inspection for leaks and spills from construction vehicles and equipment. With implementation of the SWPPP, storm water discharges from the proposed

project site during construction are not expected to violate existing water quality standards or waste discharge requirements set by the RWQCB.

The Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel is a direct tributary to the Salton Sea, which is considered a Traditionally Navigable Water by the USACE. The Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel is considered jurisdictional for all three regulatory agencies – USACE, RWQCB, and CDFW. If trenchless technologies are used for the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel crossing, and no discharge of dredged or fill materials occurs within the channel, then Section 404 (USACE) and Section 401 (RWQCB) jurisdiction under the CWA would not apply. If trenchless methods are used for the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel crossing, and no impacts to species from vibration or potential for release of bentonite through the soil column into a waterbody (called frac-out) occurs, then CDFW would not require a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement under Fish & Game Code Section 1600.

Under CWA Section 404(f), activities involving the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States associated with the “irrigation of crops or livestock watering as part of a normal farming or ranching operation” are not subject to regulation under Section 404. As such, the two agricultural drains at Avenue 66/Lincoln and Avenue 66/Buchanan are exempt from USACE and RWQCB jurisdiction. The agricultural drains are artificially created with no riparian vegetation and are not maintained by natural surface flow; however, they fall under CDFW jurisdiction because they convey surface water that might support species (Land, 2019). For either jack and bore or HDD trenchless crossings under the agricultural drainage channels that does not result in impacts from vibration or frac-out, CDFW would not require a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement under California Fish & Game Code Section 1600.

Furthermore, per Mitigation Measure BIO-4, a Frac-Out Prevention and Contingency Plan would be completed by the HDD contractor. The Plan would verify recommended depth of the pipeline under the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and/or agricultural drains based on soil properties and risk for potential frac-out during the HDD trenchless construction phases. The pipeline would be designed at depths from the channel bed to minimize risk for the release of HDD drilling fluid into the channel. With implementation of the Frac-Out Prevention and Contingency Plan, the risk of degrading surface water quality or impacting species at the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel or agricultural drain crossings would be less than significant. With mitigation, surface water quality impacts would be less than significant.

b) Less than Significant Impact

As discussed in *Section 3.14 Population and Housing*, the proposed project would consolidate existing SWSs and would not induce population growth or increase water demands. Therefore, the proposed project would not be expected to decrease groundwater supplies or interfere with groundwater recharge efforts. Impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation would be required.

c) Less than Significant Impact

The proposed project would not result in a change in the local drainage patterns of the project area. The pipelines would be installed below ground, surfaces would be restored to pre-construction conditions and only minor changes in impervious surface areas would occur as a result of the pressure reducing station, associated onsite piping, meters, hydrants and valves. Therefore, no changes in drainage patterns would occur and no impacts to the existing storm drain system in the project area would be expected. All construction activities would be conducted in accordance with BMPs specified in the construction SWPPP to prevent erosion and siltation, and other construction-related pollutants such as potential leaks from construction equipment.

Portions of the project area are in FEMA SFHAs Zone AE (100-year flood zone) and Zone X (shaded) (500-year flood zone). The Manuela Garcia MHP and Seferino Huerto MHP are both located within the 100-year flood zone (Zone AE).

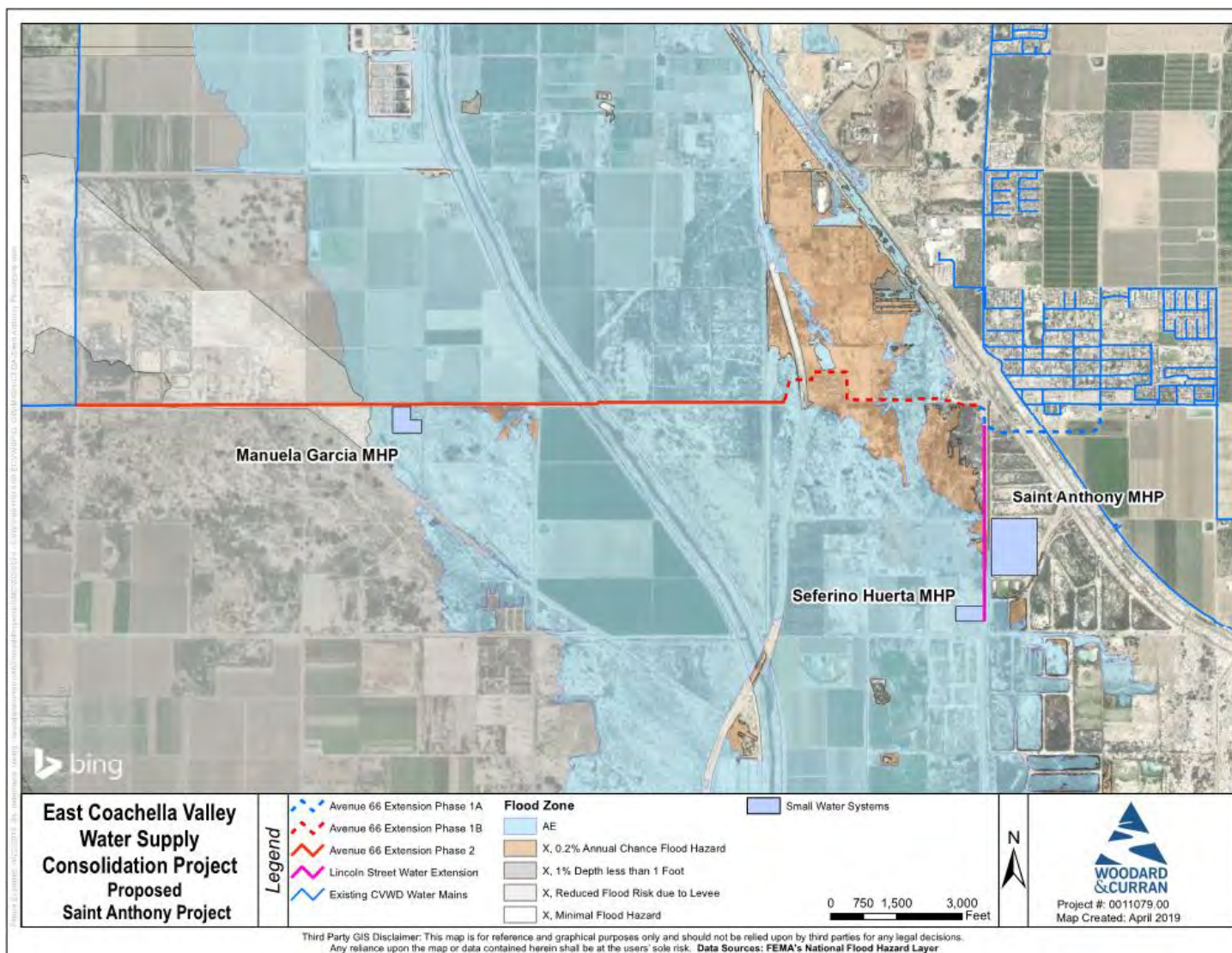
The majority of Avenue 66 is in the 100-year flood zone (Zone AE), while a small portion between Lincoln Street and Highway 86 is designated as a 500-year flood zone (Zone X [shaded]). The proposed pressure reducing station would be located within the 100-year flood zone (Zone AE). Within the project area, the majority of Lincoln Street is not within a flood hazard zone (Zone X [unshaded]), however, Lincoln Street is located within the 500-year flood zone (Zone X [shaded]) for about 1,300 feet south of Avenue 67 and in the 100-year flood zone (Zone AE) south of that. Saint Anthony MHP is not within a flood hazard zone (Zone X [unshaded]).

FEMA flood hazard zones within the project area are shown in Figure 3-6. Although portions of the proposed project would be located within 100-year and 500-year flood hazard zones, the proposed project would include installation of underground water distribution pipelines, a pressure reducing station, and associated meters, hydrants and valves that would not risk release of pollutants due to flooding upon completion of construction. Thus, potential impacts to drainage patterns resulting in erosion, flooding, or water quality issues would be less than significant and no mitigation measures would be required.

Mitigation Measures:

See Mitigation Measure BIO-4 in *Section 3.3 Biological Resources*.

Figure 3-6: FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map



3.11 Land Use and Planning

Would the Project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Physically divide an established community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion

The project area is located in the unincorporated Riverside County near the unincorporated community of Mecca. According to the *Riverside County Eastern Coachella Valley Area Plan* (County of Riverside 2016), the project area includes mixed-use, commercial retail, commercial tourist, rural residential, very low and low density residential, tribal lands and agriculture land use designations.

a) No Impact

The proposed project would construct approximately 27,000 linear feet of pipelines, a pressure reducing station, and associated onsite piping, meters, hydrants and valves to consolidate three independent, privately owned SWSs into **CVWD's potable water system**. Construction of the proposed pipelines would temporarily affect adjacent land uses through increased dust, noise, and traffic, but impacts would cease upon completion of construction and would not permanently affect the existing surrounding land uses. The majority of project features (other than fire hydrants and meters) would be located underground and would not result in a physical barrier within the existing community. No impacts would occur, and no mitigation would be required.

b) No Impact

The proposed project would construct water pipelines to consolidate three independent, privately owned SWSs into **CVWD's potable water system** and would not conflict with land use plans, policies, or regulations. The pipelines would be installed below-grade within roadway rights-of-way and on public and private lands and would comply with Riverside **County's land use policies and** regulations. All surfaces would be restored to pre-construction conditions upon completion of construction. Therefore, the proposed project would be consistent with all applicable land use plans, policies and regulations of agencies with jurisdiction over the project adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect. No impacts would occur, and no mitigation would be required.

Mitigation Measures: None required or recommended.

3.12 Mineral Resources

	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less Than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
Would the Project:				
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion

Mineral resource extraction is an important component of Riverside County's economy. Riverside County has extensive deposits of clay, limestone, iron, sand, and aggregates (County 2015). However, according to the *Riverside County General Plan Open Space Element* (County of Riverside 2015) and the California DOC CGS *Mineral Land Classification* online mapping tool (DOC 2015), the project area is located in an unstudied area and has no Mineral Resource Zone designation. There are not mineral resource extraction facilities within the project area.

a, b) Less than Significant Impact

The project area is located in an unstudied area and has no MRZ designation. The proposed project would install water distribution pipelines within roadway rights-of-way and on public or private developed lands such as the MHP properties. Because the construction activities would primarily occur on developed land, the proposed project would not result in a substantial loss of availability of locally or regionally important mineral resources and impacts would be less than significant.

Mitigation Measures: None required or recommended.

3.13 Noise

	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less Than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 expose people residing or working in the Project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion

Potential noise levels are compared to local ambient noise standards, within the context of the existing ambient noise setting. **The term, “ambient noise” refers to the composite of noise from all perceptible sources.** It constitutes the existing level of environmental noise at a given location (County of Riverside 2015). A decibel (dB) is a unit for measuring the relative amplitude of a sound equal approximately to the smallest difference normally detectable by the human ear, the range of which includes approximately one hundred thirty (130) decibels on a scale beginning with zero decibels for the faintest detectable sound. A-weighting (dBA) means the standard A-weighted frequency response of a sound level meter, which de-emphasizes low and high frequencies of sound in a manner similar to the human ear for moderate sounds. Maximum sound level (L_{MAX}) means the maximum sound level measured on a sound level meter (County of Riverside 2007). Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) is the average equivalent A-weighted sound level during a 24-hour day, obtained after addition of five decibels to sound levels in the evening from 7pm to 10pm and after the addition of 10 decibels to sound levels in the night from 10pm to 7am. Day-Night Average Level (L_{dn}) is the average equivalent A-weighted sound level during a 24-hour day, obtained after addition of 10 decibels to sound levels in the night from 10pm to 7am. CNEL and L_{dn} both represent daily levels of noise exposure averaged on an annual or daily basis (County of Riverside 2015).

A series of land uses have been deemed noise sensitive land uses by the State of California. These land uses require a serene environment as part of the overall facility or residential experience. Many of these facilities depend on low levels of sound to promote the wellbeing of the occupants. These uses include, but are not necessarily limited to, schools, hospitals, rest homes, long term care facilities, mental care facilities, residential uses, places of worship, libraries, and passive recreation areas (County of Riverside 2015).

Groundborne vibration can be described by both its amplitude and frequency. Amplitude may be characterized by particle velocity, which is measured in inches or millimeters per second. Vibration can be felt outdoors, but the perceived intensity of vibration impacts is much greater indoors, due to the shaking of the structure. Some of the most

common sources of vibration come from trains, transit vehicles, construction equipment, airplanes, and large vehicles. Several land uses are especially sensitive to vibration, and therefore have a lower vibration threshold. These uses include, but are not limited to, concert halls, hospitals, libraries, vibration-sensitive research operations, residential areas, schools, and offices (County of Riverside 2015).

The *Riverside County General Plan Noise Element* (County of Riverside 2015) provides a systematic approach to identifying and appraising noise problems in the community; quantifying existing and projected noise levels; addressing excessive noise exposure; and community planning for the regulation of noise. The element includes policies, standards, criteria, programs, diagrams, a reference to action items, and maps related to protecting public health and welfare from noise (see Table 3-10 and Table 3-11).

Table 3-10: County of Riverside Land Use Compatibility for Community Noise Exposure

Land Use Category	Range of “Normally Acceptable” Community Noise Exposure Level (L _{dn} or CNEL, dBA)					
	55	60	65	70	75	80
Residential-low density single family, duplex, mobile homes						
Residential-multiple family						
Transient lodging-motels, hotels						
Schools, libraries, churches, hospitals, nursing homes						
Playgrounds, neighborhood parks						
Golf courses, riding stables, water recreation, cemeteries						
Office buildings, businesses, commercial, and professional						
Industrial, manufacturing, utilities, agriculture						

Source: *County of Riverside General Plan Noise Element* 2015.

Table 3-11: Reaction to Typical Vibration Levels

Vibration Level Peak Particle Velocity (inches/second)	Human Reaction
0.0059-0.0188	Threshold of perception, possibility of intrusion
0.0787	Vibrations readily perceptible
0.0984	Continuous vibration begins to annoy people
0.1968	Vibrations annoying to people in buildings
0.3937-0.5905	Vibrations considered unpleasant when continuously subjected and unacceptable by some walking on bridges

Source: *County of Riverside General Plan Noise Element* 2015.

Riverside County Ordinance No. 847 Regulating Noise establishes countywide standards regulating noise and regulates noise in order to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of Riverside County residents. According to Ordinance 847, sound emanating from capital improvement projects of a government agency are exempt from the provisions of the ordinance. Therefore, the sound levels set in the County of Riverside Noise Ordinance would not apply to the proposed project. However, they can be used to understand acceptable sound levels in the region. The ordinance stipulates that sound levels shall not exceed the exterior sound level standards at neighboring property lines shown in Table 3-12.

Table 3-12: County of Riverside Sound Level Standards

General Plan Component	General Plan Land Use Designation	Maximum Decibel Level (dB L _{MAX})	
		7am – 10pm	10pm – 7am
Community Development	Medium High Density Residential (MHDR)	55	45
	Medium Density Residential (MDR)	55	45
Rural Community	Low Density Residential (LDR)	55	45
Agriculture	Agriculture (AG)	45	45

Source: Riverside County Ordinance 847 Noise.

Existing Conditions

The existing noise setting in the project area consists of residential activities and traffic noise from Highway 86 and other surrounding roadways. Base year noise levels were assessed for the *County of Riverside General Plan* (County of Riverside 2015). Table 3-13 summarizes the existing traffic noise levels around the project area.

Table 3-13: County of Riverside Base Year Condition (2007) Traffic Noise Levels

Roadway Segment	Average Daily Trips (ADT)	L _{dn} (dBA) 50 feet from centerline of outermost lane	Centerline to 60 L _{dn} (feet)
Highway 86 between southern city limits of Coachella and Avenue 66 (approx. one mile northwest of Saint Anthony MHP)	37,900	78.6	1,144
Highway 86 between Avenue 74 and Pierce Street (approx. one mile west of Saint Anthony MHP)	7,700	71.5	354

Source: *County of Riverside General Plan* Appendix I-1.

The closest airport to the project area is the Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport; however, the proposed project does **not overlap the airport's forecasted noise contours** (County of Riverside 2015, Appendix I-1, Figure 43).

a) Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated

The project has the potential to expose persons to noise resulting from construction activities and operations. Noise **within the County of Riverside is regulated under the County's Noise Ordinance and acceptable noise levels are established in the County's General Plan** (see discussion above).

Construction is anticipated to last 12 months. Construction activities would result in temporary noise increases. Construction noise levels would fluctuate depending on the construction phase, equipment type, and duration of use; distance between noise source and receptor; and presence or absence of existing barriers between noise source and receptor. A list of construction equipment that may be used at any one time during construction can be found in *Section 2 Project Description*. The typical noise level of each piece of construction equipment that would be used for the project is shown in Table 3-14.

Table 3-14: Typical Construction Equipment Noise Levels

Equipment	Typical Noise Levels (dBA, at 50 feet)
Excavators	81
Backhoe	78
Dump truck	76
Front end loader	79
Water trucks	84 ¹
Pavers	77
Roller	80
Flat-bed delivery trucks	74
Forklifts	75 ¹
Concrete mixer truck	79
Jack hammer	89
Auger Drill Rig	85
Horizontal Boring Hydraulic Jack	80
Soil Mix Drill Rig	80
Source: FHWA, 2006.	
1. Water truck noise level was assumed to be comparable to a tractor. Forklift noise level was assumed to be comparable to a man lift.	

In general, project construction would be temporary and sporadic and would vary depending on the type of component being constructed. Construction along the pipeline alignments would continuously move from one location to another, as pipeline installation proceeds from one segment to the next. Thus, noise levels would affect any one receptor for a short duration of time. Construction using jack-and-bore methods, while still intermittent and sporadic depending on the phase of construction, would occur for an overall longer period of time (compared to trenched pipeline installation), and thus expose people to elevated noise levels during the construction period.

During construction, truck traffic would generate noise levels along haul routes. Construction would involve 4 to 5 round-trip material delivery and/or soil export truck trips per day. Noise sensitive land uses located adjacent to proposed project construction areas and along haul routes would be subject to truck noise during construction. Truck noise depends upon vehicle speed, load, terrain, and other factors. The effects of construction -related truck traffic would depend on the level of background noise already occurring at a particular receptor site, and the existing ambient noise levels. In quiet environments, truck noise would be more noticeable than where the existing ambient noise level is high.

According to the Riverside County Noise Ordinance, Ordinance 847, sound emanating from capital improvement projects of a government agency are exempt from the provisions of the ordinance. Therefore, impacts-related to construction noise associated with the proposed project would be exempt from Riverside County Noise Ordinance standards. Furthermore, construction would occur during daytime hours consistent with the limits on private construction activities in the Noise Ordinance. In addition, the existing conditions in the project area are not quiet; the area is already subject to elevated ambient noise levels due to prominent traffic noise. Nonetheless, due to the close proximity of construction activities to residences, impacts from construction noise would be potentially significant. With implementation of Mitigation Measure NOI-1, which requires the construction contractor to implement the best available noise control techniques and equipment, construction-related noise levels would be reduced to less than significant.

Once operational, the proposed below-ground conveyance pipelines are not expected to result in a permanent increase in noise, other than noise associated with occasional vehicle maintenance trips. Operational vehicle maintenance trips

would occur during daytime hours, between 7am and 8pm, consistent with the Riverside County Noise Ordinance. Therefore, the project would have less-than-significant long-term noise impacts.

b) Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated

Construction also has the potential to cause groundborne vibration and groundborne noise. Generally, a project would result in a significant impact if it produced groundborne vibration levels equal to or in excess of 0.1968 in/sec peak particle velocity (PPV) (see Table 3-11). Typical vibration levels for construction equipment are shown in Table 3-15.

Table 3-15: Typical Construction Equipment Vibration Levels

Equipment	Typical Vibration Source Levels PPV at 25 feet (in/sec)
Vibratory roller	0.210
Caisson drilling	0.089
Loaded trucks	0.076
Jack hammer	0.035
Small bulldozer	0.003
Source: Source: FTA, 2006.	

As shown in Table 3-15, if a vibratory roller is used for construction of the proposed project, for example to replace roadways, it would result in groundborne vibration at levels that would cause annoyance to people in buildings at distances of 25 feet. The drilling equipment for the proposed trenchless pipeline segments would not be expected to result in significant vibration levels. According to the Federal Transit Administration Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment (FTA 2006), groundborne vibration from construction attenuates based on peak particle velocity of the equipment and distance from the equipment to the receiver. Groundborne vibration from construction of the project is expected to attenuate to reach a less than significant level at a distance of 40 feet.

Once operational, the proposed below-ground conveyance pipelines are not expected to result in a permanent source of groundborne vibration, other than vehicles associated with occasional maintenance trips. Operational vehicle maintenance trips would occur during daytime hours, between 7am and 8pm, consistent with the Riverside County Noise Ordinance. Therefore, the project would have less-than-significant long-term vibration impacts.

Potential impacts from construction-related groundborne vibration would be potentially significant. However, with implementation of Mitigation Measure NOI-1, construction-related vibration levels would be reduced to less than significant.

c) Less than Significant Impact

The Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport is located in the westerly part of the town of Thermal, approximately five miles north of the proposed project area. The proposed project would construct approximately 27,000 linear feet of pipelines, a pressure reducing station, and associated onsite piping, meters, hydrants and valves to consolidate three independent, privately owned SWSs into CVWD's potable water system. Although the proposed project would include **expansion of CVWD's municipal water delivery infrastructure, it would serve existing communities and does not** propose new housing or businesses that would be exposed to excessive noise levels. Thus, impacts related to aircraft noise would be less than significant.

Mitigation Measures:

To lessen possible noise and vibration impacts, the project shall implement practical noise control measures Mitigation Measure NOI-1 for construction. Impacts are considered less than significant with mitigation incorporated.

Mitigation Measure NOI-1: Noise and Vibration Control During Construction

CVWD shall incorporate into the construction contract specifications the following noise and vibration control measures to be implemented by the construction contractor:

- Prior to construction, the Construction Contractor shall provide [CVWD-approved] written notification to residents within 500 feet of the proposed facilities undergoing construction shall be provided, identifying the type, duration, and frequency of construction activities. Notification materials shall be provided in English/Spanish translation and identify a mechanism for residents to **contact CVWD's Project Manager** related to noise or vibration concerns.
- During construction, the Construction Contractor shall use equipment (e.g., jack hammers, pavement breakers, and rock drills) which is hydraulically or electrically powered to avoid noise associated with compressed air exhaust from pneumatically powered tools. Where use of pneumatically powered tools is unavoidable, an exhaust muffler on the compressed air exhaust would be used. This muffler can lower noise levels from the exhaust by up to 10 dBA. External jackets on the tools themselves would be used where feasible, and this could achieve a reduction of 5 dBA. Quieter procedures will be used such as drilling rather than impact equipment whenever feasible.
- During construction, the Construction Contractor shall comply with compaction standards for backfill. Vibration generated during soil compaction may be minimized by using a small compactor.
- During sheetpile driving for trench excavation, the Construction Contractor shall use the following measures: pushing the sheetpile in as far as possible with non-vibratory equipment (e.g., excavator) before using the vibrator; using a small, hand-operated vibratory hammer or one with a different operational frequency to further reduce the vibration potential; flooding the soils before tamping with the vibrator; and/or operating vibratory equipment **with "throttling" when a vibrator must be used.**
- All equipment and trucks used by the Construction Contractor for project construction shall use the best available noise control techniques (including mufflers, use of intake silencers, ducts, engine enclosures and acoustically attenuating shields or shrouds) and be maintained in good operating condition to minimize construction noise impacts. All internal combustion engine-drive equipment shall be fitted with intake and exhaust mufflers which are in good condition.
- During construction, the Construction Contractor shall prohibit unnecessary idling of internal combustion engines. In practice, this would mean turning off equipment if it would not be used for five or more minutes.
- During construction, the Construction Contractor shall locate stationary noise-generating construction equipment, such as air compressors and generators, as far as possible from homes and businesses.
- The Construction Contractor shall locate staging areas as far as feasibly possible from sensitive receptors.

3.14 Population and Housing

	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less Than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
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)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion

The proposed project is located in unincorporated Riverside County to the west of the unincorporated community of Mecca within the eastern Coachella Valley. The project area is relatively rural and sparsely developed with residential land uses, commercial, and agricultural areas. As shown in Table 2-2, the proposed project would consolidate three SWSs that include a total of 122 service connections and an estimated population of 488 **with CVWD's municipal water system**.

a) Less than Significant

The proposed project involves **expansion of CVWD's municipal water delivery infrastructure** within its service area; the direct use would serve specific existing communities that currently rely on SWSs with a reliable potable water source **from CVWD's municipal water system**. The proposed **expansion of CVWD's municipal water** distribution infrastructure, and subsequent indirect growth, is consistent with planned growth in the area. The *Riverside County General Plan Eastern Coachella Valley Area Plan* (County of Riverside 2012) expected the Eastern Coachella Valley region to double its population between 2010 and 2020. Therefore, the proposed project would not induce substantial unplanned population growth, directly or indirectly, in the project area. Impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation would be required.

b) No Impact

The proposed project would construct water distribution pipelines to consolidate three independent, privately owned **SWSs into CVWD's municipal water system** and would not displace existing people or housing. Therefore, there would be no impacts related to displacement of people or housing would occur and no mitigation would be required.

Mitigation Measures: None required or recommended.

3.15 Public Services

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Would the Project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the public services:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fire protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Police protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion

Riverside County Fire Department, in cooperation with Cal Fire, provides fire protection and emergency services to unincorporated areas of Riverside County. Station 40 is located at 91350 Avenue 66 in the unincorporated community of Mecca, approximately one-third mile to the east of the project area. **The Riverside County Sheriff's Department** provides law enforcement services, and the California Highway Patrol provides traffic enforcement services within the project area. **The Riverside County Sheriff's Thermal Station is located at 86625 Airport Boulevard** approximately five miles to the north of the project area. There are no schools located within the project area. The Mecca Elementary School is located approximately one-half mile to the northeast of the project area, the Saul Martinez Elementary School is located approximately one mile to the east of the project area, and the Las Palmitas Elementary School, Toro Canyon Middle School, and Desert Mirage High School are located approximately 1.5 miles to the west of the project area. There are no parks located within the project area. The Mecca Sports Complex is located approximately one-third mile to the northeast of the project area.

a) No Impact

The proposed project would not change existing demand for public services (e.g., fire and police protection, schools, parks, libraries, or health clinics) because the proposed project would serve existing communities and would not significantly or directly induce population growth (see *Section 3.13 Population and Housing*). In addition, the O&M requirements for the proposed project would be minimal, and therefore would not result in an increase in the need for new staff from public protection services entities. As implementation of the proposed project would not change the demand for any public services, it would not require additional equipment or resources for those public service providers. The proposed project would have no impact on public services, and no mitigation would be required.

Mitigation Measures: None required or recommended.

3.16 Recreation

	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less Than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the Project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion

According to Riverside County's *Eastern Coachella Valley Area Plan* (County of Riverside 2016), the project area includes commercial retail, low density residential, and agriculture land use designations. There are no parks located within the project area. The Mecca Sports Complex is located approximately one-third mile to the northeast of the project area. Riverside County contains bicycle, pedestrian, and equestrian trails. Within the project area, Lincoln Street, Avenue 66, and Pierce Street are designated as Class I bike paths and Avenue 68 is designated as a Class II bike path (County of Riverside 2016). A regional trail follows the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and along a portion of Avenue 66 to the west of the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel.

a, b) No Impact

There are no parks within the project area and consolidation of SWS into CVWD's potable water system would not increase the use of existing parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated, **as the proposed project would extend CVWD's municipal water services to existing communities**. Similarly, the proposed project would not include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment. Thus, no impacts would occur, and no mitigation is required.

Mitigation Measures: None required or recommended.

3.17 Transportation

Would the Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Conflict with a program plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Result in inadequate emergency access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion

Transportation in the Coachella Valley is planned through the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) in a regional effort. The RCTC plans and implements transportation and transit improvements and assists local governments with funding for local streets and roads to **promote accessible transportation throughout Riverside County. RCTC's current Congestion Management Program** (CMP; RCTC 2011) was adopted in December 2011 and is planned to be incorporated in the *Long Range Transportation Plan* (LRTP). The LRTP, which will be published later in 2019, will take a comprehensive review of projects on the state highway, regional arterials, rail and bus, freight network, and active transportation. According to the 2011 CMP, all roadway segments in the Coachella Valley in 2011 were operating at acceptable levels of service (i.e., were not congested) except for Ramon Road between Bob Hope Drive and Interstate 10, approximately 25 miles northwest of the proposed project area (RCTC 2011).

The CVAG *Transportation Prioritization Study* (CVAG 2017b) was developed for the evaluation of the regional transportation system needs within the Coachella Valley and to assist CVAG in making funding decisions. The CVAG *Active Transportation Plan* (CVAG 2016) provides goals and objectives related to alternative transportation within the Coachella Valley, and was prepared in conjunction with the *Transportation Prioritization Study*. The *Transportation Prioritization Study* includes a multipurpose path along Airport Boulevard between Polk Street and the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel (CVAG 2017b).

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) *Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy* (RTP/SCS; SCAG 2016) identifies strategies to meet mobility of all modes, legislative, financial and air quality requirements in the six county area of Southern California. It is updated every four years, most recently in June 2016. Most of the projects identified in the Coachella Valley focus on expanding the Sunline Transit Agency facilities (SCAG 2016).

Existing circulation around the SWSs typically consists of two-lane roads with no bicycle or pedestrian facilities. As shown in Table 3-13, Highway 86 where it runs adjacent to the proposed project area had a measured average daily number of vehicle trips of between 7,700 and 37,900 in 2007.

a) Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated

Construction is anticipated to last 12 months and occur on weekdays between the hours of 7 am and 6 pm. During construction, the project would generate trips associated with construction crews and materials deliveries. Assuming a rate of construction of 150 LF per day, construction would generate up to 60 round-trip trips per day, which includes trips for off hauling of export material, delivery of materials, and construction worker commuting. All construction activities would occur within the County of Riverside roadway rights of way, areas adjacent to the roadways, and SWS properties.

Construction-related traffic would be temporary, and potential traffic-related impacts would not occur in the same location over the 12-month construction period but would rather move along the pipeline alignment. All disturbed areas would be restored to original grade. As such, temporary construction impacts are not expected to have a significant impact related to the RCTC CMP, the CVAG studies, or the SCAG RTP/SCS, which focus on long-term, regional circulation projects.

Once operational, the project would not conflict with these regional transportation plans because it would install below-ground pipelines, a pressure reducing station, and associated onsite piping, meters, hydrants and valves that would not have a permanent impact on circulation. CVWD would continue to operate its water system with no operational modifications using standard vehicles. Long-term impacts on the circulation system plans would be less than significant.

Although construction impacts would not be substantial, construction of the proposed project may necessitate individual traffic lane closures. To ensure the appropriate traffic controls are implemented and potential traffic impacts related to lane closures are less than significant, the proposed project shall implement Mitigation Measure TRA-1. Project coordination with emergency responders and development of an approved Traffic Control Plan would result in potential traffic impacts related to road closures and detours would be less than significant.

b) No Impact

CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, subdivision (b) stipulates criteria for analyzing transportation impacts in terms of **“vehicle miles traveled” for land use projects and transportation projects**. VMT refers to the amount and distance of automobile travel attributable to a project.

Construction of the proposed project would involve temporary trips associated with workers, delivery of construction supplies and equipment, and hauling materials to and from the site. These trips would be temporary over the 12 month duration of construction and would not result in a perceivable increase in vehicle miles traveled that would exceed County thresholds of significance. Truck trips associated with operation and maintenance would be limited and **incorporated into CVWD’s existing operation and maintenance program**. The VMT generated during operation of the proposed project would be minimal. Therefore, the project would not be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, subdivision (b) and there would be no impact.

c) No Impact

The project would install 27,000 linear feet of pipelines, a pressure reducing station, and associated onsite piping, meters, hydrants and valves which would not have a permanent impact on geometric roadway design. All disturbed areas would be restored to original grade. CVWD would continue to operate its water system with no operational modifications using standard vehicles, which would not introduce incompatible uses to roadways. The project would not result in transportation hazards.

d) Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated

As explained under Impact a), above, construction of the project would generate trips associated with construction crews and materials deliveries and may necessitate individual traffic lane closures. Lane closures and other construction activities have the potential to result in inadequate access for emergency vehicles. Traffic control requirements would require that emergency crews have access, as needed, and that the contractor coordinates the location of the work daily for routing of emergency vehicles. Traffic control would also require the contractor to make reasonable efforts, wherever possible, to provide landowners access to their property and patrons access to businesses during execution of the work. To ensure that project construction would not interfere with emergency response times, the proposed project would implement Mitigation Measure TRA-1. With the incorporation of traffic control measures identified in Mitigation Measure TRA-1, impacts would be less than significant.

Mitigation Measures:

To lessen possible circulation and emergency access impacts during construction, the project shall implement practical transportation control measure Mitigation Measure TRA-1. Impacts are considered less than significant with mitigation incorporated.

Mitigation Measure TRA-1: Traffic Control Plan

Prior to construction, CVWD shall require its construction contractor to implement an approved Traffic Control Plan, to the satisfaction of the CVWD construction inspector and the County. The components of the Traffic Control Plan shall include:

- Identification of construction staging site locations and potential road closures,
- Alternate routes of traffic detours, including emergency response contact information,
- Planned routes for construction-related vehicle traffic (haul routes), and
- Identification of alternative safe routes to maintain pedestrian safety during construction.

CVWD's **Project Manager** shall coordinate with the police, fire, and other emergency services to alert these entities about potential construction delays, project alignment, and construction schedule. CVWD shall minimize the duration of disruptions/closures to roadways and critical access points for emergency services. The Traffic Control Plan shall provide for traffic control measures including flag persons, warning signs, lights, barricades, and cones to provide safe passage of vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic and access by emergency responders. The Traffic Control Plan shall be submitted to CVWD's **Project Manager and** construction inspector for review and approval prior to construction.

CVWD's construction inspector shall have the construction schedule and Traffic Control Plan reviewed by the County of Riverside to ensure construction of the proposed project does not conflict with construction activities associated with other construction projects that may be occurring at the same time in the vicinity.

3.18 Tribal Cultural Resources

	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less Than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion

A *Cultural Resources Assessment Report* was prepared in April 2019 by Rincon Consultants, Inc. for the proposed project. A field survey of the project area was conducted on February 12-13, 2019 and April 18, 2019. The *Cultural Resources Assessment Report* is provided in Appendix C.

On January 15, 2019, Rincon conducted a search of cultural resources records at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California, Riverside, and a search of the Sacred Lands File was requested from the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC). *Section 3.5 Cultural Resources* provides an overview of the Eastern Information Center and other database searches that were conducted for the Project. According to the search, 39 previous cultural resources studies have been conducted within a one-half-mile radius of the project area. In addition, Dokken Engineering conducted a cultural resource assessment of portions of the project area north of Avenue 66 for the Phase 1b pipeline extension (see Appendix C). Although this report is not yet on file at the Eastern Information Center, the results of the report were included in the cultural resource assessment. Eighteen cultural resources have been documented within a one-half-mile radius of the project area. Two of the previously recorded historical structures, Avenue 66 (P-33-020844) and Lincoln Street (P-33-020839), intersect the project area; however, they were determined not to be eligible for listing on the NRHP and CRHR. No cultural resources were discovered during the field surveys.

Results of the Sacred Lands File Search by the NAHC did not indicate the presence of Native American sacred lands within the vicinity of the project area. In addition to the search of the Sacred Lands File, the NAHC identified 19 Native

American contacts who may have knowledge of cultural resources of Native American origin at the project site. Rincon prepared and mailed letters to each of these groups on behalf of CVWD on January 22, 2019.

On February 20 and 22, 2019, Rincon followed up with the Native American contacts who had not yet replied. Twelve responses were received from this outreach effort. A summary of each response received as of March 21, 2019 follows.

- On January 28, 2019, Rincon received a letter from Travis Armstrong, Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) for the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, who stated the Tribe has no additional information to provide at this time. He indicated the Morongo Band of Mission Indians would defer to other tribes in the area when the lead agency initiates formal consultation for the project.
- On January 29, 2019, Rincon received a letter from Judy Stapp, Director of Cultural Affairs for the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians. The letter stated the Tribe does not have specific archival information on the site and the project is outside of its current reservation boundaries.
- On January 30, 2019, Rincon received a letter from Lacy Padilla, Archaeological Technician for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians THPO. The letter stated the project is not in the boundaries of the **Tribe's** reservation but **is in the Tribe's Traditional Use Area**. She deferred to the Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians and Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, stating that this letter concluded **the Tribe's** consultation efforts for the project.
- On February 8, 2019, Rincon received a letter from Sarah Bliss, Cultural Resources Manager, of the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians. She stated that though the THPO is not aware of specific cultural resources in the project area, the project is in the Chemehuevi Traditional Use Area and may have impacts to cultural resources that concern the Tribe. The THPO requests the completed report from the lead agency for evaluation.
- On February 20, 2019, Amanda Vance, Chairperson of the Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, responded in a letter stating the Tribe did not have any specific information on cultural resources in the project area. She encouraged Rincon contact other Tribes in the area for information and to contract with a monitor qualified in Native American cultural resources identification for onsite ground disturbance.
- On February 20, 2019, Rincon spoke on the phone with Bobby Ray, the Cultural Director for the Cahuilla Band of Indians. He stated he had no specific knowledge of cultural resources in the area. He deferred to Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians.
- On February 20, 2019, Rincon had a phone call with Joseph Ontiveros, the Cultural Director for the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians. Mr. Ontiveros stated the Tribe would defer to Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians.
- On February 22, 2019, Rincon spoke on the phone with Steven Estrada, Chairperson for the Santa Rosa Band of Mission Indians. Mr. Estrada stated the Tribe would defer further consultation and any monitoring efforts to Torres Martinez Band of Cahuilla Indians.
- On February 22, 2019, Rincon spoke on the phone with Charles Wood, Chairperson for the Chemehuevi Indian Reservation. Mr. Wood stated the Tribe did not have any specific information or concerns and would like to defer to tribes closer to the project area.
- On February 22, 2019, Rincon corresponded with Michael Mirelez, Cultural Resource Coordinator for the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians. Mr. Mirelez **stated that although the project is outside of the Tribe's**

reservation, it is in their Traditional Use Area. The Tribe has concerns regarding inadvertent discoveries. Mr. Mirelez requested copies of all cultural reports, formal government-to-government consultation, and Tribal monitoring during all initial ground-disturbing activities, including survey and testing.

- On February 26, 2019, Rincon received an email from Dorothy Willis of the Los Coyotes Band of Mission Indians. **Ms. Willis stated that she had discussed the project with Jacob Norte, the Tribe's Environmental Programs Director, and he had no comments on the project.**
- **In a letter dated March 6, 2019, the Colorado River Indian Tribe's (CRIT) THPO requested that all prehistoric cultural resources, including both known and yet-to-be-discovered sites, be avoided. If avoidance of the site is infeasible, then the THPO requested the resources be left *in situ* or reburied in a nearby area after consultation. In addition, they requested the CRIT THPO be notified within 48 hours of discovering any human remains or objects subject to provision of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, or cultural resources such as sites, trials, and artifacts.**

Assembly Bill (AB) 52 Consultation

AB 52 (Gatto, 2014) established a formal consultation process between a lead agency and all California Native American Tribes regarding tribal cultural resource evaluation. AB 52 mandates that a lead agency shall provide formal written notification to the designated contact of, or a tribal representative of, traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have previously requested notice. The AB 52 consultation is initiated early in the project review phase by written notification including a brief description of the proposed project and its location, and the lead agency contact information. The Native American tribal government has 30 days to request project-specific consultation pursuant to this section (Public Resources Code §21080.1).

As a part of the consultation pursuant to PRC Section 21080.3.1, the parties may propose mitigation measures, including, but not limited to, those recommended in Section 21084.3, capable of avoiding or substantially lessening potential significant impacts to a tribal cultural resource or alternatives that would avoid significant impacts to a tribal cultural resource. If the California Native American tribe requests consultation regarding alternatives to the project, recommended mitigation measures, or significant effects, the consultation shall include those topics. The consultation may include discussion concerning the type of environmental review necessary, the significance of tribal cultural **resources, the significance of the project's impacts on the tribal cultural resources, and, if necessary, project alternatives or the appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation that the California Native American tribe may recommended to the lead agency.** Further, consultation shall be considered concluded when either of the following occurs: (1) The parties agree to measures to mitigate or avoid a significant effect, if a significant effect exists, on a tribal cultural resource, or (2) A party, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached.

In May 2019, CVWD initiated AB 52 with local Native American tribal governments having previously requested to consult under AB 52. As of June 2019, CVWD environmental staff received written formal requests for consultation from two tribes. Staff has met with both tribes to discuss the project in depth. CVWD continues to coordinate project specifics with the two local tribes and has conditioned the project through mitigation with providing a Native American tribal monitor during initial earth-disturbing construction activities such as grubbing, clearing, and excavation.

ai-aii) Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated

A project-level *Cultural Resources Assessment Report* (Appendix C) was prepared to identify potential impacts to cultural resources, including tribal cultural resources that would result from the proposed project. Much of the project area has been previously disturbed by roadway development, housing, commercial development and agricultural activities, and therefore, the possibility of encountering intact surface tribal cultural resources is considered low;

however, with construction projects involving excavation there is potential for ground-disturbing activities to expose previously unrecorded tribal cultural resources.

In addition, the *Cultural Resources Assessment Report* concluded that the lack of surface evidence of archaeological remains does not preclude their subsurface existence. The multiple prehistoric archaeological resources documented on the adjacent Torres Martinez Indian Reservation, some of which contain buried cultural deposits, suggest the western portion of the project APE has a moderate to high sensitivity for prehistoric archaeological remains. The results of the 2019 field survey revealed surficial deposits have been disturbed throughout much of the APE by the construction and maintenance of roadways and mobile home parks. These previous ground-disturbing activities are expected to be limited to the upper few feet of sediment. Given the maximum depth of ground disturbance in this portion of the APE will be eight feet below ground surface, it is anticipated the water pipeline installation will extend into undisturbed native sediments. These excavations have the potential to impact buried prehistoric archaeological resources potentially present along Avenue 66 and the portion of the APE extending onto the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation.

The following mitigation measures will be implemented and are designed to avoid or lessen potential impacts to a tribal cultural resource.

Mitigation Measure CUL-1 requires the initial ground-disturbing activities be observed by an archaeological and Native American monitor.

Mitigation Measure CUL-2 requires that all earth disturbing work be temporarily suspended if cultural resources, including tribal cultural resources, are discovered during construction.

Mitigation Measure CUL-3 ensures compliance with State policy regarding an unanticipated discovery of human remains. With implementation of Mitigation Measures CUL-1, CUL-2, and CUL-3, potential impacts resulting in a substantial adverse change to the significance of tribal cultural resources would be reduced to less than significant.

Mitigation Measures: Refer to Mitigation Measures CUL-1, CUL-2, and CUL-3 in *Section 3.5 Cultural Resources*.

3.19 Utilities and Service Systems

	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less Than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the Project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion

Water Supply

Water supply services for the project area are provided by CVWD. CVWD delivers irrigation and potable water, collects and recycles wastewater, provides regional storm water protection, and replenishes the Coachella Valley Groundwater Basin and is the largest water supplier in the Coachella Valley. **CVWD's pressurized pipeline domestic water distribution** systems have 30 pressure zones and consist of approximately 96 groundwater production wells, 2,000 miles of pipeline, and 135 million gallons of storage in 61 enclosed reservoirs. In 2015, CVWD provided 92,974 AF of water to 212,871 residents **through 107,358 active meters**. **CVWD's irrigation system consists of 485 miles of buried pipelines**, 19 pumping plants, and 1,300 AF of storage and provides approximately 392,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) of Colorado River water and blended recycled water to over 1,100 customers covering approximately 76,354 acres. **CVWD's water** supplies come from groundwater, recycled water, imported water from the State Water Project (via the California Aqueduct) and the Colorado River via the Coachella Canal, a branch of the All-American Canal. All potable water is pumped from the groundwater basin. Imported and recycled water supplies are used to meet non-urban water demands and for groundwater replenishment.

Wastewater and Recycled Water

CVWD provides wastewater collection and treatment services in the project area. **CVWD's wastewater collection system** consists of approximately 1,100 miles of 6-inch through 36-inch diameter sewers and includes 35 sewage lift stations and associated force mains. The system contains trunk sewers, generally 10-inches in diameter and larger, **that convey the collected wastewater flows to CVWD's treatment facilities.** CVWD operates five water reclamation plants (WRPs), two of which (WRP-7 and WRP-10) generate recycled water for irrigation of golf courses and large landscaped areas. WRP-4 became operational in 1986 and serves communities from La Quinta to Mecca. WRP-4 effluent is not currently recycled; however, it will be recycled in the future after obtaining an approved wastewater change petition and tertiary treatment is constructed. The other two WRPs serve isolated communities near the Salton Sea. A sixth WRP (WRP-9) was decommissioned in July 2015.

Stormwater

CVWD provides regional flood protection for its stormwater unit within the Coachella Valley. CVWD's stormwater unit extends from the Whitewater River Spreading Area to Salton City, encompassing approximately 378,000 acres. **CVWD's regional flood control system consists of a series of debris basins, levees,** and stormwater channels that divert floodwaters from the canyons and alluvial fans surrounding the Coachella Valley to the 50-mile Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel that flows to the Salton Sea.

Solid Waste

Waste collection in the project area is provided by Burrtec. The Mecca II landfill is located in Mecca, California approximately four miles to the east of the proposed project on Avenue 66.

Utilities

IID provides electricity services and Southern California Gas Company provides natural gas services within the project area.

a) Less than Significant Impact

The proposed project would construct approximately 27,000 linear feet of pipelines, a pressure reducing station, and associated onsite piping, meters, hydrants and valves to consolidate three **privately owned SWSs into CVWD's** municipal water system. The proposed project would not require or result in the construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or stormwater drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities beyond the **expansion of CVWD's potable water delivery system included in the proposed project.** As discussed in *Section 3.15 Population and Housing*, the proposed project would serve existing communities and would not directly induce population growth that would require new or expanded utilities. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation would be required.

b) Less than Significant Impact

The proposed project would construct water distribution pipelines to consolidate three privately owned SWSs into **CVWD's** municipal water system. CVWD has been extensively involved in water and sewer consolidation projects, primarily for small DACs and mobile home parks in the eastern Coachella Valley. Consolidation of small, public water systems, particularly in the eastern Coachella Valley, is a priority for CVWD and the region, as many of these systems are not reliable and have water quality issues. As plans to consolidate these small communities into the municipal water system have been ongoing, the increase in water demands from these consolidations are anticipated in future demand projections. Additionally, many of these communities are fairly small and would not substantially increase **water demands compared to CVWD's total demands.** According to CVWD's 2015 *Urban Water Management Plan*

(CVWD 2016), there will be sufficient supplies to meet projected demands through 2040 in normal, single-dry, and multiple-dry years.

Additionally, the proposed project would add a total of 122 service connections and an estimated population of 488 to **CVWD's potable water system, as shown in Table 2-2**. This is a relatively small addition given CVWD serves a total population of 216,900 through 107,358 municipal service connections (CVWD 2016). This represents a 0.23 percent population increase and 0.11 percent increase in service connections resulting from the proposed project. As shown in Table 2-2, the proposed project would result in a maximum day demand of 65.88 gpm. Thus, the proposed project would not create a substantial increase in population served or water demands. Therefore, CVWD has sufficient water supplies available to serve the proposed project and impacts would be less than significant.

c) No Impact

The proposed project would construct water pipelines to consolidate three **privately owned SWSs into CVWD's potable water system** and would not involve or increase wastewater collection or treatment services. Therefore, no impacts would occur, and no mitigation would be required.

d, e) Less than Significant Impact

Construction and implementation of the proposed project is not anticipated to generate a significant amount of solid waste. To the extent feasible, excavated soil would be reused on site. The construction contractor(s) would be required to dispose of excavated soil and solid wastes in accordance with local solid waste disposal requirements. Waste material would be hauled to the Mecca II landfill.

Solid waste generation would be limited to construction-related activities and would not affect available solid waste disposal capacity in the region. No long-term solid waste generation would be associated with the proposed project. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation would be required.

Mitigation Measures: None required or recommended.

3.20 Wildfire

	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less Than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslopes or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion

The Cal Fire Resources Assessment Program (FRAP; CalFire 2006) assesses the amount and **extent of California's** forests and rangelands, analyzes their conditions, and identifies alternative management and policy guidelines. Through the FRAP, Cal Fire produces maps designating very high fire hazard severity zones (VHFHSZ) within State and Local Responsibility Areas. The project is located within the **Western Riverside County's** LRA, which designates the project area as a non-VHFHSZ.

a) Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated

Construction of the proposed project would include installation of approximately 27,000 linear feet of pipelines, a pressure reducing station, and associated onsite piping, meters, hydrants and valves to connect three **SWS's into CVWD's potable water system**. Construction activities would take place within public rights-of-ways as well as on private and public land. Potential staging areas include vacant private and public land, parking lots, and segments of closed traffic lanes. Therefore, project construction would temporarily block access to some roadways and driveways that are currently used by emergency response vehicles or in emergency evacuations. Mitigation Measure TRA-1 addresses how CVWD would communicate with emergency response agencies to develop emergency access strategies (see *Section 3.1.17 Transportation*). Long-term, the proposed project would not physically impair or otherwise interfere with emergency response or evacuation in the project vicinity as the majority of the project components would be located below-grade and ground surfaces would be returned to pre-construction conditions. Thus, impacts would be less than significant with mitigation.

b) Less than Significant Impact

The proposed project is located within an LRA designated as non-VHFHSZ. Therefore, the proposed project would not exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose proposed project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire. Impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation would be required.

c) No Impact

The proposed project would construct approximately 27,000 linear feet of pipelines, a pressure reducing station, and associated onsite piping, meters, hydrants and valves to connect three **SWS's into CVWD's potable water system**. The proposed project would not require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure that may exacerbate fire risk or result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment. O&M activities associated with the proposed project would minimally increase and may include reading and maintaining new water meters at the three communities, which would not require activities that would exacerbate fire risk. Therefore, no impacts would occur, and no mitigation would be required.

d) No Impact

The project area is primarily level low density residential and agricultural lands, and there are no slopes or hills within the project area. The majority of project components would be located below-grade, surfaces would be restored to pre-construction conditions, and implementation of the proposed project would not impact site drainage. Therefore, the proposed project would not expose people or structures to significant risks as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes. No impacts would occur, and no mitigation would be required.

Mitigation Measures: Refer to Mitigation Measure TRA-1 in *Section 3.17 Transportation*.

3.21 Mandatory Findings of Significance

	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</u>	<u>Less Than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the Project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable ? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a Project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Does the Project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion

a) Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated

The proposed project would construct underground domestic water pipelines, a pressure reducing station, and associated onsite piping, meters, hydrants and valves **to consolidate three SWSs with CVWD's municipal water system**. The majority of the proposed project would be located within roadway rights-of-way and previously developed or disturbed areas. With implementation of mitigation measures, the proposed project would not have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, reduce wildlife habitat, result in adverse impacts to wildlife populations or communities, or eliminate important examples of major periods of California history or prehistory.

As discussed in *Section 3.4 Biological Resources*, the proposed project site does not contain suitable habitat to support special status wildlife or plant species or sensitive plant or animal communities because of the disturbance history of the site, lack of suitable soils, inappropriate hydrologic conditions, or absence of appropriate vegetation communities. However, proposed project construction has the potential to impact nesting birds, which are protected under the MBTA and CFGC, as well as burrowing owl and two species of bats, which are identified as Species of Special Concern by CDFW. Mitigation Measure BIO-1 would require a qualified biologist to conduct pre-construction surveys for roosting bats and appropriate mitigation to be implemented to reduce potential direct and indirect impacts on bat roosts. It also has potential to impact biological resources protected by the CVMSHCP. Mitigation Measures BIO-1 and BIO-2 would require a qualified biologist to conduct pre-construction surveys for roosting bats and burrowing owls, respectively, and appropriate mitigation to be implemented to reduce potential direct and indirect impacts if roosting bats or burrowing

owls are discovered. Mitigation Measure BIO-3 would require a qualified biologist to conduct surveys for nesting birds and appropriate mitigation to be implemented to reduce potential direct and indirect impacts if construction activities must occur within the nesting season. Mitigation Measure BIO-4 would protect aquatic and riparian resources within the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and the agricultural drains through implementation of a Frac-Out Prevention and Contingency Plan if HDD method is used for trenchless crossing. Mitigation Measures BIO-5 would require CVWD to coordinate with CVAG or CVCC on specific surveys for species protected under the CVMSHCP in the Seferino Huerta MHP area and to conduct those surveys as required. With implementation of Mitigation Measures BIO-1, BIO-2, BIO-3, BIO-4 and BIO-5, impacts to biological resources would be less than significant.

Additionally, there is potential for ground-disturbing activities to uncover previously unrecorded cultural resources. Mitigation Measures CUL-1 would require that a Native American monitor be present during all initial ground disturbing activities. Mitigation Measure CUL-2 would require that all ground disturbing work be temporarily suspended if cultural resources are discovered during construction. Mitigation Measure CUL-3 would be implemented to ensure proper procedure would be in place if human remains were unearthed during construction activities. With implementation of Mitigation Measures CUL-1, CUL-2, and CUL-3, potential impacts resulting in a substantial adverse change to the significance of Tribal, historical and/or archeological resources would be reduced to less-than-significant levels.

b) Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated

Implementation of the proposed project would not result in individually limited, but cumulatively considerable significant impacts. **According to the CEQA Guidelines, 15065(a)(3), “cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of an individual project are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probably future projects.** As described in *Section 3.1* through *Section 3.20*, all resource topics associated with the proposed project have been analyzed in accordance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines and were found to pose no impacts, less than significant impacts, or less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated. No potentially significant impacts would occur from project implementation. **Impacts related to air quality were evaluated against thresholds designed to gauge an individual project’s cumulative impacts and were determined to be less than significant. Potential impacts on special status and protected species, including bats and migratory birds, would be less than significant with mitigation. Likewise, the project’s potential impacts on unrecorded cultural resources and human remains would be less than significant with mitigation.** Temporary impacts of construction related to handling hazardous materials, noise and vibration, and transportation circulation systems would also be less than significant with mitigation incorporated.

Related projects in the area consist primarily of other pipeline projects associated with the consolidation of the Saint Anthony MHP SWS and the Valley View MHP SWS as well as future MHP consolidation projects in the region, which includes those MHPs evaluated by CVWD as part of the MHP consolidation prioritization process for both domestic water and sewer services. The incremental impact of the proposed project, which is relatively small in scale, together with impacts of these other short and long-term related projects in the area would be considered less than significant due to the large geographical area of the projects and the extended timeframe for development of the projects (e.g. most projects would not occur simultaneously). Additionally, the related projects would be required to comply with the same or similar regulations and mitigation measures that would reduce potential impacts. Therefore, implementation of the proposed project along with current and future projects would not result cumulatively considerable significant impacts.

c) Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated

With implementation of mitigation measures, the proposed project would not have the potential to cause substantial adverse effects on human beings. The potential exists for accidents to occur during construction activities and routine

O&M, which would result in the release of hazardous materials into the environment. Mitigation Measure HAZ-1, which requires development of a Hazardous Materials Management Spill Control Plan, would reduce this potential impact to a less-than-significant level. The potential also exists for temporary construction activities to cause noise and groundborne vibration that would annoy nearby residents. Mitigation Measure NOI-1, which requires standard construction noise control measures, would reduce this potential impact to a less-than-significant level. Finally, construction-related vehicle trips and potential lane closures would result in temporary impacts to the surrounding transportation circulation system and emergency access. Mitigation Measure TRA-1 would reduce these potential impacts to a less-than-significant level.

All resource topics associated with the proposed project have been analyzed in accordance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines and were found to pose no impacts, less than significant impacts, or less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporated. Consequently, the proposed project would not result in any environmental effects that would cause substantial adverse effects on human beings directly or indirectly.

4. FEDERAL CROSS-CUTTING ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS EVALUATION

The proposed project may receive funding under a State Water Resources Control Board program that also has a federal funding component and/or from a federal program. Therefore, to assist in compliance with the federal environmental requirements, for the funding programs, this document includes analysis pertinent to several federal cross-cutting regulations (also referred to as federal cross-cutters or CEQA-Plus). The basic rules for complying with cross-cutting federal authorities are set-out in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund regulations at 40 CFR §35.3575 and the USDA Environmental Policies and Procedures at 7 CFR §1970.

This section describes the status of compliance with relevant federal laws, executive orders, and policies, and the consultation that has occurred or will occur in the near future. The topics are based on the USDA environmental policies and procedures and **the SWRCB's** DWSRF Program Federal Cross-cutting Environmental Regulations Evaluation Form for Environmental Review and Federal Coordination. The DWSRF Program is partially funded by the USEPA. Therefore, the SWRCB must document that projects meet the federal cross-cutters requirements.

4.1 Federal Endangered Species Act

Section 7 of the Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA) requires federal agencies, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, to ensure that their actions do not jeopardize the continued existence of endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of the critical habitat of these species. Under Section 7, a project that could result in incidental take of a listed threatened or endangered species must consult with the USFWS to obtain a Biological Opinion (BO). If the BO finds that the project could jeopardize the existence of a listed species (**"jeopardy opinion"**), **the agency cannot authorize the project until it is modified to obtain a "nonjeopardy" opinion.**

For the purpose of the proposed project, the SWRCB and/or USDA would act as the federal lead or responsible agency. The information contained within the IS/MND and the Biological Resources Technical Study (Rincon 2019, Appendix B) may be used to support project compliance with FESA and MBTA.

Section 3.4 Biological Resources, describes that the project site does not contain suitable habitat for any special status plant or wildlife species. While 27 special status plant species have been previously documented within a five-mile radius of the project area by the CNDDDB and USFWS-IPaC, it was determined that the proposed project site does not contain suitable habitat to support special status plant species because of the disturbance history of the site, lack of suitable soils, inappropriate hydrologic conditions, or absence of appropriate vegetation communities. No special status plant species were observed within the project area during the field survey.

Special-status wildlife were evaluated for their potential to occur within the project area, including an additional buffer area, where direct or indirect impacts could occur. Although 26 special-status wildlife species were previously recorded within a five-mile radius of the project area, the project area was determined to not provide suitable habitat to support the 26 previously documented special status wildlife species, primarily due to the disturbed nature of and high human activity within the project area. No special status wildlife species were observed during the field survey. Therefore, the proposed project is not expected to result in direct or indirect impacts to this special-status plant or wildlife species and the proposed project would not jeopardize any listed species and the lead agency would be in compliance with FESA.

4.2 National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106

The purpose of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) is to protect, preserve, rehabilitate, or restore significant historical, archaeological, and cultural resources. Section 106 requires federal agencies to take into account effects on historic properties. Section 106 review involves a step-by-step procedure described in detail in the implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800).

As described in *Section 3.5 Cultural Resources*, a cultural resource assessment for the proposed project was conducted, and is provided in Appendix C. The analysis includes a Section 106 evaluation for the proposed project and can be submitted as part of the consultation process with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). Concurrence by SHPO would ensure compliance with the NHPA.

A total of 39 cultural resources have been previously recorded within a one-half-mile radius of the proposed project. Of these studies, fifteen include portions of the project area and overlap with approximately 50 percent of the project area. A total of 18 cultural resources have been previously recorded within a one-half-mile radius of the proposed project. These include nine historic period structures (Union Pacific Railway, Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel, a utility line, and six road segments), one district (Martinez Historical District), four historic period archaeological sites (Mecca Railroad Station, the U.S. Experimental Date Station, Edna Cast Date Farm Complex, and a refuse scatter), one multi-component archaeological site (prehistoric and historic period artifact scatter), one prehistoric site (artifact scatter), and two prehistoric artifacts (isolated ceramic sherds). Two of the 18 known cultural resources, road segments on Avenue 66 (P-33-020844) and Lincoln Street (P-33-020839), intersect with the project area. The field survey identified no archaeological resources in the project area. Mitigation Measure CUL-1 would require the initial ground-disturbing activities along be observed by an archaeological and Native American monitor. Mitigation Measure CUL-2 would require that all earth disturbing work be temporarily suspended if cultural resources are discovered during construction until the discovery can be evaluated, and appropriate notification measures can be taken. Mitigation Measure CUL-3 would be implemented to ensure proper procedures would be in place if human remains were unearthed during construction activities. With implementation of Mitigation Measures CUL-1, CUL-2, and CUL-3, impacts to historical resources under CEQA would be less than significant and no effects to historic properties under the NHPA for the proposed project are expected.

4.3 Clean Air Act

U.S. Congress adopted general conformity requirements as part of the Clean Air Act (CAA) Amendments in 1990 and the USEPA implemented those requirements in 1993 (Sec. 176 of the FCAA (42 United States Code [U.S.C.] § 7506) **and 40 CFR Part 93, Subpart B**). **General conformity requires that all federal actions “conform” with the State Implementation Plan** as approved or promulgated by USEPA. The purpose of the general conformity program is to ensure that actions taken by the federal government do not undermine State or local efforts to achieve and maintain the national ambient air quality standards. Before a federal action is taken, it must be evaluated for conformity with the **State Implementation Plan. All “reasonably foreseeable” emissions predicted to result from the action are taken into consideration**. These include direct and indirect emissions and must be identified as to location and quantity. If it is found that the action would create emissions above de minimis threshold levels specified in USEPA regulations (40 **CFR § 93.153(b)**), **or if the activity is considered “regionally significant” because its emissions exceed 10% of an area’s total emissions**, the action cannot proceed unless mitigation measures are specified that would bring the proposed project into conformance.

As described in *Section 3.3 Air Quality*, the project area lies within the SSAB. The results of the air quality modeling showed that pollutant emissions would not exceed federal General Conformity de minimis thresholds (Appendix A). Accordingly, the lead agency would be in compliance with the CAA.

4.4 Coastal Zone Management Act

The Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), passed by Congress in 1972 and managed by the National Oceanic and **Atmospheric Administration’s Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management**, is designed to balance completing land and water issues in coastal zones. It also aims to “**preserve, protect, develop, and where possible, to restore or enhance the resources of the nation’s coastal zone.**” Within California, the CZMA is administered by the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the California Coastal Conservancy, and the California Coastal Commission.

No portion of the proposed project is within the coastal zone. The project area is located approximately 80 miles east of the Pacific Coast. Therefore, the CMZA does not apply to the proposed project.

4.5 Farmland Protection Policy Act

The Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) requires a federal agency to consider the effects of its actions and **programs on the nation's farmlands. The FPPA is intended to minimize the impact of federal programs with respect to** the conversion of farmland to nonagricultural uses. It assures that, to the extent possible, federal programs are administered to be compatible with State, local, and private programs and policies to protect farmland.

As described in *Section 3.2 Agriculture and Forestry Resources*, the project area is located within the eastern Coachella Valley, which contains agricultural lands. The project area includes land designated as important farmland, including prime farmland and farmland of local importance. Figure 3-1 and Figure 3-2 show the designated important farmland and Williamson Act contracted lands within the project area, respectively. The proposed project would construct underground pipelines, a pressure reducing station, and associated onsite piping, meters, hydrants and valves to consolidate three SWSS **into CVWD's** municipal water system. The proposed project would be constructed within roadway rights-of-way, as well as on private or public land. The majority of the proposed project components would be located below-grade and ground surfaces would be restored to pre-construction conditions. The proposed project would not result in land use changes and would, therefore, not impact important farmland, conflict with agricultural zoning regulations, or result in other changes that would indirectly result in conversion of nearby farmland to non-agricultural use. Therefore, the proposed project would not adversely affect any farmland areas and the lead agency would be in compliance with the FPPA.

4.6 Executive Order 11988 – Floodplain Management

Executive Order (EO) 11988 requires federal agencies to recognize the values of floodplains and to consider the public benefits from restoring and preserving floodplains.

As described in *Section 3.9 Hydrology and Water Quality*, portions of the project area are in FEMA SFHA AE (100-year flood zone) and Zone X (500-year flood zone). The Manuela Garcia MHP and Seferino Huerto MHP are both located within the 100-year flood zone (Zone AE). The majority of Avenue 66 is in the 100-year flood zone (Zone AE), while a small portion between Lincoln Street and Highway 86 is designated as a 500-year flood zone (Zone X [shaded]). The proposed pressure reducing station is within the 100-year flood zone (Zone AE). Within the project area, the majority of Lincoln Street is not within a flood hazard zone; however, Lincoln Street is located within the 500-year flood zone (Zone X [shaded]) for about 1,300 feet south of 67th Avenue and in the 100-year flood zone (Zone AE) south of that. Saint Anthony MHP is not within a flood hazard zone (Zone X [unshaded]). Although portions of the proposed project would be located within 100-year and 500-year SFHAs, the proposed project would include installation of water underground distribution pipelines, a pressure reducing station, and associated onsite piping, meters, hydrants and valves that would not interfere with floodplain management or floodplain function or expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding. As such, the lead agency would be in compliance with this EO.

4.7 Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, and Executive Order 13168

The MBTA and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act prohibit the take of migratory birds (or any part, nest, or eggs of any such bird) and the take and commerce of eagles. EO 13168 (Sep 22, 2000) requires that any project with federal involvement address impacts of federal actions on migratory birds.

As described in *Section 3.4 Biological Resources*, the proposed project would have less than significant impact on nesting birds with implementation of Mitigation Measure BIO-1 if construction cannot be avoided during nesting season. Thus, the lead agency would be in compliance with this EO.

4.8 Executive Order 11990 – Protection of Wetlands

Under EO 11990 (May 24, 1977), federal agencies must avoid affecting wetlands unless it is determined that no practicable alternative is available.

As described in *Section 3.4 Biological Resources*, the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel is considered a tributary of the Salton Sea. The Salton Sea is considered a Traditionally Navigable Water by USACE. Therefore, the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater is considered a federally protected water of the US under Clean Water Act Section 404. However, the proposed project would utilize trenchless technologies in order to avoid direct impacts to the river channel. So long as the trenchless entry and exit pits are located outside of jurisdictional areas, there would be no impacts to wetlands and the lead agency would be in compliance with EO 11990.

4.9 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act was passed in 1968 to preserve and protect designated rivers for their natural, cultural, and recreational value.

There are no designated Wild and Scenic Rivers within the project area, nor will any designated rivers be adversely affected by the proposed project. As a result, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act does not apply to the proposed project.

4.10 Safe Drinking Water Act – Source Water Protection

Section 1424(e) of the Safe Drinking Water Act established the USEPA's Sole Source Aquifer Program. This program protects communities from groundwater contamination from federally-funded projects.

Within USEPA's Region 9, which includes California, there are nine sole source aquifers. None of these sole source aquifers are located within the project area. Therefore, the Sole Source Aquifer Program does not apply to the proposed project, and the lead agency would be in compliance with Section 1424(e) of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

4.11 Executive Order on Trails for America in the 21st Century

The EO on Trails for America (January 18, 2001) requires federal agencies to protect, connect, promote, and assist trails of all types throughout the United States. According to the trails map in the *Riverside County Eastern Coachella Valley Area Plan*, a Regional Trail exists along the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel along the western edge of the proposed project site (County of Riverside 2015). However, the proposed project would not impact the regional trail. As a result, no adverse effects on trails would occur and the lead agency is in compliance with this EO.

4.12 Executive Order 13007 – Indian Sacred Sites

Sacred sites are defined in Executive Order 13007 (May 24, 1996) as "any specific, discrete, narrowly delineated location on federal land that is identified by an Indian tribe, or Indian individual determined to be an appropriately authoritative representative of an Indian religion, as sacred by virtue of its established religious significance to, or ceremonial use by, an Indian religion; provided that the tribe or appropriately authoritative representative of an Indian religion has informed the agency of the existence of such a site."

As discussed in *Section 3.18 Tribal Cultural Resources*, results of the Sacred Lands File Search by the NAHC indicated the presence of Native American sacred lands within the vicinity of the project area and recommends that the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians be consulted. CVWD has contacted the Torres-Martinez tribe and per comments received, would contract a qualified Native American monitor to oversee all initial ground-disturbing activities as discussed in Mitigation Measure CUL-1. With implementation of Mitigation Measure CUL-1, potential impacts to any Indian sacred sites would be reduced to a less than significant level and the lead agency would be in compliance with this EO.

4.13 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) of 1976 as amended (16 U.S.C. § 1801 et seq.), is the primary act governing federal management of fisheries in federal waters, from the 3-nautical-mile state territorial sea limit to the outer limit of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone. It establishes exclusive U.S. management authority over all fishing within the Exclusive Economic Zone, all anadromous fish throughout their **migratory range except when in a foreign nation's waters, and all** fish on the continental shelf. The Act also requires federal agencies to consult with NMFS on actions that could damage Essential Fish Habitat (EFH), as defined in the 1996 Sustainable Fisheries Act (Public Law 104-297).

The proposed project would not be located in or impact any U.S. federal waters regulated under the Magnuson-Stevens Act. As described in *Section 3.4 Biological Resources*, the proposed project is not expected to have adverse effect on resident or migratory fish, or fish habitat in the proposed project area.

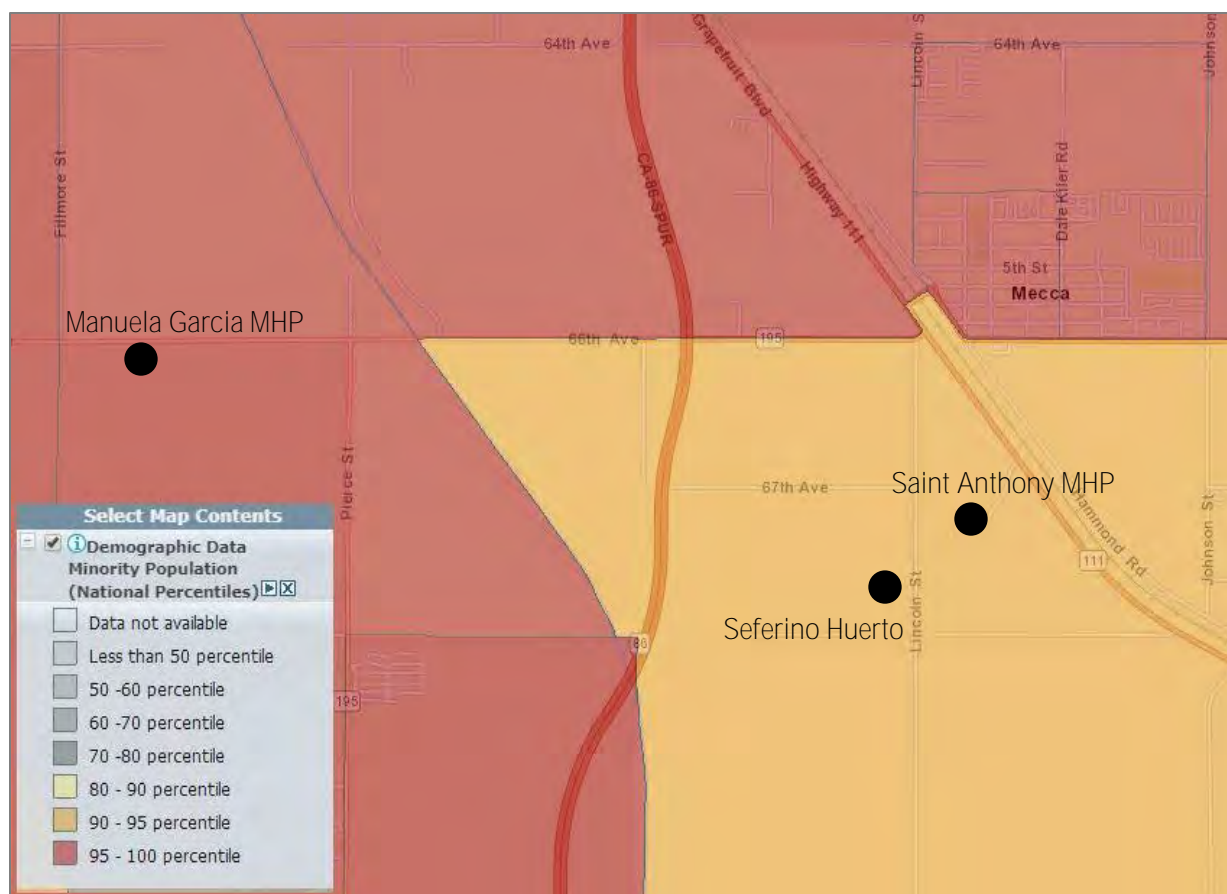
4.14 Environmental Justice

This section describes the existing socioeconomic resources in the proposed project area and the regulatory setting pertaining to environmental justice-related issues. This section also evaluates the potential for the proposed project to disproportionately affect minority or low-income groups. The USEPA defines environmental justice as:

“The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Fair treatment means no group of people, including racial, ethnic, or economic groups should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, municipal, and commercial operations or the execution of federal, State, local, and tribal programs and **policies**” (USEPA, 2016).

According to USEPA guidelines, a minority population is present in a study area if the minority population of the affected area exceeds 50 percent, or if the minority population percentage of the affected area is meaningfully greater than the minority population percentage in the general population or other appropriate unit of geographic analysis. The majority of the project alignment would be located in unincorporated Riverside County to the west of the unincorporated community of Mecca. According to the **USEPA's** Environmental Screening and Mapping Tool (EJScreen) (USEPA 2018), and as shown in Figure 4-1, the majority of the project area is within the 90-95 percentile and the western most portion of the Avenue 66 alignment and the Manuela Garcia MHP are within the 59-100 percentile for minority population. Therefore, the project area is composed of a minority population exceeding 50 percent.

Figure 4-1: USEPA EJScreen Map of Minority Population



USEPA guidelines recommend that analyses of low-income communities consider the U.S. **Census Bureau's poverty** level definitions, as well as applicable State and regional definitions of low-income and poverty communities.

DWR defines a Disadvantaged Community (DAC) as a community with a median household income (MHI) less than 80 percent of the California MHI and a Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC) is a community with an MHI less than 60 percent of the California MHI. According to 2013 to 2017 ACS data, the statewide MHI was \$67,169. A DAC would therefore be a community with an MHI of \$53,735 or less and a SDAC would be a community with an MHI of \$40,301. According to the DWR DAC Mapping Tool (DWR 2019), the entire project area is a SDAC.

Impact Analysis

For the purposes of this analysis, an impact related to environmental justice would be significant if the proposed project would cause impacts to minority or low-income populations that are disproportionately high and adverse, either directly, indirectly, or cumulatively.

The proposed pipelines would construct pipelines to consolidate three **SWs with CVWD's municipal water system**. Although the construction of the pipelines has the potential for short-term environmental effects as described in this document, (e.g. short term impacts on air quality, noise, hazards/hazardous materials, traffic), the consolidation of these SWs would have the long-term benefit of providing a reliable and safe potable water source for these communities.

Although construction would generate impacts (e.g., dust, traffic, and noise), such activities would be intermittent and temporary, and would cease upon completion of work activities. Where potential impacts would occur, mitigation measures have been identified to reduce such effects to less-than-significant levels. Therefore, with the consideration of the benefits provided to these communities through implementation of the proposed project and implementation of mitigation included in this document, the proposed project would not result in any disproportionately high adverse impacts on minority or low-income communities. Thus, no adverse environmental justice impacts would occur.

5. ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

5.1 Alternatives Evaluated

Two alternatives to the project are evaluated in this section: 1) The No Project/No Action Alternative; and 2) The Consolidate All Projects Alternative. Under the No Project/No Action Alternative the three SWSs within the Saint Anthony MHP Consolidation Project would not be consolidated onto the CVWD potable water system, and the SWSs serving the individual MHPs homes would continue to operate under current conditions. Water would continue to be supplied through private on-site wells, distributed with existing on-site pipeline network and treated through individual on-site systems. The No Project/No Action Alternative would not provide a safer more reliable water supply to existing communities.

The Consolidate All Projects Alternative is consolidation of the 39 SWS identified for the ECVWSP, prior to the System Prioritization Task, as discussed in *Section 2.1.1*. Under this alternative, 39 SWSs in the East Coachella Valley, including the Saint Anthony MHP project would be consolidated onto the CVWD potable water system. Each water consolidation project would require a combination of extensions and/or new potable water pipelines, laterals, on-site connections and on-site improvements to serve the 39 SWS.

Table 5-1 provides a comparison between the potential environmental impacts of the Saint Anthony Mobile Home Park Consolidation Project (the proposed Project) and the two alternatives. (No Project/No Action and Consolidate All Projects) with regard to the resource topics addressed in State CEQA Appendix G, Environmental Checklist, as well as the applicable federal cross-cutters. This alternatives analysis presents the environmental analysis behind choosing the proposed Project.

5.2 Selected Alternative

The No Project/No Action Alternative would not achieve the project objectives to improve the reliability, safety and security of the water supply for rural disadvantaged communities in the East Coachella Valley. The No Project/No Action Alternative is also not consistent with the *2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan*, which calls for improved coordination and management of various water supplies. Although the Consolidate All Projects Alternative would have impacts largely similar to the proposed project and would largely accomplish the same Project Objectives, as explained in the Project Report, it would be far more costly than the proposed project, and would therefore conflict with the second project objective identified in *Section 2.1.2 Purpose and Need*. The proposed project is the recommended alternative because it is cost-effective, serves the greatest demand, and achieves other project objectives for drinking water compliance reliability.

Table 5-1 presents a summary of the environmental impacts of the proposed Project, the proposed Project with mitigation incorporated (if applicable), the No Project/No Action Alternative, and the Consolidation of All Projects Alternative. Table 5-1 summarizes the impacts as either No impact, Less than Significant Impact; Potentially Significant Impact; or Not Applicable (N/A).

Table 5-1: Comparison of Alternatives – Environmental Impacts

Issue Areas	Proposed Project		Alternatives	
	MND Findings	With Mitigation	No Project/ No Action	Consolidate All Projects
Aesthetics				
Scenic vistas; Visual character and quality; Light and glare	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Less than Significant Impact
Scenic resources along a State Scenic Highway	No impact	N/A	No impact	No impact
The proposed project involves the construction of underground pipelines and a below grade pressure reducing station, which would not be visible after the completion of construction. There are no scenic highways in the project area. Construction would occur primarily during daytime hours and any lighting necessary for construction would be directed towards installation activities and away from adjacent land uses. During construction, aesthetics would be temporarily impaired by construction equipment; however, once construction is complete, the proposed project would not be visible and would not result in permanent changes to scenic vistas, visual quality, or light and glare. The No Project/ No Action alternative would not involve construction of new structures that would impede views, change visual character, or add new substantial sources of light, and thus would not result in aesthetic impacts. The Consolidate All Projects Alternative would have a similar impact to the proposed project in that there would be temporary visual impacts during construction; however, once construction is complete the facilities would not be visible and would not result in permanent impacts.				
Agriculture and Forestry				
Convert farmland; Conflict with zoning for agricultural use; Indirect conversion of farmland	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Less than Significant impact
Loss of forest use; Conflict with zoning for forest use	No impact	N/A	No impact	No impact
Pipelines would be constructed primarily within existing roadways and some public and privately owned properties with connections to existing small water systems including onsite improvements on privately owned properties, and would not result in conversion of farmland or loss of forest land. Similarly, the No Project/ No Action Alternative and the Consolidate All Projects Alternative would not impact agricultural or forest land.				
Air Quality				
Consistency with AQMP; Non-attainment criteria pollutants	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Less than Significant Impact
Consistency with air quality standards; Sensitive receptors	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Potentially Significant / Less than Significant with Mitigation

Issue Areas	Proposed Project		Alternatives	
	MND Findings	With Mitigation	No Project/ No Action	Consolidate All Projects
Objectionable odors	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Less than Significant Impact
<p>The proposed project involves connecting small water systems that serve existing communities to provide them with safer, more reliable supply of potable water. The project's pipeline alignments were described in CVWD's <i>Urban Water Management Plan</i> and would serve growth that was planned for in local growth forecasts, and thus would not conflict with the <i>Air Quality Management Plan</i> (AQMP). Assuming 150 linear feet of pipeline would be constructed each day, proposed project construction emissions would not exceed regional or localized significance thresholds, nor would they exceed de minimis thresholds, so federal general conformity requirements do not apply. The proposed project would not generate substantial operational emissions and emissions would not exceed the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) thresholds for any criteria pollutants. The proposed project would a minor increase in motor vehicle trips associated with maintenance; however, intermittent trips from a single vehicle would not generate emissions exceeding regional thresholds for operation. Construction-related odors from diesel equipment would be temporary and, once operational, the project would not create objectionable odors. The No Project/ No Action Alternative would not generate any construction emissions and would not result in any changes to operational emissions. If the improvements proposed under the Consolidate All Projects Alternative proceed at a rate similar to the proposed project, emissions would be less than significant. However, construction emissions would exceed air quality significance thresholds if the Consolidate All Projects Alternative were to result in simultaneous construction of multiple pipeline projects. Such impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level by requiring mitigation to phase construction so as to avoid exceeding construction emissions thresholds.</p>				
Biological Resources				
Sensitive species	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant Impact	No impact	Potentially Significant / Less than Significant with Mitigation
Sensitive habitat; Wetlands; Wildlife corridors;	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant Impact	No impact	Potentially Significant / Less than Significant with Mitigation
Local policies and ordinances	No Impact	N/A	No impact	No impact
Habitat Conservation Plans or Natural Community Conservation Plans	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Less than Significant Impact

Issue Areas	Proposed Project		Alternatives	
	MND Findings	With Mitigation	No Project/ No Action	Consolidate All Projects
<p>The project area does not contain suitable habitat for special status species; however, it provides nesting bird habitat. Mitigation would reduce potential construction impacts on birds protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to less than significant. The proposed project would cross the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel, an extension of the Whitewater River, and agricultural drains. The crossing would be constructed using trenchless technology (HDD or jack and bore). If HDD is selected for channel crossing, implementation of Mitigation Measure BIO-4 addressing frac-out risks would ensure that the channel and its aquatic and riparian habitats would not be affected by construction. Compliance with Mitigation Measure BIO-4 and the Frac-Out Prevention and Contingency Plan would ensure impacts on protected wetlands would be less than significant. The proposed project does not have the potential to impact sensitive vegetation communities or wildlife corridors because construction would occur in developed urban and agricultural areas. The proposed project is located within the planning area boundaries of the <i>Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP)</i> and the Seferino Huerta MHP is within the <i>Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta Conservation Area</i>. The project would implement the Land Use Adjacency Guidelines where applicable and Mitigation Measure BIO-5 to avoid effects to this conservation area. The No Project/No Action Alternative would involve no construction and therefore would not have the potential to result in impacts on biological resources. The Consolidate All Projects Alternative, similar to the proposed project, could significantly impact birds protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, but mitigation would reduce impacts to less than significant. The Consolidate All Projects Alternative would also cross agricultural drains and the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel, requiring two crossings instead of one. However, the crossings would be constructed using trenchless technology and would implement a Frac-Out Prevention and Contingency Plan (if using HDD method) and a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan to minimize construction impacts to the channel. The Consolidate All Projects Alternative may include components within the <i>Delta Conservation Area</i> of the CVMSHCP and would comply with the CVMSHCP guidelines, resulting in less than significant impacts.</p>				
Cultural Resources				
Historical resources; Archaeological resources;	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant Impact	No impact	Potentially Significant / Less than Significant with Mitigation
Human remains	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant Impact	No impact	Potentially Significant / Less than Significant with Mitigation

Issue Areas	Proposed Project		Alternatives	
	MND Findings	With Mitigation	No Project/ No Action	Consolidate All Projects
<p>The records search identified two cultural resources within the project area, but both were determined to be ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places and California Register of Historical Resources. There is a possibility of identifying unanticipated cultural resources during ground disturbing activities associated with the proposed project. Implementation of mitigation measures including archaeological resource monitoring and practices for unanticipated discovery of cultural resources would reduce potential impacts to less than significant. The potential for encountering human remains is low; however, compliance the mitigation measure for the unanticipated discovery of human remains would ensure less than significant impacts. The No Project/No Action Alternative would not involve construction and therefore would not have the potential to disturb previously unknown cultural resources or human remains. Because of the larger construction area, construction of the Consolidate All Projects Alternative would have a greater potential than the proposed project to identify unanticipated cultural and historical resources, as well as unanticipated human remains. However, compliance with cultural resource mitigation measures would result in less than significant impacts.</p>				
Energy				
Wasteful, inefficient or unnecessary consumption of energy resources	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Less than Significant Impact
Conflict with state or local plans for renewable energy or energy efficiency	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Less than Significant Impact
<p>Construction of the proposed project would comply with required energy efficiency measures and operational energy use would offset energy currently used to pump and treat water at existing small water systems. Impacts associated with energy consumption would thus be less than significant. By consolidating existing water systems, the proposed project would support the <i>2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan</i> objective to reduce energy demand by improving coordination and management of water supplies. The proposed project would thus not conflict with state or local plans for energy efficiency and impacts would be less than significant. The No Project/No Action Alternative would not use energy for construction and operational energy use would remain the same as under existing conditions. The Consolidate All Projects Alternative is a larger project and would thus require more construction energy, but impacts would still be less than significant with implementation of required energy efficiency measures.</p>				
Geology and Soils				
Geological hazards; Erosion and topsoil loss; Unstable soils; Expansive soils	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Less than Significant Impact
Alternative wastewater disposal systems	No impact	N/A	No impact	No impact
Paleontological Resources	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Less than Significant Impact

Issue Areas	Proposed Project		Alternatives	
	MND Findings	With Mitigation	No Project/ No Action	Consolidate All Projects
<p>The proposed project involves construction of pipelines to consolidate water systems and thus would not involve exposure of people or structures to seismically induced risks. The project would minimize soil erosion via implementation of Best Management Practices in a SWPPP prepared in accordance with the SWRCB's Construction General Permit. Compliance with CVWD's professional engineering standards would ensure less than significant impacts related to risks of unstable soils or geologic hazards. The project is not located on expansive soils, nor would it involve the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems. The potential for encountering fossil resources is low because ground disturbing activities would only reach a depth of five to six feet below ground surface and pipelines would be constructed primarily within roadways and other public and private lands that are already disturbed; significant impacts to paleontological resources are thus not expected. The No Project/No Action Alternative would involve no construction and thus is not expected to result in impacts related to geologic hazards, septic systems or paleontological resources. Similar to the proposed project, the Consolidate All Projects Alternative would have less than significant impacts related to geologic hazards, erosion, topsoil loss, unstable soils, and expansive soils due to compliance with existing permits, Best Management Practices, and engineering standards and would not be expected to encounter paleontological resources.</p>				
Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions				
GHG emissions	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No Impact	Less than Significant Impact
Conflict with GHG reduction plans	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant Impact
<p>The proposed project's maximum annual GHG emissions (including amortized construction emissions) would not exceed SCAQMD's recommended annual threshold for CO₂e emissions. GHG emissions of the proposed project would be less than significant, and the Project would support the <i>2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan</i>, which calls for improved coordination and management of various water supplies. The No Project/No Action Alternative would not involve construction and GHG impacts of operation would not change from the existing condition. However, the No Project/No Action Alternative would not support applicable GHG reduction plans because it would not improve coordination and management of water supplies. The Consolidate All Projects Alternative, similar to the proposed project, would result in annual GHG emissions that are less than the SCAQMD's annual threshold, as long as construction follows a similar schedule to the proposed project. The Consolidate All Projects Alternative would support applicable GHG reduction plans because it would support coordination of water supplies.</p>				
Hazards and Hazardous Materials				
Routine handling of hazardous materials; Listed hazardous materials sites; Airport safety hazard; Wildland fire	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Less than Significant Impact
Accidental release of hazardous materials;	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant Impact	No impact	Potentially Significant / Less than Significant with Mitigation

Issue Areas	Proposed Project		Alternatives	
	MND Findings	With Mitigation	No Project/ No Action	Consolidate All Projects
Emergency response or evacuation plans conflict	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant Impact with mitigation	No impact	Potentially Significant / Less than Significant with mitigation
Hazardous materials near schools	No impact	N/A	No impact	No impact
<p>Construction of the proposed project would temporarily increase the routine transport and use of hazardous materials, but transport and use of hazardous materials would not be needed for pipeline operation. There are no active hazardous materials sites in the project area. The proposed pipelines are outside of the Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport influence area as defined in the <i>Airport Land Use Plan</i> and would not cause an airport safety hazard. There are no private airstrips in the project area. The Project area is not a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, and standard fire safety practices would be used during construction. These hazards are thus expected to be less than significant. There is a risk of accidental hazardous materials release during construction. Mitigation requiring a Hazardous Materials Management and Spill Control Plan would reduce impacts to less than significant. Temporary traffic lane closures during construction would impede emergency response; mitigation to require a Traffic Management Plan would reduce impacts to less than significant. There are no schools present near the proposed project alignment. The No Project/No Action alternative would involve no construction and would thus have no impacts associated with hazardous materials or other hazards. Similar to the proposed project, construction of the Consolidate All Projects Alternative would increase risks related to hazardous materials spills and would require a Hazardous Materials Management and Spill Control Plan as mitigation to have less than significant impacts. Construction would impede emergency access vehicles, which would require a Traffic Management Plan as mitigation. The Consolidate All Projects Alternative is not expected to result in significant impacts associated with use of hazardous materials during construction, airport/airstrip hazards or wildfires. There are no known active hazardous material cleanup sites in the Consolidate All Projects Alternative alignment area, according to SWRCB <i>GeoTracker</i>. There are no schools near the pipeline alignments for the Consolidate All Project Alternatives.</p>				
Hydrology and Water Quality				
Water quality standards or otherwise degrade water quality	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant Impact	No impact	Potentially Significant / Less than Significant with Mitigation
Groundwater supply and recharge	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Less than Significant Impact
Drainage alterations that cause erosion/sedimentation; flooding; exceed capacity of stormwater system; redirect or impede flood flows;	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Less than Significant Impact
In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones risk release of pollutants	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Less than Significant Impact

Issue Areas	Proposed Project		Alternatives	
	MND Findings	With Mitigation	No Project/ No Action	Consolidate All Projects
Conflict with or obstruct water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Less than Significant Impact
Excavation, grading, and other activities associated with construction of the proposed project would result in soil disturbance that would cause water quality violations through potential erosion and subsequent sedimentation of receiving water bodies, and potentially drilling fluid releases to agricultural drains and the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel if HDD method is used for pipeline crossing. However, compliance with the SWRCB Construction General Permit including implementation of BMPs outlined in a SWPPP, as well as implementation of Mitigation Measure BIO-4, a Frac-Out Prevention and Contingency Plan (If HDD is used), would result in less than significant impacts. The proposed project would connect small water systems to the CVWD potable water system but would not alter the amount of groundwater use because both the small water systems and CVWD water system pump groundwater from the Coachella Valley Groundwater Basin. Disturbance of drainage patterns and runoff to the stormwater drainage system would be temporary and less than significant. The Project would not have an impact related to flooding risks, or seiche, tsunami, or mudflows. The No Project/No Action Alternative would not involve construction of new facilities so would not have construction or operational impacts on water quality or drainage patterns, and there would be no impact related to flooding risks, or seiche, tsunami, or mudflows. The Consolidate All Projects Alternative would comply with the permitting requirements of the Construction General Permit and thus would have a less than significant impact on water quality. The Consolidate All Projects Alternative would not impact groundwater supplies, similar to the proposed project. There would be no impact related to flooding risks, or seiche, tsunami, or mudflows.				
Land Use and Planning				
Divide an established community;	No impact	N/A	No impact	No impact
Conflict with an applicable land use plan	No impact	N/A	No impact	No impact
The project would not divide an established community and would not change land use, so it would not conflict with any applicable plan, policy or regulation with jurisdiction over the project. The No Project/No Action Alternative would not divide an established community and would not change land use; thus, no impact would occur. Once constructed, the Consolidate All Projects Alternative would not divide an established community and would comply with applicable land use plans.				
Mineral Resources				
Loss of availability of a known, valuable mineral resource or mineral resource recovery site	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Less than Significant Impact
Impacts would be less than significant because there are no known mineral resources or mineral recovery sites in the vicinity of the project corridor. The same would be true for the Consolidate All Projects Alternative. Under the No Project/ No Action Alternative, no construction would occur thus no impacts would occur.				
Noise				

Issue Areas	Proposed Project		Alternatives	
	MND Findings	With Mitigation	No Project/ No Action	Consolidate All Projects
Excessive noise; Permanent increase in noise levels; Temporary increase in noise levels; Ground-borne vibration	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant Impact	No impact	Potentially Significant / Less than Significant with Mitigation
Aircraft noise	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Less than Significant Impact
<p>Construction noise from the proposed project would be temporary and exposure of any single receptor would be limited to a few days at most. Although construction noise associated with capital improvement projects of a governmental agency are exempt from the Riverside County noise ordinance, construction noise and vibration impacts on residents are considered potentially significant, so noise control measures would be employed to ensure that impacts are less than significant. The proposed project site is outside the noise impact area for the Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport would thus not expose residents or workers to noise. Operation of the project would not generate perceptible noise. The No Project/No Action Alternative would not entail construction of new facilities and would thus have no temporary or permanent noise impacts. Similar to the proposed project, the impacts from temporary construction noise and vibration for the Consolidate All Projects Alternative would be less than significant with mitigation; there would be no operational noise impacts, and impacts associated with aircraft noise would be less than significant.</p>				
Population and Housing				
Population growth	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Less than Significant Impact
Displacement of housing or people	No impact	N/A	No impact	No impact
<p>The proposed project would not directly induce population growth, as it would serve the existing communities that currently rely on the SWs. Additionally, the proposed expansion of the CVWD potable system, and subsequent indirect growth, is consistent with planned growth in the area. Groundwater would continue to be supplied from the same groundwater basin. The project would not displace housing or people. Neither the No Project/No Action Alternative nor the Consolidate All Projects Alternative would displace housing or people. The No Project/No Action Alternative would not include new facilities and would not induce population growth. Similar to the project, the Consolidate All Projects Alternative would require the same level of groundwater production and would not directly induce population growth as it would serve the needs of the existing communities that currently rely on the SWs. The CVWD infrastructure expansion would be planned in accordance with the existing Riverside County General Plan for the Eastern Coachella Valley region, and would not substantially induce unplanned growth. There are no impacts associated with either alternative.</p>				
Public Services / Recreation				
Fire protection services; Police protection services	No impact	N/A	No impact	No impact
Schools; Other services-libraries	No impact	N/A	No impact	No impact
Recreational facilities	No impact	N/A	No impact	No impact

Issue Areas	Proposed Project		Alternatives	
	MND Findings	With Mitigation	No Project/ No Action	Consolidate All Projects
The project would not require additional or unusual fire or police protection resources or change existing demand for public services. It does not propose new recreational facilities that would impact the environment. There would be no impacts to public services or recreation associated with the proposed project. Similarly, there would also be no impacts from the No Project/No Action Alternative or the Consolidate All Projects Alternative.				
Transportation				
Circulation system performance; Emergency access	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant Impact	No impact	Potentially Significant / Less than Significant with mitigation
Consistency with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3 subdivision (b) (VMT); Traffic hazards	No impact	N/A	No impact	No impact
Construction would require lane closures for pipeline construction, and would generate only minimal vehicle trips for construction workers. To ensure that potential traffic impacts are less than significant, the proposed project would implement transportation mitigation measures, including notifying emergency service providers and schools, implementing a traffic control plan, and avoiding high volume intersections. The buried pipelines would not result in traffic hazards. The No Project/ No Action Alternative involves no construction and would not impact traffic circulation, emergency access, VMT, alternative transportation facilities, or create traffic hazards. The Consolidate All Projects Alternative would implement mitigation similar to that of the proposed project to minimize construction impacts on congestion, traffic, and emergency vehicle access. The Consolidate All Projects Alternative would not have a permanent impact involving VMT or traffic hazards.				
Tribal Cultural Resources				
Tribal cultural resources	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant Impact	No impact	Potentially Significant / Less than Significant with Mitigation
CVWD consulted with several California Native American tribes pursuant to AB52. Although no tribal cultural resources have been identified in the project area, there is the potential for undiscovered resources to be encountered during construction. To reduce the potential impacts on tribal cultural resources, the project would implement mitigation measures including archaeological monitoring and best practices in the event of an unanticipated discovery of cultural resources and/or human remains during project construction. Implementation of cultural resources mitigation measures would reduce impacts to less than significant. The No Project/ No Action Alternative would not impact tribal cultural resources because it would not involve ground-disturbing activities. The Consolidate All Projects Alternative, similar to the proposed project, would implement cultural resources mitigation measures to reduce impacts to less than significant.				
Utilities and Service Systems				
Construction of new utilities causing environmental effects	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Less than Significant Impact

Issue Areas	Proposed Project		Alternatives	
	MND Findings	With Mitigation	No Project/ No Action	Consolidate All Projects
Sufficient water supply	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Less than Significant Impact
Wastewater treatment capacity	No impact	N/A	No impact	No impact
Solid waste capacity; Solid waste compliance	Less than Significant Impact	N/A	No impact	Less than Significant Impact
<p>The proposed project includes new water lines but construction would not have significant environmental effects; no new wastewater, stormwater, power, or telecommunications facilities would be required. CVWD has determined that it has sufficient water supplies to serve the new service connections associated with the proposed project. The project would not require wastewater treatment capacity. Construction would generate a minimal amount of excess soils that would be reused onsite to the extent feasible; there would be no long-term solid waste generated by the proposed project so impacts would be less than significant. The No Project/ No Action Alternative would not include construction of any facilities and would have no additional demands for water, wastewater or solid waste facilities. The Consolidate All Projects Alternative would have similar impacts to the proposed project: it would not require additional wastewater treatment, stormwater or other facilities, and would have a less than significant impact related to solid waste. CVWD has sufficient water supplies to serve all of the small water systems that would be connected under the Consolidate All Projects Alternative.</p>				
Wildfire				
Impair an adopted emergency response or evacuation plan	Potentially Significant	Less than Significant	No Impact	Potentially Significant / Less than Significant with Mitigation
Exacerbate wildfire risk due to slope, prevailing winds, or other factors	Less than Significant	N/A	No Impact	Less than Significant Impact
Exacerbate wildfire risk due to required installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure	No Impact	N/A	No Impact	Less than Significant
Expose people or structures to risks resulting from runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes	No Impact	N/A	No Impact	Less than Significant

Issue Areas	Proposed Project		Alternatives	
	MND Findings	With Mitigation	No Project/ No Action	Consolidate All Projects
The project area is not a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, and standard fire safety practices would be used during construction. Thus, no impacts are expected related to exacerbation of wildfire risk. Temporary traffic lane closures during construction would impede emergency response; mitigation to require a Traffic Management Plan would reduce impacts to less than significant. The No Project/No Action alternative would involve no construction and would thus have no impacts associated with exacerbation of wildfire risk and would not impact emergency response or evacuation plans. Similar to the proposed project, the Consolidate All Projects Alternative construction would impede emergency access vehicles, which would require a Traffic Management Plan as mitigation. The Consolidate All Projects Alternative is not expected to result in significant impacts associated with exacerbation of wildfires.				
Federal Cross-Cutters				
Federal Endangered Species Act	Comply	Comply	No Impact	Comply
The proposed project site does not contain suitable habitat for any special status plant or wildlife species. All trenching would occur within paved or previously disturbed areas; therefore, the proposed project is not expected to result in direct or indirect impacts on special-status plant species. Mitigation would minimize potential impacts on protected nesting birds. The proposed project would not jeopardize listed species and the SWRCB and/or USDA would be in compliance with the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). The No Project/ No Action Alternative would involve no construction and thus would not impact sensitive species. The Consolidate All Projects Alternative, similar to the proposed project, would involve trenching within paved or previously disturbed areas and would not impact undisturbed habitat. With mitigation to protect nesting birds, the Consolidate All Projects Alternative would not jeopardize listed species.				
National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106	Comply	Comply	No impact	Comply
The cultural resources assessment conducted for the proposed project would be submitted as part of the consultation process with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). Concurrence by SHPO would ensure compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). No cultural resources were identified within the project area and the proposed project would implement mitigation measures in the event of unanticipated discovery of cultural resources. The No Project/ No Action Alternative would not affect undisturbed soils or historical resources. Similar to the proposed project, the Consolidate All Projects Alternative would conduct a cultural resources assessment, implement mitigation measures, and consult with SHPO to comply with the NHPA.				
Clean Air Act	Comply	N/A	No impact	Comply
The results of the air quality modeling showed that pollutant emissions would not exceed federal General Conformity <i>de minimis</i> thresholds and impacts were less than significant; the SWRCB and/or USDA would be in compliance with the Federal Clean Air Act (CAA). The No Project/ No Action Alternative would result in no changes to existing emission and air quality. For the Consolidate All Projects Alternative, impacts to air quality from construction emissions would be similar to that of the proposed project, so long as construction proceeded at a similar rate. Both Alternatives are expected to comply with the CAA.				
Coastal Zone Management Act	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
No portion of the proposed project area, the No Project/ No Action Alternative Area, nor the Consolidate All Projects Alternative area are within the coastal zone. Therefore, the Coastal Zone Management Act does not apply.				
Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPAA)	Comply	N/A	No impact	Comply

Issue Areas	Proposed Project		Alternatives	
	MND Findings	With Mitigation	No Project/ No Action	Consolidate All Projects
Neither the proposed project, No Project/ No Action Alternative, nor the Consolidate All Projects Alternative are located in areas currently under agricultural production, nor do they contain farmland. The proposed project and Alternatives would not conflict with State, local, and private programs and policies to protect farmland and the SWRCB and/or USDA would be in compliance with the FPAA.				
Executive Order 11988 – Floodplain Management	Comply	N/A	No impact	Comply
The proposed project pipelines would be located underground and would not interfere with floodplain management or expose people or structures to a significant flooding risk. As such, the SWRCB and/or USDA would be in compliance with Executive Order 11988. Likewise, the No Project/ No Action Alternative and the Consolidate All Projects Alternative would not expose people or structures to significant flood-related risk.				
Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, and Executive Order 13168	Comply	Comply	No impact	Comply
The proposed project would have less than significant impact on protected birds with implementation of mitigation if construction cannot be avoided during the nesting season. The No Project/ No Action Alternative would involve no construction and would not be expected to affect protected birds. The Consolidate All Projects Alternative, with the incorporation of mitigation to protect nesting birds, would have a less than significant impact.				
Executive Order 11990 – Protection of Wetlands	Comply	N/A	No impact	Comply
The proposed project does not involve construction within federally protected wetlands as defined by Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404. The proposed project would utilize trenchless crossing of the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel in order to avoid direct impacts to wetlands and mitigation would ensure protection of aquatic and riparian habitats in the case of frac-out during HDD. The SWRCB and/or USDA would be in compliance. Similarly, the Consolidate All Projects Alternative would involve trenchless crossings of the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel. The No Project/No Action Alternative would not involve construction and would not impact federally protected wetlands.				
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
There are no designated Wild and Scenic Rivers within the Project area. Neither the proposed project, the No Project/ No Action Alternative Area, or the Consolidate All Projects Alternative would result in an impact.				
Safe Drinking Water Act – Source Water Protection	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
There are no sole-source aquifers in the project area. Neither the proposed project, the No Project/ No Action Alternative area, or the Consolidate All Projects Alternative would result in an impact.				
Executive Order on Trails for America in the 21 st Century	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Issue Areas	Proposed Project		Alternatives	
	MND Findings	With Mitigation	No Project/ No Action	Consolidate All Projects
There are no trails in the project area. Neither the proposed project, the No Project/ No Action Alternative area, or the Consolidate All Projects Alternative would result in an impact.				
Executive Order 13007 – Indian Sacred Sites	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neither the proposed project, No Project/ No Action Alternative, nor Consolidate All Projects Alternative would be located on or impact any federal land that is identified as an Indian sacred site.				
Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
The proposed project is not located in, nor would it impact any U.S. federal waters regulated under the Magnuson-Stevens Act. The proposed project is not expected to have an adverse effect on Essential Fish Habitat, migratory fish, wildlife species, or fish habitat in a protected area. Similarly, the No Project/ No Action Alternative and Consolidate All Projects Alternative would not affect Essential Fish Habitat or waters regulated under the Magnuson-Stevens Act.				
Environmental Justice	Comply	N/A	Comply	Comply
The proposed project alignment would be located in the community of Thermal, which has a 98.8 percent minority population and is considered to be low income or disadvantaged. The proposed project would have short-term construction impacts but would achieve the long-term goal of supply a safer, more reliable water supply to this disadvantaged community. The No Project/ No Action Alternative would have no impacts but would result in no benefits to the community. The Consolidate All Projects Alternative would also be located within the community of Thermal. Therefore, similar to the proposed project, the Consolidate All Projects Alternative would have short-term impacts, but would result in long-term benefits to a disadvantaged community.				

6. COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

The public comment period on the Draft IS/MND was open for a period of 30 days from July 25, 2019 through August 23, 2019. During that time, CVWD received no written comments from local, state, or federal agencies, or interested organizations and individuals regarding the adequacy or accuracy of the environmental analysis in the IS/MND.

CVWD received the following telephone calls and written letters during the public comment period:

On Monday July 29, 2019, CVWD environmental staff received a call from Ross Mullen, who indicated he is a landowner on the north side of Avenue 66 between Pierce Street and Buchanan Street. Mr. Mullen expressed interest in having his property connected to the proposed Avenue 66 water main. Mr. Mullen was referred to CVWD Development Services Division for potential, future water service.

On August 23, 2019, CVWD environmental staff received a written comment from Hector Zaragoza expressing concern that the Zaragoza Mobile Home Park and others along Avenue 66 are not included in the project scope, and expressed **interest in connecting to CVWD's water and sewer system (See comment letter on the following pages)**. He also expressed interest in submitting a public comment at a CVWD Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Zaragoza was referred to CVWD Development Services Division for potential, future water service, and was informed that a publicly-noticed Board of Directors meeting on the project was being planned for September 2019.

On August 23, 2019, CVWD environmental staff received a letter from Lucy Padilla, Archaeologist for the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (ACBCI) (see comment letter on following pages). Ms. Padilla stated that the project is not located within the boundaries of the ACBCI Reservation, but is within **the Tribe's Traditional Use Area**, and that the concerns of the ACBCI THPO have been addressed and proper mitigation measures are proposed to protect tribal cultural resources. CVWD acknowledges this comment, and notes that the letter documents conclusion of AB 52 consultation.

On August 26, 2019 CVWD environmental staff received a **letter from the State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office** of Planning and Research acknowledging that no state agencies had submitted comments on the IS/MND by the end of the comment period, and that CVWD met all State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to CEQA. The State Clearinghouse letter is provided on the following pages.

No revisions or additions have been made to the IS/MND in response to these comments.

August 23, 2019

Elizabeth Meyerhoff
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75515 Hovley Lane East
Palm Desert, CA. 92211

RE: Saint Anthony Mobile Home Park Water Consolidation Project

Dear Ms. Meyerhoff,

I am writing in response to the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Saint Anthony Mobile Home Park Water Consolidation Project. More specifically, I write on behalf of my parents, Ramón and Hermelinda Zaragoza, who own a Polanco Park at **87-842 Ave 66 Thermal, CA. 92274**. It is great to see that consolidation projects are being planned for the Eastern Coachella Valley, but in reviewing the notice and the project documents, it seems that the Zaragoza Mobile Home Park and others along Ave 66 are not included in the project scope.

My parents have been working closely with Riverside County to permit the park and are nearly complete. It would be a great benefit to us and to the residents of the park to be consolidated to both water and sewer projects that CVWD has planned for the near future, and included in the scope of work for the Saint Anthony's Consolidation Project.

We'd be happy to provide more information if necessary and are open to further discussion on our request. Please confirm the date in which the Board of Directors will discuss this topic at a public meeting as we would like to submit public comment. Please feel free to contact me at zaragoza09@gmail.com or (760) 333-9662.

Sincerely,

Hector Zaragoza
Ramón Zaragoza
Hermelinda T. Zaragoza

AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION



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August 23, 2019

[VIA EMAIL TO:emeyerhoff@cvwd.org]
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Re: Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration: Saint Anthony Mobile Home Park Water Consolidation Project

Dear Ms. Elizabeth Meyerhoff,

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (ACBCI) appreciates your efforts to include the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) in the Project 1305 (APN 749-090-031) project. The project area is not located within the boundaries of the ACBCI Reservation. However, it is within the Tribe's Traditional Use Area. For this reason, the ACBCI THPO requests the following:

*At this time the concerns of the ACBCI THPO have been addressed and proper mitigation measures have been proposed to ensure the protection of tribal cultural resources. This letter shall conclude our AB52 consultation efforts.

Again, the Agua Caliente appreciates your interest in our cultural heritage. If you have questions or require additional information, please call me at (760)699-6956. You may also email me at ACBCI-THPO@aguacaliente.net.

Cordially,

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August 26, 2019

Elizabeth Meyerhoff
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Palm Desert, CA 92211

Subject: Saint Anthony Mobile Home Park Water Consolidation Project
SCH#: 2019079089

Dear Elizabeth Meyerhoff:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named MND to selected state agencies for review. The review period closed on 8/23/2019, and no state agencies submitted comments by that date. This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, please visit: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2019079089/2> for full details about your project.

Please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process. If you have a question about the above-named project, please refer to the ten-digit State Clearinghouse number when contacting this office.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse

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APPENDIX A: CALEEMOD DATA SHEETS

Saint Anthony SWS Consolidation - Riverside-Salton Sea County, Summer

Saint Anthony SWS Consolidation

Riverside-Salton Sea County, Summer

1.0 Project Characteristics

1.1 Land Usage

Land Uses	Size	Metric	Lot Acreage	Floor Surface Area	Population
Other Asphalt Surfaces	161.00	1000sqft	3.70	161,000.00	0

1.2 Other Project Characteristics

Urbanization	Rural	Wind Speed (m/s)	2.4	Precipitation Freq (Days)	28
Climate Zone	15			Operational Year	2022
Utility Company	Imperial Irrigation District				
CO2 Intensity (lb/MW hr)	1270.9	CH4 Intensity (lb/MW hr)	0.029	N2O Intensity (lb/MW hr)	0.006

1.3 User Entered Comments & Non-Default Data

Project Characteristics -

Land Use - Assumes pipeline trenches 5 feet wide.

Construction Phase - Grading captures trenching, hdd, pipe install. Paving captures resurfacing.

Off-road Equipment - Construction equipment list provided by engineers.

Off-road Equipment -

Trips and VMT - Trips provided by engineers.

Construction Off-road Equipment Mitigation -

Table Name	Column Name	Default Value	New Value
tblConstDustMitigation	WaterUnpavedRoadVehicleSpeed	0	15

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tblConstructionPhase	NumDays	8.00	261.00
tblConstructionPhase	NumDays	18.00	261.00
tblConstructionPhase	PhaseEndDate	5/17/2021	3/31/2022
tblConstructionPhase	PhaseEndDate	4/28/2022	3/31/2022
tblConstructionPhase	PhaseStartDate	5/6/2021	4/1/2021
tblConstructionPhase	PhaseStartDate	4/5/2022	4/1/2021
tblGrading	AcresOfGrading	0.00	4.00
tblOffRoadEquipment	LoadFactor	0.20	0.20
tblOffRoadEquipment	LoadFactor	0.50	0.50
tblOffRoadEquipment	LoadFactor	0.50	0.50
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Forklifts
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Trenchers
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Bore/Drill Rigs
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentUnitAmount	1.00	2.00
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentUnitAmount	1.00	0.00
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentUnitAmount	3.00	6.00
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentUnitAmount	1.00	0.00
tblOffRoadEquipment	UsageHours	8.00	0.00
tblOffRoadEquipment	UsageHours	8.00	0.00
tblProjectCharacteristics	UrbanizationLevel	Urban	Rural
tblTripsAndVMT	HaulingTripNumber	0.00	5.00
tblTripsAndVMT	HaulingTripNumber	0.00	5.00
tblTripsAndVMT	VendorTripNumber	0.00	10.00
tblTripsAndVMT	VendorTripNumber	0.00	10.00
tblTripsAndVMT	WorkerTripNumber	30.00	43.00
tblTripsAndVMT	WorkerTripNumber	20.00	43.00

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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					
2021	4.0677	37.4956	42.8964	0.0778	1.0870	1.9838	3.0708	0.2883	1.8270	2.1153	0.0000	7,573.187 1	7,573.187 1	2.0338	0.0000	7,624.031 9
2022	3.6475	32.8396	42.3265	0.0775	1.0883	1.6626	2.7510	0.2887	1.5314	1.8201	0.0000	7,539.381 6	7,539.381 6	2.0308	0.0000	7,590.150 1
Maximum	4.0677	37.4956	42.8964	0.0778	1.0883	1.9838	3.0708	0.2887	1.8270	2.1153	0.0000	7,573.187 1	7,573.187 1	2.0338	0.0000	7,624.031 9

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	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					
2021	4.0677	37.4956	42.8964	0.0778	1.0780	1.9838	3.0618	0.2874	1.8270	2.1143	0.0000	7,573.187 1	7,573.187 1	2.0338	0.0000	7,624.031 9
2022	3.6475	32.8396	42.3265	0.0775	1.0794	1.6626	2.7420	0.2877	1.5314	1.8191	0.0000	7,539.381 6	7,539.381 6	2.0308	0.0000	7,590.150 1
Maximum	4.0677	37.4956	42.8964	0.0778	1.0794	1.9838	3.0618	0.2877	1.8270	2.1143	0.0000	7,573.187 1	7,573.187 1	2.0338	0.0000	7,624.031 9

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	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
Percent Reduction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.82	0.00	0.31	0.33	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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2.2 Overall Operational**Unmitigated Operational**

	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					
Area	0.0892	1.5000e-004	0.0165	0.0000		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		0.0352	0.0352	9.0000e-005		0.0376
Energy	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Mobile	0.0000	0.0000	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	0.0892	1.5000e-004	0.0165	0.0000	0.0000	6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005	0.0000	6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		0.0352	0.0352	9.0000e-005	0.0000	0.0376

Mitigated Operational

	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					
Area	0.0892	1.5000e-004	0.0165	0.0000		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		0.0352	0.0352	9.0000e-005		0.0376
Energy	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Mobile	0.0000	0.0000	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	0.0892	1.5000e-004	0.0165	0.0000	0.0000	6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005	0.0000	6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		0.0352	0.0352	9.0000e-005	0.0000	0.0376

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	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
Percent Reduction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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 Week	Num Days	Phase Description
1	Grading	Grading	4/1/2021	3/31/2022	5	261	
2	Paving	Paving	4/1/2021	3/31/2022	5	261	

Acres of Grading (Site Preparation Phase): 0**Acres of Grading (Grading Phase): 4****Acres of Paving: 3.7****Residential Indoor: 0; Residential Outdoor: 0; Non-Residential Indoor: 0; Non-Residential Outdoor: 0; Striped Parking Area: 0 (Architectural Coating – sqft)****OffRoad Equipment**

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Phase Name	Offroad Equipment Type	Amount	Usage Hours	Horse Power	Load Factor
Grading	Forklifts	2	8.00	89	0.20
Paving	Cement and Mortar Mixers	2	6.00	9	0.56
Grading	Trenchers	1	8.00	78	0.50
Grading	Bore/Drill Rigs	1	8.00	221	0.50
Grading	Excavators	2	8.00	158	0.38
Paving	Pavers	1	8.00	130	0.42
Paving	Rollers	2	6.00	80	0.38
Grading	Rubber Tired Dozers	0	0.00	247	0.40
Grading	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	6	8.00	97	0.37
Paving	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	97	0.37
Grading	Graders	0	0.00	187	0.41
Paving	Paving Equipment	2	6.00	132	0.36

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
Grading	12	43.00	10.00	5.00	14.60	6.20	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT
Paving	8	43.00	10.00	5.00	14.60	6.20	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT

3.1 Mitigation Measures Construction

Water Exposed Area

Reduce Vehicle Speed on Unpaved Roads

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3.2 Grading - 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/day										lb/day					
Fugitive Dust					0.0163	0.0000	0.0163	1.7500e-003	0.0000	1.7500e-003			0.0000			0.0000
Off-Road	2.4858	24.6192	27.1561	0.0449		1.3961	1.3961		1.2844	1.2844		4,348.506 2	4,348.506 2	1.4064		4,383.666 1
Total	2.4858	24.6192	27.1561	0.0449	0.0163	1.3961	1.4124	1.7500e-003	1.2844	1.2862		4,348.506 2	4,348.506 2	1.4064		4,383.666 1

Unmitigated Construction Off-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/day										lb/day					
Hauling	9.0000e-005	4.1600e-003	5.5000e-004	1.0000e-005	4.2000e-004	1.0000e-005	4.3000e-004	1.1000e-004	1.0000e-005	1.2000e-004		1.5313	1.5313	9.0000e-005		1.5335
Vendor	0.0224	0.8987	0.1594	2.4100e-003	0.0576	1.6000e-003	0.0592	0.0166	1.5300e-003	0.0181		253.7403	253.7403	0.0193		254.2219
Worker	0.2029	0.1154	1.5800	4.5600e-003	0.4774	2.8100e-003	0.4802	0.1266	2.5900e-003	0.1292		454.7928	454.7928	0.0109		455.0640
Total	0.2254	1.0182	1.7400	6.9800e-003	0.5354	4.4200e-003	0.5398	0.1433	4.1300e-003	0.1474		710.0643	710.0643	0.0302		710.8194

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3.2 Grading - 2021**Mitigated 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/day										lb/day					
Fugitive Dust					7.3100e-003	0.0000	7.3100e-003	7.9000e-004	0.0000	7.9000e-004			0.0000			0.0000
Off-Road	2.4858	24.6192	27.1561	0.0449		1.3961	1.3961		1.2844	1.2844	0.0000	4,348.506 2	4,348.506 2	1.4064		4,383.666 1
Total	2.4858	24.6192	27.1561	0.0449	7.3100e-003	1.3961	1.4034	7.9000e-004	1.2844	1.2852	0.0000	4,348.506 2	4,348.506 2	1.4064		4,383.666 1

Mitigated Construction Off-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/day										lb/day					
Hauling	9.0000e-005	4.1600e-003	5.5000e-004	1.0000e-005	4.2000e-004	1.0000e-005	4.3000e-004	1.1000e-004	1.0000e-005	1.2000e-004		1.5313	1.5313	9.0000e-005		1.5335
Vendor	0.0224	0.8987	0.1594	2.4100e-003	0.0576	1.6000e-003	0.0592	0.0166	1.5300e-003	0.0181		253.7403	253.7403	0.0193		254.2219
Worker	0.2029	0.1154	1.5800	4.5600e-003	0.4774	2.8100e-003	0.4802	0.1266	2.5900e-003	0.1292		454.7928	454.7928	0.0109		455.0640
Total	0.2254	1.0182	1.7400	6.9800e-003	0.5354	4.4200e-003	0.5398	0.1433	4.1300e-003	0.1474		710.0643	710.0643	0.0302		710.8194

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3.2 Grading - 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/day										lb/day					
Fugitive Dust					0.0163	0.0000	0.0163	1.7500e-003	0.0000	1.7500e-003			0.0000			0.0000
Off-Road	2.2123	21.4025	26.9203	0.0450		1.1668	1.1668		1.0734	1.0734		4,351.7190	4,351.7190	1.4074		4,386.9049
Total	2.2123	21.4025	26.9203	0.0450	0.0163	1.1668	1.1830	1.7500e-003	1.0734	1.0752		4,351.7190	4,351.7190	1.4074		4,386.9049

Unmitigated Construction Off-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/day										lb/day					
Hauling	9.0000e-005	3.7900e-003	5.3000e-004	1.0000e-005	1.1100e-003	1.0000e-005	1.1300e-003	2.8000e-004	1.0000e-005	2.9000e-004		1.5139	1.5139	9.0000e-005		1.5160
Vendor	0.0209	0.8498	0.1482	2.3800e-003	0.0576	1.3400e-003	0.0589	0.0166	1.2900e-003	0.0179		251.5773	251.5773	0.0182		252.0332
Worker	0.1898	0.1039	1.4574	4.4000e-003	0.4774	2.7400e-003	0.4801	0.1266	2.5200e-003	0.1291		438.1753	438.1753	9.7400e-003		438.4189
Total	0.2108	0.9575	1.6061	6.7900e-003	0.5360	4.0900e-003	0.5402	0.1435	3.8200e-003	0.1473		691.2664	691.2664	0.0281		691.9681

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3.2 Grading - 2022**Mitigated 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/day										lb/day					
Fugitive Dust					7.3100e-003	0.0000	7.3100e-003	7.9000e-004	0.0000	7.9000e-004			0.0000			0.0000
Off-Road	2.2123	21.4025	26.9203	0.0450		1.1668	1.1668		1.0734	1.0734	0.0000	4,351.7190	4,351.7190	1.4074		4,386.9049
Total	2.2123	21.4025	26.9203	0.0450	7.3100e-003	1.1668	1.1741	7.9000e-004	1.0734	1.0742	0.0000	4,351.7190	4,351.7190	1.4074		4,386.9049

Mitigated Construction Off-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/day										lb/day					
Hauling	9.0000e-005	3.7900e-003	5.3000e-004	1.0000e-005	1.1100e-003	1.0000e-005	1.1300e-003	2.8000e-004	1.0000e-005	2.9000e-004		1.5139	1.5139	9.0000e-005		1.5160
Vendor	0.0209	0.8498	0.1482	2.3800e-003	0.0576	1.3400e-003	0.0589	0.0166	1.2900e-003	0.0179		251.5773	251.5773	0.0182		252.0332
Worker	0.1898	0.1039	1.4574	4.4000e-003	0.4774	2.7400e-003	0.4801	0.1266	2.5200e-003	0.1291		438.1753	438.1753	9.7400e-003		438.4189
Total	0.2108	0.9575	1.6061	6.7900e-003	0.5360	4.0900e-003	0.5402	0.1435	3.8200e-003	0.1473		691.2664	691.2664	0.0281		691.9681

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3.3 Paving - 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/day										lb/day					
Off-Road	1.0940	10.8399	12.2603	0.0189		0.5788	0.5788		0.5342	0.5342		1,804.5523	1,804.5523	0.5670		1,818.7270
Paving	0.0371					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000			0.0000			0.0000
Total	1.1311	10.8399	12.2603	0.0189		0.5788	0.5788		0.5342	0.5342		1,804.5523	1,804.5523	0.5670		1,818.7270

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	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	9.0000e-005	4.1600e-003	5.5000e-004	1.0000e-005	4.2000e-004	1.0000e-005	4.3000e-004	1.1000e-004	1.0000e-005	1.2000e-004		1.5313	1.5313	9.0000e-005		1.5335
Vendor	0.0224	0.8987	0.1594	2.4100e-003	0.0576	1.6000e-003	0.0592	0.0166	1.5300e-003	0.0181		253.7403	253.7403	0.0193		254.2219
Worker	0.0209	0.1154	1.5800	4.5600e-003	0.4774	2.8100e-003	0.4802	0.1266	2.5900e-003	0.1292		454.7928	454.7928	0.0109		455.0640
Total	0.2254	1.0182	1.7400	6.9800e-003	0.5354	4.4200e-003	0.5398	0.1433	4.1300e-003	0.1474		710.0643	710.0643	0.0302		710.8194

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3.3 Paving - 2021**Mitigated 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/day										lb/day					
Off-Road	1.0940	10.8399	12.2603	0.0189		0.5788	0.5788		0.5342	0.5342	0.0000	1,804.552 3	1,804.552 3	0.5670		1,818.727 0
Paving	0.0371					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000			0.0000			0.0000
Total	1.1311	10.8399	12.2603	0.0189		0.5788	0.5788		0.5342	0.5342	0.0000	1,804.552 3	1,804.552 3	0.5670		1,818.727 0

Mitigated Construction Off-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/day										lb/day					
Hauling	9.0000e-005	4.1600e-003	5.5000e-004	1.0000e-005	4.2000e-004	1.0000e-005	4.3000e-004	1.1000e-004	1.0000e-005	1.2000e-004		1.5313	1.5313	9.0000e-005		1.5335
Vendor	0.0224	0.8987	0.1594	2.4100e-003	0.0576	1.6000e-003	0.0592	0.0166	1.5300e-003	0.0181		253.7403	253.7403	0.0193		254.2219
Worker	0.2029	0.1154	1.5800	4.5600e-003	0.4774	2.8100e-003	0.4802	0.1266	2.5900e-003	0.1292		454.7928	454.7928	0.0109		455.0640
Total	0.2254	1.0182	1.7400	6.9800e-003	0.5354	4.4200e-003	0.5398	0.1433	4.1300e-003	0.1474		710.0643	710.0643	0.0302		710.8194

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3.3 Paving - 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/day										lb/day					
Off-Road	0.9765	9.5221	12.1940	0.0189		0.4877	0.4877		0.4504	0.4504		1,805.1297	1,805.1297	0.5672		1,819.3091
Paving	0.0371					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000			0.0000			0.0000
Total	1.0137	9.5221	12.1940	0.0189		0.4877	0.4877		0.4504	0.4504		1,805.1297	1,805.1297	0.5672		1,819.3091

Unmitigated Construction Off-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/day										lb/day					
Hauling	9.0000e-005	3.7900e-003	5.3000e-004	1.0000e-005	1.1100e-003	1.0000e-005	1.1300e-003	2.8000e-004	1.0000e-005	2.9000e-004		1.5139	1.5139	9.0000e-005		1.5160
Vendor	0.0209	0.8498	0.1482	2.3800e-003	0.0576	1.3400e-003	0.0589	0.0166	1.2900e-003	0.0179		251.5773	251.5773	0.0182		252.0332
Worker	0.1898	0.1039	1.4574	4.4000e-003	0.4774	2.7400e-003	0.4801	0.1266	2.5200e-003	0.1291		438.1753	438.1753	9.7400e-003		438.4189
Total	0.2108	0.9575	1.6061	6.7900e-003	0.5360	4.0900e-003	0.5402	0.1435	3.8200e-003	0.1473		691.2664	691.2664	0.0281		691.9681

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3.3 Paving - 2022**Mitigated 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/day										lb/day					
Off-Road	0.9765	9.5221	12.1940	0.0189		0.4877	0.4877		0.4504	0.4504	0.0000	1,805.1297	1,805.1297	0.5672		1,819.3091
Paving	0.0371					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000			0.0000			0.0000
Total	1.0137	9.5221	12.1940	0.0189		0.4877	0.4877		0.4504	0.4504	0.0000	1,805.1297	1,805.1297	0.5672		1,819.3091

Mitigated Construction Off-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/day										lb/day					
Hauling	9.0000e-005	3.7900e-003	5.3000e-004	1.0000e-005	1.1100e-003	1.0000e-005	1.1300e-003	2.8000e-004	1.0000e-005	2.9000e-004		1.5139	1.5139	9.0000e-005		1.5160
Vendor	0.0209	0.8498	0.1482	2.3800e-003	0.0576	1.3400e-003	0.0589	0.0166	1.2900e-003	0.0179		251.5773	251.5773	0.0182		252.0332
Worker	0.1898	0.1039	1.4574	4.4000e-003	0.4774	2.7400e-003	0.4801	0.1266	2.5200e-003	0.1291		438.1753	438.1753	9.7400e-003		438.4189
Total	0.2108	0.9575	1.6061	6.7900e-003	0.5360	4.0900e-003	0.5402	0.1435	3.8200e-003	0.1473		691.2664	691.2664	0.0281		691.9681

4.0 Operational Detail - Mobile

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4.1 Mitigation Measures Mobile

	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					
Mitigated	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Unmitigated	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

4.2 Trip Summary Information

Land Use	Average Daily Trip Rate			Unmitigated	Mitigated
	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday	Annual VMT	Annual VMT
Other Asphalt Surfaces	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00		

4.3 Trip Type Information

Land Use	Miles			Trip %			Trip Purpose %		
	H-W or C-W	H-S or C-C	H-O or C-NW	H-W or C-W	H-S or C-C	H-O or C-NW	Primary	Diverted	Pass-by
Other Asphalt Surfaces	13.80	6.20	6.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0

4.4 Fleet Mix

Land Use	LDA	LDT1	LDT2	MDV	LHD1	LHD2	MHD	HHD	OBUS	UBUS	MCY	SBUS	MH
Other Asphalt Surfaces	0.545527	0.036856	0.186032	0.115338	0.015222	0.004970	0.017525	0.069528	0.001397	0.001160	0.004547	0.000932	0.000965

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5.0 Energy Detail

Historical Energy Use: N

5.1 Mitigation Measures Energy

	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					
NaturalGas Mitigated	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
NaturalGas Unmitigated	0.0000	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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5.2 Energy by Land Use - NaturalGas**Unmitigated**

	NaturalGas Use	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
Land Use	kBTU/yr	lb/day										lb/day					
Other Asphalt Surfaces	0	0.0000	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

Mitigated

	NaturalGas Use	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
Land Use	kBTU/yr	lb/day										lb/day					
Other Asphalt Surfaces	0	0.0000	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

6.0 Area Detail**6.1 Mitigation Measures Area**

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	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					
Mitigated	0.0892	1.5000e-004	0.0165	0.0000		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		0.0352	0.0352	9.0000e-005		0.0376
Unmitigated	0.0892	1.5000e-004	0.0165	0.0000		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		0.0352	0.0352	9.0000e-005		0.0376

6.2 Area by SubCategory

Unmitigated

	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
SubCategory	lb/day										lb/day					
Architectural Coating	0.0307					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000			0.0000			0.0000
Consumer Products	0.0570					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000			0.0000			0.0000
Landscaping	1.5300e-003	1.5000e-004	0.0165	0.0000		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		0.0352	0.0352	9.0000e-005		0.0376
Total	0.0892	1.5000e-004	0.0165	0.0000		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		0.0352	0.0352	9.0000e-005		0.0376

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6.2 Area by SubCategory**Mitigated**

	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
SubCategory	lb/day										lb/day					
Architectural Coating	0.0307					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000			0.0000			0.0000
Consumer Products	0.0570					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000			0.0000			0.0000
Landscaping	1.5300e-003	1.5000e-004	0.0165	0.0000		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		0.0352	0.0352	9.0000e-005		0.0376
Total	0.0892	1.5000e-004	0.0165	0.0000		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		0.0352	0.0352	9.0000e-005		0.0376

7.0 Water Detail**7.1 Mitigation Measures Water****8.0 Waste Detail****8.1 Mitigation Measures Waste****9.0 Operational Offroad**

Equipment Type	Number	Hours/Day	Days/Year	Horse Power	Load Factor	Fuel Type
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10.0 Stationary Equipment**Fire Pumps and Emergency Generators**

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Equipment Type	Number	Hours/Day	Hours/Year	Horse Power	Load Factor	Fuel Type
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Boilers

Equipment Type	Number	Heat Input/Day	Heat Input/Year	Boiler Rating	Fuel Type
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User Defined Equipment

Equipment Type	Number
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11.0 Vegetation

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1.0 Project Characteristics

1.1 Land Usage

Land Uses	Size	Metric	Lot Acreage	Floor Surface Area	Population
Other Asphalt Surfaces	161.00	1000sqft	3.70	161,000.00	0

1.2 Other Project Characteristics

Urbanization	Rural	Wind Speed (m/s)	2.4	Precipitation Freq (Days)	28
Climate Zone	15			Operational Year	2022
Utility Company	Imperial Irrigation District				
CO2 Intensity (lb/MW hr)	1270.9	CH4 Intensity (lb/MW hr)	0.029	N2O Intensity (lb/MW hr)	0.006

1.3 User Entered Comments & Non-Default Data

Project Characteristics -

Land Use - Assumes pipeline trenches 5 feet wide.

Construction Phase - Grading captures trenching, hdd, pipe install. Paving captures resurfacing.

Off-road Equipment - Construction equipment list provided by engineers.

Off-road Equipment -

Trips and VMT - Trips provided by engineers.

Construction Off-road Equipment Mitigation -

Table Name	Column Name	Default Value	New Value
tblConstDustMitigation	WaterUnpavedRoadVehicleSpeed	0	15

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tblConstructionPhase	NumDays	8.00	261.00
tblConstructionPhase	NumDays	18.00	261.00
tblConstructionPhase	PhaseEndDate	5/17/2021	3/31/2022
tblConstructionPhase	PhaseEndDate	4/28/2022	3/31/2022
tblConstructionPhase	PhaseStartDate	5/6/2021	4/1/2021
tblConstructionPhase	PhaseStartDate	4/5/2022	4/1/2021
tblGrading	AcresOfGrading	0.00	4.00
tblOffRoadEquipment	LoadFactor	0.20	0.20
tblOffRoadEquipment	LoadFactor	0.50	0.50
tblOffRoadEquipment	LoadFactor	0.50	0.50
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Forklifts
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Trenchers
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Bore/Drill Rigs
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentUnitAmount	1.00	2.00
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentUnitAmount	1.00	0.00
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentUnitAmount	3.00	6.00
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentUnitAmount	1.00	0.00
tblOffRoadEquipment	UsageHours	8.00	0.00
tblOffRoadEquipment	UsageHours	8.00	0.00
tblProjectCharacteristics	UrbanizationLevel	Urban	Rural
tblTripsAndVMT	HaulingTripNumber	0.00	5.00
tblTripsAndVMT	HaulingTripNumber	0.00	5.00
tblTripsAndVMT	VendorTripNumber	0.00	10.00
tblTripsAndVMT	VendorTripNumber	0.00	10.00
tblTripsAndVMT	WorkerTripNumber	30.00	43.00
tblTripsAndVMT	WorkerTripNumber	20.00	43.00

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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					
2021	4.0628	37.4847	42.3486	0.0767	1.0870	1.9839	3.0709	0.2883	1.8271	2.1154	0.0000	7,458.971 9	7,458.971 9	2.0354	0.0000	7,509.858 0
2022	3.6441	32.8267	41.8194	0.0764	1.0883	1.6627	2.7511	0.2887	1.5315	1.8202	0.0000	7,428.685 7	7,428.685 7	2.0325	0.0000	7,479.498 4
Maximum	4.0628	37.4847	42.3486	0.0767	1.0883	1.9839	3.0709	0.2887	1.8271	2.1154	0.0000	7,458.971 9	7,458.971 9	2.0354	0.0000	7,509.858 0

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	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					
2021	4.0628	37.4847	42.3486	0.0767	1.0780	1.9839	3.0620	0.2874	1.8271	2.1144	0.0000	7,458.971 9	7,458.971 9	2.0354	0.0000	7,509.858 0
2022	3.6441	32.8267	41.8194	0.0764	1.0794	1.6627	2.7421	0.2877	1.5315	1.8192	0.0000	7,428.685 7	7,428.685 7	2.0325	0.0000	7,479.498 4
Maximum	4.0628	37.4847	42.3486	0.0767	1.0794	1.9839	3.0620	0.2877	1.8271	2.1144	0.0000	7,458.971 9	7,458.971 9	2.0354	0.0000	7,509.858 0

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	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
Percent Reduction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.82	0.00	0.31	0.33	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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2.2 Overall Operational**Unmitigated Operational**

	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					
Area	0.0892	1.5000e-004	0.0165	0.0000		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		0.0352	0.0352	9.0000e-005		0.0376
Energy	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Mobile	0.0000	0.0000	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	0.0892	1.5000e-004	0.0165	0.0000	0.0000	6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005	0.0000	6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		0.0352	0.0352	9.0000e-005	0.0000	0.0376

Mitigated Operational

	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					
Area	0.0892	1.5000e-004	0.0165	0.0000		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		0.0352	0.0352	9.0000e-005		0.0376
Energy	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Mobile	0.0000	0.0000	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	0.0892	1.5000e-004	0.0165	0.0000	0.0000	6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005	0.0000	6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		0.0352	0.0352	9.0000e-005	0.0000	0.0376

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	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
Percent Reduction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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 Week	Num Days	Phase Description
1	Grading	Grading	4/1/2021	3/31/2022	5	261	
2	Paving	Paving	4/1/2021	3/31/2022	5	261	

Acres of Grading (Site Preparation Phase): 0**Acres of Grading (Grading Phase): 4****Acres of Paving: 3.7****Residential Indoor: 0; Residential Outdoor: 0; Non-Residential Indoor: 0; Non-Residential Outdoor: 0; Striped Parking Area: 0 (Architectural Coating – sqft)****OffRoad Equipment**

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Phase Name	Offroad Equipment Type	Amount	Usage Hours	Horse Power	Load Factor
Grading	Forklifts	2	8.00	89	0.20
Paving	Cement and Mortar Mixers	2	6.00	9	0.56
Grading	Trenchers	1	8.00	78	0.50
Grading	Bore/Drill Rigs	1	8.00	221	0.50
Grading	Excavators	2	8.00	158	0.38
Paving	Pavers	1	8.00	130	0.42
Paving	Rollers	2	6.00	80	0.38
Grading	Rubber Tired Dozers	0	0.00	247	0.40
Grading	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	6	8.00	97	0.37
Paving	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	97	0.37
Grading	Graders	0	0.00	187	0.41
Paving	Paving Equipment	2	6.00	132	0.36

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
Grading	12	43.00	10.00	5.00	14.60	6.20	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT
Paving	8	43.00	10.00	5.00	14.60	6.20	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT

3.1 Mitigation Measures Construction

Water Exposed Area

Reduce Vehicle Speed on Unpaved Roads

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3.2 Grading - 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/day										lb/day					
Fugitive Dust					0.0163	0.0000	0.0163	1.7500e-003	0.0000	1.7500e-003			0.0000			0.0000
Off-Road	2.4858	24.6192	27.1561	0.0449		1.3961	1.3961		1.2844	1.2844		4,348.506 2	4,348.506 2	1.4064		4,383.666 1
Total	2.4858	24.6192	27.1561	0.0449	0.0163	1.3961	1.4124	1.7500e-003	1.2844	1.2862		4,348.506 2	4,348.506 2	1.4064		4,383.666 1

Unmitigated Construction Off-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/day										lb/day					
Hauling	1.0000e-004	4.1900e-003	6.4000e-004	1.0000e-005	4.2000e-004	1.0000e-005	4.3000e-004	1.1000e-004	1.0000e-005	1.2000e-004		1.4928	1.4928	1.0000e-004		1.4953
Vendor	0.0239	0.8893	0.1897	2.3100e-003	0.0576	1.6500e-003	0.0592	0.0166	1.5800e-003	0.0182		243.4625	243.4625	0.0215		244.0000
Worker	0.1990	0.1194	1.2758	4.0900e-003	0.4774	2.8100e-003	0.4802	0.1266	2.5900e-003	0.1292		408.0014	408.0014	9.4300e-003		408.2372
Total	0.2230	1.0128	1.4661	6.4100e-003	0.5354	4.4700e-003	0.5398	0.1433	4.1800e-003	0.1475		652.9567	652.9567	0.0310		653.7325

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3.2 Grading - 2021**Mitigated 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/day										lb/day					
Fugitive Dust					7.3100e-003	0.0000	7.3100e-003	7.9000e-004	0.0000	7.9000e-004			0.0000			0.0000
Off-Road	2.4858	24.6192	27.1561	0.0449		1.3961	1.3961		1.2844	1.2844	0.0000	4,348.506 2	4,348.506 2	1.4064		4,383.666 1
Total	2.4858	24.6192	27.1561	0.0449	7.3100e-003	1.3961	1.4034	7.9000e-004	1.2844	1.2852	0.0000	4,348.506 2	4,348.506 2	1.4064		4,383.666 1

Mitigated Construction Off-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/day										lb/day					
Hauling	1.0000e-004	4.1900e-003	6.4000e-004	1.0000e-005	4.2000e-004	1.0000e-005	4.3000e-004	1.1000e-004	1.0000e-005	1.2000e-004		1.4928	1.4928	1.0000e-004		1.4953
Vendor	0.0239	0.8893	0.1897	2.3100e-003	0.0576	1.6500e-003	0.0592	0.0166	1.5800e-003	0.0182		243.4625	243.4625	0.0215		244.0000
Worker	0.1990	0.1194	1.2758	4.0900e-003	0.4774	2.8100e-003	0.4802	0.1266	2.5900e-003	0.1292		408.0014	408.0014	9.4300e-003		408.2372
Total	0.2230	1.0128	1.4661	6.4100e-003	0.5354	4.4700e-003	0.5398	0.1433	4.1800e-003	0.1475		652.9567	652.9567	0.0310		653.7325

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3.2 Grading - 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/day										lb/day					
Fugitive Dust					0.0163	0.0000	0.0163	1.7500e-003	0.0000	1.7500e-003			0.0000			0.0000
Off-Road	2.2123	21.4025	26.9203	0.0450		1.1668	1.1668		1.0734	1.0734		4,351.7190	4,351.7190	1.4074		4,386.9049
Total	2.2123	21.4025	26.9203	0.0450	0.0163	1.1668	1.1830	1.7500e-003	1.0734	1.0752		4,351.7190	4,351.7190	1.4074		4,386.9049

Unmitigated Construction Off-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/day										lb/day					
Hauling	9.0000e-005	3.8100e-003	6.2000e-004	1.0000e-005	1.1100e-003	1.0000e-005	1.1300e-003	2.8000e-004	1.0000e-005	2.9000e-004		1.4755	1.4755	9.0000e-005		1.4778
Vendor	0.0223	0.8398	0.1770	2.2900e-003	0.0576	1.3900e-003	0.0590	0.0166	1.3300e-003	0.0179		241.3292	241.3292	0.0204		241.8386
Worker	0.1867	0.1074	1.1749	3.9400e-003	0.4774	2.7400e-003	0.4801	0.1266	2.5200e-003	0.1291		393.1138	393.1138	8.4800e-003		393.3258
Total	0.2091	0.9510	1.3526	6.2400e-003	0.5360	4.1400e-003	0.5402	0.1435	3.8600e-003	0.1473		635.9185	635.9185	0.0289		636.6422

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3.2 Grading - 2022**Mitigated 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/day										lb/day					
Fugitive Dust					7.3100e-003	0.0000	7.3100e-003	7.9000e-004	0.0000	7.9000e-004			0.0000			0.0000
Off-Road	2.2123	21.4025	26.9203	0.0450		1.1668	1.1668		1.0734	1.0734	0.0000	4,351.7190	4,351.7190	1.4074		4,386.9049
Total	2.2123	21.4025	26.9203	0.0450	7.3100e-003	1.1668	1.1741	7.9000e-004	1.0734	1.0742	0.0000	4,351.7190	4,351.7190	1.4074		4,386.9049

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	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	9.0000e-005	3.8100e-003	6.2000e-004	1.0000e-005	1.1100e-003	1.0000e-005	1.1300e-003	2.8000e-004	1.0000e-005	2.9000e-004		1.4755	1.4755	9.0000e-005		1.4778
Vendor	0.0223	0.8398	0.1770	2.2900e-003	0.0576	1.3900e-003	0.0590	0.0166	1.3300e-003	0.0179		241.3292	241.3292	0.0204		241.8386
Worker	0.1867	0.1074	1.1749	3.9400e-003	0.4774	2.7400e-003	0.4801	0.1266	2.5200e-003	0.1291		393.1138	393.1138	8.4800e-003		393.3258
Total	0.2091	0.9510	1.3526	6.2400e-003	0.5360	4.1400e-003	0.5402	0.1435	3.8600e-003	0.1473		635.9185	635.9185	0.0289		636.6422

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3.3 Paving - 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/day										lb/day					
Off-Road	1.0940	10.8399	12.2603	0.0189		0.5788	0.5788		0.5342	0.5342		1,804.552 3	1,804.552 3	0.5670		1,818.727 0
Paving	0.0371					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000			0.0000			0.0000
Total	1.1311	10.8399	12.2603	0.0189		0.5788	0.5788		0.5342	0.5342		1,804.552 3	1,804.552 3	0.5670		1,818.727 0

Unmitigated Construction Off-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/day										lb/day					
Hauling	1.0000e-004	4.1900e-003	6.4000e-004	1.0000e-005	4.2000e-004	1.0000e-005	4.3000e-004	1.1000e-004	1.0000e-005	1.2000e-004		1.4928	1.4928	1.0000e-004		1.4953
Vendor	0.0239	0.8893	0.1897	2.3100e-003	0.0576	1.6500e-003	0.0592	0.0166	1.5800e-003	0.0182		243.4625	243.4625	0.0215		244.0000
Worker	0.1990	0.1194	1.2758	4.0900e-003	0.4774	2.8100e-003	0.4802	0.1266	2.5900e-003	0.1292		408.0014	408.0014	9.4300e-003		408.2372
Total	0.2230	1.0128	1.4661	6.4100e-003	0.5354	4.4700e-003	0.5398	0.1433	4.1800e-003	0.1475		652.9567	652.9567	0.0310		653.7325

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3.3 Paving - 2021**Mitigated 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/day										lb/day					
Off-Road	1.0940	10.8399	12.2603	0.0189		0.5788	0.5788		0.5342	0.5342	0.0000	1,804.552 3	1,804.552 3	0.5670		1,818.727 0
Paving	0.0371					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000			0.0000			0.0000
Total	1.1311	10.8399	12.2603	0.0189		0.5788	0.5788		0.5342	0.5342	0.0000	1,804.552 3	1,804.552 3	0.5670		1,818.727 0

Mitigated Construction Off-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/day										lb/day					
Hauling	1.0000e-004	4.1900e-003	6.4000e-004	1.0000e-005	4.2000e-004	1.0000e-005	4.3000e-004	1.1000e-004	1.0000e-005	1.2000e-004		1.4928	1.4928	1.0000e-004		1.4953
Vendor	0.0239	0.8893	0.1897	2.3100e-003	0.0576	1.6500e-003	0.0592	0.0166	1.5800e-003	0.0182		243.4625	243.4625	0.0215		244.0000
Worker	0.1990	0.1194	1.2758	4.0900e-003	0.4774	2.8100e-003	0.4802	0.1266	2.5900e-003	0.1292		408.0014	408.0014	9.4300e-003		408.2372
Total	0.2230	1.0128	1.4661	6.4100e-003	0.5354	4.4700e-003	0.5398	0.1433	4.1800e-003	0.1475		652.9567	652.9567	0.0310		653.7325

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3.3 Paving - 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/day										lb/day					
Off-Road	0.9765	9.5221	12.1940	0.0189		0.4877	0.4877		0.4504	0.4504		1,805.1297	1,805.1297	0.5672		1,819.3091
Paving	0.0371					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000			0.0000			0.0000
Total	1.0137	9.5221	12.1940	0.0189		0.4877	0.4877		0.4504	0.4504		1,805.1297	1,805.1297	0.5672		1,819.3091

Unmitigated Construction Off-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/day										lb/day					
Hauling	9.0000e-005	3.8100e-003	6.2000e-004	1.0000e-005	1.1100e-003	1.0000e-005	1.1300e-003	2.8000e-004	1.0000e-005	2.9000e-004		1.4755	1.4755	9.0000e-005		1.4778
Vendor	0.0223	0.8398	0.1770	2.2900e-003	0.0576	1.3900e-003	0.0590	0.0166	1.3300e-003	0.0179		241.3292	241.3292	0.0204		241.8386
Worker	0.1867	0.1074	1.1749	3.9400e-003	0.4774	2.7400e-003	0.4801	0.1266	2.5200e-003	0.1291		393.1138	393.1138	8.4800e-003		393.3258
Total	0.2091	0.9510	1.3526	6.2400e-003	0.5360	4.1400e-003	0.5402	0.1435	3.8600e-003	0.1473		635.9185	635.9185	0.0289		636.6422

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3.3 Paving - 2022**Mitigated 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/day										lb/day					
Off-Road	0.9765	9.5221	12.1940	0.0189		0.4877	0.4877		0.4504	0.4504	0.0000	1,805.1297	1,805.1297	0.5672		1,819.3091
Paving	0.0371					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000			0.0000			0.0000
Total	1.0137	9.5221	12.1940	0.0189		0.4877	0.4877		0.4504	0.4504	0.0000	1,805.1297	1,805.1297	0.5672		1,819.3091

Mitigated Construction Off-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/day										lb/day					
Hauling	9.0000e-005	3.8100e-003	6.2000e-004	1.0000e-005	1.1100e-003	1.0000e-005	1.1300e-003	2.8000e-004	1.0000e-005	2.9000e-004		1.4755	1.4755	9.0000e-005		1.4778
Vendor	0.0223	0.8398	0.1770	2.2900e-003	0.0576	1.3900e-003	0.0590	0.0166	1.3300e-003	0.0179		241.3292	241.3292	0.0204		241.8386
Worker	0.1867	0.1074	1.1749	3.9400e-003	0.4774	2.7400e-003	0.4801	0.1266	2.5200e-003	0.1291		393.1138	393.1138	8.4800e-003		393.3258
Total	0.2091	0.9510	1.3526	6.2400e-003	0.5360	4.1400e-003	0.5402	0.1435	3.8600e-003	0.1473		635.9185	635.9185	0.0289		636.6422

4.0 Operational Detail - Mobile

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4.1 Mitigation Measures Mobile

	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					
Mitigated	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000
Unmitigated	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000

4.2 Trip Summary Information

Land Use	Average Daily Trip Rate			Unmitigated	Mitigated
	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday	Annual VMT	Annual VMT
Other Asphalt Surfaces	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00		

4.3 Trip Type Information

Land Use	Miles			Trip %			Trip Purpose %		
	H-W or C-W	H-S or C-C	H-O or C-NW	H-W or C-W	H-S or C-C	H-O or C-NW	Primary	Diverted	Pass-by
Other Asphalt Surfaces	13.80	6.20	6.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0

4.4 Fleet Mix

Land Use	LDA	LDT1	LDT2	MDV	LHD1	LHD2	MHD	HHD	OBUS	UBUS	MCY	SBUS	MH
Other Asphalt Surfaces	0.545527	0.036856	0.186032	0.115338	0.015222	0.004970	0.017525	0.069528	0.001397	0.001160	0.004547	0.000932	0.000965

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5.0 Energy Detail

Historical Energy Use: N

5.1 Mitigation Measures Energy

	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					
NaturalGas Mitigated	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
NaturalGas Unmitigated	0.0000	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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5.2 Energy by Land Use - NaturalGas**Unmitigated**

	NaturalGas Use	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
Land Use	kBTU/yr	lb/day										lb/day					
Other Asphalt Surfaces	0	0.0000	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

Mitigated

	NaturalGas Use	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
Land Use	kBTU/yr	lb/day										lb/day					
Other Asphalt Surfaces	0	0.0000	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

6.0 Area Detail**6.1 Mitigation Measures Area**

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	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					
Mitigated	0.0892	1.5000e-004	0.0165	0.0000		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		0.0352	0.0352	9.0000e-005		0.0376
Unmitigated	0.0892	1.5000e-004	0.0165	0.0000		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		0.0352	0.0352	9.0000e-005		0.0376

6.2 Area by SubCategory

Unmitigated

	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
SubCategory	lb/day										lb/day					
Architectural Coating	0.0307					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000			0.0000			0.0000
Consumer Products	0.0570					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000			0.0000			0.0000
Landscaping	1.5300e-003	1.5000e-004	0.0165	0.0000		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		0.0352	0.0352	9.0000e-005		0.0376
Total	0.0892	1.5000e-004	0.0165	0.0000		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		0.0352	0.0352	9.0000e-005		0.0376

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6.2 Area by SubCategory**Mitigated**

	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
SubCategory	lb/day										lb/day					
Architectural Coating	0.0307					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000			0.0000			0.0000
Consumer Products	0.0570					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000			0.0000			0.0000
Landscaping	1.5300e-003	1.5000e-004	0.0165	0.0000		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		0.0352	0.0352	9.0000e-005		0.0376
Total	0.0892	1.5000e-004	0.0165	0.0000		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		6.0000e-005	6.0000e-005		0.0352	0.0352	9.0000e-005		0.0376

7.0 Water Detail**7.1 Mitigation Measures Water****8.0 Waste Detail****8.1 Mitigation Measures Waste****9.0 Operational Offroad**

Equipment Type	Number	Hours/Day	Days/Year	Horse Power	Load Factor	Fuel Type
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10.0 Stationary Equipment**Fire Pumps and Emergency Generators**

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Equipment Type	Number	Hours/Day	Hours/Year	Horse Power	Load Factor	Fuel Type
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Boilers

Equipment Type	Number	Heat Input/Day	Heat Input/Year	Boiler Rating	Fuel Type
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User Defined Equipment

Equipment Type	Number
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11.0 Vegetation

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1.0 Project Characteristics

1.1 Land Usage

Land Uses	Size	Metric	Lot Acreage	Floor Surface Area	Population
Other Asphalt Surfaces	161.00	1000sqft	3.70	161,000.00	0

1.2 Other Project Characteristics

Urbanization	Rural	Wind Speed (m/s)	2.4	Precipitation Freq (Days)	28
Climate Zone	15			Operational Year	2022
Utility Company	Imperial Irrigation District				
CO2 Intensity (lb/MW hr)	1270.9	CH4 Intensity (lb/MW hr)	0.029	N2O Intensity (lb/MW hr)	0.006

1.3 User Entered Comments & Non-Default Data

Project Characteristics -

Land Use - Assumes pipeline trenches 5 feet wide.

Construction Phase - Grading captures trenching, hdd, pipe install. Paving captures resurfacing.

Off-road Equipment - Construction equipment list provided by engineers.

Off-road Equipment -

Trips and VMT - Trips provided by engineers.

Construction Off-road Equipment Mitigation -

Table Name	Column Name	Default Value	New Value
tblConstDustMitigation	WaterUnpavedRoadVehicleSpeed	0	15

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tblConstructionPhase	NumDays	8.00	261.00
tblConstructionPhase	NumDays	18.00	261.00
tblConstructionPhase	PhaseEndDate	5/17/2021	3/31/2022
tblConstructionPhase	PhaseEndDate	4/28/2022	3/31/2022
tblConstructionPhase	PhaseStartDate	5/6/2021	4/1/2021
tblConstructionPhase	PhaseStartDate	4/5/2022	4/1/2021
tblGrading	AcresOfGrading	0.00	4.00
tblOffRoadEquipment	LoadFactor	0.20	0.20
tblOffRoadEquipment	LoadFactor	0.50	0.50
tblOffRoadEquipment	LoadFactor	0.50	0.50
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Forklifts
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Trenchers
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentType		Bore/Drill Rigs
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentUnitAmount	1.00	2.00
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentUnitAmount	1.00	0.00
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentUnitAmount	3.00	6.00
tblOffRoadEquipment	OffRoadEquipmentUnitAmount	1.00	0.00
tblOffRoadEquipment	UsageHours	8.00	0.00
tblOffRoadEquipment	UsageHours	8.00	0.00
tblProjectCharacteristics	UrbanizationLevel	Urban	Rural
tblTripsAndVMT	HaulingTripNumber	0.00	5.00
tblTripsAndVMT	HaulingTripNumber	0.00	5.00
tblTripsAndVMT	VendorTripNumber	0.00	10.00
tblTripsAndVMT	VendorTripNumber	0.00	10.00
tblTripsAndVMT	WorkerTripNumber	30.00	43.00
tblTripsAndVMT	WorkerTripNumber	20.00	43.00

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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					
2021	0.3969	3.6960	4.1820	7.5800e-003	0.1059	0.1954	0.3013	0.0280	0.1800	0.2080	0.0000	669.4630	669.4630	0.1817	0.0000	674.0058
2022	0.1156	1.0516	1.3414	2.4500e-003	0.0359	0.0532	0.0891	9.2700e-003	0.0490	0.0583	0.0000	216.5880	216.5880	0.0590	0.0000	218.0617
Maximum	0.3969	3.6960	4.1820	7.5800e-003	0.1059	0.1954	0.3013	0.0280	0.1800	0.2080	0.0000	669.4630	669.4630	0.1817	0.0000	674.0058

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/yr										MT/yr					
2021	0.3969	3.6960	4.1820	7.5800e-003	0.1047	0.1954	0.3001	0.0279	0.1800	0.2079	0.0000	669.4623	669.4623	0.1817	0.0000	674.0051
2022	0.1156	1.0516	1.3414	2.4500e-003	0.0347	0.0532	0.0879	9.1500e-003	0.0490	0.0582	0.0000	216.5878	216.5878	0.0590	0.0000	218.0615
Maximum	0.3969	3.6960	4.1820	7.5800e-003	0.1047	0.1954	0.3001	0.0279	0.1800	0.2079	0.0000	669.4623	669.4623	0.1817	0.0000	674.0051

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	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
Percent Reduction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.65	0.00	0.59	0.64	0.00	0.09	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	4-1-2021	6-30-2021	1.3508	1.3508
2	7-1-2021	9-30-2021	1.3657	1.3657
3	10-1-2021	12-31-2021	1.3651	1.3651
4	1-1-2022	3-31-2022	1.1723	1.1723
		Highest	1.3657	1.3657

2.2 Overall Operational

Unmitigated Operational

	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					
Area	0.0161	1.0000e-005	1.4800e-003	0.0000		1.0000e-005	1.0000e-005		1.0000e-005	1.0000e-005	0.0000	2.8800e-003	2.8800e-003	1.0000e-005	0.0000	3.0700e-003
Energy	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Mobile	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Waste						0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Water						0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total	0.0161	1.0000e-005	1.4800e-003	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000e-005	1.0000e-005	0.0000	1.0000e-005	1.0000e-005	0.0000	2.8800e-003	2.8800e-003	1.0000e-005	0.0000	3.0700e-003

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2.2 Overall Operational**Mitigated Operational**

	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					
Area	0.0161	1.0000e-005	1.4800e-003	0.0000		1.0000e-005	1.0000e-005		1.0000e-005	1.0000e-005	0.0000	2.8800e-003	2.8800e-003	1.0000e-005	0.0000	3.0700e-003
Energy	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Mobile	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Waste						0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Water						0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total	0.0161	1.0000e-005	1.4800e-003	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000e-005	1.0000e-005	0.0000	1.0000e-005	1.0000e-005	0.0000	2.8800e-003	2.8800e-003	1.0000e-005	0.0000	3.0700e-003

	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
Percent Reduction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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 Week	Num Days	Phase Description
1	Grading	Grading	4/1/2021	3/31/2022	5	261	
2	Paving	Paving	4/1/2021	3/31/2022	5	261	

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Acres of Grading (Site Preparation Phase): 0**Acres of Grading (Grading Phase): 4****Acres of Paving: 3.7****Residential Indoor: 0; Residential Outdoor: 0; Non-Residential Indoor: 0; Non-Residential Outdoor: 0; Striped Parking Area: 0 (Architectural Coating – sqft)****OffRoad Equipment**

Phase Name	Offroad Equipment Type	Amount	Usage Hours	Horse Power	Load Factor
Grading	Forklifts	2	8.00	89	0.20
Paving	Cement and Mortar Mixers	2	6.00	9	0.56
Grading	Trenchers	1	8.00	78	0.50
Grading	Bore/Drill Rigs	1	8.00	221	0.50
Grading	Excavators	2	8.00	158	0.38
Paving	Pavers	1	8.00	130	0.42
Paving	Rollers	2	6.00	80	0.38
Grading	Rubber Tired Dozers	0	0.00	247	0.40
Grading	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	6	8.00	97	0.37
Paving	Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	1	8.00	97	0.37
Grading	Graders	0	0.00	187	0.41
Paving	Paving Equipment	2	6.00	132	0.36

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
Grading	12	43.00	10.00	5.00	14.60	6.20	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT
Paving	8	43.00	10.00	5.00	14.60	6.20	20.00	LD_Mix	HDT_Mix	HHDT

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3.1 Mitigation Measures Construction

Water Exposed Area

Reduce Vehicle Speed on Unpaved Roads

3.2 Grading - 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					
Fugitive Dust					2.1200e-003	0.0000	2.1200e-003	2.3000e-004	0.0000	2.3000e-004	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Off-Road	0.2449	2.4250	2.6749	4.4200e-003		0.1375	0.1375		0.1265	0.1265	0.0000	388.5725	388.5725	0.1257	0.0000	391.7143
Total	0.2449	2.4250	2.6749	4.4200e-003	2.1200e-003	0.1375	0.1396	2.3000e-004	0.1265	0.1268	0.0000	388.5725	388.5725	0.1257	0.0000	391.7143

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3.2 Grading - 2021**Unmitigated Construction Off-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					
Hauling	1.0000e-005	4.2000e-004	6.0000e-005	0.0000	4.0000e-005	0.0000	4.0000e-005	1.0000e-005	0.0000	1.0000e-005	0.0000	0.1354	0.1354	1.0000e-005	0.0000	0.1356
Vendor	2.2600e-003	0.0891	0.0171	2.3000e-004	5.5900e-003	1.6000e-004	5.7500e-003	1.6100e-003	1.5000e-004	1.7700e-003	0.0000	22.2879	22.2879	1.8100e-003	0.0000	22.3331
Worker	0.0181	0.0122	0.1326	4.1000e-004	0.0462	2.8000e-004	0.0465	0.0123	2.6000e-004	0.0125	0.0000	37.3966	37.3966	8.7000e-004	0.0000	37.4184
Total	0.0203	0.1016	0.1497	6.4000e-004	0.0519	4.4000e-004	0.0523	0.0139	4.1000e-004	0.0143	0.0000	59.8199	59.8199	2.6900e-003	0.0000	59.8871

Mitigated 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					
Fugitive Dust					9.5000e-004	0.0000	9.5000e-004	1.0000e-004	0.0000	1.0000e-004	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Off-Road	0.2449	2.4250	2.6749	4.4200e-003		0.1375	0.1375		0.1265	0.1265	0.0000	388.5720	388.5720	0.1257	0.0000	391.7138
Total	0.2449	2.4250	2.6749	4.4200e-003	9.5000e-004	0.1375	0.1385	1.0000e-004	0.1265	0.1266	0.0000	388.5720	388.5720	0.1257	0.0000	391.7138

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3.2 Grading - 2021**Mitigated Construction Off-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					
Hauling	1.0000e-005	4.2000e-004	6.0000e-005	0.0000	4.0000e-005	0.0000	4.0000e-005	1.0000e-005	0.0000	1.0000e-005	0.0000	0.1354	0.1354	1.0000e-005	0.0000	0.1356
Vendor	2.2600e-003	0.0891	0.0171	2.3000e-004	5.5900e-003	1.6000e-004	5.7500e-003	1.6100e-003	1.5000e-004	1.7700e-003	0.0000	22.2879	22.2879	1.8100e-003	0.0000	22.3331
Worker	0.0181	0.0122	0.1326	4.1000e-004	0.0462	2.8000e-004	0.0465	0.0123	2.6000e-004	0.0125	0.0000	37.3966	37.3966	8.7000e-004	0.0000	37.4184
Total	0.0203	0.1016	0.1497	6.4000e-004	0.0519	4.4000e-004	0.0523	0.0139	4.1000e-004	0.0143	0.0000	59.8199	59.8199	2.6900e-003	0.0000	59.8871

3.2 Grading - 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/yr										MT/yr					
Fugitive Dust					2.1200e-003	0.0000	2.1200e-003	2.3000e-004	0.0000	2.3000e-004	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Off-Road	0.0708	0.6849	0.8615	1.4400e-003		0.0373	0.0373		0.0344	0.0344	0.0000	126.3300	126.3300	0.0409	0.0000	127.3515
Total	0.0708	0.6849	0.8615	1.4400e-003	2.1200e-003	0.0373	0.0395	2.3000e-004	0.0344	0.0346	0.0000	126.3300	126.3300	0.0409	0.0000	127.3515

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3.2 Grading - 2022**Unmitigated Construction Off-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					
Hauling	0.0000	1.2000e-004	2.0000e-005	0.0000	4.0000e-005	0.0000	4.0000e-005	1.0000e-005	0.0000	1.0000e-005	0.0000	0.0435	0.0435	0.0000	0.0000	0.0435
Vendor	6.9000e-004	0.0273	5.1800e-003	8.0000e-005	1.8200e-003	4.0000e-005	1.8600e-003	5.2000e-004	4.0000e-005	5.7000e-004	0.0000	7.1783	7.1783	5.6000e-004	0.0000	7.1922
Worker	5.5000e-003	3.5500e-003	0.0397	1.3000e-004	0.0150	9.0000e-005	0.0151	3.9900e-003	8.0000e-005	4.0700e-003	0.0000	11.7058	11.7058	2.5000e-004	0.0000	11.7122
Total	6.1900e-003	0.0310	0.0449	2.1000e-004	0.0169	1.3000e-004	0.0170	4.5200e-003	1.2000e-004	4.6500e-003	0.0000	18.9276	18.9276	8.1000e-004	0.0000	18.9479

Mitigated 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					
Fugitive Dust					9.5000e-004	0.0000	9.5000e-004	1.0000e-004	0.0000	1.0000e-004	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Off-Road	0.0708	0.6849	0.8615	1.4400e-003		0.0373	0.0373		0.0344	0.0344	0.0000	126.3299	126.3299	0.0409	0.0000	127.3513
Total	0.0708	0.6849	0.8615	1.4400e-003	9.5000e-004	0.0373	0.0383	1.0000e-004	0.0344	0.0345	0.0000	126.3299	126.3299	0.0409	0.0000	127.3513

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3.2 Grading - 2022**Mitigated Construction Off-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					
Hauling	0.0000	1.2000e-004	2.0000e-005	0.0000	4.0000e-005	0.0000	4.0000e-005	1.0000e-005	0.0000	1.0000e-005	0.0000	0.0435	0.0435	0.0000	0.0000	0.0435
Vendor	6.9000e-004	0.0273	5.1800e-003	8.0000e-005	1.8200e-003	4.0000e-005	1.8600e-003	5.2000e-004	4.0000e-005	5.7000e-004	0.0000	7.1783	7.1783	5.6000e-004	0.0000	7.1922
Worker	5.5000e-003	3.5500e-003	0.0397	1.3000e-004	0.0150	9.0000e-005	0.0151	3.9900e-003	8.0000e-005	4.0700e-003	0.0000	11.7058	11.7058	2.5000e-004	0.0000	11.7122
Total	6.1900e-003	0.0310	0.0449	2.1000e-004	0.0169	1.3000e-004	0.0170	4.5200e-003	1.2000e-004	4.6500e-003	0.0000	18.9276	18.9276	8.1000e-004	0.0000	18.9479

3.3 Paving - 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	0.1078	1.0677	1.2076	1.8600e-003		0.0570	0.0570		0.0526	0.0526	0.0000	161.2506	161.2506	0.0507	0.0000	162.5173
Paving	3.6600e-003					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total	0.1114	1.0677	1.2076	1.8600e-003		0.0570	0.0570		0.0526	0.0526	0.0000	161.2506	161.2506	0.0507	0.0000	162.5173

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3.3 Paving - 2021**Unmitigated Construction Off-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					
Hauling	1.0000e-005	4.2000e-004	6.0000e-005	0.0000	4.0000e-005	0.0000	4.0000e-005	1.0000e-005	0.0000	1.0000e-005	0.0000	0.1354	0.1354	1.0000e-005	0.0000	0.1356
Vendor	2.2600e-003	0.0891	0.0171	2.3000e-004	5.5900e-003	1.6000e-004	5.7500e-003	1.6100e-003	1.5000e-004	1.7700e-003	0.0000	22.2879	22.2879	1.8100e-003	0.0000	22.3331
Worker	0.0181	0.0122	0.1326	4.1000e-004	0.0462	2.8000e-004	0.0465	0.0123	2.6000e-004	0.0125	0.0000	37.3966	37.3966	8.7000e-004	0.0000	37.4184
Total	0.0203	0.1016	0.1497	6.4000e-004	0.0519	4.4000e-004	0.0523	0.0139	4.1000e-004	0.0143	0.0000	59.8199	59.8199	2.6900e-003	0.0000	59.8871

Mitigated 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	0.1078	1.0677	1.2076	1.8600e-003		0.0570	0.0570		0.0526	0.0526	0.0000	161.2504	161.2504	0.0507	0.0000	162.5171
Paving	3.6600e-003					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total	0.1114	1.0677	1.2076	1.8600e-003		0.0570	0.0570		0.0526	0.0526	0.0000	161.2504	161.2504	0.0507	0.0000	162.5171

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3.3 Paving - 2021**Mitigated Construction Off-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					
Hauling	1.0000e-005	4.2000e-004	6.0000e-005	0.0000	4.0000e-005	0.0000	4.0000e-005	1.0000e-005	0.0000	1.0000e-005	0.0000	0.1354	0.1354	1.0000e-005	0.0000	0.1356
Vendor	2.2600e-003	0.0891	0.0171	2.3000e-004	5.5900e-003	1.6000e-004	5.7500e-003	1.6100e-003	1.5000e-004	1.7700e-003	0.0000	22.2879	22.2879	1.8100e-003	0.0000	22.3331
Worker	0.0181	0.0122	0.1326	4.1000e-004	0.0462	2.8000e-004	0.0465	0.0123	2.6000e-004	0.0125	0.0000	37.3966	37.3966	8.7000e-004	0.0000	37.4184
Total	0.0203	0.1016	0.1497	6.4000e-004	0.0519	4.4000e-004	0.0523	0.0139	4.1000e-004	0.0143	0.0000	59.8199	59.8199	2.6900e-003	0.0000	59.8871

3.3 Paving - 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/yr										MT/yr					
Off-Road	0.0313	0.3047	0.3902	6.1000e-004		0.0156	0.0156		0.0144	0.0144	0.0000	52.4028	52.4028	0.0165	0.0000	52.8144
Paving	1.1900e-003					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total	0.0324	0.3047	0.3902	6.1000e-004		0.0156	0.0156		0.0144	0.0144	0.0000	52.4028	52.4028	0.0165	0.0000	52.8144

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3.3 Paving - 2022**Unmitigated Construction Off-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					
Hauling	0.0000	1.2000e-004	2.0000e-005	0.0000	4.0000e-005	0.0000	4.0000e-005	1.0000e-005	0.0000	1.0000e-005	0.0000	0.0435	0.0435	0.0000	0.0000	0.0435
Vendor	6.9000e-004	0.0273	5.1800e-003	8.0000e-005	1.8200e-003	4.0000e-005	1.8600e-003	5.2000e-004	4.0000e-005	5.7000e-004	0.0000	7.1783	7.1783	5.6000e-004	0.0000	7.1922
Worker	5.5000e-003	3.5500e-003	0.0397	1.3000e-004	0.0150	9.0000e-005	0.0151	3.9900e-003	8.0000e-005	4.0700e-003	0.0000	11.7058	11.7058	2.5000e-004	0.0000	11.7122
Total	6.1900e-003	0.0310	0.0449	2.1000e-004	0.0169	1.3000e-004	0.0170	4.5200e-003	1.2000e-004	4.6500e-003	0.0000	18.9276	18.9276	8.1000e-004	0.0000	18.9479

Mitigated 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	0.0313	0.3047	0.3902	6.1000e-004		0.0156	0.0156		0.0144	0.0144	0.0000	52.4027	52.4027	0.0165	0.0000	52.8143
Paving	1.1900e-003					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total	0.0324	0.3047	0.3902	6.1000e-004		0.0156	0.0156		0.0144	0.0144	0.0000	52.4027	52.4027	0.0165	0.0000	52.8143

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3.3 Paving - 2022**Mitigated Construction Off-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					
Hauling	0.0000	1.2000e-004	2.0000e-005	0.0000	4.0000e-005	0.0000	4.0000e-005	1.0000e-005	0.0000	1.0000e-005	0.0000	0.0435	0.0435	0.0000	0.0000	0.0435
Vendor	6.9000e-004	0.0273	5.1800e-003	8.0000e-005	1.8200e-003	4.0000e-005	1.8600e-003	5.2000e-004	4.0000e-005	5.7000e-004	0.0000	7.1783	7.1783	5.6000e-004	0.0000	7.1922
Worker	5.5000e-003	3.5500e-003	0.0397	1.3000e-004	0.0150	9.0000e-005	0.0151	3.9900e-003	8.0000e-005	4.0700e-003	0.0000	11.7058	11.7058	2.5000e-004	0.0000	11.7122
Total	6.1900e-003	0.0310	0.0449	2.1000e-004	0.0169	1.3000e-004	0.0170	4.5200e-003	1.2000e-004	4.6500e-003	0.0000	18.9276	18.9276	8.1000e-004	0.0000	18.9479

4.0 Operational Detail - Mobile**4.1 Mitigation Measures Mobile**

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	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					
Mitigated	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Unmitigated	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

4.2 Trip Summary Information

Land Use	Average Daily Trip Rate			Unmitigated	Mitigated
	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday	Annual VMT	Annual VMT
Other Asphalt Surfaces	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00		

4.3 Trip Type Information

Land Use	Miles			Trip %			Trip Purpose %		
	H-W or C-W	H-S or C-C	H-O or C-NW	H-W or C-W	H-S or C-C	H-O or C-NW	Primary	Diverted	Pass-by
Other Asphalt Surfaces	13.80	6.20	6.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0

4.4 Fleet Mix

Land Use	LDA	LDT1	LDT2	MDV	LHD1	LHD2	MHD	HHD	OBUS	UBUS	MCY	SBUS	MH
Other Asphalt Surfaces	0.545527	0.036856	0.186032	0.115338	0.015222	0.004970	0.017525	0.069528	0.001397	0.001160	0.004547	0.000932	0.000965

5.0 Energy Detail

Historical Energy Use: N

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5.1 Mitigation Measures Energy

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5.2 Energy by Land Use - NaturalGas

Unmitigated

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5.2 Energy by Land Use - NaturalGas**Mitigated**

	NaturalGas Use	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
Land Use	kBTU/yr	tons/yr										MT/yr					
Other Asphalt Surfaces	0	0.0000	0.0000	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

5.3 Energy by Land Use - Electricity**Unmitigated**

	Electricity Use	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Land Use	kWh/yr	MT/yr			
Other Asphalt Surfaces	0	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

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5.3 Energy by Land Use - Electricity**Mitigated**

	Electricity Use	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Land Use	kWh/yr	MT/yr			
Other Asphalt Surfaces	0	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

6.0 Area Detail**6.1 Mitigation Measures Area**

	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					
Mitigated	0.0161	1.0000e-005	1.4800e-003	0.0000		1.0000e-005	1.0000e-005		1.0000e-005	1.0000e-005	0.0000	2.8800e-003	2.8800e-003	1.0000e-005	0.0000	3.0700e-003
Unmitigated	0.0161	1.0000e-005	1.4800e-003	0.0000		1.0000e-005	1.0000e-005		1.0000e-005	1.0000e-005	0.0000	2.8800e-003	2.8800e-003	1.0000e-005	0.0000	3.0700e-003

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6.2 Area by SubCategory**Unmitigated**

	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
SubCategory	tons/yr										MT/yr					
Architectural Coating	5.6000e-003					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Consumer Products	0.0104					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Landscaping	1.4000e-004	1.0000e-005	1.4800e-003	0.0000		1.0000e-005	1.0000e-005		1.0000e-005	1.0000e-005	0.0000	2.8800e-003	2.8800e-003	1.0000e-005	0.0000	3.0700e-003
Total	0.0162	1.0000e-005	1.4800e-003	0.0000		1.0000e-005	1.0000e-005		1.0000e-005	1.0000e-005	0.0000	2.8800e-003	2.8800e-003	1.0000e-005	0.0000	3.0700e-003

Mitigated

	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
SubCategory	tons/yr										MT/yr					
Architectural Coating	5.6000e-003					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Consumer Products	0.0104					0.0000	0.0000		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Landscaping	1.4000e-004	1.0000e-005	1.4800e-003	0.0000		1.0000e-005	1.0000e-005		1.0000e-005	1.0000e-005	0.0000	2.8800e-003	2.8800e-003	1.0000e-005	0.0000	3.0700e-003
Total	0.0162	1.0000e-005	1.4800e-003	0.0000		1.0000e-005	1.0000e-005		1.0000e-005	1.0000e-005	0.0000	2.8800e-003	2.8800e-003	1.0000e-005	0.0000	3.0700e-003

7.0 Water Detail

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7.1 Mitigation Measures Water

	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Category	MT/yr			
Mitigated	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Unmitigated	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

7.2 Water by Land Use**Unmitigated**

	Indoor/Outdoor Use	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Land Use	Mgal	MT/yr			
Other Asphalt Surfaces	0 / 0	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

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7.2 Water by Land Use**Mitigated**

	Indoor/Outdoor Use	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Land Use	Mgal	MT/yr			
Other Asphalt Surfaces	0 / 0	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

8.0 Waste Detail**8.1 Mitigation Measures Waste****Category/Year**

	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
	MT/yr			
Mitigated	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Unmitigated	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

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8.2 Waste by Land Use**Unmitigated**

	Waste Disposed	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Land Use	tons	MT/yr			
Other Asphalt Surfaces	0	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

Mitigated

	Waste Disposed	Total CO2	CH4	N2O	CO2e
Land Use	tons	MT/yr			
Other Asphalt Surfaces	0	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Total		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

9.0 Operational Offroad

Equipment Type	Number	Hours/Day	Days/Year	Horse Power	Load Factor	Fuel Type
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10.0 Stationary Equipment

Fire Pumps and Emergency Generators

Equipment Type	Number	Hours/Day	Hours/Year	Horse Power	Load Factor	Fuel Type
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Boilers

Equipment Type	Number	Heat Input/Day	Heat Input/Year	Boiler Rating	Fuel Type
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User Defined Equipment

Equipment Type	Number
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11.0 Vegetation

APPENDIX B: BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES TECHNICAL STUDY



Saint Anthony's and Valley View Water Systems Consolidation Project

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1 Introduction

Rincon Consultants, Inc. (Rincon) prepared this Biological Resources Technical Study (BRTS) to document the current existing conditions and evaluate the potential for project-related impacts to biological resources during the consolidation of separate small water systems (SWS) for two site locations: 1) the Saint Anthony's site and 2) Valley View site. The project is part of the East Coachella Valley Water Supply Project (ECVWSP). Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) is the project's responsible lead agency. The project is located near the towns of Thermal and Mecca in unincorporated Riverside County, California.

1.1 Project Location

The project consists of two locations east of the Peninsular Ranges in the central and southern portions of the Coachella Valley: the Saint Anthony's site is located near the town of Mecca and the Valley View site is located in Thermal, both in unincorporated Riverside County, California (Figure 1). The proposed project locations lie within the boundaries of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP); however, they are not in an identified conservation area.

The Saint Anthony's site is depicted on Township 7S, Range 8E, Sections 9-16 of the U.S. Geological Survey *Valerie*, CA 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle and Township 7S, Range 9E, Sections 7, 8, 18, and 17 of the U.S. Geological Survey *Mecca*, CA 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle, San Bernardino Baseline and Meridian. It is located approximately 2.5 miles south of the junction of State Route (SR) 86 and SR-111 near the town of Mecca. Specifically, the project site is along 66th Avenue between Hammond Road to the east and Martinez Road to the west. A portion of the project site extends along Lincoln Street between 66th Avenue and 68th Avenue. Agriculture and open space are the dominant land uses adjacent to the project site.

The Valley View site is depicted on Township 6S, Range 8E, Sections 14, 15, 22, and 23 of the U.S. Geological Survey *Indio* and *Thermal Canyon*, CA 7.5-minute topographic quadrangles, San Bernardino Baseline and Meridian. It is directly west of SR-111 in the town of Thermal. Specifically, the project site is along Desert Cactus Drive, Fillmore Street, Airport Boulevard and Soto Street bounded by Pierce Street to the east and Orange Street to the west. Agriculture and residential land uses dominate the areas adjacent to the project site. SR- 86 bisects a portion of the project site.

The Saint Anthony's site and the Valley View site are collectively referred to as the "project site."

1.2 Project Description

The proposed project involves the consolidation of independent SWSs into CVWD's potable water system through the installation of new pipeline infrastructure. The consolidation will occur at two locations as described above: the Saint Anthony's site and the Valley View site (Figure 2).

The St. Anthony's site consists of three privately owned SWSs: Manuela Garcia Water, Saint Anthony Mobile Home Park (MHP), and Seferino Huerta. The existing potable water supply for the three

SWSs consists of local groundwater supplied by privately owned groundwater wells. The Manuela Garcia SWS serves a small mobile home park with a total of 14 service connections. The Saint Anthony MHP is a community water system that serves approximately 95 mobile homes. The Seferino Huerta SWS is a mobile home park that has 13 service connections. New infrastructure for the proposed project would consist of the following:

- A 30-inch diameter pipeline (Phase 1B and Phase 2 pipeline extensions) totaling approximately 22,000 feet (4.2 miles) in length that runs along to adjacent to Avenue 66
- A 12-inch diameter pipeline measuring approximately 4,500 feet in length along Lincoln Street
- 460 feet of 1-inch, 2-inch and 4-inch diameter service laterals connecting to the Avenue 66 Phase 2 pipeline and 12-inch diameter water pipeline along Lincoln Street and extending to the property boundary of each SWS, as well as 2-inch diameter pipelines on the MHP properties to complete service to the existing SWSs
- 60 feet of 6-inch diameter fire service that would connect to the Avenue 66 pipeline and 12-inch Lincoln Street pipeline and extend to fire hydrants or backflow preventers to provide fire service to each SWS
- Modifications to the existing on-site SWSs may include removal of some existing infrastructure (e.g., tanks, pipelines, connections) and specifically abandonment of the wells.

The Valley View site consists of nine privately owned SWSs: Campos MHP, De Leon Ranch, Desert View MHP, Luciano Valenzuela, Magdaleno Lopez, Meza's Ranch, Soto Water, Valley View MHP, and Vista Norte Estates. The existing potable water supply for the nine SWSs consists of local groundwater supplied by privately owned groundwater wells. The Campos MHP SWS serves a small mobile home park with a total of 14 service connections. The De Leon Ranch SWS serves a labor camp with 13 dwellings. The Desert View MHP is a community water system serving a mobile home park with 22 service connections. The Luciano Valenzuela SWS serves a mobile home park with 13 connections. The Magdaleno Lopez SWS serves six residential connections. The Meza's Ranch SWS is a new community water system serving a main residence and 7 mobile homes. The Soto Water SWS has eight service connections. The Valley View MHP is a community water system serving a mobile home park with 42 service connections. The Vista Norte Estates SWS is comprised of 13 service connections. New infrastructure for the Valley View portion of the project would consist of the following:

- 30-inch diameter water main along Airport Boulevard, totaling 5,400 linear feet, connecting to the existing 18-inch diameter water main on Pierce Street.
- 12-inch diameter water mains in Soto Street, Fillmore Street, 55th Avenue, and Desert Cactus Drive, totally 9,100 linear feet, connecting to the 30-inch water main along Airport Boulevard.
- One-inch and two-inch diameter service laterals totaling 1,100 linear feet. These would connect to the proposed 30-inch and 12-inch diameter water mains in Airport Boulevard, Soto Street, Avenue 55, and Desert Cactus Drive and would extend to the property boundaries of each SWS.

- One-inch and two-inch diameter on-property pipelines, totaling 1,500 feet to complete service to the existing SWSs. These pipelines would connect the 1-inch and 2-inch diameter laterals to the existing potable distribution system at each SWS.
- 6-inch diameter piping, totaling 2,300 feet, connecting from the proposed water mains to fire hydrants or backflow preventors to provide fire service to each SWS. Fire hydrants would be located in accordance with CVWD and Riverside County Fire Department standards.
- Modifications to the existing on-site SWSs may include removal of some existing infrastructure (e.g., tanks, pipelines, connections) and specifically demolition of the wells.

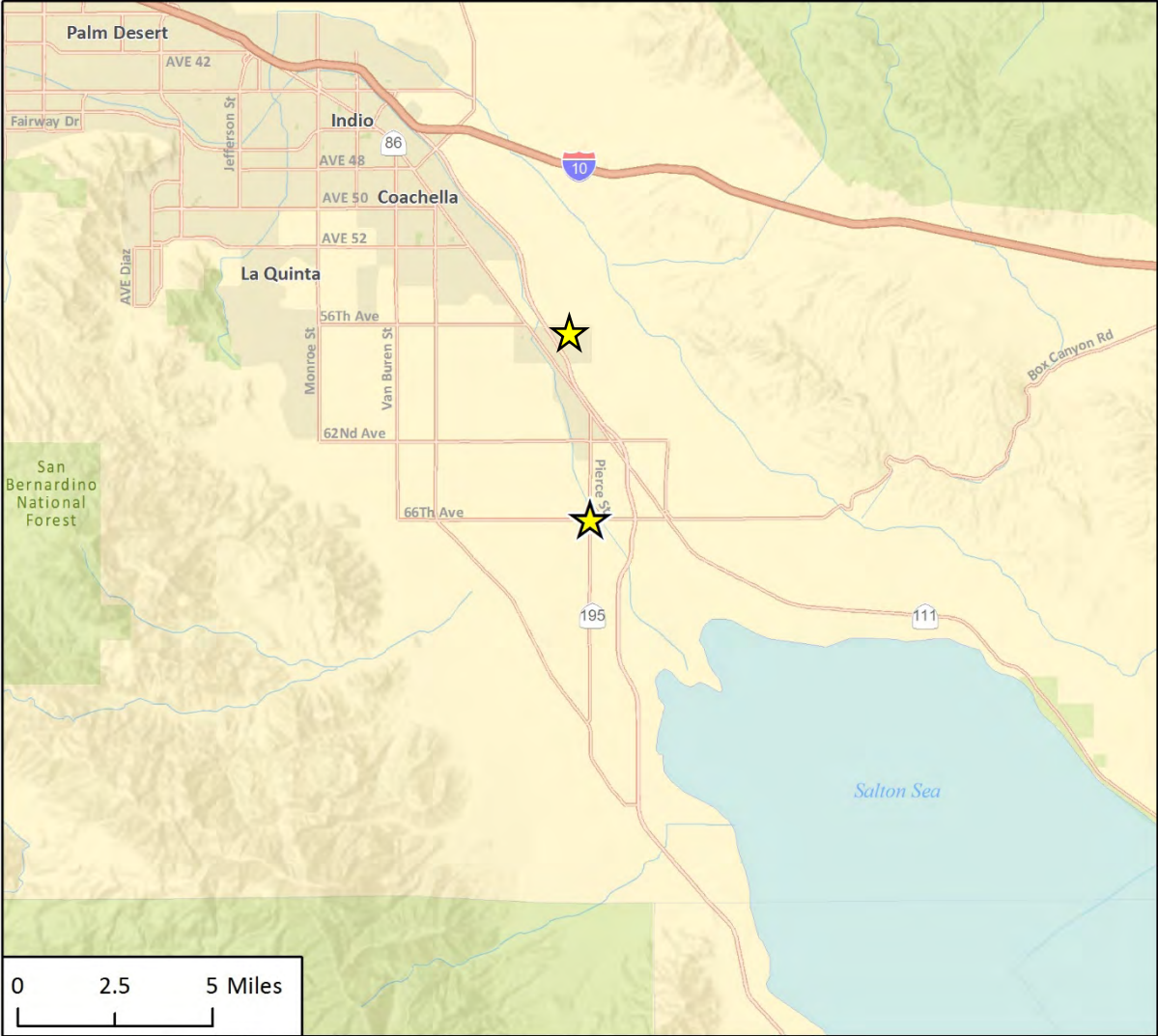
Along much of the alignment, trench excavation would be used for the installation of the pipeline. A backhoe, excavator, or trencher would be used to dig trenches for pipe installation. In general, the pipelines would be installed at depths of 5-6 feet below ground surface with a width of 3-5 feet. Service laterals will be installed at depths of approximately 5 feet, with a width of 3-4 feet. The water pipelines at both locations would be installed within existing County of Riverside roadway rights of way and SWS properties. Construction is anticipated to last 12 months. Disturbance activities would occur on existing dirt access roads and in vegetated areas adjacent to the access roads. Disturbed areas would be restored to original grade and vegetated areas would be replanted with the appropriate native species.

CVWD also proposes constructing an approximately 2,500-foot-long pipeline segment west of Desert Cactus Drive. The proposed pipeline section will be located north of Airport Boulevard and will cross under the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Highway 111 to connect with an existing CVWD water main. This pipeline segment is not a part of the proposed project at this time. Therefore, this segment is not included in the current BRTR and will be analyzed at a later date as part of a separate CEQA-Plus review.

1.3 Area of Potential Effects

The project Area of Potential Effects (APE) generally depicts all areas expected to be affected by the proposed project, including construction staging areas. For this study, the APE includes the project disturbance footprint associated with the installation of the water pipeline. The project site must additionally be considered as a three-dimensional space and includes any ground disturbance associated with the project. As such, the APE also includes a 50-foot buffer (25 feet on either side of the pipeline) to address potential indirect project effects such as noise and dust. The location of the APE is depicted in Figure 3.

Figure 1 Regional Project Location



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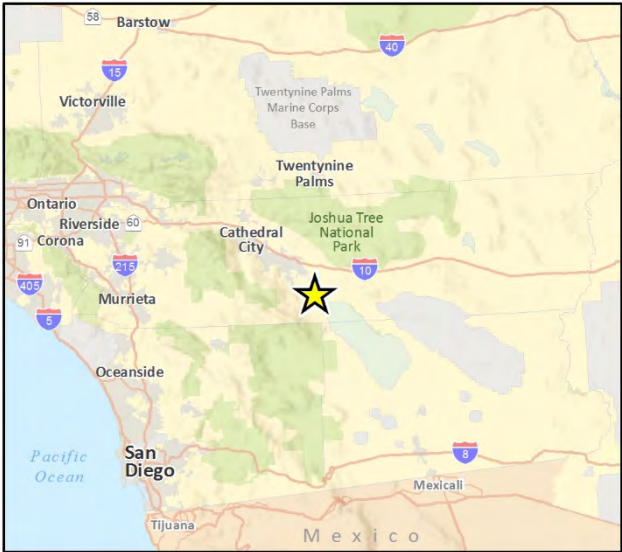
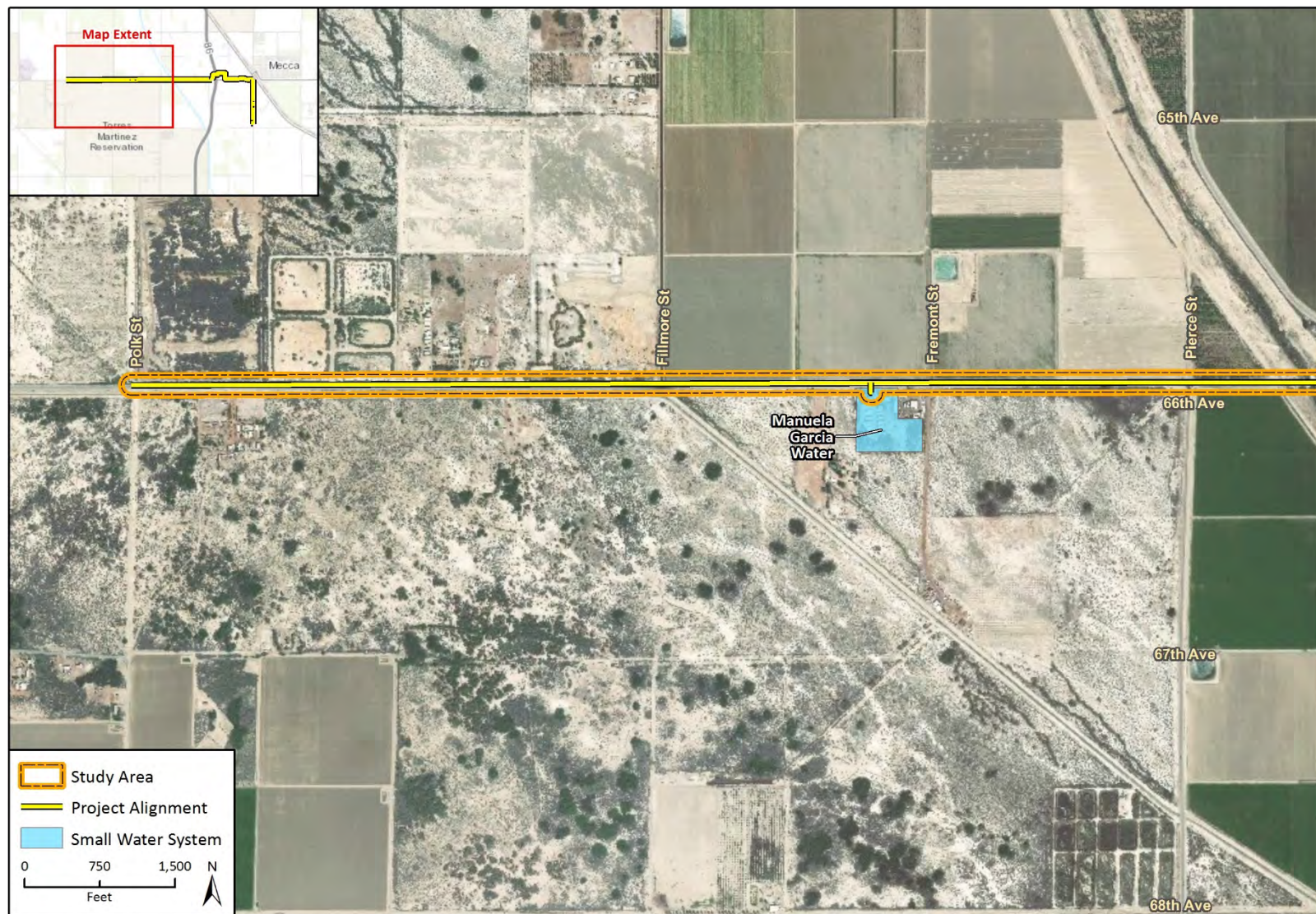


Fig. 1 Regional Location - St. Anthony

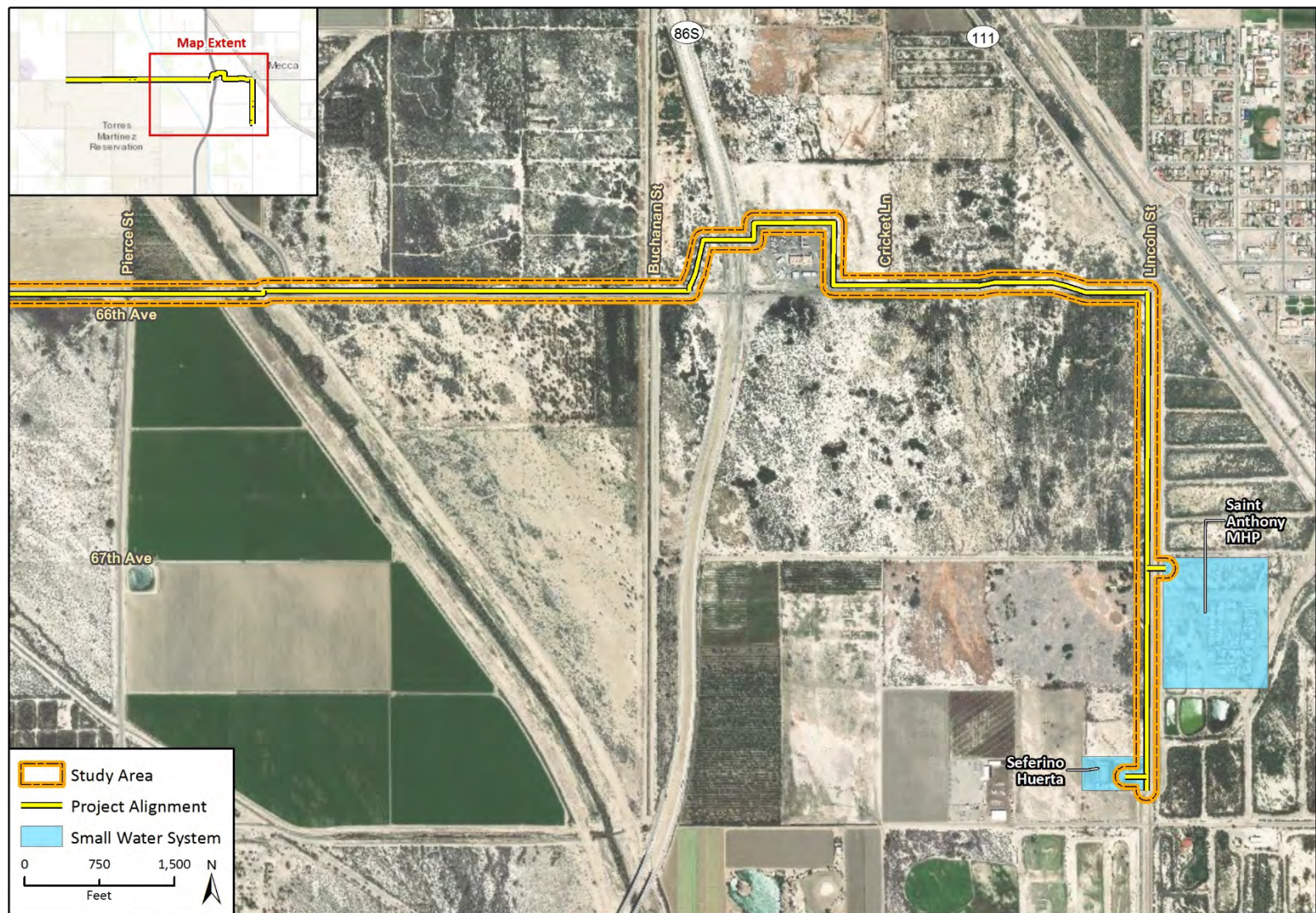
Figure 2a St. Anthony's Site – Project Overview



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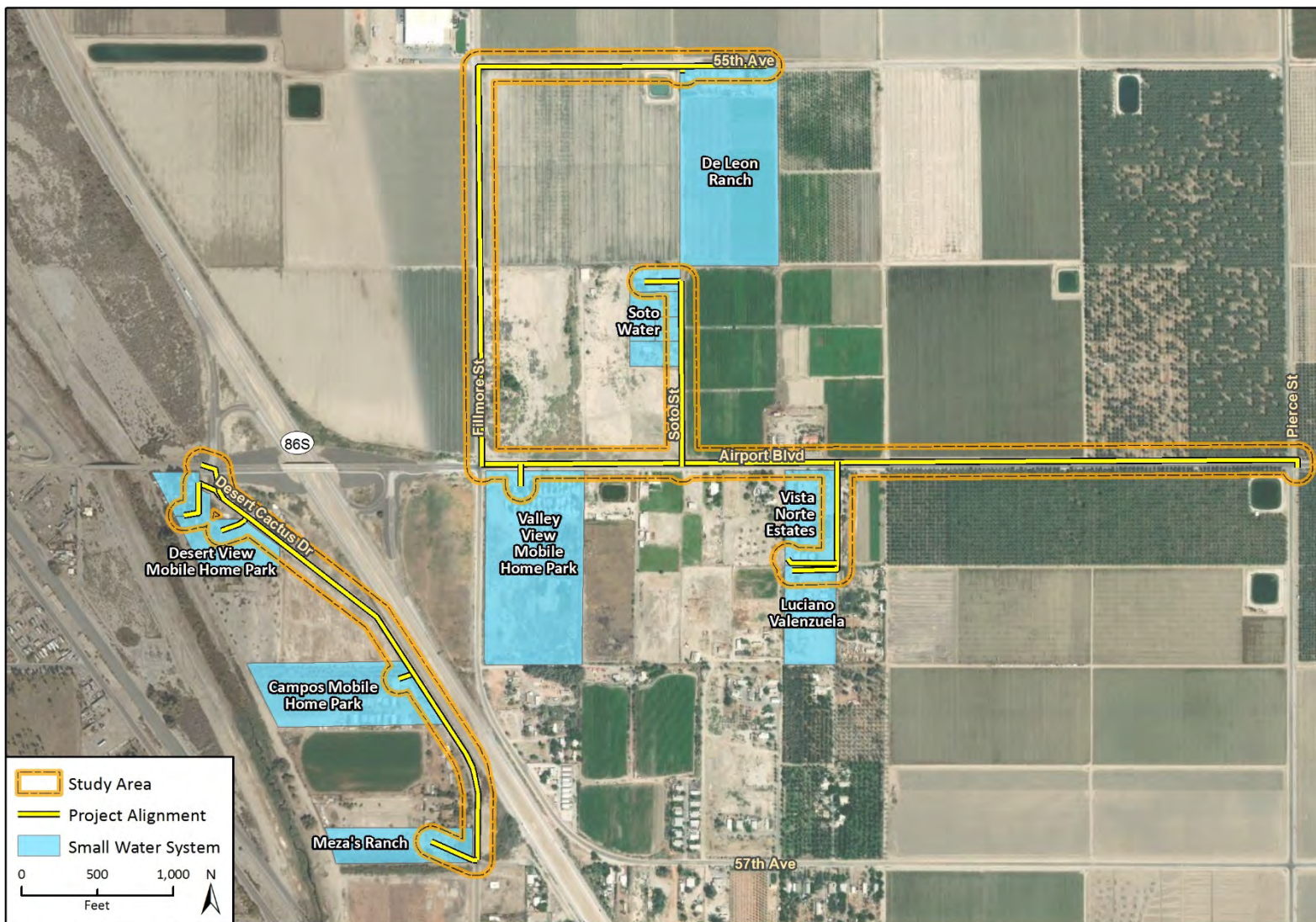
Figure 3b St. Anthony's Site – Project Overview



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Fig 2b Project Location - St Anthony

Figure 2c Valley View Site – Project Overview



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Fig. 2 Project Location - Valley View

Figure 3a St. Anthony's Site - Area of Potential Effects

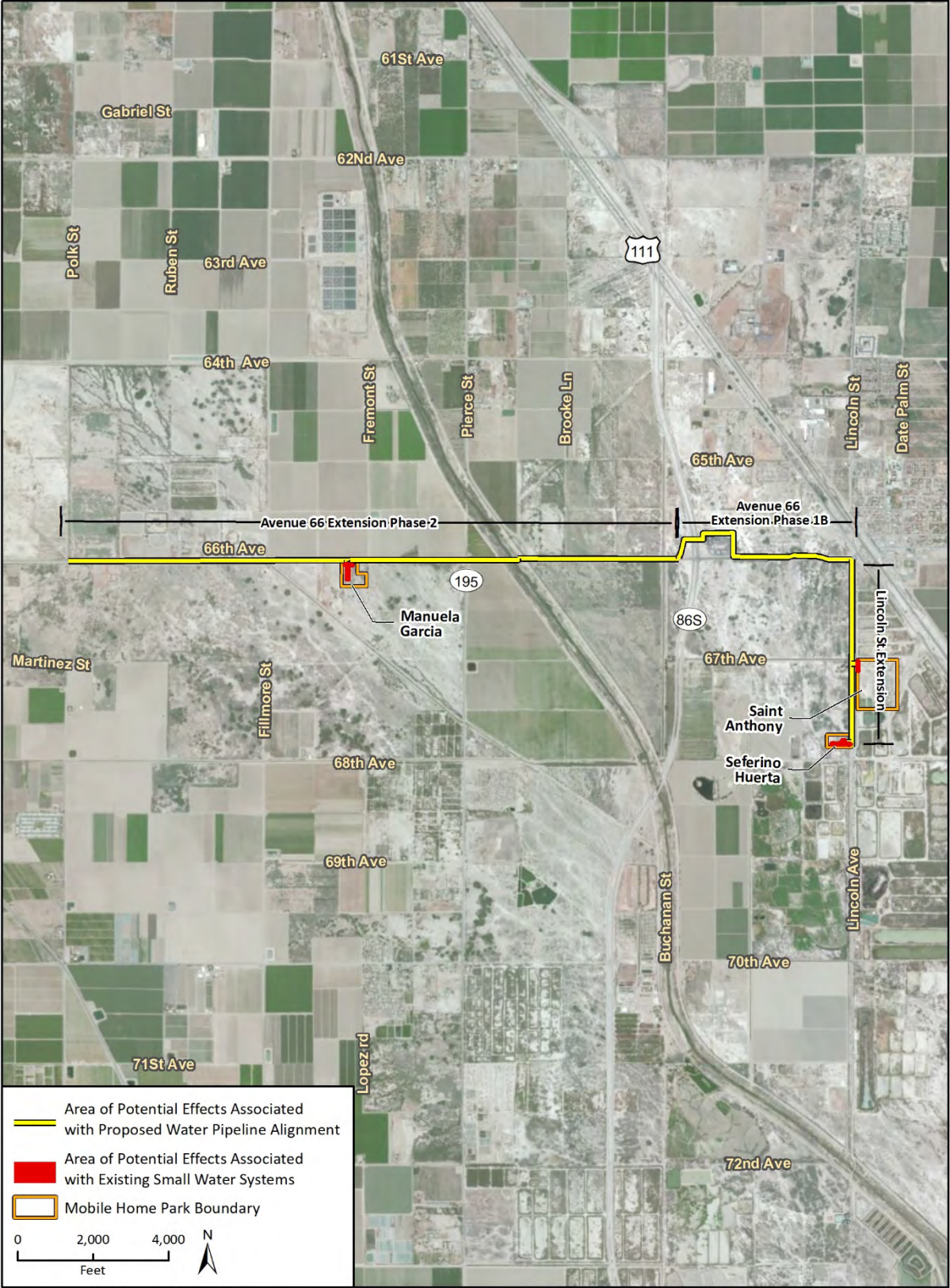
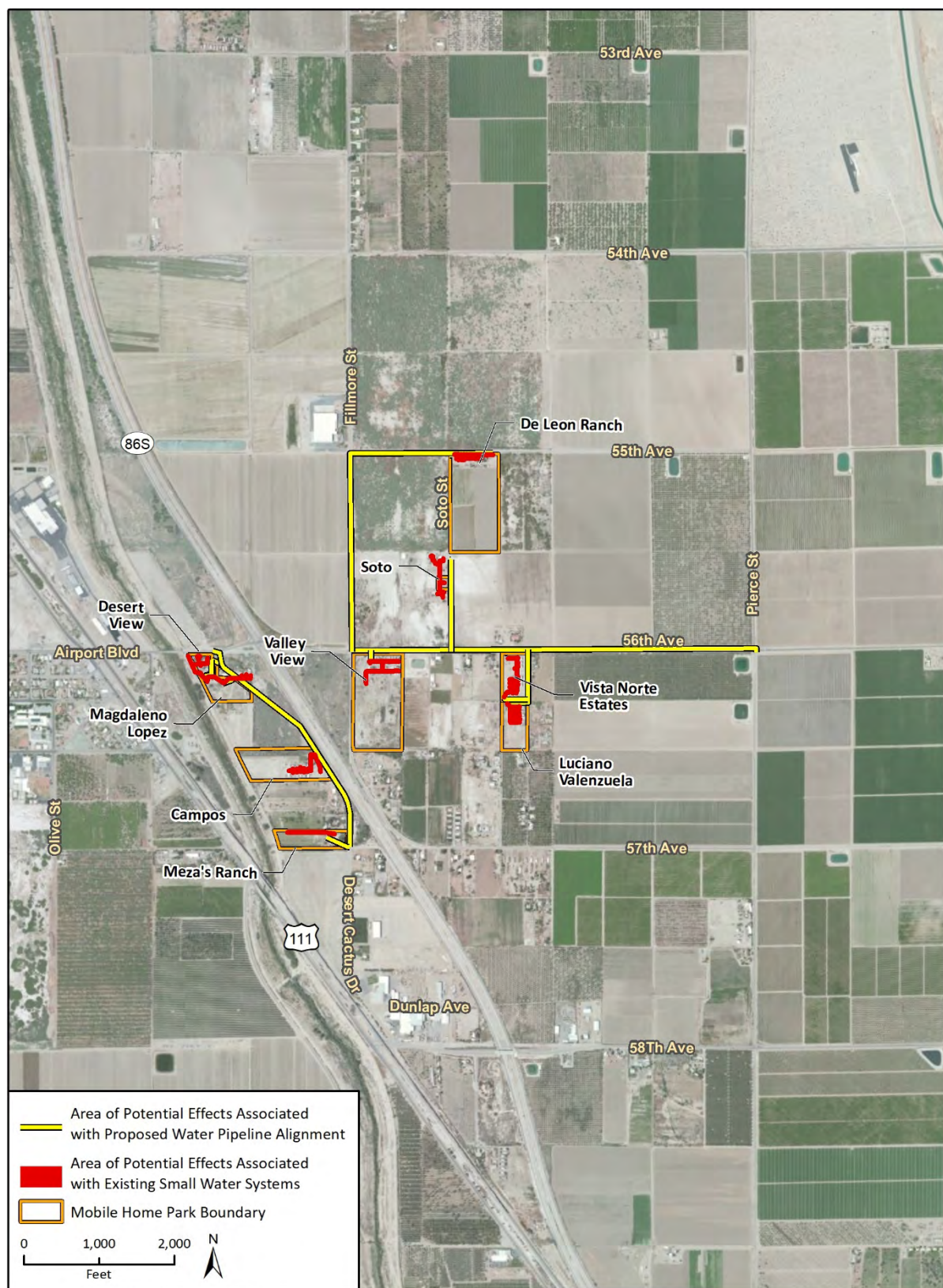


Figure 3b Valley View Site - Area of Potential Effects



2 Methodology

2.1 Regulatory Setting

This section provides a general summary of the applicable federal and state regulations related to biological resources that could occur within the project site and immediate vicinity. Regulated or sensitive biological resources considered and evaluated in this BRTS include special status plant and wildlife species, other nesting birds and raptors, sensitive plant communities, potentially jurisdictional waters and wetlands, wildlife movement corridors, and locally protected resources, such as protected trees.

Coachella Valley Water District is the responsible lead agency for this project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

2.1.1 Environmental Statutes

For the purposes of this BRTS, potential project-related impacts to biological resources were analyzed on the basis of the following regulatory statutes and guiding documents:

- **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).** Requires environmental review prior to approval of discretionary projects, and requires significant impacts to be mitigated if feasible.
- **Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) and California Endangered Species Act (CESA).** These laws prohibit the unauthorized take of federally and state-listed threatened and endangered species.
- **Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.** These laws prohibit unauthorized discharges of pollutants, including fill material for construction, into jurisdictional waters of the United States and waters of the State.
- **California Fish and Game Code (CFG) Sections 1600 et seq.** These sections of the CFG set forth the Lake/ Streambed Alteration Agreement program, through which the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) regulates activities that would divert, obstruct, or alter streambeds.
- **Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and CFG Section 3503.** These laws prohibit the destruction of birds, including their eggs, nests, and nestlings.
- **Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP).** The project site lies within the boundary of CVMSHCP, which is an adopted, regional plan with the overall goal to enhance and maintain biological diversity and ecosystem processes while allowing future economic growth.

2.1.2 Guidelines for Determining CEQA Significance

The following threshold criteria, as defined within the CEQA Guidelines, Appendix G – Initial Study Checklist, are used as the basis to evaluate potential environmental effects. Centered on these criteria, a proposed project would have a significant effect on biological resources if it would:

- a) Have substantial adverse effects, 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.
- b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance.
 - 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.

2.2 Database and Literature Review

Prior to conducting the biological field survey for this BRTS, Rincon reviewed a variety of literature sources to obtain baseline information about the biological resources with potential to occur at the project site and in the surrounding areas. The literature review included information from standard biological reference materials and regionally applicable regulatory guiding documents including (but not limited to) the following: Baldwin et al., 2012; and Sawyer et al., 2009. Rincon also conducted queries of several relevant scientific databases that provide information about occurrences of sensitive biological resources: the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW; formerly the California Department of Fish and Game) California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDB) (California Department of Fish and Wildlife, 2019) and Biogeographic Information and Observation System (California Department of Fish and Wildlife, 2019); the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Critical Habitat Portal (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2019a) and Information, Planning, and Conservation (IPaC) System Query (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2019b); National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) (United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service 2019); the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey (Natural Resources Conservation Service, 2019); and the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) Online Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants of California (California Native Plant Society, 2019). The queries included the *Mecca*, *Indio*, *Thermal Canyon*, and *Valerie* California USGS 7.5-minute topographic quadrangles and the other eight USGS quadrangles that surround each of them (*Cottonwood Basin*, *Mortmar*, *Rabbit Peak*, *Oasis*, *Salton*, *Myoma*, *West Berdoo Canyon*, *Rockhouse Canyon*, *La Quinta*, *Martinez Mountain*, and *Clark Lane NE*).

Rincon compiled a complete list of special status species previously documented within a five-mile radius of the project site from the CNDDB query and those species reported from the USFWS-IPaC query (Appendix A). Then an analysis to determine which of these special status species have the potential to occur within the project site was conducted. The habitat requirements for each regionally occurring special status species were assessed and compared to the type and quality of habitats observed on-site during the biological field survey. Conclusions regarding which special status species have the potential to occur on-site were based not only on background research and literature review previously mentioned; but also on the data collected in the field during the site

survey. Several regionally occurring special status species were eliminated due to lack of suitable habitat within the project site, range in elevation, and/or geographic distribution. Special status species determined to have the potential to occur within the project site; as well as the results of the field survey efforts are discussed in Section 4. Special status species that were determined not to have potential to occur within the project site are not discussed further in this BRTS

2.3 Focused Biological Field Survey

Rincon Senior Biologist, Megan Minter conducted the biological field survey for this BRTS on February 12, 2019. The survey was conducted from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The temperature ranged from 55°F to 62°F. The wind was calm and the cloud cover was minimal.

During the field survey an inventory of all plant species observed was compiled, the existing vegetation communities were further classified, and the general site conditions were documented. Plant species nomenclature and taxonomy followed The Jepson Manual: Vascular Plants of California, second edition (Baldwin et al., 2012). The vegetation classification used for this analysis is based on Sawyer et al. (2009) but it has been modified as needed to most accurately describe the existing vegetation communities on-site.

The field survey consisted of a biologist walking and driving the extent of the Study Area, documenting the condition of the habitats on-site, and recording the plants and animals observed within and adjacent to the new pipeline alignments and connection areas within a 100-foot buffer (Study Area). Inaccessible private property was surveyed using binoculars. Evidence of human disturbance was noted and photographs of notable features were taken. Avian species were identified using the Sibley Guide to Birds (Sibley 2000).

3 Existing Conditions

This section summarizes the results of the focused biological field survey effort and provides further analysis of the data collected in the field. Discussions regarding the general environmental setting, vegetation communities present, plant and wildlife species observed, special status species issues, and other biological resource constraints on-site are presented below. Representative photographs of the project site are provided in Appendix B and a complete list of all the plant and wildlife species observed on-site during the biological field survey is presented as Appendix C.

3.1 Topography and Soils

The project site is located in central Riverside County, within the Coachella Valley (Figure 1). The Coachella Valley is a desert valley that is bounded by the Little San Bernardino Mountains and Joshua Tree National Park in the east, San Jacinto Mountains and Santa Rosa Mountains to the west and southwest, the Salton Sea to the southeast, and San Geronio Mountain to the north. The site elevation ranges from 40 to 58 meters (130 to 190 feet) below mean sea level.

Based on the most recent soil survey for Riverside County (NRCS Web Soil Survey) the Study Area contains five mapped soil types listed below and shown on Figure 4:

- Coachella fine sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes
- Gilman fine sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes
- Gilman silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes
- Indio very fine sandy loam
- Salton silty clay loam

The Coachella, Gilman, Indio and Salton series consist of fine, mostly well drained alkaline soils formed from recent alluvium. These soils are used primarily for growing citrus fruits, grapes, alfalfa, dates and truck crops under irrigation. Natural vegetation typically includes ephemeral grasses and forbs, and a sparse cover of bursage, creosote bush, saltbush, mesquite and other desert shrubs and weeds. None of these soils are considered hydric.

These soil units are from the USDA NRCS Soil Survey of Riverside County, California, which was conducted on a broader scale than this study and did not necessarily include on-site observations. The physical characteristics of the soil unit, as described above, are general and not necessarily indicative of characteristics actually present on the property.

3.2 Land Cover and Vegetation

The project site is within the lower Colorado desert which is a subdivision of the Sonoran Desert Region (DSon) geographic subdivision of California. The DSon subdivision is a component of the larger Desert Province (D) geographic region, which occurs within the even larger California Floristic Province (Baldwin et al., 2012). The majority of the proposed project alignment is within developed urban and agricultural areas. The land and vegetation cover is shown overlain on aerial imagery in Figure 5 below. The land cover and vegetation types described below were observed within the Study Area.

3.2.1 Tamarisk Scrub

The tamarisk scrub habitat type on the project site corresponds to the *Tamarix* spp. semi-natural shrubland stands more recently described by Sawyer et al. (2009). Tamarisk scrub is dominated by the non-native and highly-invasive tamarisk (*Tamarix* spp.). This weedy plant community is usually a monoculture of tamarisk that has supplanted native wetland plant species. Tamarisk usually invades following disturbance. Within the Study Area, this plant community typically occurs in washes and areas subject to runoff from irrigation waters.

3.2.2 Disturbed/Ruderal

Disturbed/ruderal habitat consists of areas that have been physically disturbed and are no longer recognizable as a native or naturalized vegetation association, but continue to retain a soil substrate. Within the Study Area, this habitat type is dominated by Russian thistle (*Salsola tragus*), a variety of thistles from the *Centaurea*, *Cynara*, and *Carduus* genera, mustards (*Brassica* spp., *Hirschfeldia incana*, *Sisymbrium* spp.), and non-native grasses (*Bromus* spp., *Schimus* spp.).

3.2.3 Agriculture

Agricultural areas within the Study Area include active farmland supporting a variety of crops including dates and lettuce. Agricultural areas also include pastureland and fallow cropland. These areas are usually tilled/disked regularly, irrigated, and are subject to regular planting and harvesting.

3.2.4 Developed

Developed areas within the Study Area include mobile home parks, paved and dirt roads, and other buildings and paved areas. Mobile home parks within the Study Area contain ornamental trees and shrubs such as eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus* spp.), palm trees (*Washingtonia* spp., *Phoenix dactylifera*) and oleander (*Nerium oleander*).

3.3 General Wildlife

The Study Area and surrounding areas provide habitat suitable for wildlife species that commonly occur in southern California suburban areas. Wildlife observed on or adjacent to the site included bird species such as American crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*), mourning dove (*Zenaida macroura*), Anna's hummingbird (*Calypte anna*), snowy egret (*Egretta thula*), northern mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*), and common raven (*Corvus corax*). Coyote (*Canis latrans*) scat as well as some lizard and small animal burrows were observed within disturbed/ruderal areas within the Study Area.

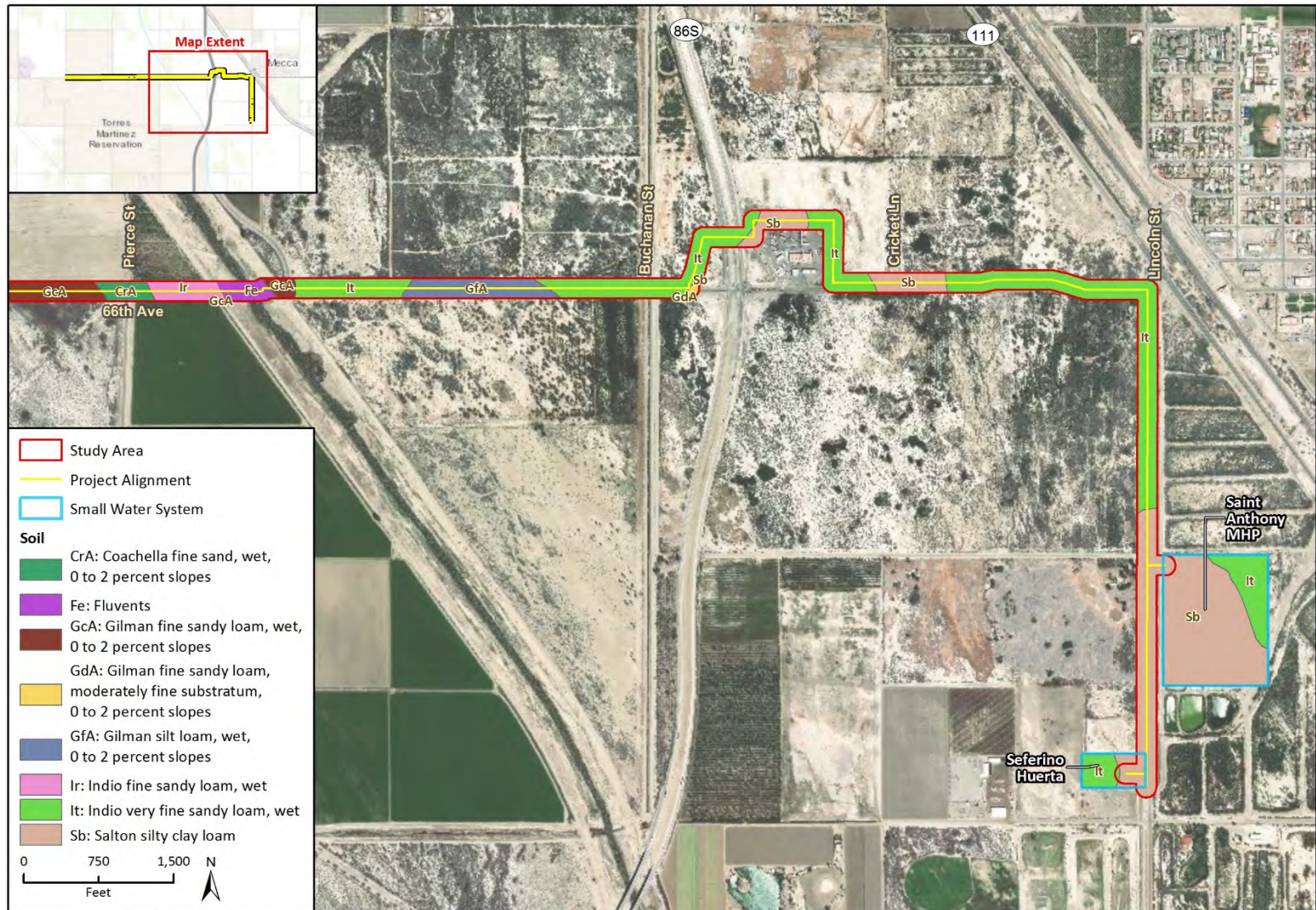
Figure 4a St. Anthony's Site – Soils



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Fig 3a Soils - St Anthony

Figure 4b St. Anthony's Site – Soils

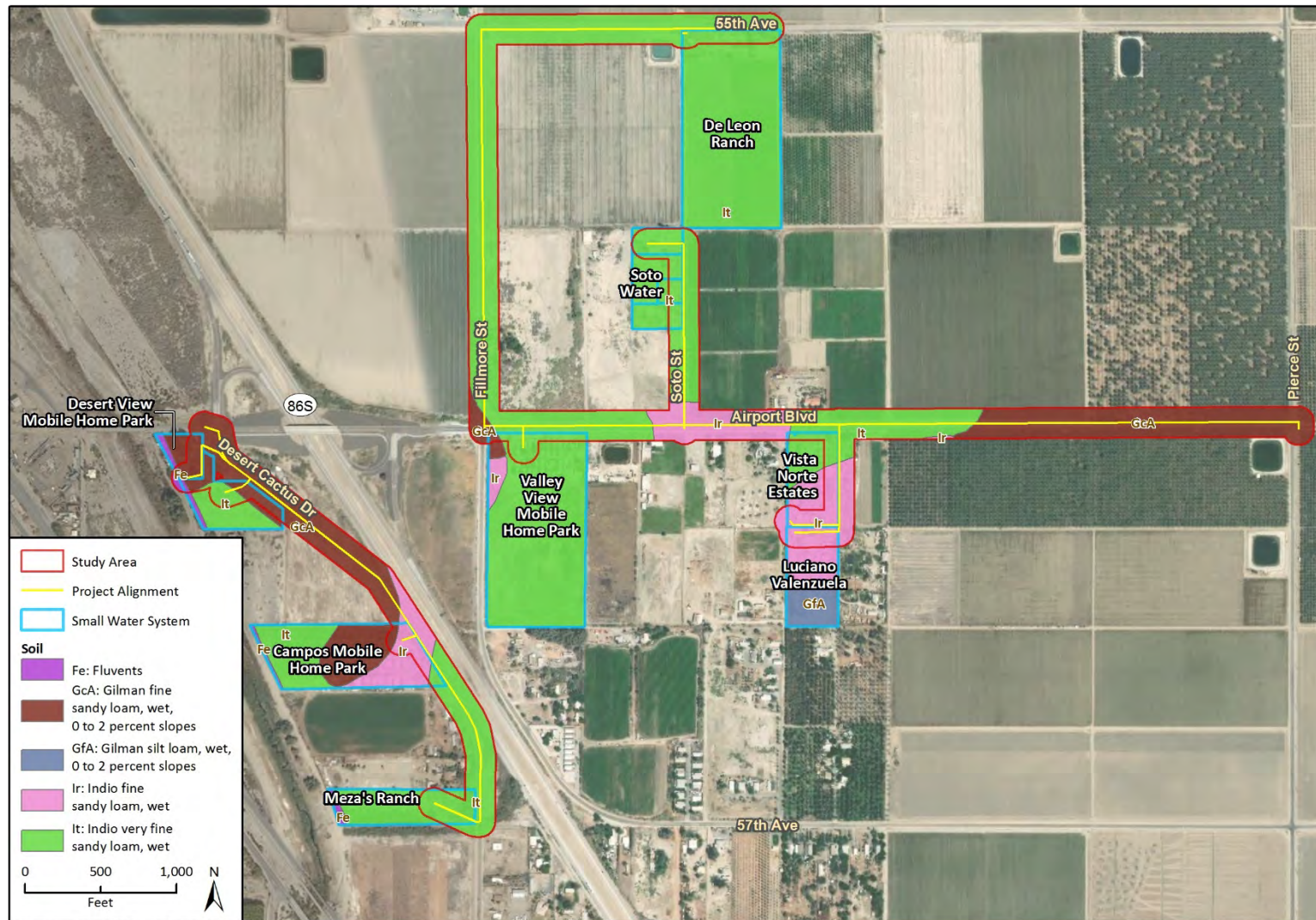


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Fig 3b Soils - St Anthony

Figure 4c Valley View Site – Soils



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Fig 3 Soils - Valley View

Figure 5a St. Anthony's Site – Vegetation



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Fig 4a Vegetation Communities - St Anthony

Figure 5b St. Anthony's Site – Vegetation

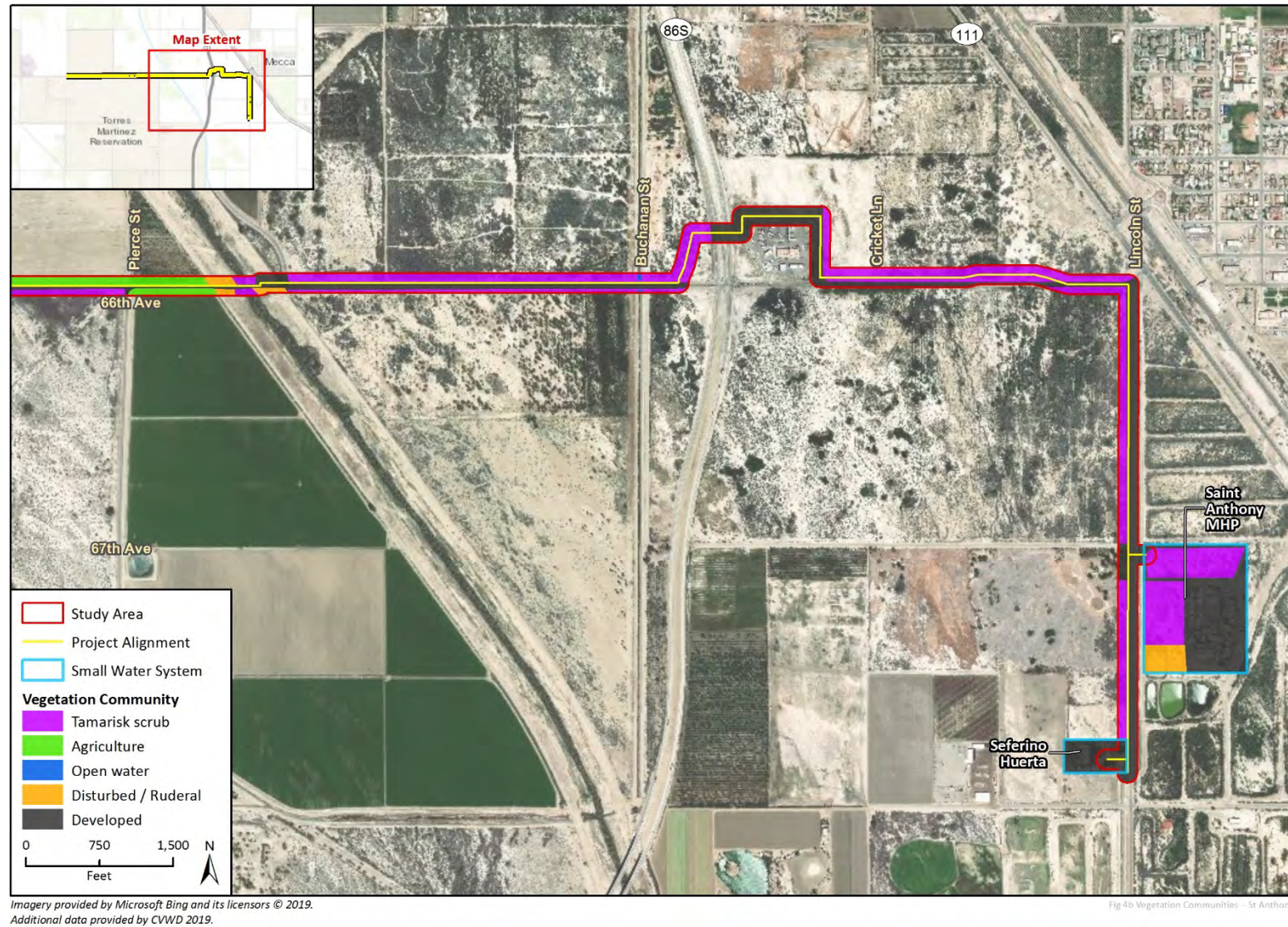
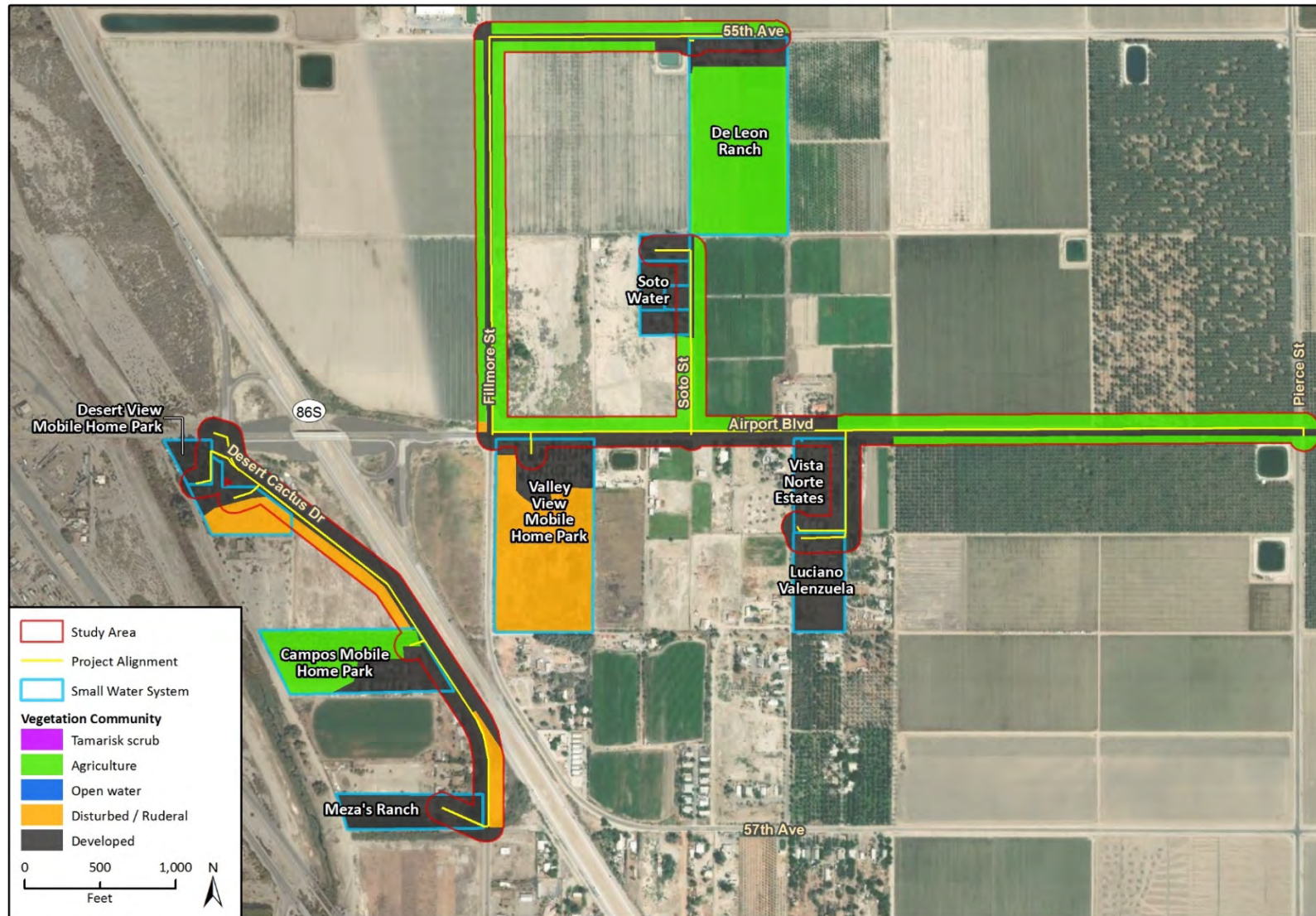


Figure 5c Valley View Site – Vegetation



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Fig 4 Vegetation Communities - Valley View

4 Sensitive Biological Resources

This section discusses the general presence or potential for special status biological resources to occur within the project site. 'Potential to occur' is based on the presence or absence of suitable habitat for each special status species reported in the scientific database queries that were conducted for the proposed project. Several scientific databases were queried, multiple sources of pertinent scientific literature were reviewed, and the technical expertise of Rincon's staff was utilized to determine the habitat requirements, ecology, and distribution of the special status plant species potentially affected by the proposed project. All occurrences of special status species, sensitive vegetation communities, and USFWS designated critical habitats that have been reported by the resource agencies within a five-mile radius of the project site were plotted on a map using geographic information system (GIS) software. As discussed in Section 2.2, an analysis was conducted to determine which of the regionally occurring special status species have potential to occur within the project site (Appendix A). The potential for each special status species to occur in the Study Area was evaluated according to the following criteria:

- **Not Expected.** Habitat on and adjacent to the site is clearly unsuitable for the species requirements (foraging, breeding, cover, substrate, elevation, hydrology, plant community, site history, disturbance regime).
- **Low Potential.** Few of the habitat components meeting the species requirements are present, and/or the majority of habitat on and adjacent to the site is unsuitable or of very poor quality. The species is not likely to be found on the site.
- **Moderate Potential.** Some of the habitat components meeting the species requirements are present, and/or only some of the habitat on or adjacent to the site is unsuitable. The species has a moderate probability of being found on the site.
- **High Potential.** All of the habitat components meeting the species requirements are present and/or most of the habitat on or adjacent to the site is highly suitable. The species has a high probability of being found on the site.
- **Present.** Species is observed on the site or has been recorded (e.g., CNDDDB, other reports) on the site recently (within the last 5 years).

Plant or animal taxa may be considered "sensitive" or as having "special-status" due to declining populations, vulnerability to habitat change, or because they have restricted ranges. Some are listed as threatened or endangered by the USFWS by the CDFW, or both and are protected by the federal and state ESAs. Others have been identified as sensitive or as special status species by the USFWS, the CDFW, or by private conservation organizations, including the CNPS. Unlisted species of special concern do not have formal state or federal status.

For the purpose of this report, special-status species are those plants and animals listed, proposed for listing, or candidates for listing as Threatened or Endangered by the USFWS and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under the ESA; those listed or candidates for listing as Rare, Threatened, or Endangered by the CDFW under the CESA or Native Plant Protection Act; those recognized as Species of Special Concern (SSC) by the CDFW; and plants occurring on lists 1 and 2 of the CNPS California Rare Plant Rank (CRPR) system, per the following definitions:

- **Rank 1A** = Plants presumed extinct in California;
- **Rank 1B.1** = Rare or endangered in California and elsewhere; seriously endangered in California (over 80% of occurrences threatened/high degree and immediacy of threat);
- **Rank 1B.2** = Rare or endangered in California and elsewhere; fairly endangered in California (20-80% occurrences threatened);
- **Rank 1B.3** = Rare or endangered in California and elsewhere, not very endangered in California (<20% of occurrences threatened or no current threats known);
- **Rank 2** = Rare, threatened or endangered in California, but more common elsewhere.

In addition, special-status species are ranked globally (G) and subnationally (S) 1 through 3 based on NatureServe's (2010) methodologies:

- **G1 or S1** - Critically Imperiled Globally or State-wide
- **G2 or S2** - Imperiled Globally or State-wide
- **G3 or S3** - Vulnerable to extirpation or extinction Globally or State-wide

Plant communities are also considered special-status biological resources if they have limited distributions, have high value for sensitive wildlife, contain special-status species, or are particularly susceptible to disturbance. The CDFW ranks special-status communities as “threatened” or “very threatened” and keeps records of their occurrences in CNDDDB.

4.1 Special Status Plant Species

Rincon biologists determined that the Study Area does not contain suitable habitat for any special status plant species (Appendix A). While 27 special status plant species have been previously documented within a five-mile radius by the CNDDDB, the project site does not contain suitable habitat for any of these species based on a variety of factors, including: the disturbance history of the site, lack of suitable soils, inappropriate hydrologic conditions, absence of appropriate vegetation communities, or being outside the elevation range of the species.

4.2 Special Status Wildlife Species

Rincon evaluated 26 wildlife species for their potential to occur within the project site (Appendix A). The assessment of the potential for these species to occur is based upon the presence of suitable habitat as identified during surveys and existing knowledge of species occurrences and distributions in the region. The site was determined to contain marginally suitable habitat for western yellow bat (*Lasiurus xanthinus*) and western mastiff bat (*Eumops perotis californicus*). Accordingly, these species have moderate potential to occur within the project site. Western yellow and western mastiff bat could roost in trees adjacent to the project site. No special status wildlife species were observed within the Study Area during the survey effort.

The project site provides general nesting bird habitat. Nesting birds are protected by the MBTA and the FGC 3503 and 3503.5. The Study Area provides suitable nesting habitat for numerous species of birds common in the area and nesting birds are likely to be present within the project limits during the nesting season.

4.3 Critical Habitat and Wild and Scenic Rivers

The Study Area is not within any federally designated critical habitat areas nor within or adjacent to any federally designated Wild and Scenic Rivers.

4.4 Sensitive Plant Communities

Plant communities are considered sensitive biological resources if they have limited distributions, have high wildlife value, include sensitive species, or are particularly susceptible to disturbance. CDFW ranks sensitive communities as "threatened" or "very threatened" and keeps records of their occurrences in CNDDDB. Similar to special-status plant and wildlife species, vegetation alliances are ranked 1 through 5 based on NatureServe's (2010) methodology, with those alliances ranked globally (G) or statewide (S) as 1 through 3 considered sensitive.

According to the CNDDDB, no sensitive plant communities are tracked within a five-mile radius the project site.

4.5 Jurisdictional Waters and Wetlands

Areas potentially subject to United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and CDFW jurisdiction were assessed during the literature review and field visit. The Study Area contains the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel (CVSC) and its connecting irrigation channels, which are potentially subject to USACE, RWQCB, and CDFW jurisdiction. The CVSC is a previously developed, unlined downstream extension of the Whitewater River constructed as a drainageway for agricultural irrigation return, treated wastewater, and storm runoff. The CVSC is a direct tributary to the Salton Sea and is considered and maintained as a vegetated flood control channel within the Study Area. Within the Study Area, the CVSC contains dense tamarisk scrub. Other small connecting channels are unvegetated.

4.6 Wildlife Movement

Wildlife movement and habitat fragmentation are important issues in assessing impacts to wildlife. Habitat fragmentation occurs when a proposed action results in a single, unified habitat area being divided into two or more areas in such a way that the division isolates the two new areas from each other. Isolation of habitat occurs when wildlife cannot move freely from one portion of the habitat to another or from one habitat type to another, as in the fragmentation of habitats within and around "checkerboard" residential development. Habitat fragmentation also can occur when a portion of one or more habitats is converted into another habitat, as when annual burning converts scrub habitats to grassland habitats.

The proposed project footprint is located within previously developed and routinely managed areas that offer little to no value to wildlife movement. These areas are subject to frequent human disturbance that do not provide linkage to wildlife habitat.

4.7 Local Policies and Tree Protection

Riverside County Ordinance 559 protects oak (*Quercus*) woodlands and requires a permit for removal of any native trees on parcels greater than one-half acre in size and above 5,000 feet in elevation. No trees within the Study Area meet these criteria.

4.8 Conservation Plans

The project site is within the CVMSHCP area (Figure 6). The CVMSHCP is a comprehensive, multi-jurisdictional habitat conservation plan focusing on the conservation of species and their associated habitats in the Coachella Valley region of Riverside County. The overall goal of the CVMSHCP is to maintain and enhance biological diversity and ecosystem processes within the region while allowing for future economic growth (CVAG 2007).

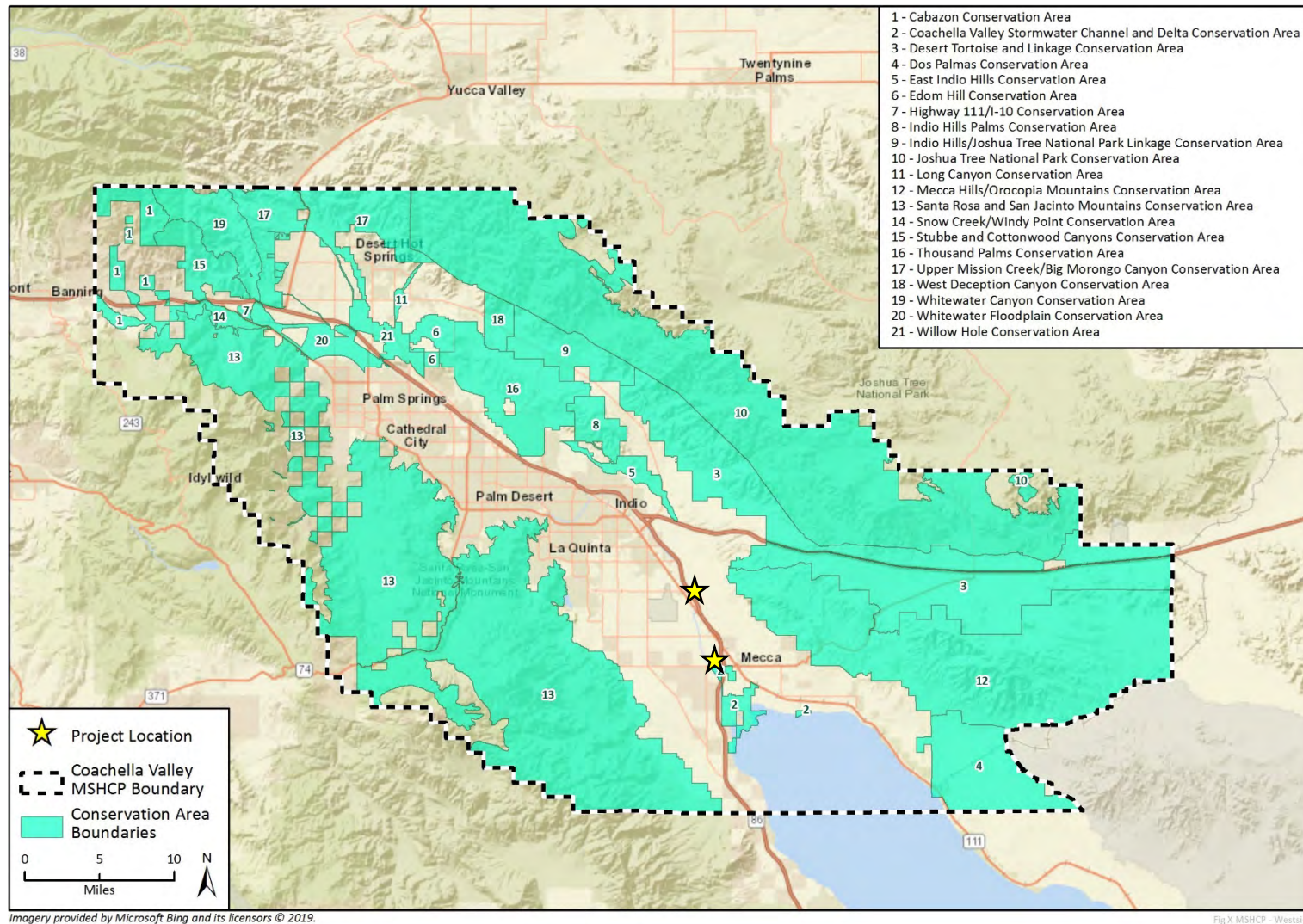
The CVMSHCP covers 27 sensitive plant and wildlife species (CVMSHCP covered species) as well as 27 natural communities and includes 21 conservation areas. Covered species include both listed and non-listed species that are conserved by the CVMSHCP. The overall provisions for the plan are subdivided according to specific resource conservation goals that have been organized according to geographic areas defined as Conservation Areas. These areas are identified as Core, Essential, or Other Conserved Habitat for sensitive plant, invertebrate, amphibian, reptile, bird, and mammal species, Essential Ecological Process Areas, and Biological Corridors and Linkages.

Each Conservation Area has specific Conservation Objectives that must be satisfied. The CVMSHCP received final approval on October 1, 2008. The approval of the CVMSHCP and execution of the Implementing Agreement (IA) provides signatories to the Plan coverage for take during covered activities in concurrence with the appropriate wildlife agency.

The project site occurs within the planning boundary of the CVMSHCP and a small portion of the St. Anthony's site lies within the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta CVMSHCP Conservation Area boundary. The portion of the site within the Conservation Area is the fenced interior of the Seferino Huerta Mobile Home Park. Additional portions of the St. Anthony's project along 66th Avenue and Lincoln Street are directly adjacent to the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta CVMSHCP Conservation Area.

The purpose of CVMSHCP Land Use Adjacency Guidelines is to avoid or minimize indirect effects from development adjacent to or within the Conservation Areas. In this context, "adjacent" means to share a common boundary with any parcel in a designated Conservation Area. Indirect effects include noise, lighting, drainage, intrusion of people, and the introduction of nonnative plants and nonnative predators such as dogs and cats. The St. Anthony's project site occurs partially within and adjacent to the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta CVMSHCP Conservation Area.

Figure 6 CVMShCP Conservation Areas



5 Impact Analysis and Mitigation Measures

This section discusses the possible adverse impacts to biological resources that may occur from implementation of the proposed project and suggests appropriate mitigation measures that would reduce those impacts to less than significant levels. The criteria used to evaluate potential project-related impacts to biological resources are presented in Section 2.1.2.

5.1 Special Status Plant Species

Rincon biologists determined that the Study Area does not contain suitable habitat for any special status plant species (Appendix A). While 29 special status plant species have been previously documented within a five-mile radius by the CNDDDB and a fifteen-quad radius by the CNPS, the project site does not contain suitable habitat for these species based on a variety of factors, including: the disturbance history of the site, lack of suitable soils, inappropriate hydrologic conditions, or absence of appropriate vegetation communities. Due to the absence of potential impacts, no measures are recommended.

5.2 Special Status Wildlife Species

No special-status wildlife species were observed within the Study Area. Two bat species, the western yellow bat and western mastiff bat, were determined to have moderate potential to occur roosting in trees within the Study Area (Appendix A). Project impacts are limited to previously-disturbed areas with high human activity. With the implementation of the mitigation measures listed below, the proposed project does not have the potential to result in direct or indirect impacts to special-status wildlife species.

Mitigation Measure BIO-1: Roosting Bats Impact Avoidance and Minimization

A qualified biologist shall conduct a pre-construction survey for roosting bats at least two weeks prior to, but not more than 30 days prior to, the start of construction. The survey shall include all trees, bridges, and structures suitable for roosting by the western yellow bat and western mastiff bat. The pre-construction survey shall be conducted within the disturbance footprint and a 100-foot buffer with inaccessible areas (i.e. private lands) surveyed with binoculars, as feasible.

If active bat roosts are present onsite, a buffer zone of 100 feet shall be established around the roosts that excludes construction activities or other disturbances. Tree removal activities shall occur only during periods when bats are not roosting in those trees proposed to be removed, as determined by a qualified biologist. If active maternity roosts or non-breeding bat hibernacula are found in trees scheduled to be removed, removal activities will be conducted during a season when young are not present.

Mitigation Measure BIO-2: Burrowing Owl Impact Avoidance and Minimization

To avoid potential impacts to western burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*), a pre-construction clearance survey for burrowing owl (BUOW) shall be conducted no more than fourteen (14) days prior to initiation of construction activities. The BUOW pre-construction survey shall be conducted on-foot within the proposed disturbance area including a 500-foot buffer. The survey methods will be consistent with the Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation (CDFW 2012) and shall consist of walking parallel transects spaced adequately to obtain 100% visual coverage of the site. The survey shall be conducted by a biologist familiar with the identification of BUOW and their habitat.

If burrowing owls are found within the Study Area during the pre-construction surveys, active burrows will be avoided. If possible, the timing and location of construction activities will be adjusted to avoid the occupied burrow by the appropriate distance (see below), where possible. Due to the size of the project, it is anticipated that the construction schedule and location can be modified to avoid all potential impacts to occupied burrows during the breeding season. Buffer zones for occupied burrows will be established at 500 feet during the breeding season (February 1 to August 31) and at 100 feet for the non-breeding season. These buffers may be adjusted in consultation with CDFW and CVCC and monitored at the discretion of a qualified biologist. The buffer zone will be clearly marked with flagging and/or construction fencing.

5.3 Nesting Birds

Nesting bird habitat is present within and adjacent to the Study Area, particularly within landscape trees. Nesting bird species are protected by the MBTA and the FGC 3503 and FGC 3503.5. If initial ground disturbance and vegetation/tree trimming or removal is required during the nesting bird season, the project may impact nesting birds through increased injury or mortality or disruption of normal adult behaviors resulting in the abandonment or harm to eggs and nestlings. Construction occurring within the vicinity of nesting birds may also indirectly impact individuals with construction noise and dust. Measures necessary for compliance with FGC 3503 and FGC 3503.5 and the MBTA are provided below.

Mitigation Measure BIO-3: Nesting Birds

Project-related activities should occur outside of the bird breeding season (typically January 1 to September 15) to the extent practicable. If construction must occur within the bird breeding season (January 1 through September 15), then no more than three days prior to initiation of ground disturbance and/or vegetation removal, a nesting bird and raptor pre-construction survey shall be conducted by a qualified biologist within the disturbance footprint plus a 100-foot buffer (300-for for raptors), where feasible. If the proposed project is phased or construction activities stop for more than one week, a subsequent pre-construction nesting bird and raptor survey will be required prior to each phase of construction within the project site.

Pre-construction nesting bird and raptor surveys shall be conducted during the time of day when birds are active and shall factor in sufficient time to perform this survey adequately and completely. A report of the nesting bird and raptor survey results, if applicable, shall be submitted to the lead agency for review and approval prior to ground and/or vegetation disturbance activities.

If nests are found, their locations shall be flagged. An appropriate avoidance buffer ranging in size from 25 to 50 feet for song birds, and up to 500 feet for raptors depending upon the species and the proposed work activity and CDFW approval, shall be determined and demarcated by a qualified biologist with bright orange construction fencing or other suitable flagging. Buffers will be determined in conjunction with CDFW through the development of a nesting bird management plan. Active nests shall be monitored at a minimum of once per week until it has been determined that the nest is no longer being used by either the young or adults. No ground disturbance shall occur within this buffer until the qualified biologist confirms that the breeding/nesting is completed and all the young have fledged. If project activities must occur within the buffer, they shall be conducted at the discretion of the qualified biologist. If no nesting birds are observed during pre-construction surveys, no further actions would be necessary.

5.4 Sensitive Vegetation Communities

No sensitive vegetation communities were observed within or adjacent to the Study Area. Furthermore, project impacts are limited to previously-disturbed areas with high human activity. Therefore, the proposed project does not have the potential to result in direct or indirect impacts to sensitive vegetation communities. Due to the absence of potential impacts, no measures are recommended.

5.5 Jurisdictional Waters and Wetlands

The Study Area contains the CVSC and its connecting irrigation channels, which are potentially subject to USACE, RWQCB, and CDFW jurisdiction. The CVSC connects directly to the Salton Sea, which is considered a Traditionally Navigable Water by the USCACE. Impacts to jurisdictional waters have been avoided during the project design process. The project will avoid impacts to jurisdictional waters via horizontal directional drilling (HDD) or jack and bore pipeline installation. As part of the project design, a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) that includes Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be developed to ensure that no indirect impacts occur to jurisdictional resources.

5.6 Wildlife Movement

The proposed project footprint is located within previously developed and routinely managed areas that offer little to no value to wildlife movement. The proposed project is not anticipated to have an incremental effect on localized and urban adapted wildlife movement or create habitat fragmentation in the region, nor is it anticipated to have significant impact on regional wildlife movement. Direct impacts to wildlife movement as a result of project implementation would be less than significant. No additional lighting is proposed, and no nocturnal noise generating activities are proposed. Therefore, indirect wildlife movement impacts would be less than significant. Due to the absence of potential impacts, no measures are recommended.

5.7 Local Policies and Tree Protection

The proposed project is not expected to conflict with any local policies or ordinances. In addition, no protected trees are proposed for removal.

5.8 Adopted or Approved Plans

As discussed in Section 4.8, a small portion of the St. Anthony's site lies within the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta CVMSHCP Conservation Area boundary. The portion of the project within the Conservation Area is the fenced interior of the Seferino Huerta Mobile Home Park. Additional portions of the St. Anthony's project along 66th Avenue and Lincoln Street are directly adjacent to the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta CVMSHCP Conservation Area.

As outlined in the CVMSHCP Section 7.3, the proposed project is considered a covered activity and will comply with applicable avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures outlined in Section 4.4 of the CVMSHCP regarding species and habitat conservation (See Mitigation Measure BIO-3 below). The proposed project will also implement the Section 4.5 Land Use Adjacency Guidelines where applicable to avoid and minimize indirect effects to this conservation area (CVAG 2007). These guidelines include measures regarding drainage, toxics, lighting, noise, invasive species, barriers, and grading/land development. With the implementation of these guidelines and mitigation measures, the proposed project would avoid direct and indirect impacts to this CVMSHCP Conservation Areas and will not conflict with the CVMSHCP Conservation Objectives.

Mitigation Measure BIO-4: CVMSHCP Surveys

Prior to construction, CVWD will coordinate with Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) or Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC) on specific burrowing owl and Crissal Thrasher survey requirements of the CVMSHCP that should be implemented for the portion of Seferino Huerta mobile home park located within the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta Conservation Area. CVWD will implement any surveys determined to be required by CVAG or the CVCC to ensure compliance with the CVMSHCP.

6 Limitations, Assumptions, and User Reliance

This BRTS has been performed in accordance with professionally accepted biological investigation practices conducted at this time and in this geographic area. Botanical field surveys for the presence or absence of certain taxa have been conducted as part of this assessment but were limited by the environmental conditions present at the time of the surveys. In addition, general biological (or protocol) surveys do not guarantee that the organisms are not present and will not be discovered in the future within the site. Our botanical and biological field studies were based on current industry practices, which change over time and may not be applicable in the future. No other guarantees or warranties, expressed or implied, are provided. The findings and opinions conveyed in this report are based on findings derived from review of specified database and literature sources and one site visit. Standard data sources relied upon during the completion of this report, such as the CNDDDB, may vary with regard to accuracy and completeness. In particular, the CNDDDB is compiled from research and observations reported to CDFW that may or may not have been the result of comprehensive or site-specific field surveys. Although Rincon considers the data sources reasonably reliable, Rincon cannot and does not guarantee the authenticity or reliability of the data sources it has used. Furthermore, pursuant to our contract, the data sources reviewed included only those that are practically reviewable without the need for extraordinary research and analysis.

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Appendix A

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Plants			
<i>Abronia villosa</i> var. <i>aurita</i> chaparral sand- verbena	None/None G5T2? / S2 1B.1	Chaparral, coastal scrub, desert dunes. Sandy areas. -60-1570 m. annual herb. Blooms (Jan)Mar-Sep	Low Potential. Suitable habitat (sandy soils) present in unpaved areas. Nearest known population is over 2 miles east of St. Anthony's site. Disturbance history of project site limits the possibility of occurrence.
<i>Ambrosia monogyra</i> singlewhorl burrobrush	None/None G5 / S2 2B.2	Chaparral, Sonoran desert scrub. Sandy soils. 5-475 m. perennial shrub. Blooms Aug-Nov	Low Potential. Suitable habitat (sandy soils) present in small areas on site and in adjacent areas. However, most recently documented population occurrence near town of Mecca was documented in 1922. Disturbance history of project site limits the possibility of occurrence.
<i>Astragalus bernardinus</i> San Bernardino milk- vetch	None/None G3 / S3 1B.2	Joshua tree woodland, pinyon and juniper woodland. Granitic or carbonate substrates. 275-2286 m. perennial herb. Blooms Apr-Jun	Not Expected. No suitable habitat (Joshua tree woodland) present.
<i>Astragalus lentiginosus</i> var. <i>cochellae</i> Coachella Valley milk-vetch	Endangered/ None G5T1 / S1 1B.2	Sonoran desert scrub, desert dunes. Sandy flats, washes, outwash fans, sometimes on dunes. 35-695 m. annual / perennial herb. Blooms Feb-May	Not Expected. Site is outside of the species known elevation range. Nearest known population is over 3 miles east of St. Anthony's site.
<i>Astragalus sabulorum</i> gravel milk-vetch	None/None G4G5 / S2 2B.2	Desert dunes, Mojavean desert scrub, Sonoran desert scrub. Sandy or gravelly flats, washes, and roadsides. -60-885 m. annual / perennial herb. Blooms Feb-Jun	Low Potential. Suitable habitat (sandy or gravelly flats and roadsides) present in small areas on site and in adjacent areas. Nearest known occurrence is over 2.5 miles east of St. Anthony's site.
<i>Astragalus tricarlinatus</i> triple-ribbed milk- vetch	Endangered/ None G2 / S2 1B.2	Joshua tree woodland, Sonoran desert scrub. Hot, rocky slopes in canyons and along edge of boulder-strewn desert washes, with Larrea and Encelia. 455-1525 m. perennial herb. Blooms Feb-May	Not Expected. No suitable habitat (Joshua tree woodland) present. Site is outside of the species known elevation range.
<i>Ayenia compacta</i> California ayenia	None/None G4 / S3 2B.3	Mojavean desert scrub, Sonoran desert scrub. Sandy and gravelly washes in the desert; dry desert canyons. 60-1830 m. perennial herb. Blooms Mar-Apr	Not Expected. No suitable habitat (sandy or gravelly washes) present.
<i>Bursera microphylla</i> little-leaf elephant tree	None/None G4 / S2 2B.3	Sonoran desert scrub. Hillsides and washes and on canyon sides in California; rocky sites. 195-610 m. perennial deciduous tree. Blooms Jun-Jul	Not Expected. No suitable habitat (hillsides and washes) present. Site is outside of the species known elevation range.
<i>Chylismia arenaria</i> sand evening- primrose	None/None G4? / S2S3 2B.2	Sonoran desert scrub. Sandy or rocky sites. -70-915 m. annual / perennial herb. Blooms Nov-May	Not Expected. Site is outside of the species known elevation range and the nearest known population occurrence is more than 5 miles to

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			the southwest of the project site and was observed in 1924.
<i>Coryphantha alversonii</i> Alverson's foxtail cactus	None/None G3 / S3 4.3	Mojavean desert scrub, Sonoran desert scrub. Sandy or rocky habitat; sites from gravelly slopes and dissected alluvial fans. Granite substrate. 75-1525 m. perennial stem succulent. Blooms Apr-Jun	Not Expected. No suitable habitat (granite substrates) present.
<i>Ditaxis claryana glandular</i> ditaxis	None/None G3G4 / S2 2B.2	Mojavean desert scrub, Sonoran desert scrub. In dry washes and on rocky hillsides. Sandy soils. 0-465 m. perennial herb. Blooms Oct ,Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar	Not Expected. No suitable habitat (dry washes or rocky hillsides) present.
<i>Ditaxis serrata</i> var. <i>californica</i> California ditaxis	None/None G5T3T4 / S2? 3.2	Sonoran desert scrub. On sandy washes and alluvial fans of the foothills and lower desert slopes. 30-1000 m. perennial herb. Blooms Mar-Dec	Not Expected. Limited potential habitat is present within the sandy, unpaved portions of the site. The nearest known population occurrence of the species is more than 5 miles to the east of the St. Anthony's site.
<i>Eschscholzia androuxii</i> Joshua Tree poppy	None/None G3 / S3 4.3	Joshua tree woodland, Mojavean desert scrub. Desert washes, flats, and slopes. Sandy, gravelly, and/or rocky soils. 585-1685 m. annual herb. Blooms Feb-May (Jun)	Not Expected. Site is outside of the species known elevation range.
<i>Jaffueliobryum raui</i> Rau's jaffueliobryum moss	None/None G4? / S2? 2B.3	Alpine dwarf scrub, chaparral, Mojavean desert scrub, Sonoran desert scrub. Dry openings, rock crevices, carbonate. 490-2100 m. moss.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat (rock crevices or openings) present and site is outside of the species known elevation range.
<i>Jaffueliobryum wrightii</i> Wright's jaffueliobryum moss	None/None G4G5 / S2? 2B.3	Alpine dwarf scrub, pinyon and juniper woodland, Mojavean desert scrub. Dry openings, rock crevices, carbonate. 160-2500 m. moss.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat (rock crevices or openings) present and site is outside of the species known elevation range.
<i>Leptosiphon floribundus</i> ssp. <i>hallii</i> Santa Rosa Mountains leptosiphon	None/None G4T1T2 / S1S2 1B.3	Sonoran desert scrub, pinyon and juniper woodland. Desert canyons. 1000-2000 m. perennial herb. Blooms May-Jul(Nov)	Not Expected. No suitable habitat (pinyon and juniper woodland) present.
<i>Lycium torreyi</i> Torrey's box-thorn	None/None G4G5 / S3 4.2	Mojavean desert scrub, Sonoran desert scrub. Sandy, rocky, washes, streambanks, desert valleys. -50-1220 m. perennial shrub. Blooms (Jan-Feb)Mar-Jun(Sep-Nov)	Not Expected. No suitable habitat (washes, streambanks, desert valleys) present. No known populations occur within 5 miles of project site.
<i>Mentzelia tridentata</i> creamy blazing star	None/None G3 / S3 1B.3	Mojavean desert scrub. 545-1100 m. annual herb. Blooms Mar-May	Not Expected. Site is outside of the species known elevation range.
<i>Nemacaulis denudata</i> var. <i>gracilis</i> slender cottonheads	None/None G3G4T3? / S2 2B.2	Coastal dunes, desert dunes, Sonoran desert scrub. In dunes or sand. -50-400 m. annual herb. Blooms (Mar) Apr-May	Not Expected. No suitable habitat (dunes) present.
<i>Petalonyx linearis</i> narrow-leaf sandpaper-plant	None/None G4 / S3? 2B.3	Mojavean desert scrub, Sonoran desert scrub. Sandy or rocky canyons. -30-1090	Not Expected. No suitable habitat (sandy/rocky canyons) present.

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		m. perennial shrub. Blooms (Jan-Feb)Mar-May(Jun-Dec)	
<i>Phaseolus filiformis</i> slender-stem bean	None/None G5 / S1 2B.1	Sonoran desert scrub. Gravelly washes bordered by creosote bush-dominated rocky slopes. annual herb. Blooms Apr	Not Expected. No suitable habitat (gravelly washes) present.
<i>Saltugilia latimeri</i> Latimer's woodland-gilia	None/None G3 / S3 1B.2	Chaparral, Mojavean desert scrub, pinyon and juniper woodland. Rocky or sandy substrate; sometimes in washes, sometimes limestone. 120-2200 m. annual herb. Blooms Mar-Jun	Not Expected. Site is outside of the species known elevation range. No suitable habitat (chaparral, Mojavean desert scrub, woodlands) present.
<i>Salvia greatae</i> Orocopia sage	None/None G2G3 / S2S3 1B.3	Mojavean desert scrub, Sonoran desert scrub. Broad alluvial bajadas and fans adjacent to desert washes in gravelly or rocky soil, rocky slopes of canyons. -45-675 m. perennial evergreen shrub. Blooms Mar-Apr	Not Expected. No suitable habitat (desert scrub) present. No known populations have been recorded within 5 miles of the project site.
<i>Senna covesii</i> Cove's cassia	None/None G5 / S3 2B.2	Sonoran desert scrub. Dry, sandy desert washes, slopes. 255-1295 m. perennial herb. Blooms Mar-Jun(Aug)	Not Expected. No suitable habitat (Sonoran desert scrub) present. No known populations have been recorded within 5 miles of the project site.
<i>Wislizenia refracta</i> ssp. <i>palmeri</i> Palmer's jackass clover	None/None G5T3T5 / S1 2B.2	Chenopod scrub, Sonoran desert scrub, Sonoran thorn woodland, desert dunes, desert wash. Known from desert basins, dunes, washes and benches of sand field ecotones where upland desert scrubs, typically creosote bush scrub or palo verde, transition to halophytic scrub or mesquite. 125-175 m. perennial deciduous shrub. Blooms Jan-Dec	Not Expected. No suitable habitat (dunes or washes) present.
<i>Wislizenia refracta</i> ssp. <i>refracta</i> jackass-clover	None/None G5T5? / S1 2B.2	Playas, desert dunes, Mojavean desert scrub, Sonoran desert scrub. Sandy washes, roadsides, alkaline flats. 380-1160 m. annual herb. Blooms Apr-Nov	Not Expected. Site is outside of the species known elevation range.
<i>Xylorhiza cognata</i> Mecca-aster	None/None G2 / S2 1B.2	Sonoran desert scrub. Steep canyon slopes, in sandstone and clay. 20-305 m. perennial herb. Blooms Jan-Jun	Not Expected. No suitable habitat (steep canyon slopes) present.
Insects			
<i>Oliarces clara</i> cheeseweed owlfly (cheeseweed moth lacewing)	None/None G1G3 / S2	Inhabits the lower Colorado River drainage. Found under rocks or in flight over streams. Larrea tridentata is the suspected larval host.	Not Expected. No suitable aquatic present on or adjacent to the project site.
Fish			
<i>Cyprinodon macularius</i> desert pupfish	Endangered/ Endangered G1 / S1	Desert ponds, springs, marshes and streams in Southern California. Can live in salinities from freshwater to 68 ppt; can withstand temps from 9 - 45 C and dissolved oxygen levels down to 0.1 ppm.	Not Expected. No suitable aquatic present on or adjacent to the project site.

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<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i> razorback sucker	Endangered/ Endangered G1 / S1S2 FP	Found in the Colorado River bordering California. Adapted for swimming in swift currents but also need quiet waters. Spawn in areas of sand/gravel/rocks in shallow water.	Not Expected. No suitable aquatic present on or adjacent to the project site.
Amphibians			
<i>Scaphiopus couchii</i> Couch's spadefoot	None/None G5 / S2 SSC	Temporary desert rain pools that last at least 7 days, with water temps > 15 C, and with subterranean refuge sites close by. An insect food base, especially termites, must be available.	Not Expected. No suitable habitat (desert hardpans) present.
Reptiles			
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> desert tortoise	Threatened/ Threatened G3 / S2S3	Most common in desert scrub, desert wash, and Joshua tree habitats; occurs in almost every desert habitat. Require friable soil for burrow and nest construction. Creosote bush habitat with large annual wildflower blooms preferred.	Not Expected. Required desert scrub habitat is not present in project area.
<i>Phrynosoma mcallii</i> flat-tailed horned lizard	None/None G3 / S2 SSC	Restricted to desert washes and desert flats in central Riverside, eastern San Diego, and Imperial counties. Critical habitat element is fine sand, into which lizards burrow to avoid temperature extremes; requires vegetative cover and ants.	Not Expected. Species is highly dependent on sand dunes, which are absent from the project site.
<i>Uma inornata</i> Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard	Threatened/ Endangered G1Q / S1	Limited to sandy areas in the Coachella Valley, Riverside County. Requires fine, loose, windblown sand (for burrowing), interspersed with hardpan and widely-spaced desert shrubs.	Not Expected. Species is highly dependent on sand dunes, which are absent from the project site..
Birds			
<i>Athene cunicularia</i> burrowing owl	None/None G4 / S3 SSC	Open, dry annual or perennial grasslands, deserts, and scrublands characterized by low-growing vegetation. Subterranean nester, dependent upon burrowing mammals, most notably, the California ground squirrel.	Low Potential. Some elements of suitable habitat exist in the unpaved portions of the site, particularly along irrigation levees. The most recent occurrence (within last 15 years) was recorded more than 3 miles southeast of St. Anthony's project site.
<i>Falco mexicanus</i> prairie falcon	None/None G5 / S4 WL	Inhabits dry, open terrain, either level or hilly. Breeding sites located on cliffs. Forages far afield, even to marshlands and ocean shores.	Not Expected. Elements of suitable habitat required for nesting are not present.
<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i> gull-billed tern	None/None G5 / S1 SSC	Only known breeding colonies at San Diego Bay and the Salton Sea. Nests on low, sandy islets. Known to feed on fishes at mouth of Colorado River and on grasshoppers in alfalfa fields.	Not Expected. Elements of suitable habitat required for nesting are not present.
<i>Icteria virens</i> yellow-breasted chat	None/None G5 / S3 SSC	Summer resident; inhabits riparian thickets of willow and other brushy tangles near watercourses. Nests in	Not Expected. Elements of suitable habitat required for nesting are not present.

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		low, dense riparian, consisting of willow, blackberry, wild grape; forages and nests within 10 ft of ground.	
<i>Plegadis chihi</i> white-faced ibis	None/None G5 / S3S4 WL	Shallow freshwater marsh. Dense tule thickets for nesting, interspersed with areas of shallow water for foraging.	Not Expected. Elements of suitable habitat required for nesting are not present.
<i>Poliophtila melanura</i> black-tailed gnatcatcher	None/None G5 / S3S4 WL	Primarily inhabits wooded desert wash habitats; also occurs in desert scrub habitat, especially in winter. Nests in desert washes containing mesquite, palo verde, ironwood, acacia; absent from areas where salt cedar introduced.	Low Potential. Elements of suitable habitat required for nesting are not present. Salt cedar has been introduced throughout the project area.
<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i> vermillion flycatcher	None/None G5 / S2S3 SSC	During nesting, inhabits desert riparian adjacent to irrigated fields, irrigation ditches, pastures, and other open, mesic areas. Nest in cottonwood, willow, mesquite, and other large desert riparian trees.	Low Potential. Small amounts of marginal nesting habitat is present in riparian areas near the project area.
<i>Rallus obsoletus yumanensis</i> Yuma Ridgway's rail	Endangered/ Threatened G5T3 / S1S2 FP	Nests in freshwater marshes along the Colorado River and along the south and east ends of the Salton Sea. Prefers stands of cattails and tules dissected by narrow channels of flowing water; principle food is crayfish.	Low Potential. Small amounts of marginal nesting habitat is present in riparian areas near the project area.
<i>Rynchops niger</i> black skimmer	None/None G5 / S2 SSC	Nests on gravel bars, low islets, and sandy beaches, in unvegetated sites. Nesting colonies usually less than 200 pairs.	Not Expected. Elements of suitable habitat required for nesting are not present.
<i>Toxostoma crissale</i> Crissal thrasher	None/None G5 / S3 SSC	Resident of southeastern deserts in desert riparian and desert wash habitats. Nests in dense vegetation along streams/washes; mesquite, screwbean mesquite, ironwood, catclaw, acacia, arrowweed, willow.	Not Expected. Elements of suitable habitat required for nesting are not present.
<i>Toxostoma lecontei</i> Le Conte's thrasher	None/None G4 / S3 SSC	Desert resident; primarily of open desert wash, desert scrub, alkali desert scrub, and desert succulent scrub habitats. Commonly nests in a dense, spiny shrub or densely branched cactus in desert wash habitat, usually 2-8 feet above ground.	Not Expected. Elements of suitable habitat required for nesting are not present.
Mammals			
<i>Corynorhinus townsendii</i> Townsend's big-eared bat	None/None G3G4 / S2 SSC	Throughout California in a wide variety of habitats. Most common in mesic sites. Roosts in the open, hanging from walls and ceilings. Roosting sites limiting. Extremely sensitive to human disturbance.	Not Expected. Required habitat for roosting not present in project area. Human disturbance is prevalent throughout the project site.
<i>Euderma maculatum</i> spotted bat	None/None G4 / S3 SSC	Occupies a wide variety of habitats from arid deserts and grasslands through mixed conifer forests. Feeds over water and along washes. Feeds	Not Expected. Required habitat for roosting not present in project area.

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		almost entirely on moths. Needs rock crevices in cliffs or caves for roosting.	
<i>Eumops perotis californicus</i> western mastiff bat	None/None G5T4 / S3S4 SSC	Many open, semi-arid to arid habitats, including conifer & deciduous woodlands, coastal scrub, grasslands, chaparral, etc. Roosts in crevices in cliff faces, high buildings, trees and tunnels.	Moderate Potential. Suitable roosting trees are scattered throughout the project area.
<i>Lasiurus xanthinus</i> western yellow bat	None/None G5 / S3 SSC	Found in valley foothill riparian, desert riparian, desert wash, and palm oasis habitats. Roosts in trees, particularly palms. Forages over water and among trees.	Moderate Potential. Suitable roosting trees are scattered throughout the project area.
<i>Neotoma albigula venusta</i> Colorado Valley woodrat	None/None G5T3T4 / S1S2	Low-lying desert areas in southeastern California. Closely associated with beaver-tail cactus & mesquite. Intolerant of cold temps. Eats mainly succulent plants. Distribution influenced by abundance of nest building material.	Not Expected. Little habitat for this species exists in the project area. An occurrence was recorded within 2 miles of St. Anthony's site in 1908.
<i>Perognathus longimembris bangsi</i> Palm Springs pocket mouse	None/None G5T2 / S2 SSC	Desert riparian, desert scrub, desert wash and sagebrush habitats. Most common in creosote-dominated desert scrub. Rarely found on rocky sites. Occurs in all canopy coverage classes.	Low potential. Marginal habitat and canopy coverage may exist in the unpaved portions of the project site.
<i>Taxidea taxus</i> American badger	None/None G5 / S3 SSC	Most abundant in drier open stages of most shrub, forest, and herbaceous habitats, with friable soils. Needs sufficient food, friable soils and open, uncultivated ground. Preys on burrowing rodents. Digs burrows.	Not Expected. Required habitat not present in project area.
<i>Xerospermophilus tereticaudus chlorus</i> Palm Springs round-tailed ground squirrel	None/None G5T2Q / S2 SSC	Restricted to the Coachella Valley. Prefers desert succulent scrub, desert wash, desert scrub, alkali scrub, and levees. Prefers open, flat, grassy areas in fine-textured, sandy soil. Density correlated with winter rainfall.	Low potential. Marginal habitat and canopy coverage may exist in the unpaved portions of the project site. Last known occurrence was recorded within 2 miles of St. Anthony's site in 1938.
Regional Vicinity refers to within a 5-mile radius of site.			
BCC = USFWS Bird of Conservation Concern FC = Federal Candidate Species FE = Federally Endangered FP = CDFW Fully Protected FT = Federally Threatened SE = State Endangered ST = State Threatened SR = State Rare SSC = CDFW Species of Special Concern G-Rank/S-Rank = Global Rank and State Rank as per NatureServe and CDFW's CNDDDB RareFind 5		CRPR (CNPS California Rare Plant Rank): 1A=Presumed Extinct in California 1B=Rare, Threatened, or Endangered in California and elsewhere 2=Rare, Threatened, or Endangered in California, but more common elsewhere 3=Need more information (a Review List) 4=Plants of Limited Distribution (a Watch List) CRPR Threat Code Extension .1=Seriously endangered in California (> 80% of occurrences threatened/high degree and immediacy of threat) .2=Fairly endangered in California (20-80% occurrences threatened) .3=Not very endangered in California (<20% of occurrences threatened)	

Appendix B

Representative Site Photographs



Photograph 1. View of connection point for Saint Anthony MHP at the St. Anthony's Site, facing north.



Photograph 2. View of connection point for Seferino Huerta at the St. Anthony's Site, facing west.



Photograph 3. View of Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel crossing 66th Avenue within the Study Area, facing northwest.



Photograph 4. View of connection point at Manuela Garcia Water at the St. Anthony's Site, facing southwest.



Photograph 5. View of connection point at Desert View Mobile Home Park at the Valley View Site, facing northwest.



Photograph 6. View of connection point at Campos Mobile Home Park at the Valley View Site, facing west.



Photograph 7. View of connection point at Meza's Ranch at the Valley View Site, facing west.



Photograph 8. View of connection point at Valley View Mobile Home Park at the Valley View Site, facing northwest.



Photograph 9. View of connection point at Vista Norte Estates and Luciano Valenzuela at the Valley View Site, facing northwest.



Photograph 10. View of connection point at Soto Water at the Valley View Site, facing south.



Photograph 11. View of connection point at DeLeon Ranch at the Valley View Site, facing southeast.

Appendix C

Plant and Wildlife Species Observed On-site

Plant and Wildlife Species Observed On-site

Scientific Name	Common Name	Origin
Plants		
<i>Acacia</i> spp.	acacia	Non-native
<i>Agave</i> spp.	agave	Non-native
<i>Ambrosia dumosa</i>	burrobush	Native
<i>Atriplex canescens</i>	fourwing saltbush	Native
<i>Brassica tournefortii</i>	Asian mustard	Non-native
<i>Cryptantha</i> sp.	cryptantha	Native
<i>Encelia actoni</i>	Acton encelia	Native
<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	Eucalyptus	Non-native
<i>Hirschfeldia incana</i>	short podded mustard	Non-native
<i>Malva parviflora</i>	cheeseweed	Non-native
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>	bur clover	Non-native
<i>Mentzelia</i> sp.	blazing star	Native
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	oleander	Non-native
<i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>	fountain grass	Non-native
<i>Polygonum lalathifolium</i>	knotweed	Non-native
<i>Salsola tragus</i>	Russian thistle	Non-native
<i>Schinus molle</i>	pepper tree	Non-native
<i>Schismus arabicus</i>	Arabian schismus	Non-native
<i>Sisymbrium irio</i>	London rocket	Non-native
<i>Tamarix</i> sp.	tamarisk	Non-native
<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	Mexican fan palm	Non-native
<i>Yucca</i> spp.	yucca	Non-native
Wildlife		
Birds		
<i>Calypte anna</i>	Anna's hummingbird	Native
<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	American crow	Native
<i>Egretta thula</i>	Snowy egret	Native
<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>	house finch	Native
<i>Larus occidentalis</i>	western gull	Native
<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	northern mockingbird	Native
<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>	western meadowlark	Native
<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	mourning dove	Native
Mammals		
<i>Canis latrans</i>	coyote	Native

Appendix D

Resumes



Megan Minter

SENIOR BIOLOGIST

Ms. Minter is a biologist and wetland specialist that has worked in environmental consulting for 10 years. She has a strong scientific and regulatory background. Her experience includes numerous biological resource assessments, wetland delineations, conducting focused protocol surveys pursuant to the USFWS and various NCCPs/HCPs, preparing technical sections in compliance with CEQA and NEPA requirements, and acquiring Federal and State environmental permits including Clean Water Act Section 404, 401, and California Department of Fish and Game Section 1602 agreements. Ms. Minter has extensive experience preparing CEQA/NEPA compliant documents in support of the attainment of various permits and approvals for a variety of projects in southern California. This includes the production of biological technical reports for EIR/EIS, MNDs, CUPs, and other CEQA documents. Ms. Minter's background includes extensive service to energy utilities, solar developers, pipeline groups, cities, as well as residential and commercial land developers throughout Southern California. Ms. Minter's compliance monitoring experience includes both large-scale infrastructure projects and smaller projects within sensitive habitats.

EDUCATION

M.S., Wildlife and Fisheries
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CERTIFICATIONS/ REGISTRATIONS

California Rapid Assessment
Method Trained

Desert Tortoise Council
Introduction to Desert Tortoises
and Field Techniques

OSHA 10-hr Construction Safety
and Health

EXPERIENCE

Rincon Consultants, Inc. (2018 –
present)

Environmental Intelligence, LLC
(2013–2018)

GAI Consultants (2010 – 2013)

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- El Casco Systems Project; SCE; Riverside County, CA (2013-2018): Conducted restoration monitoring for the 15-acre El Casco Substation. Responsibilities included biological monitoring of work near least Bell's vireo habitat, pre-activity surveys for sensitive resources including least Bell's vireo, rare plant counts, assisting botanists with vegetation cover analysis, soil sampling, and weed abatement planning.
- On-Call Biological Services; Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties, CA (2016-2017): Assisted with project management of small permitting projects on Metropolitan Water District properties; conducted jurisdictional delineations; prepared 404, 401, and 1602 permit application; advised on proper permitting route for maintenance and improvements projects; conducted surveys for least Bell's vireo within suitable habitat; conducted rare plant surveys.
- Lakeview Substation; SCE; San Bernardino County, CA (2014-2015): Assisted with project management, served as lead monitor on site daily, conducted nesting bird surveys, provided guidance on nesting deterrents, conducted preconstruction protocol surveys and sweeps, and coordinated with contractors, regulatory agencies and project personnel.
- Montebello Hills Oil Field; Plains Exploration; Los Angeles County, CA (2013-2018): performed monitoring of construction and ongoing oil field maintenance for coastal California gnatcatcher, coastal cactus wren, least Bell's vireo, and coastal sage scrub vegetation communities. Participated in breeding surveys for California gnatcatcher and coastal cactus wren, in coastal sage scrub vegetation communities on the active oil field site.



PROJECT EXPERIENCE CONT'D

- Longboat Solar; Duke Energy; San Bernardino County, CA (2014-2017): Assisted with project management; served as lead monitor on site daily; coordinated with contractors, regulatory agencies, and tribal representatives; and conducted pre-construction protocol surveys and sweeps. Also conducted a jurisdictional delineation of the 350-acre project and assisted with the preparation of 401 and 1602 permit applications for impacts to jurisdictional waters.
- Sullivan Canyon L3003 & L407 Pipeline and Right of Way Maintenance Project; Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas); Los Angeles, CA (2018-2019): Performed a jurisdictional delineation and biological resources assessment along a 4.5-mile section of pipeline, provided project management, completed technical reports, and prepared 404, 401, and 1602 permit applications.
- Vidor 5 Well Abandonment Project; SoCalGas; Los Angeles, CA (2019): Performed a jurisdictional delineation and biological resources assessment at Vidor 5 well location within Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve.
- SL 41-23A, Murrieta Creek Pipeline Removal; SoCalGas; Temecula, CA (2018-2019): Performed a jurisdictional delineation and biological resources assessment along the SL 41-23A pipeline crossing Murrieta Creek and advised on project design in order to avoid sensitive resources.
- Major Projects Support, Line 2000 Colorado River HDD Project; SoCalGas; Riverside County, CA (2018): Performed a jurisdictional delineation and biological resources assessment along the L2000 Pipeline Colorado River span.
- On-Call Biological Services; Southern California Edison (SCE); Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, and San Diego Counties, CA (2016-2018): Provided project management, quality control, habitat assessments for deteriorated pole replacement, jurisdictional waters delineation, reporting, and acquisition of CWA 401 and 404, and Fish and Game Code LSAA, monitored vegetation management, and conducted pre-construction surveys for sensitive resources.
- On-Call Biological Services; Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties, CA (2016-2017): Assisted with project management of small permitting projects on Metropolitan Water District properties, conducted jurisdictional delineations; prepared 404, 401, and 1602 permit application, advised on proper permitting route for maintenance and improvements projects.
- Lugo-Victorville Transmission Line Remedial Action Scheme Project; SCE; San Bernardino County, CA (2017-2018): conducted a jurisdictional delineation, mapped vegetation, assisted with minimization of impacts, and prepared 401 and 1602 permit applications along the 84-mile linear project. Supported the Mojave National Preserve's (MNP) review of the client's Special Use Permit application, and the BLM's review of the client's Right of Way grant application.
- Hilltop and Euclid Mixed Use Development; Birdseye Planning; San Diego County, CA (2018): Prepared permit application packages for the acquisition of CWA 401 and 404 permits and Fish and Game Code LSAA.
- Tropico Solar Project; EDF Renewable Energy; Kern County, CA (2014-2018): Conducted a jurisdictional waters delineation, vegetation mapping, and habitat assessments for sensitive plant and wildlife species for a 215-acre solar project in natural lands.
- Magunden-Springville #1 & #2 220-kV; SCE; Kern and Tulare Counties, CA (2015-2016): Conducted a jurisdictional delineation of the 52-mile linear Project. Also prepared the Waters and Wetlands delineation report and assisted with the preparation of 401 and 1602 permit applications for impacts to jurisdictional waters.
- Valentine Solar Project; EDF Renewable Energy; Kern County, CA (2014-2018): Conducted a jurisdictional waters delineation, vegetation mapping, and habitat assessments for sensitive plant and wildlife species for a 2,000-acre solar project in natural lands.
- West Coyote Hills; Chevron; Orange County, CA (2017-2018): Conducted vegetation mapping, jurisdictional delineation, and preconstruction special-status species surveys. Monitored environmental sampling within sensitive habitats.



- Catalina Solar 2; EDF Renewable Energy; Kern County, CA (2014-2017): Assisted with a jurisdictional delineation of the 760-acre Project and assisted with the preparation of 401 and 1602 permit applications for impacts to jurisdictional waters. Served as a biological monitor and coordinated with biologists to ensure all Project components remain in full regulatory compliance.
- Pacific Wind Drainage Impact Mitigation Plan; EDF Renewable Energy; Kern County, CA (2013-2018): Assisted with the preparation and administration of a mitigation plan for impacts to jurisdictional waters, directed landscape crews and irrigation specialists in preparation of mitigation site, coordinated with contractors and agencies, conducted a jurisdictional delineation of the site, and annually assessed and reported vegetative cover in support of restoration efforts.
- Catalina Solar Drainage Impact Mitigation Plan; EDF Renewable Energy; Kern County, CA (2013-2018): Assisted with the preparation and administration of a mitigation plan for impacts to jurisdictional waters, directed landscape crews and irrigation specialists in preparation of mitigation site, coordinated with contractors and agencies, conducted a jurisdictional delineation of the site, and annually assessed and reported vegetative cover in support of restoration efforts.
- Sycamore to Peñasquitos Transmission Line Improvements Project; San Diego County, CA (2013-2014): Conducted a jurisdictional delineation of the 30-mile linear Project. Also prepared the Waters and Wetlands delineation report and assisted with the preparation of 401, 404, and 1602 permit applications for impacts to jurisdictional waters.
- Water Valley Project; SCE; San Bernardino County, CA (2013-2014): Served as a combined role biological and environmental monitor for a large linear utility project. Duties included providing biological and environmental compliance monitoring for the project elements. Also completed clearance and sweep surveys for desert tortoise, burrowing owl, desert kit fox, American badger, nesting birds, and rare plants.
- College Park; Lennar and Standard Pacific Homes; San Bernardino County, CA (2013-2018): Managed and performed breeding and clearance surveys for burrowing owl, nesting birds, and raptors as well as mitigation site monitoring. Also monitored and documented avoidance of burrowing owl and nesting bird compliance.
- Butterfield; Pardee Homes; Riverside County, CA (2013-2017): Conducted annual protocol burrowing owl surveys on a 2,000-acre site comprised of grasslands, grazed lands, and sandy washes. Marked and mapped the active burrowing owl burrows and suitable burrows using GPS and GIS.
- Eastside Water Treatment Facility; Lennar and Standard Pacific Homes; San Bernardino County, CA (2014): Completed pre-construction surveys for special-status species and nesting birds, set up work buffers, and monitored impacts to special-status resources.
- Tournament Hills; Pardee Homes; Riverside County, CA (2013): Assisted under qualified biologists during protocol level surveys for least Bell's vireo using acoustical and visual detections to locate the species and mapped locations using GPS and GIS.



APPENDIX C: CULTURAL RESOURCES ASSESSMENT AND AB52
CONSULTATION LETTER



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Executive Summary

Woodard & Curran retained Rincon Consultants, Inc. (Rincon) to perform a cultural resources assessment for the Saint Anthony Mobile Home Park Water Consolidation Project (project) near the community of Mecca, Riverside County, California. The project involves the consolidation of three independent mobile home park (MHP) small water systems into Coachella Valley Water District's potable water system (part of the East Coachella Valley Water Supply Project). The purpose of this report is to document the tasks Rincon conducted; specifically, a cultural resources records search, Native American outreach, local historic group consultation, historical imagery review, a field survey, and significance evaluations. Rincon understands the project requires review by the State Water Resources Control Board and may include federal funding sources. Therefore, the cultural resources study was completed in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)-Plus standards to allow for compliance with CEQA, the National Environmental Policy Act, and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

The results of the cultural resource assessment identified two known cultural resources, Avenue 66 (P-33-020844) and Lincoln Avenue (P-33-020839), in the project Area of Potential Effect (APE). Both resources are ineligible for listing on the on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR). The study did not identify any other cultural resources in the project APE.

The lack of surface evidence of archaeological remains does not preclude their subsurface existence. The multiple prehistoric archaeological resources documented on the adjacent Torres Martinez Indian Reservation, some of which contain buried cultural deposits, suggest the western portion of the project APE has a moderate to high sensitivity for prehistoric archaeological remains. The results of the field survey revealed surficial deposits have been disturbed throughout much of the APE by the construction and maintenance of roadways and mobile home parks. These previous ground-disturbing activities are expected to be limited to the upper few feet of sediment. Given the maximum depth of ground disturbance in this portion of the APE will be eight feet below ground surface, it is anticipated the water pipeline installation will extend into undisturbed native sediments. These excavations have the potential to impact buried prehistoric archaeological resources potentially present along Avenue 66 and the portion of the APE extending onto the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation.

Based on the results of the current study, Rincon recommends a finding of ***less than significant impact to cultural resources with mitigation incorporated*** under CEQA and ***no effect to historic properties*** under Section 106 of NHPA with adherence to the following measures. The project is also required to adhere to regulations regarding the unanticipated discovery of human remains, detailed below.

Initial Monitoring of Archaeological Resources

Initial project-related ground-disturbing activities conducted along Avenue 66 and the Manuela Garcia MHP adjacent to and within the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation shall be observed by an archaeological and Native American monitor. The archaeological monitor shall be under the direction of a qualified archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional

Qualifications Standards for prehistoric archaeology (National Park Service 1983). If archaeological resources are encountered during ground-disturbing activities, work in the immediate area shall halt and the find shall be evaluated for CRHR and/or NRHP eligibility. Archaeological monitoring may be reduced or halted at the discretion of the qualified archaeologist as warranted by conditions such as encountering bedrock, sediments being excavated are fill materials, or negative findings during initial ground-disturbing activities. If monitoring is reduced, spot-checking shall occur when ground-disturbance moves to a new location or when ground disturbance will extend to depths not previously reached (unless those depths are within bedrock).

Unanticipated Discovery of Cultural Resources

If cultural resources are encountered during ground-disturbing activities, work in the immediate area must halt and an archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for archaeology (National Park Service 1983) should be contacted immediately to evaluate the find. If the discovery proves to be significant under NHPA and/or CEQA, additional work such as data recovery excavation and Native American consultation may be warranted to mitigate any significant impacts.

Human Remains

If human remains are found, regulations outlined in the State of California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 state no further disturbance shall occur until the County Coroner has made a determination of origin and disposition pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. In the event of an unanticipated discovery of human remains, the County Coroner must be notified immediately. If the human remains are determined to be prehistoric, the Coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission, which will determine and notify a most likely descendant (MLD). The MLD shall complete the inspection of the site within 48 hours of being granted access and provide recommendations as to the treatment of the remains to the landowner.

1 Introduction

Woodard & Curran retained Rincon Consultants, Inc. (Rincon) to perform a cultural resources assessment for the Saint Anthony Mobile Home Park Water Consolidation Project (project) near the community of Mecca, Riverside County, California. The project is part of the Coachella Valley Water District's (CVWD) East Coachella Valley Water Supply Project. The purpose of this report is to document the tasks conducted by Rincon, specifically, a cultural resources records search, Native American outreach, historical imagery review, local historic group consultation, a field survey, and significance evaluations. Rincon understands the project requires review by the State Water Resources Control Board and may include federal funding sources. Therefore, the cultural resources study was completed in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)-Plus standards to allow for compliance with CEQA, the National Environmental Policy Act, and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

1.1 Project Location

The project site is situated west of the community of Mecca in unincorporated Riverside County, California. More specifically, it is situated in Township 7 south, Range 8 east, Sections 9-15, and Township 7 south, Range 9 east, Sections 7, 17, and 18, of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) *Valerie, CA* and *Mecca, CA* 7.5-minute topographic quadrangles (Figure 1). The project site is located in a rural setting consisting of a mixture of agricultural and undeveloped land. The elevation of the project area averages 164 to 204 feet (50 to 64 meters) below mean sea level.

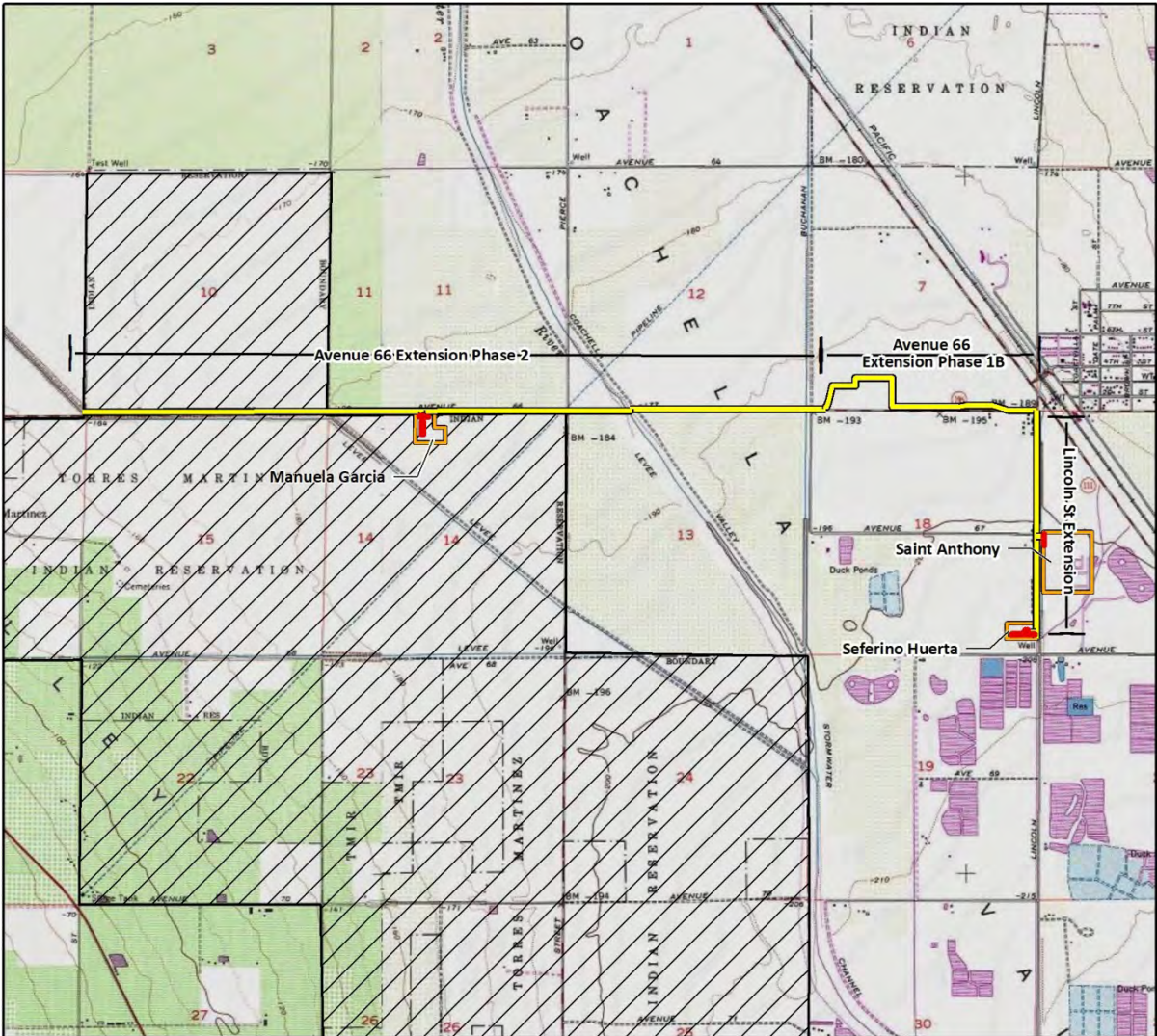
1.2 Project Description

The CVWD proposes infrastructural improvements to the Small Water Systems (SWSs) associated with the Manuela Garcia, Saint Anthony, and Seferino Huerta Mobile Home Parks (MHPs) near the community of Mecca, Riverside County, California (Figure 1). The Manuela Garcia MHP is within the boundary of the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation. The existing potable water supply for the three SWSs consists of local groundwater, which has been shown to contain elevated concentrations of arsenic and other hazardous constituents. The proposed project would consolidate the three privately owned SWSs into the existing CVWD potable water system and increase the reliability of the water supply to these disadvantaged communities. The proposed project is part of the larger East Coachella Valley Water Supply Project, which may receive funding under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, a program administered by the State Water Resources Control Board via funds from United States Environmental Protection Agency and/or the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Program.





Proposed project system components consist of the following:

- A 30-inch diameter pipeline (Phase 1B and Phase 2 pipeline extensions) totaling approximately 22,000 feet (4.2 miles) in length that runs along to adjacent to Avenue 66
- A 12-inch diameter pipeline measuring approximately 4,900 feet in length along Lincoln Street
- 400 feet of 1-inch and 2-inch diameter service laterals connecting to the Avenue 66 Phase 2 pipeline and 12-inch diameter water pipeline along Lincoln Street and extending to the property boundary of each SWS

Figure 1 Project Location Map



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-  Area of Potential Effects Associated with Proposed Water Pipeline Alignment
-  Area of Potential Effects Associated with Existing Small Water Systems
-  Mobile Home Park Boundary
-  Torres Martinez Reservation

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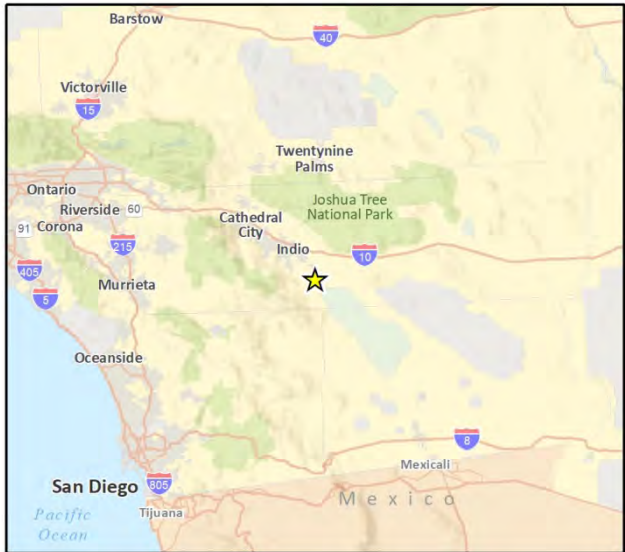


Fig. 1 Project Location Map

- 305 feet of 2-inch diameter pipelines on the MHP properties to complete service to the existing SWSs
- Modifications to the existing on-site SWSs may include removal of some existing infrastructure (e.g., tanks, pipelines, connections) and specifically abandonment of the wells.

The water pipelines would primarily be installed within existing County of Riverside roadway rights-of-way (ROW) and SWS properties. Exceptions to this include portions of the Phase 1B extension pipeline located on private- and state-owned parcels. Along much of the alignment, trench excavation would be used for the installation of the pipeline. A backhoe, excavator, or trencher would be used to dig trenches for pipe installation. In general, pipe trenches would be 3 to 6 feet wide and 4 to 8 feet deep. Deeper installations may be required under special circumstances, such as large utility or channel crossings.

Jack and boring and Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) may also be required for the portions of the pipeline which cross under Highway 86, a CVWD irrigation ditch, and the Whitewater River (Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel). The jack and boring method involves the excavation of pits ranging from 10 to 15 feet wide and 10 to 20 feet long on either side of the surface feature to be avoided. HDD crossings would require bore entry holes and the excavation of an entry pit measuring approximately 10 feet by 10 feet in area and approximately 8 feet in depth. In both of these techniques, the ground surface would not be disturbed except at the pit entries.

1.3 Area of Potential Effects

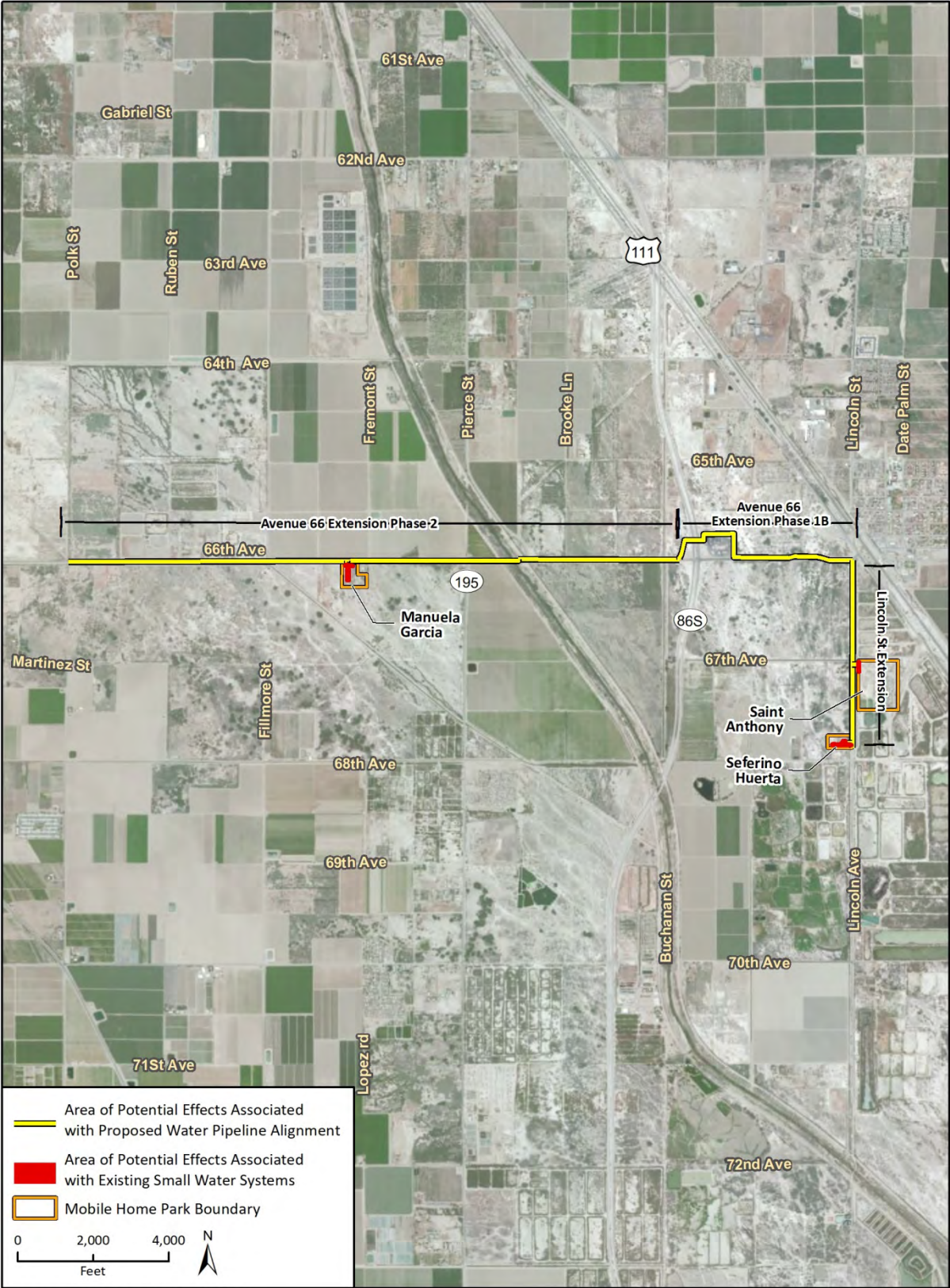
The project Area of Potential Effects (APE) is defined in 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 800.16(d) as the “geographic area or areas within which a project may directly or indirectly cause changes in the character or use of historic properties if any such property exists.” The APE generally depicts all areas expected to be affected by the proposed project, including construction staging areas. For this study, the APE encompasses the project disturbance footprint associated with the installation of the water pipeline, along with a 10-foot-wide buffer on either side of the alignment. The APE also includes the existing SWSs. Due to the more limited nature of expected disturbance associated with modifications to the existing SWSs, these portions of the APE include a 3-foot-wide surrounding buffer. As shown in Figure 2, much of the horizontal APE is located within the County of Riverside roadway ROW along Avenue 66 and Lincoln Street. Exceptions to this include the portion of the APE that encompasses the Phase 1B pipeline extension around Highway 86 and the three MHPs, one of which (Manuela Garcia) is located on the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation. In total, the horizontal APE encompasses approximately 13.3 acres.

The APE must also be considered as a three-dimensional space and includes any ground disturbance associated with the project. The vertical depth along most of the APE is not expected to exceed eight feet below ground surface, consistent with the maximum depth necessary to install the water pipeline. The APE may extend from 15 to 40 feet in depth in the vicinity of Highway 86, a CVWD irrigation ditch, and the Whitewater River where jack and boring and/or HDD is required to avoid surface features. Because most of the project elements will be subterranean, no indirect effects (i.e., visual, auditory, or atmospheric) are anticipated for the project.

1.4 Project Personnel

Rincon Archaeologist and Principal Investigator Tiffany Clark, PhD, Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA) provided management oversight for this cultural resources study. Dr. Clark

Figure 2 Area of Potential Effects Map



meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for prehistoric and historic archaeology (National Park Service 1983). Archaeologist Tricia Dodds, MA, RPA, completed the records search for the project. Staff archaeologist Lindsay Porras, MA, RPA, assisted with the Native American outreach and local historic group consultation, performed the field survey, and served as primary author for the report. Geographic Information Systems Analysts Erik Holtz and Jon Montgomery prepared the figures found in this report. Senior Technical Editor April Durham, PhD, and Principal Jennifer Haddow, PhD, reviewed this report for quality control. Resumes of key personnel are provided in Appendix A.

2 Regulatory Setting

This section includes a discussion of the applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards governing cultural resources, to which the proposed project should adhere before and during implementation.

CEQA-Plus Studies

A CEQA-Plus study includes compliance with federal and state regulations in the event a federal nexus is established during the course of project execution. A federal nexus may be established if federal funding and/or permitting is obtained or required for the project. Compliance with both regulations allows the lead agency to apply the results of this technical study to both levels of regulation should a nexus be established later.

Federal Regulations

2.1.1 National Historic Preservation Act

The proposed project is considered a federal undertaking due to the potential for federal funding and is subject to Section 106 of NHPA. Section 106 applies when a project, activity, or program is funded in whole or in part under the direct or indirect jurisdiction of a federal agency, including those carried out by or on behalf of a federal agency; those carried out with federal financial assistance; and those requiring a federal permit, license, or approval. Cultural resources are considered during federal undertakings chiefly under Section 106 of NHPA of 1966 (as amended) through one of its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800 (Protection of Historic Properties), and through the National Environmental Policy Act. Properties of traditional, religious, and cultural importance to Native Americans are considered under Section 101 (d)(6)(A) of NHPA, and Section 106 (36 CFR 800.3-800.10). Other federal laws governing cultural resources include the Archaeological Data Preservation Act of 1974, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978, the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1989, among others.

Section 106 of NHPA (16 United States Code 470f) requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties and to afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation a reasonable opportunity to comment on such undertakings (36 CFR 800.1). Under Section 106, the significance is assessed of any adversely affected historic property and mitigation measures are proposed to resolve the adverse effects to an acceptable level. Historic properties are those significant cultural resources listed in or are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Generally, districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity are eligible for inclusion on the NRHP under the following the criteria (36 CFR 60.4):

- a. Are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history
- b. Are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past

- c. Embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of installation, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction
- d. Have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history

Ordinarily, cemeteries, birthplaces, or graves of historic figures; properties owned by religious institutions or used for religious purposes; structures that have been moved from their original locations; reconstructed historic buildings; and properties that are primarily commemorative in nature are not considered eligible for the NRHP, unless they satisfy certain conditions. In general, a resource must be 50 years of age to be considered for the NRHP, unless it satisfies a standard of exceptional importance.

2.2 State

2.2.1 California Environmental Quality Act

CEQA requires a lead agency to determine whether a project may have a significant effect on historical resources (Public Resources Code [PRC], Section 21084.1) or tribal cultural resources (PRC Section 21074[a][1][A]-[B]). A historical resource is a resource listed, or determined to be eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR); a resource included in a local register of historical resources; or an object, building, structure, site, area, place, record, or manuscript that a lead agency determines to be *historically significant* (State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15064.5[a][1-3]).

A resource shall be considered *historically significant* if it meets any of the following criteria:

- 1) Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of California's history and cultural heritage
- 2) Is associated with the lives of persons important to our past
- 3) Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represents the work of an important creative individual, or possesses high artistic values
- 4) Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history

Generally, a cultural resource must be at least 50 years of age to be considered for listing on the CRHR. Resources that have achieved significance within the past 50 years may also be eligible for inclusion in the CRHR, provided that enough time has lapsed to obtain a scholarly perspective on the events or individuals associated with the resource (Office of Historic Preservation n.d.:3).

If it can be demonstrated that a project will cause damage to a *unique archaeological resource*, the lead agency may require reasonable efforts be made to permit any or all of these resources to be preserved in place or left in an undisturbed state. To the extent that resources cannot be left undisturbed, mitigation measures are required (PRC Section 21083.2[a], [b]).

PRC Section 21083.2(g) defines a *unique archaeological resource* as an artifact, object, or site about which it can be demonstrated clearly that, without merely adding to the current body of knowledge, there is a high probability that it meets any of the following criteria:

- 1) Contains information needed to answer important scientific research questions and that there is a demonstrable public interest in that information

- 2) Has a special and particular quality such as being the oldest of its type or the best available example of its type
- 3) Is directly associated with a scientifically recognized important prehistoric or historic event or person

California Assembly Bill 52 (AB 52) was enacted July 1, 2015. It expands CEQA by defining a new resource category called *tribal cultural resources* (TCR). AB 52 establishes “a project with an effect that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a TCR is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment” (PRC Section 21084.2). It further states the lead agency shall establish measures to avoid impacts that would alter the significant characteristics of a TCR, when feasible (PRC Section 21084.3).

PRC Section 21074(a)(1)(A) and (B) defines TCRs as “sites, features, places, cultural landscapes, sacred places, and objects with cultural value to a California Native American tribe” and meets either of the following criteria:

- 1) Listed or eligible for listing in the CRHR, or in a local register of historical resources, as defined in PRC Section 5020.1(k)
- 2) 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 PRC 5024.1. In applying these criteria, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe

AB 52 also establishes a formal consultation process for California tribes regarding TCRs. Under AB 52, lead agencies are required to “begin consultation with a California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project.” Native American tribes to be included in the process are those requesting notice of projects proposed within the jurisdiction of the lead agency. The consultation process for a project must take place prior to the adoption of a negative declaration or mitigation negative declaration or the certification of an environmental impact report.

3 Natural and Cultural Setting

3.1 Natural Setting

The project APE is in the central portion of the Coachella Valley, a region extending for approximately 45 miles southeast from the San Bernardino Mountains to the northern shore of the Salton Sea. Averaging 15 miles wide, the valley is bounded on the west by the San Jacinto and Santa Rosa Mountains and on the north and east by the Little San Bernardino Mountains. The San Andreas Fault runs along the northeastern edge of the valley from the Chocolate Mountains in the south to the Little San Bernardino Mountains in the north. The Whitewater River (Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel) intersects the project APE in a northwest-southeast direction and drains into the Salton Sea.

3.2 Cultural Setting

The Colorado Desert is a distinct geographical region with its own cultural and natural history, but it is embedded in a larger context that includes the Mojave Desert to the north and the Sonoran Desert to the east. The prehistoric period of these desert regions should be viewed in light of drastic climatic events which have reshaped the ecological setting of the region through time. The Salton Sink, also known as the Salton Trough, represents the Colorado Desert ecological setting of the Cahuilla. This desert stretched from the Coachella Valley in the north to Mexico in the south. Prehistorically, the region was lush, fed by overflows of ancient Lake Cahuilla. Present-day environmental conditions can be viewed as one of many alternating periods of lush and dry climates that have occurred through time. Moratto (2004:18) explains this topic thoroughly in the following:

Each lacustral period was followed by centuries when the river did not flow into the region but instead deposited sediments across its southern end. The waters of Lake Cahuilla then evaporated, leaving the desert and Salton Sea. As one might expect, the vicissitudes of ancient Lake Cahuilla strongly affected the course of prehistory in the Colorado Desert.

Several chronological sequences have been proposed by archaeologists to describe cultural change within southern California (Jones and Klar 2007; Moratto 2004). However, no cultural chronology for the Colorado Desert is currently available. Since the project APE is in a transitional zone between the Mojave and Colorado Deserts and these two regions were occupied traditionally by the same cultural groups, the next sections will follow the cultural chronology drafted by Sutton et al. (2007) for the Mojave Desert with descriptions focused on the unique cultural history of the Colorado Desert (Table 1).

3.2.1 Pleistocene Period (ca. Pre-12,000 to 10,000 Calibrated Before Present [cal BP])

The climate of the Pleistocene period in the Colorado Desert is generally characterized as cool and wet (Sutton et al. 2007:231). During this time, the Colorado Desert featured several pluvial lakes. The presence of lakes indicates an environment with plentiful food and water resources suitable for early human habitation, especially as compared to the harsher desert environment now present.

Solid evidence of pre-Clovis (ca. before 11,500 cal BP) archaeological sites in the Colorado Desert remains scarce, but it is possible such occupation occurred and sites with reliable early dates may be found, as has happened elsewhere in the Americas.

Table 1 Cultural Chronology for the Mojave Desert

Approximate Date Range	Temporal Period	Cultural Complex	Previously Known As
Pre – 12,000 cal BP*	Late Pleistocene	Pre-Clovis	Early Man Pre-Projectile Point
12,000 – 10,000 cal BP	Terminal Pleistocene	Paleoindian	Clovis Big Game Hunting Tradition
10,000 – 8000 cal BP	Early Holocene	Lake Mojave	Western Pluvial Lakes Tradition San Dieguito Complex
9000 – 4000 cal BP	Middle Holocene	Pinto Deadman Lake	Little Lake N/A
4000 – 1600 cal BP	Late Holocene	Gypsum	Newberry
1600 – 850 cal BP		Rose Spring	Saratoga Springs I Haiwee
850 cal BP – Historic		Late Prehistoric	Shoshonean Marana Protohistoric

*cal BP refers to Before Present dates derived by radiocarbon dating, “calibrated” to the year 1950, which is used as the “modern carbon” reference point.

Source: Sutton et al. 2007:236

The Clovis Complex is the earliest and only Paleoindian cultural complex widely accepted in the region (Sutton et al. 2007:233-234). Dating to approximately 11,500 cal BP, this complex is defined by large lanceolate-shaped bifaces with fluting, prepared to thin and flatten the base of the artifact for hafting. Other tools associated with the Clovis Complex include large side scrapers, blades derived from prepared cores, and a mixture of expedient flaked tools (Justice 2002:73). Paleo-Indian populations associated with fluted point technology consisted of small, mobile groups who hunted and gathered near permanent sources of water such as pluvial lakes. The tools associated with these populations are found most commonly in the drainage basins of the pluvial lakes (Sutton et al. 2007:234).

Fluted points have been interpreted as tools used for hunting Pleistocene megafauna due to their clear association with megafaunal remains in the Great Plains and Southwest, but most fluted points found in California have lacked corroborating Pleistocene radiocarbon dates (Arnold et al. 2004). One exception appeared during excavations at China Lake in the early 1970s, where fluted points associated with burned remains of extinct megafauna were uncovered (Davis 1975). As Davis and Panlaqui noted (1978:31), the sites at China Lake demonstrate Paleo-Indians exploited many available resources, not just megafauna.

Evidence of terminal Pleistocene and early Holocene habitation in the Mojave Desert has remained sparse until recently, but evidence of habitation in the Colorado Desert at this time is all but absent. Evidence of late Pleistocene occupation in the Mojave was identified on the southern slopes of the Tehachapi Mountains near Cottonwood Creek in the form of a basal fragment of a fluted Clovis projectile point (Glennan 1971, 1987).

3.2.2 Early Holocene (10,000 to 8000 cal BP)

The onset of the early Holocene was marked by warmer temperatures, reduced precipitation, and the eventual drying up of the Pleistocene pluvial lakes. These changes are believed to have caused an irregular distribution of resources available to the early Holocene inhabitants (Sutton et al. 2007:237). In the Mojave Desert Region, the Lake Mojave Complex emerged at this time. This complex reflects an increasingly diversified subsistence strategy which was necessary for successful adaptation to climatic changes.

The Lake Mojave Complex is identified primarily by heavy, stemmed projectile points attributable to the Great Basin Stemmed series, such as Lake Mojave and Silver Lake. Other Lake Mojave Complex tools include bifaces, steep-edged unifaces, crescents, and occasional cobble-core tools with infrequent ground stone implements (Justice 2002:91). Settlement organization components include extensive residential accumulations, workshops, and small camps containing a handful of formed tools (Sutton et al. 2007: 237). Basgall and Overly (2004) have found evidence of occupation near Pleistocene China Lake and Fort Irwin yielding radiocarbon dates from 9500-8000 cal BP

While earlier research presumed a dependence on lacustrine subsistence strategies, recent studies have found Lake Mojave Complex sites in other contexts (e.g., Basgall 2005; Basgall and Jurich 2006; Giambastiani and Berg 2008:14). Sutton et al. (2007:237) stated the Lake Mojave assemblages included tools “consistent with long-term curation and transport.” The presence of exotic lithic materials and marine shell beads in Lake Mojave Complex assemblages further supports the assertion these people were highly mobile and possibly traded with groups over long distances.

Evidence is scant for Early Holocene occupation of the Colorado Desert. Scattered occurrences of large projectile points similar to Pinto and Elko forms have been reported in the region (Schaefer and Laylander 2007), but likely date to the Middle and Late Holocene.

3.2.3 Middle Holocene (9000 to 4000 cal BP)

The middle Holocene climate was generally more arid than the preceding or subsequent periods with multiple oscillations between wetter and drier conditions. The desiccation of the lakes and marshes of the Pleistocene and early Holocene required the region’s inhabitants to rely on streams and springs for water, resulting in lower occupational densities (Aikens 1978; Basgall 2000; Cleland and Spaulding 1992; Sutton 1996; Warren 1984). Average temperatures and aridity increased, peaking between 8000 and 6000 cal BP. Settlement patterns adapted, including a shift to upland settings where sources of water still existed and changes in tool assemblage content and diversity marked the emergence of the Pinto Complex (Sutton 1996).

Campbell and Campbell defined the Pinto Complex based on their work at the Pinto Basin site (1935), but it has a wider distribution throughout the southern California Desert Region than previous complexes. During the latter part of the Early Holocene, archaeological data indicate the Pinto Complex overlaps the Lake Mojave Complex (Sutton et al. 2007:237). The Pinto Complex reflects shifts in subsistence patterns and adaptation to the shrinking of the Pleistocene lakes, including a greater emphasis on the exploitation of plants, with the continued pursuit of artiodactyls and smaller game. The broad distribution of this complex implies a high degree of residential mobility. The hallmarks of the Pinto Complex tool assemblage include concave base and bifurcate base projectile points with strong basal ears and more gradual shoulders (Zyniecki 2003:12). Other diagnostic artifacts of this complex include domed and keeled scrapers, large and small leaf-shaped bifaces, core/cobble tools, large metates and milling slabs, and shaped and unshaped handstones.

Near the end of the middle Holocene the climate became increasingly hotter and more arid. Very few sites date to the period between 5000 and 4000 cal BP. This suggests populations were very low. It is possible some areas were abandoned during this hot period (Sutton et al. 2007:241). In the Colorado Desert specifically, archaeological evidence dating to this time is limited, supporting the notion an arid and drought-ridden environment may have resulted in a migration out of the area (Hayden 1976). Others argue the lack of archaeological evidence at this time may be caused by environmental processes that buried prehistoric resources (Weide 1976).

3.2.4 Late Holocene (4000 cal BP to European Contact)

The climate of the late Holocene was similar to current conditions; cooler and moister than the middle Holocene, but not as cool and moist as the early Holocene. The climate remained highly variable with periods that included the Mojave lakes refilling to levels of earlier high stands, contrasted with at least two major droughts, circa 1124 to 904 cal BP, and circa 807 to 660 cal BP (Stine 1994). A cooler and wetter period occurred between 550 and 100 cal BP (Cleland and Spaulding 1992:4). These climatic changes at the onset of the late Holocene once again resulted in modified subsistence strategies and correlating tool kits of three progressive cultural complexes: Gypsum Complex, Rose Spring Complex, and Late Prehistoric Complex (or period).

Dart-point size projectile points including notched or eared (Elko), concave base (Humboldt), and small-stemmed (Gypsum) types characterized the projectile points of the Gypsum Complex. In addition to these diagnostic points, Gypsum Complex sites included leaf-shaped points, rectangular-based knives, flake scrapers, drills, and occasionally, large scraper planes, choppers, and hammerstones (Warren 1984:416). Manos and milling stones were common and the mortar and pestle were introduced during this period. Other artifacts found at Gypsum Complex sites include split-twig animal figurines, *Olivella* shell beads, and *Haliotis spp.* beads and ornaments, which are indicative of trade with people from the southern California coast and southern Great Basin. The inhabitants of the Mojave Desert exported high-quality, locally available cryptocrystalline materials such as obsidian, chalcedony, and chert for the production of stone tools in exchange for exotic materials.

By 1750 cal BP, a slightly cooler climate appears to have provided for increased population, based on a higher frequency of archaeological sites. The Rose Spring Complex was present from approximately 1815 to 915 cal BP, with regional temporal variations known as the Saratoga Springs, Haiwee, or Amargosa periods (Sutton 1996; Sutton et al. 2007:236). The smaller Rose Spring projectile points replaced the dart-size points of previous complexes and heralded the introduction of the bow and arrow (Yohe 1998). The bow and arrow provided its user a way to fire multiple projectiles rapidly during hunting or warfare and from a position of relative security compared to the atlatl or spear. This technological innovation appears to correspond with the onset of the Numic expansion westward to the coast, which some researchers believe started from southeastern California (Bettinger and Baumhoff 1982; Grayson 1993). Bedrock milling features supplement portable milling stones in villages and ancillary sites within the California deserts.

The Late Prehistoric period (circa 900–250 cal BP) corresponds to the introduction of ceramic artifacts in the region as well as replacement of Rose Spring projectile points with even smaller Desert Side-notched points and Cottonwood series points. Use of mortar and pestle became more widespread during this period and evidence of food storage facilities becomes increasingly common in the archaeological record. In the central Mojave Desert, the Mojave River became a primary focus of occupation, and trade networks increased along the Mojave River and over the San Gabriel Mountains (Sutton 1996).

Archeological evidence left by highly mobile hunter-gatherers in the Mojave Desert during the Late Prehistoric period is typified by sparse scatters of flaked stone, ground stone, and ceramic artifacts, along with features such as hearths, rock rings, and trails. Several important Late Holocene sites are documented in the northern Coachella Valley (Love and Dahdul 2002) and are characterized by clay-lined features, cremations, hearths, milling equipment, shell beads, Coso obsidian bifaces and debitage, and wonderstone debitage. Settlement appears to have been more sustained than previously known for this area at this time.

3.3 Ethnographic Context

Like their neighbors the Luiseño and Juaneño to west, and the Cupeño to the south, the Cahuilla speak a Cupan language, which is part of the Takic linguistic subfamily of the Uto-Aztecan language family. It is thought the Cahuilla migrated to southern California approximately 2,000 to 3,000 years ago, most likely from the southern Sierra Nevada mountain ranges of east-central California with other Takic speaking social groups (Moratto 2004:559).

Cahuilla social organization was hierarchical and contained three primary levels (Bean 1978:580). The highest level was the cultural nationality, encompassing everyone speaking a common language. The next level included the two patrimoiety of the Wildcats (*tuktum*) and the Coyotes (*'istam*). Every clan of the Cahuilla was in one of these moiety. The lowest level consisted of the numerous political-ritual-corporate units called sibs, or a patrilineal clan (Bean 1978:580).

Cahuilla villages were usually located in canyons or on alluvial fans near a source of accessible water. Each lineage group maintained their own houses (*kish*) and granaries, and constructed ramadas for work and cooking. Sweat houses and song houses (for non-religious music) were also often present. Each community also had a separate house for the lineage or clan leader. A ceremonial house, or *kiš' ?ámnawet*, associated with the clan leader was where major religious ceremonies were held. Houses and ancillary structures were often spaced apart, and a "village" could extend over a mile or two. Each lineage had ownership rights to various resource collecting locations, "including food collecting, hunting, and other areas. Individuals also owned specific areas or resources, e.g., plant foods, hunting areas, mineral collecting places, or sacred spots used only by shamans, healers and the like" (Bean 1990:2).

The Cahuilla hunted a variety of game, including mountain sheep, cottontail, jackrabbit, mice, and wood rats, as well as predators such as mountain lion, coyote, wolf, bobcat, and fox. Various birds were also consumed, including quail, duck, and dove, plus various types of reptiles, amphibians, and insects. The Cahuilla employed a wide variety of tools and implements to gather and collect food resources. For the hunt, these included the bow and arrow, traps, nets, slings and blinds for hunting land mammals and birds, and nets for fishing. The throwing stick was used commonly to bring down rabbits and hares, but when communal hunts were organized for these animals, the Cahuilla often utilized clubs and very large nets.

Foodstuffs were processed using a variety of tools, including portable stone mortars, bedrock mortars and pestles, basket hopper mortars, manos and metates, bedrock grinding slicks, hammerstones and anvils, and many others. Food was consumed from a number of woven and carved wood vessels and pottery vessels. The ground meal and unprocessed hard seeds were stored in large finely woven baskets, and the unprocessed mesquite beans were stored in large granaries woven of willow branches and raised off the ground on platforms to keep it from vermin. Pottery vessels were made by the Cahuilla, and traded from the Yuman-speaking groups across the Colorado River and to the south.

The Cahuilla had adopted limited agricultural practices by the time Euro-Americans traveled into their territory. Bean (1978:578) has suggested their “proto-agricultural techniques and a marginal agriculture” consisting of beans, squash and corn may have been adopted from the Colorado River groups to the east. Certainly, by the time of the first Romero Expedition in 1823-24, they were observed growing corn, pumpkins, and beans in small gardens localized around springs in the Thermal area of the Coachella Valley (Bean and Mason 1962:104). The introduction of European plants such as barley and other grain crops suggest an interaction with the missions or local Mexican rancheros. Despite the increasing use and diversity of crops, no evidence indicates this small-scale agriculture was anything more than a supplement to Cahuilla subsistence, and it apparently did not alter social organization.

By 1819, several Spanish mission outposts, known as *assistencias*, were established near Cahuilla territory at San Bernardino and San Jacinto. Cahuilla interaction with Europeans at this time was not as intense as it was for native groups living along the coast. This was likely due to the local topography and lack of water, which made the area less attractive to colonists. By the 1820s, European interaction increased as mission ranchos were established in the region and local Cahuilla were employed to work on them.

The Bradshaw Trail was established in 1862 and was the first major east-west stage and freight route through the Coachella Valley. Traversing the San Geronimo Pass, the trail connected gold mines on the Colorado River with the coast. Bradshaw based his trail on the Cocomaricopa Trail, with maps and guidance provided by local Native Americans. Journals by early travelers along the Bradshaw Trail told of encountering Cahuilla villages and walk-in wells during their journey through the Coachella Valley. The continued influx of immigrants into the region introduced the Cahuilla to European diseases. The single worst recorded event was a smallpox epidemic in 1862-63. By 1891, only 1,160 Cahuilla remained within what was left of their territory, down from an aboriginal population of 6,000–10,000 (Bean 1978:583-584). By 1974, approximately 900 people claimed Cahuilla descent, most of who resided on reservations.

Between 1875 and 1891, the United States established ten reservations for the Cahuilla within their traditional territory. These reservations include: Agua Caliente, Augustine, Cabazon, Cahuilla, Los Coyotes, Morongo, Ramona, Santa Rosa, Soboba, and Torres Martinez (Bean 1978:585). Four of the reservations are shared with other groups, including the Chemehuevi, Cupeño, and Serrano.

3.4 History

The post-contact history of California is generally divided into three epochs: the Spanish period (1769–1822), the Mexican period (1822–1848), and the American period (1848–present). Each of these periods is briefly described below.

3.4.1 Spanish Period (1769–1822)

In 1542, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo led the first European expedition to observe what is now southern California. For more than 200 years, Cabrillo and other Spanish, Portuguese, British, and Russian explorers sailed the Alta (upper) California coast and made limited inland expeditions, but they did not establish permanent settlements (Bean 1968; Rolle 2003). Gaspar de Portolá and Franciscan Friar Junípero Serra established the first Spanish settlement in Alta California at Mission San Diego de Alcalá in 1769. This was the first of 21 missions erected by the Spanish between 1769 and 1823.

During this period, Spain also deeded ranchos to prominent citizens and soldiers, though very few in comparison to the following Mexican Period. To manage and expand herds of cattle on these large

ranchos, colonists enlisted the labor of the surrounding Native American population (Engelhardt 1927a). The missions were responsible for administrating the local people as well as converting the population to Christianity (Engelhardt 1927b). Inevitably, this increased local population density and contact with diseases brought by Europeans greatly reduced the Native American population (McCawley 1996).

Friar Francisco Garcés and his group of explorers traveled through the area circa 1771, coming from the Colorado River (Hoover et al. 2002:321). Friar Garcés traveled as far as the Pacific coast along an ancient trade route, known as the Mojave Trail. The purpose of this expedition and the establishment of a Spanish trade route across the Colorado Desert were to further the Crown's missionization, trade, colonizing, and outpost development (Bannon 1974; Pourade 1971). This early expedition allowed for future undertakings by Captain Juan Batista de Anza in 1774. Garcés named the present-day Mojave River, the Arroyo de los Mártires (Stream of the Martyrs). The river was later renamed Rio de las Animas (River of Souls) by Friar Joaquín Pasqual Nuez, who accompanied the 1819 expedition of Lieutenant Gabriel Moraga.

3.4.2 Mexican Period (1822–1848)

The Mexican period commenced when news of the success of the Mexican Revolution (1810-1821) against the Spanish crown reached California in 1822. This period saw extensive interior land grant development as well as exploration west of the Sierra Nevada Mountains by American fur trappers. The California missions declined in power and ultimately were secularized in 1834. The hallmark of the Mexican period was large ranchos deeded to prominent Mexican citizens, frequently soldiers, by the governor. These ranchos became important economic and social centers. About 15 land grants (ranchos) were in Riverside County.

The Mexican Army passed through the region via the San Geronimo Pass and along the eastern edge of the Salton Sink in 1825, but found the route to be impractical (Hoyt 1987). The Yuma to San Diego route was favored and ran along the southern Salton Sink and Imperial Valley. This route would later be utilized by United States Lieutenant Colonel W.H. Emory in 1846, General Kearny's expedition in 1847, and the Mormon Battalion in 1848, establishing a wagon road (Pourade 1971).

3.4.3 American Period (1848–Present)

The American Period officially began with the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848, in which the United States agreed to pay Mexico \$15 million for the conquered territory, including California, Nevada, Utah, and parts of Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, and Wyoming. The discovery of gold in northern California in 1848 led to the California Gold Rush, though the first significant California gold was discovered in Placerita Canyon near the San Fernando Mission in 1842 (Guinn 1977). In 1850, California was admitted to the Union as the 31st state.

Immigrants populated the region by way of wagon roads, the Southern Pacific railroad (Indio, CA to Yuma, AZ), the Bradshaw Trail, and stage routes. Southern California remained dominated by cattle ranches in the early American period, though droughts and increasing population resulted in farming and more urban professions increasingly supplanting ranching through the late nineteenth century. Toward the end of the nineteenth century and into the twentieth century, agricultural entrepreneurs became interested in the Imperial and Coachella Valleys, leading to large-scale irrigation projects such as the Boulder, Hoover, and Imperial dams, the All American Canal System and the Colorado River Aqueduct (Loftus 2016). By 1853, the population of California exceeded 300,000.

Local History

The paucity of water in many areas of the Colorado Desert discouraged farming, and agricultural development only flourished when water was imported in significant quantities. Because of the relatively high water table in the Coachella Valley, the agricultural industry began to develop prior to the importation of water by means of drilling artesian wells. Beginning in the first decade of the twentieth century, Coachella Valley farmers planted extensive acreage in date, fig, and grape crops. Towns that developed with the agricultural growth include Thermal, Mecca, Indio, and Coachella. Because of the extensive farming efforts, the water table in the Coachella Valley was seriously depleted, stimulating the formation of CVWD to promote conservation and replenish the groundwater basin.

Following passage of the Boulder Canyon Project Act of 1928, the waters of the Colorado River were harnessed for the development of agriculture in Imperial and Coachella valleys. CVWD cooperated with the Imperial Irrigation District to develop the All-American Canal and the Coachella Valley extension. Branching off from the All-American Canal, the Old Coachella Canal extends approximately 125 miles north to the northern Coachella Valley, bringing the first imported irrigation water to the valley in 1949 (Nordland 1978).

The community of Mecca was established originally as a railroad siding called Walters in 1875 by the Southern California Railroad. Two years later, the railroad constructed a small depot at the site. By the turn of the century, agriculture began in Mecca. Following the establishment of large-scale irrigation, farming became a lucrative business in the area. Real estate developer R. Holtby Myers of the Mecca Land Company changed the name of the community to Mecca in 1904 as part of his firm's campaign to sell property in the surrounding countryside to settler-farmers (Nordland 1978; Mecca Promotion Company 1904). Date farming became an important enterprise in the area (Nordland 1978). The population of the area grew slowly throughout the early part of the twentieth century in response to the need of farm labors, most of whom were of Mexican or Native American heritage.

4 Background and Methods

4.1 Cultural Resources Record Search

4.1.1 California Historical Resources Information Center

On January 17, 2019, Rincon conducted a search of the California Historical Resources Information System at the Eastern Information Center (EIC) at the University of California, Riverside. The search was conducted to identify any previously recorded cultural resources and previously conducted cultural resources studies within the APE and a 0.5-mile radius surrounding it. Rincon also reviewed the NRHP, the CRHR, and the California State Historic Resources Inventory list. A summary of these results follows. California Department of Parks and Recreation records, a report list, and maps are included in Appendix B (Confidential).

The records search identified 39 previous cultural resource studies completed within 0.5-mile of the project APE between 1979 and 2014 (Table 2). Fifteen of these previous studies include portions of the APE. In addition, Dokken Engineering recently conducted a cultural resource assessment of portions of the APE north of Avenue 66 for the Phase 1B pipeline extension (Marks 2018). Although this report is not yet on file at the EIC, Woodard & Curran provided Rincon with a copy of the report so their results could be included in the current cultural resource assessment (Appendix C). In total, the previous cultural studies covered approximately 50 percent of the project APE.

Table 2 Previously Conducted Cultural Resources Studies within a 0.5-mile of the APE

Report Number	Author(s)	Year	Title	Relationship to APE
RI-00584	McCarthy, Daniel	1986	<i>Environmental Impact Evaluation: An Archaeological Assessment of Tentative Parcel 21234, South of Indio in Riverside County, California</i>	Outside
RI-00652	Lando, Richard	1979	<i>Cultural Resources Reconnaissance (Stage II) of Flood Control Alternatives for the Whitewater River Basin, Riverside County, California</i>	Within
RI-00661	Napton, L. Kyle, and Elizabeth Greathouse	1979	<i>Archaeological Reconnaissance on the Torres-Martinez Indian Reservation, Riverside County, California</i>	Within
RI-01373	American Pacific Environmental Consultants	1981	<i>A Cultural Resource Survey and Evaluation of the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation, Riverside County, California</i>	Outside
RI-01778	Napton, L. Kyle and Elizabeth Greathouse	1993	<i>Cultural Resources Investigations of the Proposed Indio to Salton Lightguide System Project, AT&T Fiber Optic Route, 46.2 Miles in Riverside and Imperial Counties, California</i>	Within
RI-01923	Rosen, Martin D.	1989	<i>Negative Archaeological Survey Report – Second Addendum</i>	Outside

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RI-01936	Parr, Robert E.	1989	<i>An Archaeological Assessment of a Proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant Site and Pipeline Alignment, La Quinta Area of Riverside County, California</i>	Outside
RI-02846	White, Robert S.	1990	<i>An Archaeological Assessment of a 340+ Acre Parcel as Shown on TPM 24750 Located Near Mecca, Riverside County, California</i>	Outside
RI-03245	Van Horn, David M., Laurie S. White, and Robert S. White	1990	<i>Cultural Resources Sensitivity Overview for the Coachella Valley Enterprise Zone</i>	Outside
RI-03415	Rosen, Martin	1991	<i>Negative Archaeological Survey Report: Fourth Addendum, 11-RIV-86, PM R2.9-R22.0, 11208, 179800, Vicinity of Avenue 81 to Vicinity of Dillon Road</i>	Outside
RI-03713	Brock, James	1993	<i>A Cultural Resource Assessment of Lots 7 Through 12, Block 25 of the Amended Map of the Mecca Townsite, County of Riverside, California</i>	Outside
RI-04310	White, Robert S., and Laurie White	2000	<i>A Cultural Resource Assessment of the Proposed Arco Travel Center Project (CUP 3309), 37-Acres Located at the Northeast Corner of 66th Avenue and Highway 86 South, Near Mecca, Riverside County</i>	Outside
RI-05115	Brown, Joan C., and Stephen O'Neal	2005	<i>Cultural Resources Reconnaissance of a 440 Acre Parcel for the Kohl Ranch Phase 1 Project, Riverside County, California</i>	Outside
RI-05154	Hudlow, Scott	2004	<i>A Phase 1 Cultural Resource Survey for Global Premiere, Mecca, Riverside County, California</i>	Outside
RI-06229	Hogan, Michael, Bai "Tom" Tang, Miriam Dahdul, and Daniel Ballester	2004	<i>Historical/Archaeological Resources Survey Report: APNs 749-090-006 and -007, Near the Community of Mecca, Riverside County, California</i>	Outside
RI-06551	Tang, Bai, Michael Hogan, Thomas Shackford, and Daniel Ballester	2006	<i>Historical/Archaeological Resources Survey Report: The Vineyard at Oasis Specific Plan, Tentative Tract No. 33956, Near the Community of Mecca, Riverside County, California</i>	Outside
RI-06553	Tang, Bai, Michael Hogan, Clarence Bodmer, Thomas Melzer, and Laura Shaker	2206	<i>Historical/Archaeological Resources Survey Report, Berger 330 Specific Plan, Near the Community of Mecca, Riverside County, California</i>	Outside
RI-07115	Tang, Bai Tom	2007	<i>Letter Report: Addendum to Historical/Archaeological/Paleontological Resources Survey: Berger 330 Specific Plan, Mecca Area, Riverside County, California</i>	Outside

Report Number	Author(s)	Year	Title	Relationship to APE
RI-07319	Bonner, Wayne, and Marnie Aislin-Kay	2006	<i>Cultural Resource Record Search and Site Visit Results for T-Mobile Telecommunications Facility Candidate IE24088A (Mecca), 90-480 66th Avenue, Mecca, Riverside County, California</i>	Outside
RI-07586	Denniston, Elizabeth, Vanessa Mirro, and David Earle	2008	<i>Phase I Cultural Resources Assessment of Approximately 4 Miles for the Mecca Sewer Force Main Project Near the Community of Mecca, Unincorporated Riverside County, California</i>	Outside
RI-07853	Tang, Bai Tom	2008	<i>Letter Report: Addendum to Historical/Archaeological/Paleontological Resources Survey Report Thermal Street, Water, and Sewer Improvements in and near the Community of Thermal, Riverside County, California. CRM Tech Contract #1880/2447</i>	Within
RI-07930	CRM Tech	2008	<i>Phase I Historical/Archaeological Assessment: Mecca Master Plan (SP377), near the Community of Mecca, Riverside County, California</i>	Within
RI-07950	Brock, James	2008	<i>Phase I and Phase II Cultural Resource Assessment for the Off-Site Sewer Line, Mountain View Estates Mobile Home Project, Oasis Area of Unincorporated Riverside County, California</i>	Within
RI-08201	Encarnacion, Diedre, Daniel Ballester, and Laura Hensley Shaker	2009	<i>Identification and Evaluation of Historical Properties: Plaza La Esperanza Project</i>	Outside
RI-08245	Jacquemain, Terri, Daniel Ballester, and Laura Hensley Shaker	2009	<i>Phase I Archaeological Assessment: Thermal Service Station LP, Tentative Parcel map No. 36204, Assessor's Parcel No. 727-100-024/ Case No. CUP03623 Near the Community of Mecca, Riverside County, California</i>	Outside
RI-08325	George, Joan, Vanessa Mirro, and David Earle	2009	<i>Phase I Cultural Resources Assessment for the Mountain View Estates Mobile Home Park Domestic Water and Sewer Project, Unincorporated Riverside County and Torres Martinez Indian Reservation, California</i>	Within
RI-08360	Tang, "Bai" Tang, Deidre Encarnacion, Daniel Ballester, and Laura H. Shaker	2009	<i>Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties: Agua Azul Project, Assessor's Parcel No. 749-320-002, Mecca Area, Riverside County, California</i>	Within
RI-08386	George, Joan, and Vanessa Mirro	2010	<i>Phase I Cultural Resources Assessment for the Lower Valley Irrigation System Expansion Project near Mecca, Riverside County, California</i>	Outside

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RI-08434	Smallwood, Josh	2010	<i>Letter Report: Cultural Resources Monitoring at Site CA-RIV-3438H (Historical Waiters/Mecca Railroad Station) for Construction of the Mecca Sewer Force Main Project near Mecca, Riverside County, California</i>	Outside
RI-08494	Mirro, Michael	2010	<i>Letter Report: Cultural Resources Survey of Seven Shot Points for the Salton Seismic Imaging Project (SSIP) on Torres Martinez and BLM Land</i>	Outside
RI-08497	Mirro, Michael, Melinda Horne, Dennis McDougall, and Joan George	2010	<i>Archaeological Survey Report for the Salton Seismic Imaging Project, Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties, California</i>	Outside
RI-08819	Eddy, John, Michael Mirro, and David Earle	2010	<i>Geophysical Survey and Phase II Testing and Evaluation of Feature 1 (CA-RIV-9027; 33-017371) within the Martinez Historical District (NRD 1292): Mountain View Estates Mobile Home Park Domestic Water and Sewer Project</i>	Within
RI-09111	Tang, Bai “Tom”, Deirdre Encarnacion, Harry M. Quinn, and Daniel Ballester	2014	<i>Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties: San Antonio del Desierto Disadvantaged Communities Sewer Extension, near the Community of Mecca, Riverside County, California</i>	Within
RI-09137	Segovia, Frances	2014	<i>Addendum to Cultural Resources Survey Results for the Mobile Home Park Paving Project in the Coachella Valley in Unincorporated Areas of Riverside County: Project Location #1 (LSA Project No. RCT1306A)</i>	Within
RI-09139	Segovia, Frances	2014	<i>Cultural Resource Survey Results for the Mobile Home Parks Paving Project in the Coachella Valley in Unincorporated Areas of Riverside County, California (LSA Project No. RCT1306)</i>	Within
RI-09766	Dunay, Amy	2015	<i>Supplemental Historic Property Survey Report for the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project</i>	Outside
RI-09992	Mirro, Vanessa, and Dennis McDougall	2014	<i>Cultural Resource Monitoring for the Mountain View Estates Mobile Home Park Domestic Water and Sewer Project, Unincorporated Riverside County and Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian Reservation, California</i>	Within
RI-10374	George, Joan, and Vanessa Mirro	2013	<i>Phase 1 Cultural Resources Assessment for the Coachella Valley Water District’s Whitewater River – Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel Project, Riverside County, California</i>	Within
RI-10406	Mirro, Michael	2012	<i>Archaeological Sensitivity Model for the Whitewater River Storm Channel, Riverside County, California</i>	Within

Source: Eastern Information Center 2019

Eighteen cultural resources have been documented within a 0.5-mile radius of the project APE (Table 3). These include nine historic period structures (Union Pacific Railway, Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel, a utility line, and six road segments), one district (Martinez Historical District), four historic period archaeological sites (Mecca Railroad Station, the U.S. Experimental Date Station, Edna Cast Date Farm Complex, and a refuse scatter), one multi-component archaeological site (prehistoric and historic period artifact scatter), one prehistoric site (artifact scatter), and two prehistoric artifacts (isolated ceramic sherds). Two of these previously recorded resources, Avenue 66 (P-33-020844) and Lincoln Street (P-33-020839), intersect the project APE. A significance evaluation conducted in 2016 found Avenue 66 ineligible for listing on the NRHP and CRHR (George and Mirro 2016). Lincoln Street has not been evaluated for listing on either the NRHP or the CRHR.

The Martinez Historic District (P-33-001292) is situated approximately 0.4 mile south of the APE on the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation. The district contains several historic period Indian Agency buildings, a palm tree, and a multi-component archaeological site (P-33-009462), the latter of which consists of an artifact scatter composed of prehistoric (ceramics and flaked stone artifacts) and historic period (glass, metal, and ceramics) materials. The Martinez Historic District was listed on the NRHP in 1973.

Three additional prehistoric archaeological resources have been recorded south of the APE on the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation. P-33-017371 consists of a surface scatter of ceramic and flaked stone artifacts and a buried subsurface feature located 0.2 mile from the APE. A Phase II evaluation of P-33-017371 determined the resource was individually ineligible for listing on the NRHP or CRHR and was not a contributing component to the Martinez Historical District (Eddy and Mirro 2010). Two isolated artifact finds (P-33-017372 and P-33-017761), both of which consist of a small number of ceramic sherds, have also been recorded within 0.5 mile of the APE.

Two other prehistoric archaeological resources of note were documented just outside of the record search area on the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation (Mirro and McDougall 2014). These include a prehistoric cobble concentration (P-33-023959) and an early historic period Native American inhumation (P-33-023960) located 0.7 mile and 0.9 mile, respectively, south of the APE. The deeply buried archaeological features were uncovered six to eight feet below the ground surface during monitoring for the installation of water and sewer pipelines (Mirro and McDougall 2014).

Table 3 Previously Identified Cultural Resources within a 0.5-mile of the APE

Resource Number	Resource Type	Description	Recorder(s) and Year(s)	NRHP/CRHR Status	Relationship to APE ¹
P-33-001292; CA-RIV-1292/H	District	Martinez Historical District	Pignuolo 1999	Listed on the NRHP and CRHR	Adjacent
P-33-003438; CA-RIV-3438H	Historic Site	Mecca Railway Station	Bouscaren 2008	Not evaluated for NRHP or CRHR	Outside
P-33-005699	Historic Site	U.S. Experimental Date Station	George 2009	Not evaluated for NRHP or CRHR; California Point of Historical Interest #43	Outside

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Resource Number	Resource Type	Description	Recorder(s) and Year(s)	NRHP/CRHR Status	Relationship to APE ¹
P-33-009462; CA-RIV-6377/H	Multi-component site	Artifact scatter containing prehistoric and historic period artifacts	Pigniole 1999	Not individually evaluated for NRHP or CRHR (contributor to the Martinez Historical District)	Outside
P-33-009498; CA-RIV-6381H	Historic Structure	Union Pacific Railroad	Baurley and Sanka 2015	Recommended ineligible for listing on the NRHP and CRHR	Adjacent
P-33-014739	Historic Site	Refuse Deposit	O'Neil and Miller 2005	Not evaluated for NRHP or CRHR	Outside
P-33-017259; CA-RIV-10847	Historic Structure	Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel	Moslek 2017	Ineligible for NRHP and CRHR	Adjacent ²
P-33-017371; CA-RIV-9027	Prehistoric Site	Small sparse ceramic and lithic scatter	Harmon 1983	Determined ineligible for listing on the NRHP and CRHR	Outside
P-33-017372	Prehistoric isolated Artifact	Two ceramic sherds	J. Brock 2008	Not evaluated for NRHP or CRHR	Outside
P-33-017761	Prehistoric isolated Artifact	Four ceramic sherds from one vessel	McDougall and Gothar 2009	Not evaluated for NRHP or CRHR	Adjacent
P-33-020028; CA-RIV-10172	Historic Structure	Martinez Road	Eddy 2012	Recommended ineligible for the NRHP or CRHR	Outside
P-33-020837; CA-RIV-10761	Historic Structure	Buchanan Street	Stanton 2012	Not evaluated for NRHP or CRHR	Outside
P-33-020839; CA-RIV-10763	Historic Structure	Lincoln Avenue	Stanton 2012	Not evaluated for NRHP or CRHR	Within
P-33-020844; CA-RIV-10768	Historic Structure	Avenue 66	Stanton 2012	Ineligible for listing on the NRHP and CRHR	Within
P-33-020845; CA-RIV-10769	Historic Structure	Pierce Road	Stanton 2012	Not evaluated for NRHP or CRHR	Adjacent
P-33-020919; CA-RIV-10844	Historic Structure	Utility Line and Two Utility Poles	Stanton 2012	Not evaluated for NRHP or CRHR	Adjacent
P-33-020920; CA-RIV-10845	Historic Structure	4 th Street	Stanton 2012	Not evaluated for NRHP or CRHR	Outside

Resource Number	Resource Type	Description	Recorder(s) and Year(s)	NRHP/CRHR Status	Relationship to APE ¹
P-33-026685; CA-RIV-12576	Historic Site	Edna Cast Date Farm Complex	Smallwood 2014	Ineligible for listing on the NRHP and CRHR	Adjacent

¹Adjacent resources are located within 500 feet of the Project APE. Source: Eastern Information Center January 2019

² The pipeline will be constructed under the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel using jack and boring or HDD technology. As such, the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel is considered adjacent to, but outside, of the project APE.

4.2 Native American Outreach

Rincon contacted the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) on January 15, 2019 to request a Sacred Lands File search of the APE and a 0.5-mile radius surrounding it. As part of this request, Rincon asked the NAHC to provide a list of Native American groups and/or individuals culturally affiliated with the area who may have knowledge of cultural resources within the APE. The NAHC responded on January 17, 2019, stating the results of the Sacred Lands File search were positive and recommended the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians be contacted (see Appendix D). The NAHC also provided a list of 19 Native American contacts who may have knowledge of cultural resources of Native American origin at the project site. Rincon prepared and mailed letters to each of these groups on January 22, 2019. An example of the letter sent to the Native American contacts is in Appendix D.

Rincon followed up with the Native American contacts who had not yet replied on February 20 and 22, 2019. This outreach effort resulted in twelve responses. A summary of each response follows. A copy of all non-confidential Native American correspondence, including a summary table, is provided in Appendix D.

On January 25, 2019, Rincon received a letter from Lacy Padilla, Archaeological Technician for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO). The letter stated the project is not located in the boundaries of the ACBCI Reservation but is in the Tribe's Traditional Use Area. The Tribe's THPO deferred to Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians and stated they were concluding their consultation efforts for the project.

On February 4, 2019, Rincon received a letter from Travis Armstrong, THPO for the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, who stated the Tribe has no additional information to provide at this time. He stated the Morongo Band of Mission Indians would defer to other tribes in the area once formal consultation is initiated by the lead agency for the project.

On February 20, 2019, Rincon spoke on the phone with Anthony Madrigal, THPO, and Sarah Bliss, Cultural Resources Manager, of the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians THPO. Following these phone conversations, Rincon received an email stating that the tribe was not aware of any additional cultural resource or cultural properties within the project area. The THPO did not have any additional concerns and deferred to the comments of Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians.

On February 20, 2019, Rincon spoke on the phone to Amanda Vance, Chairperson of the Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, who stated the Tribe did not have any specific information on cultural resources in the project area. She encouraged Rincon to contact other tribes in the area for information and to contract a monitor qualified in Native American cultural resources identification to be present on the site during ground-disturbing activities.

On February 20, 2019, Rincon spoke on the phone to Bobby Ray, the Cultural Director for the Cahuilla Band of Indians. He stated he had no specific knowledge of cultural resources in the area. He deferred to Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians.

On February 20, 2019, Rincon had a phone call with Joseph Ontiveros, the Cultural Director for the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians. Mr. Ontiveros stated that the Tribe would defer to Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians.

On February 22, 2019, Rincon spoke on the phone with Steven Estrada, Chairperson for the Santa Rosa Band of Mission Indians. Mr. Estrada stated the Tribe would defer further consultation and any monitoring efforts to Torres Martinez Band of Cahuilla Indians.

On February 22, 2019, Rincon spoke on the phone to Charles Wood, Chairperson for the Chemehuevi Indian Reservation. Mr. Wood stated the Tribe did not have any specific information or concerns and would like to defer to Tribes closer to the project area.

On February 22, 2019, Rincon corresponded via phone and email with Michael Mirelez, Cultural Resource Coordinator for the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians. Mr. Mirelez stated the project is both on and outside of the Tribe's Reservation and within the Tribe's Traditional Use Area. The Tribe has concerns regarding inadvertent discoveries during construction. Mr. Mirelez requested copies of all cultural reports, formal government-to-government consultation, and Tribal monitoring during all initial ground-disturbing activities, including survey and testing.

On February 26, 2019, Rincon received an email from Dorothy Willis of the Los Coyotes Band of Mission Indians. Ms. Willis stated that she had discussed the project with Jacob Norte, the Tribe's Environmental Programs Director, and he had no comments on the project.

In a letter dated February 26, 2019, Judy Stapp, Director of Cultural Affairs for the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, stated the project site is outside of the Tribe's current reservation boundaries. The Tribe had no specific information on the project area to indicate it may be a sacred/religious site or other site of Native American traditional cultural value.

In a letter dated March 5, 2019, the Colorado River Indian Tribe's (CRIT) THPO requested that all prehistoric cultural resources, including both known and yet-to-be-discovered sites, be avoided. If avoidance of the site is infeasible, then the THPO requested the resources be left *in situ* or reburied in a nearby area after consultation. In addition, they requested that the CRIT THPO be notified within 48 hours of discovering any human remains or objects subject to provision of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, or cultural resources such as sites, trails, and artifacts.

4.3 Local Historic Group Consultation

Rincon contacted the Riverside County Historical Commission, the Palm Springs Historical Society, the Coachella Valley Archaeological Society, the Coachella Valley Historical Society, and the Historic Society of Palm Desert, to request information regarding historical resources in the proposed project APE. Rincon prepared and mailed letters to each of these groups on January 22, 2019; follow-up phone calls were conducted on February 15 and 22, 2019 (Appendix E).

Two responses were received from the historical society consultation. In a phone call on February 15, 2019, Harry Quinn of the Historical Society of Palm Desert stated that the project site is located within an area that has the potential for both prehistoric and historic period archaeological remains. Mr. Quinn provided a historical overview of the area stating that Mecca was originally known as

“Walters” which was frequented by miners and wagon parties traveling through the area. In addition, the area was used during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century for ranching and may contain historic period archaeological deposits. On February 15, 2019, Renee Brown of the Palm Springs Historical Society called and stated that their organization is specific to the Palm Springs area and, therefore, did not have specific information regarding the project APE. A summary of the historical society consultation efforts is provided in Appendix E.

4.4 Historical Imagery Review

A review of historical maps and aerial photographs of the APE indicates the current Avenue 66 alignment was constructed by at least 1909 (Bureau of Land Management 2019). The 1944 USGS *Coachella, CA* 15-minute topographic quadrangle depicts several roadways in the area, including Avenue 66 and Lincoln Street. Other features on the map are the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation, the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel, and the Union Pacific Railroad. A 1953 aerial photograph shows the area surrounding the project APE is characterized primarily by undeveloped desert scrubland with scattered agricultural fields (NETRonline 2019). The Manuela Garcia and Saint Anthony MHPs were constructed sometime between 1972 and 1996; the Seferino Huerta MHP was built between 2002 and 2005.

5 Field Survey

5.1 Methods

On February 12 and 13, 2019, and April 18, 2019, Rincon Staff Archaeologist Lindsay Porras performed a cultural resources field survey of the APE. Developed portions of the pipeline alignment along Avenue 66 and Lincoln Street were surveyed via a windshield survey. A pedestrian survey was conducted for those portions of the APE not located within the paved roadway. During the pedestrian survey, the archaeologist walked a series of transects spaced at no more than 10 meters (33 feet) apart. Due to access issues, the portion of the APE within the Manuela Garcia MHP was surveyed from the public ROW. A review of Google Earth imagery indicates that much of APE within this MHP runs along a paved access road. Exceptions to this include a landscaped area in the northwest portion of the MHP. As this area lies less than 70 feet (21 meters) from the edge of property boundary, the archaeologist was able to thoroughly examine the ground surface in this portion of the APE from the public ROW. Rincon also did not survey the portion of the APE that encompasses the Phase 1B pipeline extension north of Avenue 66 because Dokken Engineering had previously surveyed this area in March 2018 (see Appendix C).

All exposed areas of ground surface were carefully inspected for artifacts (e.g., flaked stone tools, tool-making debris, stone milling tools, ceramics, fire-affected rock), ecofacts (marine shell and bone), soil discolorations that might indicate the presence of cultural midden, soil depressions, and features indicative of the former presence of structures of buildings (e.g., standing exterior walls, postholes, foundations) or historic debris (e.g., metal, glass, ceramics). Ground disturbances such as burrows and road cuts were also visually inspected. As part of the field effort, the current condition of the two previously recorded historic period cultural resources (Avenue 66 and Lincoln Street) were assessed and documented. All field notes were recorded using Rincon field forms and a digital camera. Copies of the field notes and photographs are maintained at Rincon's Redlands office.

5.2 Results

Results of the field survey indicate large portions of the APE are developed with pavement covering much of the proposed pipeline alignment. Although some of the shoulder areas along Avenue 66 and Lincoln Street have had gravel applied, areas of exposed ground surface were noted within the APE (Figure 3). Ground visibility in these areas was excellent (close to 100 percent). Within the MHPs, exposed ground was visible along portions of the alignment located in open areas and along unpaved residential access roads. Visibility in these latter areas was obscured by ornamental planting, landscaping, and residential structures (visibility reduced to 10 to 60 percent) (Figure 4). An examination of areas of exposed ground surface indicates native sediments throughout the APE consist of loosely consolidated sand. Surficial sediments appear extensively disturbed by road construction and maintenance activities, as well as by the development of the MHPs.

Only two cultural resources, the previously documented segments of Avenue 66 (P-33-020844) and Lincoln Street (P-33-020839), were located within the APE. No other cultural resources were identified during the current survey or the previous field effort conducted by Dokken Engineering in March 2018. Descriptions of the two historic period roadways, along with significant evaluations, are provided below. Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) 523 forms are included in Appendix F.

Figure 3 Portion of Avenue 66 located within APE, Facing East



Figure 4 Overview of Saferino Huerta MHP, Facing West



5.2.1 Avenue 66 (P-33-020844)

Avenue 66 (P-33-020844) consists of a 26-foot-wide, two-lane, asphalt-paved roadway flanked by gravel and dirt shoulders that measure as much as 15 feet in width (Figure 3). The appearance of the road remains largely unchanged since its original recordation (Stanton 2012a). Given no significant alterations have occurred to P-33-020844 since its original documentation, the previous evaluation of Avenue 66 appears to remain valid; the resource is ineligible for listing on the NRHP and CRHR.

5.2.2 Lincoln Street (P-33-020839)

A 100-foot-long segment of Lincoln Street (P-33-020839) south of Avenue 66 was originally recorded by Stanton (2012b). The current study expanded the boundary of P-33-020839 to encompass an almost one-mile-long section of the road between Avenue 66 and Avenue 68. The recorded road consists of a 27-foot-wide paved asphalt surface flanked by 12.5-foot-wide earthen shoulders, giving the ROW a total width of approximately 52 feet (Figure 5). The paved surface is essentially flush with the unimproved shoulders. Although the portion of the roadway approaching the intersection with Avenue 66 is delineated as a two-lane road, the remainder is unmarked.

Although an exact date of construction could not be ascertained, the road was likely built in the context of the Mecca area's development as an agricultural settlement. Lincoln Street first appears on a 1932 aerial photograph as part of a limited network of roads that conform to the survey grid; it is unclear whether the road was paved at this time (NETRonline 2019). By 1941, Lincoln Street is depicted as an improved paved roadway. Historical aerial photographs suggest that no significant improvements to the road have occurred since the early 1940s; these images indicate that the area surrounding Lincoln Street has remained largely agricultural (NETRonline 2019).

An assessment of significance indicates Lincoln Street is not eligible for listing on the NRHP or the CRHR. The segment of the road presently under evaluation is likely associated with agricultural development on the outskirts of the community of Mecca, but, due to its comparatively recent construction date, is not linked to the early establishment of Mecca. The road also does not appear to have achieved significance in later years. Research for this study did not suggest it played a role in any other historical events or with any individuals known to have made important historical contributions (Criteria A/1 and B/2). Additionally, the subject road segment is of a ubiquitous type and does not represent a distinctive engineering design or method of construction (Criteria C/3). Finally, it has not yielded and is unlikely to yield important prehistoric or historical information (Criteria D/4). Therefore, Lincoln Street does not meet any of the criteria for listing on the NRHP or the CRHR.

Figure 5 Portion of Lincoln Street in APE, Facing South



6 Findings and Recommendations

The results of the cultural resource records search, Native American and historical society outreach, historical imagery review, and field survey identified two known cultural resources, Avenue 66 (P-33-020844) and Lincoln Street (P-33-020839), in the project APE. Neither resource meets the criteria to be considered a historic property under NHPA nor a historical resource under CEQA. The study did not identify any other cultural resources in the project APE.

The lack of surface evidence of archaeological remains does not preclude their subsurface existence. The multiple prehistoric archaeological resources documented on the adjacent Torres Martinez Indian Reservation, some of which contain buried cultural deposits, suggest that the western portion of the project APE has a moderate to high sensitivity for prehistoric archaeological remains. The results of the field survey revealed surficial deposits throughout much of the APE have been disturbed by the construction and maintenance of roadways and the MHPs. These previous ground-disturbing activities are expected to be limited to the upper few feet of sediment. Given the depth of ground disturbance in this portion of the APE will extend up to eight feet below the current ground surface, it is anticipated the water pipeline installation will extend into undisturbed native sediments. These excavations have the potential to impact buried prehistoric or early historic period archaeological resources potentially present along Avenue 66 and the portion of the APE extending onto the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation.

Based on the results of the current study, Rincon recommends a finding of ***less than significant impact to cultural resources with mitigation incorporated*** under CEQA and ***no effect to historic properties*** under Section 106 of NHPA with adherence to the following measures. The project is also required to adhere to regulations regarding the unanticipated discovery of human remains, detailed below.

Initial Monitoring of Archaeological Resources

Initial project-related ground-disturbing activities conducted along Avenue 66 and the Manuela Garcia MHP adjacent to and within the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation shall be observed by an archaeological and Native American monitor. The archaeological monitor shall be under the direction of a qualified archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for prehistoric archaeology (National Park Service 1983). If archaeological resources are encountered during ground-disturbing activities, work in the immediate area shall halt and the find shall be evaluated for CRHR and/or NRHP eligibility. Archaeological monitoring may be reduced or halted at the discretion of the qualified archaeologist as warranted by conditions such as encountering bedrock, sediments being excavated are fill materials, or negative findings during initial ground-disturbing activities. If monitoring is reduced, spot-checking shall occur when ground-disturbance moves to a new location or when ground disturbance will extend to depths not previously reached (unless those depths are within bedrock).

Unanticipated Discovery of Cultural Resources

If cultural resources are encountered during ground-disturbing activities, work in the immediate area must halt and an archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for archaeology (National Park Service 1983) should be contacted immediately to evaluate the find. If the discovery proves to be significant under NHPA and/or CEQA, additional work such as data recovery excavation and Native American consultation may be warranted to mitigate any significant impacts.

Human Remains

If human remains are found, regulations outlined in the State of California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 state no further disturbance shall occur until the County Coroner has made a determination of origin and disposition pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. In the event of an unanticipated discovery of human remains, the County Coroner must be notified immediately. If the human remains are determined to be prehistoric, the Coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission, which will determine and notify a most likely descendant (MLD). The MLD shall complete the inspection of the site within 48 hours of being granted access and provide recommendations as to the treatment of the remains to the landowner.

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Appendix A

Resumes

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Anthropology, Arizona State University, Tempe 2003

M.A., Anthropology (emphasis Bioarchaeology), Arizona State University, Tempe 1997

B.A., Biology, Occidental College, 1992

CERTIFICATIONS/REGISTRATIONS

Register of Professional Archaeologists (ID#989197)

California BLM Permit, Principal Investigator, Statewide

EXPERIENCE

Rincon Consultants, Inc. (April 2018 – present)

Applied EarthWorks, Inc. (2013-April 2018)

Sapphos Environmental (2011-2013)

Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, University of California, Los Angeles (2008-2009)

Desert Archaeology, Inc. (2000-2007)

Tiffany C. Clark, PhD, RPA

SENIOR ARCHAEOLOGIST/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

Tiffany Clark is a Senior Archaeologist/Project Manager with Rincon Consultants. She has over 20 years of experience in cultural resource management in California, Arizona, and New Mexico. Her professional experience includes all phases of survey, excavation, laboratory analysis, research design, report preparation, construction monitoring, Native American consultation, and project management. She has prepared numerous technical reports and environmental documents for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and Section 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Dr. Clark is a member of the Register of Professional Archaeologists and exceeds the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards in Archaeology.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

- San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) – Interstate 10 Eastbound Truck Climbing Lane Improvement Project, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, California (2017-2018)
- City of Coachella and California Department of Transportation, District 8 – State Route 86/Avenue 50 New Interchange Project, City of Coachella, Riverside County, California (2015–2018)
- San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) – Interstate 215 / University Parkway Interchange Project, City of San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, California (2017-2018)
- City of Riverside – Sidewalk Improvement Projects, City of Riverside, Riverside County, California (2016-2017)
- California Department of Transportation, District 8 – On-Call Cultural Resources Services, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, California (2013-2018)
- California Department of Transportation, Interstate-10 Corridor Project, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, California (2014-2016)
- County of Inyo and City of Bishop – ATV Adventure Trails of the Eastern Sierra Program, Inyo County, California (2013-2014)

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

- City of Pasadena Water and Power – Azusa Hydroelectric Project, City of Azusa, Los Angeles County, California (2016-2018)
- Metropolitan Water District – Orange County Distribution System Infrastructure Protection Program, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, California (2016-2017)
- California Energy Commission – Amended Carlsbad Energy Center Project, City of Carlsbad, San Diego County, California (2015)
- Los Angeles World Airport – Los Angeles International Airport Runway 6L-24R Safety Area and Associated Improvements Project, Los Angeles County, California (2012-2013)



PROJECT EXPERIENCE, CONT'D

- Salt River Project – Palo Verde to Pinal West 500kV Transmission Line, Maricopa and Pinal Counties, Arizona (2006-2007)
- Salt River Project – Browning to Dinosaur 500/230kV Transmission Line, Pinal County, Arizona (2006-2007)
- Salt River Project – Pinal West-Browning 230/500kV Transmission Line, Maricopa and Pinal Counties, Arizona (2006-2007)
- Salt River Project – Damage Assessment of AZ T:9:5 (ASM), Maricopa County, Arizona (2007)
- Salt River Project – Dinosaur to Hunt 12/69KV Transmission Line, Maricopa County, Arizona (2006-2007)
- City of Phoenix – Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport Runway Expansion Project, City of Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona (2000-2004)

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works and Bureau of Engineering – Sixth Street Park, Arts, River & Connectivity Improvements Project, City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California (2017-2018)
- California Army National Guard – Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base Buried Site Testing Program, Orange County, California (2017-2018)
- Hillwood Investment Properties – Sycamore Canyon Business Park Buildings 1 and 2, City of Riverside, Riverside County, California (2016-2018)
- Terra Verde Group – Tapestry Specific Plan Project, City of Hesperia, San Bernardino County, California (2013-2018)
- California Department of Conservation – Analysis of Oil and Gas Well Stimulation Treatments in California Environmental Impact Report, California (Statewide) (2014-2015)
- Avalon Wind, LLC – Avalon Wind Energy Project, Kern County, California (2011-2013)
- enXco – Catalina Renewable Energy Project, Kern County, California (2011-2013)



EDUCATION

M.A., Applied Archaeology,
California State University San
Bernardino (2017)

B.A. Anthropology, University
of Nevada Reno (2004)

Archaeological Field School,
University of Nevada Reno
(2003)

CERTIFICATIONS/ REGISTRATIONS

Registered Professional
Archaeologist (ID 17082)

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EXPERIENCE

Rincon Consultants, Inc. (2017
–present)

Cogstone Resource
Management, Inc. (2009–2017)

Pechanga Band of Luiseño
Indians Cultural Resources
Intern (2016)

Statistical Research, Inc. (2008;
2010)

Garcia and Associates (2008)
Tetra Tech EC, Inc. (2008)

University of Nevada, Reno
(2003–2004)

Lindsay Porras, MA, RPA

ASSOCIATE ARCHAEOLOGIST

Lindsay Porras is an Associate Archaeologist with Rincon Consultants. Ms. Porras is a qualified archaeologist and cross-trained paleontologist with over nine years of professional and academic experience in research, field, and laboratory procedures throughout Southern California. Her experience includes research, technical report preparation within the framework of the NHPA and CEQA, survey, site evaluation, and mitigation through data recovery and monitoring. Ms. Porras has considerable experience working independently as well as part of productive teams and has acted as field lead on multiple CRM projects in Southern California. Ms. Porras completed her M. A. in Applied Archaeology from California State University, San Bernardino, which included the completion of a master's thesis involving comparative analysis of late prehistoric resource use in the Salton Basin of the Colorado Desert. Ms. Porras has presented the results of her master's thesis to academic audiences including the annual 2017 conference of the Society for California Archaeology. Ms. Porras is a Registered Professional Archaeologist 17082 and a member of the Society for California Archaeology

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Associate Archaeologist and Field Director: Riverside University Health Services (RUHS), Riverside County, CA 2018. Conducted archaeological monitoring spot checks of ground disturbing construction activities associated with RUHS expansion and upgrades.

Associate Archaeologist and Field Director: Downtown Perris Training Center, Riverside County, CA 2018. Performed a cultural resources records search and pedestrian survey of two parcels in downtown Perris, CA. *Client: City of Perris (3 days)*

Associate Archaeologist and Field Director: Archaeological Monitoring for Street Widening at 32151 Del Obispo Street, Orange County, CA 2017-2018. Conducted archaeological monitoring and co-authored a letter report summarizing the results and recommendations of the cultural resources monitoring effort during ground disturbing activities associated with potholing for utilities and trenching for pipeline relocation for the road widening of Del Obispo Street in San Juan Capistrano, CA. *Client: SoCalGas (1 week.)*

Associate Archaeologist: El Horno Street Project, Orange County, CA 2018. Co-authored a letter report summarizing the results and recommendations of the cultural resources monitoring efforts associated with pipeline repairs in the City of San Juan Capistrano, CA. *Client: SoCalGas (1 week)*

Associate Archaeologist: Archaeological Monitoring for Line 3000, San Bernardino County, CA 2017-2018. Associate Archaeologist. Co-authored a letter report summarizing the results and recommendations of the cultural resources monitoring effort for multiple pipeline repairs within the right-of-way of Line 3000 on Bureau of Land Management managed land near Needles, CA. Completed DPR forms associated with the recordation of a historic site. *Client: SoCalGas, Bureau of Land Management. (1 month)*



PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Associate Archaeologist: 1530 West Cameron, Los Angeles County, CA 2018. Performed a cultural resources records search, Native American scoping, and summarized the results in the cultural resources section of the Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration. *Client: City of West Covina, CA. (1 month)*

Associate Archaeologist: 780-808 Francesca Drive Residential Project, Los Angeles County, CA 2018. Conducted a cultural resources records search and initiated a Sacred Lands File (SLF) search through the Native American Heritage Commission. Prepared draft consultation letters and instructions and provided them to the City for use in consultation in accordance with SB 18 and AB 52. *Client: City of Walnut, CA. (2 weeks)*

Associate Archaeologist: SL 42 46-Inch relocate and Replacement Project, Orange County, CA 2018. Co-authored a letter report summarizing the results of archaeological and Native American monitoring efforts associated with the relocation of pipeline prior to the larger San Diego Freeway (Interstate 405 [I-405] Improvement Project. *Client: The Southern California Gas Company, City of Seal Beach, CA. (2 weeks)*

Associate Archaeologist: Tentative Tract 5961 Voelker Subdivision, Ventura County, CA 2018. Performed a cultural resources records search, prepared draft consultation letters and instruction for meaningful consultation in accordance with SB 18 and AB 52 and provided them to the City of use in government to government consultation.

Associate Archaeologist: Moorpark Rail Depot, Ventura County, CA 2018. Performed a cultural resources records search of the project site and vicinity and initiated a Sacred Lands File (SLF) search through the Native American Heritage Commission. Prepared draft consultation letters and instructions and provided them to the City for use in consultation in accordance with AB 52. *Client: City of Moorpark, CA (1 month)*

Associate Archaeologist and Field Director: Perris Valley Pipeline Extension, Riverside County, CA 2018. Performed a cultural resources records search and pedestrian survey. *Client: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, City of Perris, CA. (1 week)*

Associate Archaeologist and Field Director: Nuevo Road Bridge Crossing, Riverside County, CA 2018. Performed a cultural resources records search, Native American scoping, a pedestrian survey, recordation of historic resources, and co-authored a technical report summarizing the results and recommendations. *Client: City of Perris, CA. (3 months)*

Associate Archaeologist and Field Director: Alabassi Commercial Center, Riverside County, CA 2018. Performed archaeological and paleontological monitoring during ground disturbing activities associated with construction of a commercial center. *Client: Alabassi Construction, City of Perris, CA. (3 days)*

Associate Archaeologist and Field Director: Trumble Road Open Pit Restoration Project, Riverside County, CA 2018. Performed a cultural resources records search of the project site and conducted an archaeological walk through of the 9-acre project site. *Client: North Pacific Developments, Inc., City of Menifee, CA. (1 week)*

Associate Archaeologist and Field Director: Proposed Perris Mobile Home Park, Riverside County, CA 2018. Performed a cultural resources records search, initial Native American scoping, a pedestrian survey, and co-authored a technical report summarizing the results and recommendations. *Client: Maria Jimenez; City of Perris, CA. (1 month)*

Associate Archaeologist: Cabazon Solar Energy Center Project, unincorporated Riverside County, CA 2018. Performed a cultural resources records search and initiated a Sacred Lands File (SLF) search through the Native American Heritage Commission and summarized the results in a cultural resources constraints analysis. *Client: Cabazon Solar Energy Center, LLC, Cabazon, CA. (1 week)*

Associate Archaeologist and Field Director: Rice Construction Coachella Brands, Riverside County, CA 2018. Provided a proposal for scope of work associated with a cultural resources site assessment, conducted a pedestrian survey, and summarized the results and recommendations in a letter report. *Client: Rice Construction, Inc., City of Coachella, CA. (1 week)*

Associate Archaeologist and Field Director: New Non-Potable Water Connections, Riverside County, CA 2017-2018. Conducted a cultural resources records search, Native American consultation, a pedestrian survey, and co-authored a



technical report summarizing the results and recommendations. *Client: Coachella Valley Water District, City of Palm Desert, CA. (6 months)*

Associate Archaeologist: Palos Verdes Reservoir Upgrades Project, Los Angeles County, 2017. Co-authored a letter report summarizing the results and recommendations of the cultural resources monitoring effort in a Negative Findings Memorandum for the Palos Verdes Reservoir Upgrades in the City of Rolling Hills Estates in Los Angeles County. *Client: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. (1 week)*

Associate Archaeologist and Field Director: Coachella Brands Project, Riverside County, CA 2017. Performed a cultural resources records search, initial Native American scoping, a pedestrian survey, and co-authored a technical report summarizing the results and recommendations. *Client: Coachella Brands Inc., City of Coachella, CA. (1 month)*

Associate Archaeologist and Field Director: Wyndham Hill Project, Riverside County, CA 2017. Performed a cultural resources records search, initial Native American scoping, a pedestrian survey, and co-authored a technical report summarizing the results and recommendations. *Client: Jim and Debbie Guthrie; City of Riverside, CA. (6 weeks)*

Associate Archaeologist and Field Director: Goddard School Project, San Bernardino County, CA 2017. Performed a cultural resources records search, initial Native American scoping, a pedestrian survey, and co-authored a technical report summarizing the results and recommendations. *Client: City of Chino Hills, CA. (1 month)*

Associate Archaeologist and Field Director: Sierra Altas Project KKG, Euclid and 8th San Bernardino County, CA 2017. Performed archaeological and paleontological monitoring and regular spot checks of ground disturbing activities associated with construction activities. *Client: City of Upland, CA. (3 months)*

Volunteer Archaeological Crew Member: The Agua Santa Project: Socio-Political Development on the California Channel Islands, Santa Cruz Island, Ventura County, CA, 2016. Participated in site survey and mapping using a Trimble Global Positioning System (GPS), performed archaeological excavations for the collection of contextual and chronological data suitable for AMS dating, processed column samples using flotation methods for the collection of small and fragile material, and maintained detailed field notes. Work conducted as part of the academic research directed by Dr. Amy Gusick, Director of the Applied Archaeology Graduate Program at California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB). Funded by the Department of Anthropology at CSUSB. *(1 week)*

Cultural Resources Intern: Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians, Riverside County, CA, 2016: Reviewed reports for proposed projects; assisted ongoing research through academic literature review; sorted and identified artifacts for curation using *Past Perfect* electronic cataloging procedures (9 months).

Lead Archaeological Field Technician: Chuckwalla Guest Ranch Project, Riverside County, CA, 2016. Performed archaeological survey, assessment and recording of historical archaeological features associated with the area's use as the Desert Training Center during World War II. *Client: Chuckwalla Raceway. (1 week)*

Lead Archaeological and Paleontological Monitor: Perris Valley Line, Metrolink, Riverside County Transportation Commission, Riverside County, CA, 2013-2016. Conducted paleontological and archaeological monitoring for construction of four new stations, upgrading associated track and utility relocations for the 24-mile extension of the Metrolink 91 Line to extend the Metrolink connection from Riverside through Moreno Valley to Perris. *Client: Subcontractor to HDR Engineering. (12+ months)*

Lead Archaeological/ Paleontological Monitor: Sentinel Power Plant, Southern California Edison, Riverside County, CA, 2013. Performed archaeological and paleontological monitoring services during ground disturbing activities north of the City of Palm Springs. *Client: Southern California Edison. (2 weeks)*

Lead Archaeological Monitor: Devers-Mirage 115-KV System Split Project, Southern California Edison, Riverside County, CA, 2011. Performed cultural resources mitigation monitoring during ground disturbing activities for electrical systems upgrade in Cathedral City, Indian Wells, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, Thousand Palms and unincorporated Riverside County. *Client: Southern California Edison. (1 week)*

Lead Archaeological and Paleontological Monitor: Fogarty Substation, Southern California Edison, Riverside County, CA, 2010-2011. Performed cultural paleontological resources mitigation monitoring during ground disturbing activities



in Lake Elsinore. Independently recovered fossils in the field and attended daily construction meetings. *Client: Southern California Edison. (7 months)*

Lead Archaeological/Paleontological Monitor: Equinox DSP Rush Project, Southern California Edison, Riverside County, CA, 2011. Performed cultural resources mitigation monitoring during ground disturbing activities during ground disturbing activities associated with construction of a power pole line near Menifee. *Client: Southern California Edison. (3 weeks)*

Lead Archaeological/Paleontological Monitor: Doble 33-kV Transmission Line Emergency Repair, Southern California Edison, San Bernardino National Forest, CA, 2011. Independently performed emergency, on-call archaeological and paleontological monitoring of ground disturbing activities in the San Bernardino National Forest. *Client: Southern California Edison. (1 week)*

Archaeological/Paleontological Monitor: Daggett II, Southern California Edison, San Bernardino County, CA, 2011. Performed archaeological, and paleontological, monitoring during ground disturbing activities for the 225-acre Human External Cargo Helicopter Training Facilities Project in Daggett. *Client: Southern California Edison. (1 week)*

Lead Archaeological Field Technician: Leatherneck Substation Project, Southern California Edison, San Bernardino County, CA, 2012. Independently performed an intensive cultural resources survey of pulling stations near Twenty-Nine Palms. *Client: Southern California Edison. (1 week)*

Lead Archaeological Field Technician: Falcon Ridge Substation and Transmission Lines, Southern California Edison, San Bernardino County, CA, 2010. Performed archaeological survey, assessment and recording of historical archaeological features on 287 acres in Fontana and Rialto. *Client: Southern California Edison. (2 weeks)*

Lead Archaeological and Paleontological Monitor: Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project, Segments 1- 3, Southern California Edison, Los Angeles and Kern Counties, CA, 2008-2009. Independently performed paleontological monitoring during ground disturbing activities and attended daily safety meetings. Performed supplemental surveys and site recordation. *Client: Southern California Edison. (10 months)*

Archaeological Crew Member: Playa Vista Archaeological and Historical Project, Los Angeles County, CA, (2008). Sorted and cataloged archaeological artifacts for curation and repatriation. *(3 months)*

Senior Archaeological Field Technician: San Bernardino National Forest (SBNF) near Big Bear, CA, San Bernardino County, CA, (2008). Conducted pedestrian survey of controlled burn areas; identified and recorded historic and prehistoric cultural resources using standardized forms; photographed cultural resources and maintained detailed field notes. *Client: San Bernardino National Forest. (2 weeks)*

Senior Field Technician: Genesis Solar Project, near Ford Dry Lake, CA, Riverside County, CA, (2007). Conducted intensive pedestrian survey; identified and recorded cultural resources using standardized forms. *Client: Genesis Solar. (2 weeks)*

Undergraduate Research Assistant for Dr. Catherine Fowler: Department of Anthropology, University of Nevada Reno, NV, (2003-2004). Compiled an ethno-botanical database using university and online resources; facilitated database sharing between university professors; digitized hand written field notes. *Client: University of Nevada Reno (8 months)*

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter at the Society for California Archaeology 2017 Annual Meeting; Symposium 9; *Environmental Diversity and Resource Use in the Salton Basin*
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2017 *Environmental Diversity and Resource Use in the Salton Basin Of The Colorado Desert" Electronic Theses, Projects, and Dissertations. 526.*
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Appendix B

Record Search Results (Confidential)

Appendix C

Dokken Engineering Cultural Resources Memorandum

CULTURAL RESOURCES MEMORANDUM
for the
Avenue 66 Domestic Water Transmission Main

Company:	Coachella Valley Water District
Attention:	Dan Ruiz, Engineering Manager
From:	Brian Marks, Environmental Planner/Archaeologist, Dokken Engineering
Subject:	Cultural Resources Memorandum, Avenue 66 Domestic Water Transmission Main (DW1617)
Date:	December 26, 2018

Dokken Engineering has conducted an assessment of cultural resources associated with the Avenue 66 Domestic Water Transmission Main, located along Avenue 66 from State Route 86 to Lincoln Street, in the unincorporated community of Mecca, Riverside County, California (see **Figures 1 and 2**). Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) is proposing to construct a domestic water transmission main. Funding for this project will be from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) in accordance with the Operating Agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and requires approval under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). CDVW requested environmental documentation to determine whether the Project Area contains sensitive cultural resources. In order to comply with Section 106, Dokken Engineering, on behalf of the Coachella Valley Water District, conducted a records search, archival research, Native American scoping, and a field survey in an effort to identify historic properties which may be affected by the proposed project.

Project Description

The proposed Avenue 66 Domestic Water Transmission Main will provide the community of Mecca and Eastern Coachella Valley with a secondary source water supply by installing a 30-inch-diameter transmission pipeline. The proposed alignment of the pipeline parallels Avenue 66 (State Route 111) along the north shoulder from west of State Route 86 to just west of Lincoln Street. At the intersection of Avenue 66 and State Route 111, the proposed pipeline alignment will traverse the boundaries of the Mecca Travel Center to avoid boring under the Arco Gas Station. CVWD will obtain a 20-foot-strip easement for the pipeline from property owners north of Avenue 66. Pipeline construction may consist of both open trench and subsurface boring.

The proposed 30-inch-diameter pipeline is approximately 1 mile long and will connect from a proposed 30 inch diameter pipeline constructed as part of the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project to a future 30 inch diameter pipeline located on the west side of Highway 86 at Buchanan

Street. The proposed project is part of a Strategic Initiative project that will eventually construct a 3 mile long critical pipeline from Polk Street for CVWD's customers in the Mecca area.

The pipeline will be installed with a minimum of four feet of earthen cover. Vertical deflections and restrained joints will be installed where the proposed pipeline crosses any other utilities including irrigation mains, agricultural drain lines, storm drain culverts, and buried telephone lines. The pipeline will be placed in polyethylene wrap to protect the pipeline from the mildly corrosive soils.

Regulatory Context

The NHPA of 1966 is the primary Federal legislation which outlines the Federal government's responsibility to cultural resources. More specifically, Section 106 of the NHPA and its implementing regulations located at 36 CFR Part 800, outline the Federal government's responsibility in identifying and evaluating cultural resources. Other applicable Federal cultural resources laws and regulations that could apply include, but are not limited to, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA).

Section 106 of the NHPA requires the Federal government to take into account the effects of an undertaking on cultural resources listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) and afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation a reasonable opportunity to comment. Those resources that are on or eligible for inclusion in the National Register are referred to as historic properties. The 36 CFR Part 800 regulations describe the Section 106 process. They outline the steps the Federal agency takes to identify cultural resources and the level of effect that the proposed undertaking would have on historic properties.

It is the initiating of an undertaking that begins the Section 106 process. Once an undertaking is initiated, the Federal agency must first determine if the action is the type of action that has the potential to affect historic properties, should such properties be present. If the action is the type of action that has the potential to affect historic properties, the Federal agency must; 1) identify the APE, 2) determine if historic properties are present within that APE, 3) determine the effect that the undertaking would have on historic properties, and 4) consult with the California State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to seek concurrence on Federal agencies findings. In addition, the Federal agency is required through the Section 106 process to consult with Indian Tribes concerning the identification of sites of religious or cultural significance, and to consult with individuals or groups who are entitled to be consulting parties or have requested to be consulting parties. If the undertaking would result in adverse effects to historic properties, these adverse effects must be resolved in consultation with the SHPO and other parties identified during the Section 106 process before the undertaking can proceed to implementation.

As the proposed project requires the compliance with NEPA, the project is subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Description of the Area of Potential Effects

The area of potential effects (APE) consists of 44 acres of largely undeveloped lands. The APE was established as the area that might be subject to ground-disturbing activities associated with construction of the proposed project. The APE extends adjacent to State Route 111/Avenue 66,

where the west end of the APE is located at Buchanan Street, and the east end of the APE is located roughly 400 feet east of Lincoln Street. All proposed domestic water transmission main work, including cut and fill limits and staging areas, would take place within the APE boundary, as depicted on Figure 2.

The vertical APE varies according to the location and proposed work within the various areas of the APE. Along the State Route 111/Avenue 66, the vertical APE extends approximately 3-5 feet below ground to accommodate the trenching, and 8-10 feet where the waterline crosses under State Route 86 with subsurface borings.

Records Search

A records search was conducted at the Eastern Information Center (EIC) located at the Department of Anthropology, University of California, Riverside, on December 14, 2018, by Dokken Engineering Archaeologist Brian Marks. The EIC is the local branch of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS). Cultural resource maps at the EIC were checked for possible prehistoric and historic resources previously recorded within and adjacent to the project area. To supplement the CHRIS data, a review was conducted of the National Register of Historic Places Index, Office of Historic Preservation Directory of Properties, and historic USGS topographic maps. BLM GLO Land Patent records were also examined.

A number of cultural resources have been recorded within a half-mile of the APE; however, no cultural resources have been recorded within the APE.

Native American Consultation

Consultation with the Native American Heritage Commission and Native American Tribal Governments regarding the different alignment associated with this current project was conducted. Letters were sent to the following Tribal Governments:

- Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Augustine Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians
- Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
- Cahuilla Band of Indians
- Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians
- Morongo Band of Mission Indians
- Ramona Band of Mission Indians
- Santa Rosa Band of Mission Indians
- Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

To date, no response from any of the tribes has been received.

Field Methods and Results

A pedestrian inspection survey was conducted at the project site on March 26, 2018 within the APE. A visual inspection of the exposed soils was also conducted to determine the likelihood of buried cultural resources within the APE. No evidence of cultural resources within the APE was discovered during the pedestrian surveys.

Detailed Conclusion

Based on the field survey and research, it is not anticipated that the proposed Project will result in any impacts to cultural resources. The field survey did not identify any potential cultural resources and the record search did not reveal any previously recorded cultural resources within the APE; therefore, no further investigations or mitigation are recommended for the proposed project. However, if any cultural resources are identified during grading activities, a qualified archaeologist should be retained to assess the significance of the find, pursuant to 36 CFR §800.13.

If human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony are found, all project work will cease and a BIA archaeologist and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians will be notified immediately. Following the federal provisions outlined under 43 CFR §10.4(b) and (e) regarding inadvertent discoveries on tribal lands, within three days of notification, the BIA and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians will 1) certify receipt of the notification; 2) take immediate steps to secure and protect inadvertently discovered human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony, including, as appropriate, stabilization or covering; 3) if the human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony must be excavated or removed, follow the requirements and procedures in 43 CFR §10.3(b); and 4) ensure that disposition of all inadvertently discovered human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony is carried out following 43 CFR §10.6.

Attachments:

Figure 1: Project Vicinity

Figure 2: Area of Potential Effects

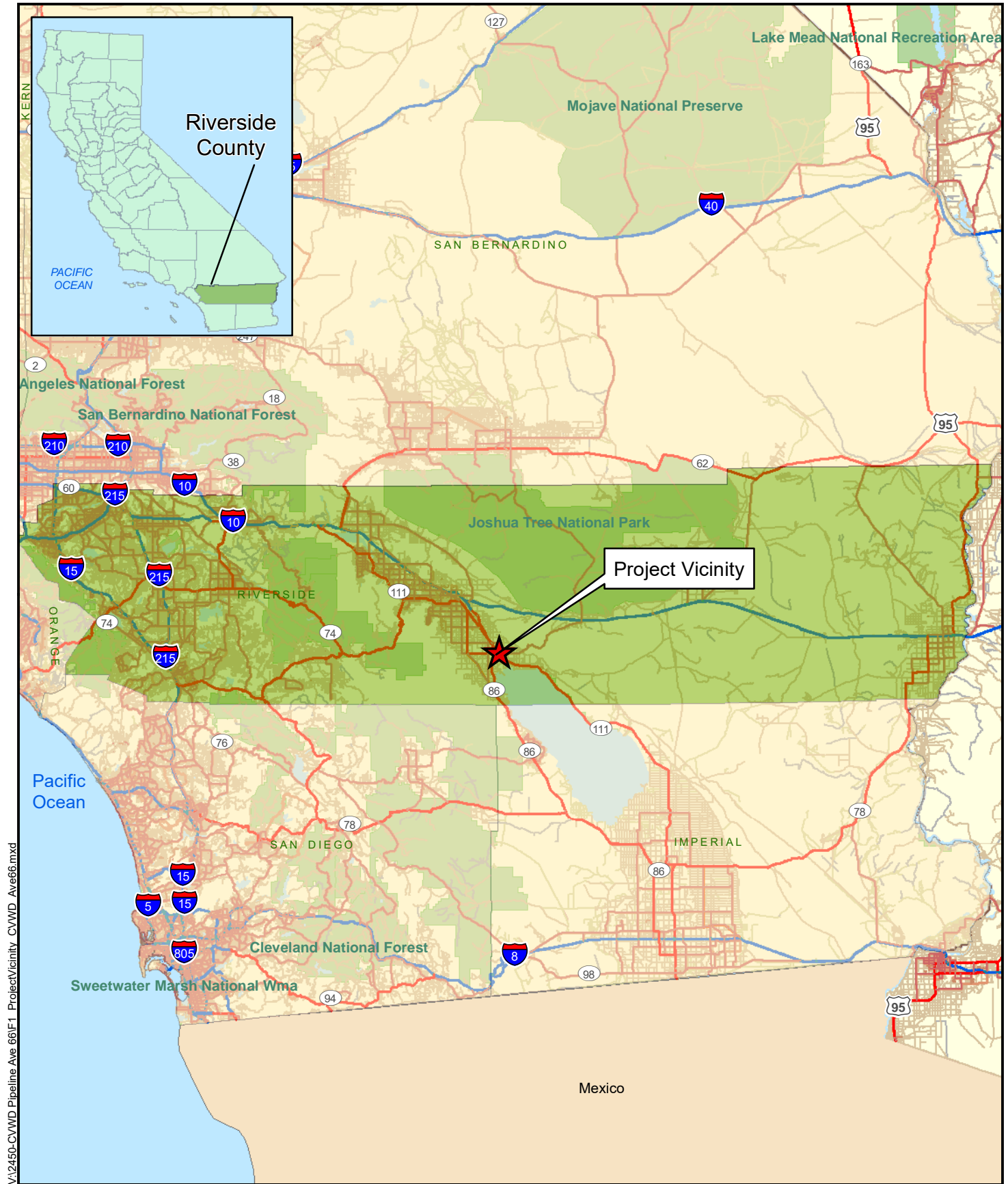
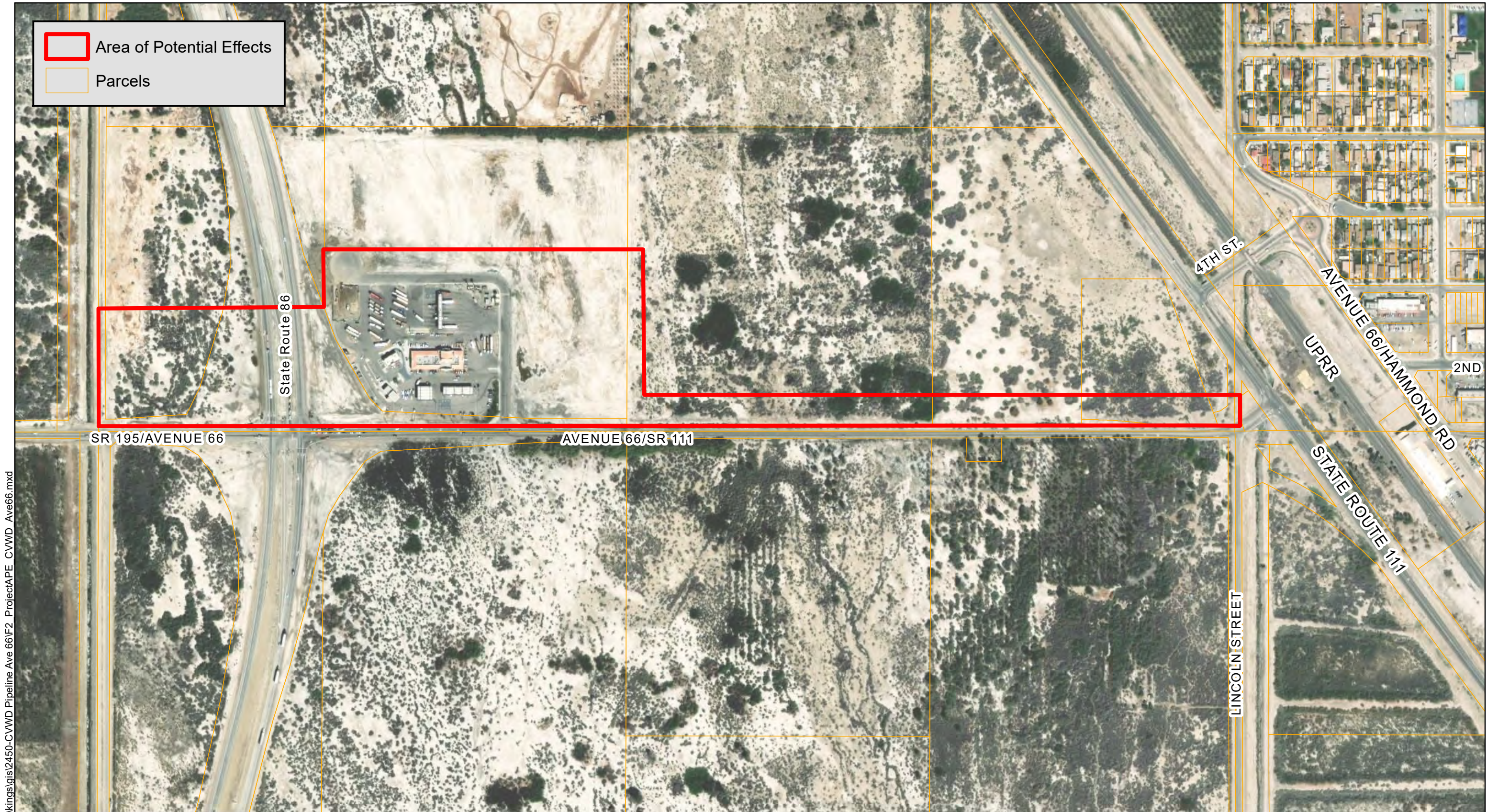


FIGURE 1
Project Vicinity
 Avenue 66 Domestic Water Transmission Main
 Community of Mecca, Riverside County, California



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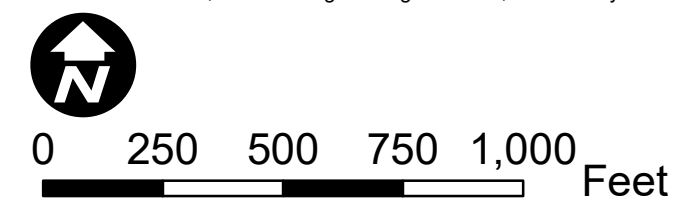


FIGURE 2
Area of Potential Effects
 Avenue 66 Domestic Water Transmission Main
 Community of Mecca, Riverside County, California

Appendix D

Native American Consultation



Native American Contact Table
CVWD ECVWSP St. Anthony, 18-067901, Mecca, Riverside County, California

Native American Contact	Tribal Affiliation	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date and Method of Initial Contact	Date and Method of Follow Up Contact	Results
Jeff Grubbe, Chairperson	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (ACBCI)	5401 Dinah Shore Drive Palm Springs, CA 92264	760-699-6800	1/22/2019; letter	N/A	1/25/19 Rincon received a letter from Lacy Padilla, Archaeological Technician for the ACBCI Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), stating the project is not located in the boundaries of the ACBCI Reservation but is in the Tribe's Traditional Use Area. ACBCI THPO requests to defer to Torres Martinez and concluding the consultation efforts.
Patricia Garcia-Plotkin, Director	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	5401 Dinah Shore Drive Palm Springs, CA, 92264	760-699-6907	1/22/2019; letter	N/A	1/25/19 Rincon received a letter from Lacy Padilla, Archaeological Technician for the ACBCI Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), stating the project is not located in the boundaries of the ACBCI Reservation but is in the Tribe's Traditional Use Area. ACBCI THPO requests to defer to Torres Martinez and concluding the consultation efforts.
Amanda Vance, Chairperson	Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians	P.O. Box 846 Coachella, Ca 92236	760-398-4722	1/22/2019; letter	2/20/2019; phone call	2/20/2019 Ms. Vance responded stating the Tribe did not have any specific information on cultural resources in the project area and encouraged Rincon contact other Tribes in the area for info and to contract with a monitor who is qualified in Native American cultural resources identification to be present onsite.



Native American Contact	Tribal Affiliation	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date and Method of Initial Contact	Date and Method of Follow Up Contact	Results
Doug Welmas, Chairperson	Cabazon Band of Mission Indians	84-245 Indio Springs Parkway Indio, CA 92203	760-342-2593	1/22/2019; letter	2/20/2019; phone call 2/22/2019; phone call	2/20/2019 Rincon left a voice message (no response) 2/22/2019 Rincon left a voice message (no response) 2/28/2019 Received letter from Judy Stapp, Director of Cultural Affairs for the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, stated that the project is outside of the Tribe's current reservation boundaries. The Tribe had no specific information on the project area to indicate it may be a sacred/religious site or other site of Native American traditional cultural value.
Daniel Salgado, Chairperson	Cahuilla Band of Indians	52701 U.S. Highway 371 Anza, CA 92539	951-763-5549	1/22/2019; letter	2/20/2019; phone call	2/20/2019 Transferred to cultural director Bobby Ray who stated that he did not have any specific knowledge of cultural resources in the area and would like to defer to Torres Martinez.
Charles Wood, Chairperson	Chemehuevi Indian Reservation	P.O. Box 1976 1990 Palo Verde Drive, Havasu Lake, CA, 92363	760-858-4219	1/22/2019; letter	2/20/2019; phone call 2/22/2019; phone call	2/20/2019 Rincon was unable to leave a voice message with the number provided. 2/22/2019 Mr. Wood stated that the Tribe did not have any specific information or concerns and would like to defer to Tribes closer to the project area.



Native American Contact	Tribal Affiliation	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date and Method of Initial Contact	Date and Method of Follow Up Contact	Results
Dennis Patch, Chairman	Colorado River Indian Tribes	26600 Mojave Road, Parker, AZ, 85344	928-669-9211	1/22/2019; letter	2/20/2019; phone call 2/22/2019; phone call	2/20/2019 Rincon left a voice message (no response) 2/22/2019 Rincon left a voice message (no response) 3/5/2019 Received letter from the Colorado River Indian Tribe's (CRIT) THPO requested that all prehistoric cultural resources, including both known and yet-to-be-discovered sites, be avoided. If avoidance of the site is infeasible, then the THPO requested the resources be left <i>in situ</i> or reburied in a nearby area after consultation. In addition, they requested that the CRIT THPO be notified within 48 hours of discovering any human remains or objects subject to provision of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, or cultural resources such as sites, trials, and artifacts.



Native American Contact	Tribal Affiliation	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date and Method of Initial Contact	Date and Method of Follow Up Contact	Results
Shane Chapparosa, Chairperson	Los Coyotes Band of Mission Indians	P. O. Box 189 Warner Springs, CA, 92086	760-782-0711	1/22/2019 Rincon sent a letter	2/20/2019 phone call 2/22/2019 phone call and email 2/25/2019; email 2/26/2019; email	2/20/2019 Rincon spoke with the receptionist who said Shane Chapparosa is no longer a chairperson and provided the email address for the new Director, Jacob Norte, dwillisloscoyoteseпа@gmail.com She requested that Rincon forward a copy of the letter the email address. Rincon sent the letter to the provided address. 2/22/2019 Rincon was unable to leave a voice message; sent a follow-up email to the address provided. 2/26/2019 Rincon received email response from Dorothy Willis, Los Coyotes Environmental, who stated that she had discussed the project with Jacob Norte and he had no comments on the project.
John Perada, Environmental Director	Los Coyotes Band of Mission Indians	P. O. Box 189 Warner Springs, CA, 92086	760-782- 0712	1/22/2019; letter	2/20/2019;phone call and email 2/22/2019; phone call 2/25/2019; email 2/26/2019; email	2/20/2019 Rincon spoke with the receptionist who said John Perada is no longer the Environmental Director and provided the email address for the new Director, Jacob Norte, dwillisloscoyoteseпа@gmail.com She requested that Rincon forward a copy of the letter the email address. Rincon sent the letter to the provided address. 2/22/2019 Rincon was unable to leave a voice message; sent a follow-up email to the address provided 2/26/2019 Rincon received email response from Dorothy Willis, Los Coyotes Environmental, who stated that she had discussed the project with Jacob Norte and he had no comments on the project.



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Denisa Torres, Cultural Resources Manager	Morongo Band of Mission Indians	12700 Pumarra Road Banning, CA, 92220	951-849-8807	1/22/2019; letter	N/A	2/4/2019 Rincon received a letter from Travis Armstrong, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, who stated that the Tribe has no additional information to provide at this time and will likely defer to other tribes in the area once formal government-to-government consultation is initiated by the lead agency for the project.
Robert Martin, Chairperson	Morongo Band of Mission Indians	12700 Pumarra Road Banning, CA 92220	951-849-8807	1/22/2019; letter	N/A	2/4/2019 Rincon received a letter from Travis Armstrong, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, who stated that the Tribe has no additional information to provide at this time and will likely defer to other tribes in the area once formal government-to-government consultation is initiated by the lead agency for the project.
Joseph Hamilton	Ramona Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians	P.O. Box 391670 Anza, CA, 92539	951-763-4105	1/22/2019; letter	2/20/2019; phone call 2/22/2019; phone call and email	2/20/2019 Rincon spoke with the receptionist who stated that she would like us to forward a copy of the letter to the jgomez@ramona-nsn.gov Rincon sent an email to the provided address. 2/22/2019 Rincon left a voice message and sent a follow-up email (no response).
John Gomez, Environmental Coordinator	Ramona Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians	P. O. Box 391670 Anza, CA, 92539	951-763-4105	1/22/2019; letter	2/20/2019; phone call 2/22/2019; phone call and email	2/20/2019 Rincon spoke with the receptionist who stated that she would like us to forward a copy of the letter to the jgomez@ramona-nsn.gov Rincon sent an email to the provided address. 2/22/2019 Rincon left a voice message and sent a follow-up email (no response)



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Steven Estrada, Chairperson	Santa Rosa Band of Mission Indians	P.O. Box 391820 Anza, CA 92539	951-659-2700	1/22/2019; letter	2/20/2019; phone call 2/22/2019; phone call and email	2/20/2019 Rincon spoke to the receptionist who requested that we send a copy of the letter to sestrada@santarosacahuilla-nsn.gov and also cc: tribal administrator vminopt@santarosacahuilla-nsn.gov Rincon sent an email to the provided addresses 2/22/2019 Rincon left a message and sent a follow up email (no response)
Scott Cozart, Chairperson	Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians	P.O. Box 487 San Jacinto, CA, 92583	951-654-2765	1/22/2019; letter	2/20/2019; phone call	2/20/2019 Rincon left a voice message (no response) 2/20/2019 Mr. Ontiveros replied stating the Tribe would like to defer to Torres-Martinez.
Joseph Ontiveros, Cultural Resource Department	Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians	P.O. Box 487 San Jacinto, CA, 92583	951-663-5279	1/22/2019; letter	2/20/2019; phone call	2/20/2019 Mr. Ontiveros replied stating the Tribe would like to defer to Torres-Martinez.
Michael Mirelez, Cultural Resource Coordinator	Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	P.O. Box 1160 Thermal, CA 92274	760-399-0022	1/22/2019; letter	2/20/2019; phone call 2/22/2019; email	2/20/2019 Rincon spoke with Michael Mirelez who stated he was away from the office and would call back in about an hour. 2/20/2019 Michael Mirelez called back and requested that Rincon send a copy of the letter via email. Rincon sent a copy of the letter to the email address provided. 2/22/2019 Mr. Mirelez replied via email stating that the project is within and outside of their reservation and in their Tribal Traditional Use Area. The Tribe has a high concern for inadvertent discoveries and request copies of all cultural reports, formal consultation, and Tribal monitoring during all initial ground disturbance including survey and testing.



Native American Contact	Tribal Affiliation	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date and Method of Initial Contact	Date and Method of Follow Up Contact	Results
Darrell Mike, Chairperson	Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians	46-200 Harrison Place Coachella, CA 92236	760-863-2444	1/22/2019; letter	2/20/2019; phone call 2/22/2019; email (Confidential Response)	2/20/2019 Rincon spoke with Anthony Madrigal and Sarah Bliss who stated that they were going thru the correspondence and said they had already provided a response and would forward that response again. Rincon received an email from Sarah Bliss, Cultural Resources Manager, on 2/22/2019 stating that the THPO was not aware of any cultural resources or any cultural properties within the project area. The THPO had no additional concerns and derred to the comments of the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians.
Anthony Madrigal, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians	46-200 Harrison Place Coachella, CA 92236	760-775-3259	1/22/2019; letter	2/20/2019; phone call	2/20/2019 Rincon spoke with Anthony Madrigal and Sarah Bliss who stated that they were going thru the correspondence and said they had already provided a response and would forward that response again. Rincon received a letter from Sarah Bliss, Cultural Resources Manager, who stated that though the THPO is not aware of specific cultural resources in the project area, the project is in the Chemehuevi Traditional Use Area and recorded resources are in the vicinity of the project. The THPO requests the completed report from the Lead Agency for evaluation.

Sacred Lands File & Native American Contacts List Request

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Information Below is Required for a Sacred Lands File Search

Project: Saint Anthony's Small Water System Project

County: Riverside County

USGS Quadrangle Name: Valerie, CA and Mecca, CA

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Township: 7S, Range: 9E Section(s): 7, 8, 17-20

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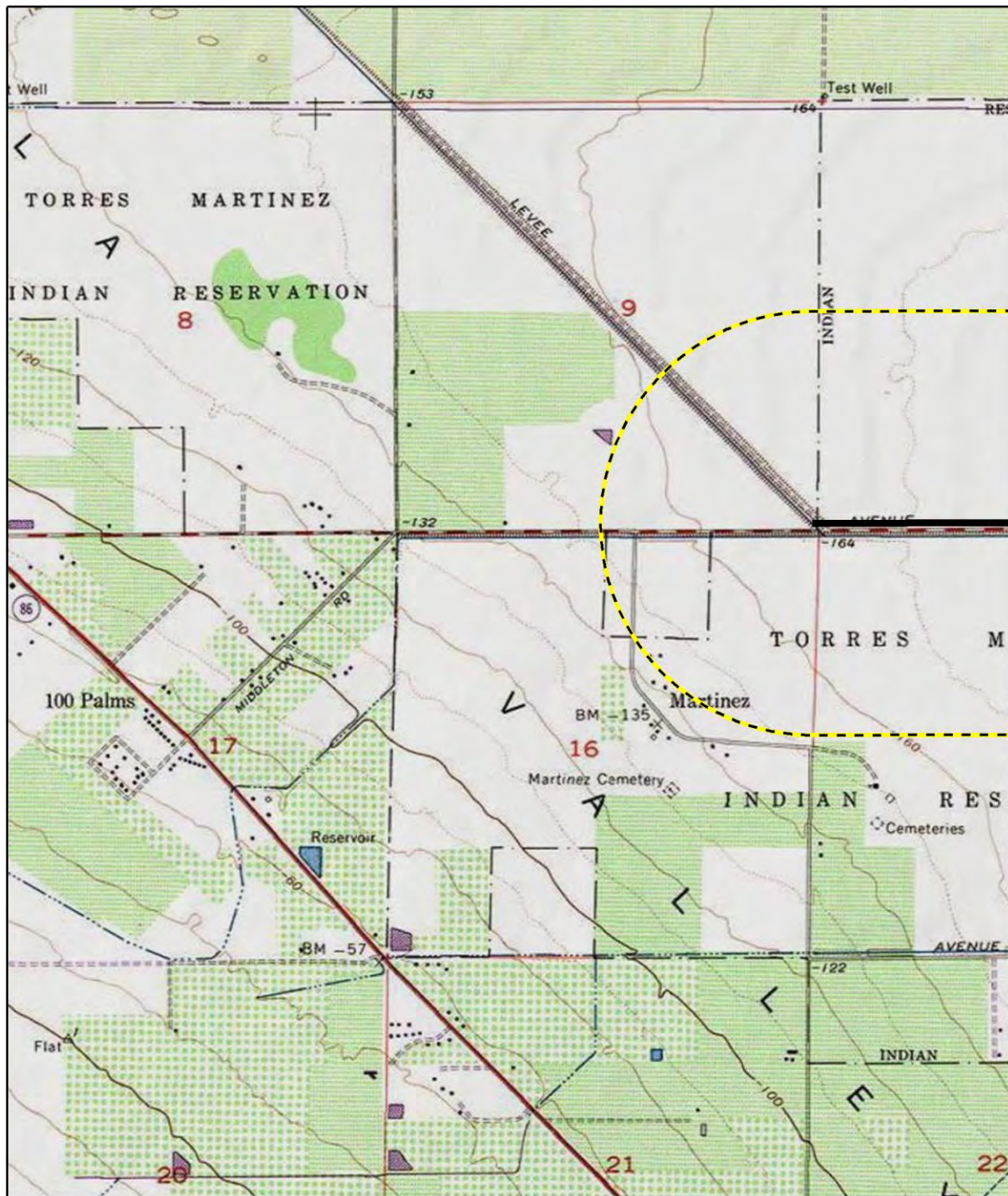
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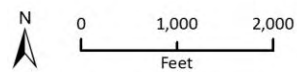
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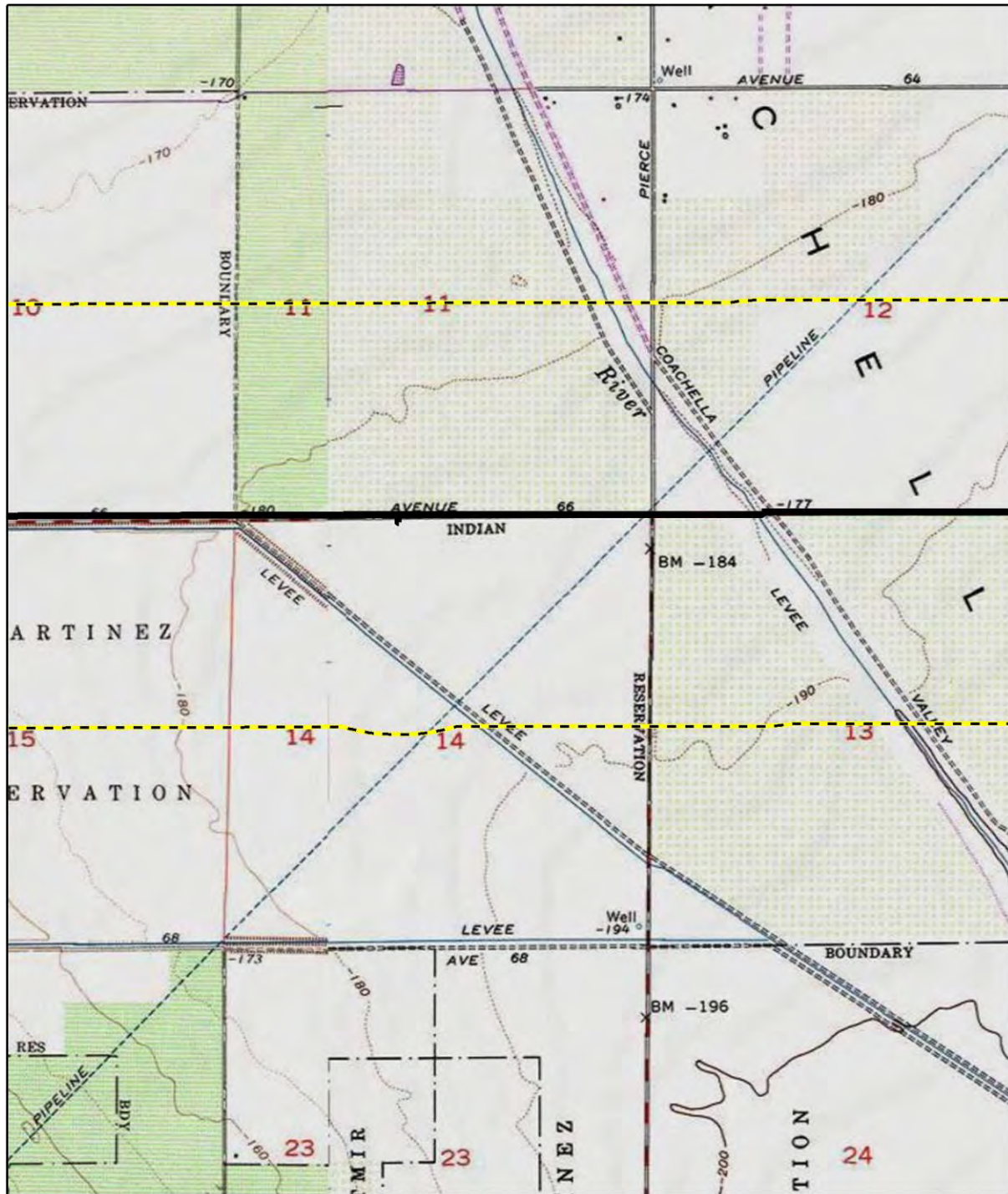
Project Description: The proposed project consists of infrastructural improvements to the small water systems associated with the Saint Anthony's mobile home community that includes eight mobile home parks near Mecca, California. The project proposes consolidating and connecting the mobile home parks to the Coachella Valley Water District's potable system. A cultural resource study is being undertaken by Rincon Consultants, Inc. There will be ground disturbance associated with the project.



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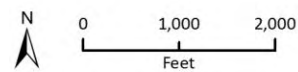
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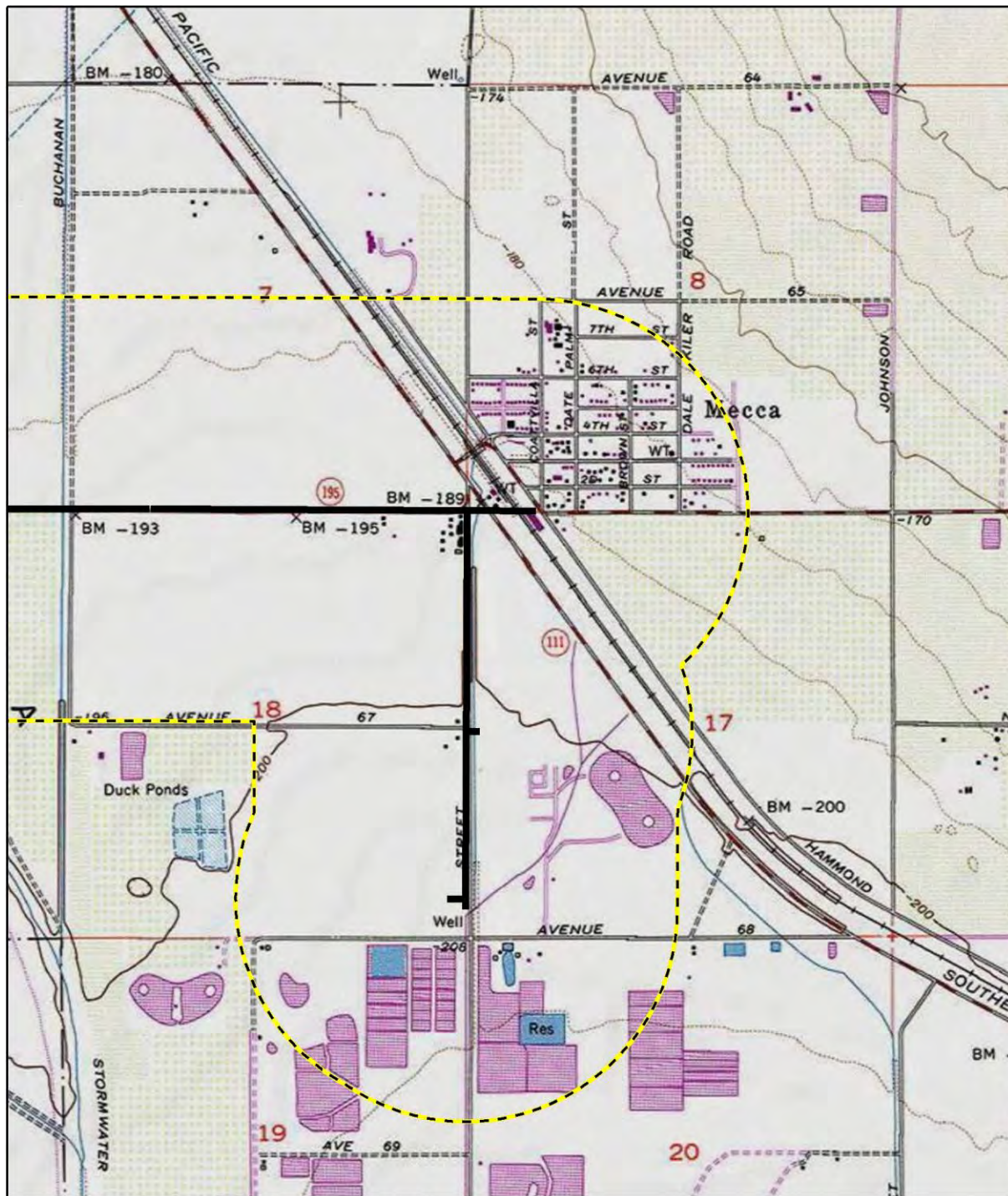




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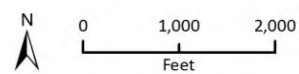
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January 17, 2019

Tiffany Clark
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VIA Email to: tclark@rinconconsultants.com

RE: Saint Anthony's Small Water System Project, Riverside County

Dear Ms. Clark:

A record search of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Sacred Lands File (SLF) was completed for the information you have submitted for the above referenced project. The results were positive. Please contact the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians on the attached list for more information. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites.

Attached is a list of Native American tribes who may also have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. This list should provide a starting place in locating areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project area. I suggest you contact all of those indicated; if they cannot supply information, they might recommend others with specific knowledge. By contacting all those listed, your organization will be better able to respond to claims of failure to consult with the appropriate tribe. If a response has not been received within two weeks of notification, the Commission requests that you follow-up with a telephone call or email to ensure that the project information has been received.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from tribes, please notify the NAHC. With your assistance, we can assure that our lists contain current information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address: steven.quinn@nahc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven Quinn".

Steven Quinn
Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Attachment

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This list is current only as of the date of this document. Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resource Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources assessment for the proposed Saint Anthony's Small Water System Project, Riverside County.

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Riverside County
1/17/2019**

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This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources assessment for the proposed Saint Anthony's Small Water System Project, Riverside County.



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January 22, 2019

John Perada, Environmental Director
Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeño Indians
P.O. Box 189
Warner Springs, CA 92086

Subject: Cultural Resources Assessment for Saint Anthony's Small Water System Project, Near the Community of Mecca, Riverside County, California

Dear Mr. Perada,

Rincon Consultants, Inc. (Rincon) has been retained to conduct a cultural resources assessment for the Saint Anthony's Small Water System Project (project). The proposed project involves the infrastructural improvements to three mobile home parks located near the community of Mecca in Riverside County. (see attached Project Location Map). The existing water systems associated with each of the mobile home parks will be consolidated and connected to the Coachella Valley Water District potable system.

The purpose of this letter is to inquire about your knowledge of potential cultural resources within the vicinity that may be impacted by project development. Rincon contacted the Native American Heritage Commission to request a Sacred Lands File (SLF) search of the project area that was returned with positive results. A records search performed of the California Historical Resources Information System identified a total of three historic-period cultural resources within the project's Area of Potential Effect. These include the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel, the Southern Pacific Railroad, and the archaeological remains of the Mecca Railroad Station. Although no known prehistoric archaeological resources have been recorded within the APE, we are aware that the results of the record search are not exhaustive and that additional cultural resources may exist within the area.

This project may involve federal funding; thus, this cultural resources study is being prepared in conformance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Rincon is assisting in the Section 106 consultation effort and we are writing to provide you with an opportunity to be involved in the Section 106 consultation process. If you or your organization has any knowledge or specific concerns regarding cultural resources in the project area, please respond by telephone at (213) 788-4842 extension 149, or by email at tclark@rinconconsultants.com. Please respond within 30 days of receipt of this letter if you are interested in consultation.

Sincerely,

Rincon Consultants, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tiffany Clark".

Tiffany Clark, PhD, RPA
Senior Archaeologist



Attached: Project Location Map

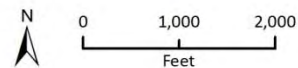


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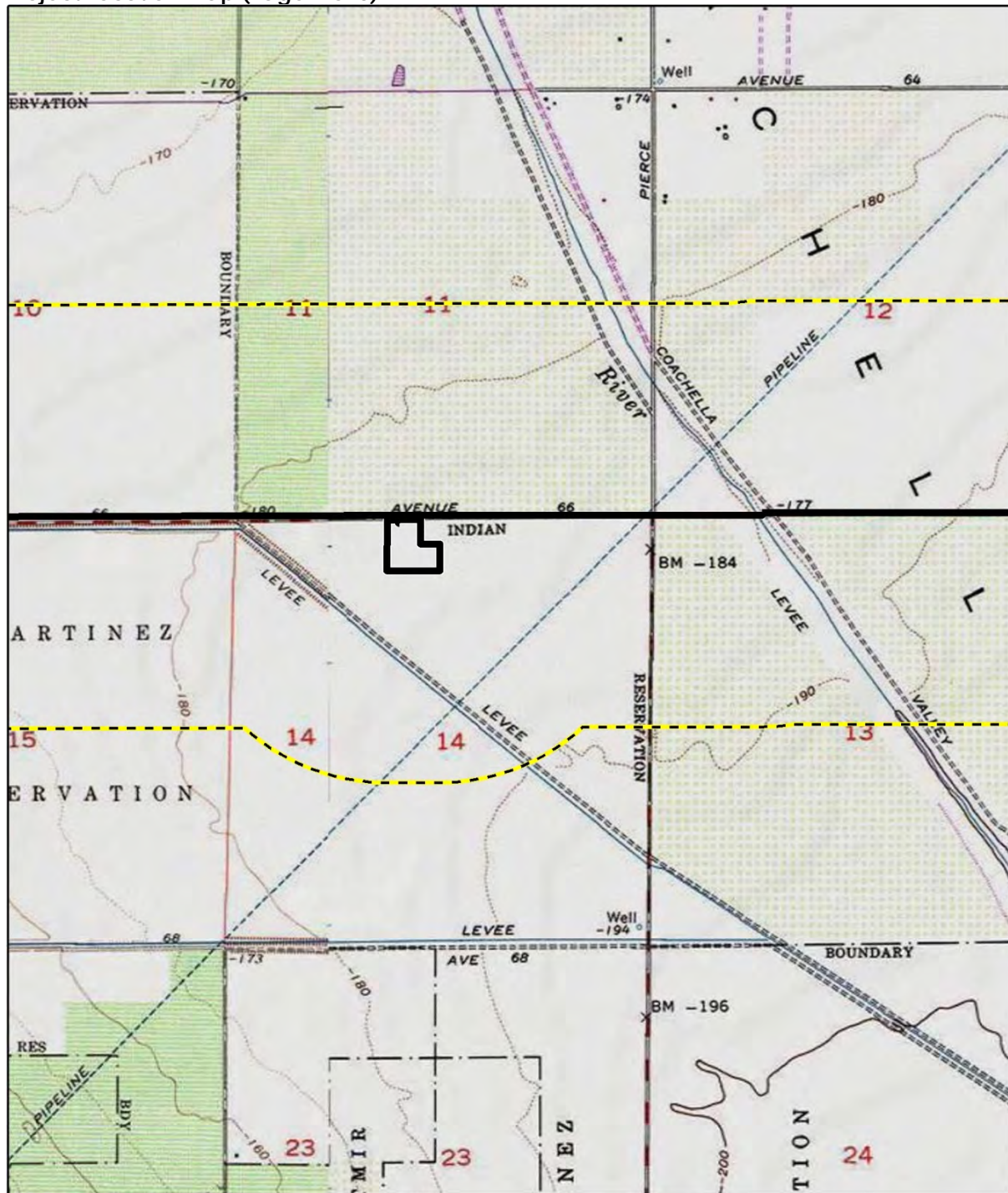
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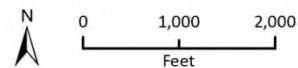


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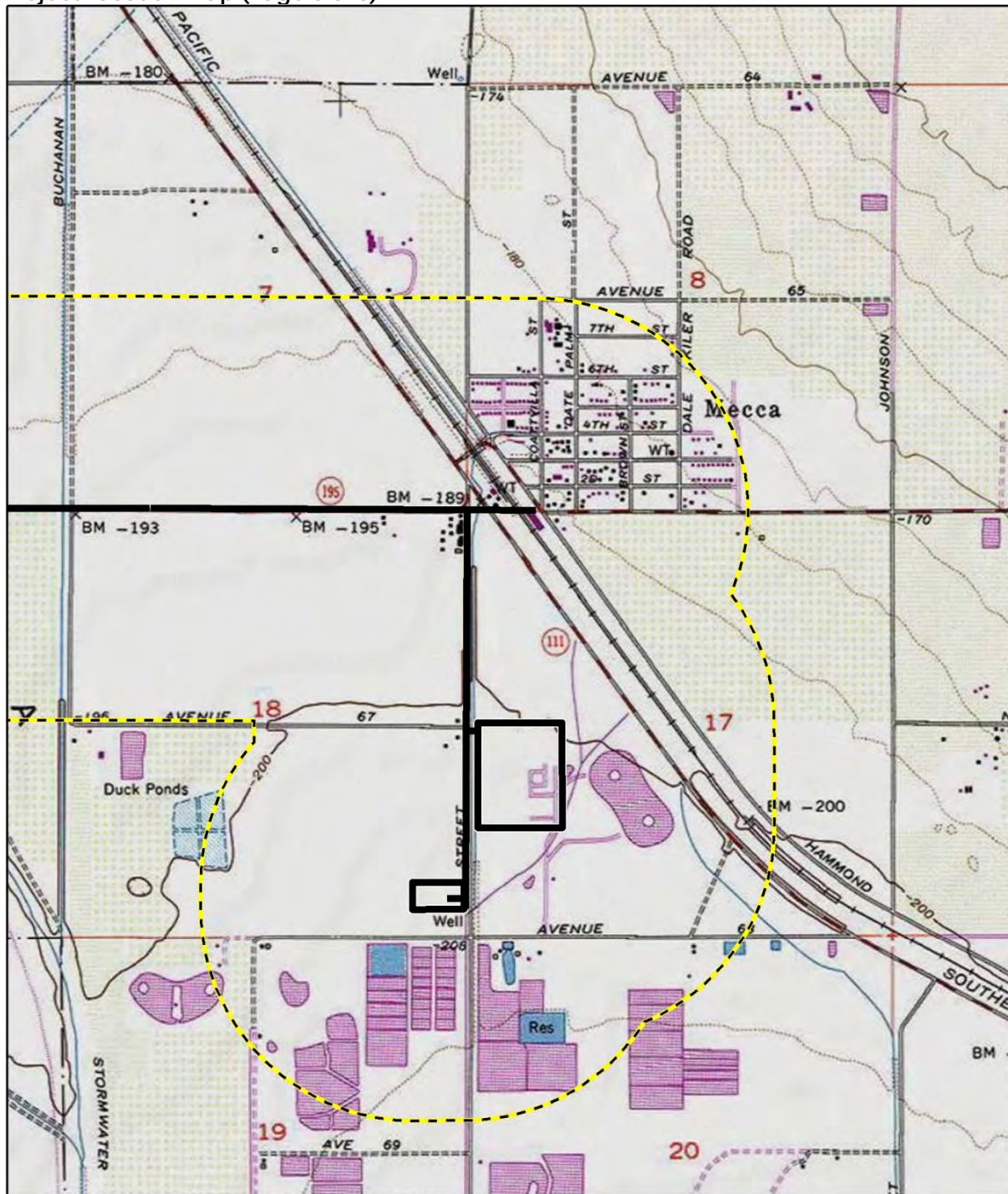
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

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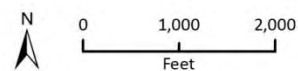


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February 22, 2019

Attn: **Lindsay A. Porras, MA, RPA, Associate Archaeologist**
Rincon Consultants, Inc.

Re: St. Anthony Small Water System Project
Mecca CA Riverside County

Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians appreciates your concern for cultural resource preservation in your project. We have reviewed the information and found that the project is located both within and outside the existing reservation, the location does fall within our Tribal Traditional Use Area. Therefore the concern for inadvertent discoveries is high for the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians. As a result, we are requesting the following:

Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians is requesting the following:

- Copies of all Cultural reports
- Formal Government to Government Consultation.
- Tribal Monitoring for all initial ground disturbing activities by a designated tribal monitor from the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians. The monitor shall be present during any ground disturbing proceedings including surveys and archaeological testing.

Please feel free contact me at your earliest convenience either by email or phone in order to make arrangements.

Respectfully,

Michael Mirelez
Cultural Resource Coordinator
Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
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AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION



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January 25, 2019

[VIA EMAIL TO: tclark@rinconconsultants.com]
Rincon Consultants, Inc.
Ms. Tiffany Clark
250 East 1st Street, Suite 201
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Saint Anthony's Small Water System

Dear Ms. Tiffany Clark,

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (ACBCI) appreciates your efforts to include the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) in the Project 1305 (APN 749-090-031) project. The project area is not located within the boundaries of the ACBCI Reservation. However, it is within the Tribe's Traditional Use Area. For this reason, the ACBCI THPO requests the following:

*At this time ACBCI defers to Torres Martinez. This letter shall conclude our consultation efforts.

Again, the Agua Caliente appreciates your interest in our cultural heritage. If you have questions or require additional information, please call me at (760)699-6956. You may also email me at ACBCI-THPO@aguacaliente.net.

Cordially,

Lacy Padilla
Archaeological Technician
Tribal Historic Preservation Office
AGUA CALIENTE BAND
OF CAHUILLA INDIANS

Tiffany Clark

From: Tribal Historic Preservation Office <thpo@morongo-nsn.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2019 10:51 AM
To: Tiffany Clark
Subject: St. Anthony's Small Water Project

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Hello,

Thank you for your letter regarding this project.

We have no additional information to provide at this time and will likely defer to other tribes in the area once formal government-to-government consultation is initiated by the lead agency for this project.

Thank you for reaching out to our office.

Sincerely,

Travis Armstrong
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Morongo Band of Mission Indians
951-755-5259
Email: thpo@morongo-nsn.gov



From: [Steven Estrada](#)
To: [Lindsay Porras](#)
Subject: Re: Cultural Resources Studies for CVWD St. Anthony and Valley View Water Supply Consolidation Projects
Date: Friday, February 22, 2019 3:07:16 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Thank you. We defer further consultation and any monitoring efforts to Torres Martinez.

From: Lindsay Porras <lporras@rinconconsultants.com>
Date: Friday, February 22, 2019 at 1:00 PM
To: Steven Estrada <SEstrada@santarosacahuilla-nsn.gov>
Subject: RE: Cultural Resources Studies for CVWD St. Anthony and Valley View Water Supply Consolidation Projects

Dear Mr. Estrada,

I wanted to follow up to see if you have received the letters for the CVWD East Coachella Valley Water Supply Consolidation Projects for the Saint Anthony and Valley View Mobile Home Parks. Please reach out if you have any questions or comments regarding the proposed projects or if you have information on cultural resources in the project areas. I can be reached at 909-435-0978 or via email at lporras@rinconconsultants.com.

I appreciate your time.

Best,

Lindsay A. Porras, MA, RPA, Associate Archaeologist

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From: Lindsay Porras
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 10:39 AM
To: 'sestrada@santarosacahuilla-nsn.gov'

Cc: 'vminopt@santarosacahuilla-nsn.gov'

Subject: Cultural Resources Studies for CVWD St. Anthony and Valley View Water Supply Consolidation Projects

Dear Mr. Estrada,

I have been conducting follow-up phone calls regarding cultural resources studies. I spoke with your receptionist who requested I send copies of the Section 106 letters to this address for your reference. Please reach out at if you have any questions or comments regarding the proposed projects or if you have information on cultural resources in the project areas. I can be reached at 909-435-0978 or via email at lporras@rinconconsultants.com.

I appreciate your time.

Best,

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Tiffany Clark

From: Lindsay Porras
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 10:08 AM
To: Tiffany Clark
Subject: Fwd: Cultural Resources Study for CVWD St. Anthony and Valley View Water Supply Consolidation Projects

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Hi Tiffany,

The email below is from Los Coyotes.

Have a good day!

Lindsay A. Porras
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dorothy Willis <dwillisloscoyotesepa@gmail.com>
Date: February 26, 2019 at 08:21:55 PST
To: Lindsay Porras <lporras@rinconconsultants.com>
Subject: Re: Cultural Resources Study for CVWD St. Anthony and Valley View Water Supply Consolidation Projects

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Good Morning Ms. Lindsay,
I spoke with Jacob and at this time, he has no comment to add.

Thank you
Dorothy
Los Coyotes Environmental

On Mon, 25 Feb 2019 at 09:39, Lindsay Porras <lporras@rinconconsultants.com> wrote:

Hi Dorothy,

Thank you for the update- have a great day!

Best,

Lindsay A. Porras, MA, RPA, Associate Archaeologist

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From: Dorothy Willis [mailto:dwillisloscoyoteseпа@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 9:34 AM

To: Lindsay Porras

Subject: Re: Cultural Resources Study for CVWD St. Anthony and Valley View Water Supply Consolidation Projects

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Lindsay,

Just a quick update because our water technician reminded me Jacob is at training until Thursday. my apologies for not remembering earlier - the out of the office thing has thrown my rhythm out of sync. I will still be sending him a follow-up list before the end of the day and I will be sure to include you on it.

Just wanted to keep you in the loop

Thank you Dorothy

Los Coyotes Environmental

On Mon, 25 Feb 2019 at 08:56, Dorothy Willis <dwillisloscoyotesepa@gmail.com> wrote:

Good Morning Ms. Lindsay,

You were already on my follow up list for today, Jacob had various meetings last week, and then we were out of the office on Thursday and Friday due to the amount of snow that we received.

Thank you for following up and I will post you as soon as possible,

Dorothy

Los Coyotes Environmental

On Fri, 22 Feb 2019 at 12:44, Lindsay Porras <lporras@rinconconsultants.com> wrote:

Dear Director Jacob Norte,

I wanted to follow-up to see if you have received the letters regarding the Coachella Valley Water Supply Consolidation Projects for St. Antony Mobile Home Park and Valley View Mobile Home Parks. Please reach out at if you have any questions or comments regarding the proposed projects or if you have information on cultural resources in the project areas. I can be reached at 909-435-0978 or via email at lporras@rinconconsultants.com.

I appreciate your time.

Best,

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From: Lindsay Porras

Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 10:25 AM

To: 'dwillisloscoyotesepa@gmail.com'

Subject: Cultural Resources Study for CVWD St. Anthony and Valley View Water Supply Consolidation Projects

Dear Director Jacob Norte,

I have been conducting follow-up phone calls regarding cultural resources studies. I spoke with your receptionist who informed me that John Perada is no longer a Chairperson. She request I send copies of the Section 106 letters to this address for your reference. Please reach out at if you have any questions or comments regarding the proposed projects or if you have information on cultural resources in the project areas. I can be reached at 909-435-0978 or via email at lporras@rinconconsultants.com.

I appreciate your time.

Best,

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COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES

Tribal Historic Preservation Office

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March 5, 2019

Rincon Consultants, Inc.
3600 Lime Street, Suite 226
Riverside, CA 92501

RE: St. Anthony's Small Water System Project

Dear Ms. Tiffany Clark:

The Colorado River Indian Tribes' Tribal Historic Preservation Office ("CRIT THPO") has received your letter dated January 22, 2019, regarding the *Cultural Resources Assessment for Saint Anthony's Small Water System Project, near the community of Mecca, Riverside County, California*.

As a preliminary matter, the Colorado River Indian Tribes are a federally recognized Indian tribe comprised of over 4,200 members belonging to the Mohave, Chemehuevi, Hopi and Navajo Tribes. The almost 300,000-acre Colorado River Indian Reservation sits astride the Colorado River between Blythe, California and Parker, Arizona. The ancestral homelands of the Tribe's members, however, extend far beyond the Reservation boundaries. Significant portions of public and private lands in California, Arizona and Nevada were occupied by the ancestors of the Colorado River Indian Tribes' Mohave and Chemehuevi members since time immemorial. These landscapes remain imbued with substantial cultural, spiritual and religious significance for the Tribes' current members and future generations. For this reason, we have a strong interest in ensuring that potential cultural resource impacts are adequately considered and mitigated.

In particular, the Colorado River Indian Tribes are concerned about the removal of artifacts from this area and corresponding destruction of the Tribes' footprint on this landscape. As such, the Tribes request that all prehistoric cultural resources, including both known and yet-to-be-discovered sites, be avoided if feasible. If avoidance of the site is infeasible, then the Tribes request that the resources be left in-situ or reburied in a nearby area, after consultation. This language should be incorporated into enforceable mitigation measures.

In addition, we respond as follows:

_____ Given the potential impact of the project on important cultural resources, the Colorado River Indian Tribes request in-person government-to-government consultation. Please contact the CRIT THPO to discuss our concerns and schedule a meeting with Tribal Council.

CRIT THPO

Project Name: St. Anthony's Water System Project

Date: March 5, 2019

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____√ In the event any human remains or objects subject to provision of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, or cultural resources such as sites, trails, artifacts are identified during ground disturbance, please contact the CRIT THPO within 48 hours.

_____The Colorado River Indian Tribes request tribal monitoring of any ground disturbing activity as a condition of project approval. The Tribes request notification of any opportunities to provide tribal monitoring for the project.

_____The Colorado River Indian Tribes do not have any specific comment on the proposed project and instead defer to the comments of other affiliated tribes.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

**COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES
TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**

/s/ Bryan Etsitty, Acting-Director

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Parker, AZ 85344

Phone: (928) 669-5822

E-mail: betsitty@crit-nsn.gov

cc: critthpo@crit-nsn.gov



February 26, 2019

Tiffany Clark, PhD, RPA
Senior Archaeologist
Rincon Consultants, Inc.
3600 Lime Street, Suite 226
Riverside, CA 92501

Re.: Cultural Resources Assessment for Saint Anthony's Small Water System Project
Near the Community of Mecca
Riverside County, California

Dear Ms. Clark:

Thank you for contacting the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians concerning cultural resource information relative to the above referenced project.

The project is located outside of the Tribe's current reservation boundaries. The Tribe has no specific archival information on the site indicating that it may be a sacred/religious site or other site of Native American traditional cultural value.

We look forward to continued collaboration in the preservation of cultural resources or areas of traditional cultural importance.

Best regards,

Judy Stapp
Director of Cultural Affairs



Appendix E

Historical Society Consultation

**Rincon Consultants, Inc.**

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Historical Society Contact Table

**Saint Anthony's Small Water System Project, Near the Community of Mecca, Riverside County,
California**

Historical Society Contact	Address	Phone Number	Date and Method of Contact	Results
Coachella Valley Historical Society	82616 Miles Ave, Indio, CA 92201	(760) 342 - 6651	1/22/2019; letter 2/15/2019; phone, 2:15 PM 2/22/2019 ; phone, 3:45 PM	2/15/2019 Left detailed message in the archivist's voice box about project and provided contact information (no response) 2/22/2019 Left detailed message in the archivist's voice box about project and provided contact information (no response)
Riverside County Historical Commission	4600 Crestmore Road, Riverside, CA 92509-6858	(714) 275-4310 <i>[number no longer in service]</i> (951) 955-4346	1/22/2019; letter 2/15/2019; phone, 2:30 PM 2/22/2019; phone, 3:45 PM	2/15/2019 Voice recording for number stated that the number is no longer in service; Called Park District Staff who support Historical Commission at (951) 955-4346 and left detailed message about project and provided contact information. 2/22/2019 Spoke with Park District Staff who were unable to connect me
Palm Springs Historical Society	221 South Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262	(760) 656-7469	1/22/2019; letter 2/15/2019; phone, 2:30 PM	2/15/2019 Left detailed message about project and provided contact information. 2/15/2019 Renee Brown called back and stated that their organization is specific to the Palms Springs area and did not have any specific information to provide regarding the proposed project.

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Historical Society Contact	Address	Phone Number	Date and Method of Contact	Results
Coachella Valley Archaeological Society	P. O. Box 2344 Palm Springs, CA 92263	(760) 565-1196	1/22/2019; letter 2/15/2019; phone, 2:35 PM 2/22/2019; phone, 3:45 PM	2/15/2019 Left detailed message in Britt Wilson's voice box about project and provided contact information 2/22/2019 Left detailed message in Britt Wilson's voice box about project and provided contact information
Historical Society of Palm Desert	P.O. Box 77 Palm Desert, CA 92261-0077	(760) 346-6588	1/22/2019; letter 2/15/2019; phone, 2:40 PM	2/15/2019 Transferred to Harry Quinn who provided a historical overview of the area stating that Mecca was originally known as "Walters" and was the main "hub" for the mines in the Mojave desert and was a stop for wagon parties traveling through the area.



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January 22, 2019

Coachella Valley Archaeological Society
P. O. Box 2344
Palm Springs, CA 92263

**Subject: Cultural Resources Technical Study for the Saint Anthony's Small Water System Project,
Near the Community of Mecca, Riverside County, California**

Coachella Valley Archaeological Society,

Rincon Consultants, Inc. (Rincon) has been retained by Woodard & Curran to conduct a cultural resources assessment for the Saint Anthony's Small Water System Project (Project). The purpose of the Project is to consolidate and connect three mobile home park water systems to the Coachella Valley Water District's water system to allow for safe, reliable domestic water to small disadvantaged communities. The proposed Project is primarily located within public street right-of-way along 66th Avenue and Lincoln Street near the community of Mecca in Riverside County. As indicated on the attached map, it is situated in Township 7 South, Range 8 East, and Sections 9-14 and Township 7 South, Range 9 East, Sections 1, 8, 17, and 18, of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) *Valerie* and *Mecca* CA 7.5-minute topographic quadrangles.

The purpose of this letter is to inquire about your knowledge of potential historic-period resources within the vicinity that may be impacted by Project development. This Project may involve federal funding; thus, this cultural resources study is being prepared in conformance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Rincon is assisting the CVWD with their Section 106 consultation effort, and we are writing to provide you with an opportunity to be involved in the Section 106 consultation process. If you or your organization has any knowledge or specific concerns regarding historic-period resources in the Project area, please respond by telephone at (213) 788-4842 extension 194, or by email at tclarkl@rinconconsultants.com. Please respond within 30 days of receipt of this letter if you are interested in consultation. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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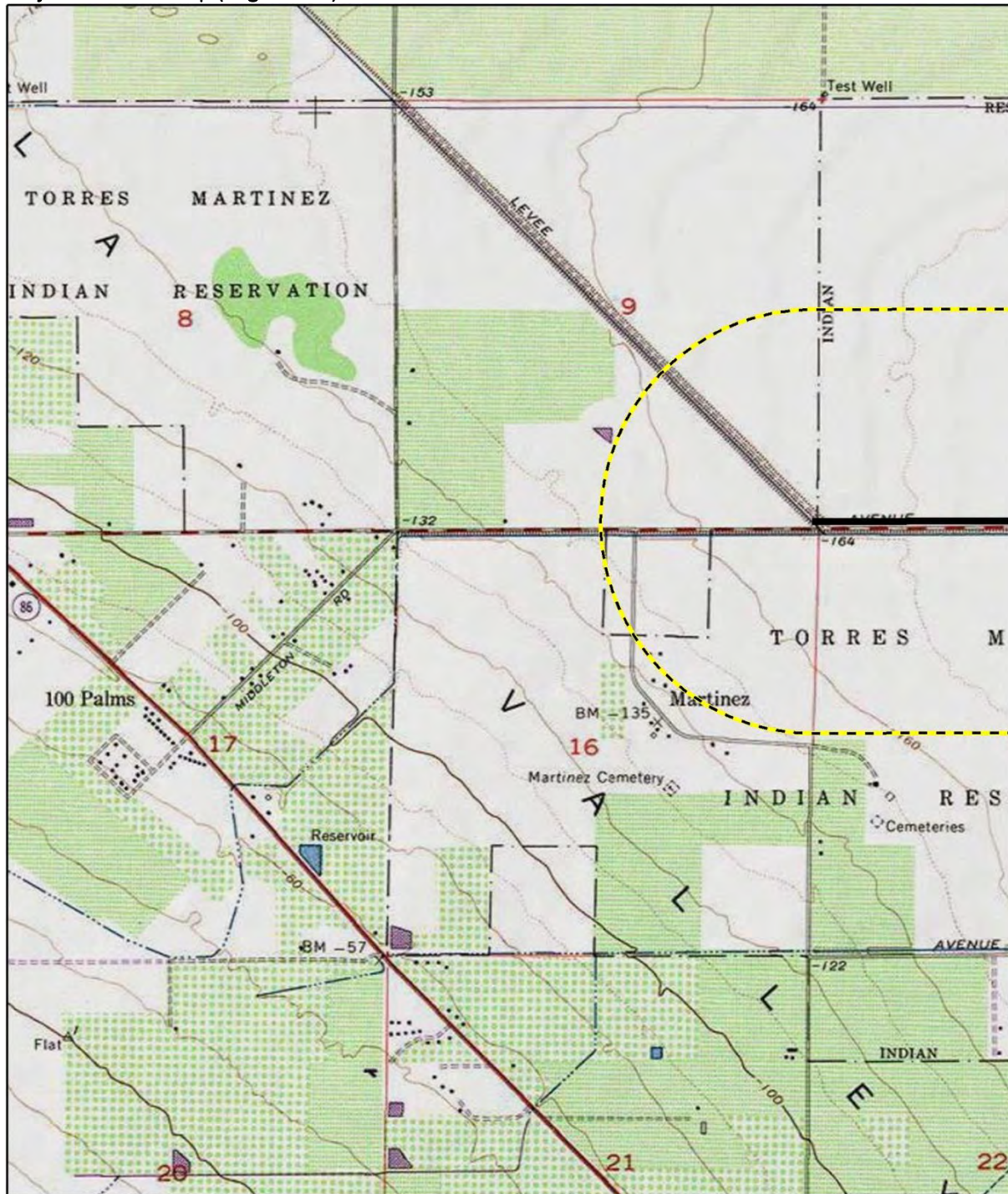
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Tiffany Clark, PhD, RPA
Senior Archaeologist/ Project Manager



Attached: Project Location Map

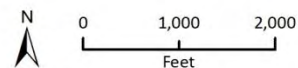


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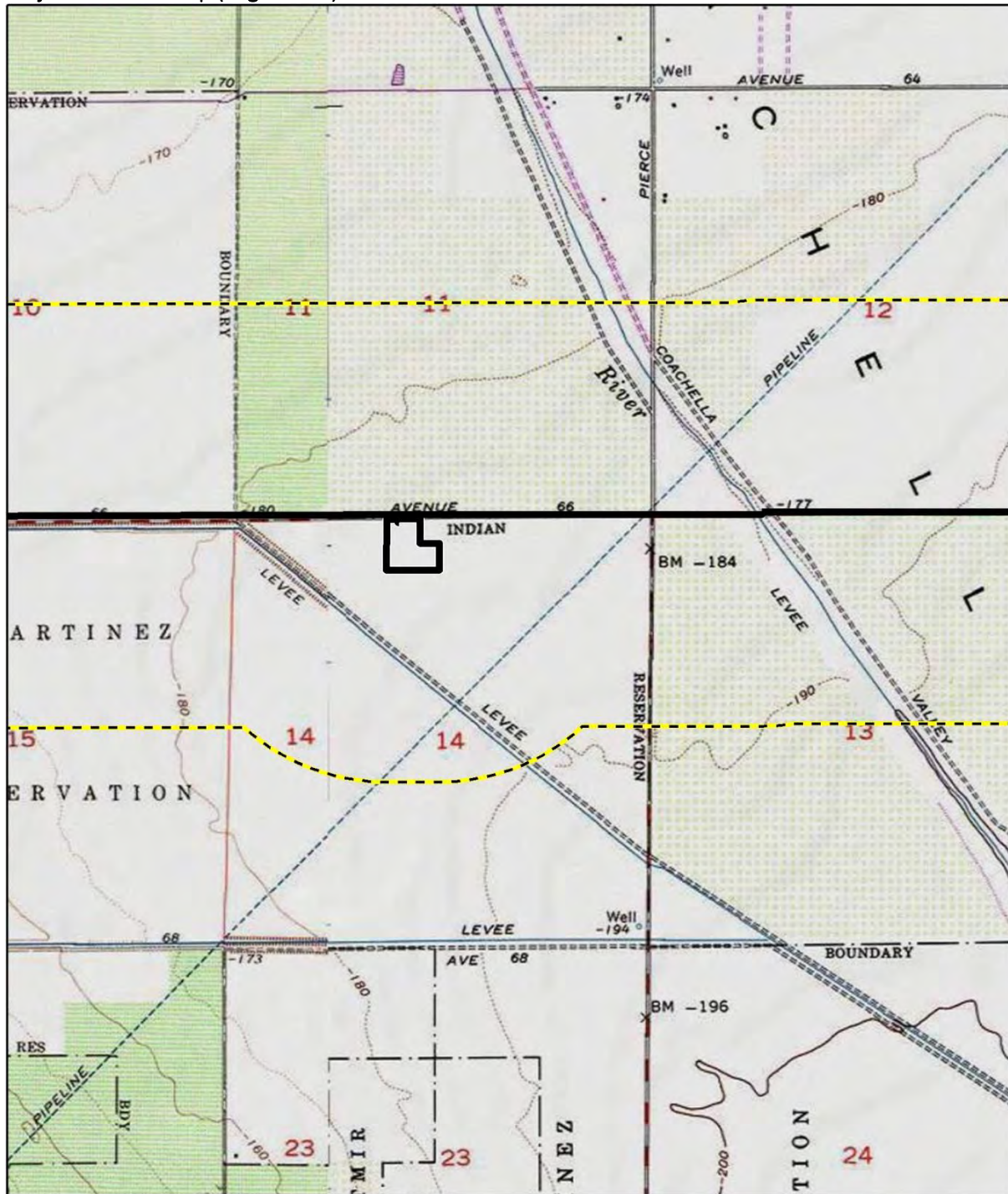
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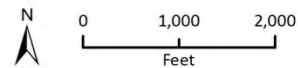


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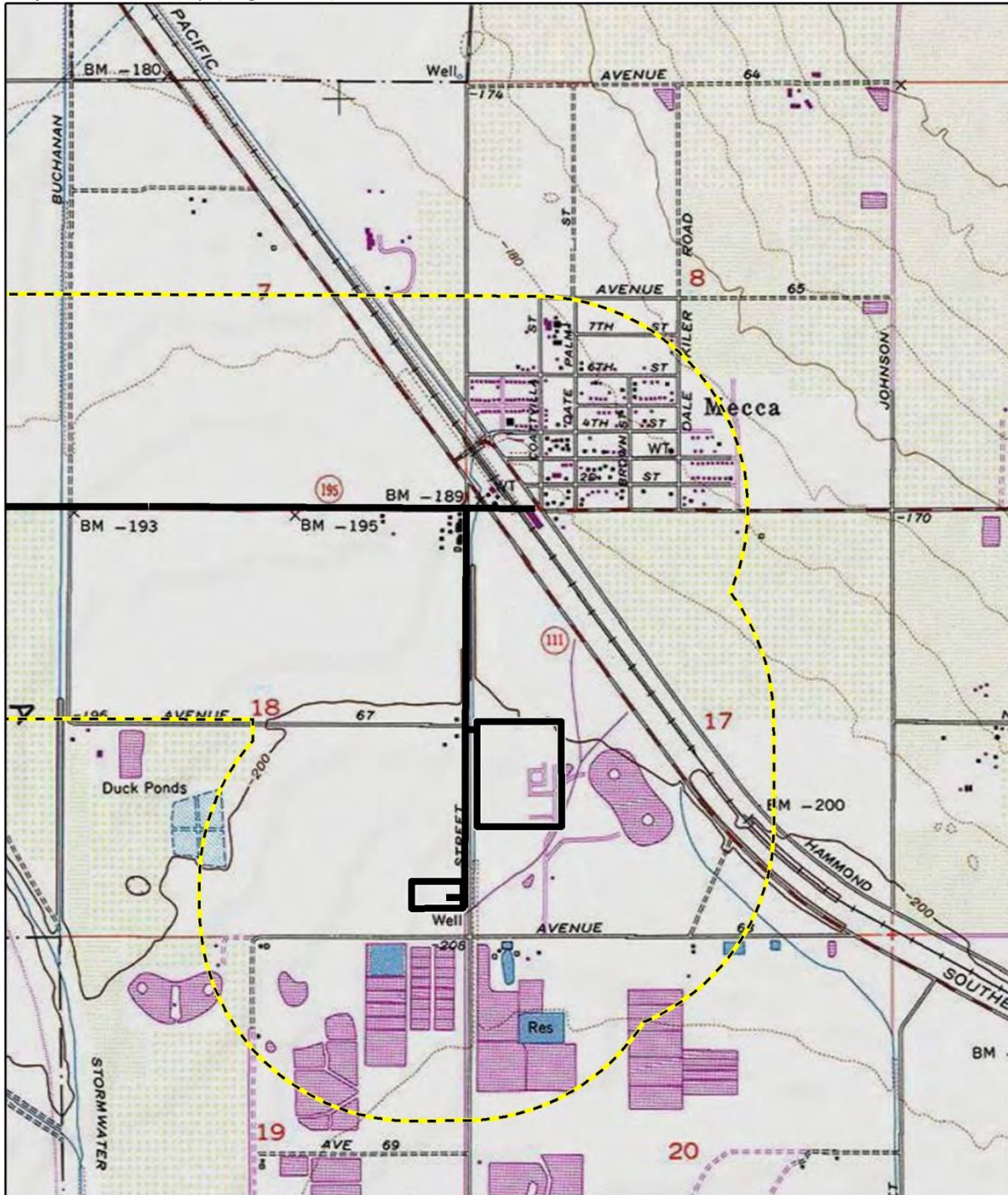
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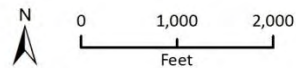


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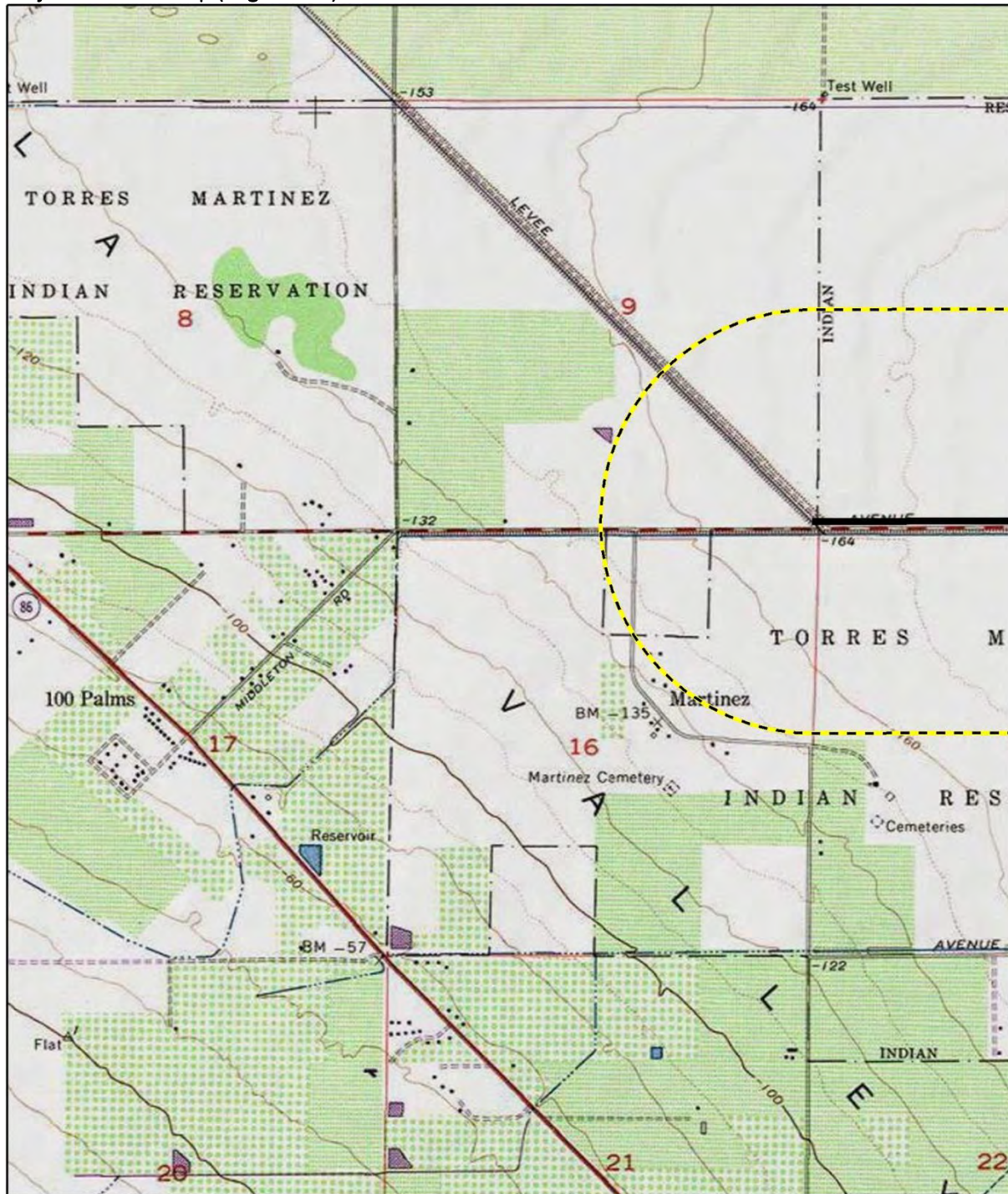
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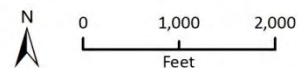


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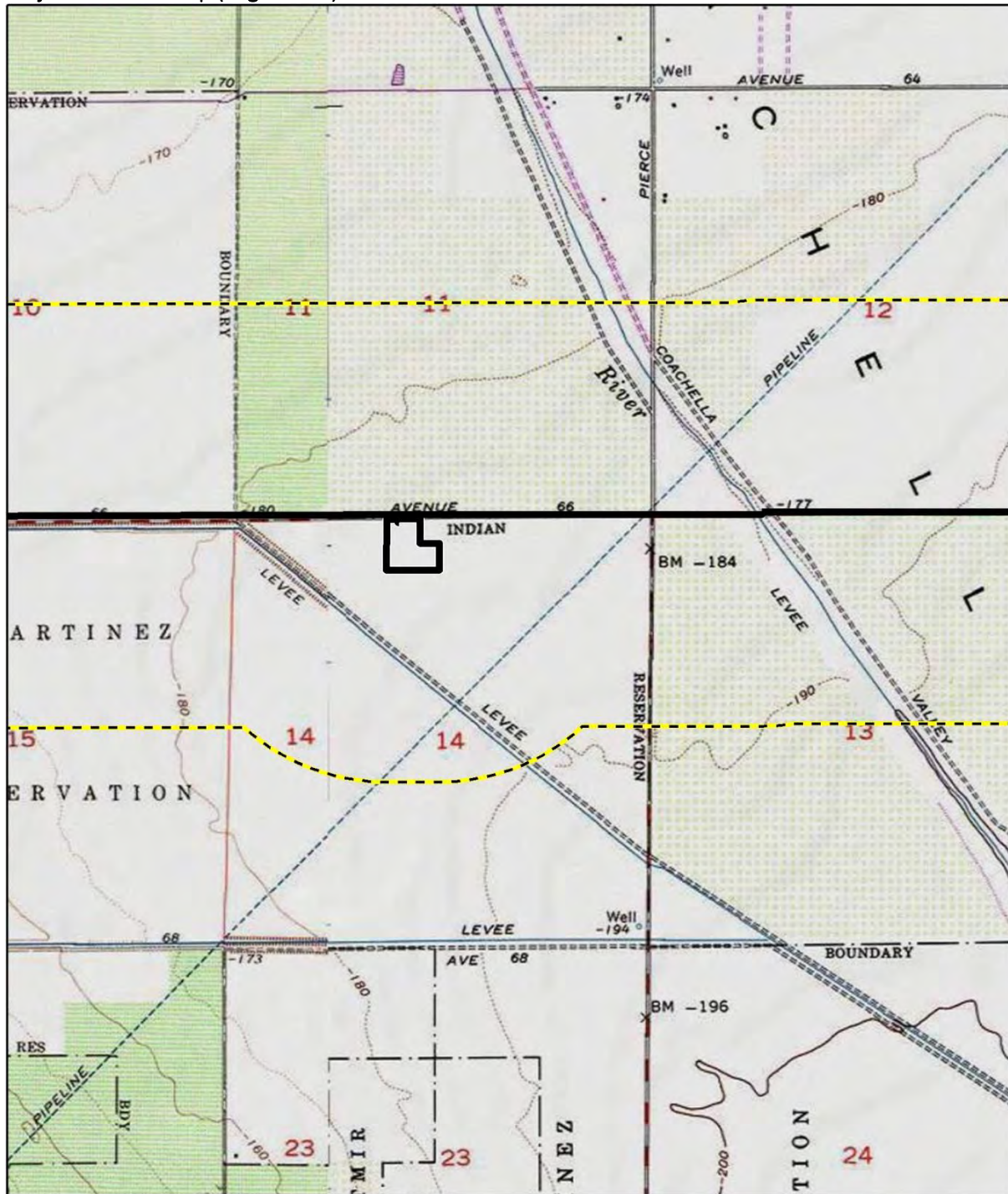
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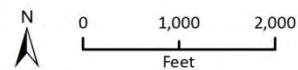


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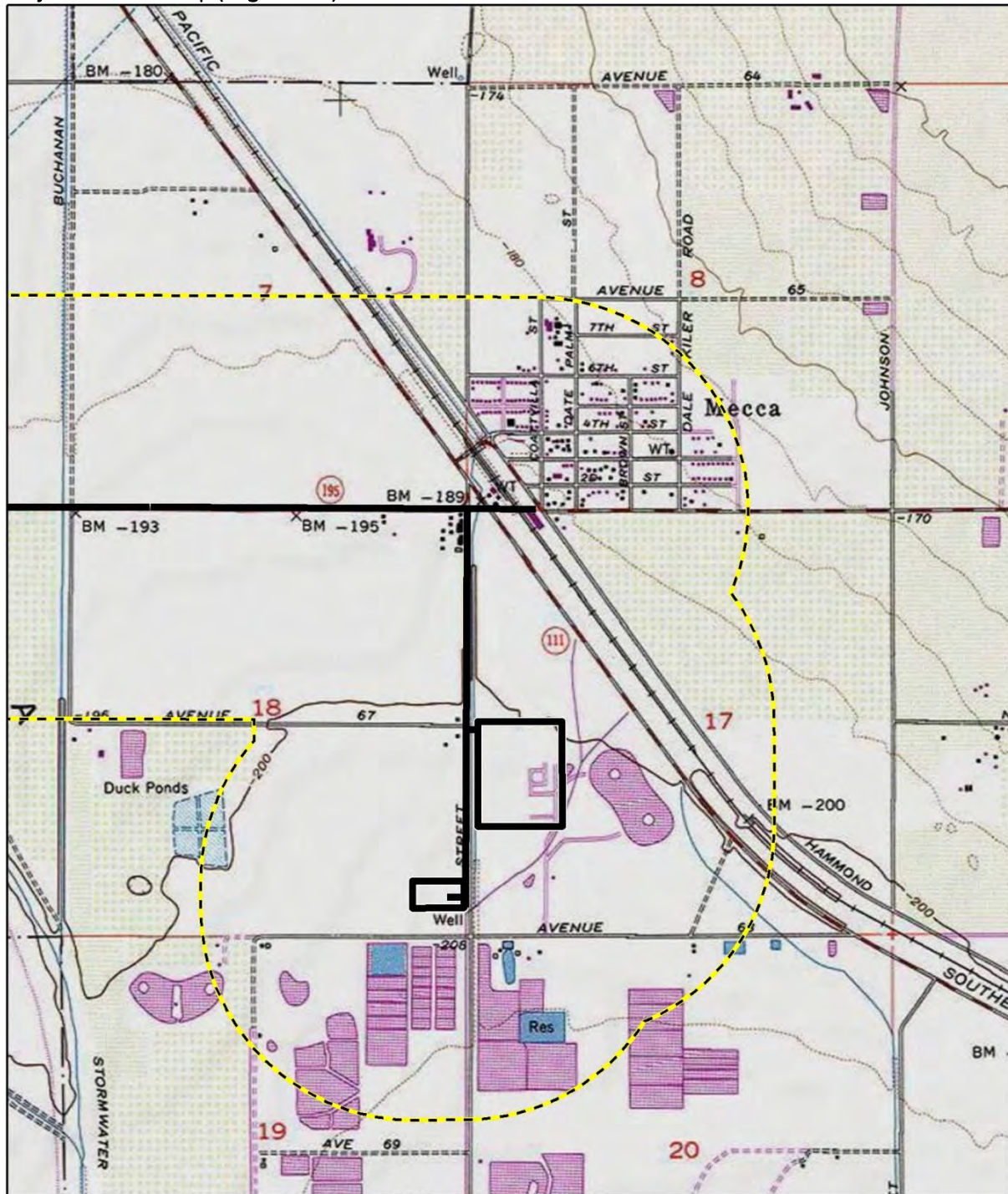
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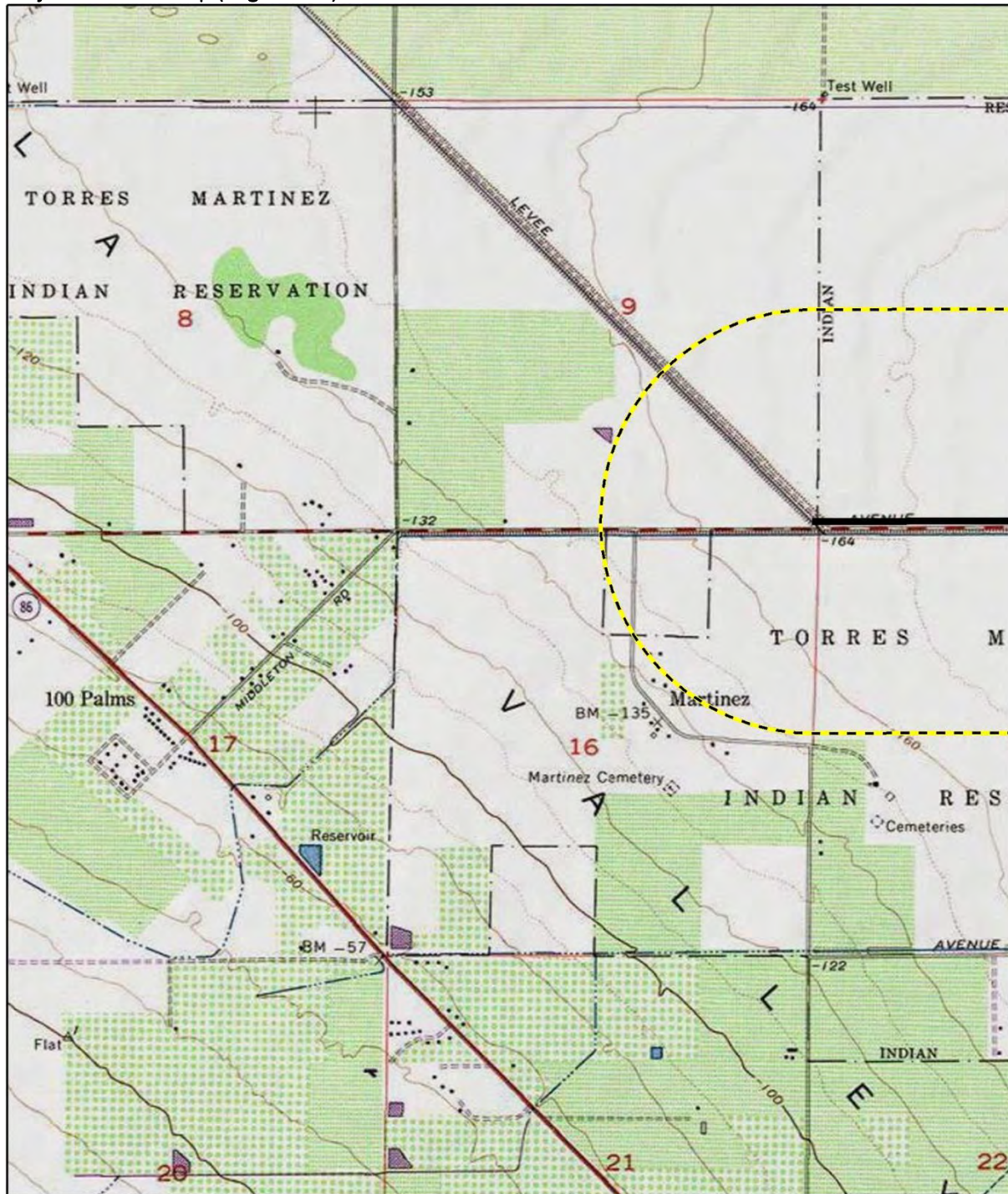
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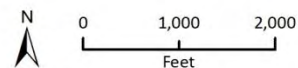


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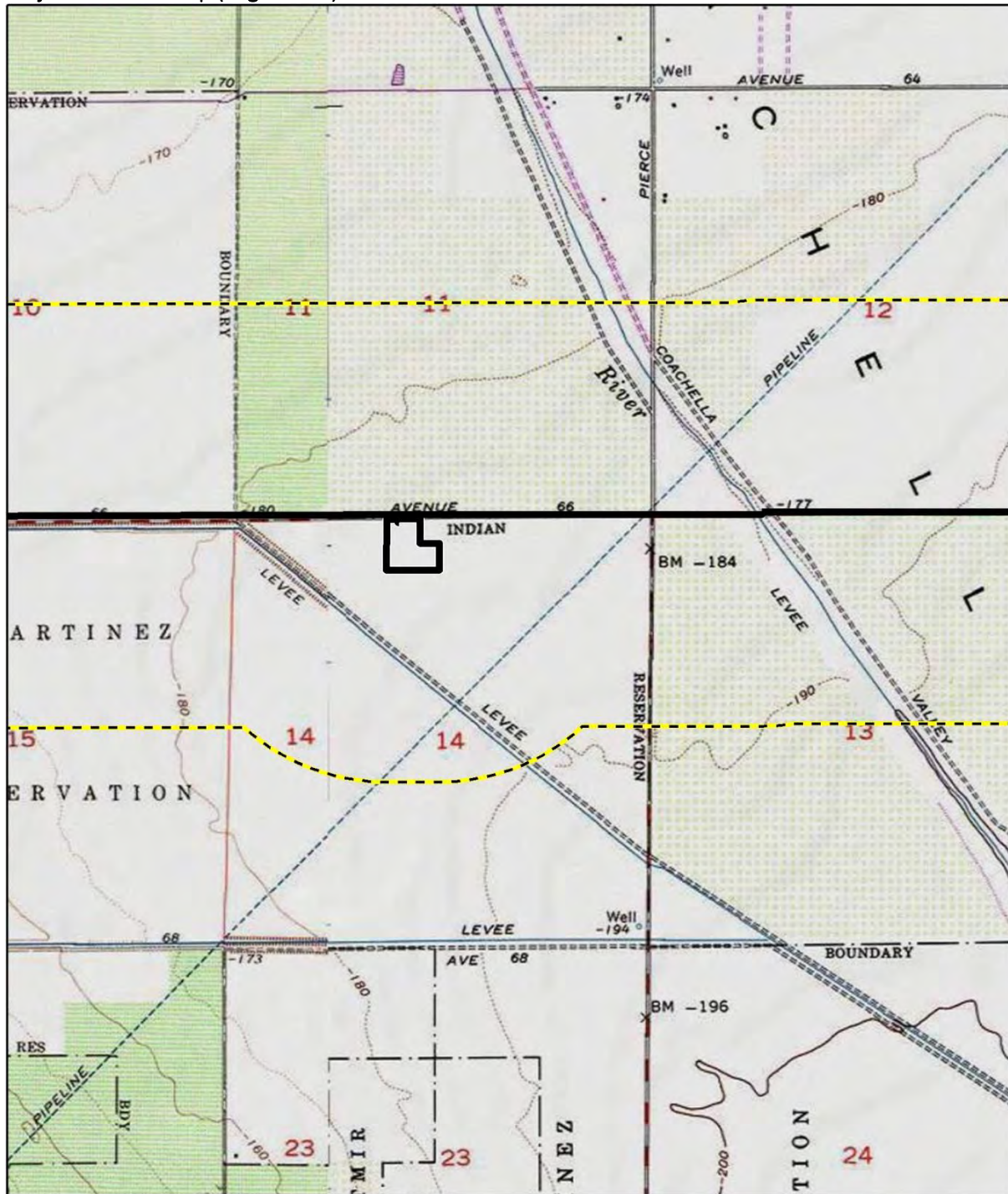
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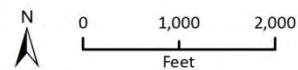


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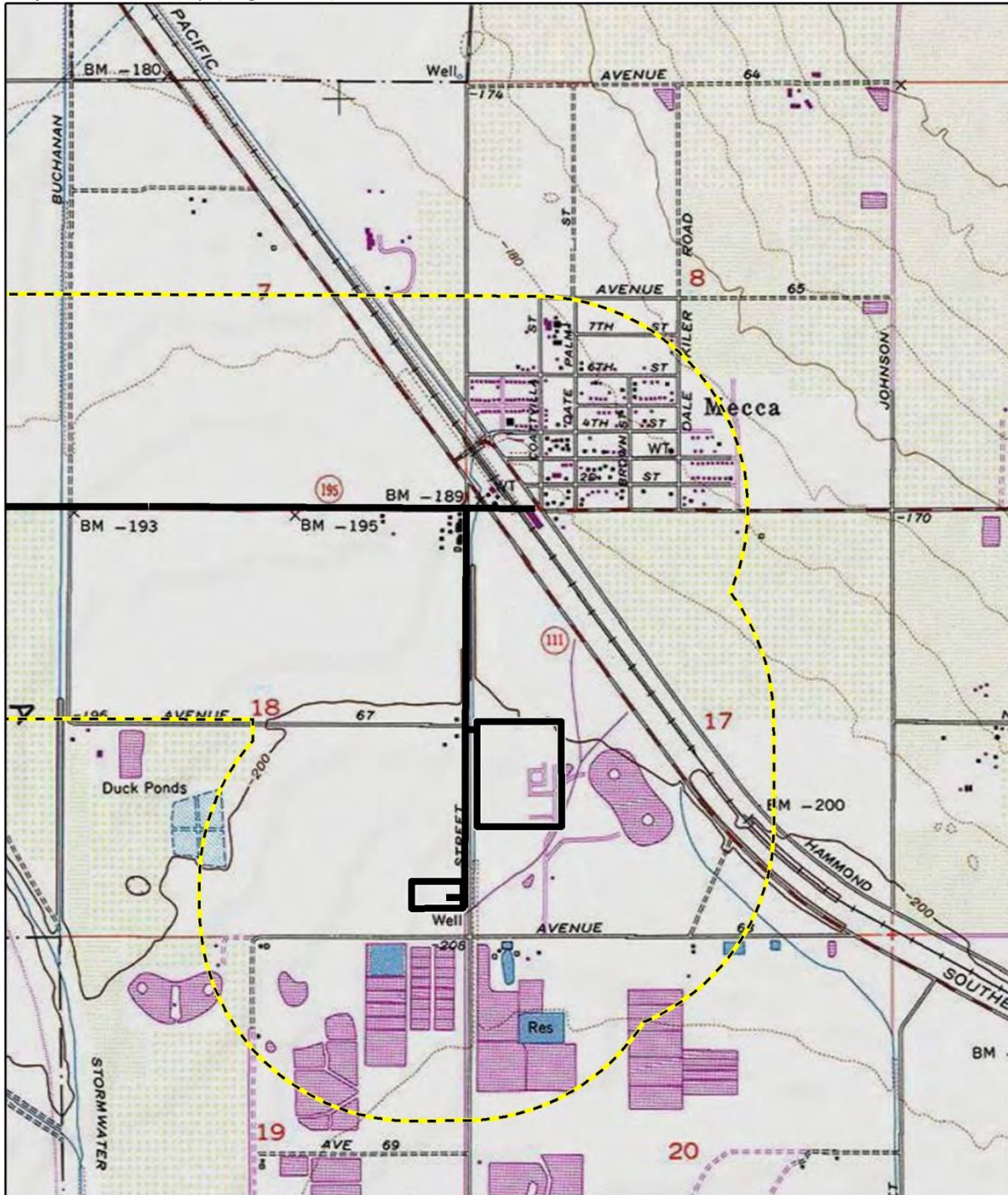
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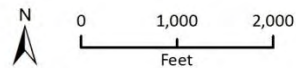


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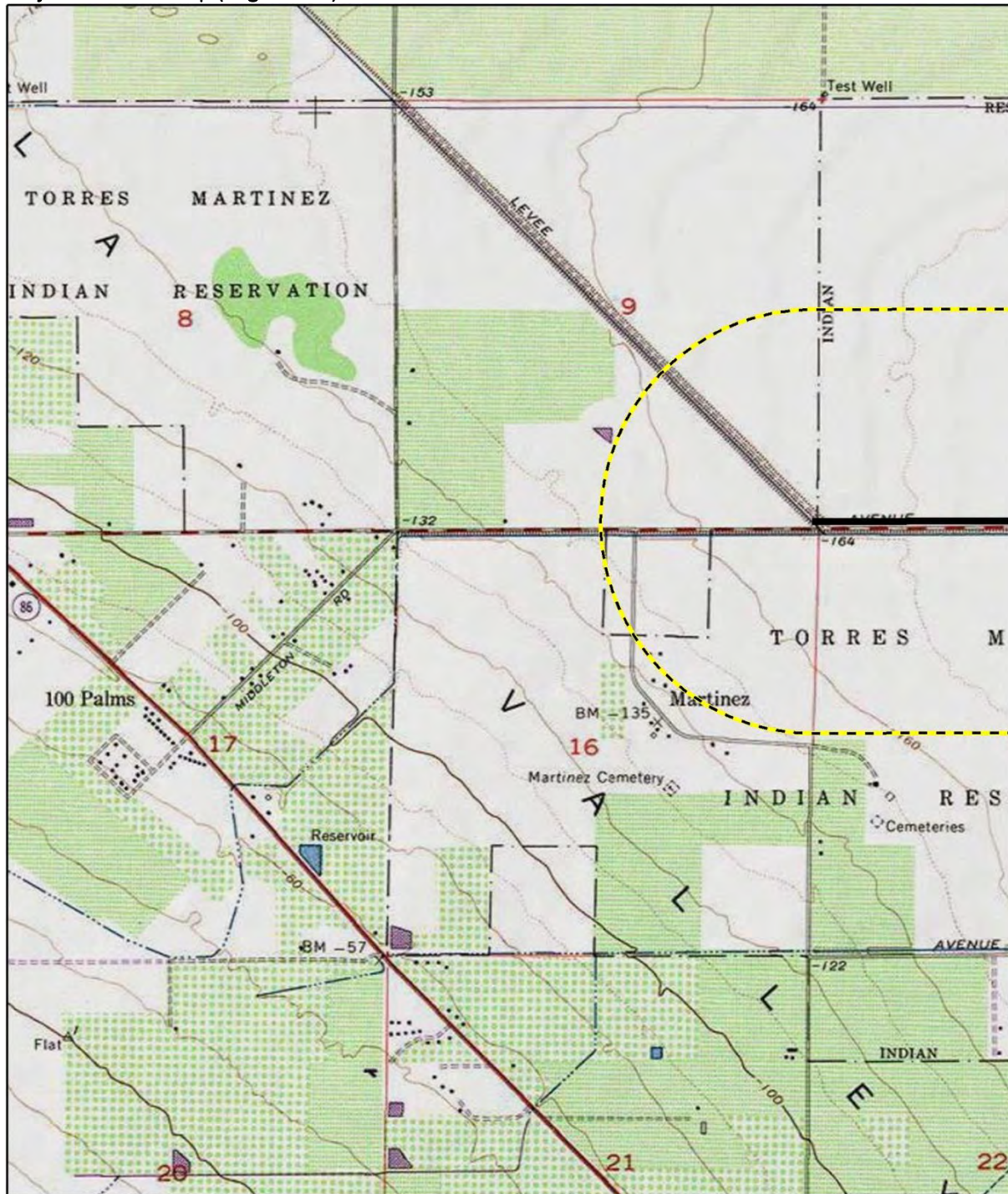
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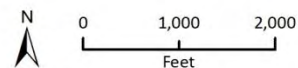


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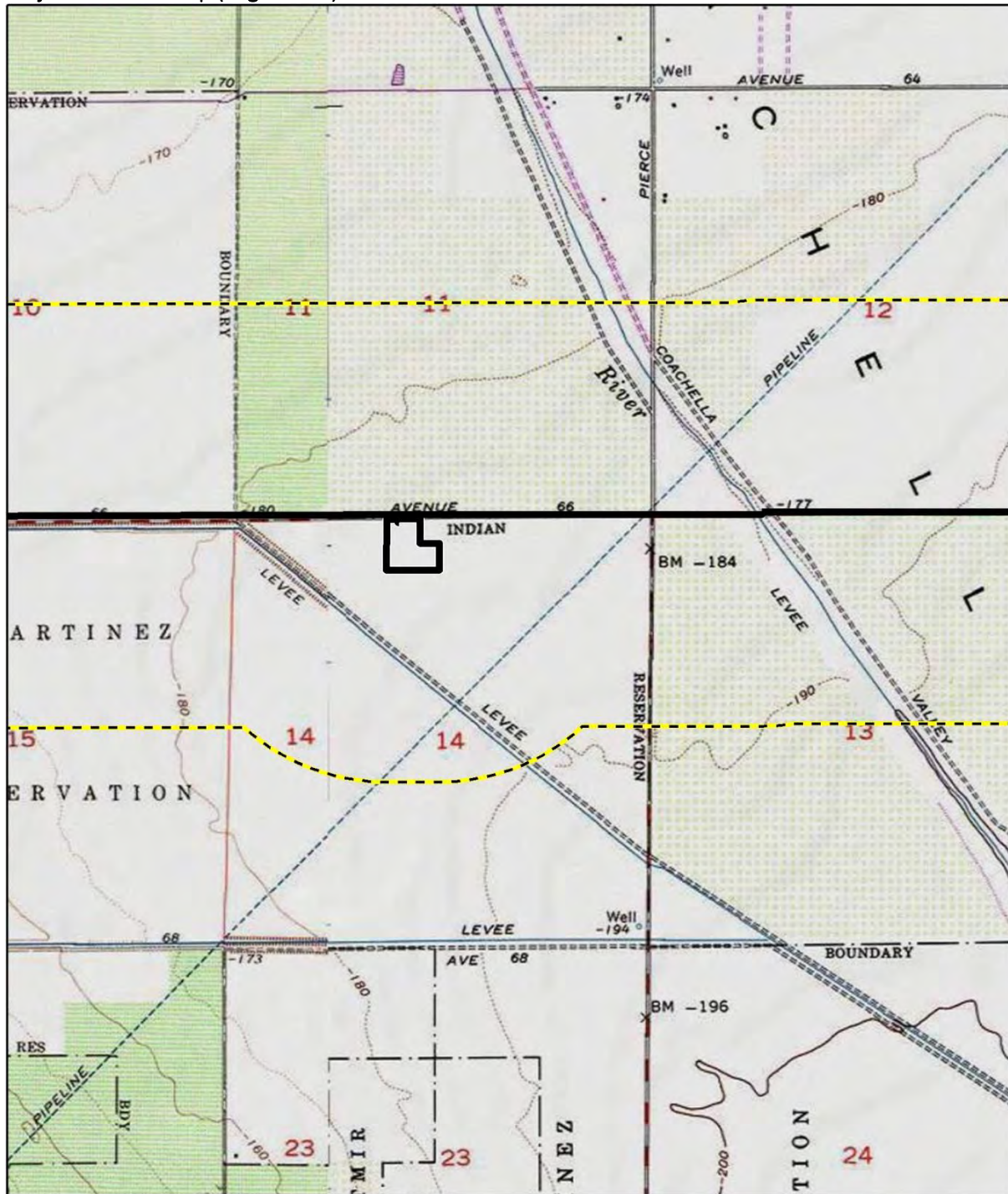
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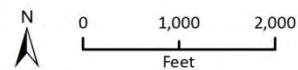


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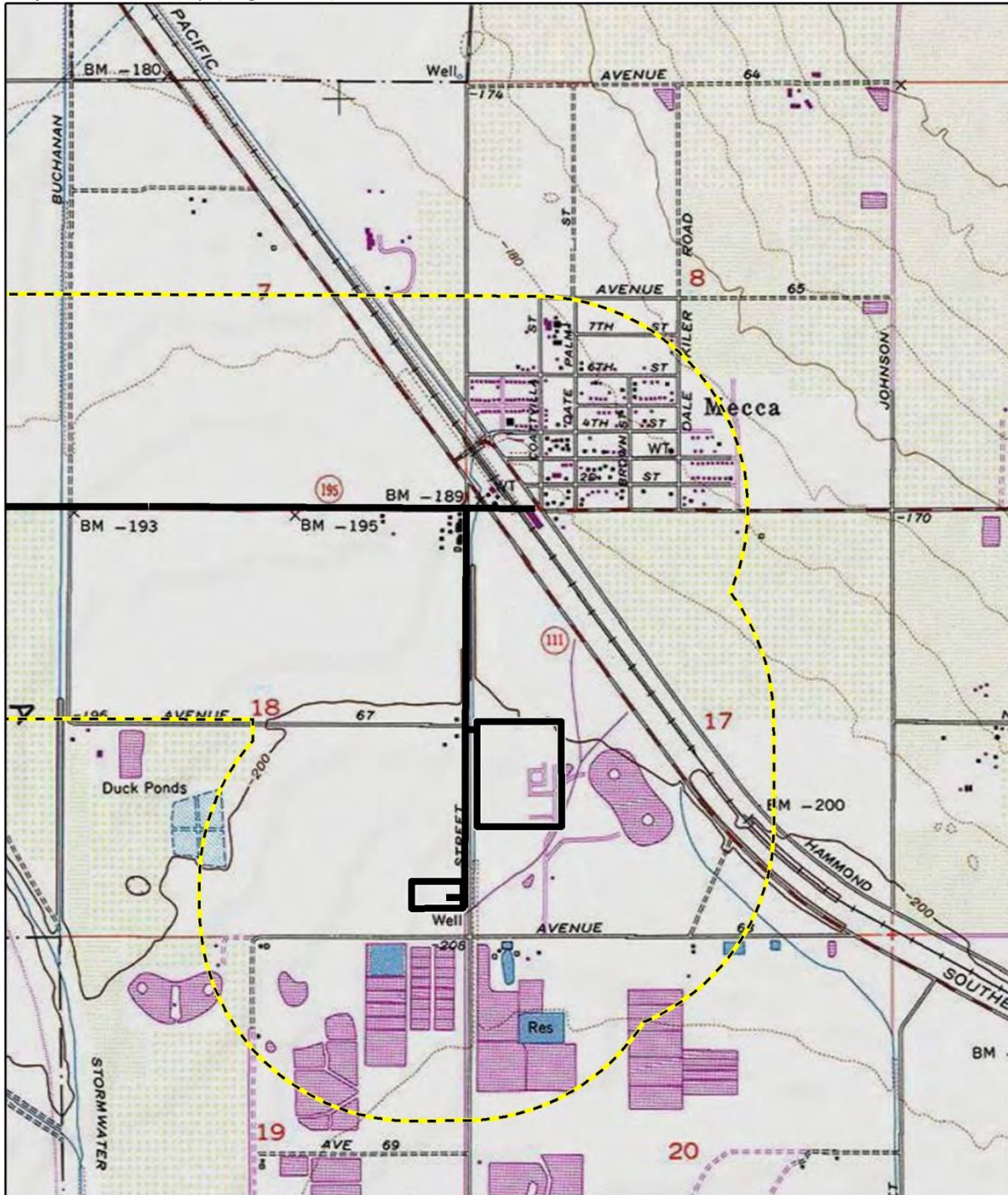
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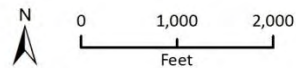


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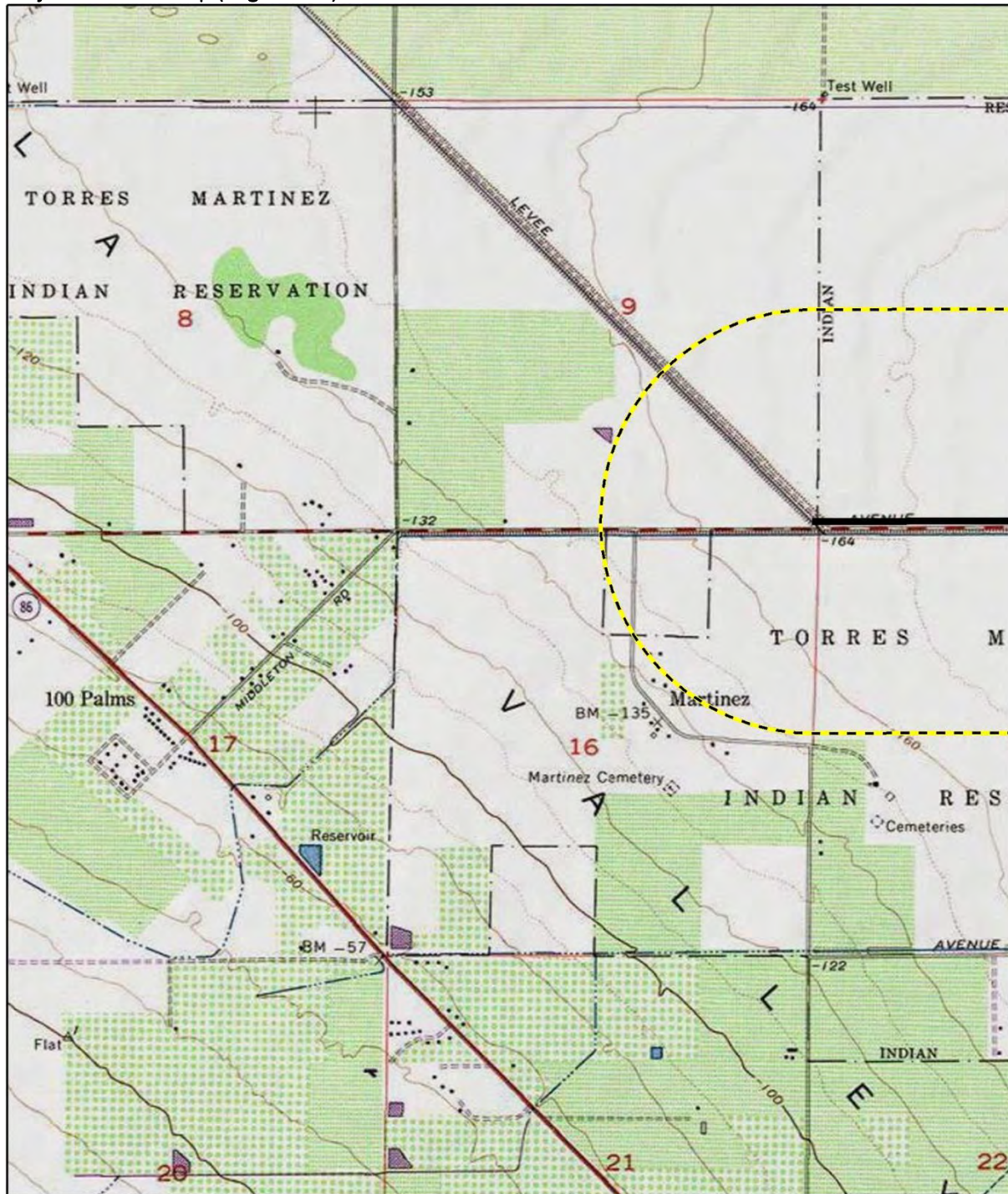
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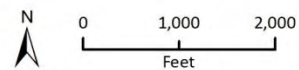


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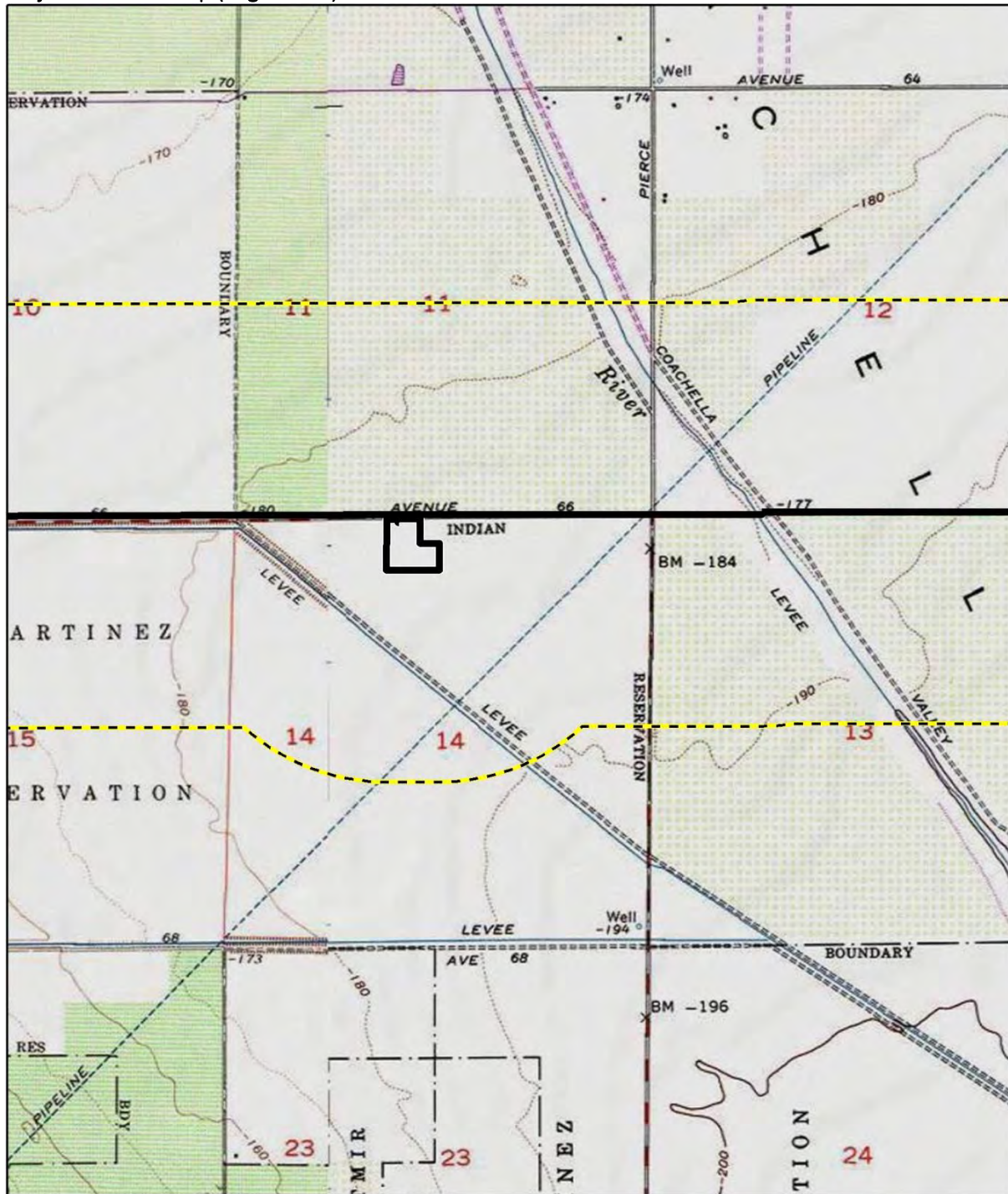
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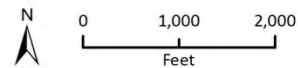


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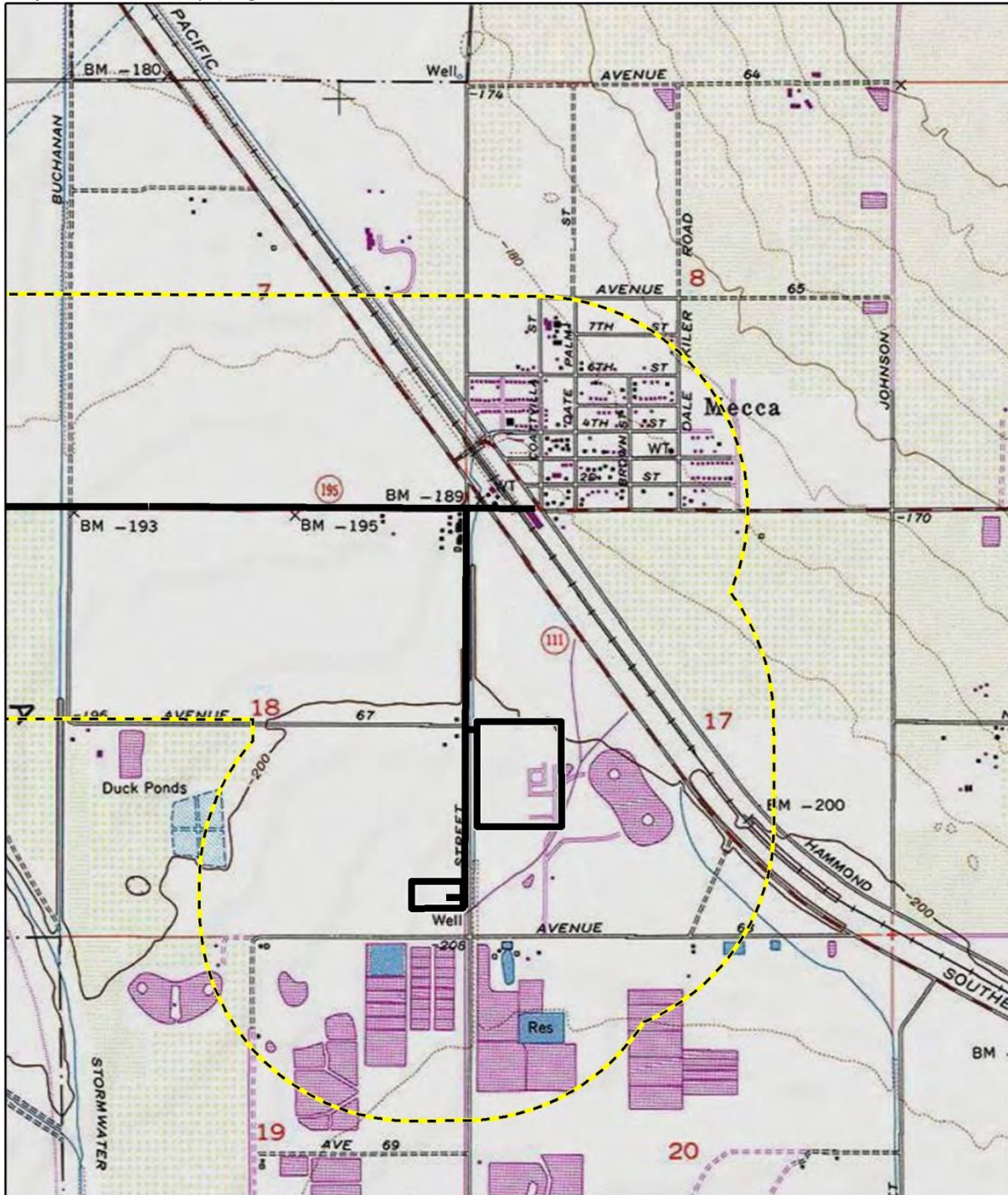
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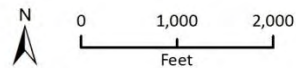


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Appendix F

DPR 523 Forms

CONTINUATION SHEET

*Recorded by: Lindsay Porras, Rincon Consultants

*Date: February 12, 2019

☐ Continuation ☒ Update

Avenue 66 (P-33-020844) was revisited by Rincon Consultants on February 12, 2019 as part of the Coachella Valley Water Supply Project, Saint Anthony Mobile Home Park Water Consolidation Project. The resource consists of a 26-foot-wide, two-lane, asphalt-paved roadway flanked by gravel and dirt shoulders that measure as much as 15 feet in width (Figure 3). The appearance of the road remains largely unchanged since Stanton's recordation in 2012. Given no significant alterations have occurred to P-33-020844 since its original documentation, the previous evaluation of Avenue 66 appears to remain valid; the resource is ineligible for listing on the NRHP and CRHR.

State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

Primary # P-33-020839 UPDATE

HRI #

Trinomial

NRHP Status Code 6Z

Other Listings
Review Code

Reviewer

Date

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*Resource Name or #: Lincoln Street

P1. Other Identifier:

*P2. Location: ☐ Not for Publication ☒ Unrestricted *a. County: Riverside

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad: Mecca Date: 1955 Township 7S, Range 9E, Section 17, 18

S.B.B.M.

c. Address: N/A

City: Mecca

Zip: 92254

d. UTM: Zone: mE/ mN (G.P.S.)

e. Other Locational Data: The subject segment begins at the Lincoln Street/66th Avenue intersection and terminates just north of 68th Avenue.

***P3a. Description:**

The subject resource is a segment of Lincoln Street, a public road located just west of the community of Mecca. Generally straight and oriented directly north-to-south, the subject segment represents one mile of the roadway's approximately 3.5-mile overall course. The segment begins in the north at 66th Avenue and ends just north of 68th Avenue. Its asphalt-paved driving surface measures about 27 feet across and is flanked 12.5-foot earthen shoulders, giving the right-of-way a total width of approximately 52 feet. The paved surface is essentially flush with the unimproved shoulders. Although a short length of the segment approaching the intersection with 66th Avenue is delineated as a two-lane road, the remainder is unmarked. Its surroundings are rural, with agricultural and residential uses predominating on the west side of the street and undetermined uses on the east.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP39. Other (road)

*P4. Resources Present: ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ☐ Element of District ☐ Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5a. Photo or Drawing



P5b. Description of Photo:

Lincoln Road, camera facing south, February 12, 2019.

***P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:**

☒ Historic ☐ Prehistoric ☐ Both

Between 1914 and 1932 (Government Land Office 1914; UCSB Map & Imagery Lab 1932)

***P7. Owner and Address:**

N/A

***P8. Recorded by:**

Lindsay Porras
Rincon Consultants
2215 Faraday Avenue, Suite A
Carlsbad, CA 92008

***P9. Date Recorded:**

February 12, 2019

***P10. Survey Type:**

Intensive

***P11. Report Citation:**

Porras, Lindsay et al. 2019. *East Coachella Valley Water Supply Project, Saint Anthony Mobile Home Park Water Consolidation Project, Community of Mecca, Riverside County, California*. Rincon Consultants Project No. 18-06790. Report on file at the Eastern Information Center, University of California, Riverside.

*Attachments: ☐ NONE ☒ Location Map ☐ Sketch Map ☐ Continuation Sheet ☒ Building, Structure, and Object Record

☐ Archaeological Record ☐ District Record ☐ Linear Feature Record ☐ Milling Station Record ☐ Rock Art Record

☐ Artifact Record ☐ Photograph Record ☐ Other (List):

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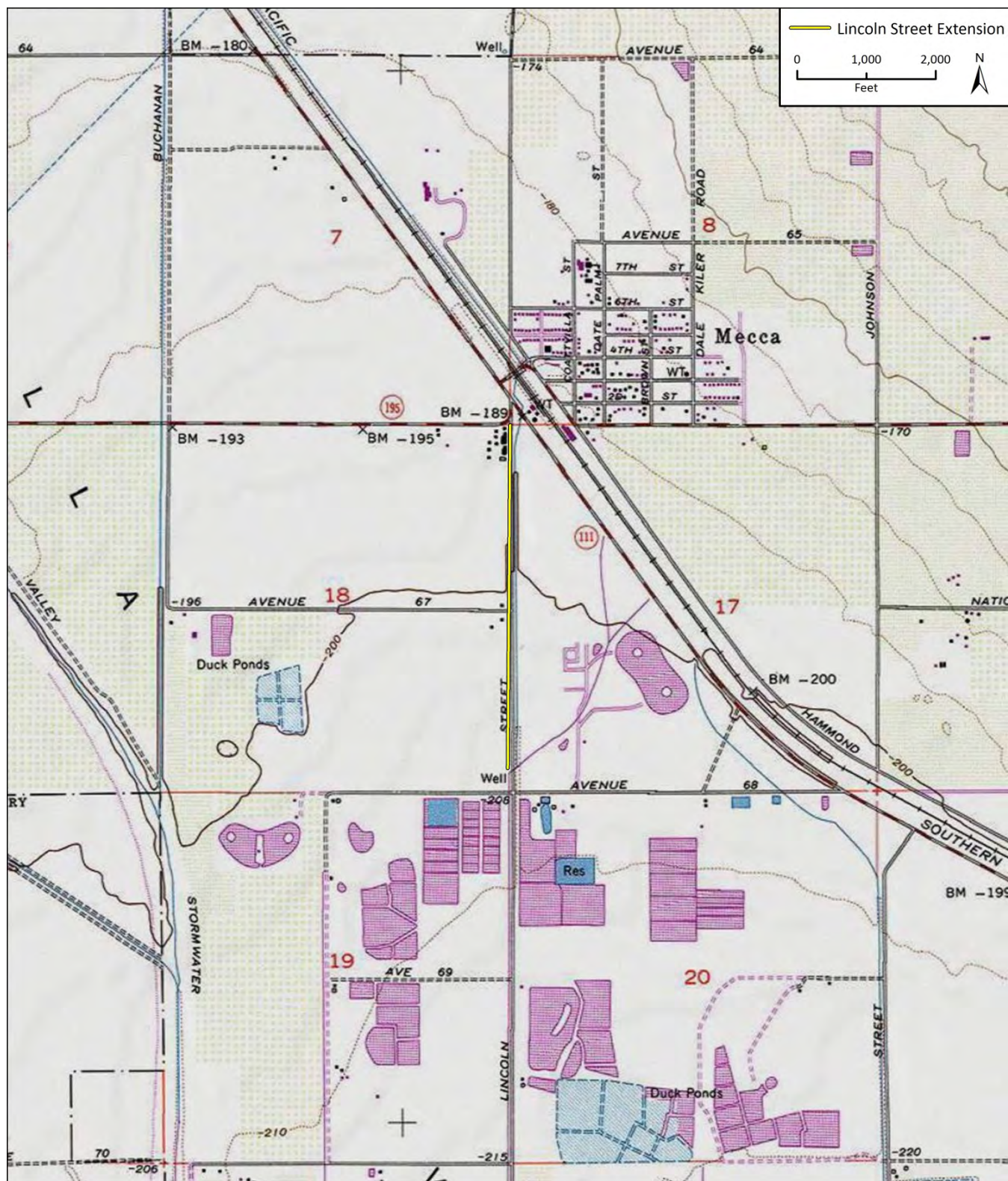
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*Map Name: Mecca

*Scale: 1:24,000

*Resource Name or # Lincoln Street

*Date of map: 1955



BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

*Resource Name or # Lincoln Street

*NRHP Status Code 6Z

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B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: N/A

B3. Original Use: Public road

B4. Present Use: Public road

*B5. Architectural Style: N/A

***B6. Construction History:**

Historic maps and aerial photos suggest the subject segment of Lincoln Street was completed sometime between 1914 and 1932 (USGS 2019; UCSB Map & Imagery Lab 1932). It is unclear, based on available sources, whether the segment in question was originally paved.

*B7. Moved? ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown

Date: N/A

Original Location: N/A

*B8. Related Features: None

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme N/A

Area N/A

Period of Significance N/A

Property Type N/A

Applicable Criteria N/A

Constructed sometime between 1914 and 1932, the subject resource is an approximately one-mile segment of Lincoln Street located just southwest of the community of Mecca. The resource was previously recorded by Statistical Research, Inc. (SRI) in February 2012. SRI did not evaluate the resource for eligibility for the National Register or the California Register or for designation in Riverside County.

Historic-era settlement of the area surrounding the subject resource began by the late 1870s, when the Southern Pacific Railroad established a depot at what was then called Walters. As late as the mid-1880s, the small community of Walters served as a "provisioning place for miners and prospectors," according to one history of the area. Farming and ranching were practiced in the area by the turn of the twentieth century. Real estate developer R. Holtby Myers of the Mecca Land Company changed the name of the community to Mecca in 1904 as part his firm's campaign sell property in the surrounding countryside to settler-farmers (*Coachella Valley's Golden Years* 1968; Mecca Promotion Company 1904). Date farming became an important enterprise in the area (*Coachella Valley's Golden Years* 1968).

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B11. Additional Resource Attributes: N/A

***B12. References:**

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BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

*Resource Name or # Lincoln Street

*NRHP Status Code 6Z

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B13. Remarks:

*B14. Evaluator: James Williams, Rincon Consultants

*Date of Evaluation: March 20, 2019

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*Resource Name or # Lincoln Street

*Recorded by: Lindsay Porras, Rincon Consultants

*Date: February 12, 2019

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***B10. Significance (continued):**

Although its date of construction remains uncertain, Lincoln Street appears to have been constructed in the context of the Mecca area's development as an agricultural settlement. Maps dating as late as 1914 depict the area's roadways as a limited network of irregular paths (BLM 1914). The earliest available source depicting the subject segment is a 1932 aerial photograph showing it as part of a limited road system that conformed to the survey grid. Although it was later extended, around this time, the full extent of the road began in the north at Southern Pacific Railroad crossing and terminated in the south near the north bank of the Whitewater River. In the vicinity of the road, land was unevenly developed for farming. It is unclear whether the road, was paved at the time the photo was taken (UCSB Map & Imagery Lab 1932; USGS 1941). However, the 1941 *Coachella* 15-minute topographical map shows that the northern two-thirds of the road (including the subject segment) were paved (USGS 1941). Between 1943 and 1955, the road was extended to the north from Mecca and to the south beyond the Whitewater River (USGS 1943 and 1955). Historic aerial photographs suggest the area surrounding the subject resource has essentially retained the primarily agricultural character it attained by the early 1930s (NETROnline 2019).

The subject resource does not appear eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or the California Register or for local designation in Riverside County. The segment of Lincoln Street presently under evaluation is likely associated with agricultural development on the outskirts of the community of Mecca, but, due to its comparatively recent construction date, is not linked to the early establishment of Mecca. Neither does the road appear to have achieved significance in later years. By all indications, it is a minor, local roadway in an area that is also severed by the larger State Route 111. Research for this study did not suggest it played a role in any other historical events or with any individuals known to have made important historical contributions (Criteria A/1/1 and B/2/2). Additionally, the subject road segment is of a ubiquitous type and does not represent a distinctive engineering design or method of construction (Criteria C/3/3). Further, the subject resource has not yielded and is unlikely to yield important prehistorical or historical information (Criteria D/4/4). Finally, the subject resource is not a contributor to an existing Historic Preservation District designated by Riverside County and does not merit listing as a contributor to any potential County-designated historic district.

***B12. References (continued):**

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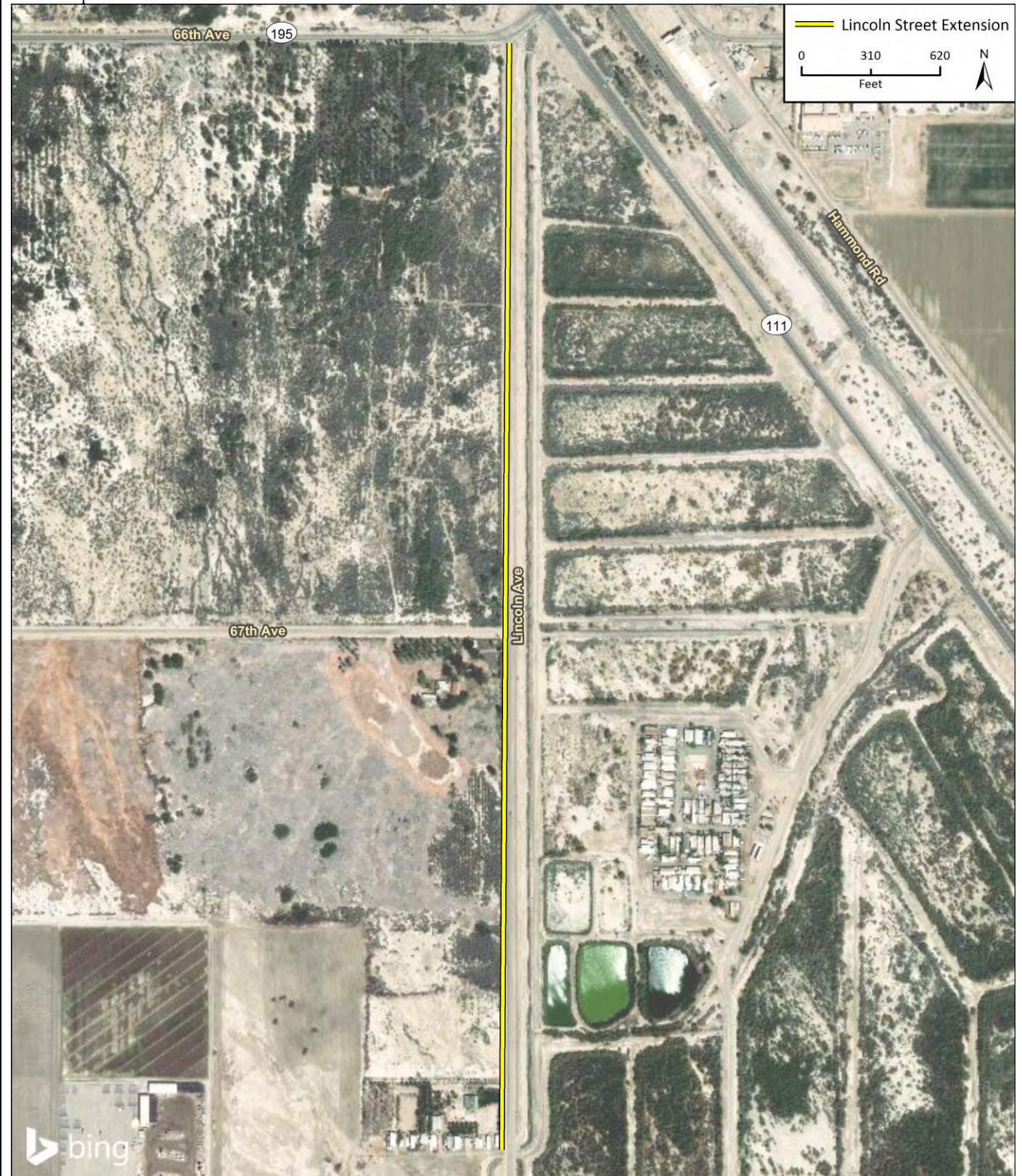
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Sketch Map:





COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Established in 1918 as a public agency

GENERAL MANAGER
Jim Barrett

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER
Robert Cheng

May 17, 2019

«First Name» «Last Name»
«Title»
«Native American Tribe»
«Address»
«City_State_Zip»

Dear «Salutation»«Last_Name»:

Subject: Saint Anthony Mobile Home Park Water Consolidation Project
Formal Notification of Assembly Bill (AB) 52 Consultation regarding Tribal Resources
under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Public Resources Code (PRC)
§21080.3.1: AB 52 (Gatto, 2014)

The Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) is conducting AB52 consultation for the *Saint Anthony Mobile Home Park Water Consolidation Project* (proposed project). Please consider this letter and preliminary project information as the initiation for AB52 Consultation for Tribal Resources under CEQA PRC §21080.3.1; AB 52 (Gatto, 2014).

CVWD's Environmental Services Department staff would like to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss the proposed project and AB52 compliance. Please respond within 30 days if you would like to consult on this project.

CVWD understands that Tribal information submitted to our agency shall be kept confidential (PRC §21082.3(c)(1)). The purpose of AB52 consultation is to obtain Tribal expertise on the subject project area (PRC §21080.3.1(a)) via Tribal submittal of comments, information and/or project design measures.

According to the State of California Governor's Office of Planning and Research's *Discussion Draft Technical Advisory: AB 52 and Tribal Cultural Resources in CEQA* report (May 2015), the consultation process shall be considered concluded when either: 1) The parties agree to measures to mitigate or avoid a significant effect, if a significant effect exists, on a tribal cultural resource; or 2) A party, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached (PRC §21080.3.2(b)).

Included for your information is a brief description of the proposed project and location (figures enclosed), and lead agency contact person pursuant to PRC §21080.3.1(d).

Brief Description of the Proposed Project and Location: The Saint Anthony Mobile Home Park (MHP) Water Consolidation Project consists of the consolidation of three independent, privately owned small water systems (SWs) into CVWD's potable water system to improve the

reliability and potential safety of water supply to the SWSs of rural disadvantaged communities (DACs). The SWSs include: Manuela Garcia Water, Seferino Huerta, and Saint Anthony MHP.

The project consists of construction of a new 30-inch diameter water main in Avenue 66 , which includes Phase 1a currently underway by the County of Riverside and Caltrans (not included in this proposed project), along with Phases 1b and 2, which would be constructed by CVWD. A new 12-inch diameter water main would be constructed on Lincoln Street, and new 1-inch, 2-inch, and 4-inch diameter water service laterals would connect to the Avenue 66 Phase 2 pipeline and 12-inch diameter water pipeline along Lincoln Street, and extend to the property boundaries of each SWSs. On-property components would include new 2-inch diameter pipelines on SWS property to complete service to the existing SWSs and 6-inch diameter fire service. The fire service pipelines would connect to the Avenue 66 pipeline and 12-inch Lincoln Street transmission pipeline and extend to fire hydrants or backflow preventors to provide fire service to each SWS. See enclosed site map.

Overall, the project would construct a total of approximately 33,000 linear feet of pipeline, four water meters, two fire hydrants, a tee-valve and reducer, a pressure reducing station, and a fire service backflow preventor. An additional 12-inch water main would be constructed in Lincoln Street with connections provided to Saint Anthony SWS and Seferino Huerta SWS. This water main is being designed and constructed by others and not included as part of the project. The project would deliver 106 acre-feet per year (AFY) of potable water to meet a maximum day demand of 65.88 gallons per minute (gpm). CVWD intends to apply for grant funding from California's State Water Resources Control Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Contact:

If you have any questions regarding the project or content of this letter, please contact Elizabeth Meyerhoff, Environmental Specialist, at (760) 398-2651 extension 2775; or email: Emeyerhoff@cvwd.org

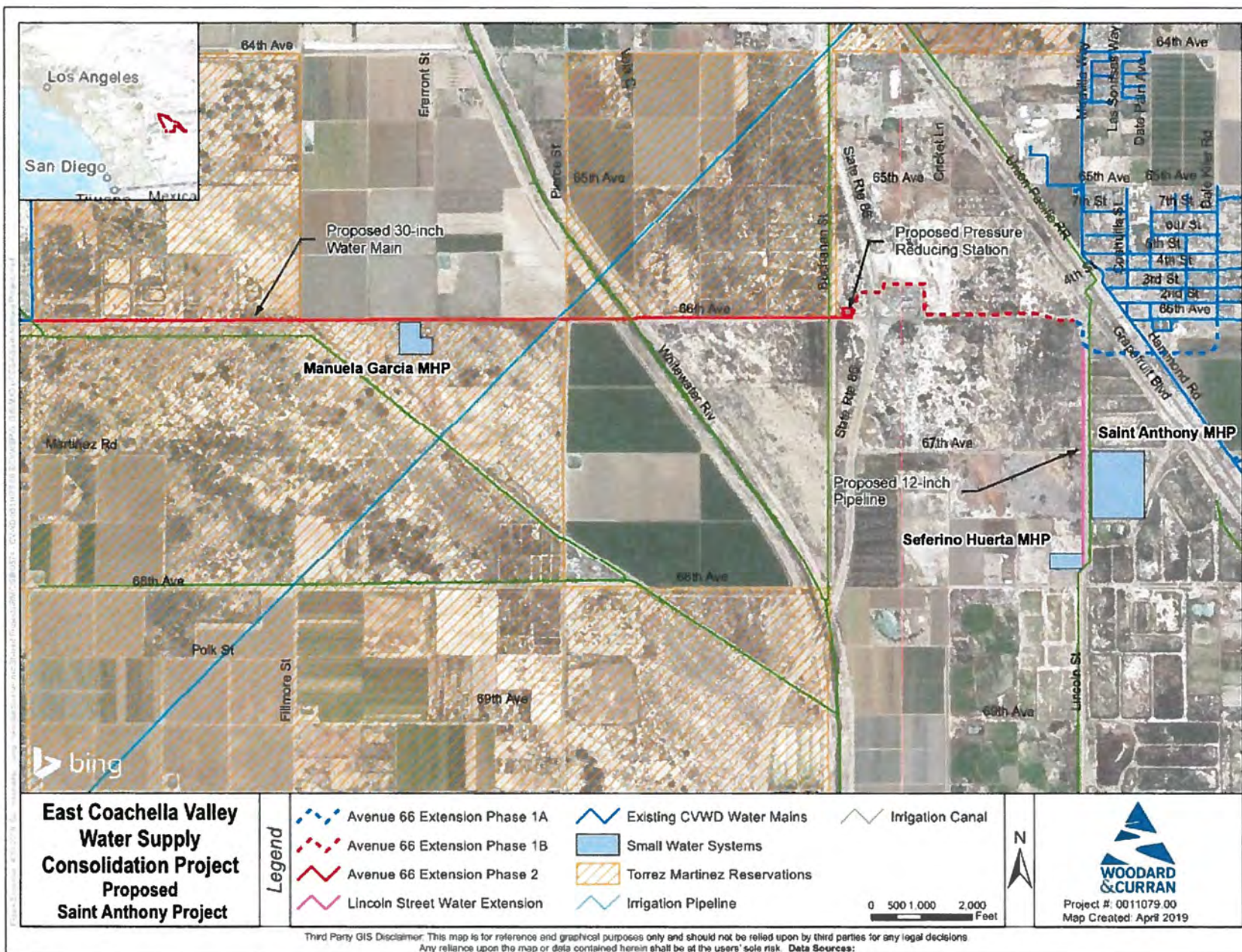
Thank you,



William Patterson
Environmental Supervisor

Enclosures/2/as
File No.





List of Recipients for: Saint Anthony Mobile Home Park Water Consolidation Project Formal Notification of (AB) 52 Consultation regarding Tribal Resources under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Public Resources Code (PRC) §21080.3.1: AB 52 (Gatto, 2014)

Letter dated May 17, 2019

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APPENDIX D: BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES MEMORANDUM FOR THE AVENUE 66
DOMESTIC WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES MEMORANDUM
for the
Avenue 66 Domestic Water Transmission Main

Company:	Coachella Valley Water District
Attention:	Dan Ruiz, Engineering Manager
From:	Zach Liptak, Associate Environmental Planner, Dokken Engineering
Subject:	Biological Resources Memorandum, Avenue 66 Domestic Water Transmission Main (DW1617)
Date:	January 8, 2019

Dokken Engineering has conducted an assessment of potential air quality impacts associated with the Avenue 66 Domestic Water Transmission Main, located along Avenue 66 from State Route 86 to Lincoln Street, in the unincorporated community of Mecca, Riverside County, California (see **Figures 1 and 2**). Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) is proposing to construct a domestic water transmission main. Funding for this project will be from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) in accordance with the Operating Agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and requires approval under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). CDVW requested environmental documentation to determine whether the Project potentially impacts air quality.

Project Description

The proposed Avenue 66 Domestic Water Transmission Main will provide the community of Mecca and Eastern Coachella Valley with a secondary source water supply by installing a 30-inch-diameter transmission pipeline. The proposed alignment of the pipeline parallels Avenue 66 (State Route 111) along the north shoulder from west of State Route 86 to just west of Lincoln Street. At the intersection of Avenue 66 and State Route 111, the proposed pipeline alignment will traverse the boundaries of the Mecca Travel Center to avoid boring under the Arco Gas Station. CVWD will obtain a 20-foot-strip easement for the pipeline from property owners north of Avenue 66. Pipeline construction may consist of both open trench and subsurface boring.

The proposed 30-inch-diameter pipeline is approximately 1 mile long and will connect from a proposed 30 inch diameter pipeline constructed as part of the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project to a future 30 inch diameter pipeline located on the west side of Highway 86 at Buchanan Street. The proposed project is part of a Strategic Initiative project that will eventually construct a 3 mile long critical pipeline from Polk Street for CVWD's customers in the Mecca area.

The pipeline will be installed with a minimum of four feet of earthen cover. Vertical deflections and restrained joints will be installed where the proposed pipeline crosses any other utilities including

irrigation mains, agricultural drain lines, storm drain culverts, and buried telephone lines. The pipeline will be placed in polyethylene wrap to protect the pipeline from the mildly corrosive soils.

Regulatory Setting

Federal Endangered Species Act

The Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA) of 1973 (16 U.S.C. section 1531 et seq.) provides for the conservation of endangered and threatened species listed pursuant to section 4 of the Act (16 U.S.C. section 1533) and the ecosystems upon which they depend. These protected species and resources have been identified by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

California Endangered Species Act

The California Endangered Species Act (CESA) (CFG Code Section 2050 et seq.) requires the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to establish a list of endangered and threatened species (Section 2070) and to prohibit the incidental taking of any such listed species except as allowed by the Act (Sections 2080-2089). In addition, CESA prohibits take of candidate species (under consideration for listing).

CESA also requires the CDFW to comply with the CEQA (Pub. Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) when evaluating incidental take permit applications (CFG Code Section 2081(b) and California Code Regulations, Title 14, section 783.0 et seq.), and the impacts the project or activity for which the application was submitted may have on the environment. The CDFW's CEQA obligations include consultation with other public agencies which have jurisdiction over the project or activity (California Code Regulations, Title 14, Section 783.5(d)(3)). CDFW cannot issue an incidental take permit if issuance would jeopardize the continued existence of the species (CFG Code Section 2081(c); California Code Regulations, Title 14, Section 783.4(b)).

Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan

The Coachella Valley Water District is a participant of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP). The project is located within the regulatory boundary of the CVMSHCP but is completely outside the limits of any designated conservation areas, including the Conservation Area of the CVMSHCP. The CVMSHCP was created to enhance and maintain biological diversity and ecosystem processes while allowing future economic growth. The CVMSHCP provides comprehensive compliance with Federal and State endangered species laws and standardizes 27 Covered Species mitigation/compensation measures for a streamlined regulatory process. To mitigate take of Covered Species, the CVMSHCP protects and manages desired habitats within designated Conservation Areas. Coordination with regulatory agencies including the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC), CDFW, USFWS, and USACE ensure that regional impacts to the Conservation Areas are minimized or mitigated for, as appropriate.

The project is considered a covered project under the CVMSHCP pursuant to Section 7.1 Covered Activities Outside of Conservation Areas under *"Public facility construction, operations (not including groundwater withdrawal), and maintenance and safety activities by the Permittees for existing and future facilities, including both on and off site activities"* because 1) all project impacts would occur outside of Conservation Areas and 2) the project's is a public facility

construction. While the project is adjacent to the Stormwater Channel and Delta Conservation Area; the project has been designed to ensure all project impacts will be outside the limits of this Conservation Area. As the project will completely avoid the Stormwater Channel and Delta Conservation Area, a Joint Project Review is not required. As a fully covered project under Section 7.1, no additional fees are required of CVWD.

Methodology

Prior to field work, literature research was conducted through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) *Information for Planning and Conservation* (IPaC), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) *California Natural Diversity Database* (CNDDDB), the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) *Electronic Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants*, and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) species list to identify habitats and special-status species having the potential to occur within the project area. No quadrangles with potential NMFS species were located in the project vicinity during the NMFS species list query.

Field surveys were conducted on December 4, 2018 to document existing biological resources, detect jurisdictional waters of the United States (U.S.) and State, and search for suitable habitat and presence of Federal and State protected species. Impacts to resources were analyzed based on the project design and ecological resources identified in the field surveys. T

Existing Conditions

The project is located outside the Community of Mecca, in Riverside County, in the Desert Province, Sonoran Desert region and Colorado Desert Section, ecological subsection 322Ca (Coachella Valley) of California. The project area encompasses roughly 44 acres and encompasses developed/ruderal lands and mixed saltbrush scrub.

Developed/Ruderal

A large portion of the project area contains disturbed developed/ruderal areas. The disturbed habitat within the BSA occurs as a result of past disturbance and compaction of soils due to commercial, pedestrian use (walking/cycling trails), habitation by transients, and maintenance of the State Route 111, Avenue 66, State Route 86, and utility corridors. These disturbed non-native ruderal areas make up the majority of the habitat present within the project limits and offer little or no habitat value to surrounding wildlife and vegetation. The Mecca Travel Center is the only development within the project area and is entirely paved, providing no potential habitat value.

Mixed Saltbush Scrub

A portion of the project area contains mixed saltbush scrub. The mixed saltbush community scrub often occurs in bajadas, flats, lower slopes, playas and valleys in areas where fine-textured, poorly drained soils with high salinity and/or alkalinity occur; soils may also be carbonate-rich. Mixed saltbush scrub is often considered part of the chenopod or saltbush scrub communities and inhabits elevations from -246 to 8,202 feet. Common species dominating in this community include four-wing saltbush (*Atriplex canescens*), shadscale (*Atriplex confertifolia*), big saltbush (*Atriplex lentiformis*), allscale (*Atriplex polycarpa*) and mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*). Within the project area, big saltbush dominates the mixed saltbush community interspersed with tamarisk, mesquite, desert isocoma (*Isocoma acradenia* var. *eremophila*) and arrowweed. The mixed

saltbush scrub habitat onsite closely integrates with an arrowweed community; therefore, habitat was considered to be the mixed saltbush community when a saltbush rather than arrowweed was the dominant species.

Detailed Results

Based on the field survey, there is no potential for federal threatened, endangered or candidate species to occur within the project limits. The USFWS has provided the participants of the CVMSHCP with a FESA Section 10(a)(1)(B) Incidental take permit for the CVMSHCP area, File # R8-AES. No effect to FESA listed species will occur as a result of the project. To be in compliance with the above USFWS Section 10(a)(1)(B) Incidental take permit, the project shall implement all applicable CVMSHCP approved minimization, avoidance and mitigation measures, including preconstruction clearance and avoidance surveys. As the project shall be in full compliance with the CVMSHCP, and no effect to federal threatened, endangered or Candidate species is likely, further consultation under FESA is not required.

Further, no jurisdictional waters of either the U.S. or State were observed within the project area.

Native birds, protected under the MBTA and similar provisions under CDFW code, could nest within the project area during construction. During the biological surveys, evidence of suitable nesting habitat was observed within the shrubs and trees adjacent to the project area. The measure below shall be implemented to ensure protection of migratory nesting birds.

- If the construction contractor needs to remove vegetation (shrubs or trees) during the migratory bird breeding season (February 15th – September 1st), a pre-construction nesting bird survey must be conducted within 7 days prior to vegetation removal. Within 2 weeks of the nesting bird survey, all vegetation cleared by the project biologist must be removed by the contractor.

A minimum 100 foot no-disturbance buffer must be established around any active nest to limit the impacts of construction activities. The contractor must immediately stop work in the nesting area until the appropriate buffer is established and is prohibited from conducting work that could disturb the birds (as determined by the project biologist and in coordination with wildlife agencies) in the buffer area until the project biologist determines the young have fledged.

Detailed Conclusion

Based on the field survey and research, it is not anticipated that the proposed project will result in any impacts to sensitive species. The field survey did not identify any potential sensitive habitat or plant or animal species within the Project Area. Based on the field survey results, no jurisdictional waters were identified. It has been determined that sensitive biological species will not be impacted as a result of the Avenue 66 Domestic Water Transmission Main with implementation of the measure for nesting birds recommended above.

Attachments:

Figure 1: Project Vicinity

Figure 2: Project Area

Sensitive Species Lists

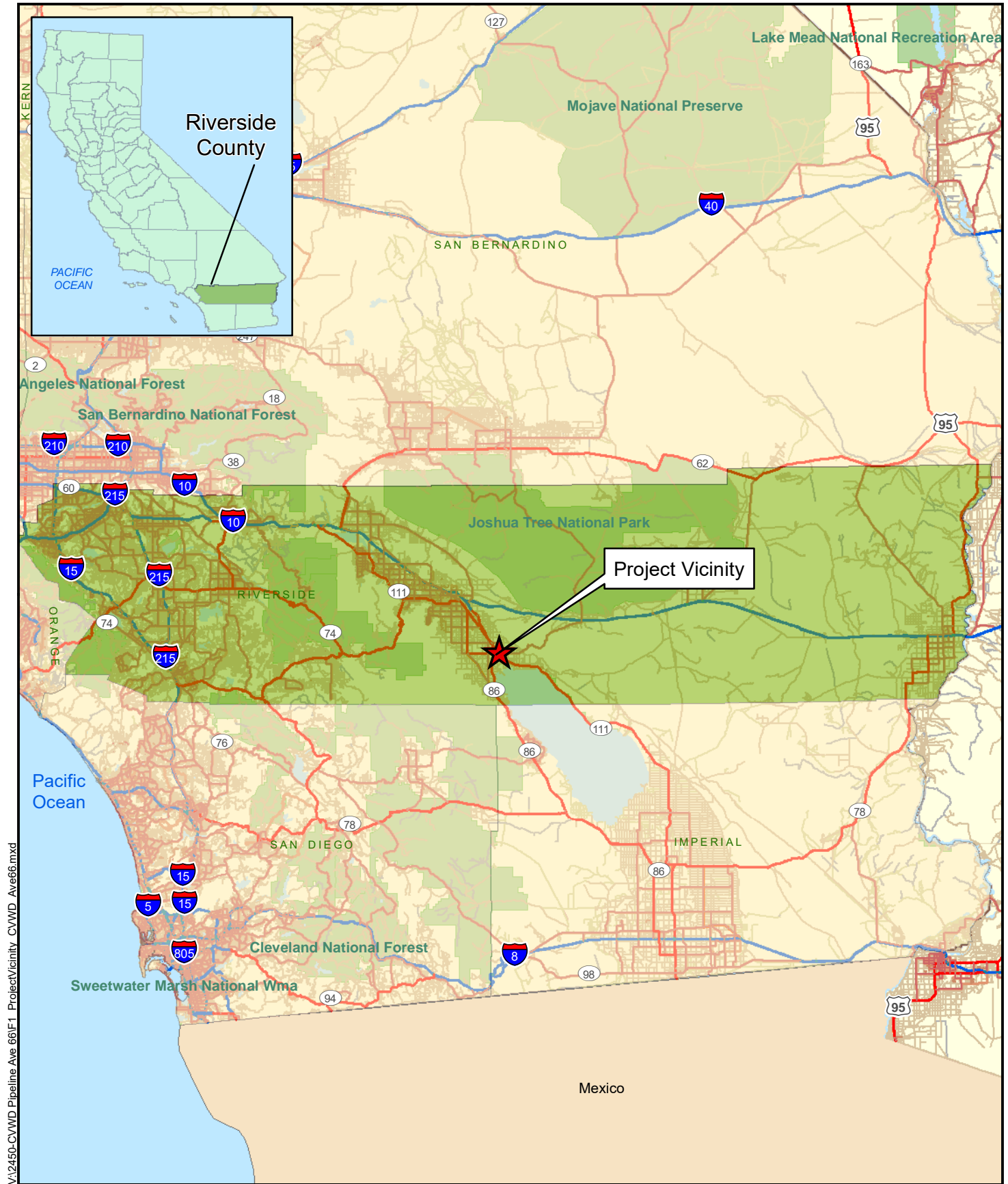
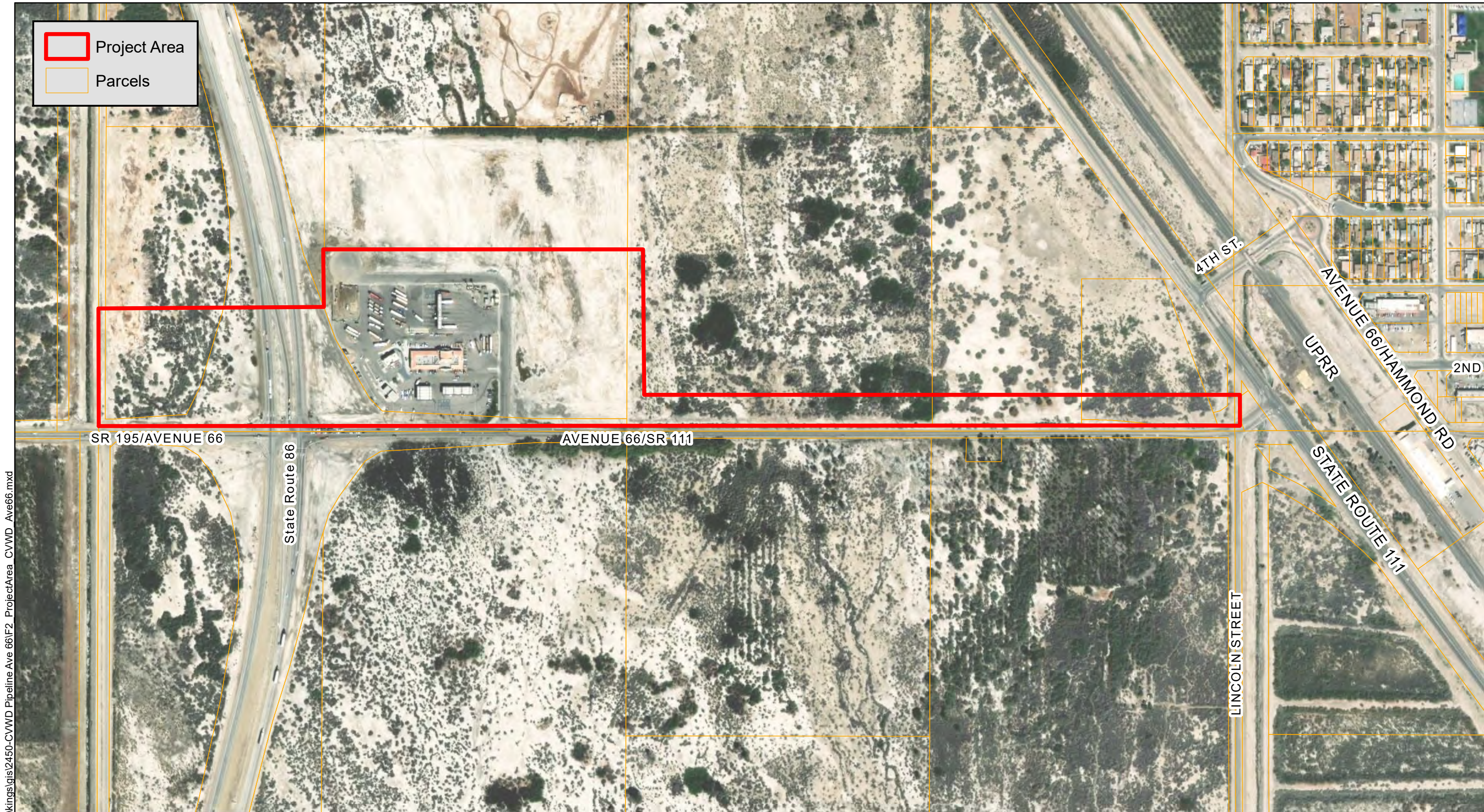


FIGURE 1
Project Vicinity
 Avenue 66 Domestic Water Transmission Main
 Community of Mecca, Riverside County, California



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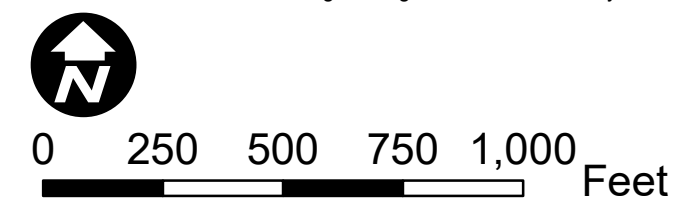


FIGURE 2
Project Area
Avenue 66 Domestic Water Transmission Main
Community of Mecca, Riverside County, California



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In Reply Refer To:

December 18, 2018

Consultation Code: 08ECAR00-2019-SLI-0319

Event Code: 08ECAR00-2019-E-00730

Project Name: Avenue 66 Domestic Water Transmission Main

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location, and/or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, and proposed species, designated critical habitat, and candidate species that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/TOC-GLOS.PDF>

Please be aware that bald and golden eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*), and projects affecting these species may require development of an eagle conservation plan (http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/eagle_guidance.html). Additionally, wind energy projects should follow the wind energy guidelines (<http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/>) for minimizing impacts to migratory birds and bats.

Guidance for minimizing impacts to migratory birds for projects including communications towers (e.g., cellular, digital television, radio, and emergency broadcast) can be found at: <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/towers.htm>; <http://www.towerkill.com>; and <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/comtow.html>.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List
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Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

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Project Summary

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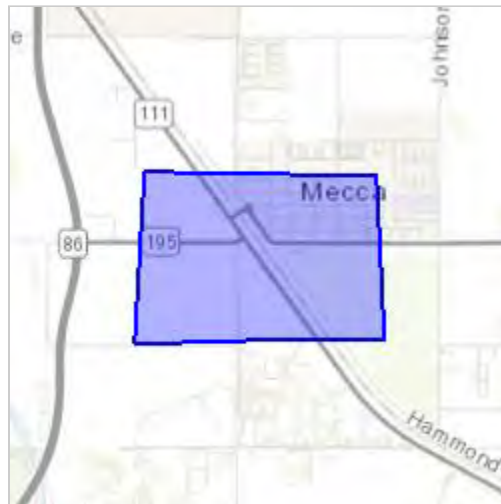
Project Name: Avenue 66 Domestic Water Transmission Main

Project Type: PIPELINE

Project Description: Domestic Water Transmission Main

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/33.56825307783634N116.07693735360381W>



Counties: Riverside, CA

Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 6 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

Birds

NAME	STATUS
Least Bell's Vireo <i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5945	Endangered
Southwestern Willow Flycatcher <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6749	Endangered
Yuma Clapper Rail <i>Rallus longirostris yumanensis</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3505	Endangered

Reptiles

NAME	STATUS
Desert Tortoise <i>Gopherus agassizii</i> Population: Wherever found, except AZ south and east of Colorado R., and Mexico There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4481	Threatened

Fishes

NAME	STATUS
Desert Pupfish <i>Cyprinodon macularius</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7003	Endangered
Razorback Sucker <i>Xyrauchen texanus</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/530	Endangered

Critical habitats

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.



Selected Elements by Common Name

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

California Natural Diversity Database



Query Criteria: Quad< IS (Cottonwood Basin (3311568) OR Indio (3311662) OR Mecca (3311651) OR Mortmar (3311558) OR Thermal Canyon (3311661) OR Valerie (3311652))

Species	Element Code	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank	Rare Plant Rank/CDFW SSC or FP
Alverson's foxtail cactus <i>Coryphantha alversonii</i>	PDCAC0X060	None	None	G3	S3	4.3
American badger <i>Taxidea taxus</i>	AMAJF04010	None	None	G5	S3	SSC
black skimmer <i>Rynchops niger</i>	ABNNM14010	None	None	G5	S2	SSC
black-crowned night heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	ABNGA11010	None	None	G5	S4	
black-tailed gnatcatcher <i>Poliophtila melanura</i>	ABPBJ08030	None	None	G5	S3S4	WL
burrowing owl <i>Athene cunicularia</i>	ABNSB10010	None	None	G4	S3	SSC
California black rail <i>Laterallus jamaicensis coturniculus</i>	ABNME03041	None	Threatened	G3G4T1	S1	FP
California ditaxis <i>Ditaxis serrata var. californica</i>	PDEUP08050	None	None	G5T3T4	S2?	3.2
chaparral sand-verbena <i>Abronia villosa var. aurita</i>	PDNYC010P1	None	None	G5T2?	S2	1B.1
cheeseweed owlfly (cheeseweed moth lacewing) <i>Oliarces clara</i>	IINEU04010	None	None	G1G3	S2	
Coachella giant sand treader cricket <i>Macrobaenetes valgum</i>	IIORT22020	None	None	G1G2	S1S2	
Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard <i>Uma inornata</i>	ARACF15010	Threatened	Endangered	G1Q	S1	
Coachella Valley milk-vetch <i>Astragalus lentiginosus var. coachellae</i>	PDFAB0FB97	Endangered	None	G5T1	S1	1B.2
Colorado Valley woodrat <i>Neotoma albigula venusta</i>	AMAFF08031	None	None	G5T3T4	S1S2	
Couch's spadefoot <i>Scaphiopus couchii</i>	AAABF01020	None	None	G5	S2	SSC
Cove's cassia <i>Senna covesii</i>	PDFAB491X0	None	None	G5	S3	2B.2
Crissal thrasher <i>Toxostoma crissale</i>	ABPBK06090	None	None	G5	S3	SSC
desert bighorn sheep <i>Ovis canadensis nelsoni</i>	AMALE04013	None	None	G4T4	S3	FP
Desert Fan Palm Oasis Woodland <i>Desert Fan Palm Oasis Woodland</i>	CTT62300CA	None	None	G3	S3.2	



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desert pupfish <i>Cyprinodon macularius</i>	AFCNB02060	Endangered	Endangered	G1	S1	
desert tortoise <i>Gopherus agassizii</i>	ARAAF01012	Threatened	Threatened	G3	S2S3	
ferruginous hawk <i>Buteo regalis</i>	ABNKC19120	None	None	G4	S3S4	WL
flat-tailed horned lizard <i>Phrynosoma mcallii</i>	ARACF12040	None	None	G3	S2	SSC
glandular ditaxis <i>Ditaxis claryana</i>	PDEUP080L0	None	None	G3G4	S2	2B.2
gravel milk-vetch <i>Astragalus sabulorum</i>	PDFAB0F7R0	None	None	G4G5	S2	2B.2
great blue heron <i>Ardea herodias</i>	ABNGA04010	None	None	G5	S4	
great egret <i>Ardea alba</i>	ABNGA04040	None	None	G5	S4	
gull-billed tern <i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	ABNNM08010	None	None	G5	S1	SSC
jackass-clover <i>Wislizenia refracta ssp. refracta</i>	PDCPP09013	None	None	G5T5?	S1	2B.2
Lancaster milk-vetch <i>Astragalus preussii var. laxiflorus</i>	PDFAB0F721	None	None	G4T2	S1	1B.1
Latimer's woodland-gilia <i>Saltugilia latimeri</i>	PDPLM0H010	None	None	G3	S3	1B.2
Le Conte's thrasher <i>Toxostoma lecontei</i>	ABPBK06100	None	None	G4	S3	SSC
little-leaf elephant tree <i>Bursera microphylla</i>	PDBUR01020	None	None	G4	S2	2B.3
Mecca-aster <i>Xylorhiza cognata</i>	PDASTA1010	None	None	G2	S2	1B.2
narrow-leaf sandpaper-plant <i>Petalonyx linearis</i>	PDLOA04010	None	None	G4	S3?	2B.3
Orocopia sage <i>Salvia greatae</i>	PDLAM1S0P0	None	None	G2G3	S2S3	1B.3
pallid bat <i>Antrozous pallidus</i>	AMACC10010	None	None	G5	S3	SSC
pallid San Diego pocket mouse <i>Chaetodipus fallax pallidus</i>	AMAFD05032	None	None	G5T34	S3S4	SSC
Palm Springs pocket mouse <i>Perognathus longimembris bangsi</i>	AMAFD01043	None	None	G5T2	S2	SSC
Palm Springs round-tailed ground squirrel <i>Xerospermophilus tereticaudus chlorus</i>	AMAFB05161	None	None	G5T2Q	S2	SSC



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pocketed free-tailed bat <i>Nyctinomops femorosaccus</i>	AMACD04010	None	None	G4	S3	SSC
prairie falcon <i>Falco mexicanus</i>	ABNKD06090	None	None	G5	S4	WL
razorback sucker <i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>	AFCJC11010	Endangered	Endangered	G1	S1S2	FP
San Bernardino milk-vetch <i>Astragalus bernardinus</i>	PDFAB0F190	None	None	G3	S3	1B.2
Santa Rosa Mountains leptosiphon <i>Leptosiphon floribundus ssp. hallii</i>	PDPLM090J3	None	None	G4T1T2	S1S2	1B.3
singlewhorl burrobush <i>Ambrosia monogyra</i>	PDAST50010	None	None	G5	S2	2B.2
slender cottonheads <i>Nemacaulis denudata var. gracilis</i>	PDPGN0G012	None	None	G3G4T3?	S2	2B.2
slender-stem bean <i>Phaseolus filiformis</i>	PDFAB330P0	None	None	G5	S1	2B.1
snowy egret <i>Egretta thula</i>	ABNGA06030	None	None	G5	S4	
spotted bat <i>Euderma maculatum</i>	AMACC07010	None	None	G4	S3	SSC
Townsend's big-eared bat <i>Corynorhinus townsendii</i>	AMACC08010	None	None	G3G4	S2	SSC
vermillion flycatcher <i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>	ABPAE36010	None	None	G5	S2S3	SSC
western mastiff bat <i>Eumops perotis californicus</i>	AMACD02011	None	None	G5T4	S3S4	SSC
western yellow bat <i>Lasiurus xanthinus</i>	AMACC05070	None	None	G5	S3	SSC
white-faced ibis <i>Plegadis chihi</i>	ABNGE02020	None	None	G5	S3S4	WL
Wright's jaffueliobryum moss <i>Jaffueliobryum wrightii</i>	NBMUS97020	None	None	G4G5	S2?	2B.3
yellow-breasted chat <i>Icteria virens</i>	ABPBX24010	None	None	G5	S3	SSC
Yuma Ridgway's rail <i>Rallus obsoletus yumanensis</i>	ABNME0501A	Endangered	Threatened	G5T3	S1S2	FP

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Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	Lifeform	Blooming Period	CA Rare Plant Rank	State Rank	Global Rank
Abronia villosa var. aurita	chaparral sand-verbena	Nyctaginaceae	annual herb	(Jan)Mar-Sep	1B.1	S2	G5T2?
Ambrosia monogyra	singlewhorl burrobrush	Asteraceae	perennial shrub	Aug-Nov	2B.2	S2	G5
Astragalus bernardinus	San Bernardino milk-vetch	Fabaceae	perennial herb	Apr-Jun	1B.2	S3	G3
Astragalus lentiginosus var. coachellae	Coachella Valley milk-vetch	Fabaceae	annual / perennial herb	Feb-May	1B.2	S1	G5T1
Astragalus sabulonum	gravel milk-vetch	Fabaceae	annual / perennial herb	Feb-Jun	2B.2	S2	G4G5
Astragalus tricarínatus	triple-ribbed milk-vetch	Fabaceae	perennial herb	Feb-May	1B.2	S2	G2
Ayenia compacta	California ayenia	Malvaceae	perennial herb	Mar-Apr	2B.3	S3	G4
Bursera microphylla	little-leaf elephant tree	Burseraceae	perennial deciduous tree	Jun-Jul	2B.3	S2	G4
Ditaxis claryana	glandular ditaxis	Euphorbiaceae	perennial herb	Oct,Dec,Jan,Feb,Mar	2B.2	S2	G3G4
Ditaxis serrata var. californica	California ditaxis	Euphorbiaceae	perennial herb	Mar-Dec	3.2	S2?	G5T3T4
Jaffueliobryum raui	Rau's jaffueliobryum moss	Grimmiaceae	moss		2B.3	S2?	G4?
Jaffueliobryum wrightii	Wright's jaffueliobryum moss	Grimmiaceae	moss		2B.3	S2?	G4G5
Leptosiphon floribundus ssp. hallii	Santa Rosa Mountains leptosiphon	Polemoniaceae	perennial herb	May-Jul(Nov)	1B.3	S1S2	G4T1T2
Mentzelia tridentata	creamy blazing star	Loasaceae	annual herb	Mar-May	1B.3	S3	G3
Nemacaulis denudata var. gracilis	slender cottonheads	Polygonaceae	annual herb	(Mar)Apr-May	2B.2	S2	G3G4T3?
Petalonyx linearis	narrow-leaf sandpaper-plant	Loasaceae	perennial shrub	(Jan-Feb)Mar-May(Jun-Dec)	2B.3	S3?	G4
Phaseolus filiformis	slender-stem bean	Fabaceae	annual herb	Apr	2B.1	S1	G5
Saltugilia latimeri	Latimer's woodland-gilia	Polemoniaceae	annual herb	Mar-Jun	1B.2	S3	G3
Salvia greatae	Orocopia sage	Lamiaceae	perennial	Mar-Apr	1B.3	S2S3	G2G3

			evergreen shrub				
<u>Senna covesii</u>	Coves' cassia	Fabaceae	perennial herb	Mar-Jun(Aug)	2B.2	S3	G5
<u>Wislizenia refracta ssp. palmeri</u>	Palmer's jackass clover	Cleomaceae	perennial deciduous shrub	Jan-Dec	2B.2	S1	G5T3T5
<u>Wislizenia refracta ssp. refracta</u>	jackass-clover	Cleomaceae	annual herb	Apr-Nov	2B.2	S1	G5T5?
<u>Xylorhiza cognata</u>	Mecca-aster	Asteraceae	perennial herb	Jan-Jun	1B.2	S2	G2

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