

Appendix C
California Environmental Quality Act Checklist

The following checklist identifies physical, biological, social, and economic factors that might be affected by the proposed Program. The CEQA impact levels include potentially significant impact, less-than-significant impact with mitigation, less-than-significant impact, and no impact. Please refer to the following for detailed discussions regarding impacts:

- Guidance: Title 14, Chapter 3, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15000 et seq. (http://www.ceres.ca.gov/topic/env_law/ceqa/guidelines/)
- Statutes: Division 13, California Public Resource Code, Sections 21000-21178.1 (http://www.ceres.ca.gov/topic/env_law/ceqa/stat/)

CEQA requires that environmental documents determine significant or potentially significant impacts. The technical reports provide supporting analysis and documentation regarding these findings, and the Draft Program EIR summarizes the issues and findings.

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AESTHETICS - Would the project:

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| a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic building within a state scenic highway? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings? | <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 type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

AGRICULTURE RESOURCES - In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project:

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| a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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

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| 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"/> |
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b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?

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c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?

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d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentration?

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e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

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BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES - Would the project:

a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

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b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

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c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

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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?

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e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?

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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?

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CULTURAL RESOURCES - Would the project:

a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?

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b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?

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c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

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d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

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GEOLOGY AND SOILS - Would the project:

a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:

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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.

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ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?

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iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

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iv) Landslides?

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b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

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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

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landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?

d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property.

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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?

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HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS –
Would the project:

a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?

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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?

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c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous material, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?

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d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

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e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

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f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

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g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

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h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?

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HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY - Would be the project:

a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?

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b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?

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c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?

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d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?

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e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?

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f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?

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g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?

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h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?

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i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?

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j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?

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LAND USE AND PLANNING - Would be the project:

a) Physically divide an established community?

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b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

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c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?

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MINERAL RESOURCES - Would the project:

a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?

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b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?

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NOISE - Would the project:

a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?

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b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?

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c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

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d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

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e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

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f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

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POPULATION AND HOUSING - Would the project:

a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

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b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

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c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

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PUBLIC SERVICES -

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

Fire protection?

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Police protection?

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Schools?

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Parks?

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Other public facilities?

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RECREATION -

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

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b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

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TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC - Would be the project:

a) Cause an increase in traffic which his substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?

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b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?

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c) Result in a change in air traffic patters, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?

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d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incomplete uses (e.g., farm equipment)?

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e) Result in inadequate emergency access?

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f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?

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g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?

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UTILITY AND SERVICE SYSTEMS - Would be the project:

a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?

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b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

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c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

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d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?

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e) Result in 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?

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f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?

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g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

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MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE -

a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, or cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, 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?

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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)?

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c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

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Appendix D
Title VI Policy Statement

STATE OF CALIFORNIA—BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY

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January 14, 2005

**TITLE VI
POLICY STATEMENT**

The California Department of Transportation under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes, ensures that no person in the State of California shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, and age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity it administers.

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WILL KEMPTON
Director

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Appendix E
Notice of Preparation and Comments

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) was filed with the State Clearinghouse to announce the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Program. The NOP was issued on October 5, 2006, and the 30-day response period ended on November 3, 2006. Two letters were received in response to the NOP, which are included following the NOP and summarized below.

Native American Heritage Commission

The Native American Heritage Commission requested that Caltrans complete the following actions for the Program:

- Conduct a records search at the appropriate Information Center
- Perform an archaeological survey
- Contact the Native American Heritage Commission for a file or records review and list of contacts
- Provide planning for the discovery and disposition of potential archaeological resources

All of these actions were performed and are summarized in Section 3.6. The detailed technical studies are documented in the Archaeological Survey Report (Condor Country Consulting 2006), Historical Resources Evaluation Report (JRP Historical Consulting 2006), and Historical Resources Compliance Report (URS 2006e) prepared for the Program.

California Department of Fish and Game

The California Department of Fish and Game recommended that the Draft Program EIR discuss and provide adequate mitigation for the Program's impacts on fish and wildlife and their habitat, wetlands and riparian habitat, and special-status species, as well as related cumulative impacts; alternatives to avoid impacts to fish, wildlife, water quality, and vegetative resources; and consistency with applicable plans. These issues are addressed in Sections 3.4 (Wetlands), 3.5 (Natural Environment), 3.1 (Land Use and Community Impacts), and 3.12 (Cumulative Impacts).

The California Department of Fish and Game also requested that the Draft Program EIR consider whether the proposed Program will result in impacts under the jurisdiction of Section 1600 of the California Fish and Game Code, when work is undertaken within a stream or water course. Portions of the project will cross water bodies that fall under these regulations, and permit authorizations will be requested as applicable when segments of the projects are advanced for further study and evaluation (after completion of this Program EIR).



Arnold Schwarzenegger
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Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit



Sean Walsh
Director

Notice of Preparation

October 5, 2006

To: Reviewing Agencies

Re: El Dorado 50 and 89 EIP/Stormwater treatment Project
SCH# 2006102021

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the El Dorado 50 and 89 EIP/Stormwater treatment Project draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

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with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,



Scott Morgan
Senior Planner, State Clearinghouse

Attachments
cc: Lead Agency

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SCH# 2006102021
Project Title El Dorado 50 and 89 EIP/Stormwater treatment Project
Lead Agency Caltrans #3

Type NOP Notice of Preparation
Description Construct water conveyance and drainage systems to improve water quality runoff from segments of US 50 and SR 89 to comply with stormwater runoff permit requirements, and include roadway improvements to meet current highway design standard.

Lead Agency Contact

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Agency Department of Transportation, District 3
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email
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City Sacramento **State** CA **Zip** 95833

Project Location

County El Dorado
City South Lake Tahoe
Region
Cross Streets SR89 Luther Pass-Tahoma, US50 Echo Summit-Stateline
Parcel No.

Township	Range	Section	Base
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Proximity to:

Highways Sr 89 and US 50
Airports South Lake Tahoe
Railways None
Waterways Various creeks and drainages
Schools Lake Tahoe and Tahoe Truckee District
Land Use State highway right-of-way. Some adjacent parcels may be affected, which include parkland, residential and commercial uses.

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Cumulative Effects; Drainage/Absorption; Flood Plain/Flooding; Forest Land/Fire Hazard; Noise; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Quality; Water Supply; Wetland/Riparian; Wildlife

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Office of Historic Preservation; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; Department of Fish and Game, Region 2; Native American Heritage Commission; Tahoe Regional Planning Agency; Caltrans, Division of Aeronautics; California Highway Patrol; Air Resources Board, Transportation Projects; State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Loans and Grants; Department of Toxic Substances Control; Regional Water Quality Control Bd., Region 6 (So Lake Tahoe)

Date Received 10/05/2006 **Start of Review** 10/05/2006 **End of Review** 11/03/2006

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Form A

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

SCH # _____

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, PO Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 916/445-0613

Project Title: El Dorado 50 and 89 EIP/Stormwater Treatment Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation
Mailing Address: 2800 Gateway Oaks Drive
City: Sacramento, CA Zip: 95833

Contact Person: Jody Brown
Phone: (916) 274-5908
County: Sacramento

Project Location:

County: El Dorado City/Nearest Community: South Lake Tahoe, Meyers, Stateline, Tahoma
Cross Streets: SR89 Luther Pass-Tahoma, US50 Echo Summit-Stateline Zip Code: Total Acres:
Assessor's Parcel No. Section: Twp. Range: Base:
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 89 and US 50 Waterways: Various creeks and drainages
Airports: South Lake Tahoe Railways: None Schools: Lake Tahoe & Tahoe Truckee Dist

Document Type:

CEQA: [X] NOP [] Supplement/Subsequent EIR NEPA: [] NOI Other: [] Joint Document
[] Early Cons (Prior SCH No.) [] EA [] Final Document
[] Neg Dec [] Other [] Draft EIS [] Other
[] Draft EIR [] FONSI

Local Action Type:

[] General Plan Update [] Specific Plan [] Rezone [] Annexation
[] General Plan Amendment [] Master Plan [] Prezone [] Redevelopment
[] General Plan Element [] Planned Unit Development [] Use Permit [] Coastal Permit
[] Community Plan [] Site Plan [] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) [X] Other TRPA

Development Type:

[] Residential: Units Acres [] Water Facilities: Type MGD
[] Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees [X] Transportation: Type State highway improvements
[] Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees [] Mining: Mineral
[] Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees [] Power: Type Watts
[] Educational [] Waste Treatment: Type
[] Recreational [] Hazardous Waste: Type
[] Other:

Funding (approx.): Federal \$ State \$ Total \$

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

[X] Aesthetic/Visual [X] Flood Plain/Flooding [] Schools/Universities [X] Water Quality
[] Agricultural Land [X] Forest Land/Fire Hazard [] Septic Systems [X] Water Supply/Groundwater
[X] Air Quality [] Geologic/Seismic [] Sewer Capacity [X] Wetland/Riparian
[X] Archeological/Historical [] Minerals [X] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading [X] Wildlife
[] Coastal Zone [X] Noise [] Solid Waste [] Growth Inducing
[X] Drainage/Absorption [] Population/Housing Balance [X] Toxic/Hazardous [] Landuse
[] Economic/Jobs [X] Public Services/Facilities [X] Traffic/Circulation [] Cumulative Effects
[] Fiscal [X] Recreation/Parks [X] Vegetation [X] Other This is NOP only

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

State highway right-of-way. Some adjacent parcels may be affected, which include parkland, residential, and commercial uses.

Project Description:

Construct water conveyance and drainage systems to improve water quality runoff from segments of US 50 and SR 89 to comply with stormwater runoff permit requirements, and include roadway improvements to meet current highway design standards. January 2004

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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Resources Agency

- Boating & Waterways
- Coastal Commission
- Coastal Conservancy
- Colorado River Board
- Conservation
- Fish & Game
- Forestry & Fire Protection
- Office of Historic Preservation
- Parks & Recreation
- Reclamation Board
- S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
- Water Resources (DWR)

Business, Transportation & Housing

- Aeronautics
- California Highway Patrol
- CALTRANS District # _____
- Department of Transportation Planning (headquarters)
- Housing & Community Development

Food & Agriculture

Health & Welfare

- Health Services _____

State & Consumer Services

- General Services
- OLA (Schools)

Environmental Protection Agency

- Air Resources Board
- California Waste Management Board
- SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
- SWRCB: Delta Unit
- SWRCB: Water Quality
- SWRCB: Water Rights
- Regional WQCB # _____ (_____)

Youth & Adult Corrections

- Corrections

Independent Commissions & Offices

- Energy Commission
- Native American Heritage Commission
- Public Utilities Commission
- Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- State Lands Commission
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

Other _____

Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date _____

Ending Date _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

- Consulting Firm: _____
- Address: _____
- City/State/Zip: _____
- Contact: _____
- Phone: (____) _____

For SCH Use Only:

- Date Received at SCH _____
- Date Review Starts _____
- Date to Agencies _____
- Date to SCH _____
- Clearance Date _____

Notes:

Applicant:

- Address: _____
- City/State/Zip: _____
- Phone: (____) _____



DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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November 1, 2006

Ms. Jody Brown
Department of Transportation, District 3
2800 Gateway Oaks Drive
Sacramento, CA 95833

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) has reviewed the Notice of Preparation of a draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the "El Dorado 50 and 89 EIP/Stormwater Treatment" project (SCH # 2006102021). The project consists of a plan to construct water conveyance and drainage systems to improve runoff water quality along segments of US 50 and State Route 89. The project is located in South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County.

Wildlife habitat resources consist of a variety of habitats including conifer forests, meadows, bogs, and streams. Significant natural resources of the project include habitat for sensitive species. We recommend that the DEIR discuss and provide adequate mitigation for the following concerns:

1. The project's impact upon fish and wildlife and their habitat.
2. The project's impact upon significant habitat such as wetlands including marsh riparian habitat. The project should be designed so that impacts to wetlands are avoided. Mitigation should be provided for unavoidable impacts based upon the concept of no net-loss of wetland habitat values or acreage.
3. The project's impact to special status species including species which are state and federal listed as threatened and endangered.
4. The project's growth inducing and cumulative impacts upon fish, wildlife, water quality, and vegetative resources.
5. The DEIR should provide an analysis of specific alternatives which reduce impacts to fish, wildlife, water quality, and vegetative resources.

6. The DEIR should contain an evaluation of the proposed project's consistency with the applicable land use plans, such as General Plans, Specific Plans, Watershed Master Plans, Habitat Conservation Plans, etc. for the area.

The DEIR should consider and analyze whether implementation of the proposed project will result in reasonably foreseeable potentially significant impacts subject to regulation by the DFG under section 1600 et seq. of the Fish and Game Code. In general, such impacts result whenever a proposed project involves work undertaken in or near a river, stream, or lake that flows at least intermittently through a bed or channel, including ephemeral streams and water courses. Impacts triggering regulation by the DFG under these provisions of the Fish and Game Code typically result from activities that:

- Divert, obstruct, or change the natural flow or the bed, channel, or bank of any river, stream, or lake;
- Use material from a streambed; or
- Result in the disposal or deposition of debris, waste, or other material where it may pass into any river, stream, or lake.

In the event implementation of the proposed project involves such activities, and those activities will result in reasonably foreseeable substantial adverse effects on fish or wildlife, a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) will be required by the DFG. Because issuance of a LSAA is subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the DEIR should analyze whether the potentially feasible mitigation measures set forth below will avoid or substantially reduce impacts requiring a LSAA from the DFG.

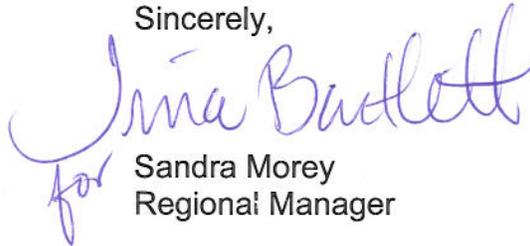
This project will have an impact to fish and/or wildlife habitat. Assessment of fees under Public Resources Code Section 21089 and as defined by Fish and Game Code Section 711.4 is necessary. Fees are payable by the project applicant upon filing of the Notice of Determination by the lead agency.

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 21092 and 21092.2, the DFG requests written notification of proposed actions and pending decisions regarding this project. Written notifications should be directed to this office.

Ms. Brown
November 1, 2006
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Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If the DFG can be of further assistance, please contact Mr. Dan Gifford, Senior Wildlife Biologist, at (209) 369-8851 or, Mr. Kent Smith, Acting Assistant Regional Manager, at (916) 358-2382.

Sincerely,


for Sandra Morey
Regional Manager

cc: Mr. Kent Smith
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October 15, 2006

Jody Brown
Department of Transportation, District 3
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Sacramento, CA 95833

RE: SCH# 2006102021, El Dorado 50 and 89 EIP/Stormwater Treatment Project, El Dorado County

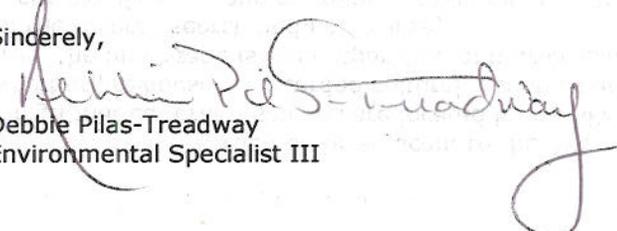
Dear Ms. Brown:

The Native American Heritage Commission has reviewed the above mentioned NOP. To adequately assess and mitigate project-related impacts on archaeological resources, the Commission recommends the following actions be required:

1. Contact the appropriate Information Center for a record search. The record search will determine:
 - If a part or all of the area of project effect (APE) has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
 - If any known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE.
 - If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
 - If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
2. If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
 - The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure.
 - The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional archaeological Information Center.
3. Contact the Native American Heritage Commission for:
 - A Sacred Lands File Check. Requests must be made in writing with the County, Quad map name, township, range and section.
 - A list of appropriate Native American Contacts for consultation concerning the project site and to assist in the mitigation measures.
4. Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude their subsurface existence.
 - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of accidentally discovered archeological resources, per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §15064.5 (f). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American, with knowledge in cultural resources, should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
 - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the disposition of recovered artifacts, in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.
 - Lead agencies should include provisions for discovery of Native American human remains in their mitigation plan. Health and Safety Code §7050.5, CEQA §15064.5 (e), and Public Resources Code §5097.98 mandates the process to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 653-4038.

Sincerely,


Debbie Pilas-Treadway
Environmental Specialist III

CC: State Clearinghouse