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Water Quality Certification Application

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



**TRANSPORTATION
CORRIDOR AGENCIES**

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June 12, 2006

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REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION

Attention: Mr. Jeremy Haas
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123

**SUBJECT: Request for Section 401 Water Quality Certification for Construction Activities
Located within the SOCTIIP Project Site, Counties of Orange and San Diego,
State of California**

Dear Mr. Haas:

The Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (Applicant) has submitted a notification to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Pursuant to the CWA, the Applicant also seeks to obtain a Water Quality Certification from the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) to ensure that water quality standards shall be met.

The South Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project (SOCTIIP), herein referred to the project site, is located within the Counties of Orange and San Diego, State of California. The project site primarily encompasses the southeast part of unincorporated Orange County and the northernmost part of San Diego County, on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. The project site includes the incorporated Cities of San Clemente and Rancho Santa Margarita. The proposed project involves extension of the existing State Route 241 (SR-241) south as a limited access highway that would extend the existing SR-241 for a distance of approximately 26 km (16 mi), from Oso Parkway to I-5 just south of the Orange/San Diego County line. This extension would be operated as a toll road consisting of four mixed flow lanes. Two additional lanes will be added in the future as traffic conditions warrant.

Freeway capacity deficiencies and arterial congestion are anticipated as a result of projected traffic demand, which will be generated by projected increases in population, employment, housing and intra- and inter-regional travel. The purpose of the SOCTIIP is to provide improvements to the transportation infrastructure system that would help alleviate future traffic congestion and accommodate the need for mobility, access, goods movement and future traffic demands on I-5 and the arterial network in the study area.

The Applicant is seeking a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for construction activities within State and Federal jurisdictional waters. Enclosed, please find a check in the amount of \$40,000.00, per the RWQCB's most recent fee schedule.

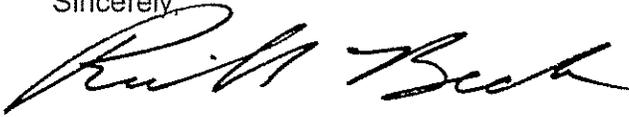
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Enclosed also please find the following:

Section 1.0 RWQCB Section 401 Water Quality Certification Application
Section 2.0 ACOE Section 404 Individual Permit Application (File No. 200000392-SAM)
Section 3.0 CDFG 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement Application
Section 4.0 Project Exhibits
Section 5.0 Environmental Documentation

I appreciate your professionalism and response during the permit process for the SOCTIIP. Please contact me at (949) 855-3687, or Lauren See at (949) 330-4115, with any questions you may have regarding this project.

Sincerely,



Richard Beck, REA
Regulatory Manager
Planning and Environmental Services



Lauren See
Regulatory Specialist
Planning and Environmental Services

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SECTION 1



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APPLICATION FOR CLEAN WATER ACT §401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

All applicants **must** provide a complete and detailed response to all sections of the application or the application will be deemed incomplete. Responses by reference shall indicate the specific document(s) and page number(s) (include copies of the entire document). Indicate by Not Applicable (NA) all sections that do not apply, along with an explanation of why the project is exempt from the section.

APPLICANT/AGENT INFORMATION

APPLICANT'S NAME Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) Macie Cleary-Milan Deputy Director- Environmental Planning	AUTHORIZED AGENT'S NAME AND TITLE RBF Consulting Richard Beck Regulatory Manager
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APPLICANT'S ADDRESS 125 Pacifica, Suite 100 Irvine, CA 92618	AGENT'S ADDRESS 14725 Alton Parkway Irvine, CA 92618
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APPLICANT'S PHONE, FAX, EMAIL (949) 754-3483 (949) 754-3467 (fax) cleary@sjhtca.com	AGENT'S PHONE, FAX, EMAIL (949) 855-3687 (949) 837-4122 (fax) Rbeck@rbf.com
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STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION	
I hereby authorize <u>Richard Beck</u> to act in my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application, and to furnish upon request, supplemental information in support of this permit application.	
_____ Applicant's Signature (This must be signed by the applicant, <u>not</u> the authorized agent)	_____ Date

OWNERSHIP

Does the applicant own the project site? Yes No *

If the project site is not owned by the applicant, provide the name, address, and phone number for the property owner as well as evidence that the applicant has the necessary approvals to construct the project at this location.

*The Applicant will acquire the property in accordance with State and Federal Law governing public agency acquisitions. If necessary, the Agency's power of eminent domain will be exercised.

Property owners: Rancho Mission Viejo Company, Richard Broming, 949-240-3363, PO Box 9, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92693; Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy, Gilbert Aquirre, 949-240-3363, PO Box 802, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92693; Talega, Jim Yates, 949-498-1366, 951 Calle Negocia, Suite D, San Clemente, CA 92673; Camp Pendleton, Larry Rannals, 760-725-6513, Commanding General (CPLO) PO Box 555010, MCB, Camp Pendleton, CA 92055-5010.

Does the applicant plan on selling all or a portion of the site after receiving the necessary approvals and prior to starting construction? Yes No

If yes, provide the name, address, and phone number of the future land owner, if available.

PROJECT ACTIVITY/INFORMATION

PROJECT NAME OR TITLE

South Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project (SOCTIIP)

AFFECTED WATER BODY(IES) (Provide a clear written description and clearly indicate affected water body(ies) on maps of appropriate scale.)

San Juan Creek (Hydrologic Unit 1.25), San Mateo Creek (Hydrologic Unit 1.40), and San Onofre Creek (Hydrologic Unit 1.50). Please see Attachment for Beneficial Uses.

Are any of the waterbody(ies) considered isolated per SWANCC? Yes No

LOCATION OF PROJECT (Attach map(s) showing project location.)

Street address NA

Latitude Varies Longitude Varies

Assessors Parcel Number(s) Please refer to the attachment.

County Orange and San Diego City San Clemente, Rancho Santa Margarita

DIRECTIONS TO PROJECT SITE

From Interstate 5 (I-5) north, take the Oso Parkway exit. Turn right onto Oso Parkway. Continue to follow Oso Parkway until you reach State Route 241 (SR-241). The project site begins at the intersection of Oso Parkway and SR-241, where the existing SR-241 terminates.

PROJECT PURPOSE (Describe the reason or purpose for the overall project.)

The purpose of the SOCTIIP is to provide improvements to the transportation infrastructure system that would help alleviate future traffic congestion and accommodate the need for mobility, access, goods movement and future traffic demands on I-5 and the arterial network in the study area. Please see the attachment for additional information.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY (Provide a full, technically accurate description of the entire activity and associated environmental impacts. Include proposed start and completion dates and dates for major phases of the project. If reference is made to documents submitted with this application, provide the specific document title and page numbers.)

Preferred Alternative Description

The preferred alternative is a limited access highway that would extend the existing SR-241, (FTC-N), south from its existing southern terminus at Oso parkway to I-5 in the vicinity of the Orange/San Diego County line. This extension would be operated as a toll road, as are the existing portions of SR-241, until the construction bonds are paid.

The Preferred Alternative is approximately 16 miles long plus approximately 0.8 mile of improvements on the I-5. The proposed facility includes four general-purpose travel lanes, two in each direction, for the entire length of the corridor. Two additional lanes will be added in the future as traffic conditions warrant for a maximum of six lanes. Key components of the Preferred Alternative include continuous mainline travel lanes and ramps south of Oso Parkway, fifteen wildlife structures/bridges to facilitate wildlife movement, an approximately 2,100 foot bridge structure crossing San Juan Creek, a toll plaza north of Ortega Highway, ramp toll plazas at Cow Camp Road and Avenida Pico, an approximately 2,859 foot elevated bridge structure spanning San Mateo Creek and I-5 providing a direct connection to I-5, and reconstruction of the existing I-5 Basilone Road interchange. Please see the attachment for additional information.

Construction

Construction would begin early 2008 and occur over a period of 36 to 42 months.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION OF IMPACTS (Describe efforts to avoid and minimize direct impacts to waters of the U.S.)

The SOCTIIP Collaborative agreed that the selection of the Preferred Alternative required a balanced approach that required an assessment of its regional significance and its compatibility with the ongoing regional planning process in south Orange County including the Southern Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP) and Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) processes. These planning processes have implications for the SOCTIIP because they will determine the location and extent of development and open space uses in the SOCTIIP study area.

The Collaborative recognized that the impacts of a Preferred Alternative could be further reduced by insuring that the alternative is located as much as possible in an area contemplated for development in the NCCP and SAMP. Doing so has further advantages of minimizing fragmentation of habitat and minimizing cumulative and growth-inducing impacts. Please see the attachment for additional information.

PROTECTION OF WATER QUALITY – CONSTRUCTION Describe efforts to avoid and minimize impacts to water quality during project construction. Include a discussion of erosion and sediment control measures, project scheduling, flow diversions, staging and material storage yards.

Construction site BMPs will be implemented during construction of the SOCTIIP, including provisions for final stabilization of the project. Please see the attachment for During-Construction BMPs.

PROTECTION OF WATER QUALITY – POST-CONSTRUCTION Describe efforts to avoid and minimize impacts to water quality following project construction.

- Include a description of each proposed land use (e.g., residential, street, commercial) identify the expected pollutants, specific post-construction BMPs, their effectiveness with regards to the expected pollutants, maintenance requirements, and party(ies) responsible for maintenance*.
- Also include a detailed description of how the project will address post-construction changes in flow rates, velocities, and shear stresses.
- Include a figure showing the location and type of all post-construction BMPs.

Targeted design constituents (pollutants) have been identified by Caltrans for roadways. Structural treatment devices effective in the removal of targeted design constituents have been selected for the project. Please see the attachment for Post-Construction BMPs.

* The applicant must submit proof with this application that the parties designated as responsible for BMP maintenance have accepted the maintenance responsibility and are aware of the maintenance requirements.

PROTECTION OF WATER QUALITY – IMPAIRED WATER BODY(IES).

Are any of the water body(ies) within the project area, including impacted and preserved water body(ies), list as impaired on the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list? Yes * No

Are any of the water body(ies) within the project area a tributary to a Clean Water Act Section 303(d) water body(ies)? Yes No

Are any of the water body(ies) within the project area the subject of an adopted Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)? Yes No

If yes, provide a detailed description of the actions that will be taken to ensure that the project does not contribute additional pollutants to the water body(ies). Include a discussion of the pollutants causing the impairment, potential sources of pollutants, and construction and post-construction BMPs.

*Bacterial indicators, nonpoint/point source, cause impairment of San Juan Creek.

FILL INFORMATION (indicate in ACRES and LINEAR FEET the proposed waters to be impacted, and identify the impacts(s) as permanent and/or temporary for each water body type listed below.) For purposes of this application, fill is defined as "rock, sand, soil, clay, plastics, construction debris, wood chips, overburden from mining or other excavation activities, and any materials used to create any structure or infrastructure in waters of the U.S."

Water Body Type*	Permanent Impact		Temporary Impact	
	Acres	Linear Feet	Acres	Linear Feet
ACOE vegetated waters	4.24	18,685	9.44	1,230
ACOE unvegetated waters	2.03	22,500	0.00	0
Lake/Reservoir	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ocean/Estuary/Bay	NA	NA	NA	NA
Isolated waters (per SWANCC)	1.68	5,181	0.05	667
CDFG jurisdiction only	15.13	NA	4.88	NA

* Provide a detailed description of the vegetated and unvegetated water body(ies) in an attachment. Include the plant community, type of water body (e.g., ephemeral, intermittent, perennial), designated beneficial uses, and a discussion of functions. Attach a copy of the completed wetland delineation to this application.

DREDGING Provide a description of the dredging activity and specific location, cubic yards of material to be dredged, disposal location and necessary approvals, dewatering methods, stockpile location, best management practices, and reason for dredging.

Jurisdictional impacts are a result of fill activities.

OTHER LICENSES/PERMITS/AGREEMENTS

OTHER APPROVALS List all applicable federal, state, and local permits, licenses, and agreements that will be required for any construction, operation, maintenance, or other actions associated with the project. Include permits from CDFG, ACOE (include permit number), RWQCB, California Coastal Commission, flood control agency, local planning agencies, etc. include date of application and status (e.g., pending, approved) of each. Attach copies of all draft or final documents and copies of CDFG and ACOE applications.

Agency	Contact (Include phone number, email)	License/Permit/Agreement	Date Applied	Status
ACOE	Susan Meyer, (213) 452-3412, susan.a.meyer@usace.army.mil	404 Individual Permit (File No. 200000392-SAM)		Currently submitted
CDFG	Warren Wong	1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement	May 9, 2006	Currently submitted

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION

Is compensatory mitigation proposed? Yes No

For all mitigation areas, provide a draft mitigation plan that includes, but is not limited to, the information contained in Attachment 1.

Indicate in ACRES and LINEAR FEET (where appropriate) the total quantity of waters of the United States proposed to be Created, Restored, Enhanced, or Preserved for purposes of providing Compensatory Mitigation.				
Water Body Type/Plant Community Type	Created	Restored	Enhanced	Preserved
Wetlands	0.82			
Waters of the U.S.		5.45		

Note: Creation is defined as creating waters of the U.S. where none have previously existed; restoration is restoring waters of the U.S. where they have previously existed but have since been eliminated; enhancement is improving existing waters of the U.S. (e.g., removing exotic species and replanting with natives); and preservation is protecting an area in perpetuity and place by a conservation easement, deed restriction, or other legal instrument.

Is the mitigation site owned by the applicant? Yes * No

(if no, provide the name, address, and phone number of the land owner and evidence (e.g., agreements, contracts, etc.) that the applicant has the necessary approvals to implement mitigation at this location. If the land is to be purchased, provide the expected date that the purchase will be complete.)

*The upper Chiquita Conservation area was purchased by the applicant in 1996. Negotiations to OBTAIN Tesoro Wetlands from Rancho Mission Viejo (RMV) are on going. Estimated close of Escrow is late 2007. RMV contact is Richard Broming, 949-240-3363 Rancho Mission Viejo, PO Box 9, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92693.

MITIGATION BANK/IN-LIEU FEE PROGRAM (If proposed)

Mitigation Bank/In-Lieu Fee Name: _____

Name of Mitigation Bank/In-Lieu Fee Operator: _____

Office Address of Operator/Phone Number: _____

Mitigation Bank/In-Lieu Fee Location (Latitude/Longitude, County, and City): _____

Mitigation Bank/In-Lieu Fee Water Body Type(s): _____

Mitigation Area (acres or linear feet) and cost (dollar): _____

APPLICATION FEE

FILING FEE A fee deposit of \$500.00 is required to be submitted with this application. Additional fees, based on the extent of impacts, may be due. A fee schedule and calculator can be found at: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9/programs/401cert.html>

Is check payable to the "State Water Resources Control Board" attached? Yes No

Check No. _____ Amount \$40,000.00

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

Document Type/Title	<u>Final SEIR</u>	TCA
Lead Agency and Contact Information (name, address, phone number)		<u>125 Pacifica, Irvine, CA 92618 (949)754-3444</u>
State Clearing House Number	<u>2001061046</u>	
Has the document been certified/approved or has a Notice of Exemption been filed? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If yes, include a copy of the certification. If no, provide the expected approval date.)		
Is this project considered an "emergency" pursuant to CEQA? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Include a copy of the draft or final CEQA document with this application.		

Note: The Regional Board is required to comply with CEQA before issuing a certification. Section 401 certification will **not** be granted without a certified CEQA document.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Has any portion of the work been initiated? Yes No *

If yes, describe the initiated work and explain why it was initiated prior to obtaining a permit; indicate whether any enforcement action has been taken against the project.

*However, the proposed project is an extension of the existing SR-241, which currently terminates at Oso Parkway in the City of Mission Viejo.

PAST/FUTURE IMPACTS (Briefly list/describe any projects carried out in the last 5 years or planned for implementation in the next 5 years that are in any way related to the proposed activity or may impact the same receiving body of water. Include actual or estimated adverse impacts.)

There are three other major governmental actions that are being processed in the study area. Please see the attachment for additional information.

SIGNATURE

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this application and in any attachments are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I possess the necessary authority to undertake the work described in this application.

Applicant's Signature
(This **must** be signed by the applicant, not the authorized agent)

Date

Attach the appropriate fee and any additional documents and submit this application to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Attn: 401 Water Quality Certification 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92123

SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION APPLICATION ATTACHMENT

AFFECTED WATER BODY(IES) AND BENEFICIAL USES

The following Beneficial Uses found in the project area are defined statewide and are designated within the Orange County (Region 8) and San Diego (Region 9) Regions:

Agricultural Supply (AGR) – Includes uses of water for farming, horticulture, or ranching including, but not limited to, irrigation, stock watering, or support of vegetation for range grazing.

Industrial Service Supply (IND) – Includes uses of water for industrial activities that do not depend primarily on water quality including, but not limited to, mining, cooling water supply, hydraulic conveyance, gravel washing, fire protection, or oil well re-pressurization.

Contact Water Recreation (REC 1) – Includes uses of water for recreational activities involving body contact with water, where ingestion of water is reasonably possible. These include, but are not limited to, swimming, wading, water-skiing, skin and SCUBA diving, surfing, white water activities, fishing, or use of natural hot springs.

Non-contact Water Recreation (REC 2) – Includes the uses of water for recreational activities involving proximity to water, but not normally involving body contact with water, where ingestion of water is reasonably possible. These uses include, but are not limited to, picnicking, sunbathing, hiking, beachcombing, camping, boating, tidepool and marine life study, hunting, sightseeing, or aesthetic enjoyment in conjunction with the above activities.

Warm Freshwater Habitat (WARM) – Includes uses of water that support warm water ecosystems including, but not limited to, preservation or enhancement of aquatic habitats, vegetation, fish or wildlife, including invertebrates.

Cold Freshwater Habitat (COLD) – Includes uses of water that support cold water ecosystems including, but not limited to, preservation or enhancement of aquatic habitats, vegetation, fish or wildlife, including invertebrates.

Wildlife Habitat (WILD) – Includes uses of water that support terrestrial ecosystems including, but not limited to, preservation or enhancement of terrestrial habitats, vegetation, wildlife (e.g., mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates), or wildlife water and food sources.

Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species (RARE) – Includes uses of water that support habitats necessary, at least in part, for the survival and successful maintenance of plant or animal species established under state or federal law as rare, threatened or endangered.

Spawning, Reproduction, and/or Early Development (SPWN) – Includes uses of water that support high quality aquatic habitats suitable for reproduction and early development of fish. This use is applicable only for the protection of anadromous fish.

Affected water bodies in the project site include:

- San Juan Creek (Hydrologic Unit 1.25):
Beneficial uses include AGR, IND, REC 1, REC 2, WARM, COLD, and WILD.
- San Mateo Creek (Hydrologic Unit 1.40):
Beneficial uses include REC 2, WARM, COLD, WILD, RARE, and SPWN, with a potential Beneficial Use of REC 1.
- San Onofre Creek (Hydrologic Unit 1.50):
Beneficial uses include AGR, REC 1, REC 2, WARM, COLD, WILD, and SPWN.

The project will include implementation of water quality treatment Best Management Practices (BMPs) throughout the project designed to capture and treat storm water runoff to reduce discharge of pollutants to downstream receiving waters. Implementation of BMPs will protect beneficial uses of downstream receiving waters. Additionally, the proposed project, A7C-FEM-M Alternative, is the considered the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative.

LOCATION OF PROJECT

The Applicant proposes to extend the existing Foothill Transportation Corridor (FTC) (State Route (SR) 241) from Oso Parkway to Interstate 5 (I-5) near the Orange County/San Diego County boundary using the Alignment 7 Corridor-Far East Crossover-Modified (A7C-FEC-M – preferred alternative/proposed project).

The general regional location and vicinity of the preferred alternative is shown in Exhibits 1 and 2. The preferred alternative, the A7C-FEC-M alignment, is shown in green in Exhibit 3. The study area for the South Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project (SOCTIIP) primarily encompasses the southeast part of unincorporated Orange County and the northernmost part of San Diego County, on Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Pendleton. The study area includes the incorporated Cities of San Clemente and Rancho Santa Margarita. The study area also includes the southwestern portion of MCB Camp Pendleton and portions of the San Onofre State Beach, which is leased from MCB Camp Pendleton. These local jurisdictions, communities and major land uses in the SOCTIIP study area are shown on Figure ES.1-1 in the EIS/SEIR.

Portions of the preferred alternative are located within the Natural Community Conservation Plan Orange County Southern Sub-region (NCCP) study area, in both south Orange County and north San Diego County. In addition, portions of the preferred alternative are also located within areas currently undergoing ACOE Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) review.

Assessor Parcel Numbers

APN	OWNER
ORANGE COUNTY	
124-101-27	RMV San Mateo Watershed LLC
124-101-37	United States of America
124-101-38	San Diego Gas & Electric Co.
124-101-39	RMV Blind Canyon LLC
124-101-40	RMV Blind Canyon LLC
124-101-41	RMV Blind Canyon LLC
124-101-42	San Diego Gas & Electric Co.
124-101-43	RMV Blind Canyon LLC
124-101-44	RMV San Mateo Watershed LLC
124-101-49	RMV San Mateo Watershed LLC
125-096-46	State of California
125-096-61	RMV Middle Chiquita LLC
125-102-05	RMV Middle Chiquita LLC
125-161-07	DMB San Juan Investments North LLC
125-161-21	RMV Middle Chiquita LLC
125-161-24	RMV Middle Chiquita LLC
125-161-30	DMB San Juan Investments North LLC
125-161-31	DMB San Juan Investments North LLC
125-161-35	DMB San Juan Investments North LLC
125-161-45	DMB San Juan Investments North LLC
125-161-46	DMB San Juan Investments North LLC
125-161-52	RMV Middle Chiquita LLC
125-161-53	DMB San Juan Investments North LLC
125-161-54	RMV Middle Chiquita LLC
125-162-18	RMV San Mateo Watershed LLC
125-162-33	RMV San Juan Watershed LLC
125-162-39	RMV San Juan Watershed LLC
125-162-40	RMV San Mateo Watershed LLC
125-162-41	RMV San Mateo Watershed LLC
125-162-42	RMV San Mateo Watershed LLC
125-162-43	RMV San Juan Watershed LLC
125-162-44	RMV San Juan Watershed LLC
125-162-45	RMV San Juan Watershed LLC
690-531-12	Rancho San Clemente Community Assn.
690-552-09	Rancho San Clemente Bus Park Assn.
710-041-06	Talega Associates
710-041-11	RMV San Mateo Watershed LLC
710-041-16	Talega Associates
710-041-41	Talega Maintenance Corp.
710-041-42	Talega Maintenance Corp.
710-041-50	Talega Associates
710-041-51	Talega Associates
710-043-06	Talega Associates
SAN DIEGO COUNTY	
101-520-08	Camp Pendleton
101-520-09	Camp Pendleton

Drainages

The SOCTIIP traverses three watersheds in coastal southern California, the San Juan Creek Watershed, San Mateo Creek Watershed, and San Onofre Creek Watershed. San Juan Creek is in southern Orange County, the San Mateo Creek watershed is in northern coastal San Diego County and southeastern coastal Orange County, and the San Onofre Creek watershed is in northern coastal San Diego County.

Township/Range Information

The preferred alternative is located in the *San Clemente*, and *Canada Gobernadora* USGS 7.5 minute quadrangles. The preferred alternative traverses Sections 9, 15, 16, 22, 27 and 34, Townships 7 South, Range 7 West, Sections 2, 11, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 35, Township 8 South, Range 7 West, and Sections 2, 10, 11, 14, and 15, Township 9 South, Range 7 West.

PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

The Collaborative (FHWA, Caltrans, and the TCA) federal regulatory agencies developed and concurred with the Purpose and Need Statement (March 26, 1999) for the project. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the federal lead agency for the SOCTIIP Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIS/SEIR) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and a member of the Collaborative, adopted the Purpose and Need Statement. This was consistent with the NEPA/Section 404 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) process for the EIS/SEIR for the SOCTIIP and relevant federal Clean Water Act and NEPA guidelines (specifically the Purpose and Need section of an EIS [40 C.F.R. section 1502.13] and the overall project purposes considered by the ACOE [40 C.F.R. Section 230.10(a)(2)]. The project Purpose and Need Statement approved by the SOCTIIP Collaborative and adopted by FHWA is provided below.

Need for the Project

Transportation infrastructure improvements are necessary to address needs for mobility, access, goods movement and projected freeway capacity deficiencies and arterial congestion in south Orange County. Freeway capacity deficiencies and arterial congestion are anticipated as a result of projected traffic demand, which will be generated by projected increases in population, employment, housing and intra- and inter-regional travel estimated by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).

Future Travel Demand

Peak I-5 traffic congestion in 2025 will be significantly reduced with Foothill-South, thereby improving overall local and regional mobility and access for people and goods. The number of congested I-5 Freeway segments will be reduced by 70 percent during the evening peak hours. The number of congested city-street intersections will be reduced by more than 50 percent during evening peak hours. If nothing is done, traffic will increase by 60 percent in 2025 at the Orange County/San Diego County line. By 2025, weekend traffic congestion at the Orange County/San Diego County line will rival that of the 91 Freeway.

Traffic projections and analysis for 2020 indicate that I-5 will be operating at a deficient level of service (LOS) as defined by Caltrans as shown in Table 1.5-1 in the EIS/SEIR. Table 1.5-2 in the EIS/SEIR provides a brief description of road operating conditions under LOS A through LOS F. Figure 1.5-1 in the EIS/SEIR shows a visual representation of these different LOSs. Additional discussion regarding LOS considerations is provided in Table 1.5-3 in the EIS/SEIR. In the study area, the deficient LOS for I-5 extends from Alicia Parkway to the Orange/San Diego County line, a distance of approximately 18 miles. Table 1.5-1 in the EIS/SEIR represents the sum of all the deficient links on I-5 south of Alicia Parkway to the County line. The 2020 traffic projections assume full implementation of the Orange County Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH), improvements to I-5 such as HOV lanes between State Route 1 (SR-1, Pacific Coast Highway) and Avenida Pico, and arterial highway improvements.

LOS F(0) represents a vehicle-to-capacity ratio between 1.00 and 1.25, causing a spreading of the peak period and up to one hour of stop and go traffic, which is experienced by each vehicle on the freeway. LOS F(1) represents a vehicle-to-capacity ratio between 1.26 and 1.35, causing a spreading of the peak period of between one and two hours of stop and go traffic. LOS F(2) represents a vehicle-to-capacity ratio between 1.36 and 1.45, causing a spreading of the peak period of between two and three hours of stop and go traffic. The projected future deficient LOS will result in tens of thousands of vehicle hours of delay per day. In addition to deficiencies on I-5, various arterial highway intersections and segments of the arterial highway network in the study area are projected to operate at deficient LOS as defined by the local jurisdictions. The 2020 deficient locations including I-5 and the arterial network are shown on Figure 1.5-2 in the EIS/SEIR.

Purpose of the Project

The purpose of the SOCTIIP is to provide improvements to the transportation infrastructure system that would help alleviate future traffic congestion and accommodate the need for mobility, access, goods movement and future traffic demands on I-5 and the arterial network in the study area. Objectives in implementing the project include improving the projected future LOS and reducing the amount of congestion and delay on the freeway system and, as a secondary objective, the arterial network, in southern Orange County. The overall goal is to improve projected levels of congestion and delay as much as is feasible and cost effective. This may include strategies which lead to a reduction in the length of time LOS F will occur, even if the facility will still operate at LOS F for a short period of time, if the strategy will result in benefits to the traveling public and more efficient movement of goods because it reduces total delay.

PROJECT HISTORY

The proposed southern extension of existing SR-241, also referred to as the Foothill Transportation Corridor-South (FTC-S), has been subject to planning efforts for approximately 20 years. Final EIR 123, which was certified by the County of Orange in 1981, resulted in a conceptual alignment for a transportation corridor facility being placed on the County's Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH). The MPAH shows the alignment of the existing SR-241 and a conceptual alignment for the FTC-S. Between 1989 and 1991, the TCA prepared TCA EIR 3, pursuant to CEQA, for the selection of a locally preferred road alignment for the FTC-S. TCA EIR 3 addressed the

C and BX road alignments, developed as part of the alternatives analysis phase of the project, as the primary build alternatives. On October 10, 1991, the Modified C Alignment was selected by the TCA as the locally preferred alternative. Subsequently, at the request of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the Modified C Alignment was slightly altered to avoid high quality scrub communities, protect sensitive species and wildlife movement in the Sulfur Canyon area and minimize impacts to the Pacific pocket mouse. As a result of these changes, this alignment was then renamed the CP Alignment.

In 1996, as a result of the 1994 NEPA/Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 Integration Process for Surface Transportation Projects, the FHWA initiated coordination to implement the policies of the Memorandum of Understanding for the NEPA and Section 404 Integration Process for Surface Transportation Projects in Arizona, California and Nevada (MOU) in developing the EIS and Section 404 permitting for the FTC-S. The NEPA/Section 404 MOU implements the FHWA, United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) policies of improved interagency coordination and integration of the NEPA and Section 404 procedures. The NEPA/Section 404 MOU applies to all projects needing both FHWA action under NEPA and an ACOE individual permit under Section 404 of the CWA. The signatory agencies to the NEPA/Section 404 MOU include FHWA, EPA, ACOE, USFWS, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and Caltrans.

In March 1999, pursuant to the NEPA/Section 404 MOU, a purpose and need statement was approved for the SOCTIIP. Between August 1999 and November 2000, the NEPA/Section 404 MOU signatory agencies developed a list of project alternatives to be evaluated in the EIS/SEIR. It was during this process that the signatory agencies referred to the project as the South Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project or SOCTIIP. The NEPA/404 MOU agencies and the TCA are collectively referred to as the "SOCTIIP Collaborative." In November 2000, the SOCTIIP Collaborative concurred on the Alternatives to be evaluated in the technical studies and in August 2003 concurred on the Alternatives to be carried forward and evaluated in the EIS/SEIR. These Alternatives are described in Section ES.3 of the Executive Summary in the EIS/SEIR and are described in detail in Section 2.0 (Alternatives) of the EIS/SEIR.

Between preparation of the draft and final EIS/SEIR, the FHWA, Caltrans and the TCA (SOCTIIP Collaborative) identified the Preferred Alternative. The EPA and ACOE have preliminarily determined that the Preferred Alternative is the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative (LEDPA). The USFWS has preliminarily indicated that the Preferred Alternative will comply with applicable requirements of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). These determinations reflect the evaluations by these agencies in the Collaborative process conducted over the last six years. By following the process set forth in the NEPA/Section 404 MOU, the SOCTIIP Collaborative have determined that the NEPA Preferred Alternative and the LEDPA as the same alternative.

The decision to select the A7C-FEC-M alignment represents the collaborative work of the above-named agencies to identify and select an alternative which minimizes environmental and community impacts and complies with the requirements of federal and state law and accomplishes the project's purpose and need. This decision is also based on the comments received from the public on the draft EIS/SEIR, federal and state resource/regulatory agencies, and elected officials.

DESCRIPTION OF ACIVITY

The following description provides detailed information about the Preferred Alternative and the reasons for selection of the Preferred Alternative. The A7C-FEC-M-Initial Alternative is the Preferred Alternative but with the following primary modifications:

- Reduction in size of project. The Preferred Alternative is reduced in size from eight lanes to a maximum of six general purpose lanes. This modification to the Preferred Alternative reduces the typical cross-section of the project from 156 feet to 128 feet. Initially, the project will be constructed as a four-lane facility (two lanes in each direction).
- Consistency with Anticipated NCCP Reserve Design. The modifications conform to the anticipated reserve design for the Southern Orange County Natural Community Conservation Plan. In general, the RMV Ranch Plan (as reflected in the Settlement Agreement) concentrates the development on the RMV property in the western and northern portions of the RMV property. It is anticipated that the reserve design for the Orange County Southern NCCP will be consistent with the Ranch Plan.
- Modifications Regarding RMV Ranch Plan to Maximize Open Space. The alignment of the Preferred Alternative is revised to conform as much as is feasible to the areas shown for development in the RMV Ranch Plan approved by the County of Orange as modified by the Settlement Agreement among RMV, the County and the environmental organizations (the Endangered Habitats League, Natural Resources Defense Council, Sea and Sage Audubon Society, Laguna Greenbelt, Inc., and Sierra Club). The RMV Plan (as reflected in the Settlement Agreement) contemplates the development of 14,000 units and 3,480,000 square feet of urban activity center uses, 500,000 square feet of neighborhood center uses and 1,220,000 square feet of business park uses in six development areas. By including as much of the Preferred Alternative within the development areas as is feasible, impacts on open space and habitat areas are minimized.
- Minimization of Impacts on Wetlands and Other Natural Resources. The Preferred Alternative includes a number of adjustments that avoid or minimize impacts to wetlands and other natural resources. The Preferred Alternative impacts only 0.82 acre of wetlands.
- Adjustments to Minimize Utility Relocation Impacts. Disturbance limits associates with utility relocations were minimized based on coordination with utility service providers. These adjustments reduce impacts to the natural environment.
- Inclusion of Additional Wildlife Crossings. Fifteen wildlife crossings are included to further facilitate wildlife movement. Wildlife crossings are included within the four large habitat blocks identified in the approved Ranch Plan open space reserves. These large open space areas are functionally interconnected through bridges and wildlife crossings incorporated into the design of the Preferred

Alternative and through the project design features associated with the approved Ranch Plan.

- Minimization of Access Road Impacts. The design of the connections between the Preferred Alternative and access roads is modified to further minimize grading and to insure continued access to existing utility and agricultural operations on RMV.
- Minimization of Cultural Resources Impacts. The location and design of several Extended Detention Basins have been modified to reduce impacts on cultural and biological resources.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION OF IMPACTS

The following table represents the results of the avoidance/minimization efforts conducted by the TCA in coordination with the SOCTIIP Collaborative. The CP Alignment (approved by the TCA Board of Directors in 1991) had much greater environmental impacts than either the FEC-M or the Preferred Alternative. The continued refinement of the SOCTIIP alternatives has resulted in an alternative that is significantly superior to the CP alternative. Most notably, impacts to Army Corps of Engineers jurisdictional wetlands have been minimized to 0.82-acre from the previously delineated 17.0-acres of impact. The total disturbance limits for the Preferred Alternative have been reduced approximately 30 percent resulting in significantly less impact to the natural environment.

Comparison of Environmental Impacts CP, FEC-M, Preferred Alternative

	CP Alignment	FEC-M Alignment	Preferred Alternative
Total Area of Disturbance	1,735 acres	1,274 acres	1,194 acres
Wetlands			
Riparian Ecosystems (Dan Smith, June 2003)	160.1 acres	53.4 acres	42.9 acres
ACOE Wetlands (GLA)	17 acres	1.99 acres	0.82 acres
ACOE Non-Wetlands (GLA)	20.28 acres	4.01 acres	5.45 acres
Consistency with NCCP Reserve Design	Low	Low	High

Source: TCA, 2005

Additional avoidance and minimization benefits to natural resources are described below:

- The Preferred Alternative avoids impacts to high value wetlands in the Tesoro wetlands area – ramps for the Oso Parkway Interchange were shifted to the east to avoid Tesoro Wetlands.
- The Preferred Alternative avoids crossing of Canada Gobernadora, which is the location of Gobernadora Environmental Reserve Area.
- The Preferred Alternative bridges over San Juan Creek. A 2,100 foot long and 60 foot high bridge structure will cross over San Juan Creek allowing virtually unobstructed water flow and continued wildlife movement.

- The Preferred Alternative avoids the Blind/Gabino wetlands located at the confluence of Blind Canyon and Gabino Canyon.
- The Preferred Alternative bridges over San Mateo Creek. TCA minimized impacts to jurisdictional water by reducing the size and number of structural supports in San Mateo Creek. In order to reduce the number of structural columns, TCA maximized the bridge depth. The 3,200 foot long bridge over San Mateo Creek and existing I-5 minimizes impacts to San Mateo Creek and wetlands.

With implementation of a roadway infrastructure facility of local and regional significance, it is expected that there would be both benefits and impacts to the built and natural environment. The changing landscape of southern Orange County increased the challenge of developing an alternative that avoided and/or minimized environmental impacts while accomplishing the purpose and need for the project. TCA, FHWA, EPA, ACOE, and USFWS concur that the A7C-FEC-M Alternative accomplishes this goal.

PROTECTION OF WATER QUALITY – CONSTRUCTION

Construction impacts caused by the proposed project includes potential increase in sediment loads due to removal of existing ground cover and disturbance of soil during grading. Implementation of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) is expected to attenuate and minimize the amount of soil released from the construction site.

Construction site BMPs will be implemented during construction of the SOCTIIP. The BMP categories include measures for temporary sediment control, temporary soil stabilization, scheduling, preservation of existing vegetation, conveyance controls, wind erosion control, temporary stream crossings, waste management as well as many other measures which may be implemented during a highway construction project. These measures are consistent with requirements set forth under the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Order No. 99-08-DWQ, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit No. CAS000002 (General Construction Permit), which governs storm water and non-storm water discharges during construction activities, as well as with those requirements set forth in the NPDES Statewide Storm Water Permit (Caltrans Permit) to Caltrans Order No. 99-06-DWQ (CAS000003).

Prior to start of soil-disturbing activity at the project site, a Notice of Intent (NOI) and SWPPP will be prepared in accordance with and to partially fulfill the requirements of General Construction Permit. The SWPPP will be prepared per the latest version of the SWPPP Preparation Manual, Water Pollution Control Program (WPCP) and Storm Water Quality Handbooks published by Caltrans. The SWPPP will meet the applicable provisions of Sections 301 and 402 of the CWA by requiring controls of pollutant discharges that utilize best available technology economically achievable (BAT) and best conventional pollutant control technology (BCT) to reduce pollutants. The SWPPP will be certified in accordance with the signatory requirements of the General Construction Permit.

PROTECTION OF WATER QUALITY – POST-CONSTRUCTION

Impacts Related to Water Quality

Erosion and Sedimentation in Primary Receiving Waters

San Juan Creek: For the 100-year Expected Value event, the average channel velocity in the vicinity of the San Juan bridge remains at approximately 2.5 m/sec (8.2 ft/sec) for both existing and project conditions. Therefore, the long-term erosion and deposition is not expected to be potential concerns as San Juan Creek.

San Mateo Creek: For the 100-year Expected Value event, the average channel velocity at the bridge remains the same as that during existing conditions at approximately 2.5 m/sec (8.1 ft/sec). Because the average channel velocity will not change with the introduction of additional bridge piers, long term erosion and deposition are not expected to be adverse.

San Onofre Creek: For the 100-year Expected Value event, the average channel velocity at the bridge remains the same as that during existing conditions at approximately 2.2 m/sec (7.1 ft/sec). Because the average channel velocity will not change with the introduction of additional bridge piers, long term erosion and deposition are not expected to change in after-project condition.

Construction of the A7C-FEC-M Alternative does not affect the general quantity of sediment transported by watershed based on an analysis by RBF Consulting. Sediment for beach sustainment is expected to be unaffected by the project. See Attachments 8 (Sediment Transport Study) and 11 (Skelly Engineering Review of Sediment Transport Study) of the Response to Comments for further details on this issue.

Surface Water Quality

Without PDFs, untreated runoff would be a potential source of concentrations of pollutants and contaminants. This could impact the water quality of San Juan Creek and San Mateo Creek, and eventually the beaches at the San Mateo Creek mouth at the southern part of the San Onofre Creek Watershed.

Groundwater Quality

The proposed PDF's put in place to protect surface water quality will also serve to protect groundwater quality occurring from incidental recharge from the receiving waters.

Project Design Features

The following Project Design Features (PDFs) are provided:

PDF-1. Reduction of Downstream Effects Caused by Changes in Flow. If changes in velocity or volume of runoff, sediment load or other hydraulic changes due to encroachment, crossings or realignment result in an increased potential for downstream effects in channels, the TCA, or other implementing agency, will implement design features to prevent adverse effects. The features will include one or more of the following (or similar features):

- Modifications to channel lining materials (both natural and man-made), including vegetation, geotextile mats, rock and riprap.
- Energy dissipation devices at culvert outlets.
- Smoothing the transition between culvert outlets/headwalls/wingwalls and channels to reduce turbulence and scour.
- Incorporating retention or detention facilities into designs to reduce peak discharges, volumes and erosive flow.
- Conduct detailed hydrologic engineering design to establish size, capacity, and alignment of flood control facilities to protect the site from the 100-year flood level.

PDF-2. Concentrated flow Conveyance Systems. The TCA will implement concentrated flow conveyance systems to intercept and divert surface flows, and convey and discharge concentrated flows with a minimum of soil erosion, both on-site and off-site where applicable. Ditches, berms, dikes and swales will be used to intercept and direct surface runoff to an overside drain or stabilized watercourse.

PDF – 3. Slope and Surface Protection Systems. The TCA will use surface protection to minimize erosion from completed, constructed surfaces. Surface protection includes but is not limited to geotextiles, vegetative cover or hard surfacing such as concrete, rock, or rock and mortar.

PDF-4. Detention Basins. The TCA will implement extended detention basins (EDBs) on the SOCTIIP build Alternative to temporarily detain the water quality volume (WQV) and allow sediment and pollutants associated with particulates to settle out. Detention basin characteristics are summarized in Table 4.9-3 in the EIS/SEIR. Figure 4.9-2 in the EIS/SEIR provides a conceptual schematic of an EDB and Figure 4.9-3 in the EIS/SEIR provides a conceptual schematic of a detention basin outlet. EDBs will be maintained, monitored and documented per RWQCB and Caltrans requirements and conform to the guidelines set forth in the Caltrans SWMP.

The siting of EDBs requires that sufficient head is available such that water stored in the basin does not cause a backwater condition in the storm drain system, which would limit its capacity. Additionally, high groundwater must be no higher than the bottom elevation of the basin; otherwise, the basin would not drain completely. The siting process also required consideration of sensitive environmental constraints. The EDBs were sited to avoid those areas as well.

PDF-5. Biofiltration Swales and Strips (Vegetated Treatment Strips). The TCA will use biofiltration swales and strips, as shown in the RMP, where applicable and in association with EDBs to convey low flow. Table 4.9-4 in the EIS/SEIR summarizes preliminary design factors for biofiltration. Figure 4.9-1 in the EIS/SEIR provides a conceptual schematic of a bioswale. One of the primary limitations of using Bioswales is that they must be used on slopes less than 2 percent. Due to the terrain and the design of the Alternatives there were very few locations where they could be applied. Bioswales will

be maintained, monitored and documented per RWQCB and Caltrans requirements and will conform to guidelines set forth in the SWMP.

PDF-6. Infiltration Basins. To the extent feasible or necessary, infiltration basins will be implemented to the extent feasible to detain runoff and infiltrate it into the soil to prevent contaminants from impairing the beneficial uses of receiving waters. Infiltration basins will be maintained, monitored and documented per RWQCB and Caltrans requirements and conform to the guidelines set forth in the SWMP.

PDF-7. Runoff Management PDFs for the Corridor Alternatives. The build Alternatives include BMPs to control the flow of roadway runoff and treat to the maximum extent practicable (MEP) roadway runoff before it leaves the project site and enters existing water courses or storm drain facilities. PDFs for the SOCTIIP build Alternatives include BMPs such as EDBs and grassy swales. The disturbance and right-of-way limits for the build Alternatives include areas for EDBs and other BMPs.

The PDFs consists of both pollution prevention BMPs and treatment BMPs. Pollution prevention BMPs are used to address design phase elements, construction and spill mitigation. Treatment BMPs are used in the design to meet regulatory water quality requirements at specific locations. Both pollution prevention and treatment BMPs are included in the build Alternatives to the MEP. The EDBs are sized for additional detention to ensure full offsets for hydrologic, erosion and sedimentation impacts in the local drainage areas.

PDF-8. Prior to completion of final design of the selected alternative, TCA shall obtain approval of the hydrologic methodology and parameters to be analyzed in the Final Hydrologic Technical Report and incorporated into the Final Location Hydraulic Study from affected jurisdictional agencies.

PDF-9. Final design will include refinements to ensure that the bridges will be constructed to span the 100-year floodplain without raising the 100-year base floodplain water surface elevation more that 0.3 meter (1.0 foot), or otherwise causing adverse changes in the extent of the floodplain or the potential for erosion.

Best Management Practices

Descriptions of the selection and placement procedures as well as site-specific design characteristics for the treatment BMPs and typical maintenance and monitoring requirements for the recommended BMPs are provided below. BMPs will be maintained, monitored and documented per Caltrans requirements and conform to the guidelines set forth in the Caltrans existing Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP). Maintenance, monitoring and documentation requirements, for treatment BMPs, include but are not limited to the following:

- Vegetation management to maintain adequate hydraulic functioning and to limit habitat for disease-carrying animals.
- Animal and vector control.
- Periodic sediment removal to optimize performance.

- Trash, debris, grass trimmings, tree prunings and leaf collection and removal to prevent obstruction of the BMP and monitoring equipment.
- Removal of standing water or limiting extended ponding of water, which may contribute to the development of aquatic plant communities or mosquito breeding areas.
- Removal of graffiti, litter, vegetative and other debris.
- Erosion and structural maintenance to prevent the loss of soil and maintain the performance of the BMP.
- Periodic sediment removal to ensure 0.5 meter (1.5 feet) depth threshold or 10% of the storage volume in basin BMPs, whichever is less.
- Monitoring of the BMP to ensure it is completely and properly drained.
- Outlet riser cleaning.
- Maintenance of healthy grass communities to enhance infiltration of stormwater runoff in infiltration basin BMPs.
- TCA will monitor Caltrans to verify maintenance procedures are being followed.

The BMPs will have documented inspections in accordance with Caltrans maintenance policies.

PROPOSED MITIGATION

The Applicant proposes to mitigate for impacts to 6.27 acres of Waters of the United States (WoUS), of which 0.82 acre consists of jurisdictional wetlands, through restoration and creation of WoUS at a 1:1 mitigation to impact ratio. A minimum of 0.82 acre of jurisdictional wetland habitat will be created within the Tesoro wetland, located south of Oso Parkway, at the current terminus of SR-241. In addition, the Applicant proposes to restore and enhance existing WoUS in upper Canada-Chiquita, located north of Oso Parkway and east of SR-241, at a minimum ratio of 1:1 for replacement of functions and values. A Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (Plan) will be prepared and submitted to the ACOE and RWQCB for approval prior to impacts to WoUS.

Implementation of the Plan will require a 5-year maintenance and monitoring period in which specified performance standards must be met. Contingency measures as well as long-term maintenance activities will be included in the Plan to ensure that all mitigation measures are successful. The compensatory mitigation will not be considered complete without an on-site inspection by a ACOE project manager and written confirmation that approved success criteria have been achieved.

PAST/FUTURE IMPACTS

There are three (3) other major governmental actions that are being processed in the study area:

Proposed Development Plan for the Rancho Mission Viejo (RMV)

In 2001, conceptual land use plans for RMV were submitted to the County of Orange, the land use jurisdiction and Lead Agency, proposing 14,000 dwelling units (dus) in a community of mixed use villages on the 9,254-hectare (22,850-acre) RMV property. The village concept combines high density residential, low density residential, commercial and office uses into integrated areas. The plan proposes development on about half of the ranch with the remainder left in open space supporting the existing cattle ranching operations, open space recreation or parks, and private open space.

South Sub-region Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP)

The NCCP South Sub-region encompasses the area from I-5 from the City of Lake Forest to Dana Point to the coast and the eastern boundary of the City of Lake Forest and extending to the County boundary in Cleveland National Forest (CNF). Although this Sub-region encompasses a large area, much of it is already developed or already held in public lands such as the CNF. The primary undeveloped area in the South NCCP sub-region is the RMV property, which is why the NCCP is being developed and concurrently processed with the RMV development proposal.

Special Area Management Plan (SAMP)

The ACOE and CDFG are the lead agencies for the preparation of the Aquatic Resources Restoration/ Management Plan, Record of Decision, 404 Permits and Master Streambed Alteration Agreement for the SAMP/MSAA. According to published information on the SOCCPP web site, the following principles are being applied to the planning and formation of the SAMP/MSAA: no net loss of acreage and functions of WoUS; maintain/restore hydrologic, water quality, and habitat integrity of WoUS; protect headwater areas; maintain/protect/restore diverse and contiguous riparian corridors; maintain and/or restore floodplain connection; maintain and/or restore sediment sources and transport equilibrium; maintain adequate buffer for the protected riparian corridors; and protect riparian areas and associated habitats supporting state/federally listed species and associated critical habitat.

SOCTIIP ANALYSIS OF THE NCCP/HCP PLANNING GUIDELINES AND SAMP/MSAA WATERSHED PLANNING PRINCIPLES

Comments on the SOCTIIP Draft EIS/SEIR questioned the relationship of the SOCTIIP alternatives to the NCCP/HCP reserve design guidelines and the SAMP/MSAA Watershed Planning Principles.

For the following analysis, two sets of guidelines and planning principles published for the coordinated NCCP/HCP and SAMP/MSAA planning processes have been utilized. The guidelines and principles represent the latest available biological information on the southern sub-region NCCP/HCP and SAMP/MSAA study area. This analysis focuses on the SOCTIIP A7C-FEC-M/Preferred Alternative, and addresses the relationship of the alternative to the Draft Southern Sub-region NCCP/HCP Planning Guidelines and the Draft San Juan Creek Watershed/Western San Mateo Creek SAMP/MSAA Watershed Planning Principles. While the SAMP and MSAA processes have previously proceeded as one process, it is TCA's understanding that the two processes may be separated. If they proceed separately, the MSAA may be incorporated into the NCCP/HCP process and the SAMP would proceed on a separate track. Because the Planning Guidelines and Watershed Planning Principles continue to guide these planning processes, this Attachment addresses the Guidelines and Principles as they were originally established.

Before discussing each specific guideline and principle, some background on the nature of those processes and the SOCTIIP project is provided. The NCCP/HCP reserve design process considers the entire 91,000-acre southern sub-region. The objective of the process is to designate areas for permanent habitat preservation along with areas that can be developed. Thus, the process is a landscape-level planning process. In addition, as other NCCP/HCPs have done, it is expected that the final NCCP/HCP will include provisions for infrastructure to support both existing development and planned development that is consistent with the NCCP/HCP. The NCCP/HCP is not being planned in a vacuum; there is existing development and approved plans that provide for infrastructure within the NCCP/HCP area. The SOCTIIP project is an infrastructure project that will provide mobility for the public in accordance with regional land use and transportation planning. A SOCTIIP corridor build alternative has been on the Orange County Master Plan of Arterial Highways since 1981.

NCCP/HCP Reserve Design Guidelines

The following excerpts from the NCCP Guidelines examine the purposes of the guidelines and the manner in which they were formulated to provide guidance for protecting, managing, and enhancing resources within the southern sub-region. The SOCTIIP Preferred Alternative is partially located within the NCCP/HCP southern sub-region. The Preferred Alternative extends into northern San Diego County, while the NCCP/HCP southern sub-region does not extend past the Orange County border. The SOCTIIP study area is illustrated on Figure 4.10-1 of the EIS/SEIR:

"The Planning Guidelines for the Southern NCCP/HCP . . . are intended to provide an objective and common set of planning considerations and recommendations for use by the resource and regulatory agencies and the program participants in selecting and evaluating reserve program, restoration and management alternatives for the Southern NCCP/HCP." The Southern

NCCP/HCP Guidelines were prepared by the NCCP/SAMP Working Group. These guidelines represent a synthesis of the following source materials:

- The NCCP Conservation Guidelines, including the seven Tenets of Reserve Design, prepared by the [NCCP] Scientific Review Panel appointed by the CDFG (1993)
- The Principles of Reserve Design and Adaptive Management Principles for the Southern Sub-region prepared by the Science Advisors convened by the Nature Conservancy to assist in the preparation of the Southern NCCP (Science Advisors 1998)
- Southern Sub-region database

The seven basic Tenets of Reserve Design are listed below, followed by an analysis of whether or not the Preferred Alternative would preclude attainment of the tenets. The analysis first focuses on the Preferred Alternative alone, and then includes a discussion of the approved Ranch Plan (including the Settlement Agreement Plan) and cumulative impacts.

1. Conserve Target Species throughout the Planning Area

In the context of this tenet, "conserve" means that the species are well distributed across their range. The NCCP/HCP planning guidelines identify three "target species" within the southern sub-region. These species include the orange-throated whiptail, coastal cactus wren, and coastal California gnatcatcher. The target species serve as the conservation planning surrogates for identifying habitat areas that should be considered for inclusion in a reserve design.

Orange-Throated Whiptail¹

The orange-throated whiptail occurs in washes and in open areas of sage scrub and chaparral with gravelly soils, often with rocks. The orange-throated whiptail prefers the well-drained friable soil on slopes with a southern exposure that are barren or only sparsely covered with vegetation. This species is known to occur throughout the SOCTIIP study area within suitable habitat and is considered abundant. Within the study area for the Ranch Plan (Ranch Mission Viejo [RMV]), whiptail occurrences were widely scattered, but there appear to be three clusters of occurrences totaling approximately 115 individuals. This species was recorded at approximately 126 locations within the SOCTIIP study area and at 174 locations within the study area of the southern sub-region, although it is expected to occur throughout the region in suitable habitat.

The Preferred Alternative is anticipated to affect approximately seven known locations of the orange-throated whiptail. This represents approximately 5.6 percent of the recorded

¹ Indirect and fragmentation impacts to the target species are discussed in the EIS/SEIR, including the Response to Comments. The EIS/SEIR and Response to Comments also identify the avoidance, minimization and compensation measures (e.g., Upper Chiquita Canyon Conservation Area) to reduce potential project impacts to the greatest extent practicable. The impact discussion for the target species focuses on the direct loss of recorded individuals relative to the known individuals within the SOCTIIP study area and the southern subregion. This level of analysis provides a clear and easily comparable assessment of conservation of species within the subregion if a corridor build alternative is implemented.

locations within the SOCTIIP study area. The portion of the Preferred Alternative that occurs within the southern sub-region boundary would result in the loss of approximately five of these recorded locations, representing approximately 2.9 percent of the recorded locations. This loss would not preclude the ability of the southern sub-region to conserve this species in the sub-region because approximately 97.1 percent of the recorded occurrences within the southern sub-region would remain upon implementation of the Preferred Alternative.

Coastal Cactus Wren

The coastal cactus wren inhabits coastal sage scrub and alluvial sage scrub habitats that have sufficient amounts of prickly pear cactus and/or cholla. This species is known to occur throughout the SOCTIIP study area within suitable habitat. A total of 89 occurrences of this species were recorded within the SOCTIIP study area. Within the southern sub-region, this species was recorded at 1,410 locations.

The Preferred Alternative is anticipated to affect approximately five known locations of the coastal cactus wren. This represents approximately 5.6 percent of the recorded locations within the SOCTIIP study area. That portion of the Preferred Alternative within the southern sub-region would result in the loss of approximately four of these locations, representing approximately 0.3 percent of the recorded locations within the sub-region. This loss would not preclude the ability of the southern sub-region to conserve this species in the sub-region because approximately 99.7 percent of the recorded occurrence within the southern sub-region would remain upon completion of an alignment such as the Preferred Alternative.

Coastal California Gnatcatcher

The coastal California gnatcatcher primarily occurs within coastal sage scrub, coastal sage scrub-chaparral mix, coastal sage scrub-grassland ecotone, and occasionally in riparian habitats. Gnatcatchers have been recorded at 140 occurrences within the SOCTIIP study area. Within the southern sub-region, this species was recorded at 737 locations.

The Preferred Alternative is anticipated to affect approximately nine known locations of the coastal California gnatcatcher. This represents approximately 6.4 percent of the recorded locations within the SOCTIIP study area. That portion of the A7C-FEC-M Alternative within the southern sub-region would result in the loss of approximately three of the locations within the southern sub-region, representing approximately 0.4 percent of the recorded locations within the sub-region. This loss would not preclude the ability of the southern sub-region to conserve this species in the sub-region because approximately 99.6 percent of the recorded occurrence within the southern sub-region would remain upon completion of an alignment such as the Preferred Alternative.

Habitat Value

To partially mitigate impacts to the three target species, the TCA has established habitat preservation and proposed restoration activities in the Upper Chiquita Canyon Conservation Area. The Upper Chiquita Canyon Conservation Area consists of approximately 478.7 ha (1,182 ac) and was created by the TCA to mitigate biological impacts resulting from construction of the SOCTIIP. The Conservation Area was

originally under substantial threat for development; however, the TCA was able to conserve this area that would have been lost or substantially degraded by development in advance of the anticipated impacts from the SOCTIIP. The gnatcatchers present in the Conservation Area represent the northern portion of the gnatcatcher population in a key location in the Chiquita Canyon, Western Gobernadora/Chiquadora Ridge, and Wagon Wheel area (Draft NCCP/HCP Planning Guidelines, April 2003). These areas are "integral to the overall function of the reserve for this species because they provide linkages to other populations, including Camp Pendleton (Draft NCCP/HCP Planning Guidelines, April 2003)."

The 1993 NCCP Conservation Guidelines state that "sub-regional NCCPs will designate a system of reserves designed to provide for no net loss of habitat value from the present, taking into account management and enhancement. No net loss of habitat value means no net reduction in the ability of the sub-region to maintain viable populations of target species over the long-term." According to the April 2003 Draft NCCP/HCP Planning Guidelines, the "combination of a property formulated Habitat Reserve and a comprehensive Adaptive Management Program will allow the NCCP/HCP program to maintain net habitat value on a long-term basis for species ultimately receiving regulatory coverage under the program." The net habitat value equation takes into consideration habitat gains (through preservation and/or restoration) and loss (project impacts). The habitat gains by the proposed project (i.e., Upper Chiquita Conservation Area, and habitat restoration) have offset the habitat losses to result in a "no net loss of habitat values" finding consistent with the NCCP guidelines.

Relationship of the Preferred Alternative and the Approved Ranch Plan (Settlement Agreement Plan)

On November 9, 2004, the Orange County Board of Supervisors approved the Ranch Plan project. As part of that approval, the Board of Supervisors certified EIR No. 589 and adopted the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings of Fact and a Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Alternative B-10 Modified plan of the Ranch Plan (hereafter referred to as the approved Ranch Plan). CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Ranch Plan, prepared by the County of Orange and approved by the Orange County Board of Supervisors on November 9, 2004). The Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations state that "For the listed Planning Species (referred to as "target species" in the Tenet), Alternative B-10 Modified has medium to very high consistency with the NCCP/HCP Guidelines and provides medium to very high protection for the unlisted Planning Species." Therefore, based on the SOCTIIP analysis above and Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Alternative B-10 modified plan, these cumulative projects are not expected to prevent the reserve design from achieving its tenet of conserving "target species" throughout the southern sub-region. As discussed below, the Ranch Plan now includes even more open space/habitat preservation than anticipated as part of the County approval.

Subsequent to County approval of the Ranch Plan, the County of Orange and RMV entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Endangered Habitats League, Natural Resources Defense Council, Sea and Sage Audubon Society, Laguna Greenbelt, Inc., and Sierra Club. The Settlement Agreement did not change the total number of approved dwelling units or non-residential development for the Ranch Plan, but did alter the location of development and increase the area devoted to open space. For example,

under the Settlement Agreement, an additional 1800 acres of habitat will be preserved in the San Juan and San Juan Creek watersheds; Planning Areas 6 and 9 are limited to open space, Planning Area 7 is limited to open space, ranch and orchard operations, Planning Area 8 is limited to open space and a 500 acre development area, and modifications were made to the permitted use and development configurations in Planning Areas 2, 3 and 4.

The Preferred Alternative generally transects the center portion of the Ranch Plan, including Planning Areas 2 and 5 designated for development as well as areas designated as open space (Planning Area 10) in the approved Settlement Agreement Plan. The Preferred Alternative avoids impacts to large areas dedicated to resource open space in the eastern portion of the Ranch Plan site referred to as the "Eastern block." Overall, the alignment would impact approximately 156.58 acres designated for resource open space in the Settlement Agreement Plan. This occurs where the Preferred Alternative traverses the northern portion of Planning Area 2 within the area from Planning Area 2 over San Juan Creek into Planning Area 5. It should be noted that a portion of this impact from the Preferred Alternative represents the alignment on bridge a structure, which allows for continued wildlife connectivity.

The SOCTIIP mitigation for impacts includes previously set-aside open space areas, and additional mitigation could include land purchase for additional set-aside areas, revegetation, restoration, and other measures that would maintain open space and provide habitat value.

2. Larger Reserves Are Better

The alternatives for the SOCTIIP included several alignments that traversed the southern sub-region of the NCCP. During the Collaborative process, adjustments to several of the alignments were made to avoid some of the biologically sensitive resources within the southern sub-region. In addition, the Collaborative adjusted the alignments to avoid, to the greatest extent possible, the current natural open space areas in the eastern and/or central portion of the SOCTIIP study area. These adjustments to the SOCTIIP alternatives resulted in the identification of the Preferred Alternative, which substantially reduced the potential impacts to the size of an NCCP reserve design as compared to an alignment such as the FEC-M. The adjustments from the FEC-M to the Preferred Alternative resulted in the increase of 11 percent more open space areas to the east of the two alignments considered.

Even though the Preferred Alternative would result in some fragmentation of the natural open space area in the southern sub-region, there is a substantial amount of natural resources (over 30,000 acres of habitat in large blocks) to the east and west of the Preferred Alternative. In addition, mitigation measures, including replacement planting of habitat resources and wildlife crossings, will reduce the impacts of fragmentation. Therefore, these impacts will not prevent the reserve from functioning as intended.

Relationship of the Preferred Alternative and the Approved Ranch Plan (Settlement Agreement Plan)

The Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations state that "The B-10 Modified Alternative is comprised of four major habitat blocks: the Eastern block (21,867 acres), the Upper Chiquita block (3,209 acres), the Lower Chiquita block (4,245 acres),

and the Arroyo Trabuco block (1,832 acres). These habitat blocks combined total about 31,153 acres and account for about 71 percent of the B-10 Modified Open Space. The open space blocks, especially the Eastern Block are now larger due to the additional 1,800 acres of open space preserved through the Settlement Agreement. The Eastern block connects to substantial uninterrupted open space to the east in the Cleveland National Forest (460,000 acres) and Camp Pendleton (125,000 acres)." The Preferred Alternative essentially avoids the Eastern Block, with relatively limited impacts to the southwestern most edge of this block. Given the size and location of the open space areas within the southern sub-region associated with, or in proximity to the approved Ranch Plan and the Settlement Agreement Plan and the Preferred Alternative, the reserve design tenet of creating larger reserves will still be met.

3. Keep Reserve Areas Close

The Preferred Alternative of the SOCTIIP does not have any effect on keeping reserve areas close. The NCCP tenet has specific recommendations regarding the distance between habitat blocks. The tenet states that habitat blocks "which support target species should be no more than one or two miles apart wherever practical." At its widest point in the southern sub-region, the Preferred Alternative is approximately 292 feet wide (0.06 mile), which does not exceed the identified threshold.

Relationship of the Preferred Alternative and the Approved Ranch Plan (Settlement Agreement Plan)

The Draft NCCP Guidelines identified important habitat linkages and wildlife corridors. The four large habitat blocks described above (the Eastern block [21,867 acres], the Upper Chiquita block [3,209 acres], the Lower Chiquita block [4,245 acres], and the Arroyo Trabuco block [1,832 acres]) are functionally interconnected through project design features associated with the approved Ranch Plan and through bridge and wildlife crossings incorporated into the design of the Preferred Alternative. Therefore, these combined projects are expected to support the tenet of keeping reserve areas close within the southern sub-region planning area.

4. Keep Habitat Contiguous

The NCCP Guidelines state the goal of reserving blocks of habitat on the order of 1,000 or more acres. All of the four large habitat blocks described above (the Eastern block [21,867 acres], the Upper Chiquita block [3,209 acres], the Lower Chiquita block [4,245 acres], and the Arroyo Trabuco block [1,832 acres]) exceed this 1,000-acre goal. The Preferred Alternative is separate from the Arroyo Trabuco block and traverses the outer perimeter of the Upper Chiquita, Lower Chiquita, and Eastern blocks. Thus, habitat will continue to be contiguous, and minimum 1,000-acre blocks of habitat will be maintained, even with the alignment in place. Although the Preferred Alternative is expected to fragment habitat within the sub-region, these impacts have been reduced and minimized to the greatest extent possible through project design modifications and habitat preservation and replacement. In addition, the alternative incorporates bridges and wildlife crossings into the design to minimize the effect of habitat fragmentation. The NCCP/HCP identifies several important linkages connecting these open space habitat block areas. Out of the 20 habitat linkages and wildlife movement areas identified from field surveys in the NCCP/HCP planning area, 15 are applicable to the wildlife corridor existing conditions in the SOCTIIP biological study area. Bridge, arch culverts, and box

culverts that provide for wildlife undercrossings of the Preferred Alternative have been incorporated into the project design at locations that are consistent with the linkages identified in the NCCP/HCP guidelines.

Relationship of the Preferred Alternative and the Approved Ranch Plan (Settlement Agreement Plan)

The Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations state that "the vast majority of the four habitat blocks that would be protected in the B-10 Modified Open Space are comprised of the five major vegetation communities: coastal sage scrub, chaparral, grassland, woodland and forest, and riparian, although the relative proportions of the vegetation communities vary among the blocks." The approved Ranch Plan results in "relatively little internal habitat fragmentation" of these four habitat blocks according to the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations. Therefore, these combined projects support the tenet of keeping habitat contiguous within the southern sub-region planning area.

5. Link Reserves with Corridors

In terms of linking reserves with corridors, the Preferred Alternative includes wildlife bridges and culverts. As detailed in mitigation measure WV-15 in the SOCTIIP EIS/SEIR, the location of the proposed wildlife bridges and culverts identified in the NES will provide adequate travel capabilities, contain adequate vegetation cover, have adequate daylight, and have appropriate fencing to encourage animals to use these underpasses. As discussed above, the bridges, arch culverts, and box culverts that provide for wildlife undercrossings along the Preferred Alternative have been incorporated into the project design at locations that are consistent with the linkages identified in the NCCP/HCP guidelines. The Preferred Alternative is consistent with this tenet.

Relationship of the Preferred Alternative and the Approved Ranch Plan (Settlement Agreement Plan)

As discussed previously, the four large habitat blocks are functionally interconnected through project design features associated with the approved Ranch Plan and through bridge and wildlife crossings incorporated into the design of the Preferred Alternative. Therefore, these combined projects are expected to support the tenet of linking reserves with corridors in the southern sub-region planning area.

6. Reserves should be Biologically Diverse

The study area for the SOCTIIP includes a variety of native plant communities, including scrub, grassland, chaparral; woodland, and riparian areas. For the majority of the plant communities that are the most plentiful within the SOCTIIP study area, the impacts of the Preferred Alternative would represent a range of 4 to 16 percent of that community within the SOCTIIP study area. At the same time, the project includes mitigation commitments to a minimum 1:1 ratio of replacement habitat. One of the communities that occurs frequently within the study area and had the highest percentage (16 percent) of relative impacts within the study area was the woodland community. The woodland impacts are the result of the modifications to the alignment through the Collaborative process to avoid areas such as coastal sage scrub (that support the federally threatened

coastal California gnatcatcher) and grassland areas (that supports the federally threatened/state endangered thread-leaved brodiaea). The combination of early mitigation through the Upper Chiquita Preserve and replacement of other habitat as required by the mitigation measures will maintain and return biological diversity to the area. Therefore, the loss of the native communities due to the Preferred Alternative would not preclude maintaining biologically diverse reserves and does not prevent this tenet from being achieved.

Relationship of the Preferred Alternative and the Approved Ranch Plan (Settlement Agreement Plan)

According to the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the approved Ranch Plan, the "B-10 Modified protects the large majority of the major vegetation communities. Protection ranges from a low of 67 percent for grassland to a high of 84 percent for coastal sage scrub and chaparral. Other than grassland, the next lowest overall conservation percentage of the major vegetation communities is 83 percent for woodland and forest and riparian." These percentages protected do not reflect the Ranch Plan Settlement Agreement, which increases the amount of habitat preserved. Therefore, the combined projects are expected to provide for an adequate number and type of plant communities/wildlife habitat and would not disproportionately impact any plant community so that the southern sub-region reserves have the ability to be biologically diverse.

7. Protect Reserves from Encroachment

Four large habitat blocks were described above in the second tenet (larger reserves are better). The Preferred Alternative does not encroach on the Arroyo Trabuco block because the alignment does not occur within this habitat block area. The Preferred Alternative would slightly reduce the size of the Upper Chiquita block as the alignment connects to the existing FTC-North immediately south of Oso Parkway and travels south to where it leaves that habitat block and enters Planning Area 2 of the approved Ranch Plan. The Preferred Alternative crosses the Lower Chiquita block area where the alignments exits Planning Area 2 to the south and crosses San Juan Creek by a bridge. The Eastern block will be slightly reduced on the southwestern-most edge, within the western limits of The Donna O'Neil Conservancy. Some of the habitat values lost through direct impacts have already been mitigated through the Upper Chiquita Conservation Bank. The remaining habitat values lost will be replaced through preservation or restoration. Indirect effects of the corridor being located adjacent to the Upper Chiquita block, Lower Chiquita block, and Eastern block from the Preferred Alternative are expected to be minimal due to project design features and mitigation measures. These features and measures limit the potential for indirect affects such as invasive plant species (mitigation measure WV-7), wildlife/road collisions (mitigation measure WV-19), and stormwater runoff (erosion, siltation, and water quality are addressed by the RMP, which provides a design and facilities to maintain pre-project runoff velocities).

In summary, although the final southern sub-region NCCP/HCP reserve has not been established, the analysis above documents the following conditions with the Preferred Alternative: (1) large habitat blocks are maintained, (2) there will be no net loss of habitat values, and (3) indirect impacts will be prevented through mitigation measures.

Relationship of the Preferred Alternative and the Approved Ranch Plan (Settlement Agreement Plan)

The approved Ranch Plan circulation system was addressed during the sub-basin consistency analysis for the EIR to document compliance with the Draft NCCP Guidelines General Policy 4 (roads and infrastructure to be located outside the Open Space to the maximum extent feasible). The Ranch Plan includes provisions for an extension of the SR-241 (the Preferred Alternative), or for an arterial roadway system in the event that the SR-241 is not extended. Thus, it was known and acknowledged in the Ranch Plan process that an SR-241 extension might traverse planned open space through the Ranch Plan site. In addition, the Settlement Agreement allows infrastructure uses within open space areas. The approved Ranch Plan and the compliance with Draft NCCP Guidelines, General Policy 5 requirements would provide protection against long-term indirect effects/encroachment (i.e., fuel management zones, exotic species, harmful chemicals, lighting, human and pet access). The SOCTIIP Preferred Alternative includes several mitigation measures to address these issues. In addition to the measures listed above under item number 7, see specifically the following measures: WV-20 and AS-4 (lighting), WV-27 and -29 (exotic species), and PS 2 through PS-8 (fire protection). Cumulatively, these projects have addressed the potentially adverse affects of encroachment, preventing them through project design or mitigating so that these projects do not preclude protection of the reserve areas once they are established.

SAMP/MSAA Planning Principals

The participants in the SAMP/MSAA process have also developed tenets and principles for the identification and evaluation of alternatives. The ACOE and CDFG set forth eight SAMP/MSAA tenets characterized as overall program goals intended to facilitate the identification of alternatives that meet the project purpose and need. As part of the NCCP/SAMP Working Group, the participants also jointly collaborated on a set of Watershed and Sub-basin Planning Principles. The Watershed Planning Principles are intended to function in a similar manner as the NCCP Science Advisors reserve design principles. Reserve Design Tenet 7 was added by the Science Advisors in recognition of the role that hydrologic and sediment processes play in shaping the landscapes of the planning area. This tenet helps to integrate the NCCP/HCP and SAMP/MSAA processes and serves as a link between this set of guidelines and the tenets and principles of the SAMP/MSAA.

SAMP/MSAA Planning Principles are listed below, followed by a discussion of the manner in which the Preferred Alternative is consistent with that principle:

1. No net loss of acreage and functions of waters of the United States

The A7C-FEC-M Alignment permanently impacts 6.78 acres of WoUS, of which 0.93 acres consist of jurisdictional wetland. Temporary impacts total 11.08 acres of WoUS, of which 8.51 acres consist of jurisdictional wetland. To ensure that no net loss of acreage of WoUS occurs, at least 6.78 acres of WoUS will be created, including 0.93 acres of wetland and all areas of temporary impacts will be restored to their previous function. The habitat creation will be designed to provide a higher function than that lost. No net loss of wetland/riparian function will be demonstrated by use of the Corps HGM approach or similar methodology for both Corps and CDFG jurisdictional impacts.

2. Maintain/restore hydrologic, water quality and habitat integrity of water of the U.S.

Various corridor design elements function to minimize impacts to hydrologic, water quality and habitat integrity as indicated by the very low impact scores in the June 2003 Analysis of Potential Impacts.² According to the SAMP,

- a. Hydrologic integrity is characterized by stream discharge frequency, magnitude and temporal distribution and linked surface and subsurface interaction with the floodplain that has historically characterized riparian ecosystems in the region.
- b. Water quality integrity is characterized by the range of nutrient, pesticide, hydrocarbon and sediment loadings that have historically characterized riparian ecosystems in the region.
- c. Habitat integrity is characterized the quality and quantity of habitat essential to support and maintain a balanced, integrated, adaptive biological system having the full range of characteristics, processes and organisms at the site-specific, landscape and watershed scales that historically characterized riparian ecosystems in the region.

Impacts to the above characteristics have been avoided or minimized by utilizing a wide suite of strategies. For example:

- a. Grading limits were refined to reduce cut and fill by following natural contours to and to avoid sensitive resources, including the Tesoro Wetlands area, by shifting the alignment.
- b. Bridge structures are proposed for all major high-order drainages exhibiting the most diverse and expansive riparian habitat.
- c. Bridge design, such as support placement and shape, minimizes impacts to both the habitat and hydrologic character of each drainage.
- d. Hydrologic connectivity will be maintained through the construction of cross-culverts and bridges in almost all waters being traversed.
- e. Where they exist, historic floodplain connections and riparian corridors will be maintained in the unaltered upstream and downstream portions of drainages to be impacted. In some cases channels have already been cut down and do not exhibit an existing floodplain connection.
- f. Stream discharge, including velocity and volume, will be maintained at pre-construction values to the maximum extent practicable to avoid changes in deposition and scour. Project design Features (PDF) and Best Management Practices (BMP) being implemented for this purpose include, but are not limited to:

² Smith, R. D. 2003. Potential Impacts of Alternative Transportation Corridors on Waters of the United States and Riparian Ecosystems for the Southern Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project. U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg, MS.

- 1) Construction of Extended Detention Basins (EDB), which will serve to recharge groundwater through percolation and provide storm water treatment as well as to permit normal storm flows to be transmitted through the un-impacted downstream reaches of the local drainages.
 - 2) Minimizing impermeable surfaces to the maximum extent practicable.
 - 3) Culverts will be sized in such a way to permit unobstructed flows in all but the very large magnitude storm events. Some shading at bridges may affect habitat located immediately under the bridge, reducing vegetation density and possibly aquatic temperatures. These effects are very localized and would impact only those areas located immediately under the bridge.
- g. Water quality will be maintained through treatment by a variety of mechanisms, including EDB and biofiltration swales, as well as implementation of appropriate construction BMP.
- h. Riparian corridors are avoided to the maximum extent practicable and when necessary, connectivity within riparian corridors will be maintained by careful design of culverts and bridges.

3. Protect headwaters areas

Headwaters means non-tidal rivers, streams, and their lakes and impoundments, including adjacent wetlands, that are part of a surface tributary system to an interstate or navigable WoUS upstream of the point on the river or stream at which the average annual flow is less than five cubic feet per second. For streams that are dry for long periods of the year, the Corps may establish the point where headwaters begin as that point on the stream where a flow of five cubic feet per second is equaled or exceeded 50 percent of the time. As described above, this project has been designed to avoid impact to waters, including headwater areas, to the maximum extent practicable.

4. Maintain/protect/restore diverse and contiguous riparian corridors

As described above, the refinement process coupled with the construction of bridges and culverts that are designed to promote wildlife movement have provided for the maintenance and protection of contiguous riparian corridors to the maximum extent practicable. In addition, restoration will target enhancement of riparian corridors

5. Maintain and/or restore floodplain connection

Also as described above, where they exist, floodplain connections and riparian corridors are maintained in the unaltered upstream and downstream portions of drainages to be impacted.

6. Maintain and/or restore sediment sources and transport equilibrium

Also as described above, the majority of drainages being impacted will retain hydrologic connectivity between upstream and downstream reaches as a result of the construction of bridges or cross-culverts. In addition, the amount of impermeable surface is being minimized to the maximum extent practicable. Since the actual footprint in which the

land use is being converted to non-erodable surfaces is minimal within each watershed sub-basin, no significant reduction in sediment sources is expected.

The Draft EIS/SEIR examined the issue of sediment, and two additional analyses were prepared and included in the Response to Comments. The sediment budget analysis concluded that the supply of bed material load from San Mateo Creek will be virtually unchanged in the after project condition with the anticipated storm water controls. See Attachments 8 (Sediment Transport Study) and 11 (Skelly Engineering Review of Sediment Transport Study) of the Response to Comments for further details on this issue.

7. Maintain adequate buffer for the protected riparian corridors

The linear nature of the project generally results in crossings that are somewhat perpendicular to the riparian corridors within the vicinity rather than being parallel. This results in little need for riparian buffers. The A7C-FEC-M/Preferred Alternative avoids impacts to high-order high-functioning drainages such as Cristianitos and Gobernadora Creeks. In addition, impacts to other high-functioning drainages such as San Juan Creek, San Mateo Creek, and San Onofre Creek have been reduced to the maximum extent practicable through the proposed construction of bridges spanning the creeks.

8. Protect riparian areas and associated habitats supporting state/federally listed species and associated critical habitat

Although southwestern willow flycatcher (SWF) (FE/SE), San Diego fairy shrimp (FE), and Riverside fairy shrimp (FE) occur within the study area, the A7C-FEC-M/Preferred Alternative avoids direct impacts to these species. Habitat impacts are minimized as described below.

San Diego Fairy Shrimp Critical Habitat

Although the Preferred Alternative intersects 1.68 acres of Unit 2A of the 2000 Final Rule designating San Diego fairy shrimp critical habitat, the portion of the unit to be impacted is immediately adjacent to the existing 1-5, which does not exhibit the topography or hydrology necessary to support fairy shrimp within the proposed impact boundaries. The Preferred Alternative will not impact any San Diego Fairy Shrimp critical habitat based on the 2003 Proposed Rule.

Riverside Fairy Shrimp Critical Habitat

Although the Preferred Alternative intersects 194.73 acres of 2004 Riverside fairy shrimp critical habitat located within units G and H, potential habitat loss is much less. Unit G falls within an area permitted for disturbance by existing sand mining operators. In addition, the majority of the habitat within the alignment and extending between the alignment and the eastern edge of the critical habitat unit is generally quite rugged, with the flatter areas near the bottom being characterized by well-drained alluvial soils. The non-impacted relatively flat terraces to the west and upslope of the alignment exhibit the best potential for supporting habitat for the fairy shrimp in the future. Impacts to unit H include the loss of two unoccupied seasonal pools that provide potential habitat for fairy shrimp; however, the alignment avoids one occupied and one unoccupied pool. In addition, as with Unit G, the corridor impacts the steeper terrain, while leaving the

relatively flat terraces to the west and upslope of the alignment available for supporting fairy shrimp in the future.

For both Riverside and San Diego Fairy shrimp critical habitat, adverse modification of primary constituent elements includes:

- Any activity that results in discharge of dredged or fill material, excavation, or mechanized land clearing of ephemeral and/or vernal pool basins;
- Any activity that alters the watershed, water quality, or quantity to an extent that water quality becomes unsuitable to support San Diego fairy shrimp, or any activity that significantly affects the natural hydrologic function of the vernal pool system; and
- Activities that could lead to the introduction of exotic species into occupied or potentially occupied San Diego fairy shrimp habitat.

Seasonal pools shall be replaced at a minimum of a 1:1 ratio within dedicated open space areas to ensure no net loss of potential fairy shrimp habitat. In both critical habitat units, project impacts will occur down slope of the preserved pools and therefore, in combination with PDF and BMP, should have no impact on water quality or quantity within the existing pools. Mitigation measures during construction including exclusionary fencing (Mitigation Measure TE-8), and the presence of a biological monitor will minimize the potential for introducing exotic species during construction.

Thread-leaved Brodiaea

Portions of three populations of thread-leaved Brodiaea (FT/State Endangered [SE]) located within San Onofre State Beach (leased from Camp Pendleton) fall within the grading limits. Approximately 23 of the 1,076 individuals mapped in this subpopulation will be impacted and generally consist of the margins of the population rather than bisecting it. These impacts total only 2 percent of the subpopulation and 0.5 percent of the population mapped within the entire study area. These individuals will be translocated (see Mitigation Measure TE-7 for further details).

Tidewater Goby and Critical Habitat

The project has the potential to impact tidewater goby (FE) at crossings on San Mateo and San Onofre Creeks. The project intersects 7.73 acres of tidewater goby critical habitat within San Onofre Creek and 22.94 acres within San Mateo Creek; however, as a result of bridging, the total permanent loss of habitat will be limited to the location of bridge pilings; as described above, changes in hydrology and water quality should be minimal as a result of PDF and BMP.

Southern Steelhead Trout

The project also has the potential to impact southern steelhead trout (FE) at crossings on San Mateo and San Juan Creeks. As a result of bridging, the total permanent loss of habitat will be limited to the location of bridge pilings; as described above, changes in hydrology and water quality should be minimal as a result of PDF and BMP.

Arroyo Toad and Critical Habitat

Although project construction is expected to result in minimal direct impacts to the arroyo toad (FE), approximately 227.24 acres of critical habitat is being impacted, including areas within San Mateo, San Juan, Cristianitos, and San Onofre Creeks. The permanent loss of breeding habitat has been minimized by bridging, which limits permanent losses to pier locations, and by refinement of the alignment, which now avoids impacts to Gabino and Cristianitos Creeks. The refined corridor alignment improves movement corridors by reducing the number of crossings within critical habitat. The remainder of the impacts occur in upland areas where toads forage and burrow. Ultimately, significant quantities of upland habitat will remain and the corridor design permits the movement of toads between available upland areas. Also see mitigation measures TE-I 0 to TE-17 which relate to the arroyo toad.

Least Bell's Vireo and Critical Habitat

This alignment avoids the densest populations of least Bell's vireo (LBV) (FE/SE) within Canada Gobernadora and San Juan Creek, although it does temporarily impact occupied habitat at San Mateo Creek and is likely to have indirect impacts in that location. The construction or expansion of span bridges will minimize permanent loss of LBV habitat in both San Mateo and San Juan Creeks and, since LBV currently occupy similar habitat beneath the 1-5 bridge at San Mateo Creek, it is not expected that project construction will cause a permanent reduction in populations at these locations. Also, as described above, all PDF and BMP that contribute to the maintenance of watershed integrity will contribute to the maintenance of quality LBV habitat. This project does not impact LBV critical habitat.

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SECTION 2

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Section 404 Individual Permit Application

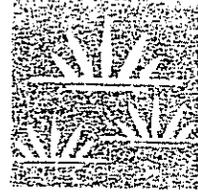
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SECTION 3

GLENN LUKOS ASSOCIATES

Regulatory Services



May 9, 2006

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SUBJECT: Request for 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement for the South Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project (SOCTIIP), Orange and San Diego Counties, California.

Dear Warren:

Glenn Lukos Associates (GLA) is submitting this notification for a California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement on behalf of our client, the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridors Agencies (TCA) a Joint Powers Authority composed of Orange County Supervisors for the 3rd, 4th and 5th Districts and Council Members from the Cities of Mission Viejo, Irvine, San Juan Capistrano, San Clemente, Orange, Anaheim, Santa, Dana Point, Tustin, Yorba Linda, Rancho Santa Margarita and Lake Forest. (GLA) is submitting this notification for a CDFG Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement for unavoidable impacts to CDFG jurisdiction associated with the Alignment 7 Corridor-Far East Crossover-Modified (A7C-FEC-M - Project) alternative of the South Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project (SOCTIIP), an extension of the existing Foothill Transportation Corridor (FTC) State Route (SR) 241 from Oso Parkway to I-5 near the Orange County/San Diego County boundary, California.

The proposed Project will permanently impact approximately 23.08 acres of CDFG jurisdiction, of which 20.37 acres will consist of vegetated riparian habitat, and will temporarily impact 14.37 acres of CDFG jurisdiction, of which 14.34 acres will consist of vegetated riparian habitat. Please find enclosed a check for \$4,000.00 to cover the initial processing fee.

I. PROJECT APPLICANT/AGENT

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II. PROJECT LOCATION

The Applicant proposes to extend the existing Foothill Transportation Corridor (FTC) (State Route (SR) 241 from Oso Parkway to I-5 near the Orange County/San Diego County boundary using the Alignment 7 Corridor-Far East Crossover-Modified (A7C-FEC-M – preferred alternative/proposed project), as shown in green in Exhibit 3.

The general regional location and vicinity of the preferred alternative are shown in Exhibits 1 and 2. The preferred alternative, the A7C-FEC-M alignment, is shown in green in Exhibit 3. The study area for the SOCTIIP encompasses the southeast part of Orange County and the northernmost part of San Diego County, and eleven cities bordering or in the vicinity of Interstate 5 (I-5) between its confluence with Interstate 405 (I-405) in central Orange County and its intersection with Basilone Road in San Diego County. The study area includes the County of Orange, and the incorporated Cities of San Clemente, Laguna Niguel, San Juan Capistrano, Laguna Woods, Dana Point, Laguna Hills, Rancho Santa Margarita, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Aliso Viejo and Irvine. The study area also includes the southwestern portion of MCB Camp Pendleton and portions of the San Onofre State Beach, which is leased from MCB Camp Pendleton. These local jurisdictions, communities and major land uses in the SOCTIIP study area are shown on Figure ES.1-1 in the EIS/SEIR.

Local Vicinity

Drainages

The Project traverses three watersheds in coastal southern California, the San Juan Creek Watershed, San Mateo Creek Watershed, and San Onofre Creek Watershed. San Juan Creek is in southern Orange County, the San Mateo Creek drainage is in northern coastal San Diego County and southeastern coastal Orange County, and San Onofre Creek is in northern coastal San Diego County.

Township/Range Information

The preferred alternative is located in the *San Clemente*, and *Canada Gobernadora* USGS 7.5 minute quadrangles. The preferred alternative traverses Sections 9, 15, 16, 22, 27 and 34, Townships 7 South, Range 7 West, Sections 2, 11, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 35, Township 8 South, Range 7 West, and Sections 2, 10, 11, 14, and 15, Township 9 South, Range 7 West.

III. PROJECT BACKGROUND

The proposed southern extension of existing SR 241, also referred to as the Foothill Transportation Corridor-South (FTC-S), has been subject to planning efforts for approximately 20 years. Final EIR 123, which was certified by the County of Orange in 1981, resulted in a conceptual alignment for a transportation corridor facility being placed on the County's Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH). The MPAH shows the alignment of the existing SR 241 and a conceptual alignment for the FTC-S. Between 1989 and 1991, the TCA prepared TCA EIR 3, pursuant to CEQA, for the selection of a locally preferred road alignment for the FTC-S. TCA EIR 3 addressed the C and BX road alignments, developed as part of the alternatives analysis phase of the project, as the primary build alternatives. On

October 10, 1991, the Modified C Alignment was selected by the TCA as the locally preferred alternative. Subsequently, at the request of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the Modified C Alignment was slightly altered to avoid high quality scrub communities, protect sensitive species and wildlife movement in the Sulfur Canyon area and minimize impacts to the Pacific pocket mouse. As a result of these changes, this alignment was then renamed the CP Alignment.

In 1996, as a result of the 1994 NEPA/Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 Integration Process for Surface Transportation Projects, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) initiated coordination to implement the policies of the Memorandum of Understanding for the NEPA and Section 404 Integration Process for Surface Transportation Projects in Arizona, California and Nevada (MOU) in developing the EIS and Section 404 permitting for the FTC-S. The NEPA/Section 404 MOU implements the FHWA, United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) policies of improved interagency coordination and integration of the NEPA and Section 404 procedures. The NEPA/Section 404 MOU applies to all projects needing both FHWA action under NEPA and an ACOE individual permit under Section 404 of the CWA. The signatory agencies to the NEPA/Section 404 MOU include FHWA, EPA, ACOE, USFWS, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and Caltrans.

In March 1999, pursuant to the NEPA/Section 404 MOU, a purpose and need statement was approved for the SOCTIIP. Between August 1999 and November 2000, the NEPA/Section 404 MOU signatory agencies developed a list of project alternatives to be evaluated in the EIS/SEIR. It was during this process that the signatory agencies referred to the project as the South Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project or SOCTIIP. The NEPA/404 MOU agencies and the TCA are collectively referred to as the "SOCTIIP Collaborative." In November 2000, the SOCTIIP Collaborative concurred on the Alternatives to be evaluated in the technical studies and in August 2003 concurred on the Alternatives to be carried forward and evaluated in the EIS/SEIR. These Alternatives are described in Section ES.3 of the Executive Summary in the EIS/SEIR and are described in detail in Section 2.0 (Alternatives) of the EIS/SEIR.

FHWA and the TCA identified the Preferred Alternative as the A7C-FEC-M Alternative. The EPA and ACOE have preliminarily determined that the Preferred Alternative is the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative (LEDPA). The USFWS has preliminarily indicated that the Preferred Alternative will comply with applicable requirements of the Endangered Species Act. These determinations reflect the evaluations by these agencies in the Collaborative process conducted over the last six years. By following the process set forth in the NEPA/Section 404 MOU, the SOCTIIP Collaborative have determined that the NEPA Preferred Alternative and the LEDPA as the same alternative.

The decision to select the A7C-FEC-M alignment represents the collaborative work of the above-named agencies to identify and select an alternative which minimizes environmental and community impacts and complies with the requirements of federal and state law and accomplishes the project's purpose and need. This decision is also based on the comments received from the public on the draft EIS/SEIR, federal and state resource/regulatory agencies, and elected officials.

IV. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project is a limited access highway that would extend the existing SR 241, (FTC-N), south from its existing southern terminus at Oso Parkway to I-5 in the vicinity of the Orange/San Diego County line. This extension would be operated as a toll road, as are the existing portions of SR-241 until the construction bonds are paid.

The Project is approximately 16 miles long plus approximately 0.8 mile of improvements on the I-5. The proposed facility includes four general-purpose travel lanes, two in each direction, for the entire length of the corridor. Key components of the Project include continuous mainline travel lanes and ramps south of Oso Parkway, fifteen wildlife structures/bridges to facilitate wildlife movement, an approximately 2,100 foot bridge structure crossing San Juan Creek, a toll plaza north of Ortega Highway, ramp toll plazas at Cow Camp Road and Avenida Pico, an approximately 2,859 foot elevated bridge structure spanning San Mateo Creek and I-5 providing a direct connection to I-5, and reconstruction of the existing I-5 Basilone Road interchange.

The proposed Project will permanently impact approximately 23.08 acres of CDFG jurisdiction, of which 20.37 acres will consist of vegetated riparian habitat, and will temporarily impact 14.37 acres of CDFG jurisdiction, of which 14.34 acres will consist of vegetated riparian habitat.

A. Detailed Project Description

The following description provides detailed information about the Project and the reasons for selection of this Preferred Alternative. The A7C-FECM-Initial Alternative (green) is the Project but with the following primary modifications:

- **Reduction in Size of Project.** The Project is reduced in size from eight lanes to a maximum of six general purpose lanes. This modification to the Project reduces the typical cross-section of the project from 156 feet to 128 feet. Initially, the Project will be constructed as a four-lane facility (two lanes in each direction). The current request for a 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement covers construction of the initial four-lane facility only.
- **Consistency with Anticipated NCCP Reserve Design.** The Project modifications conform to the anticipated reserve design for the Southern Orange County Natural Community Conservation Plan. In general, the RMV Ranch Plan (as reflected in the Settlement Agreement) concentrates the development on the RMV property in the western and northern portions of the RMV property. It is anticipated that the reserve design for the Orange County Southern NCCP will be consistent with the Ranch Plan. Including the Preferred Alternative's "shift" in middle Chiquita to better accommodate wildlife movement and facilitate the overall reserve design as agreed to by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and CDFG.
- **Modifications Regarding RMV Ranch Plan to Maximize Open Space.** The alignment of the Project is revised to conform as much as is feasible to the areas shown for development in the RMV Ranch Plan approved by the County of Orange as modified by the Settlement Agreement among RMV, the County and the environmental organizations (the Endangered Habitats League, Natural Resources Defense Council, Sea and Sage Audubon Society, Laguna Greenbelt, Inc., and

Sierra Club). The RMV Plan (as reflected in the Settlement Agreement) contemplates the development of 14,000 units and 3,480,000 square feet of urban activity center uses, 500,000 square feet of neighborhood center uses and 1,220,000 square feet of business park uses in six development areas. By including as much of the Project within the development areas as is feasible, impacts on open space and habitat areas are minimized. An exhibit depicting the alignment of the Project in relation to the RMV Plan is enclosed as Exhibit 4.

- Adjustments to Minimize Utility Relocation Impacts. Disturbance limits associated with utility relocations were minimized based on coordination with utility service providers. These adjustments reduced impacts to the natural environment.
- Inclusion of Additional Wildlife Crossings. Fifteen wildlife crossings are included to further facilitate wildlife movement. Wildlife crossings are included within the four large habitat blocks identified in the approved Ranch Plan open space reserves. These large open spaces areas are functionally interconnected through bridge and wildlife crossings incorporated into the design of the Project and through the project design features associated with the approved Ranch Plan.
- Minimization of Access Road Impacts. The design of the connections between the Project and access roads is modified to further minimize grading and to insure continued access to existing utility and agricultural operations on RMV.

V. JURISDICTIONAL AREAS

CDFG jurisdiction associated with the Project study area total 309.07 acres, of which 300.21 acres consist of vegetated riparian habitat. The A7C-FEC-M Alternative would impact approximately 23.08 acres of CDFG jurisdiction, of which 20.37 acres will consist of vegetated riparian habitat, and will temporarily impact 14.37 acres of CDFG jurisdiction, of which 14.34 acres will consist of vegetated riparian habitat. Table 1 summarizes impacts to CDFG jurisdiction within the Project study area. A copy of the Project delineation report with detailed descriptions of each jurisdictional feature is attached as Appendix A.

TABLE 1
IMPACTS TO CDFG JURISDICTIONAL AREAS
ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – FAR EAST CROSSOVER – MODIFIED STUDY AREA
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature	Resource Type	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE/C/7-1	Ephemeral	0.41	0.01	0.42
FE/7-1	Ephemeral	0.50	0.01	0.51
FE/7-2	Intermittent	0.20	0.01	0.21
FE-1	Ephemeral	0.69	0.00	0.69
FE-2A	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE-2B	Ephemeral	0.00	0.06	0.06
7-2	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03
7-3	Ephemeral	3.91	0.08	3.99
7-5	Ephemeral	0.09	0.00	0.09
7-6	Ephemeral	0.13	0.01	0.14
7-San Juan Creek	Intermittent	0.30	0.00	0.30
7-10	Ephemeral	0.09	0.08	0.17
7-11	Ephemeral	0.00	0.00	0.03
7-12	Ephemeral	0.51	0.00	0.51
7-13	Ephemeral	1.72	1.19	2.91
FE/7-3	Ephemeral	1.94	0.00	1.94
FE/7-4	Intermittent	0.82	0.00	0.82
FE/7-6	Ephemeral	0.79	0.05	0.84
FE/7-7	Ephemeral	2.06	0.00	2.06
FE/7-8	Ephemeral	2.34	0.08	2.42
FE/7-9	Ephemeral	0.00	0.10	0.10
Unnamed Tributary to Cristianitos	Ephemeral	0.08	0.00	0.08
FE/7-10	Ephemeral	0.17	0.04	0.21
FE/7-11	Perennial	0.77	0.00	0.77
FE/7-12	Intermittent	0.35	0.00	0.35
FE/7-12	Ephemeral	0.57	0.08	0.65
FE/7-14	Ephemeral	0.15	0.05	0.20
FE/7-VM18	Depressional Wetland	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-VM19	Depressional Wetland	NA	NA	NA

Jurisdictional Feature	Resource Type	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE/7-15	Ephemeral	0.00	0.12	0.12
FE/7-16	Ephemeral	0.00	0.09	0.09
FE/7-17	Ephemeral	0.00	0.12	0.12
FE/7-18	Ephemeral	0.89	0.25	1.14
FE/7-19	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE/7-20	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE/7-21	Ephemeral	0.48	0.00	0.48
FE/7-22	Ephemeral	0.18	0.15	0.33
FE/7-24	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03
FE/7-25	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03
FE/7-SAN MATEO CREEK	Perennial	0.01	0.00	0.01
FE/7-SAN MATEO MARSH-EAST of I5	Freshwater Forested Wetland	0.21	0.00	0.21
FE/7-VM20	Depressional Wetland	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-VP3	Depressional Wetland	NA	NA	NA
San Onofre Creek	Perennial	0.01	0.00	0.01
TOTAL	NA	20.37	2.71	23.08

VI. PROPOSED MITIGATION

The Applicant proposes to mitigate for impacts to 23.08 acres of CDFG jurisdiction, of which 20.37 acre consists of vegetated riparian habitat, through enhancement, restoration and creation of vegetated riparian habitat.

Riparian habitat will be created within the Tesoro wetland, located south of Oso Parkway, at the current terminus of SR 241. In addition, the Applicant proposes to restore and enhance existing CDFG streambeds in upper Chiquita, located north of Oso Parkway and east of SR 241 for replacement of functions and values. A Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (Plan) will be prepared and submitted to the CDFG for approval prior to impacts to CDFG jurisdiction.

Temporary impacts to 14.37 acres of CDFG jurisdiction, of which 14.34 acres will consist of vegetated riparian habitat, will be mitigated through restoration of the temporarily impacted area to pre-impact conditions.

Implementation of the Plan will require a 5-year maintenance and monitoring period in which specified performance standards must be met. Contingency measures as well as long-term maintenance activities will be included in the Plan to ensure that all mitigation measures are successful. The compensatory mitigation will not be considered complete without an on-site inspection by a CDFG project manager and written confirmation that approved success criteria have been achieved.

VII. THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES IMPACTS

A Biological Assessment addressing the potential adverse effects of the Project was submitted to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on March 1, 2005 and is being reviewed pursuant to Section 7 of the federal Endangered Species Act. Preliminary conclusions for the Project were provided by USFWS on September 30, 2005 which stated that implementation of the Project would not jeopardize the continued existence of the Riverside fairy shrimp, San Diego fairy shrimp, tidewater goby, southwestern willow flycatcher, least Bell's vireo, or thread-leaved brodiaea. The USFWS preliminary conclusion also supports a no adverse modification determination for designated critical habitat for the San Diego fairy shrimp and tidewater goby and proposed critical habitat for the thread-leaved brodiaea. The USFWS preliminary conclusions for the arroyo toad, coastal California gnatcatcher and Pacific pocket mouse identify significant project related impacts to these species and its habitat. Consultation with the USFWS and CDFG on these species is ongoing.

VIII. FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR IMPACTS

An application requesting authorization pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act is concurrently being prepared for submission to the Los Angeles District of the Corps. A copy of the 404 Application will be provided to the CDFG upon submittal.

IX. STATE APPLICATION

A Section 401 Water Quality Certification application is concurrently being prepared for submission to the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board. A copy of the 401 Application will be provided to the CDFG upon submittal.

Warren Wong
California Department of Fish and Game
May 9, 2006
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X. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

An Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIS/SEIR), titled *South Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project*, State Clearing House No. 2001061046, was prepared for the Project and distributed to the public on May 7, 2004. On February 23, 2006 the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agencies Board of Directors certified the Final Environmental Impact Report and approved selection of the A7C-FEC-M as the Project and Preferred Alternative. A Final Environmental Impact Statement will be completed and a copy of the Record of Decision will be provided to the Department upon issuance in the Federal Register.

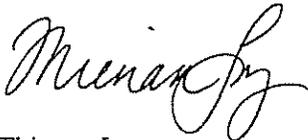
Enclosed please find:

- (1) A check for \$4,000.00;
- (2) Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration Form;
- (3) Streambed Alteration Program Questionnaire; and
- (4) Project delineation report (Appendix A)

If you have any questions regarding this letter, or if I can be of any further assistance to you, please contact me at (949) 837-0404 or by e-mail at tly@wetlandpermitting.com.

Sincerely,

GLENN LUKOS ASSOCIATES, INC.



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NOTIFICATION OF LAKE OR STREAMBED ALTERATION

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Application Information			
	Name	Address	Telephone/FAX
Applicant:	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agencies Attn: Macie Cleary-Milan	125 Pacifica, Suite 100 Irvine, CA 92618	Business: 949-754-3483 Fax: 949-754-3491
Operator:	Same as Applicant		Business: Fax:
Contractor: (if known)			Business: Fax:
Contact Person: (if not applicant)	Glenn Lukos Associates Attn: Thienan Ly	29 Orchard Lake Forest, CA 92630	Business: 949-837-0404 Fax: 949-837-5834
Property Owner:			Business: Fax:

Project Location					
Location Description:	Please see Section II of the cover letter for a full description.				
County			Assessor's Parcel Number		
Orange and San Diego			Various		
USGS Map	Township	Range	Section	Latitude/Longitude	
San Clemente and Canada Gobernadora	various	various	various	various	
Name of River, Stream, or Lake:	Unnamed drainages and San Juan, San Mateo, Cristianitos, and San Onofre Creeks				
Tributary To?	San Juan, San Mateo, Cristianitos, and San Onofre Creeks				

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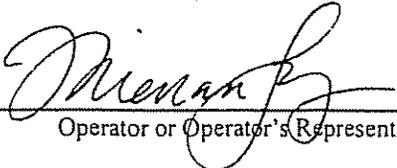
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Start Date:	2007	Completion Date:	2011	Project Cost:	\$ >500K	Number of Stream Encroachments: (Timber Harvesting Plans Only)	
Describe project below: (Attach separate pages if necessary)							
Please see Section IV of the cover letter for a full project description.							
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Attachments/Enclosures		
Attach or enclose the required documents listed below and check the corresponding boxes.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Description	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map showing project location, including distances and/or directions from nearest city or town	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction plans and drawings pertaining to the project
Completed CEQA documents:	<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Draft or Final Environmental Impact Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated Negative Declaration <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Determination
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I hereby certify that all information contained in this notification is true and correct and that I am authorized to sign this document. I understand that in the event this information is found to be untrue or incorrect, I may be subject to civil or criminal prosecution and the Department may consider this notification to be incomplete and/or cancel any Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement issued pursuant to this notification. I understand that this notification is valid only for the project described herein and that I may be subject to civil or criminal prosecution for undertaking a project that differs from the one described herein, unless I have notified the Department of that project in accordance with Fish and Game Code Section 1602.

I understand that a Department representative may need to inspect the property where the project described herein will take place before issuing a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement pursuant to this notification. In the event the Department determines that a site inspection is necessary, I hereby authorize the Department to enter the property where the project described herein will take place to inspect the property at any reasonable time and certify that I am authorized to grant the Department permission to access the property.

I request the Department to first contact me at (insert telephone number) _____ to schedule a date and time to enter the property where the project described herein will take place and understand that this may delay the Department's evaluation of the project described herein.


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 Operator or Operator's Representative Date



Lake and Streambed Alteration Program
Project Questionnaire

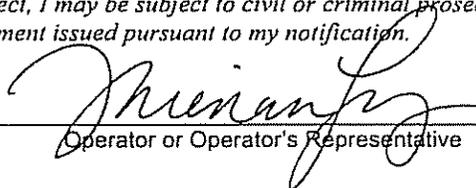
Complete the following questionnaire and submit it with your notification package. Please attach or enclose any additional information or documents that support or relate to your response.

	Yes	Maybe/ Uncertain	No	Please explain if you responded "yes" or "maybe/uncertain"
1. Will the project or activity involve work on the bank of a river, stream, or lake?	✓			Implementation of the Project will result in permanent impacts to 23.08 acres of CDFG jurisdiction and temporary impacts to 14.37 acres of CDFG jurisdiction.
2. If you answered "yes" to #1, will the project or activity involve any of the following:				
a. Removal of any vegetation?	✓			Implementation of the Project will result in permanent impacts to 20.37 acres of riparian habitat and temporary impacts to 14.34 acres of riparian habitat.
b. Excavation of the bank?	✓			Implementation of the Project will result in permanent impacts to 23.08 acres of CDFG jurisdiction and temporary impacts to 14.37 acres of CDFG jurisdiction.
c. Placement of piers?	✓			Spanned bridge crossings will utilize piers (bridge pilings).
d. Placement of bank protection or stabilization structures or materials (e.g., gabions, rip-rap, concrete slurry/sacks)?	✓			Bank protection measures will be utilized in areas such as bridge abutments. Specific types will be determined at a later date.
3. Will the project or activity take place in, adjacent to, or near a river that has been designated as "wild and scenic" under state or federal law?			✓	
4. Will the project or activity involve work in the bed or channel of a river, stream, or lake?	✓			Implementation of the Project will result in permanent impacts to 23.08 acres of CDFG jurisdiction and temporary impacts to 14.37 acres of CDFG jurisdiction.
5. Will the project or activity involve the placement of any permanent or temporary structure in a river, stream, or lake?	✓			Implementation of the Project will result in permanent impacts to 23.08 acres of CDFG jurisdiction and temporary impacts to 14.37 acres of CDFG jurisdiction.

	Yes	Maybe/ Uncertain	No	Please explain if you responded "yes" or "maybe/uncertain"
6. Will the project involve the use of material from a streambed?			✓	
7. Will the project or activity result in the disposal or deposition of debris, waste, or other material in a river, stream, or lake?			✓	
a. If you answered "yes" to #7, describe the material that will be disposed of or deposited in the river stream, or, lake:				
8. Will any type of equipment be used in a river, stream, or lake?	✓			Bridge and road construction equipment will be utilized to construct the Project in jurisdictional areas.
a. If you answered "yes" to #8, describe the type of equipment that will be used:	Cranes, scrapers, backhoes, front loaders, etc.			
9. Does the project or activity area flood or periodically become inundated with water?	✓			Portions of the Project, e.g., areas that will be spanned with bridges or culverts, will impact areas that periodically become inundated or saturated with water during storm events.
10. Will water need to be diverted from a river, stream, or lake for the project or activity?		✓		
11. If you answered "yes" to #10, please answer the following:				
a. Will this be a temporary diversion?				
b. Will water quality be affected by the deposition of silt, an increase in water temperature, a change in the pH level, or in some other way?				
c. Will the water be diverted by means of a dam, reservoir, or other water impoundment structure?				
12. Will the project or activity be done pursuant to a water right application or permit?			✓	
13. a. Has a wildlife assessment or study been completed for the area where or near where the project or activity will take place? (If "yes", attach or enclose a copy of the assessment or study.)	✓			

	Yes	Maybe/ Uncertain	No	Please explain if you responded "yes" or "maybe/uncertain"
14. Will the project or activity affect fish, amphibians, insects, or other aquatic resources?	✓			Coordination with the USFWS and CDFG on impacts to aquatic resources is ongoing.
15. Will the project or activity affect terrestrial wildlife?		✓		
16. Are any endangered or rare plant species thought or known to occur in the area where the proposed project or activity will take place?	✓			Coordination with the USFWS and CDFG on impacts to special status plants is ongoing.
17. Are any endangered or threatened fish, bird, or animal species thought or known to occur in the area where the proposed project or activity will take place?	✓			Coordination with the USFWS and CDFG on impacts to special status animals is ongoing.
18. Have you contacted any other local, State, or federal agency regarding the project or activity?	✓			
a. If you answered "yes" to #18, please list the names of the agencies you have contacted:	USFWS, ACOE, RWQCB. Please see the Final EIS for a complete list of jurisdictional agencies involved in this Project.			
19. Have you applied for or obtained any permit, agreement, or other authorization for your project or activity from any government agency?	✓			
a. If you answered "yes" to #19, please list the names or ... describe the permit, agreement, or authorization you have applied for or obtained:	Biological Opinion, Section 404 Permit, Section 401 Certification.			
20. Have any environmental documents pertaining to your project or activity been prepared?	✓			An Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIS/SEIR), titled South Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project, State Clearing House No. 2001061046, has been prepared.
a. If you answered "yes" to #20, please list the environmental documents that have been prepared:	On February 23, 2006 the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agencies Board of Directors certified the Final Environmental Impact Report and approved selection of the A7C-FEC-M as the Project and Preferred Alternative			

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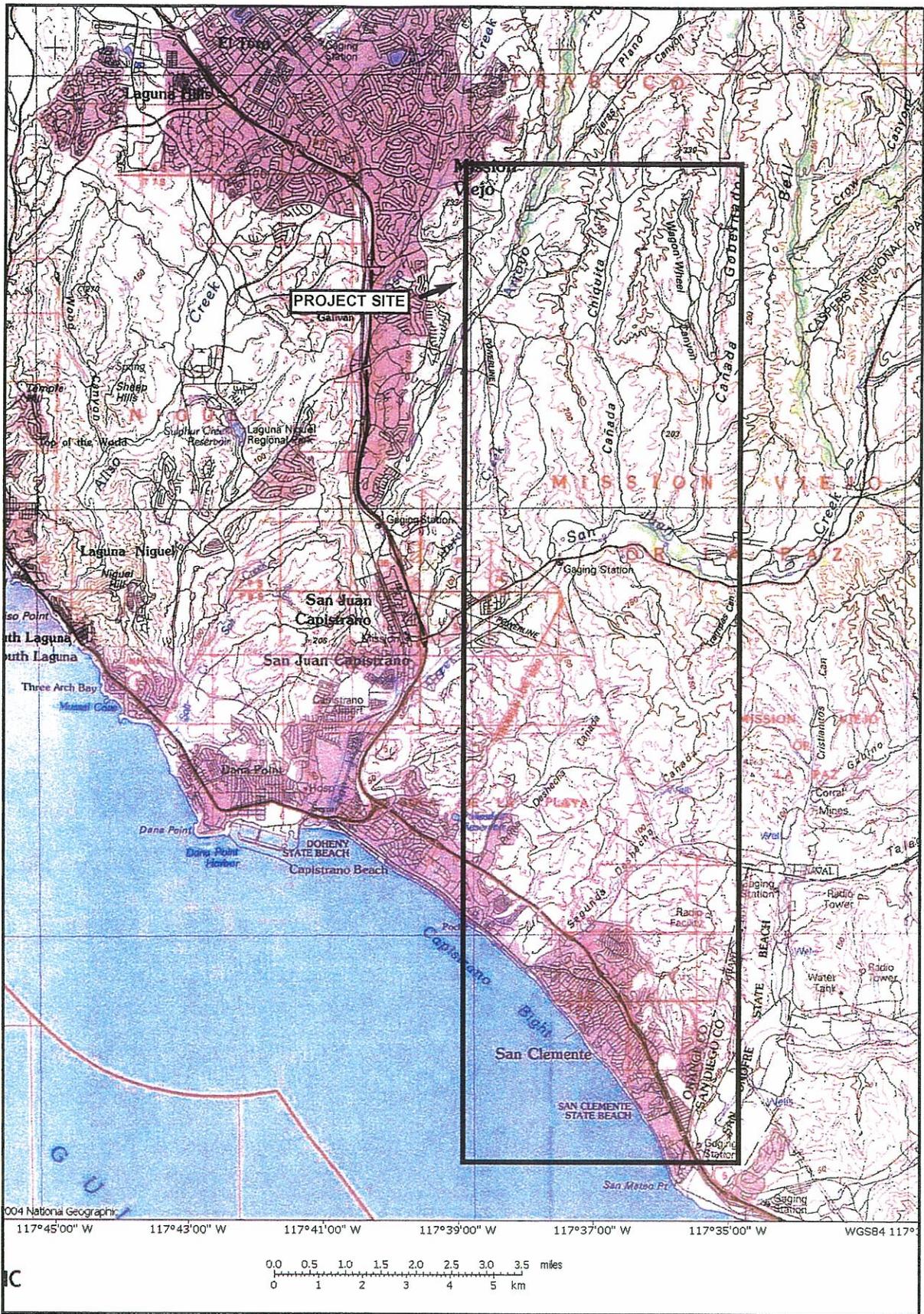
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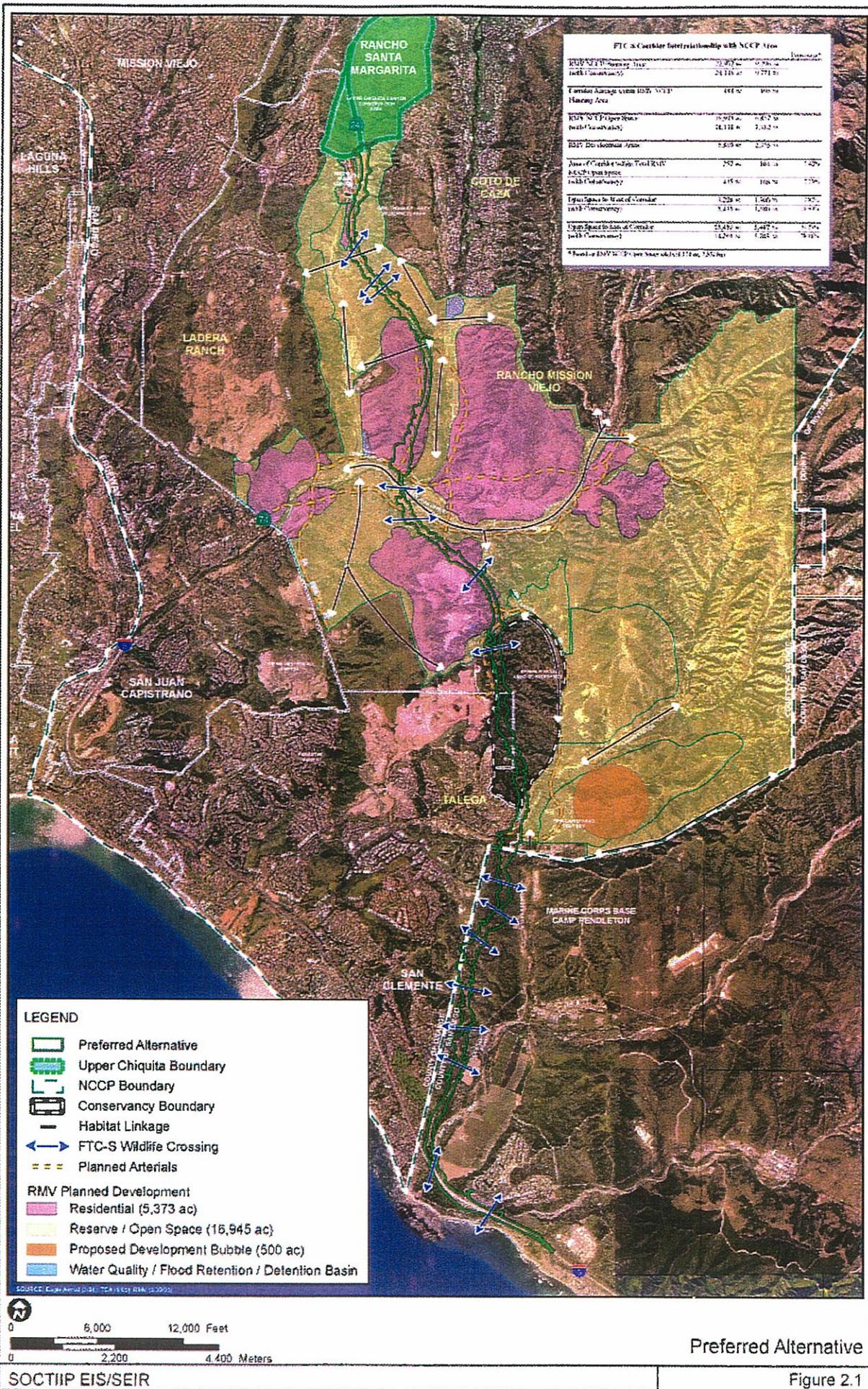


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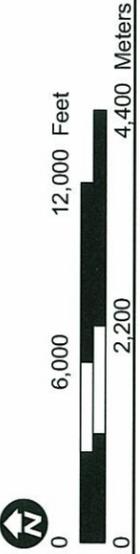




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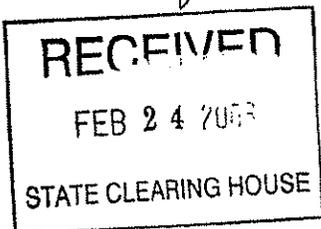


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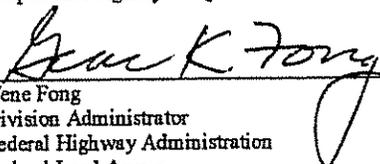
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GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS

G.1 ACRONYMS FOR THE BUILD ALTERNATIVES

A number of build alternatives for the South Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project were evaluated. The acronyms for the build alternatives (both alternatives removed from and retained for further study) in the Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIS/SEIR) are listed below.

Far East Corridor-West Alternative	FEC-W Alternative*
Far East Corridor-West-Initial	FEC-W-Initial *
Far East Corridor-West-Ultimate	FEC-W-Ultimate*
Far East Corridor-Modified Alternative	FEC-M Alternative*
Far East Corridor-Modified-Initial	FEC-M-Initial *
Far East Corridor-Modified-Ultimate	FEC-W-Ultimate *
Far East Corridor-Complete Alternative	FEC Alternative
Far East Corridor-Talega Variation Alternative	FEC-TV Alternative
Far East Corridor-Cristianitos Variation Alternative	FEC-CV Alternative
Far East Corridor-Ortega Highway Variation Alternative	FEC-OHV Alternative
Far East Corridor-Avenida Pico Variation Alternative	FEC-APV Alternative
Central Corridor-Complete Alternative	CC Alternative*
Central Corridor-Complete-Initial	CC-Initial*
Central Corridor-Complete-Ultimate	CC-Ultimate*
Central Corridor-Avenida La Pata Variation Alternative	CC-ALPV Alternative*
Central Corridor-Avenida La Pata Variation-Initial	CC-ALPV-Initial*
Central Corridor-Avenida La Pata Variation-Ultimate	CC-ALPV-Ultimate*
Alignment 7 Corridor-Far East Crossover-Modified Alternative	A7C-FEC-M Alternative*
Alignment 7 Corridor-Far East Crossover-Modified-Initial	A7C-FEC-M-Initial*
Alignment 7 Corridor-Far East Crossover-Modified-Ultimate	A7C-FEC-M-Ultimate *
Alignment 7 Corridor-Avenida La Pata Variation Alternative	A7C-ALPV Alternative*
Alignment 7 Corridor-Avenida La Pata Variation-Initial	A7C-ALPV-Initial*
Alignment 7 Corridor-Avenida La Pata Variation-Ultimate	A7C-ALPV-Ultimate*
Alignment 7 Corridor-Complete Alternative	A7C Alternative
Alignment 7 Corridor-7 Swing Variation Alternative	A7C-7SV Alternative
Alignment 7 Corridor-Far East Crossover Variation Alternative	A7C-FECV Alternative
Alignment 7 Corridor-Far East Crossover (Cristianitos) Variation-Alternative	A7C-FECV-C Alternative
Alignment 7 Corridor-Far East Crossover (Agricultural Fields) Variation Alternative	A7C-FECV-AF Alternative
Alignment 7 Corridor-Ortega Highway Variation Alternative	A7C-OHV Alternative
Arterial Improvements Only Alternative	AIO Alternative*
Arterial Improvements Plus HOV and Spot Mixed-Flow Lanes on I-5 Alternative	AIP Alternative
I-5 Widening Alternative	I-5 Alternative*

* These alternatives were retained for detailed evaluation in this EIS/SEIR.

G.2 ACRONYMS FOR THE NO ACTION ALTERNATIVES

No Action Alternative-Orange County Projections - 2000
 No Action Alternative-Rancho Mission Viejo Development Plan

No Action Alternative-OCP-2000
 No Action Alternative-RMV

G.3 OTHER ACRONYMS

AAQS	Ambient Air Quality Standards
ac	acre, acres
ACOE	United States Army Corp of Engineers
AQMD	Air Quality Management District
AQMP	Air Quality Management Plan
ATRMP	Arroyo Toad Resource Management Plan
Base	Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton
BAT	best available technology
BCT	best conventional technology
BMP, BMPs	Best Management Practice, Practices
BRMP	Biological Resources Management Plan
CAA, CAAs	Clear Air Act, Acts
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation
CCA	California Coastal Act
CCC	California Coastal Commission
CCMP	California Coastal Management Program
CCR	California Code of Regulations
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game
CDP	Coastal Development Permit
CESA	California Endangered Species Act
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CNDDDB	California Natural Diversity Data Base
CNEL	Community Noise Equivalent Level
CO	carbon monoxide
CSS	coastal sage scrub
CTC	California Transportation Commission
CTMP	Construction Traffic Management Plan
CTP	California Transportation Plan
CWA	Clean Water Act
CZMA	Coastal Zone Management Act
dB	decibels
dBA	decibels, A-weighted
DoD, DOD	United States Department of Defense
DON	United States Department of the Navy
DOT	United States Department of Transportation
DSMP	District System Management Plan
du, dus	dwelling unit, dwelling units
EDB, EDBs	extended detention basin, basins
EIR	Environmental Impact Report

EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EIS/SEIR	Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
ESA	Endangered Species Act
ESA, ESAs	Environmentally Sensitive Area, Areas
ETC	Eastern Transportation Corridor
FESA	Federal Endangered Species Act
F/ETC TCA	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
F.R.	Federal Register
FSTIP, FSTIPs	Federal State Transportation Improvement Program, Programs
ft	foot, feet
FTC	Foothill Transportation Corridor
FTC-N, FTC-North	Foothill Transportation Corridor – North
FTC-S, FTC-South	Foothill Transportation Corridor – South
FTIP, FTIPs	Federal Transportation Improvement Program, Programs
ha	hectare, hectares
HC	hydrocarbons
HOV, HOVs	High Occupancy Vehicle, Vehicles
I	initial
I-405	Interstate 405
I-5	Interstate 5
INRMP	Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan
JPA	Joint Powers Agency
Km, kms	kilometer, kilometers
km ²	square kilometers
kph	kilometers per hour
LEDPA	Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative
LOS, LOSs	level, levels of service
LUE, LUEs	Land Use Element, Elements
m	meter, meters
MCB	Marine Corps Base
MEP	Maximum Extent Practicable level
mi	mile, miles
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPAH	Master Plan of Arterial Highways
mph	miles per hour
MPO, MPOs	metropolitan planning organization
MSAA	Master Streambed Alteration Agreement
N/A	not applicable or not available
NAC	Noise Abatement Criterion, Criteria
NCCP	Natural Community Conservation Plan
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act

NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NOA	Notice of Availability
NOI	Notice of Intent
NOP	Notice of Preparation
NO ₂	nitrogen dioxide
NO _x	nitrogen oxides
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPL	National Priorities List
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
O ₃	ozone
OCP-2000	Orange County Projections – 2000
OCTA	Orange County Transportation Authority
Pb	lead
PC, PCs	Planned Community, Communities
PPM	Pacific pocket mouse
RMP	Runoff Management Plan
RMV	Rancho Mission Viejo
ROC	reactive organic compounds
ROG	reactive organic gases
RTIP, RTIPs	Regional Transportation Improvement Program
RTP, RTPs	Regional Transportation Plan
RWQCB	Regional Water Quality Control Board
SAMP	Special Area Management Plan
SANDAG	San Diego Association of Governments
SCAB	South Coast Air Basin
SCAG	Southern California Association of Governments
SCAQMD	South Coast Air Quality Management District
SEIR	Subsequent Environmental Impact Report
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer
SIP	State Implementation Plan
sm	square meter, meters
SO ₂	Sulfur dioxide
SO _x	Sulfur oxides
SOCTIIP	South Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project
SONGS	San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
SOSB	San Onofre State Beach
SOW, SOWs	Scope of Work, Scope of Works
sq km	square kilometer
sq mi	square mile
SR	State Route
SR 91	State Route 91
SR 241	State Route 241
STIP, STIPs	State Transportation Improvement Plan, Plans
SWMP	Storm Water Management Plan
SWPPP	Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan
SWQCB	State Water Quality Control Board

SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
TCA	Transportation Corridor Agency, Agencies
T&E	threatened and endangered
TSM	Transportation Systems Management
U	ultimate
U.S.	United States
U.S.C., USC	United States Code
USDOT	United States Department of Transportation
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
USMC	United States Marine Corps
VHT	vehicle hours traveled
VMT	vehicle miles traveled
WoUS	Waters of the United States

G.4 MEASUREMENTS

The measurement units in this report are expressed in both metric and English units, with metric units followed by English units in parentheses. For ease of translation, the following conversions are included to allow the reader to better understand the measurements in the report.

English/Metric Conversion	Metric/English Conversion
AREA	AREA
1 square foot = 0.093 square meters	1 square meter = 10.764 square feet
1 acre = 0.405 hectares, 4,047 square meters	1 hectare = 2.471 acres
1 square mile (640 acres) = 2.59 square kilometers	1 square kilometer = 0.386 square mile
LENGTH	LENGTH
1 inch = 2.54 centimeters	1 centimeter = 0.394 inch
1 foot = 30.480 centimeter or 0.305 meter	--
1 yard = 0.914 meter	1 meter = 1.094 yards
1 mile = 1.609 kilometers	1 kilometer = 0.621 mile

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ES.1 INTRODUCTION

This Executive Summary is the summary of the Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIS/SEIR) for the proposed South Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project (SOCTIIP). This Executive Summary provides a condensed version of the technical information discussed in the EIS/SEIR and includes references to the complete sections of the environmental document for additional detailed analysis and discussion.

The EIS/SEIR describes the purpose and need for the proposed SOCTIIP; the alternatives being considered to address the defined project purpose and need; and the potential environmental impacts of those alternatives pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The EIS/SEIR is provided in five volumes which contain the EIS/SEIR technical analysis and the EIS/SEIR technical appendices. Technical reports prepared for the project analysis are also available for review, at locations listed in the Table of Contents in the EIS/SEIR.

The Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA), a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), is the project sponsor for the SOCTIIP, which is also referred to as the Foothill Transportation Corridor-South (FTC-South). The TCA Board of Directors is composed of representatives from the local government agencies in the area of benefit of the Foothill Transportation Corridor-North (FTC) and the Eastern Transportation Corridor (ETC). Specifically, the TCA Board of Directors who would certify the SEIR consists of Orange County Supervisors for the 3rd, 4th and 5th Districts and Council Members from the Cities of Mission Viejo, Irvine, San Juan Capistrano, San Clemente, Orange, Anaheim, Santa Ana, Dana Point, Tustin, Yorba Linda, Rancho Santa Margarita and Lake Forest.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the federal lead agency for the EIS, pursuant to NEPA and associated federal rules, regulations and Executive Orders. The United States Department of the Navy (DON), Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Pendleton is a Cooperating Agency for the EIS under NEPA. The TCA is the lead agency for the SOCTIIP pursuant to CEQA for the SEIR. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is the state highway agency that performs oversight for transportation projects sponsored by local agencies and is a local responsible agency under CEQA for the SEIR.

ES.1.1 PROJECT HISTORY

The proposed southern extension of existing State Route 241 (SR 241) also referred to as the Foothill Transportation Corridor-South (FTC-S), has been subject to planning efforts for approximately 20 years. Final EIR 123, which was certified by the County of Orange in 1981, resulted in a conceptual alignment for a transportation corridor facility being placed on the County's Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH). The MPAH shows the alignment of the existing SR 241 and a conceptual alignment for the FTC-S. Between 1989 and 1991, the TCA prepared TCA EIR 3, pursuant to CEQA, for the selection of a locally preferred road alignment for the FTC-S. TCA EIR 3 addressed the C and BX road alignments, developed as part of the

alternatives analysis phase of the project, as the primary build alternatives. On October 10, 1991, the Modified C Alignment was selected by the TCA as the locally preferred alternative. Subsequently, at the request of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the Modified C Alignment was slightly altered to avoid high quality scrub communities, protect sensitive species and wildlife movement in the Sulfur Canyon area and minimize impacts to the Pacific pocket mouse. As a result of these changes, this alignment was then renamed the CP Alignment.

In 1996, as a result of the 1994 NEPA/Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 Integration Process for Surface Transportation Projects, FHWA initiated coordination to implement the policies of the Memorandum of Understanding for the NEPA and Section 404 Integration Process for Surface Transportation Projects in Arizona, California and Nevada (MOU) in developing the EIS and Section 404 permitting for the FTC-S. The NEPA/Section 404 MOU implements the FHWA, United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) policies of improved interagency coordination and integration of the NEPA and Section 404 procedures. The NEPA/Section 404 MOU applies to all projects needing both FHWA action under NEPA and an ACOE individual permit under Section 404 of the CWA. The signatory agencies to the NEPA/Section 404 MOU include FHWA, EPA, ACOE, USFWS, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and Caltrans.

In March 1999, pursuant to the NEPA/Section 404 MOU, a purpose and need statement was approved for the SOCTIIP. Between August 1999 and November 2000, the NEPA/Section 404 MOU signatory agencies developed a list of project alternatives to be evaluated in the EIS/SEIR. It was during this process that the signatory agencies referred to the project as the South Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project or SOCTIIP. The NEPA/404 MOU agencies and the TCA are collectively referred to as the "SOCTIIP Collaborative." In November 2000, the SOCTIIP Collaborative concurred on the Alternatives to be evaluated in the technical studies and in August 2003 concurred on the Alternatives to be carried forward and evaluated in the EIS/SEIR. These Alternatives are described in Section ES.3 of this Executive Summary and are described in detail in Section 2.0 (Alternatives) of the EIS/SEIR. At this time, FHWA has not identified a preferred alternative under NEPA and the TCA has not identified the locally preferred alternative. All alternatives are evaluated equally in the EIS/SEIR.

ES.1.2 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT AREA

The study area for the SOCTIIP encompasses the southeast part of Orange County and the northernmost part of San Diego County, and ten cities bordering or in the vicinity of Interstate 5 (I-5) between its confluence with Interstate 405 (I-405) in central Orange County and its intersection with Basiline Road in San Diego County. The jurisdictions and agencies in the study area are the County of Orange, MCB Camp Pendleton, California Department of Parks and Recreation and the incorporated Cities of San Clemente, Laguna Niguel, San Juan Capistrano, Laguna Woods, Dana Point, Laguna Hills, Rancho Santa Margarita, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Aliso Viejo and Irvine. These local jurisdictions, communities and major land uses in the SOCTIIP study area are shown on Figure ES.1-1. Figures and tables cited in this Executive Summary are provided following the last page of text in this Executive Summary.

ES.1.3 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The SOCTIIP proposes locating, constructing and operating transportation improvements in southern Orange County as shown on Figure ES.1-2. Figure ES.1-2 also shows the existing freeways and toll roads in southern Orange County. The SOCTIIP alternatives include six corridor Alternatives to extend the existing FTC (SR 241 and also referred to as FTC-North) from Oso Parkway to I-5 near the Orange County/San Diego County boundary or at an intermediate point at an intersecting arterial road, one Alternative to improve existing and master planned arterial highways and one Alternative to widen I-5 from the County boundary north to the interchange with Interstate 405 (I-405). The alignments of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives are shown in different colors on Figure ES.1-2.

The six corridor alternatives evaluated in the EIS/SEIR are the Far East Corridor-West (FEC-W) Alternative (shown in lavender on Figure ES.1-2), Far East Corridor-Modified (FEC-M) Alternative (purple), Central Corridor-Complete (CC, formerly referred to as the BX Alignment) Alternative (yellow), Central Corridor-Avenida La Pata Variation (CC-ALPV) Alternative (light orange), Alignment 7 Corridor-Far East Crossover-Modified (A7C-FEC-M) Alternative (green) and Alignment 7 Corridor-Avenida La Pata Variation (A7C-ALPV) Alternative (dark orange). These six Alternatives, also referred to as the FTC-S or the corridor Alternatives, would extend existing SR 241 south to I-5 or an intermediate point at an intersecting arterial road, with four to eight lanes, on alignments from 14 kilometers (km, 9 miles (mi) to 26 km (16 mi) long. Each of the corridor Alternatives has two phases, an Initial phase and an Ultimate phase. The Initial phase of each Alternative would provide four lanes on the extension of SR 241; the Ultimate phase of each Alternative would provide six to eight lanes on the extension of SR 241. The Initial would be constructed now; the Ultimate, with more travel lanes, is not anticipated to be needed, based on forecasted traffic demand, until after 2025. The TCA anticipates seeking permits only for the initial phase of a corridor. Construction would take from 30 to 42 months, depending on the alternative. The TCA would design and construct one of the six corridor Alternatives.

The Arterial Improvements Only (AIO) Alternative would improve Antonio Parkway/Avenida La Pata from Oso Parkway to Avenida Pico, to beyond its MPAH designation, providing one or two additional lanes in each direction. The AIO Alternative is shown in blue on Figure ES.1-2. This Alternative would take approximately 30 months to construct. No agency has been identified for the implementation of the AIO Alternative.

The I-5 Widening (I-5) Alternative would provide additional general purpose, auxiliary and high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on I-5 from approximately I-405 south to the County boundary in south San Clemente. The I-5 Alternative is shown in red on Figure ES.1-2. This Alternative would take approximately 42 months to construct. No agency has been identified for the implementation of the I-5 Alternative.

In addition to the eight build alternatives identified above, two No Action Alternatives, which assume different background land use levels, were also analyzed and are documented in the EIS/SEIR.

ES.2 PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE PROJECT AND PROJECT OBJECTIVES

ES.2.1 PROJECT NEED

The continued development of residential, commercial and industrial uses in south Orange County and throughout the rest of the County has resulted in continuing traffic congestion in the peak periods such that major travel routes experience very poor levels of service during these periods. Based on the adopted General Plans and adopted regional forecasts, south Orange County is anticipated to continue to experience growth in both residents and jobs. The total number of residents in south Orange County in 2000 was 481,900; this is forecast to increase to 627,568 residents in 2025. The total number of employees in south Orange County is forecast to increase from 207,193 employees in 2000 to 304,938 employees in 2025. The local jurisdictions' General Plans and the adopted regional demographic forecasts reflect this anticipated growth. The MPAH identifies needed transportation infrastructure to support this development. Committed, funded transportation improvements in south Orange County would address some of the current and projected traffic demand in south Orange County. However, additional transportation improvements, consistent with the MPAH, are needed to serve this demand to ensure continued mobility for travelers and goods movement over the long term planning horizon to 2025 and beyond. Without implementation of transportation improvements consistent with the MPAH, there would be inadequate circulation infrastructure to provide mobility on existing facilities, including I-5 and major arterials in south Orange County.

ES.2.2 NEPA PURPOSE AND NEED

As discussed earlier, in March 1999, pursuant to the NEPA/Section 404 MOU, a purpose and need statement was approved for the SOCTIIP. The project purpose and need statement is provided in Section 1.0 (Purpose and Need for the Proposed Project) in the EIS/SEIR.

In brief, as stated in the adopted purpose and need statement, "Transportation infrastructure improvements are necessary to address needs for mobility, access, goods movement and projected freeway capacity deficiencies and arterial congestion in south Orange County. Freeway capacity deficiencies and arterial congestion are anticipated as a result of projected traffic demand, which would be generated by projected increases in population, employment, housing and intra- and inter-regional travel estimated by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). The purpose of the SOCTIIP is to provide improvements to the transportation infrastructure system that would help alleviate future traffic congestion and accommodate the need for mobility, access, goods movement and future traffic demands on I-5 and the arterial network in the study area."

Section 3.0 (Traffic and Circulation) in the EIS/SEIR provides a detailed discussion of the existing and forecasted traffic conditions in the SOCTIIP study area, including detailed information regarding existing and 2025 operating conditions on I-5. As shown in Section 3.0, improvements in the subregional transportation system are needed, as described in the purpose and need statement, to provide for improved levels of service (LOS) on I-5.

The purpose and need statement also identifies the following specific objective for the SOCTIIP: "Improve the projected future LOS and reduce the amount of congestion and delay on the freeway system and, as a secondary objective, the arterial network, in southern Orange County. The overall goal is to improve projected levels of congestion and delay as much as is feasible and cost effective. This may include strategies which lead to a reduction in the length of time LOS F will occur, even if the facility will still operate at LOS F for a short period of time, if the strategy will result in benefits to the traveling public and more efficient movement of goods because it reduces total delay." Section 3.0 provides detailed analysis of the potential improvement in LOS on I-5 under the various SOCTIIP build and No Action Alternatives.

ES.2.3 CEQA OBJECTIVES

Section 15124(b) of the CEQA Guidelines requires that the project description contain a clear statement of the project objectives. These objectives are in addition to the Purpose and Need Statement required under NEPA. The objectives of the SOCTIIP, consistent with guidance provided in CEQA, are:

- Alleviate existing and future peak hour traffic congestion on the existing circulation network in south Orange County.
- Provide benefits to the traveling public and more efficient movement of goods through a reduction in the amount of congestion and delay in southern Orange County.
- Implement the Orange County MPAH by completing the transportation corridor system in south Orange County, between existing SR 241 and I-5.
- Minimize through traffic use of the existing arterial highway network in south Orange County by diverting traffic that cannot be accommodated on I-5 to a transportation corridor level facility rather than arterial highways. The MPAH states that transportation corridors will provide for efficient movement of traffic where projected volumes exceed major arterial capacities.
- Provide an alternative access route between south Orange County and central and northeastern Orange County to serve existing and developing employment centers and major attractions.
- Provide an alternative access route between south Orange County and central and northeastern Orange County for emergency evacuations and emergency service providers.
- Minimize adverse impacts related to community disruption, acquisition of residences and businesses, noise and aesthetics.
- Minimize adverse impacts to the environment while recognizing the conflicting demands of different types of resources, regulatory requirements and environmental priorities in the study area.

- Develop a “priced alternative to HOV lanes” to implement the air quality benefits of Transportation Control Measure (TCM)-01 in the Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), the State Implementation Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). TCM-01 includes the toll road extension of the existing FTC-N as one of many transportation improvements listed in the AQMP. The toll road corridor alternatives are a “priced alternative to HOV lanes” which simply means that, rather than implementing HOV lanes as part of the toll roads when first constructed, the HOV lanes can be delayed and tolls can be used to partially control demand, and maintain high levels of service, on the toll roads in the short term.

ES.3 ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

As discussed in detail in the EIS/SEIR and in Section ES.4.2 (NEPA/Section 404 Memorandum of Understanding), FHWA, USFWS, EPA and ACOE developed the Alternatives considered in the EIS/SEIR in collaboration under the NEPA/CWA Section 404 Integration Process for Surface Transportation Projects. The Alternatives evaluated in the EIS/SEIR are described briefly below and are described in detail in Section 2.0 (Alternatives) in the EIS/SEIR.

At this time, FHWA has not identified a preferred alternative under NEPA and the TCA has not identified the locally preferred alternative. All alternatives are evaluated equally in the EIS/SEIR. Between the draft and final EISs/SEIRs, FHWA, the ACOE, Caltrans and the TCA will identify the NEPA preferred/Section 404 least environmentally damaging practicable alternative alignment to achieve the NEPA project purpose and need and the Section 404 basic project purpose.

ES.3.1 ALTERNATIVES

Three categories of alternatives are evaluated in the EIS/SEIR:

- Six corridor Alternatives which propose a southern extension of existing SR 241 from Oso Parkway to I-5 in the vicinity of San Clemente. The northern segment of the FTC, commonly referred to as the FTC-North (FTC-N), is currently operating as a toll facility from Oso Parkway north to the ETC which extends north to State Route 91 (SR 91). These six corridor alternatives are described and evaluated in detail in the EIS/SEIR. These six corridor Alternatives would be operated as toll facilities. The six corridor Alternatives are the FEC-W, FEC-M, CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-FEC-M and A7C-ALPV Alternatives.
- Two non corridor Alternatives which propose improvements or enhancements to existing I-5 and/or to MPAH arterials in south Orange County. The two non corridor alternatives are the I-5 and the AIO Alternatives.
- Two No Action Alternatives under which no corridor alignments, SOCTIIP I-5 or SOCTIIP arterial transportation improvements would be implemented in south Orange County.

The general alignments of these eight build alternatives are shown on Figure ES.1-2.

The EIS/SEIR evaluates the following SOCTIIP build and No Action Alternatives:

Far East Corridor Alignment Alternatives

Far East Corridor-West (FEC-W) Alternative: extension of existing SR 241 south from Oso Parkway to I-5 at the County line; four mixed flow lanes for the Initial; eight lanes (six mixed flow and two HOV) for the Ultimate; approximately 26 km (16 mi) long. The alignment of the FEC-W Alternative is shown in lavender on Figure ES.1-2.

Far East Corridor-Modified (FEC-M) Alternative: extension of existing SR 241 south from Oso Parkway to I-5 at the County line; four mixed flow lanes for the Initial; eight lanes (six mixed flow and two HOV) for the Ultimate; approximately 26 km (16 mi) long. The alignment of the FEC-M Alternative is shown in dark purple on Figure ES.1-2. The location of this Alternative closely resembles the CP Alternative that was the locally preferred alternative adopted by the TCA Board of Directors in 1991.

Central Corridor Alignment Alternatives

Central Corridor-Complete (CC, formerly referred to as the BX Alignment) Alternative: extension of existing SR 241 south from Oso Parkway to I-5 at Avenida Pico in San Clemente; four mixed flow lanes for the Initial; eight lanes (six mixed flow and two HOV) for the Ultimate approximately 19 km (12 mi) long. The alignment of the CC Alternative is shown in yellow on Figure ES.1-2.

Central Corridor-Avenida La Pata Variation (CC-ALPV) Alternative: extension of existing SR 241 south from Oso Parkway to Avenida La Pata in San Clemente; four mixed flow lanes for the Initial; eight lanes (six mixed flow and two HOV) for the Ultimate; approximately 14 km (8.7 mi) long. The alignment of the CC-ALPV Alternative is shown in light orange on Figure ES.1-2.

Alignment 7 Corridor Alignment Alternatives

Alignment 7 Corridor-Far East Crossover-Modified (A7C-FEC-M) Alternative: extension of existing SR 241 south from Oso Parkway to I-5 at the County line; four mixed flow lanes for the Initial; eight lanes (six mixed flow and two HOV) for the Ultimate; approximately 26 km (16 mi) long. The alignment of the A7C-FEC-M Alternative is shown in green on Figure ES.1-2.

Alignment 7 Corridor-Avenida La Pata Variation (A7C-ALPV) Alternative: extension of existing SR 241 south from Oso Parkway to Avenida La Pata I-5 at the County line; four mixed flow lanes for the Initial; eight lanes (six mixed flow and two HOV) for the Ultimate; 14 km (9 mi) long. The alignment of the A7C-ALPV Alternative is shown in dark orange in Figure ES.1-2.

Arterial Improvements Alternative

Arterial Improvements Only (AIO) Alternative: expansion of Antonio Parkway/Avenida La Pata between Oso Parkway and just south of Camino Las Ramblas, with the addition of one lane in each direction, beyond the MPAH designations for this road segment. The improved segment between San Juan Creek Road and Avenida Pico would have a total of six travel lanes, and the improved segment from Oso Parkway to San Juan Creek Road would have a total of eight travel lanes. Smart Street/Transportation Systems Management (TSM) improvements would be constructed in the existing rights-of-way on Avenida Pico, Camino Las Ramblas, on Ortega Highway between Antonio/La Pata and I-5, and on Avenida La Pata between Avenida Pico and south of Camino Las Ramblas, under the AIO Alternative.

I-5 Widening Alternative

HOV and Mixed Flow Lanes on I-5 (I-5) Alternative: addition of one HOV lane in each direction and one or two mixed flow lanes in each direction on I-5 from south of Las Flores to south of Cristianitos Road, and auxiliary lanes in some locations on this segment of I-5. The alignment of the I-5 Alternative is shown in red on Figure ES.1-2.

No Action Alternatives

Based on consideration of the No Action/No Project Alternative requirements under NEPA and CEQA and demographic and land use factors described in detail in Section 2.0 (Alternatives) in the EIS/SEIR, two No Action Alternatives were defined for evaluation in the EIS/SEIR. These two No Action Alternatives vary in the number of dwelling units (dus) assumed on the Rancho Mission Viejo (RMV) property and in the on site circulation improvements assumed to support the development on RMV. These No Action Alternatives are:

No Action Alternative-OCP-2000. This No Action Alternative assumes:

- Build out of the Land Use Elements (LUEs) of the General Plans for the cities and unincorporated Orange County.
- Use of the Orange County Projections-2000 (OCP-2000), the regionally adopted demographic forecasts for Orange County. These forecasts assume build out development of approximately 21,000 dus on the RMV property by 2025.
- Build out of the MPAH, with all arterials constructed to their ultimate cross sections consistent with the MPAH, with the exception of the FTC which would not be extended south of its existing terminus at Oso Parkway under this No Action Alternative.
- Build out of the 2001 RTP improvements in South Orange County.
- An on site circulation system on the RMV property, to support the 21,000 dus forecasted in OCP-2000.

No Action Alternative-RMV Development Plan. This No Action Alternative assumes the same background land use and circulation system conditions as described earlier for the No Action Alternative-OCP-2000, with the following differences:

- OCP-2000 population and employment projections for 2025, with modifications. Under this No Action Alternative, 14,000 dus are assumed to be developed on the RMV, as proposed by the RMV Company, rather than the 21,000 dus in OCP-2000.
- An on site circulation system on the RMV property, to support the 14,000 dus proposed by the RMV Company.

The No Action Alternatives with different land use assumptions were requested by the regulatory agency members of the SOCTIIP Collaborative. It was of interest to those members to compare different numbers of dus and different levels of MPAH traffic improvements under these No Action Alternatives.

ES.3.2 OTHER MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL ACTIONS IN THE PROJECT AREA

The following three major projects are planned in the SOCTIIP study area: the proposed development of the remaining part of the RMV property, the Southern Subregion Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP) and the Special Area Management Plan (SAMP). The RMV development proposal, the NCCP and the SAMP are being planned cooperatively.

The proposed development on RMV includes General Plan and zoning amendments for the 9,254 ha (22,850 ac) Ranch property, to allow a mixture of residential, commercial, employment and open space uses. In 2001, conceptual land use plans for RMV were submitted to the County proposing 14,000 dus in a community of mixed use villages on the 9,254 hectare (ha, 22,850 acre(ac) property. The village concept combines high and low density residential, commercial and office uses into integrated areas. The Ranch Plan proposes development on approximately 40 percent of the ranch with the remainder left in open space. These proposed conceptual plans are preliminary, have not received federal, state or County approvals, and are presently undergoing environmental review. The environmental documentation process was initiated with the release of a Notice of Preparation (NOP) to prepare an EIR on February 24, 2003 by the County of Orange.

The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) will oversee the compliance of the RMV development with the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) through the NCCP and watercourse alteration through the Master Streambed Alteration Agreement (MSAA) pursuant to Section 1600 et seq. of the California Fish and Game Code. The USFWS and the ACOE are engaged, in a cooperative effort, in overseeing compliance with the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) through the preparation of the NCCP/Habitat Conservation Plan (50 C.F.R. Section 13.0) and the CWA through the Section 404 Permit Process (33 C.F.R. Section 230). The primary undeveloped area in south Orange County is RMV, which is why the NCCP and SAMP plans are being concurrently processed with the RMV development proposal. Although there are a multitude of federal and state agencies involved in the planning process, the County of Orange

is the lead agency, in cooperation with CDFG, for the preparation of the Southern Subregion NCCP.

The USFWS and ACOE held informational meetings in 2002 and early 2003 on the resource planning for the South Subregion NCCP and SAMP. Ten candidate plans were presented which ranged from development reflecting the RMV proposal to a very low density of development over a very limited development area. According to the County's website for the South Orange County Coordinated Planning Process, these alternative plans will be evaluated in each of the Southern NCCP and SAMP environmental studies. The South NCCP area has been the subject of ongoing study for nearly a decade and the study of the ten candidate plans is now underway. A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS for these efforts was published in August 2001. These study efforts will influence and shape development on RMV as well as other land in the SOCTIIP study area. Although related because they are in the same geographic area, the RMV development plan, the Southern NCCP and the SAMP are separate projects that will have separate environmental documents. Those environmental documents will be prepared by the respective lead agency for each project and these lead agencies have been coordinating and will continue to coordinate with one another on these planning and study efforts.

In addition, a draft SAMP prepared for the San Juan Creek and San Mateo Creek watersheds in 1999 is discussed in the EIS/SEIR because it is relevant to the study area. The draft SAMP prepared in 1999 for the San Juan Creek and parts of the San Mateo Creek Watersheds by the ACOE consists of a comprehensive wetland planning effort. The 1999 draft SAMP provides identification and characterization of the aquatic resources, evaluation of alternatives for impacts to aquatic resources, and identification of the aquatic resources reserve program in these watersheds. The 1999 draft SAMP identifies wetlands and Waters of the United States (WoUS) by probability, as well as uplands and unregulated areas.

These projects, and other planned projects in the SOCTIIP study area, are described in more detail in Sections 1.3.7 (Other Major Governmental Actions in the Project Area) and 5.1 (Overview of Cumulative Projects) in the EIS/SEIR.

ES.3.3 CONSISTENCY WITH TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAMS

The SOCTIIP Alternatives were evaluated for consistency with existing federal, state and regional transportation planning programs as required under NEPA and CEQA. These federal, state and regional transportation planning programs are used by the applicable agencies for consideration of planning, funding and implementation of transportation improvements throughout southern California. The consistency of the SOCTIIP Alternatives with applicable federal, state and regional transportation planning programs is discussed in this Section, based on the descriptions of each Alternative (alignment, connection to I-5 and number of lanes).

The Federal State Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) carry out the California Transportation Plan (CTP). The FSTIP is compiled by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) from the Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (RTIPs) prepared by the regional Metropolitan Planning Organizations

(MPOs). An alignment similar to the alignment of the FEC-M Alternative is included in the FSTIP.

The FTIP is compiled by FHWA from the State Transportation Improvements Programs (STIPs). An alignment of the FTC-S similar to the FEC-M alignment is included in the FTIP. It is anticipated that any SOCTIIP Alternative which proposes an extension of SR 241 from Oso Parkway to I-5 would be consistent with the FTC-S as defined in the FTIP.

The District System Management Plan (DSMP) provides multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional systems strategies for evaluating and recommending improvements to the transportation system. The DSMP was adopted in 1989. It includes an alignment for the FTC-S consistent with the alignment of the FEC-M Alternative. It is anticipated that any SOCTIIP Alternative which proposes an extension of SR 241 from Oso Parkway to I-5 would be consistent with the FTC-S as defined in the DSMP.

SCAG is the federally designated MPO for the six county region which includes Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties. As the MPO, SCAG is required to adopt and periodically update a RTP. SCAG also prepares and implements the RTIP and the regional Growth Management Projections. The FTC-S is shown in the 2001 RTP as an extension of the existing FTC-N from the San Diego County line to Oso Parkway, with two mixed flow lanes in each direction by 2010 and two additional mixed flow lanes in each direction by 2015. An alignment similar to the alignment of the FEC-M Alternative is mapped in the RTP as a programmed part of the transportation network baseline and is assumed in the modeling for the RTP.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is the air pollution control agency for the four-county region including Los Angeles and Orange Counties and parts of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. An alignment similar to the alignment of the FEC-M Alternative is included in the Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) and in the modeling for the AQMP. As defined in the AQMP and the AQMP modeling, the FTC-S is described as an extension of SR 241 from Oso Parkway to I-5. Therefore, it is anticipated that any SOCTIIP Alternative which proposes an extension of SR 241 from Oso Parkway to I-5 would be consistent with the AQMP and the AQMP modeling.

SANDAG is the state and federally designated MPO responsible for regional transportation planning for San Diego County. SANDAG prepares and implements two regional plans: the RTP and RTIP for San Diego County. An alignment similar to the FEC-M alignment is included in the SANDAG RTP. As defined in the SANDAG RTP, the FTC-S is described as an extension of SR 241 from Oso Parkway to I-5. Therefore, it is anticipated that any SOCTIIP Alternative which proposes an extension of SR 241 from Oso Parkway to I-5 would be consistent with the FTC-S as defined in the SANDAG RTP.

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) develops and implements unified transportation programs and services for Orange County. OCTA administers the County's MPAH. Projects must be on the MPAH to be implemented. The FTC-S is shown on the MPAH on an alignment similar to the FEC-M alignment. As shown conceptually on the MPAH, the

FTC-S is described as an extension of SR 241 from Oso Parkway to I-5. Therefore, it is anticipated that any SOCTIIP Alternative which proposes an extension of SR 241 from Oso Parkway to I-5 would be consistent with the FTC-S as shown on the MPAH.

It is anticipated that the Alternatives which propose improvements other than to SR 241, which are the AIO, I-5 and No Action Alternatives, or which do not extend SR 241 all the way to I-5 (CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives) would not be considered consistent with the FTC-S as assumed in these regional transportation plans.

ES.3.4 SECTION 4(F) REQUIREMENTS AND ALTERNATIVES

Section 303(c) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 U.S.C. Section 303, "Section 4(f)") requires agencies of the United States Department of Transportation, when carrying out transportation programs or projects, to avoid impacts to certain parklands, recreation areas, historic sites, and wildlife refuges of national, state, or local significance. Specifically, Section 4(f) provides that the Secretary of Transportation may approve a transportation program or project "requiring the use of publicly owned land of a public park, recreation areas or wildlife and waterfowl refuge, or land of an historic site of national, state or local significance only if there is no prudent and feasible alternative to using that land, and the program or project includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the resource resulting from the use."

Section 4(f) applies to "publicly owned land of a public park, recreation areas or wildlife and waterfowl refuge, or land of an historic site of national, state, or local significance." Publicly owned land is considered to be a park, recreation area or wildlife and waterfowl refuge when the land has been officially designated as such or when the federal, state or local officials having jurisdiction over the land determine that one of its major purposes or functions is for park, recreation or refuge purposes. Section 4(f) applies to historic properties and archeological resources only when the resource is included on, or eligible for, the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and is important for preservation in place. Any part of a publicly owned park, recreation area, wildlife refuge or historic site is presumed to be significant unless there is a statement of insignificance relative to the whole park by the federal, state or local official having jurisdiction over that resource.

Consistent with this regulation, Section 4(f) analysis is required by FHWA to address the potential impacts of alternatives related to publicly owed land of a public park, recreation area, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge of national, state or local significance, or land of an historic site of national, state or local significance. All the SOCTIIP build Alternatives result in potential use of Section 4(f) resources. In the EIS/SEIR, use is defined as the acquisition of property from a Section 4(f) resource. Some resources have been avoided based on the preliminary design of the Alternatives. However, the use of the remaining resources cannot be avoided by the SOCTIIP build Alternatives, as discussed in detail in Appendix H (Section 4(f) Evaluation) in the EIS/SEIR.

ES.3.5 ALTERNATIVES EVALUATED AND ELIMINATED FROM FURTHER STUDY

Over the last approximately two decades, a wide range of corridor and road, transportation systems management and transit alternatives has been considered in south Orange County. These alternatives are discussed in detail in Section 2.5 (Alternatives Evaluated and Eliminated from Further Study) in the EIS/SEIR. The SOCTIIP Collaborative considered a wide range of build alternatives in developing the list of alternatives evaluated in the EIS/SEIR. Alternatives considered by the Collaborative but eliminated from detailed consideration in the EIS/SEIR, as described in detail in Section 2.5 of the EIS/SEIR, are described in this Section.

ES.3.5.1 Corridor Variations on Camp Pendleton

In 1988, the Marine Corps stated their position regarding the potential for construction of a corridor project on Camp Pendleton land (Commandant of the Marine Corps (Gray) letter to TCA, May 23, 1988). The Marine Corps agreed, in consultation with the TCA, to the evaluation of one potential alignment of the southern extension of the FTC on the Base subject to several conditions including the stipulation that any toll road alignment on Camp Pendleton must not impact or interfere with the operational flexibility of the Marine Corps Mission at that Base. In 1992, the TCA, Camp Pendleton, the City of San Clemente and the State Parks Department mutually agreed on one alignment for the FTC toll road on the Base ("Statement of Intent Regarding Foothill Transportation Corridor Oso Parkway to I-5, Modified C Alignment," March 4, 1992). That alignment, previously known as the Modified-C alignment, then later the CP alignment and now referred to as the Far East Corridor alignment, represents the one and only alignment which meets the Marine Corps' 1988 stipulations for constructing a corridor project on Camp Pendleton. This document recited the respective opinions and positions of each of these organizations with respect to the Modified C Alignment Alternative, in the event that this alternative were to be certified as environmentally superior and selected by the TCA Board of Directors as the locally preferred alternative. That Statement of Intent required those agencies to participate in ongoing discussions regarding mitigation, final design and the scope of the EIS analysis. Since the 1988 Commandant Letter and the 1992 Statement of Intent, the Marine Corps has consistently maintained that no alignment other than the previously agreed to Modified-C alignment (now the FEC-Complete Alternative) would be permitted on Camp Pendleton.

The alignment, identified in the 1992 Statement of Intent, previously and known at that time as the Modified-C alignment, then later the CP alignment, and now referred to as the Far East Corridor alignment, represents the one and only alignment which meets the Marine Corps' 1988 stipulations for constructing a corridor project on Camp Pendleton. The FEC-M, FEC-W and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives meet the 1988 and 1992 stipulations for constructing a corridor on Camp Pendleton. The Agricultural Fields (AF) and Cristianitos Variation (CV) alignments which extend further south into the Base do not meet those stipulations.

In June 1992, FHWA and Camp Pendleton signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which established agreed upon the principles of organization and coordination in the funding, scoping, preparation, public participation, review and approval of the EIS on only those matters of interest

to the Department of the Navy for the EIS process with Camp Pendleton as a cooperating agency. The MOA also required the establishment of a Quality Assurance Program. The TCA and Caltrans concurred in the MOA.

Based on the longstanding Marine Corps position allowing consideration of only the FEC alignment on the Base, consistent with the 1992 "Statement of Intent" and the June 1992 MOA with the TCA, the Marine Corps, as a cooperating agency on this EIS/SEIR, has indicated that the AF and CV alignments are not feasible and could not be built on the Base. In 2002, FHWA concurred that corridor Alternatives containing the AF and CV segments are infeasible and that they should not be evaluated in detail in the EIS/SEIR. In July 2003, the Collaborative concurred with the removal of the Far East Corridor-Cristianitos Variation (FEC-CV), Far East Corridor-Agricultural Fields Variation (FEC-AFV), Alignment 7 Corridor-Far East Crossover (Cristianitos) Variation (A7C-FECV-C) and Alignment 7 Corridor-Far East Crossover (Agricultural Fields) Variation (A7C-FECV-AF) Alternatives from detailed consideration in the EIS/SEIR.

ES.3.5.2 Other Build Alternatives

In June, July and August 2003, the Collaborative considered the wide range of Alternatives analyzed in the technical reports and specifically considered each Alternative for advancement into or elimination from detailed evaluation in the EIS/SEIR. To compare the Alternatives, parameters for evaluating each alternative were developed by the Collaborative members and the TCA. These parameters were specifically related to biological resources, (riparian resources, coastal sage scrub (CSS) and coastal California gnatcatcher), traffic, socioeconomics (acquisition of residential units), project costs and cost effectiveness. Each Alternative was ranked based on its performance for each measure, in comparison to the performance of the other Alternatives for that measure. All the build alternatives evaluated by the Collaborative in this process are shown on Figure ES.3-1. Based on this evaluation and comparison process, the Collaborative agreed to eliminate ten Alternatives from detailed consideration in the EIS/SEIR. The eliminated Alternatives and a brief summary of why each Alternative was eliminated are described below.

Far East Corridor (FEC) Alternative. The FEC Alternative performed the worst when evaluated for impacts to riparian resources, CSS and gnatcatchers; moderately well for congestion relief on I-5; well in total hours of total travel time savings; moderately related to total project costs; and moderately well on cost per hour of travel time saved and it displaces no residences. Based on the poor performance of the FEC Alternative for the biological resource measures and the availability of similar Alternatives which perform well on the traffic, socioeconomics and costs measures and better on the biological resource measures, the Collaborative agreed to delete the FEC Alternative from consideration in the EIS/SEIR. The FEC-M and FEC-W Alternatives, described earlier, were substituted for the FEC Alternative and were carried forward for detailed consideration in the EIS/SEIR. The FEC-M and FEC-W Alternatives are refinements of the FEC Alternative. For further discussion of the alternatives refinement process, refer to Section ES.4.3.3 later in this Executive Summary.

Far East Corridor-Talega Variation (FEC-TV) Alternative. This Alternative performed poorly for impacts to waters of the United States; moderately in impacts to CSS; very high in impacts to

gnatcatchers; moderately well for congestion relief on I-5; moderately for hours of travel time saved and for the total project cost; moderately well for the cost per hour of travel time saved; and it displaces 703 residences. Based on the low performance of the FEC-TV Alternative for the biological resource measures and the availability of similar Alternatives which perform well on the traffic, socioeconomics and cost measures and better on biological resources measures, the Collaborative agreed to delete the FEC-TV Alternative from consideration in the EIS/SEIR.

Far East Corridor-Ortega Highway Variation (FEC-OHV) Alternative. This Alternative performed poorly for the traffic measures because this Alternative terminates at Ortega Highway and does not provide a connection to I-5. It performed well on total project costs; moderately for cost per hour of travel time saved; moderately well for impacts to riparian ecosystems and CSS; moderately on impacts to the coastal California gnatcatcher; and it displaces no residences. Based on the poor traffic performance and the high cost per hour of travel time saved under this Alternative and the only moderate performance related to the biological resource measures, the Collaborative agreed to delete the FEC-OHV Alternative from consideration in the EIS/SEIR.

Far East Corridor-Avenida Pico Variation (FEC-APV) Alternative. This Alternative performed poorly for impacts to riparian resources; moderately for impacts to CSS and gnatcatchers; moderately for traffic congestion relief on I-5 and hours of travel time savings; and it displaces no residences. The traffic benefits under this Alternative are better than the Alternatives that terminate at Ortega Highway, because this Alternative extends to Avenida Pico, but it still does not provide a connection to I-5. Based on the poor performance of this Alternative related to the biological resource measures and the only moderate level of traffic benefits, the Collaborative agreed to eliminate the FEC-APV Alternative from consideration in the EIS/SEIR.

Central Corridor-Ortega Highway Variation (CC-OHV) Alternative. This Alternative performed poorly for the traffic measures, because it terminates at Ortega Highway and does not provide a connection to I-5. It performed well for total project costs; poorly for cost per hour of travel time saved and it displaces no residences. Based on the poor traffic performance and the high cost per hour of travel time saved, the Collaborative agreed to delete the CC-OHV Alternative from consideration in the EIS/SEIR.

Alignment 7 Corridor (A7C) Alternative. This Alternative performed moderately well on impacts to riparian ecosystems; moderately for impacts to CSS; poorly for impacts to gnatcatchers; well for congestion relief on I-5; moderately well for hours of vehicle travel time saved; poorly based on project costs; moderately on cost per hour of travel time savings and it displaces 704 residences. Based on the moderate performance of the A7C Alternative for the biological resource measures; the poor performance related to the socioeconomics measures and the availability of other Alternatives which provide similar performance on the traffic measures and better performance on the biological and socioeconomics measures, the Collaborative agreed to delete the A7C Alternative from consideration in the EIS/SEIR.

Alignment 7 Corridor-7 Swing Variation (A7C-7SV) Alternative. The A7C-7SV Alternative performed poorly based on project costs; moderately on cost per hour of travel time savings; moderately well for impacts to riparian ecosystems; moderately for impacts to CSS; poorly for impacts to gnatcatchers and it displaces 602 residences. Based on the poor and moderate

performance of this Alternative related to project costs and socioeconomics, the Collaborative decided to eliminate the A7C-7SV Alternative from consideration in the EIS/SEIR.

Alignment 7 Corridor-Far East Crossover Variation (A7C-FECV) Alternative. This Alternative performed poorly for impacts to riparian resources; the worst for impacts to gnatcatchers; very poorly for impacts to CSS; poorly for project costs and moderately for cost per hour of travel time saved. Based on its poor performance for the biological resource measures and project costs, the Collaborative agreed to eliminate the A7C-FECV Alternative from consideration in the EIS/SEIR. The A7C-FEC-M Alternative, described earlier, was substituted for the A7C-FECV Alternative and was carried forward for evaluation in the EIS/SEIR. The A7C-FEC-M Alternative is a refinement of the A7C-FEC Alternative. For further discussion of the alternatives refinement process, refer to Section ES.4.3.3 later in this Executive Summary.

Alignment 7 Corridor-Ortega Highway Variation (A7C-OHV) Alternative. This Alternative performed poorly for percent of traffic operating in congestion on I-5 in 2025 and in hours of vehicle travel time saved; and the worst of all the build Alternatives for cost per hour of travel time saved. This is because this Alternative terminates at Ortega Highway and does not provide a connection to I-5. The A7C-OHV Alternative performed moderately well for impacts to riparian ecosystems, CSS and gnatcatchers. Based on the poor traffic performance and the high cost per hour of travel time saved, the Collaborative agreed to delete the A7C-OHV Alternative from consideration in the EIS/SEIR.

Arterial Improvements Plus HOV and Spot Mixed-Flow Lanes on I-5 (AIP) Alternative. The AIP Alternative performed poorly in project costs and in cost per hour of travel time saved; well for traffic operating in congestion on I-5; moderately for hours of travel times savings; well in impacts to riparian ecosystems, CSS and gnatcatchers; and it displaces 898 residences. Based on the very poor performance of this Alternative related to project costs and socioeconomics, the Collaborative agreed to eliminate the AIP Alternative from consideration in the EIS/SEIR.

ES.4 COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION

ES.4.1 OVERVIEW OF AGENCY AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION

One of the primary goals of NEPA and CEQA is to ensure early coordination and consultation with resources agencies. Over the course of planning for the SOCTIIP, the FHWA and the TCA have coordinated and consulted with a wide range of public agencies, including the USFWS, ACOE, EPA, NMFS, Caltrans, CDFG, California Department of Parks and Recreation, California Coastal Commission (CCC), State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and the DON and MCB Camp Pendleton.

The general public and agencies have been invited on a number of occasions to provide input on the proposed SOCTIIP, both formally as required under CEQA and NEPA and informally in additional meetings and other input opportunities. The public involvement program is described in Section 11.0 (Comments and Consultation) in the EIS/SEIR and is documented in detail in the "South Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project Scoping Summary

Report” (April 2003) which is available for review at the TCA office. The public participation process for the SOCTIIP is summarized below.

ES.4.2 PUBLIC AND AGENCY INVOLVEMENT FOR THE CURRENT EIS/SEIR

ES.4.2.1 Public Notification Process

Three public scoping meetings for the SOCTIIP were held in Orange and San Diego Counties in March 2001 to solicit input from public agencies, members of the general public, stakeholders and other interested parties related to the SOCTIIP alternatives and the overall scope and content of the EIS/SEIR. Notification of the public scoping meetings was provided via the TCA “Get Involved with Foothill-South” flyer, a one page overview of the SOCTIIP Alternatives and announcing the public scoping meetings; the TCA Website (www.thetollroads.com) which provided information on the dates and locations of the scoping meetings as well as providing an opportunity to submit comments directly on the website; advertisements/notices in seven area newspapers; and publication of the dates of the scoping meetings in the Federal Register on March 14, 2001 (66 F.R. 10934). In addition, the TCA flyer and a request to receive the Foothill South public notices was distributed to federal, state and local agencies and interested parties on March 16, 2001.

ES.4.2.2 SOCTIIP Scoping Meetings

The scoping process allows the lead agency to solicit input from the public and interested agencies on the nature and extent of issues and impacts to be addressed in the EIS/SEIR and the methods by which those impacts will be evaluated. NEPA specifically requires the lead agency to consult with federal agencies that have jurisdiction by law or special expertise on a proposed action. The lead agency is also required to solicit appropriate information from the public during EIS preparation. CEQA encourages the use of scoping by the lead agency to ensure identification of issues that are of concern to responsible agencies and the general public and requires scoping under some circumstances. Three scoping meetings were held for the SOCTIIP EIS/SEIR: March 26, 2001 (San Clemente), March 27, 2001 (Rancho Santa Margarita) and March 29, 2001 (Oceanside). The format of these scoping meetings included a presentation by the TCA describing the SOCTIIP Alternatives and the environmental process; public comments; and informal information at presentation boards provided at locations throughout the meeting space. Handouts describing the SOCTIIP Alternatives and the environmental process were distributed.

Public comments were accepted in the following ways at the scoping meetings: verbal comments following the formal presentation, with comments taken by a court reporter; verbal comments at any time during the scoping meeting, with comments taken by a court reporter, in an area separate from the main meeting room; written comments at the scoping meeting, using either personal stationary or forms provided at the meeting; written comments submitted to the TCA after the scoping meetings; written comments on the TCA’s website; and written comments received by FHWA and transmitted to the TCA. Copies of the written comments received at the scoping meetings are provided in Appendix C of the EIS/SEIR. Copies of the transcripts of all the verbal comments are provided in the Scoping Report. Approximately 400 comments were received during and after the public scoping meetings held in March 2001. These comments are summarized in Section 11.0 in the EIS/SEIR.

ES.4.2.3 Other Meetings

Meetings to solicit input from other agencies were conducted with the California Department of Parks and Recreation (June 4, 2001), CDFG (June 26, 2001 and December 4, 2003), NMFS (September 17, 2001), the CCC (October 16, 2001), and several environmental groups (September 24, 2001; groups attending were Natural Resources Defense Council, Endangered Habitats League, Audubon Society and San Members). The issues raised by the attendees at these meeting are summarized in Section 11.0 of the EIS/SEIR.

ES.4.2.4 Native American Consultation

Native American consultation is being conducted as part of the Section 106 compliance activities for the SOCTIIP and will continue during circulation of the EIS/SEIR, the responses to comments process, and subsequent Section 106 activities. A letter detailing the project and providing United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 minute maps of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives was sent to the California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) requesting a search of their Sacred Lands File and a list of Native American groups with an interest in the project area. Certified, return receipt letters were sent on November 12, 2003 to all tribal representatives identified by the NAHC describing the SOCTIIP build Alternatives and providing maps depicting the routes of the Alternatives. The letter specifically requested any information, or consultation the tribal representatives wish to share on the proposed undertaking. Caltrans followed up the letter with phone calls to each tribal representative. To date, no tribal representative has raised substantive issues regarding the proposed project. Consultation with Native American representatives will continue throughout the environmental and Section 106 processes for the proposed project.”

ES.4.2.5 Notice of Preparation for the SEIR

The NOP is a required notice under CEQA to inform public agencies and persons requesting notice that an agency will be preparing an EIR. The purpose of the NOP is to solicit input on issues that should be addressed in the EIR, consistent with Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines. The NOP for the SOCTIIP Subsequent EIR included a description of the SOCTIIP Alternatives and a preliminary evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives. A copy of the NOP is provided in Appendix B of the EIS/SEIR. The TCA issued the NOP for the SOCTIIP SEIR in June 2001. The NOP was distributed on June 7, 2001 by certified mail to a total of 4,055 recipients including federal, state and local agencies, property owners, members of the general public, groups and organizations and other potentially interested parties. It was posted with the Orange County Clerk's office on June 7, 2001 and on June 8, 2001 with the San Diego County Clerk. The distribution list for the NOP is on file at the TCA. The NOP was distributed by certified mail to property owners and agencies in proximity to all the alignments of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives. Because the I-5 Alternative was a new alternative and there was potential that recipients along I-5 might not have been fully aware of the SOCTIIP, a separate cover letter was provided in the NOP package for those recipients.

Section 11.0 of the EIS/SEIR summarizes the comments received by the TCA in response to the NOP. A total of 25 agencies, nine groups and organizations and 58 members of the general public provided written NOP comments. All copies of the written comments received in response to the NOP are provided in Appendix B of the EIS/SEIR.

ES.4.2.6 Notice of Intent for the EIS

The purpose of a NOI under NEPA is to provide notification that a federal agency will be preparing an EIS. The NOI specifically solicits the input of federal agencies and others on issues that should be addressed in the EIS. FHWA originally published a NOI for the FTC-S EIS in the Federal Register on June 4, 1986 (51 F.R. 20398) and again on December 16, 1993. FHWA published a Revised NOI on February 20, 2001 in the Federal Register (66 F.R. 10934) which notified federal agencies that an EIS will be prepared for a proposed transportation improvement in south Orange County and northern San Diego County. The February 2001 NOI described the proposed SOCTIIP Alternatives and the history of the project related to the earlier NEPA and CEQA notices and studies. FHWA published a Supplemental NOI in the Federal Register on March 14, 2001 (66 F.R. 10934) to inform federal agencies of the dates, times and locations of the three scoping meetings in March 2001. Copies of the Revised and Supplemental NOIs are provided in Appendix B of the EIS/SEIR. Written comments on the NOIs were received from two federal agencies and three environmental groups. Copies of these comment letters are provided in Appendix C in the EIS/SEIR.

ES.4.2.7 Public Participation for TCA EIR 3

Prior to this current EIS/SEIR, the TCA prepared EIR 3 for the FTC-S. An NOP for TCA EIR 3 was distributed on December 6, 1989. Twenty agencies and public groups responded to the NOP. Concerns raised included land use, traffic, public services and utilities, open space and recreation, biological resources, military impacts, hydrology, noise and air quality. TCA Draft EIR 3 was released for public review on August 9, 1990, and the public review period ended October 9, 1990. The Draft EIR was distributed to local, state and federal agencies, and a Notice of Availability (NOA) was sent to property owners within 91.4 meters (300 feet) of the corridor in August 1990. The TCA held a public meeting on September 10, 1990, at the City of San Clemente Community Center to receive comments and answer questions pertaining to Draft EIR 3. Approximately 400 individuals were in attendance. The City of San Clemente Planning Commission meeting on October 2, 1990 and the City Council meeting on October 3, 1990 offered residents additional opportunities to comment on Draft EIR 3. Numerous comments on Draft EIR 3 were received. Written responses to the comments were prepared and circulated for public review in June 1991. The primary areas of concern raised during the public review process were natural resources, alternatives, traffic, parkland and open space impacts, hydrology/water quality, land use impacts, growth inducement, noise and aesthetics. In response to concerns raised over the design of the alignment identified in Draft EIR 3, modifications were incorporated, including the inclusion of wildlife crossings at key locations. A Draft Supplemental EIR was prepared to address these modifications to the C Alignment, along with the responses to comments on the Draft EIR 3. An NOA for the Draft Supplemental EIR and response to comments was distributed. On October 10, 1991, the TCA Board of Directors

adopted the Modified C Alignment as the locally preferred alternative and certified the EIR as adequate.

The current EIS/SEIR is a joint federal/state environmental document. The EIR portion of the current EIS/SEIR was prepared as a Subsequent EIR to certified Final EIR 3 because additional alternatives were developed after Final EIR 3 was certified.

ES.4.3 NEPA/SECTION 404 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

ES.4.3.1 NEPA/Section 404 Integration Process

The NEPA/Section 404 Integration Process MOU was initiated during 1993 and 1994 among FHWA, Caltrans, EPA, ACOE, USFWS and NMFS on the processing of transportation projects to ensure that the requirements of NEPA and the CWA are met. NMFS declined to participate in this process.

On December 6, 1996 a letter was sent to the participating agencies that outlined the status of NEPA/Section 404 Integration Process as it relates to the FTC. At that time, the agencies were requested to concur with the purpose and need for the project and alternatives. Concurrence was achieved among the agencies and the purpose and need statement was finalized on March 26, 1999. In March and April 1999, the USFWS, ACOE and EPA, MOU signatory agencies, provided FHWA with their formal concurrence with the SOCTIIP Purpose and Need Statement.

ES.4.3.2 Phase I of the SOCTIIP Collaborative

The SOCTIIP Collaborative first convened in August 1999 and continued to meet monthly through November 2000, which is referred to as Phase I. The NEPA/Section 404 MOU signatory agencies and the TCA retained a neutral facilitator to assist in developing the project alternatives to be evaluated in the current EIS/SEIR. It was during this process that the signatory agencies referred to the project as the South Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project or SOCTIIP. The NEPA/404 MOU agencies and the TCA are collectively referred to as the "SOCTIIP Collaborative." The SOCTIIP Collaborative is comprised of a group of federal and state transportation and resource agencies collaboratively working toward implementation of the 1994 NEPA/Section 404 MOU. After 15.5 months of discussion, a set of alternatives was selected for analysis. All those SOCTIIP alternatives met the Purpose and Need Statement concurred on by the NEPA/Section 404 MOU signatory agencies. In November 2000, the SOCTIIP Collaborative concurred on the alternatives to be evaluated in the current EIS/SEIR. These alternatives included the toll road corridor, arterial and I-5 Alternatives shown on Figure ES.4-1. These Alternatives were described to the public at a public meeting in November 2000 and public input was taken.

ES.4.3.3 Phase II of the SOCTIIP Collaborative

The objective of Phase II of the SOCTIIP Collaborative was to ensure a comprehensive and efficient process for managing the issues during the preparation and approval of the EIS for the SOCTIIP and implementation of the steps in the NEPA/Section 404 MOU. Building on the

success of Phase I of the SOCTIIP Collaborative, a facilitated process to develop and review the technical analyses and environmental documentation leading to the EIS development was implemented. The firm of CDR is the facilitator for Phase II. Facilitated meetings to manage key identified issues were held approximately monthly during the development of the technical studies and the EIS/SEIR.

In addition to the Collaborative members under the NEPA/404 MOU, the TCA and Caltrans also participated in the Collaborative process in Phases I and II. MCB Camp Pendleton also participated in Phase II, in their role as a cooperating agency on the EIS/SEIR.

During Phase II, the SOCTIIP Collaborative participated in the following activities:

Scoping of Technical Reports (2001). The Collaborative participated in reviewing the scopes of work (SOWs) developed for the technical reports to analyze the potential impacts of the alternatives selected for evaluation. Collaborative members were given the opportunity to provide comment and direction on individual technical report SOWs. Member input was reviewed and incorporated as applicable into the final SOWs.

Technical Report Review (2002 and 2003). The TCA distributed each of the technical reports to the Collaborative for review and comment prior to their incorporation into the EIS/SEIR. Presentations on the methodology, findings and conclusions of key technical reports were presented at the Collaborative meetings as requested by the members. At the request of Collaborative members, additional sensitivity analyses and further studies were conducted to respond to issues brought up by one or more of the members. Collaborative members were requested to provide comments on the technical reports within a 30-, 60-, or 90-day period, depending on the technical report. The TCA and its environmental and technical staff responded to each of the comments received on the technical reports in the form of comment/response tables that were then distributed to each Collaborative member for review and comment. The purpose of this task was to recognize and address potential areas of concern as determined by the reviewing regulatory agencies early in the planning process.

Alternatives Refinement Process. Based on review of the technical reports, identification of sensitive natural resources in the study area and input from the Collaborative, the TCA considered ways to refine the corridor alternatives that were to be analyzed in the EIS/SEIR. The refinement process suggested where site-specific adjustments to an alignment might improve or lessen impacts. The objective of any proposed refinement and/or change to an alignment to the existing alternatives was to minimize or avoid potential environmental impacts. The proposed refinement process is similar to the successful refinement process conducted for the San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor (SR 73) and the Eastern Transportation Corridor (SR 241/SR 261/SR 133) during the environmental review processes for those projects.

Issues considered for potential site specific refinements included avoiding sensitive coastal sage scrub habitat, avoiding sensitive wetlands and encroachment into drainages, minimizing or avoiding effects on wildlife connectivity (wildlife movement through the area) and other key environmental issues. In addition to biological information, other important data also evaluated included: 1) geological data in relation to the locations of landslides, 2) cultural resources data

and 3) existing land use data such as residential, recreational, military and utilities uses. This information was plotted on maps and the alignments were engineered to avoid or minimize impacts to these designated areas of concern to the extent feasible and reasonable.

The refinement process suggested where site-specific adjustments to an alignment might improve or lessen impacts. During the process of attempting to minimize environmental impacts, it became apparent that some of the original alignments could be substantially improved by both vertical and horizontal shifts in those alignments. TCA staff engineers modified some Alternatives where there was an opportunity to substantially minimize impacts to both the natural and built environments. The result of this process was the development of three refined alignments. The original FEC alignment was modified into two refined alignments: the Far East Corridor-Modified and the Far East Corridor-West (FEC-M and FEC-W). The Alignment 7 Corridor-Far East Corridor Variation (A7C-FECV) was refined into the Alignment 7 Corridor-Far East Corridor-Modified (A7C-FEC-M).

As the refinement process moved forward it was determined that to maximize the beneficial effect of the refined Alternatives it would be necessary to encroach on the Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy (Conservancy). The Conservancy is an area of 520 hectares (1,284) acres set aside by Rancho Mission Viejo as mitigation for conservation and preservation purposes for the Rolling Hills Planned Community development. The possibility of encroachment was discussed with members of the SOCTIIP Collaborative who agreed that TCA should explore this option. Biological resource studies were conducted to evaluate potential impacts to this sensitive area. Based on the findings of these studies and evaluating and comparing the potential impacts of encroachment into the Conservancy, it was determined that a complete environmental evaluation of the refined alternatives would be initiated.

After reviewing the technical data produced and evaluating the potential impacts of the refined alternatives with Collaborative members, the following considerations resulted: the habitat value of the Conservancy is of no greater value than other habitat located adjacent to the Conservancy; impacts to the highly sensitive Blind and Gabino Canyon wetlands could be avoided with the refined alignments; impacts to Cristianitos Canyon and associated wetlands could be avoided; potential displacement to Talega residents could be avoided; visual impacts to areas west of the Conservancy could be minimized; and large landslide hazards could be avoided resulting in a substantial reduction in remedial grading efforts thereby reducing disturbance limits.

In August 2003, the Collaborative agreed to substitute the FEC-M and the FEC-W alignments for the earlier FEC alignment and to substitute the A7C-FEC-M alignment for the earlier A7C-FECV) alignment.

The following provides an overview of the avoidance and/or minimization of environmental impacts as a result of the refinement process and implementation of the three refined alternatives.

Wetlands. On review of the information in the initial technical studies, it was apparent that one of the most important environmental concerns was the potentially large impact to wetlands under the original FEC alignment. To minimize these impacts, two revised

alignments, the FEC-M and FEC-W, were developed and the following adjustments were made to the original FEC alignment:

- At the very northern end of the FEC alignment, in the vicinity of Tesoro High School, the Tesoro wetlands area was avoided by shifting the alignment to the east and shortening the southbound on-ramp structure.
- Impacts to the wetland areas in Cristianitos Creek and tributaries to the Creek were minimized by shifting the FEC-M alignment to the east onto a slight topographic rise. The FEC-W alignment was adjusted to avoid Cristianitos Creek by moving the alignment west onto hillside terrain above the Creek.
- The major wetlands impact of the FEC alignment was at the confluence of Blind and Gabino Canyons. This wetlands complex was avoided by shifting the FEC-M and FEC-W alignments to the west, completely out of this confluence area.
- At the southern end of the FEC alignment, impacts to wetlands in the vicinity of San Mateo Creek were minimized by adjusting the I-5 direct connector structure to decrease the right-of-way width required to build the structure.

By implementing these alignment adjustments, impacts to wetlands were reduced from approximately 65 hectares (160 acres) for the FEC Ultimate to approximately 22 hectares (53 acres) for the FEC-M Ultimate and approximately 16 hectares (40 acres) for the FEC-W Ultimate. Adjustments to the A7C-FECV alignment resulted in a reduction of wetland impacts from approximately 26 hectares (65 acres) in the A7C-FECV-Ultimate to approximately 18 hectares (45 acres) for the A7C-FEC-M. Quantification of potential impacts to wetlands was determined by assessing the linear distance of wetlands and stream channels directly impacted by a given Alternative. This wetland quantification was based on a plan level identification of potential wetlands. Because many of these areas will not be identified as wetlands during the formal wetland delineation process, this estimate of impacts to wetlands is overstated.

Pacific Pocket Mouse. The refined FEC-M, FEC-W and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives also reduce impacts to sensitive species. At the southern end of the FEC and A7C-FECV alignments, impacts to the Pacific pocket mouse (PPM) have been completely avoided by shifting the alignments away from the PPM habitat and limiting the grading in the area by use of retaining walls.

Coastal California gnatcatcher/coastal sage scrub. Impacts to the coastal California gnatcatcher and associated coastal sage scrub (CSS) habitat are also reduced by the refined alignments. For the original FEC and A7C-FECV alignments, the numbers of gnatcatcher use areas identified were 21 and 22, respectively, in the Ultimate. These were reduced to nine for the FEC-W, 10 for the FEC-M and 11 for the A7C-FEC-M. Impacts to CSS were also reduced by the refinements. The FEC and A7C-FECV originally impacted 211 hectares (520 acres) and 202 hectares (499 acres) of CSS, respectively. By knowing the location of the CSS based on the technical studies and modifying the original alignments to minimize

impact to this habitat, the refinements reduced the acres of CSS take. Potential impacts to CSS for the refinements are approximately 180 hectares (445 acres), 167 hectares (410 acres) and 156 hectares (385 acres) for the FEC-M, FEC-W and A7C-FEC-M-Ultimate Alternatives, respectively.

Earthwork/Landslides. Another important aspect of the refined alternatives is that they avoid many of the existing landslides in the area. Avoiding the landslides decreases the remedial grading for the refinements, which reduces the disturbance limits. The refined alternatives also reduce the earthwork quantities from the original FEC and A7C-FECV alignments. This was accomplished by engineering the road geometry to more closely follow the natural terrain. By conforming to the existing ground surface, the amount of cut and fill grading decreases, which in turn reduces the disturbance limits for the refined alignments.

Residential Displacement. In relation to land use, the A7C-FEC-M alignment does not result in the displacement of existing residences while the original A7C-FECV had a total of 56 residential takes. This reduction in land use impacts was accomplished by shifting the alignment to the eastern property boundary of the Talega development in San Clemente.

Wildlife Connectivity. The refined alternatives provide wildlife connectivity. By paralleling the Talega property boundary, the revised A7C-FEC-M alignment provides wildlife connectivity to the open space area to the east. The FEC-W alignment also provides this connectivity as the FEC-W and A7C-FEC-M are on a shared alignment in this area.

Utilities. The refined alignments also minimize impacts to existing utilities. This helped reduce impacts to sensitive areas because existing utilities can be left in place and do not have to be relocated to undisturbed areas.

Visual. The refined alternatives would generally have visual impacts similar to the impacts of the FEC and the A7C-FECV alignments.

Alternative Elimination Process (2003). As described earlier in Section ES.3.4, during June, July and August 2003, the Collaborative participated in an alternative elimination process. The preliminary environmental analysis for the selected measures involved determination of key environmental issues for assessment. This was accomplished through the development of the evaluation measures. Using the associated measured parameters, specific impacts were calculated for each of 16 corridor and three non-corridor build alternatives. The evaluation measures were applied equally to all the SOCTIIP build Alternatives. This process resulted in the elimination and/or substitution of 10 of the Alternatives that were being evaluated. For a detailed discussion on the alternative elimination process, refer to Section 2.5 in the EIS/SEIR.

EIS/SEIR Screencheck Review (2003). The Collaborative member agencies were given the opportunity to review the screencheck EIS/SEIR prior to the distribution of the Draft EIS/SEIR to the public. The members agencies provided comments on the screencheck EIS/SEIR. The TCA responded to each of the comments received on the Screencheck EIS/SEIR in the form of comment/response tables.

ES.4.3.4 Next Phase of the SOCTIIP Collaborative

The SOCTIIP Collaborative will continue monthly facilitated meetings leading to the selection of a Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA), a preferred alternative and the Record of Decision (ROD) for permitting and construction.

ES.4.4 Areas of Controversy

The areas of controversy relate to the determination of whether the project is acceptable in light of its environmental effects and what alternative should be selected. The following are the key areas of controversy:

- Selection of a Preferred Alternative is an area of controversy. No Preferred Alternative has been selected prior to the circulation of this Draft EIS/SEIR. There is controversy among resource agencies, local governments in the study area and members of the public on the importance of the natural environment compared to the urban environment and displacements of residential uses.
- Some agencies and members of the public have questioned the need for the project.
- The potential for growth inducing effects of the corridor build alternatives, including the effect on the Rancho Mission Viejo General Plan Amendment/Zone Change area, has been a concern expressed by the public and agencies.

ES.4.5 Unresolved Issues

The major unresolved issue is the decision to select a build or no-build alternative, and, if a build alternative is selected, to determine which build alternative is the preferred alternative. The environmental analysis information that will inform those decisions is summarized in Sections ES.6 and is addressed in detail in the EIS/SEIR. The unresolved issues below are specific implementation level issues that are unresolved as of the circulation of this Draft EIS/SEIR:

- There are two large-scale studies ongoing in the study area, the Special Area Management Plan (SAMP), which addresses wetlands on a watershed basis, and the Southern Subregion Natural Community Conservation Planning (NCCP), which addresses planning for multi-species habitat protection. The environmental analysis for the SOCTIIP addresses these two studies based on the information available at the time of the Draft EIS/SEIR. Because those two studies have not been completed, and a preferred alternative for those two studies had not been selected as of publication of this Draft EIS/SEIR, the role of the TCA and the SOCTIIP relative to those two studies may undergo additional refinement.
- The MPAH shows an interchange between Crown Valley Parkway and some of the SOCTIIP alternatives. This interchange is evaluated as part of the impact analysis, but it is not an interchange that TCA proposes to implement as part of a build alternative, if a build alternative is selected. Crown Valley Parkway does not presently extend eastward to a future SOCTIIP alternative.

ES.5 INTENDED USES OF THE EIS/SEIR/ANTICIPATED AGENCY ACTIONS

This EIS/SEIR is intended to fulfill FHWA's responsibilities under NEPA and the TCA's responsibilities under CEQA, specifically related to the identification and disclosure of potential environmental impacts of the SOCTIIP alternatives. The EIS/SEIR is an information document which will be used by decision makers in the consideration of the selection and implementation of a project alternative. In addition, this EIS/SEIR will be used in support of a number of actions by public agencies anticipated for the corridor, arterial and I-5 Alternatives, as described in the following Sections.

ES.5.1 ANTICIPATED AGENCY ACTIONS FOR THE CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVES

Selection of a corridor alternative is anticipated to require the agency actions described below.

ES.5.1.1 Actions by the TCA Board of Directors

Approval of the selected locally preferred corridor alternative, including filing a Notice of Determination for the certified EIR after project action is taken. All actions to design, finance and construct the selected corridor alternative.

ES.5.1.2 Actions by Federal Agencies

FHWA: Selection of the preferred alternative including review and approval of new or revised access to I-5, and the ROD and all necessary approvals regarding design, financing and construction.

United States DON: Easement agreement for the permanent use of land on Camp Pendleton, if the selected corridor alternative requires the use of land on Camp Pendleton. Per the 1992 MOA between the FHWA and the United States Marine Corps (USMC), participation of the USMC in the preparation of the corridor EIS shall not be construed as a commitment to adopt a particular route location or otherwise approve a proposed project alternative.

USFWS: Consultation under Section 7 of the ESA if any listed species are potentially affected by the selected corridor alternative. Issuance of an incidental take statement.

ACOE and EPA: All agency actions under the CWA, Section 404, including a 404 Permit for discharge in WoUS, if the selected alternative requires work in those jurisdictional areas.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: Consultation under Section 7 of the ESA if any listed species are potentially affected by the selected corridor alternative.

ES.5.1.3 Actions by State Agencies

CDFG: 1601 Streambed Alteration Agreement for work in CDFG jurisdictional waters, if the selected alternative requires work in those jurisdictional areas. A 2081 permit for the take of

state listed species or a consistency determination for the take of species which are both state and federal listed. Any approvals relative to migratory birds.

California Transportation Commission (CTC): Route adoption.

Caltrans: Approval of design, construction and roadway operations of the adopted alignment.

CCC: Approval of a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for construction activities in the coastal zone and consistency determination with the federal Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA).

State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO): Concurrence of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

ES.5.1.4 Actions by Regional and Other Agencies

Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB): CWA 401 Certification to comply with Section 404 of the CWA. Issuance of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, if an individual permit is required.

County of Orange and City of San Clemente: General Plan Circulation Element Amendments to reflect the alignment of the selected alternative, following CTC route adoption.

SCAG: Amendment to the RTP if the selected alternative is not already on the RTP.

San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG): Amendment to the RTP if the selected alternative is not already in the RTP.

OCTA: Approval of an amendment to the MPAH, to incorporate the alignment of the selected corridor alternative in the MPAH, if the FEC or a similar alignment is not selected.

ES.5.2 ANTICIPATED AGENCY ACTIONS FOR THE ARTERIAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AIO ALTERNATIVE

The AIO Alternative, which would result in improvements to Antonio Parkway/La Pata Avenue, is anticipated to require the agency actions described below, related to those arterial improvements.

ES.5.2.1 Actions by the TCA Board of Directors

No action because the TCA would not be the implementing agency.

ES.5.2.2 Actions by Federal Agencies

FHWA: No actions are anticipated, unless the implementing agency or agencies pursues federal funding assistance for some or all of the AIO Alternative arterial improvements.

USFWS: Consultation under Section 7 of the ESA and incidental take statement if any listed species are potentially affected by the AIO Alternative.

ACOE and EPA: 404 Permit for discharge in WoUS, if the AIO Alternative requires work in those jurisdictional areas.

ES.5.2.3 Actions by State Agencies

CDFG: 1601 Streambed Alteration Agreement for work in CDFG jurisdictional waters, if the AIO Alternative requires work in those jurisdictional areas. A 2081 permit for the take of state listed species or a consistency determination for the take of species which are both state and federal listed.

SHPO: Concurrence of compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA.

ES.5.2.4 Actions by Regional and Other Agencies

County or Other Implementing Agency/Agencies: Approval and implementation of arterial improvements in the AIO Alternative and General Plan Circulation Element Amendments. Acquisition of property, including residential uses, may require use of eminent domain.

Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB): CWA 401 Certification if a 404 Permit is necessary.

SCAG: Amendment to the RTP to reflect the arterial modifications in the RTP, if necessary.

OCTA: Approval of an amendment to the MPAH, to incorporate the wider cross section for Antonio Parkway/La Pata Avenue under the AIO Alternative in the MPAH.

ES.5.3 ANTICIPATED AGENCY ACTIONS FOR I-5 IMPROVEMENTS IN THE I-5 ALTERNATIVE

Selection of the I-5 Alternative, which would result in improvements to I-5, is anticipated to require the agency actions described below, related to those I-5 improvements.

ES.5.3.1 Actions by the TCA Board of Directors

No action because the TCA would not be the implementing agency.

ES.5.3.2 Actions by Federal Agencies

FHWA: Selection of a preferred alternative including review and approval of new or revised access to I-5, and the ROD.

United States DON: Easement agreement for the permanent use of land on Camp Pendleton, if the selected alternative requires the use of land from Camp Pendleton.

USFWS: Consultation under Section 7 of the ESA if any listed species are potentially affected by the I-5 improvements under the I-5 Alternative and issuance of incidental take statement.

ACOE and EPA: 404 Permit for discharge in WoUS, if the I-5 improvements under the I-5 Alternative require work in those jurisdictional areas.

ES.5.3.3 Actions by State Agencies

CDFG: 1601 Streambed Alteration Agreement for work in CDFG jurisdictional waters, if the I-5 improvements under the I-5 Alternative require work in those jurisdictional areas. A 2081 permit for the take of state listed species or a consistency determination for the take of species which are both state and federal listed.

CTC: Route Adoption.

CCC: Approval of a CDP for construction activities in the coastal zone and consistency determination with the federal CZMA.

SHPO: Concurrence of compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA.

ES.5.3.4 Actions by Regional and Other Agencies

County of Orange, Caltrans and/or Other Implementing Agency/Agencies: Approval and implementation of the I-5 improvements under the I-5 Alternative, including any required General Plan Circulation Element Amendments. Action necessary to acquire property for right-of-way including possible use of eminent domain.

SCAG. Amendment to the RTP to reflect the modifications to I-5 in the RTP.

RWQCB. CWA 401 Certification.

ES.6 SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

The potential adverse impacts and beneficial effects of the SOCTIIP Alternatives are discussed in this Section and are summarized in Table ES.6-1. Table ES.6-1 provides a concise overview of the impacts of the eight SOCTIIP build and the two No Action Alternatives which allows for comparison of the impacts of each Alternative to the other Alternatives for each environmental parameter. Following Table ES.6-1, additional tables and figures provide more detailed information for some environmental parameters. The text discussions below provide additional detail of the effects of each Alternative, by environmental parameter, including the following:

- Adverse impacts and beneficial effects of the SOCTIIP Alternatives by environmental parameter. These impacts and effects are described based on the analysis provided in the EIS/SEIR for each environmental parameter.

- Analysis of the potential cumulative impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives by environmental parameter. These impacts are based on the cumulative projects in the study area based on either build out of the adopted regional projections (OCP-2000) or a detailed list of recently past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects in the SOCTIIP study area. The projections and cumulative project lists are provided in Section 5.0 (Cumulative Impacts) in the EIS/SEIR.
- Summary of the mitigation measures and other commitments identified to avoid, minimize or compensate for the potential adverse impacts of the alternatives. These mitigation measures describe particular project features or actions that address specific adverse impacts of the alternatives.
- Summary of unavoidable adverse impacts after mitigation. These are impacts which cannot fully be mitigated or impacts for which mitigation is not feasible or available and which remain adverse after implementation of the defined mitigation measures. In addition, the level of significance under CEQA of adverse impacts after mitigation is also described. "Significant" is a determination under CEQA only of the significance of the impacts of the alternatives based on defined thresholds of significance. The determination of significance of impacts by parameter and individual impacts occurs under CEQA only. Section 7.0 (California Environmental Quality Act Evaluation) in the EIS/SEIR describes the CEQA thresholds and the level of significance of the impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives under CEQA in detail. Under NEPA, the assessment of the severity of the impacts of alternatives considers all the impacts of an alternative and does not identify significance by individual impact or parameter.
- Cross references to Sections in the EIS/SEIR where more detailed information is provided regarding the analysis of each environmental parameter.

ES.6.1 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO TRAFFIC AND CIRCULATION

The SOCTIIP Alternatives were evaluated to assess their potential to reduce congestion and improve traffic operating conditions in south Orange County. In addition, the SOCTIIP Alternatives were also evaluated to determine whether any adverse impacts to existing and/or projected traffic operating conditions would occur. Section 3.0 (Traffic and Circulation) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to traffic and circulation in detail. The potential beneficial effects and adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives are summarized in Table ES.6-1 and are discussed in detail below.

ES.6.1.1 Potential Beneficial Traffic Effects of the SOCTIIP Alternatives

To assess the beneficial effects of the SOCTIIP build alternatives related to traffic operations, a comparison of the traffic conditions under the No Action Alternative and build Alternatives was performed. The comparative analysis was performed using 2025 traffic forecasts, with and without the SOCTIIP build Alternatives. The forecasted 2025 weekday peak hour traffic

conditions, for the SOCTIIP No Action and build Alternatives are based on build out of the MPAH and the assumption of 14,000 dus under the proposed development plan for RMV. These are the assumptions in Scenario 3 as shown in the tables referenced in this Section. Several scenarios were assessed in the traffic analysis; Scenario 3 is the most likely scenario and, therefore, was used for the traffic analysis findings described in this Section.

A beneficial effect was considered to occur at a road segment, arterial intersection, freeway/tollway segment or freeway/tollway ramp if the following two conditions are satisfied:

- The circulation facility is forecast to operate at a deficient level of service (LOS) in 2025 under the No Action Alternative.
- The facility is forecast to operate at an acceptable (non-deficient) LOS in 2025 under the given build Alternative.

As shown in Figures ES.6-1 to ES.6-8, the SOCTIIP build Alternatives result in varying degrees of improvement compared to the No Action Alternative traffic conditions. In these Figures, future traffic conditions on the freeway/tollway system are expressed in terms of hours of congestion, and future traffic conditions at freeway/tollway interchanges and arterial intersections are expressed as the percentage of available capacity that is used.

The SOCTIIP build Alternatives that include the extension of SR 241 from Oso Parkway to I-5 (FEC-M, FEC-W, CC and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives) and the I-5 Alternative generally result in the most substantial improvements to the congestion levels on I-5 and to the LOSs at I-5 interchanges and arterial intersections. The improvements in the traffic operating conditions are less substantial for the SOCTIIP build Alternatives that include an extension to SR 241 that does not extend to I-5 (CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives) and the AIO Alternative.

The specific locations on the circulation system where beneficial effects occur under the SOCTIIP build Alternatives compared to the No Action Alternative are summarized in Table ES.6-2. Table ES.6-2 lists the locations identified as having deficiencies in the No Action Alternative and indicates under each build Alternative whether or not the deficiency is alleviated and, if so, under which circulation and land use scenario(s) that deficiency is eliminated. The circulation and land use assumptions in each scenario are described in detail in Section 3.0 of the EIS/SEIR.

The I-5 Alternative shows beneficial effects at 38 locations, or 76 percent of the 50 locations listed in Table ES.6-2. The SOCTIIP build Alternatives that include the FTC-S from Oso Parkway to I-5 (FEC-M, FEC-W and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives) show beneficial effects at 32 to 33 locations (64 to 66 percent of the 50 locations listed in Table ES.6-2), and the build Alternatives that include the FTC-S from Oso Parkway to Avenida La Pata (the CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives) show beneficial effects at 18 locations (36 percent of the 50 locations listed in Table ES.6-2). Beneficial effects occur at six locations (12 percent of the 50 locations) under the AIO Alternative. The number of beneficial effects listed for each of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives is a summation of the beneficial effects that occur in each circulation and land use scenario that was analyzed. The beneficial effect at a given location that was included in the

summation occurs under one or more scenarios, and a location where a beneficial effect occurs in more than one scenario was only counted once in the summation of beneficial effects. The scenarios under which beneficial effects occur at each location are listed in Table ES.6-2.

Systemwide Travel Time Savings

A system wide travel time savings statistic is a general measure of the improvement in the mobility of traffic in south Orange County. Improving traffic flow and relieving congestion are objectives of any transportation improvement. As a means to evaluate the systemwide travel time savings, the changes in the 2025 regionwide vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and vehicle hours traveled (VHT) under the SOCTIIP build Alternatives, compared to the No Action Alternative, were estimated. The changes in systemwide VMT for each SOCTIIP build Alternative were found to be relatively low, meaning that the average length of vehicle trips in south Orange County does not change substantially, in terms of distance, between the No Action Alternative and the build Alternatives.

VHT indicates the travel time savings produced by the traffic congestion relief provided by each of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives. VHT, which is expressed as total hours of reduced vehicle travel time per day, is summarized in Table ES.6-3 and is shown graphically in Figure ES.6-9. The build Alternatives, in general order starting with those Alternatives with the highest amount of systemwide travel time savings to those Alternatives with the lowest, are listed below. The amount of systemwide travel time savings is relatively the same for Alternatives that are listed together and that amount is substantially different from other higher or lower ranking Alternatives. The time savings are based on 2025 traffic conditions that assume the build out circulation system and the proposed 14,000 dus RMV development plan (Scenario 3).

- The FEC-M, FEC-W, CC, A7C-FEC-M and I-5 Alternatives, with 18,000 to 21,000 hours of travel time savings per day.
- The CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives, with 8,000 hours of travel time savings per day.
- The AIO Alternative, with 5,000 hours of travel time savings per day.
- The No Action Alternative, with no hours of travel times savings per day.

I-5 Congestion Relief

As described earlier in Section ES.2, congestion relief on I-5 is a key parameter identified in the Purpose and Need Statement for the SOCTIIP. To evaluate congestion relief, the peak hour LOSs forecast on I-5 in each of the SOCTIIP Alternatives were used to estimate the proportion of daily traffic on I-5 that is anticipated to experience congested conditions. This statistic, which is expressed as the percentage of daily VMT on I-5 in the study area under congested conditions, is summarized in Table ES.6-4 and is shown graphically in Figure ES.6-10. The following lists the SOCTIIP Alternatives in general order from those Alternatives with the lowest percentage of congestion on I-5 (that is, the greatest amount of congestion relief), to those Alternatives with the

highest percentage of congestion on I-5 (that is, the least amount of congestion relief) based on 2025 traffic conditions that assume the build out circulation system and the proposed 14,000 dus RMV development plan (Scenario 3). The amount of congestion relief on I-5 is relatively the same for Alternatives that are listed together and that amount is substantially different from other higher or lower ranking Alternatives.

- The I-5 Alternative, with 1.0 percent of daily I-5 traffic experiencing congestion.
- The FEC-M, FEC-W, CC and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives, with 2.4 to 3.4 percent of daily I-5 traffic experiencing congestion.
- The CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives, with 7.8 percent of daily I-5 traffic experiencing congestion.
- The AIO Alternative, with 11.3 percent of daily I-5 traffic experiencing congestion.
- The No Action Alternative, with 15.9 percent of daily I-5 traffic experiencing congestion.

Arterial Congestion Relief

The level of traffic congestion on arterial roads was compared for the SOCTIIP Alternatives based on the total hours of vehicle delay forecasted at arterial intersections in the study area during the peak hours. The amount of vehicle delay generally increases as the LOS at intersections on the arterial system worsens. Therefore, the greater the amount of intersection delay under an Alternative, the more congested the arterial road system will be under that Alternative. The total hours of vehicle delay forecast to occur during the peak hours under 2025 conditions based on the No Action and the build Alternatives are summarized in Table ES.6-5 and are shown graphically in Figure ES.6-11. The following lists the SOCTIIP Alternatives, in general order from those Alternatives with the lowest amount of congestion (that is, the greatest amount of congestion relief) on the arterial system to those Alternatives with the highest amount of congestion (that is, the least amount of congestion relief), based on 2025 traffic conditions that assume the build out circulation system and the proposed 14,000 dus RMV development plan. The amount of congestion relief on the arterial system is relatively the same for Alternatives that are listed together. The amount of congestion is substantially less under the SOCTIIP build Alternatives compared to the No Action Alternative.

- The FEC-M, FEC-W, CC, A7C-FEC-M and AIO Alternatives, with 7,700 to 7,900 hours of vehicle delay on the arterial system.
- The CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives and the I-5 Alternative, with 8,200 to 8,300 hours of vehicle delay on the arterial system.
- The No Action Alternative, with 9,900 hours of vehicle delay on the arterial system.

Point to Point Travel Time Savings

Comparisons among the SOCTIIP build Alternatives were made based on point to point travel times between I-5 at the Orange/San Diego County border and areas to the north under 2025 conditions that assume the build out circulation system and the proposed 14,000 dus RMV development plan. Travel time reductions are shown in Table ES.6-6 for travel between I-5 at the Orange/San Diego County border and three geographic areas to the north: south Orange County, north Orange County and the region beyond Orange County (defined as Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties). The resulting estimates of travel time savings in the peak directions in southern Orange County (that is, northbound on I-5 in the AM and southbound on I-5 in the PM) are summarized in Table ES.6-6 in terms of minutes and percentages. The travel time reductions are listed in ranges because the travel times vary between the AM and PM periods and also between smaller geographic areas within the three major geographic areas summarized here. The following lists the SOCTIIP build Alternatives, in general order from those Alternatives with the highest amount of point to point travel time savings to those Alternatives with the lowest. The amount of point to point travel time savings is relatively the same for Alternatives that are listed together and that amount is substantially different from other higher or lower ranking Alternatives.

- The I-5 Alternative with travel times to and from south Orange County reduced by 7 to 11 minutes or 25 to 32 percent, travel times to and from north Orange County reduced by 13 to 16 minutes or 17 to 25 percent, and travel times to and from areas beyond Orange County reduced by 13 to 18 minutes or 7 to 14 percent.
- The FEC-M, FEC-W and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives with travel times to and from south Orange County reduced by 5 to 10 minutes or 18 to 27 percent, travel times to and from north Orange County reduced by 8 to 12 minutes or 10 to 16 percent, and travel times to and from areas beyond Orange County reduced by 11 to 17 minutes or 5 to 13 percent.
- The CC Alternative with travel times to and from south Orange County reduced by 3 to 7 minutes or 11 to 19 percent, travel times to and from north Orange County reduced by 5 to 10 minutes or 6 to 13 percent, and travel times to and from areas beyond Orange County reduced by 7 to 11 minutes or 3 to 9 percent.
- The CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives with travel times to and from south Orange County reduced by 2 to 4 minutes or 5 to 11 percent, travel times to and from north Orange County reduced by 2 to 6 minutes or 2 to 9 percent, and travel times to and from areas beyond Orange County reduced by 3 to 7 minutes or 2 to 5 percent.
- The AIO Alternative with travel times to and from south Orange County reduced by 1 to 3 minutes or 4 to 8 percent, travel times to and from north Orange County reduced by 1 to 4 minutes or 1 to 5 percent, and travel times to and from areas beyond Orange County reduced by 2 to 5 minutes or 1 to 4 percent.

ES.6.1.2 Analysis of Alternatives With Existing Conditions as the Baseline For Impact Assessment

Detailed descriptions of weekday peak hour traffic conditions under the SOCTIIP build Alternatives, assuming committed circulation system improvements and anticipated future land use, including the 14,000 du proposed RMV plan, are provided in Section 3.0 in the EIS/SEIR. Table 3.4-2 in Section 3.4 (Operations Analysis Results) in the EIS/SEIR summarizes the locations on the study area circulation system where weekday peak hour deficiencies occur under existing conditions and with each SOCTIIP build Alternative based on the performance criteria described in Section 3.2.3 (Performance Criteria for Operations) in the EIS/SEIR. The following summarizes the number of weekday peak hour deficiencies under existing conditions and under the SOCTIIP build Alternatives in 2025:

- Under existing conditions, deficiencies occur at three segments of I-5, 12 freeway/tollway ramps (nine I-5 ramps and three SR 241 ramps) and 10 intersections (six arterial-to-arterial and four arterial-to-freeway/tollway ramps).
- Under the build Alternatives that include the FTC-S toll road extension from Oso Parkway to I-5 with a Far East Corridor connection at I-5 (FEC-M, FEC-W and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives), deficiencies occur at eight segments of I-5, 15 freeway/tollway ramps (12 I-5 ramps and three SR 241 ramps) and 29 intersections (20 arterial-to-arterial and nine arterial-to-freeway/tollway ramps).
- Under the build Alternatives that include the FTC-S toll road extension from Oso Parkway to I-5 with a Central Corridor connection at I-5 (CC Alternative), deficiencies occur at seven segments of I-5, 16 freeway/tollway ramps (13 I-5 ramps and three SR 241 ramps) and 27 intersections (18 arterial-to-arterial and nine arterial-to-freeway/tollway ramps).
- Under the build Alternatives that include the FTC-S toll road extension from Oso Parkway to Avenida La Pata (CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives), deficiencies occur at 10 segments of I-5, 16 freeway/tollway ramps (13 I-5 ramps and three SR 241 ramps) and 34 intersections (25 arterial-to-arterial and nine arterial-to-freeway/tollway ramps).
- Under the AJO Alternative, deficiencies occur at 12 segments of I-5, 16 freeway/tollway ramps (11 I-5 ramps and five SR 241 ramps) and 36 intersections (25 arterial-to-arterial and 11 arterial-to-freeway/tollway ramps).
- Under the I-5 Alternative, a deficiency occurs at one segment of I-5, 11 freeway/tollway ramps (eight I-5 ramps and three SR 241 ramps) and 31 intersections (24 arterial-to-arterial and seven arterial-to-freeway/tollway ramps).

ES.6.1.3 Potential Adverse Traffic Impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives

Long Term Adverse Traffic Impacts of the Build Alternatives

The adverse traffic impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives were identified by comparing 2025 peak hour traffic conditions based on the No Action Alternative with 2025 peak hour traffic conditions under each of the build Alternatives. A facility on the circulation system is adversely impacted if the following two conditions are satisfied:

- The facility is forecast to operate at a deficient LOS in 2025 under the build Alternative.
- Compared to the No Action Alternative, the contribution to the deficient LOS by the build Alternative exceeds the impact thresholds.

Table ES 6-7 summarizes the locations where direct and indirect adverse impacts occur under the build Alternatives compared to the No Action Alternative, and the circulation and land use scenario(s) under which the adverse impacts occur. The circulation and land use assumptions in each scenario are described in detail in Section 3.0 of the EIS/SEIR. As described in Table ES 6-7:

- The FEC-M, FEC-W and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives have no direct adverse impacts to mainline segments of the I-5, arterial intersections or freeway/tollway ramps.
- The CC Alternative has no direct adverse impacts to mainline segments of the I-5, has one direct impact to an arterial intersection and two direct impacts to freeway/tollway ramps.
- The CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives have no direct adverse impacts to mainline segments of the I-5, have seven direct impacts to arterial intersections and three direct impacts to freeway/tollway ramps.
- The I-5 Alternative has no direct adverse impacts to mainline segments of the I-5, has twelve direct impacts to arterial intersections and seven direct impacts to freeway/tollway ramps.
- The AIO Alternative has no direct adverse impacts to mainline segments of the I-5, has fifteen direct impacts to arterial intersections and nine direct impacts to freeway/tollway ramps.

The number of direct adverse impacts listed for each of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives is a summation of the direct adverse impacts that occur in each circulation and land use scenario that was analyzed. The direct adverse impact at a given location that was included in the summation occurs under one or more scenarios, and a location where a direct adverse impact occurs in more than one scenario was only counted once in the summation of direct adverse impacts. The scenarios under which direct adverse impacts occur at each location are listed in Table ES.6-7.

The indirect adverse impacts listed in Table ES.6-7 are a result of a change in travel patterns due to new or expanded transportation facilities constructed under a given build Alternative. While

these indirect impacts are generally small in magnitude, they are nevertheless adverse impacts under the defined performance criteria. The most common example occurs under a SOCTIIP build Alternative in which the FTC-S diverts traffic from I-5, thereby reducing the level of congestion on I-5. As a result, vehicle traffic that may otherwise avoid I-5 would choose to use I-5, resulting in additional traffic at some ramps and ramp intersections serving I-5. While some I-5 ramps and ramp intersections are deficient under the No Action Alternative, a build Alternative may, in certain cases, worsen those deficiencies because of this additional traffic. Because this traffic does not have origins or destinations in the vicinity of the SOCTIIP transportation improvements under a build Alternative (that is, the traffic occurs in the circulation system but not on or as a result of the SOCTIIP improvements), the impacts of this added traffic are indirect. Specifically, there is no direct connection between this increased traffic and the SOCTIIP improvements built, but rather there is a change in travel routes and patterns due to I-5 having additional capacity compared to the No Action Alternative.

The indirect impacts of the build Alternatives occur at freeway ramps and ramp intersections on I-5. Under the corridor Alternatives, indirect impacts occur at the following I-5 freeway ramps and ramp intersections: northbound ramp intersection at Ortega Highway, northbound on-ramp at Avenida Pico; southbound off-ramp at Camino Capistrano; northbound on-ramp at Ortega Highway; southbound off-ramp at Ortega Highway; and northbound on-ramp at Stonehill Drive. Indirect adverse impacts occur at these locations under all the corridor Alternatives under various traffic assumption scenarios, with the exception of the CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives which do not have an indirect adverse impact at the I-5 southbound Ortega Highway off-ramp, and the CC, CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives which have a direct rather than indirect adverse impact at the I-5 northbound Avenida Pico on-ramp. The I-5 Alternative has no indirect adverse impacts. The AJO Alternative has indirect adverse impacts at the I-5 northbound on-ramp at Stonehill Drive under two build out traffic scenarios.

Long Term Traffic Impacts Under the No Action Alternative

The No Action Alternative assumes that the circulation system in southern Orange County is developed consistent with current adopted regional, sub-regional, and local transportation plans, with the exception that the FTC is not extended south of its existing terminus at Oso Parkway. The No Action Alternative was used in several analysis scenarios with different land use assumptions in the RMV area and different circulation system assumptions (committed transportation improvements or build out of the MPAH). The circulation system deficiencies under the No Action Alternative in 2025 based on the committed and build out circulation system and the proposed 14,000 dus RMV development plan are:

- 12 segments of I-5 under the committed circulation system and 11 segments of I-5 under the build out circulation system (El Camino Real to Junipero Serra Road and Oso Parkway to El Toro Road).
- 17 freeway/tollway ramps (13 I-5 ramps and four SR 241 ramps) under the committed circulation system and 14 freeway/tollway ramps (nine I-5 ramps and four SR 241 ramps) under the build out circulation system.

- 41 intersections (27 arterial-to-arterial and 14 arterial-to-freeway/tollway ramps) under the committed circulation system and 27 intersections (20 arterial-to-arterial and seven arterial-to-freeway/ tollway ramps) under the build out circulation system.

Under 2025 conditions based on the No Action Alternative with the build out circulation system and the proposed 14,000 dus RMV development plan, extended periods of traffic congestion are forecast on I-5, particularly north of Oso Parkway and from Ortega Highway to south of Avenida Pico. Although congestion is not forecast on the segment of I-5 between Junipero Serra Road and Oso Parkway, the back-up of traffic caused by the congestion problems to the north and south would likely spill over onto that segment of I-5. Under this 2025 scenario based on the No Action Alternative, one or more ramps and/or ramp intersections at the I-5 interchanges at Oso Parkway, Crown Valley Parkway, Ortega Highway and Avenida Pico are forecast to operate over capacity in one or both of the peak hours, as are the main arterial intersections along Antonio Parkway/Avenida La Pata from Oso Parkway to Avenida Pico.

Adverse Construction Impacts on Traffic and Circulation

As shown in Table ES.6-1, there would be potential short term adverse impacts associated with the movement of construction equipment and workers to and from work site(s), materials movement and diversion of traffic from roads and freeways on which construction will be occurring under the build alternatives. Roads in the vicinity of construction activities and roads used by construction workers and for materials movement could experience short term adverse impacts associated with increased construction related traffic.

Cumulative Traffic Impacts

The traffic impact analysis is inherently cumulative because it is based on assumptions of build out in accordance with adopted forecasts and projections or other defined circulation system and land use assumptions. The potential beneficial effects and adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives related to traffic were evaluated with specific assumptions regarding growth and future improvements to the circulation system in the study area. The study area for potential cumulative adverse impacts to traffic and circulation is the area generally served by the existing freeway and arterial circulation system. The impact analysis for the build and No Action Alternatives was based on the impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives assuming growth and other land use assumptions at build out and, therefore, includes cumulative impacts in the future condition scenarios.

ES.6.1.4 Mitigation Measures Related to Traffic and Circulation

Construction related traffic impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives will be substantially mitigated based on implementation of measure CT-1 which requires the preparation and implementation of a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP). The CTMP will identify haul route alignments and schedules, public information programs, alternative travel routes for schools and emergency service providers and other elements to avoid or substantially reduce potentially adverse construction related traffic impacts of the build Alternatives. Even with the

CTMP, it is expected that some short term construction related traffic impacts would remain adverse after mitigation.

Table ES.6-8 identifies mitigation to avoid or substantially reduce the potential adverse traffic impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives related to long term direct adverse impacts. As shown, these mitigation measures include additional turn and through lanes at intersections, interchanges and on ramps. Even with mitigation, the CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-ALPV, AIO and I-5 Alternatives would result in substantial long term direct adverse impacts after mitigation at various intersections and interchanges as discussed below in Section ES.6.1.4.

As described earlier in Section ES.6.1.2 (Analysis of Alternatives with Existing Conditions as the Baseline for Impact Assessment), there would be a substantial number of deficiencies in the circulation system when the existing circulation system is compared to future with and without project traffic demand. No mitigation is proposed for those deficiencies because:

- The appropriate mitigation is the implementation of projects in the MPAH and RTP that are funded or have committed funding as described in Section 3.2.5 (Future Transportation System) in the EIS/SEIR. This mitigation will occur based on existing plans and commitments separate from any SOCTIIP build Alternative.
- Mitigation of these impacts is the responsibility of the other federal, state and/or local agencies or the development projects that will occur in accordance with adopted plans, policies and project approvals.
- Comparison of existing conditions in 2001 to with-SOCTIIP build out in 2025 is somewhat misleading because it overlooks substantial changes that are anticipated to occur within the 2025 planning horizon. The comparison of 2025 with-project conditions to existing conditions does not reflect circulation system changes during the planning horizon that will occur due to future development and implementation of committed road projects.

ES.6.1.5 Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation Related to Traffic and Circulation

The following SOCTIIP build Alternatives would result in unavoidable long term direct adverse impacts related to traffic and circulation which cannot be fully mitigated:

CC Alternative: deficiencies at one intersection and two I-5 ramps. The adverse impacts at the I-5 ramps are inconsistent with FHWA policy which prohibits the consideration of an alternative which would reduce the level of service on an existing Interstate facility. These adverse impacts at the I-5 ramps can be substantially mitigated based on design variation to the CC/I-5 interchange design. However, because of other right-of-way, cost and noise impacts which are greater under the design variation than the I-5 connection in the CC Alternative, the design variation is not included in the CC Alternative connection to I-5 and is not included in the mitigation measures for the CC Alternative. Therefore, the CC Alternative would result in unavoidable adverse impacts at two I-5 ramps that are not fully mitigated.

- CC-ALPV Alternative: deficiencies at one intersection and one I-5 ramp.

- A7C-ALPV Alternative: deficiencies at one intersection and one I-5 ramp.
- AIO Alternative: deficiencies at four intersections, one I-5 ramp, and one SR 241 ramp.
- I-5 Alternative: deficiencies at two intersections and three I-5 ramps.

As shown in Table ES.6-8, even with mitigation, the CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-ALPV, AIO and I-5 Alternatives would result in significant adverse long term direct impacts to intersections and interchanges after mitigation that cannot be mitigated to below a level of significance under CEQA.

The FEC-M, FEC-W and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives would not result in unavoidable adverse impacts related to traffic and circulation that cannot be mitigated or that are significant under CEQA after mitigation.

The construction related traffic impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would be substantially mitigated, but not to below a level of significance under CEQA.

ES.6.2 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO WETLANDS AND WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

This Section summarizes the potential impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives related to wetlands and Waters of the United States (WoUS). Section 4.10 (Existing Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Related to Wetlands and Waters of the United States) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to wetlands and WoUS in detail. The potential impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives related to wetlands and WoUS are summarized in Table ES.6-1.

The TCA criteria for making refinements to the horizontal and vertical components of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives included wetlands as a major environmental parameter to incorporate the avoidance and the minimization of impacts strategy. Specifically, the TCA completed a three-step approach to avoid and/or minimize impacts to wetland areas. First, the alternatives refinement process avoided wetland areas to the maximum extent possible. The refined alignments closely follow the natural contours of the existing terrain to substantially reduce the volume of cut and fill while minimizing the area of disturbance and reducing potential impacts to WoUS and sensitive habitat. Second, known wetland areas that required a crossing of a major watercourse, such as at the crossings of San Juan Creek, San Mateo Creek and Canada Gobernadora, were identified. Impacts to wetlands at those crossings were avoided by careful alignment of the bridge structure across each watercourse. Last, other smaller wetland areas, such as the wetland adjacent to Tesoro High School and the Blind/Gabino complex, were avoided by shifting the road alignment away from these wetland features.

R. Daniel Smith of the ACOE Research and Development Center, Waterways Experiment Station conducted an assessment titled "Potential Impacts of Alternative Transportation Corridors on Waters of the U.S. and Riparian Ecosystems for the Southern Orange County

Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project” (ERDC Report, 2003). This assessment was used as the basis for wetland impacts and for the evaluation of the alternatives for potential elimination from detailed evaluation in the EIS/SEIR. It is anticipated that the assessment represents an overestimate of the reported wetland acreage and the wetland delineation will reflect this belief by showing a lower acreage impacted. Because the study is a planning level assessment, it is anticipated that some areas, during the field reconnaissance, will not be identified as wetlands during the more formal wetland delineation process which usually result in smaller areas that meet the official protocol methods. By implementing these alignment adjustments, impacts to wetlands were reduced from approximately 22 ha (53 ac) for the FEC-M Ultimate and approximately 16 ha (40 ac) for the FEC-W Ultimate. Adjustments to the original A7C-FECV alignment resulted in a reduction of wetland impacts from approximately 26 ha (65 ac) in the Ultimate to approximately 18 ha (45 ac) for the A7C-FEC-M Alternative. A delineation for the preferred Alternative will be prepared prior to the Final EIS/SEIR.

ES.6.2.1 Potential Impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives

Potential Adverse Impacts Related to Wetlands and Waters of the United States

Direct Adverse Impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives on Wetlands and WoUS

Based on a baseline assessment of the ecosystem integrity (ERDC Report, 2003) along the alignment of each build Alternative and analysis of the potential impact of each Alternative on the ecosystem, it was determined that the I-5 and AIO Alternatives would result in the least disturbance to wetland resources because these alignments largely pass through areas of existing built environment. As discussed in the ERDC report, of the corridor Alternatives, the A7C-ALPV Alternative would have the least impact on WoUS and wetlands. The FEC-M, FEC-W and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives would have a lesser adverse impact than the CC and CC-ALPV Alternatives, which would have the greatest adverse impact of all the SOCTIIP build Alternatives on WoUS and wetlands.

In addition to the three-step approach to minimizing and reducing potential impacts to WoUS and wetlands, mitigation measures were developed to avoid or substantially reduce the potential adverse short and long term impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives. With implementation of the proposed mitigation measures, the potential for adverse impacts to WoUS and wetlands as a result of construction of one of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would be substantially reduced. No unavoidable adverse impacts related to WoUS and wetlands would remain after mitigation.

Project Design Features (PDFs) incorporate a runoff management strategy primarily for on site runoff that originates on the project site. The PDFs address the potential for direct and indirect impacts from project runoff. PDFs include extended detention basins (EDBs) and supplemental energy dissipating strategies for hydrology and erosion and sedimentation and pollutant treatment. PDFs were developed to provide multiple benefits; primarily increasing storage and reducing project discharges to pre-project levels to the maximum extent practicable. Providing these PDFs reduces potential adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives to water quality, habitat and hydrologic integrity per the SAMP and NPDES criteria. Runoff that originates outside the project (i.e. outside the pavement and immediately adjacent area) is

maintained and conveyed through the project without mixing with runoff that originates on the project. This is done with bridges, culverts or pipeline conveyance facilities. As a consequence of this runoff management strategy, this water is essentially passed through the project site and the water quality and erosive qualities would remain essentially unchanged. The TCA developed a runoff management strategy to ensure the prevention of impacts to aquatic resources through appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPS) and PDFs for erosion control, water quality and water quality treatment.

Indirect Impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives Related to Wetlands and WoUS

As described above, the SOCTIIP build Alternatives include PDFs including EDBs and velocity control measures to avoid or reduce potential indirect operational impacts related to water quality, erosion, changes in runoff volume and/or velocity and changes in area hydrology and water quality. The potential water quality impacts are minimized to the maximum extent practicable and downstream water quality impacts are anticipated to be negligible.

Impacts of the No Action Alternatives Related to Wetlands and Waters of the United States

The No Action Alternatives do not propose construction or implementation of any SOCTIIP related transportation infrastructure improvements. Therefore, these Alternatives would not result in any SOCTIIP related adverse impacts to wetlands or WoUS.

Cumulative Impacts Related to Wetlands and Waters of the United States

If unmitigated, the cumulative effect of the SOCTIIP Alternatives and other projects in the study area may have a substantial adverse impact on the hydrologic, water quality, erosion/sedimentation potential and groundwater resources of the watersheds in the SOCTIIP study area. At a regional and local level, these impacts may include increases in discharges, runoff volumes, and runoff velocities; erosion and sedimentation increases; water quality degradation; and impacts on groundwater levels and quality. Based on the RWQCB requirements, it is anticipated that all future projects in these watersheds will be required to comply with guidelines and regulations similar to the SOCTIIP Alternatives or appropriate to the specific land use. As emphasized below, developments that discharge surface water runoff must meet certain drainage requirements based on regulatory requirements and controls. This includes consideration for erosion, requiring certain energy dissipation strategies to control erosive velocities draining a given project. Due to these controls, as well as the runoff management strategy for the SOCTIIP build Alternatives, substantial cumulative impacts are not anticipated to occur.

Both private and public projects are regulated under the CWA and State Fish and Game Code. The agencies responsible for implementing these regulations, the ACOE and CDFG, have written policies relevant to wetlands and WoUS. The policies include no net loss of wetland values. Projects that impact wetlands and WoUS are required to conform with these no net loss policies and any impacts to such resources require either a permit or an agreement with the ACOE and CDFG. To obtain a permit/agreement to impact these resources, the applicant must demonstrate compliance with this policy by avoiding, minimizing, repairing, replacing or

compensating for the impact. The objective is to ensure the policy is adhered to and wetland values are retained and become a condition of the project. Performance standards are assigned to ensure that the implementation, monitoring and maintenance are in place to fully compensate for any values that are lost as a result of a proposed project. These regulations represent a safeguard, specifically designed to avoid cumulative losses of wetlands. For cumulative projects, as well as for the proposed development on RMV, a no net loss of wetland values would result in the maintenance of wetlands as projects are implemented.

In addition, the County of Orange and San Diego County, and the areas adjacent to and within the major watersheds in which the SOCTIIP build Alternatives are located, include other important regional conservation programs. These include the NCCP program and the SAMP as described earlier in Section ES.3.2. The Nature Reserve of Orange County is the designated authority that oversees the NCCP program; it includes the participation of the USFWS and CDFG; and responds to endangered species through a habitat-based approach to conservation. The SAMP is administered by the ACOE with an emphasis on wetland and WoUS conservation based on watershed function and values. Both these conservation programs include maintaining and preserving high value wetland resources within the associated watersheds in an effort to maintain a level of ecological integrity with sufficient value and function to retain and perpetuate both biological resource functions and wetland values such as groundwater recharge and habitat for dependent wildlife.

The California Coastal Act has even more stringent regulations affecting issuance of permits that would adversely affect wetlands. As such, considering the existing regulatory requirements, implementation of the cumulative projects would not result in cumulative losses of wetlands. Indirect impacts can affect wetlands through increases in velocity, inundation or water quality degradation. Both private and public projects are regulated for water quality and floodplain encroachment. Developments that discharge surface water runoff must meet certain drainage and water quality requirements. The RWQCB regulates water quality. This includes consideration for erosion, requiring certain energy dissipation strategies to control erosive velocities draining a given project. The erosive velocities are, therefore, managed on the project site or at the point of discharge and do not materially contribute to erosion potential. Due to these controls, as well as the runoff management strategy for the SOCTIIP build Alternatives, substantial cumulative impacts are not anticipated to occur. Thus, no adverse cumulative impacts would be anticipated in increases in inundation levels. According to the findings presented in the water quality section, water quality impacts are minimized based on the maximum extent practicable criteria and downstream impacts are anticipated to be negligible. Therefore, it can be interpolated that there would not be adverse cumulative impacts to wetlands.

ES.6.2.2 Mitigation Measures Related to Wetlands and Waters of the United States

In coordination with the SOCTIIP Collaborative and in the context of the environmental permitting, TCA will agree on an appropriate mitigation site(s), if a toll road alternative is selected as the preferred alternative. The important consideration in the development, implementation and long range success of mitigation for wetland communities and upland communities is not necessarily tied just to the ratio and ultimate acreage, but the timing of mitigation implementation, quality, location and ultimate performance of the site selected. For a

wetland component, the goal would include that there is no net loss of wetland habitat values within the vicinity or region of the impact area. The ultimate site for creation, or an acknowledged mitigation bank, would be selected with performance standards that replace those wetland values temporarily or permanently impacted by the SOCTIIP. Values can be improved in a given area, regardless of a specific ratio and acreage totals, if the site has connectivity, sufficient hydrology and replaces or even improves on the those biological values impacted (i.e. groundwater recharge improvement, benefits derived from an edge effect or ecotone, percent cover, canopy, endangered species component, etc.). In addition, there is potentially a combination of strategies that might result in no net loss or even improvement in wetland habitat values with the added strategy of enhancing existing degraded habitat and the removal of exotics such as giant reed or tamarisk. The merit of the mitigation is best addressed within the regional context of the site and the total mitigation strategy as the conceptual action plan is developed. It is, therefore, timely to commit to a basic ratio as a starting point, rather than an arbitrary standard without knowing the full strategy. This approach provides flexibility, knowing there will be the requisite performance standards that commit to a quality program.

Mitigation measures incorporated in the SOCTIIP build Alternatives to avoid or substantially reduce the potentially adverse short and long term impacts of those Alternatives to WoUS and wetlands require:

- WW-1 Acquire the services of a Project Biologist to oversee biological monitoring, regulatory compliance and restoration associated with construction of the selected alternative.
- WW-2 During final design, the Project Biologist shall review of the design plans and development of recommendations for further avoidance and minimization of sensitive biological resources.
- WW-3 Develop and implement a Biological Resources Management Plan (BRMP) which provides specific design and implementation features of the biological resources mitigation measures in the resource agency approval documents.
- WW-4 During final design, the Project Biologist shall review and approve the contractor's map of all sensitive habitats (Environmentally Sensitive Areas, ESAs) within 152.4 meters (500 feet) of the grading limits on the grading plans.
- WW-5 During grading and construction, the Project Biologist shall conduct monitoring of construction in and adjacent to sensitive habitats to document adherence to habitat and avoidance measures in the project mitigation measures and the USFWS, CDFG and ACOE permits and agreements.
- WW-6 Restore perennial river and stream channels and ephemeral drainages and washes to their original contours on completion of construction where feasible, with the exclusion of areas of permanent impact.

- WW-7 During all construction, no construction equipment or vehicles will be stored in ESAs, including areas within the jurisdiction of the ACOE and/or CDFG.
- WW-8 During all construction, no waste material shall be discharged to any CDFG or ACOE jurisdictional areas.
- WW-9 Prior to final design, the Contractor shall prepare the final construction RMP.
- WW-10 Staging areas for construction equipment will be outside areas of ACOE or CDFG jurisdiction.
- WW-11 Prior to final design, the TCA or implementing agency shall prepare a jurisdictional delineation documenting the WoUS jurisdictional impacts for the selected alternative and prepare a functional assessment.

Prior to final design, the TCA or other implementing agency shall prepare a functional assessment of the wetland mitigation plan according to the tenets of the ACOE Regulatory Guidance Letter 02-2 to assure that the functions and values have been replaced and that no net loss of waters and wetlands requirements have been met. Habitat replacement guidelines shall be followed to identify and quantify habitats that will be removed along with the locations where habitats will be restored or relocated to ensure no net loss.

ES.6.2.3 Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation for Waters of the United States and Wetlands

Based on implementation of mitigation measures WW-1 to WW-11 described above, the adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives related to WoUS and wetlands would be substantially mitigated. No unavoidable adverse impacts related to WoUS and wetlands would remain after mitigation.

The significant adverse impacts to WoUS and wetlands would be mitigated to below a level of significance under CEQA.

ES.6.3 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND VEGETATION

This Section summarizes the potential impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives related to wildlife, fisheries and vegetation. Section 4.11 (Existing Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Related to Wildlife, Fisheries and Vegetation) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to these resources in detail. These potential impacts are summarized in Table ES.6-1.

ES.6.3.1 Potential Impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives

Potential Adverse Direct Impacts Related Wildlife, Fisheries and Vegetation

Direct Impacts to Plant Communities

The direct impacts to plant communities from the SOCTIIP build Alternatives involve the temporary or permanent loss of these communities resulting from direct removal due to clearing, grubbing and grading. The areas of disturbance by plant community and alternative are summarized in Tables ES.6-9 and ES.6-10. Plant communities adversely impacted by the build Alternatives include Venturan-Diegan coastal sage scrub and other scrub communities; several types of grasslands; vernal pools, seeps and wet meadows; march communities; riparian communities; water resources; cliff and rock communities; agriculture; and developed, disturbed and graded areas, as shown in Tables ES.6-9 and ES.6-10.

Direct Impacts to Plant Species

The SOCTIIP build Alternatives would result in direct adverse impacts to sensitive plant species, which vary depending on the Alternative, as shown in Table ES.6-11. Because there can be substantial annual variation in the numbers of individuals and in the geographic extent of rare plant populations, particularly of annual plant species, due to differences in the distribution and abundance of rainfall, the numbers of plants are expected to change on a year-to-year basis. The values in Table ES.6-11 provide an appropriate basis for comparing the impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives on plant species, based on the numbers of populations and the estimated numbers of plants in those populations. As shown in Table ES.6-11, the FEC-W and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives would impact the least number of plants. The FEC-M Alternative would impact more plants than the FEC-W and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives. The CC, CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives would impact the greatest numbers of plants. The I-5 and AIO Alternatives would not result in impacts to sensitive plant species.

Direct Impacts Related to General Wildlife

Potential direct adverse impacts to general wildlife include the loss of native and nonnative habitats that provide valuable nesting, foraging and denning opportunities for a variety of wildlife species. Removing or altering habitats along the alignments of the Alternatives would result in the loss of small mammals, reptiles, amphibians and other animals of slow mobility that live in the habitats in the direct impact areas of the Alternatives. More mobile wildlife species now using the study area may be able to vacate the disturbance areas but would be forced to move into adjacent areas of open space, consequently increasing competition for available resources in those areas. This could result in losing individuals of the wildlife population that cannot successfully compete.

Because the SOCTIIP corridor Alternatives are primarily long linear corridors, they would result in habitat fragmentation. A linear transportation corridor would fragment both common and sensitive amphibian, reptile and small mammal species populations on either side of the alignments, reducing opportunities for genetic exchange and population replenishment. Birds

and larger mammal species, which are more capable of crossing the road alignments, would be affected to a lesser extent. The proposed wildlife undercrossings and bridges have been located in areas known to support wildlife movement. Access across the Alternatives would be restricted to the wildlife undercrossings and bridges provided along the alignment of each Alternative. Figure 4.11-6 in Section 4.11 of the EIS/SEIR provides a graphical representation of the locations of the wildlife corridor and proposed wildlife undercrossings and bridges. The long term adverse impacts of habitat fragmentation and reduced dispersal opportunities may cause more substantial impacts to on site wildlife populations than the actual loss of habitat.

Impacts to general wildlife under the FEC-W, FEC-M and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives would be greater than impacts under the CC, CC-ALPV, and A7C-APLV Alternatives. The longer the alignment of an Alternative and the greater the extent to which it traverses and fragments open space, the greater the wildlife impacts. The impacts of the I-5 and AIO Alternatives on wildlife resources would be adverse but not as great as under the corridor alternatives.

Direct Impacts Related to Wildlife Corridors

The SOCTIIP build Alternatives cross drainages, ridgelines and canyons known to support, or likely to support, local and/or regional wildlife movement. The more prominent of these are San Juan, San Onofre and San Mateo Creeks, and Cañada Chiquita, Cañada Gobernadora, Cristianitos Canyon and Blind/Gabino Canyon. It is expected that many smaller, unmapped canyons and ephemeral drainages are also likely to contribute to regional wildlife connectivity and would be impacted as they are crossed by the alignments. Direct impacts to wildlife corridors would consist of any physical blockage or constriction of an existing wildlife corridor, or removal of native vegetation in that corridor, to the extent that this activity or alteration would prevent or substantially restrict the movement of animals between habitat areas fragmented by the road alignment. As discussed above, wildlife undercrossings and bridges have been located in areas of existing wildlife corridors and are known to support wildlife movement. Table ES.6-12 identifies the proposed location(s) and number of wildlife undercrossings and bridges for each of the SOCTIIP build alternatives.

All the corridor Alternatives would have similar magnitude of impacts to wildlife corridors. I-5 has, as an existing condition, impacted wildlife corridors. It is not anticipated that the SOCTIIP improvements to I-5 would substantially exacerbate those existing impacts. The impacts of the AIO Alternative would be slightly greater than the existing conditions; however, not to the magnitude of the impacts under the corridor Alternatives.

Direct Impacts to Sensitive Wildlife

The potential adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives on sensitive wildlife species are shown in Table ES.6-13. Table ES.6-13 shows the number of sightings/detections of each species made within the limits of disturbance for each build alternative. However, because wildlife are mobile, these impact numbers represent a snapshot in time and should, therefore, be considered an approximate and relative estimate of the abundance of a particular species within the disturbance footprints of the alternatives. Those species mapped and anticipated to occur, but not feasible to quantify (fish, bats and several reptile species), are also noted in Table ES.6-13.

For species that are less mobile and/or occupy relatively small home ranges (many reptiles, fairy shrimp, amphibians, small mammals), the estimates provide a reasonable predictor of the mortality numbers during construction. Fairy shrimp are not identified on Table ES.6-13 because no individual populations were found within the disturbance limits of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives. However, for most birds, most of these direct impacts would be limited to the individual's home range (part of that range), as these species are likely to flee the area at the initiation of construction.

Potential Adverse Indirect Impacts

Indirect Impacts on Plant Communities

Indirect adverse impacts on plant communities are anticipated to include increased susceptibility of adjacent native habitats to invasion by non-native species; and increased dust accumulation on plant leaves. Invasive plant species are of particular concern because they usually germinate before native plants in the fall and, with rapid growth rates, can quickly out compete native species. If not controlled, invasive species may encroach into adjacent, open space areas and diminish the quality of native plant communities. Although all native plant communities along the alignments of the build Alternatives would be affected by the introduction and spread of non-native plant species, these impacts would be of particular concern in native habitats designated as open space such as in General Thomas F. Riley Wilderness Park, Cañada Gobernadora, San Juan Creek, Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy, Gabino Canyon, Cristianitos Creek, San Onofre State Beach, San Mateo Creek, Ladera Land Conservancy and Trestles Natural Wetland Preserve. Grading would disturb soils and result in the accumulation of dust on the surface of the leaves of trees, shrubs and herbs. It is expected that the dust impacts would be most severe during flowering.

The implementation of the Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP), the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), the PDFs and overall pollution prevention strategies discussed in detail Sections 4.8 and 4.9 in the EIS/SEIR that address water resources have been designed to manage onsite and offsite runoff to substantively avoid or minimize indirect impacts to downstream resources. Pollutant loading, erosive discharges and sediment transport are all minimized with the runoff management strategies and effectively avoid the potential for adverse indirect impacts to plant communities. These runoff strategies are incorporated directly into the project design.

Indirect Impacts on Wildlife Corridors

Indirect adverse impacts to wildlife corridors occurring as a result of the Alternatives would result from construction and operations noise, street lighting, increased mortality associated with vehicular interactions, urban pests and invasive plant material. Any indirect disturbance of the habitats associated with a wildlife corridor may ultimately preclude the use of that wildlife corridor by a variety of wildlife species. The SOCTIIP build Alternatives would result in indirect wildlife impacts, with the corridor Alternatives having greater magnitude impacts than the I-5 or AIO Alternatives.

Indirect Impacts Related to Road Mortality

Mitigation was developed to address the potential for indirect impacts related to road mortality. As stated in mitigation measure WV-17, fencing at least 2.1 m (seven ft) high would be erected on both sides of the alignment constructed from the underpass entrance to a distance of at least 1.0 km (0.62 mi) along the corridor to "funnel" wildlife to the underpass area and to minimize wildlife attempts to cross the road surface. Even with implementation of mitigation to reduce road mortality, the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would have an adverse impact as a result of road mortality. The impacts under the corridor Alternatives are greater than under the I-5 and AIO Alternatives because the alignments of those two Alternatives are partially located in developed areas.

Indirect Impacts Related to Noise

Wildlife in areas of habitat in proximity to the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would be subjected to increased noise levels. However, based on discussion with FHWA and Caltrans biologists (2003), there are no published regulations regarding noise-level effects on wildlife. Noise levels greater than 60dB have been used as a criterion to determine potential impacts on avian species. It should be noted that it has not been proven that noise above 60dB would negatively impact avian species. Species vary in their auditory perceptions and vocal abilities, so one documented criterion is difficult to apply as general criteria to all species. Existing studies trying to establish that there is a relationship between impact to nesting birds and a maximum noise level of 60 dB have produced conflicting results. None of the studies conducted have concluded that there is an adverse impact to breeding habitat resulting in population declines as a result of noise exposure exceeding 60 dB. In summary, substantive adverse impacts to local avifauna as a result of noise exposure is not anticipated as a result of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives.

Indirect Impacts Related to Plant Species

Construction of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives may result in the introduction and/or spread of invasive plant species. Concerns regarding these potential impacts include the potential for the introduction of invasive species into native habitats adjacent to the construction areas and the transport of seed from weedy habitats adjacent to the alignments to adjacent native habitats. This may diminish the quality of native habitats adjacent to the alignments, including San Mateo and Cristianitos Creeks, the Donna O'Neill Land Conservancy, San Onofre State Beach and marsh habitat in Cañada Gobernadora, which are currently relatively free of non-native, invasive species. Of particular concern would be the potential to encourage the introduction and spread of artichoke thistle, giant reed (from San Juan Creek), pampas grass, wild fennel, fountain grass, German ivy (from Trestles Natural Wetland Preserve), tamarisk, red brome and Brazilian pepper into native habitats.

Impacts of the No Action Alternative Related to Wildlife, Fisheries and Vegetation

The No Action Alternatives do not propose construction or implementation of any SOCTIIP related transportation infrastructure improvements. Therefore, these Alternatives would not result in any SOCTIIP related adverse impacts to wildlife, fisheries and vegetation.

Cumulative Impacts Related to Wildlife, Fisheries and Vegetation

Cumulatively substantial adverse impacts would occur to sensitive plant communities, sensitive plant and wildlife species, and wildlife corridors/fragmentation as a result of past project approvals, planned and future land use changes, and construction of any of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives.

ES.6.3.2 Mitigation Measures Related to Wildlife, Fisheries and Vegetation

Mitigation performance standards for biological resources include mitigating impacts by (1) replacing, creating, restoring or preserving one acre of the identified resource for every acre of the applicable resource impacted by the project or (2) such other mitigation requirement that is necessary to meet the regulatory standards of an applicable state or federal regulatory program.

The SOCTIIP Collaborative and the TCA will continue to discuss and refine the biological resources mitigation measures for the toll road alternatives, in the context of the project impacts and other major governmental actions anticipated in the study area, i.e., the SAMP, NCCP and the proposed RMV development plan. An important consideration in the development, implementation and long range success of mitigation is the timing of implementation, quality, location and ultimate performance of a selected mitigation site. In coordination with the SOCTIIP Collaborative, the TCA will agree on an appropriate mitigation site(s), if a toll road alternative is selected as the preferred alternative, recognizing that the habitat values can be improved in a given area regardless of specific mitigation ratios if the potential site replaces or improves on those biological values impacted. The merit of the mitigation is best addressed within the regional context of the site and the total mitigation strategy as the conceptual action plan is developed. It is, therefore, timely to commit to a basic ratio as a starting point, rather than an arbitrary standard without knowing the full strategy. This approach provides flexibility, knowing there will be the requisite performance standards that commit to a quality program. There is a combination of strategies that would result in no net loss or even improvement in value including but not limited to a mitigation site(s) that provides or enhances wildlife connectivity and sustainability of the regional eco-system, potentially incorporating areas not contiguous to the SOCTIIP study area.

The avoidance, protective and compensatory mitigation measures to avoid or mitigate potential adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives on wildlife, fisheries and vegetation require:

- WV-1 Prior to construction, acquire the services of a Project Biologist responsible for overseeing biological monitoring, regulatory compliance and restoration activities associated with construction of the selected Alternative.
- WV-2 During final design, the Project Biologist shall review the design plans and make further recommendations for avoidance and minimization of sensitive biological resources.

- WV-3 Develop and implement a BRMP providing specific design and implementation features of the biological resources mitigation measures outlined in the resource agency approval documents.
- WV-4 During grading and/or construction, the Project Biologist shall conduct monitoring within and adjacent to sensitive habitats.
- WV-5 During grading and construction, the Project Biologist shall prepare a monthly biological monitoring letter report summarizing site visits, documenting adherence or violations of required habitat avoidance measures, and listing necessary remedial measures.
- WV-6 Prior to grading or vegetation/habitat removal, the Project Biologist shall attend preconstruction meetings to confirm that all environmental conditions are discussed.
- WV-7 During final design, the Project Biologist shall work closely with project landscape architects to develop native plant palettes for revegetation areas adjacent to the road that abut natural open space.
- WV-8 In conjunction with final plans or other activities involving vegetation/habitat removal, the Project Biologist shall review and approve the contractor's map of all sensitive habitats (ESAs) within 152.4 meters (500 feet) of the grading limits.
- WV-9 Follow Caltrans' procedures for the protection of ESAs.
- WV-10 Prior to grading or vegetation/habitat removal, the Project Biologist shall field verify that protective fencing has been installed along the disturbance limits.
- WV-11 Mitigate impacts to scrub communities (and all sub-types thereof except floodplain sage scrub) through the use of scrub mitigation credits in the Upper Chiquita Canyon Conservation Easement area and additional preservation or restoration (if necessary).
- WV-12 Mitigate impacts to native grasslands at a 1:1 ratio through preservation or restoration in designated open space (e.g., Upper Chiquita Canyon Conservation Easement).
- WV-13 Mitigate impacts to coast live oak and elderberry woodland communities by preservation and/or restoration of such communities at a ratio of 1:1.
- WV-14 Control dust accumulation on natural vegetation during construction, at the source of disturbance by standard dust control measures (Refer also to mitigation measures for air quality during construction in Section ES.7.7).
- WV-15 Prior to final design, the Project Biologist shall ensure that the location of the proposed wildlife bridges and culverts will provide adequate travel capabilities, contain adequate vegetation cover, have adequate daylight and have appropriate fencing to encourage animals to use these underpasses.

- WV-16 Prior to or in conjunction with the permit of application and/or process, Caltrans and resource agencies are to be given an opportunity for review and approval of the design of wildlife movement bridges, undercrossings and culverts.
- WV-17 Fencing at least 2.1 m (seven ft) high will be erected on both sides of the alignment from the underpass entrance to a distance of at least 1.0 km (0.62 mi) along the corridor to "funnel" wildlife to the underpass area and to minimize wildlife attempts to cross the road surface.
- WV-18 Prior to operation, road signs indicating the potential for wildlife movement shall be installed where indicated by the Project Biologist.
- WV-19 All bridges and culverts serving as wildlife crossings will be monitored for three years to document the effectiveness of use by target wildlife species.
- WV-20 Incorporate low-light design features, where feasible, adjacent to the bridges or culverts within wildlife corridors, and scrub, riparian and woodland communities.
- WV-21 During final design, in coordination with the RMP, design, construct and/or maintain any structure/culvert placed in a stream where sensitive fish species do/may occur such that it does not constitute a barrier to upstream or downstream movement of aquatic life, or cause an avoidance reaction by fish that impedes their upstream or downstream movement.
- WV-22 Prior to construction, conduct focused sensitive plant species surveys to determine the distribution of sensitive plants in the impact area so appropriate avoidance (for all sensitive plant species), seed collection and salvage measures (for Coulter's saltbush, intermediate mariposa lily, southern tarplant, and many-stemmed dudleya) can be conducted.
- WV-23 During the spring prior to grubbing or grading, flag the limits of individual populations of Coulter's saltbush to be impacted and mark individual plants to facilitate locating individual plants after flowering. Prior to construction, collect seeds from Coulter's saltbush plants, for later propagation.
- WV-24 Collect intermediate mariposa lily seed from impacted populations.
- WV-25 Reseed areas determined to have appropriate hydrology and soil chemistry with southern tarplant seed.
- WV-26 Collect many-stemmed dudleya caudexes and seed from impacted populations.
- WV-27 Before entering or leaving the construction site, inspect all construction equipment for evidence of invasive species and/or their seeds and wash, if necessary.

- WV-28 Prior to construction, map substantial populations of invasive plant species adjacent to the grading limits.
- WV-29 The Project Biologist shall prepare an invasive species management program to be incorporated into the BRMP.
- WV-30 The Project Biologist shall conduct focused surveys in suitable habitat between February and May (a minimum of one week prior to the onset of construction) to determine the presence or absence of the western spadefoot toad in the impact area.
- WV-31 The Project Biologist shall conduct focused surveys in suitable habitat between February and May to determine the presence or absence of the southwestern pond turtle in the impact area.
- WV-32 During grading, relocate two-striped garter snakes observed in and adjacent to the impact area outside the construction area.
- WV-33 Grub suitable habitat in the disturbance limits for the San Diego cactus wren from September to February if feasible.
- WV-34 If grubbing between February and August is unavoidable, surveys by the Project Biologist will be conducted after the initiation of the nesting season to determine the presence of San Diego cactus wrens, nest building activities, egg incubation activities or brood rearing activities.
- WV-35 Prior to construction, the Project Biologist shall survey the construction limits for the presence of occupied raptor nests and burrowing owl nest burrows.
- WV-36 Prior to construction, the Project Biologist shall survey the construction limits for the presence of occupied breeding coyote, bobcat or mountain lion dens.
- WV-37 During the spring and summer prior to the habitat removal, a qualified bat biologist shall survey all potential roosting habitat proposed for removal.
- WV-38 Mitigate impacts to floodplain sage scrub, riparian herb and other sub-types within the Vernal Pools, Seeps and Wet Meadows and Marsh plant communities at a 1:1 ratio or other ratio that compensates for functions and values.
- WV-39 Mitigate impacts to riparian scrub, woodland and forest communities by at a 1:1 ratio or other ration that compensates for functions and values.
- WV-40 Mitigate impacts to open water by the creation of wetlands and/or impounded feature to be incorporated into the herbaceous riparian habitat restoration to compensate for functions and values.

ES.6.3.3 Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance Related to Wildlife, Fisheries and Vegetation

Under NEPA, the unavoidable adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives related to wildlife and vegetation would be substantial and adverse even after mitigation, as summarized in Tables ES.6-1, ES.6-9, ES.6-10, ES.6-11, ES.6-13 and ES.6-14. For the FEC-M, FEC-W, A7C-FEC-M, CC, CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives, the effects of general habitat loss, wildlife loss (including sensitive species) and habitat fragmentation are anticipated to result in substantial adverse impacts even after mitigation.

Under CEQA, except for impacts to sensitive plant communities, the impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives to plant communities are not significant. These adverse impacts are not significant because they would be limited in extent and the plant community is sufficiently widespread in southern California; the impacts would not substantially diminish the resource on a regionwide basis; the plant community is dominated by non-native species, indicators of significant previous site disturbance; or the areas have low biological value, such as nurseries, disturbed and developed areas.

Direct impacts to sensitive plant communities would be considered significant under CEQA. These adverse impacts are significant because the plant community or association is rare in California and is considered threatened or very threatened by the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) or is otherwise considered sensitive by local or regional agencies or by the CDFG or USFWS; the plant community is a unique association comprised of elements of one or more sensitive plant communities; the plant community/association is not widespread; or the plant community/association provides habitat for sensitive plants or wildlife. These sensitive plant communities would include upland communities such as Venturan-Diegan transitional coastal sage scrub, sage scrub-grassland ecotones, sage scrub-chaparral ecotones and native grassland. Impacts to these communities would be partially mitigated primarily through the acquisition and preservation of such communities.

To partially mitigate these impacts, the TCA has identified additional habitat preservation and restoration activities in the Upper Chiquita Canyon Conservation Area. The Upper Chiquita Canyon Conservation Area consists of approximately 478.7 hectares (1,182 acres) created by the TCA to mitigate biological impacts resulting from construction of the FTC-N. Of these 478.7 hectares (1,182 acres), 327 credits have been set-aside as a mitigation bank for future project impacts. The Conservation Area was originally under substantial threat for development and the resources within the Area have been conserved, but otherwise would have been lost or substantially degraded. In addition, the Upper Chiquita Canyon Conservation Area provides opportunities for preservation activities consisting of additional habitat for oak woodland and sensitive plant species. There are also opportunities for restoration activities on site that would include additional acres of oak woodland, non-wetland drainages, coastal sage scrub, coastal sage scrub/native perennial grassland ecotone and native perennial grassland habitats. These opportunities for preservation and restoration activities would also serve to partially mitigate impacts on sensitive plants for the SOCTIIP Alternatives.

A net loss of these rare communities that provide habitats for a unique assemblage of plants and wildlife would occur as a result of implementation of all the SOCTIIP build Alternatives. Based

on the biological diversity, scarcity, location and importance of the sensitive plant communities and the amount of community impacted, these impacts are substantial even after mitigation because the impacts for the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would result in a net loss. Therefore, impacts to these upland communities under these Alternatives would be considered significant and adverse after mitigation under CEQA.

Because it would not be possible to create rock outcrop and xeric cliff face habitat, impacts to this community resulting from the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would be significant, adverse and unmitigable under CEQA.

The loss of wildlife species including sensitive species and their habitats, in conjunction with the local fragmentation of opens space lands resulting from implementation of the FEC-M, FEC-W or A7C-FEC-M Alternatives, would have an effect on the ecology and sustainability of wildlife populations. Although most of the wildlife affected would be non-sensitive members of the overall wildlife population, the long term effects of fragmentation and habitat displacement may alter predatory-prey interactions and the food base for wildlife in the vicinity. The effects of general habitat loss, wildlife loss (including sensitive species) and habitat fragmentation are anticipated to result in significant impacts even after mitigation under CEQA.

With implementation of the mitigation measures described above, impacts from the FEC-M, FEC-W, A7C-FEC-M, CC, CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives would be mitigated to below a level of significance under CEQA due to the relatively lower amount of fragmentation that would occur, and the comparative lower quality of the habitats these Alternatives would traverse. The impacts of the AIO and I-5 Alternatives would not be significant after mitigation under CEQA.

With implementation of the mitigation measures described above, the potential and severity of indirect impacts on sensitive plant communities and sensitive plant species during project construction and operations would be mitigated. As a result, these indirect impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives are expected to be mitigated to below a level of significance under CEQA.

Based on implementation of the mitigation measures described above and coordination with the appropriate agencies during project design, construction and operation, indirect impacts to wildlife communities and sensitive wildlife species under the build Alternatives would be mitigated to below a level of significance under CEQA.

ES.6.4 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

This Section summarizes the potential impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives related to threatened and endangered (T&E) species. Section 4.12 (Existing Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Related to Threatened and Endangered Species) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to these resources in detail. These potential impacts are summarized in Tables ES.6-1 and ES.6-14.

ES.6.4.1 Potential Adverse Impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives to Threatened and Endangered Species

The affected environment related to threatened and endangered (T&E) species includes all federally and state listed threatened and endangered species that were observed or have the potential to occur in the SOCTIIP study area. The Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 USC 1531 et seq.) regulates and protects federally endangered species. The California Endangered Species Act (Fish and Game Code 2050 et seq.) regulates and protects state listed species. A federally threatened species is defined as a species that is likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant part of its range. A federally endangered species is defined as a species that faces extinction throughout all or part of its geographic range.

T&E species wildlife surveys were conducted in 2001 and 2003. The following sensitive species were surveyed: thread-leaved brodiaea, fairy shrimp, arroyo toad, California red-legged frog, southwestern willow flycatcher, coastal California gnatcatcher, least bell's vireo, Pacific pocket mouse and southern steelhead trout. Other potential threatened and endangered species in the SOCTIIP study area include peregrine falcon and tidewater goby.

Potential direct long term adverse impacts from operation of SOCTIIP build Alternatives would occur as a result of removal of individuals or populations of T&E species; the removal of plant communities and habitat used by T&E species; and removal of individuals or populations of T&E species. This includes both permanent and temporary impacts. Indirect impacts include but are not limited to dust accumulation, increased mortality, physical and visual barriers to suitable habitat or connected habitat from sound walls, noise, lighting, road mortality, habitat fragmentation and invasive species.

The following nine T&E species are located in the SOCTIIP study area: thread-leaved brodiaea, southern steelhead trout, tidewater goby, San Diego and Riverside fairy shrimp, arroyo toad, peregrine falcon, California gnatcatcher, least Bell's vireo and Pacific pocket mouse. Table ES.6-14 identifies the T&E species that would be directly impacted due to the construction and operation of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives.

The FEC-M, FEC-W and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives would result in adverse direct impacts to thread-leaved brodiaea, arroyo toad and California gnatcatcher. There is also a potential (but not quantified) impact to tidewater goby and the southern steelhead trout under these Alternatives.

The CC and CC-ALPV Alternatives would result in direct adverse impacts to peregrine falcon, California gnatcatcher and least Bell's vireo.

The A7C-ALPV Alternative would result in direct adverse impacts to thread-leaved brodiaea, California gnatcatcher and least Bell's vireo.

The AIO Alternative would result in direct adverse impacts to California gnatcatcher and least Bell's vireo.

The I-5 Alternative would result in direct adverse impacts to arroyo toad and California gnatcatcher.

The Pacific pocket mouse and the San Diego and Riverside shrimps are not directly impacted by any of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives.

In summary, long term adverse impacts as a result of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives could occur to thread-leaved brodiaea, San Diego fairy shrimp, Riverside fairy shrimp, least Bell's vireo, California gnatcatcher, arroyo toad, southern steelhead trout, tidewater goby and/or Pacific pocket mouse, depending on the individual Alternative. Potential indirect impacts may occur to Riverside fairy shrimp populations and Pacific pocket mouse for the FEC-M, FEC-W and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives.

Current and previously designated critical habitat for federally T&E species that would be impacted by the SOCTIIP build Alternatives are San Diego fairy shrimp, Riverside fairy shrimp, tidewater goby, arroyo toad and California gnatcatcher.

Impacts of the No Action Alternatives Related to Threatened and Endangered Species

The No Action Alternatives do not propose construction or implementation of any SOCTIIP related transportation infrastructure improvements. Therefore, these Alternatives would not result in any SOCTIIP related adverse impacts to T&E species.

Cumulative Impacts Related to Threatened and Endangered Species

Cumulatively substantial adverse impacts would occur to the sensitive plant communities, sensitive plant and wildlife species, and wildlife corridors/fragmentation that support T&E species as a result of past project approvals, planned and future land use changes, and construction of any of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives.

ES.6.4.2 Mitigation Measures Related to Threatened and Endangered Species

Mitigation performance standards for biological resources include mitigating impacts by (1) replacing, creating, restoring or preserving one acre of the identified resource for every acre of the applicable resource impacted by the project or (2) such other mitigation requirement that is necessary to meet the regulatory standards of an applicable state or federal regulatory program.

The SOCTIIP Collaborative and the TCA will continue to discuss and refine the biological resources mitigation measures for the toll road alternatives, in the context of the project impacts and other major governmental actions anticipated in the study area, i.e., the SAMP, NCCP and the proposed RMV development plan. An important consideration in the development, implementation and long range success of mitigation is the timing of implementation, quality, location and ultimate performance of a selected mitigation site. In coordination with the SOCTIIP Collaborative, the TCA will agree on an appropriate mitigation site(s), if a toll road alternative is selected as the preferred alternative, recognizing that the habitat values can be

improved in a given area regardless of specific mitigation ratios if the potential site replaces or improves on those biological values impacted. The merit of the mitigation is best addressed within the regional context of the site and the total mitigation strategy as the conceptual action plan is developed. It is, therefore, timely to commit to a basic ratio as a starting point, rather than an arbitrary standard without knowing the full strategy. This approach provides flexibility, knowing there will be the requisite performance standards that commit to a quality program. There is a combination of strategies that would result in no net loss or even improvement in value including but not limited to a mitigation site(s) that provides or enhances wildlife connectivity and sustainability of the regional eco-system, potentially incorporating areas not contiguous to the SOCTIIP study area.

The avoidance, protective and compensatory mitigation measures to offset potential adverse impacts on T&E species by SOCTIIP build Alternatives require:

- TE-1 Prior to construction, acquire the services of a Project Biologist responsible for overseeing biological monitoring, regulatory compliance and restoration activities.
- TE-2 During final design, the Project Biologist shall review the design plans and make recommendations for avoidance and minimization of sensitive biological resources.
- TE-3 Prepare a BRMP prior to construction which provides specific design and implementation features of the biological resources mitigation measures outlined in the resource agency approval documents. The BRMP shall contain construction monitoring programs for thread-leaved brodiaea, arroyo toad, coastal California gnatcatcher, least Bell's vireo and Pacific pocket mouse.
- TE-4 During grading and construction, the Project Biologist shall prepare a monthly biological monitoring letter report summarizing site visits, documenting adherence or violations of required habitat avoidance measures and listing any necessary remedial measures.
- TE-5 Fencing at least 2.1 m (seven ft) high will be erected on both sides of the selected Alternative from the underpass entrance to a distance of at least 1.0 km (0.62 mi) along the corridor to "funnel" wildlife to the underpass area and to minimize wildlife attempts to cross the roadway surface.
- TE-6 Prior to construction, conduct focused sensitive plant species surveys to determine the distribution of sensitive plants in the impact area so appropriate avoidance, and seed collection and salvage measures for thread-leaved brodiaea can be implemented.
- TE-7 Prior to construction, conduct focused surveys for thread-leaved brodiaea during the flowering period for this species.
- TE-8 Flag and map vernal marsh FEVM-16 to avoid impacts to Riverside fairy shrimp. Flag the watershed which supplies this marsh for avoidance and enclose with silt fencing per the direction of the Project Biologist.

- TE-9 During final design and in coordination with the RMP, design, construct and/or maintain any structure/culvert placed in a stream where endangered or threatened fish do/may occur such that it does not constitute a barrier to upstream or downstream movement of aquatic life, or cause an avoidance reaction by fish that impedes their upstream or downstream movement.
- TE-10 An Arroyo Toad Resource Management Plan (ATRMP) will be prepared, incorporated into the BRMP and monitored by the Project Biologist.
- TE-11 Prior to any ground-disturbance in occupied/suitable habitats or habitats proximal to suitable or occupied arroyo toad habitat, install exclusionary fencing around the perimeter of the construction area.
- TE-12 Conduct three focused arroyo toad surveys in the fenced construction site for arroyo toads prior to initiating construction; remove any arroyo toads and relocate outside the construction impact area per the ATRMP.
- TE-13 Locate staging areas for construction equipment outside areas within the jurisdiction of the ACOE or CDFG known to support the arroyo toad.
- TE-14 When conducting construction and/or other ground-disturbing activities in arroyo toad-occupied habitats or in adjacent upland areas proximal to known arroyo toad habitats, cover all grubbing spoils or other grading debris with plastic sheeting to prevent arroyo toads from opportunistically burrowing in these exposed and friable soil piles.
- TE-15 No driving on construction roads or other roads/surfaces adjacent to arroyo toad occupied habitat after sunset. If the site must be accessed, a biologist permitted to handle the arroyo toad must be present in the vehicle and the vehicle shall not exceed a speed of 16 km per hour (10 mi per hour) in these areas.
- TE-16 At the conclusion of construction, construct artificial pools and gravel bars in the temporary disturbance areas of creeks known to be occupied by the arroyo toad.
- TE-17 Prior to the arroyo toads' re-establishment to their original locations, implement specific activities to enhance their habitat and improve their potential for re-occupation including the removal, to the extent practicable, of predatory species.
- TE-18 Grub suitable habitat for the coastal California gnatcatcher suitable habitat in the disturbance limits from September to February if feasible.
- TE-19 If grubbing is unavoidable during the coastal California gnatcatcher breeding season, implement contingency measures.
- TE-20 Grub suitable habitat for least Bell's vireo in the disturbance limits September 16 to March 14 (generally outside the breeding season for this species).

- TE-21 If grubbing activities between March 15 and September 15 (generally within the breeding season for the least Bell's vireo) are unavoidable, contingency measures will be implemented.
- TE-22 To minimize indirect disturbance of nesting least Bell's vireos, the Contractor will not engage in any construction activities within 61 m (200 ft) of and adjacent to occupied least Bell's vireo habitat during the peak nesting period of 1 April to 15 July if said construction activities result in noise readings greater than 60 dBA measured at the edge of the territory of the vireo in the area.
- TE-23 During final design, provide an undercrossing in the vicinity of the San Mateo North population of the Pacific pocket mouse if the Alternative occurs in this area.
- TE-24 Prior to construction in areas in or proximal to known sites occupied by the Pacific pocket mouse, prepare a Pacific Pocket Mouse Resource Management Plan, submit to the USFWS for review and approval, and incorporate into the BRMP.
- TE-25 Mitigate impacts to scrub communities (and all sub-types except floodplain sage scrub) through the use of scrub mitigation credits in the Upper Chiquita Canyon Conservation Easement Area and additional preservation (if necessary). Mitigate impacted scrub areas at a credit to hectare ratio of 1:0.40 (one Upper Chiquita Canyon Conservation Easement mitigation credit for every 0.40 ha impact or one Upper Chiquita Canyon Conservation Easement mitigation credit for every 1.0 ac lost).
- TE-26 Mitigate impacts to native grasslands at a 1:1 ratio through either preservation or restoration in designated open space (e.g., Upper Chiquita Canyon Conservation Easement).
- TE-27 Mitigate impacts to floodplain sage scrub at a 1:1 ratio.
- TE-28 Mitigate impacts to riparian scrub, woodland and forest communities at a 1:1 ratio or other ratio that compensates for functions and values.
- TE-29 Mitigate impacts to open water by the creation of wetlands and/or impounded feature to be incorporated into the herbaceous riparian habitat restoration to compensate for functions and values.

ES.6.4.3 Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance Related to Threatened and Endangered Species

Under NEPA, the FEC-M, FEC-W, A7C-ALPV, A7C-FEC-M, CC and CC-ALPV Alternatives would result in substantial unavoidable adverse impacts on thread-leaved brodiaea, arroyo toad, California gnatcatcher and least Bell's vireo. These impacts cannot be mitigated to below a level of significance under CEQA.

The AIO Alternative would not result in substantial unavoidable adverse impacts on T&E species. No significant, unmitigable adverse impacts under CEQA to T&E species occur under the AIO Alternative.

The I-5 Alternative would adversely affect the coastal California gnatcatcher. This would be a significant unmitigable impact of the I-5 Alternative to the coastal California gnatcatcher under CEQA.

ES.6.5 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO WATER QUALITY

This Section summarizes the potential impacts of the SOCTIIP alternatives related to water quality. Section 4.9 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to Water Quality) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to water quality in detail. These potential impacts are summarized in Table ES.6-1.

PDFs incorporate a runoff management strategy primarily for runoff that originates on the project site. These PDFs address the potential for indirect impacts from project runoff. PDFs include EDBs and supplemental energy dissipating strategies for hydrology and erosion and sedimentation and pollutant treatment. PDFs were developed to provide multiple benefits; primarily increasing storage and reducing project discharges to pre-project levels to the maximum extent practicable (MEP) and compliance with Caltrans standards. The SOCTIIP build Alternatives incorporate PDFs with respect to stormwater and water quality management to MEP standards, as required by the Caltrans NPDES Statewide Stormwater Permit. Providing these PDFs reduces potential adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives to water quality, habitat and hydrologic integrity per the SAMP and NPDES criteria.

ES.6.5.1 Adverse Impacts Related to Water Quality

All the SOCTIIP build Alternatives incorporate best management practices (BMPs), as appropriate, during construction to conform with requirements set forth under the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) NPDES, which governs storm water and non-storm water discharges during construction activities, as well as with those requirements set forth in the Caltrans NPDES Statewide Storm Water Permit. These BMPs include, but are not limited to measures such as temporary sediment control, temporary soil stabilization, scheduling, preservation of existing vegetation, conveyance controls, wind control, temporary stream crossings and waste management.

To address potential construction impacts, prior to start of construction of any SOCTIIP build Alternative, a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will be required. The SWPPP would meet the applicable requirements by applying controls of pollutant discharges that use best available technology economically achievable (BAT) and best conventional pollutant control technology (BCT) to reduce pollutants. The SWPPP would be prepared and implemented to address storm water management, spill prevention and response, and non-storm water discharges. All of the construction related BMPs would be deployed to the MEP. Use of

the described BMPs during construction is expected to minimize any construction impacts to water quality.

Operational impacts related to water quality are addressed through PDFs incorporated into the build Alternatives. EDBs incorporated as PDFs contain and settle out contaminants so that quantities of potential contaminants in runoff are less than or the same as pre-project conditions.

For the FEC-W, FEC-M, A7C-FEC-M, AIO and I-5 Alternatives, there are no adverse impacts for erosion and sedimentation or surface water quality projected with the incorporation of the PDFs. No adverse groundwater impacts are identified.

For the CC and CC-ALPV Alternatives, there is an adverse impact for erosion and sedimentation at the Cañada Chiquita and Segunda Deshecha Cañada crossings. PDFs address water quality impacts and no substantial groundwater impacts are forecast.

For the A7C-ALPV Alternative, there is an adverse impact for erosion and sedimentation at Cañada Chiquita, as a result of the east-west connector. However, PDFs have been incorporated in this Alternative to minimize this adverse impact. There are no adverse impacts for surface water quality projected for this Alternative with the incorporation of the PDFs. No adverse groundwater impacts are identified for this Alternative.

Impacts of the No Action Alternatives

No substantial short term changes in drainage patterns, water quality, erosion, sedimentation or groundwater are expected under the No Action Alternatives because these Alternatives do not propose the construction or implementation of any SOCTIIP transportation facilities. However, as traffic volumes increase on existing roads in the study area, pollutant loads to storm water would increase without mitigation (unless equivalent mitigation is provided by the MPAH improvements assumed in the No Action Alternatives), causing a gradual degradation of surface water quality due to non-point pollutant sources. In addition, given the likelihood of development on RMV and in the six watersheds, the potential for water quality impacts in these watersheds could be substantial. With the implementation of federal, state and local regulations, it is anticipated that impacts to these watersheds would be mitigated on a project by project basis as development is implemented. Therefore, under the No Action Alternatives, no adverse impacts to water quality are anticipated.

Cumulative Impacts Related to Water Quality

If unmitigated, cumulative projects may have a substantial adverse impact on the hydrologic, water quality, erosion/sedimentation potential and groundwater resources of the watersheds in the SOCTIIP study area. At the regional and local levels, these impacts may include increases in discharges, runoff volumes, runoff velocities; erosion and sedimentation increases; water quality degradation; and impacts on groundwater levels and quality. However, it is anticipated that all future projects in these watersheds will need to comply with a similar (or in some instances more stringent) set of guidelines and regulations as the SOCTIIP build Alternatives and, therefore, would need to provide adequate mitigation measures to mitigate these impacts.

Cumulative impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives were determined by analyzing the hydrologic impacts under future land use conditions corresponding to the 14,000 dus RMV scenario for both “with project” and “without project” and for the future land use conditions corresponding to the 21,000 dus on RMV scenario for both “with project” and “without project” in terms of percent changes in peak flow rate and runoff volume. Results from the water quality analysis indicate that the increase in percent imperviousness in the regional watersheds associated with the ultimate SOCTIIP alternatives, given both existing and future watershed conditions, is essentially negligible. The addition of impervious surfaces, due to the SOCTIIP Alternatives, increases both peak runoff rates and flow volumes for the range of design storms examined (2- to 100-year events). However, the percent changes were determined to be generally less than 2 to 3 percent. This additional impervious surface represents an incremental increase and cumulative impact to the watershed. Also, the impact differences between the two RMV scenarios were generally found to be very small. Therefore, the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would not contribute to cumulative adverse impacts related to water resources.

Groundwater recharge would not be substantially impacted by the SOCTIIP build Alternatives due to the very small percentage of impervious surface in a given watershed as well as the way runoff is treated. All off site runoff is returned to the environment and all on site runoff after being detained in an EDB is returned to the environment, generally within the same location.

ES.6.5.2 Mitigation Measures Related to Water Quality

The PDFs incorporated in the SOCTIIP build Alternatives are summarized later in Section ES.6.13.2. In addition to the PDFs, mitigation measures provided to minimize impacts to water quality require:

WQ-1 Preserve vegetation on site as feasible.

WQ-2 Implement construction BMPs as appropriate for temporary sediment control, temporary soil stabilization, preservation of existing vegetation, conveyance controls, wind control, temporary stream crossings and waste management.

WQ-3 Prepare and implement the SWPPP.

WQ-4 Conduct emergency planning for highway spills.

WQ-5 Develop and implement an Operations, Maintenance and Monitoring Plan for BMPs.

WQ-6 Monitoring of Operations, Maintenance and Monitoring Plan for BMPs

ES.6.5.3 Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation Related to Water Quality

With incorporation of the SWMP, SWPPP and BMPs associated with the PDFs, including the EDBs, and the water quality mitigation measures, the adverse water quality impacts are mitigated.

Under CEQA, there would be no unavoidable significant adverse impacts to water quality after implementation of the PDFs.

ES.6.6 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO SOCIOECONOMICS, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND GROWTH INDUCEMENT

This Section summarizes the potential impacts of the SOCTIIP alternatives related to socioeconomics and environmental justice. Sections 4.4 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice) and 6.0 (Growth Inducing Impacts) in the EIS/SEIR describe the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to these parameters in detail. These potential impacts are summarized in Table ES.6-1.

ES.6.6.1 Potential Beneficial Socioeconomic Effects of the SOCTIIP Alternatives

Jobs Creation

Construction of the SOCTIIP build alternatives would have a short term effect on employment and business in the area. Total construction related jobs generated range from 11,000 for the AIO Alternative to 43,000 for the I-5 Alternative. The timing and geographic distribution of these jobs would depend on the construction phasing of the Alternative, as well as the location of the individual firms retained to complete the work. However, it is expected that the local economy would capture a substantial share of this employment. In addition to these construction jobs, construction workers would likely patronize local businesses, thereby generating short term revenue increases in the local area. The short term revenue increases would, in turn, result in a short term increases in sales tax revenues to the local jurisdictions. This would be a beneficial effect of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives. Because no SOCTIIP related transportation improvements would be constructed under the No Action Alternatives, they would not accrue these benefits.

Economic Benefits Associated with Travel Time Savings

Travel time savings translate into economic benefits in terms of the value of time saved and increased economic activity from improved mobility for people, goods and services. The valuation of time savings and level of economic benefits from improved mobility depend on a number of assumptions that are beyond the scope of the EIS/SEIR. However, based on United States Department of Transportation data, the value of time savings could range between \$20 and \$30 per vehicle hour (USDOT, Departmental Guidance for the Valuation of Travel Time in Economic Analysis, April 9, 1997, revised February 11, 2003). The type and level of economic

benefits from improved mobility would also be influenced by other factors, such as local, regional and national market and economic conditions, local land use policies and regulations, availability of necessary infrastructure and services, community amenities and quality of life, and decisions by local developers and landowners. Therefore, while there is support for concluding there are positive economic impacts from time savings, the value of these benefits has not been quantified for the SOCTIIP build Alternatives because of the variety of factors and the assumptions required for such quantification. The travel time savings and associated economic benefits cited above are in comparison to the No Action Alternatives. The No Action Alternatives would not accrue these benefits.

The following lists the SOCTIIP build Alternatives in general order from those Alternatives with the highest amount of systemwide travel time savings to those Alternatives with the lowest based on 2025 traffic conditions that assume the build out circulation system and the proposed RMV development plan. The amount of systemwide travel time savings is relatively the same for Alternatives that are listed together and that amount is substantially different from other higher or lower ranking Alternatives.

- The FEC-M, FEC-W, CC, A7C-FEC-M and I-5 Alternatives, with 18,000 to 21,000 hours of travel time savings per day.
- The CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives, with 8,000 hours of travel time savings per day.
- The AIO Alternative, with 5,000 hours of travel time savings per day.

ES.6.6.2 Adverse Impacts Related to Socioeconomics, Environmental Justice and Growth Inducement

As described in Table ES.6-1, the CC Alternative results in adverse impacts related to community cohesion as a result of the division of existing neighborhoods in the Talega Planned Community (PC) and displacement of community facilities in the City of San Clemente; and economic impacts to the City of San Clemente due to reductions in property, sales and transit occupancy tax revenues due to property acquisition and displacement of commercial uses. The A7C-ALPV Alternative results in adverse impacts after mitigation related to community cohesion due to division of an existing neighborhood in the Talega PC. The I-5 Alternative also results in adverse impacts related to community cohesion due to the displacement of community facilities and economic impacts to the Cities of Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Mission Viejo, San Juan Capistrano, and San Clemente due to reductions in property, sales and transit occupancy tax revenues as a result of property acquisition and displacement of commercial uses.

The potential residential displacements, in numbers of existing residential units displaced, as a result of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives are:

- FEC-M Alternative: Initial 0; Ultimate 0
- FEC-W Alternative: Initial 0; Ultimate 0
- A7C-FEC-M Alternative: Initial 0; Ultimate 0

- A7C-ALPV Alternative: Initial 83; Ultimate 92
- CC Alternative: Initial 593; Ultimate 602
- CC-ALPV Alternative: Initial 2; Ultimate 14
- AIO Alternative: 263
- I-5 Alternative: 838

The potential displacements of existing non-residential and/or agricultural uses, as a result of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives are:

FEC-M Alternative: Two agricultural operations and no businesses.

FEC-W Alternative: One agricultural operations and no businesses.

CC Alternative: Three agricultural operations and 106 businesses.

CC-ALPV Alternative: Three agricultural operations and no businesses.

A7C-FEC-M Alternative: No agricultural operations and no businesses.

A7C-ALPV Alternative: No agricultural operations and no businesses.

AIO Alternative: Two agricultural operations and 17 businesses.

I-5 Alternative: No agricultural operations and 382 businesses.

As shown, the I-5 and CC Alternatives result in the greatest amount of displacement, followed by the AIO, A7C-ALPV and CC-ALPV Alternatives. The FEC-M and FEC-W Alternatives result in minor levels of agricultural displacement only.

No SOCTIIP build Alternative would generate "...disproportionately high and adverse effects..." on environmental justice populations (defined as low-income or minority populations).

The CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-ALPV and AIO Alternatives would result in refuse disposal capacity reductions at Prima Deshecha Landfill as a result of the construction of these Alternatives. This capacity reduction would result in additional costs to ratepayers for alternative means of refuse disposal. There would be an additional economic impact to the County as a result of construction of these Alternatives due to the loss of tipping fee revenues, which are used for environmental monitoring, operations and maintenance of the landfill system.

As shown in Table ES.6-1, potential growth facilitating effects would be relatively greater for the build Alternatives that pass through primarily developing and currently undeveloped areas than for Alternatives that pass through existing developed areas and areas that are planned and currently under development. Because this is the case for the corridor and AIO Alternatives, there is potential for growth facilitating impacts under all the corridor Alternatives and the AIO Alternative. In addition, the potential growth facilitating effects of the I-5 and No Action Alternatives were still considered substantial due to the fact that programmed and planned facilities would still be implemented and would facilitate growth in the study area under these Alternatives.

Impacts of the No Action Alternatives Related to Socioeconomics, Environmental Justice and Growth Inducement

The No Action Alternatives would not result in the construction of any SOCTIIP related transportation improvements. Therefore, the No Action Alternatives would not result in any impacts related to community cohesion, loss of employment, displacement, tax revenues, Prima Deshecha Landfill capacity or environmental justice.

The No Action Alternatives would result in potential growth facilitating effects. This potential impact would be relatively lower than for all the corridor Alternatives and the AIO Alternative all of which pass primarily through developing and undeveloped areas.

Cumulative Impacts Related to Socioeconomics, Environmental Justice and Growth Inducement

None of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives, when considered with other cumulative projects, would contribute to substantial cumulative adverse impacts related to residential and non-residential displacement, community cohesion, economic impacts and environmental justice in the study area. There are no cumulative impacts because other projects in the study area do not have impacts in these areas. Therefore, even in combination with the other projects in the area, the impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives are the only impacts in the cumulative study area for socioeconomics and environmental justice, and, therefore, the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would not contribute to cumulative adverse impacts related to socioeconomics and environmental justice.

The SOCTIIP build and No Action Alternatives potentially could contribute to cumulative impacts relating to facilitating or supporting growth in the study area. The cumulative effects of this growth could result in other environmental impacts which, with the impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives, could result in cumulative adverse impacts. Potential cumulative impacts in these areas, as well as related mitigation measures, if appropriate, are discussed in the respective sections addressing these issues in this Executive Summary.

ES.6.6.3 Mitigation Measures Related to Socioeconomics, Environmental Justice and Growth Inducement

Mitigation measures to avoid or substantially reduce adverse impacts of the build Alternatives related to socioeconomics and environmental justice require:

- SE-1 Avoidance or minimization of the temporary occupancy or permanent acquisition of property through refinement of the design of the selected alternative in final design.
- SE-2 Compensation for all temporary occupancy and permanent acquisition of property through compliance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.
- SE-3 Provision of replacement affordable housing units in compliance with the City of San Clemente Housing Element.

ES.6.6.4 Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation Related to Socioeconomics, Environmental Justice and Growth Inducement

The following SOCTIIP build Alternatives would result in adverse impacts related to socioeconomics and environmental justice which cannot be fully mitigated:

- CC Alternative: Divides neighborhoods, displaces community facilities, results in greater than 1% reduction in property tax and displace commercial uses and lodging rooms impacting sales tax and transit occupancy tax revenues.
- I-5 Alternative: Displaces community facilities, results in greater than 1% reduction in property tax and displaces commercial uses and lodging rooms impacting sales tax and transit occupancy tax revenues.

These impacts would be significant adverse impacts of these Alternatives which cannot be mitigated to below a level of significance under CEQA. The adverse impacts of the remaining build Alternatives related to socioeconomics can be mitigated to below a level of significance under CEQA based on implementation of mitigation measures SE-1 to SE-3.

The SOCTIIP build and No Action Alternatives could potentially contribute to impacts relating to facilitating or supporting growth in the study area. The facilitated growth, in and of itself, is not an adverse impact. However, the effects of this facilitated growth could result in impacts on a variety of areas, including agricultural resources, hydrology/drainage, water quality, air quality, noise, biological resources, aesthetics, cultural resources, recreation, mineral resources, public services, and utilities and services. Potential impacts in these areas, as well as related mitigation measures, if appropriate, are discussed in the respective cumulative impacts sections of this Executive Summary and the EIS/SEIR which address these issues.

ES.6.7 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO AIR QUALITY

This Section summarizes the potential impacts of the SOCTIIP alternatives related to air quality. The air quality analysis considered the following key pollutants of greatest concern in the South Coast Air Basin (SCAB) and the San Diego Air Basin (SDAB): ozone (O₃), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), carbon monoxide (CO), particulate matter (PM₁₀), reactive organic gases (ROG) and hydrocarbons (HC). The Federal and California governments have set specific ambient air quality standards (AAQSs) for the pollutants. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has set specific thresholds for construction related air emissions.

The federal Clean Air Act (CAA), as amended, specifies procedures and timetables for attaining national AAQS for six criteria pollutants: O₃, CO, PM₁₀, nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and lead (Pb). California has also established regional and subregional analyses to focus on the primary pollutants of HC, NO_x and sulfur oxides (SO_x). These are known chemicals that affect public health directly or in combination with other chemicals released into the atmosphere.

Air quality is evaluated at three levels: regional, subregional and local. The air quality analysis for the SOCTIIP Alternatives identified the pollutant emissions levels under the with and without project conditions and compared the with project conditions to the without project conditions, to assess whether the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would result in improvement or degradation of air quality compared to the No Action Alternatives.

The potential beneficial effects and adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives related to air quality are summarized below. Section 4.7 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to Air Quality) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to air quality in detail. These potential impacts are summarized in Table ES.6-1.

ES.6.7.1 Beneficial Air Quality Impacts of the SOCTIIP Build Alternatives

The SOCTIIP corridor Alternatives result in a decrease of regional emissions for HC and CO. The primary reason for the reduction in HC and CO emissions is that, with the SOCTIIP corridor Alternatives, a large number of vehicles would be attracted from arterial roads where the travel speeds are in the low 33 kilometers per hour (kph, 20 miles per hour (mph) range, and instead would drive on a corridor where the travel speed would be substantially higher. Emission rates for HC and CO are near their lowest at around 60 mph (100 kph). Therefore, redistributing vehicles from arterial roads to the corridor results in reductions in HC and CO emissions.

The AIO Alternative would also result in some reductions in HC and CO. The I-5 Alternative would produce less CO and similar HC emissions.

ES.6.7.2 Adverse Air Quality Impacts

Short Term Adverse Air Quality Impacts During Construction

The SOCTIIP build Alternatives will result in short term emissions during construction. Air pollutants will be emitted by construction equipment and fugitive dust will be generated from grading activities. Typically, the pollutant emissions due to grading activities would be primarily PM₁₀ while emissions from construction equipment would be CO and No_x. The peak periods of construction will result in the greatest levels of short term air pollution emissions. The construction information for the SOCTIIP was based on the worst case peak construction day during which a maximum number of pieces of equipment and area (ha/ac) disturbed per day were assumed. Construction equipment would consist of haul trucks, graders, dozers, loaders and other heavy construction equipment, crew size and commuting trips, ancillary equipment, miscellaneous vehicles and equipment associated with demolition.

For all the SOCTIIP build Alternatives, construction equipment would produce the greatest amount of emissions for all the key pollutants. Grading would also generate a substantial amount of PM₁₀ while emissions from employee travel, import/export activities and demolition would be secondary.

In general, the I-5 Alternative would generate the greatest amount of construction related emissions while the AIO Alternative would generate the least amount of these emissions. These emissions would mostly generated by the large number of pieces of construction equipment operating on a worst case peak day. For all the SOCTIIP build Alternatives, the construction related CO, ROG, NO_x and PM₁₀ emissions would exceed the SCAQMD criteria thresholds which would be an adverse impact. The greatest levels of air pollution emissions would occur during peak periods of construction which is most likely when demolition, grading and site preparation would be occurring simultaneously. Specifically, construction equipment produces most of the CO, ROG, NO_x, SO_x and PM₁₀ emissions. Grading also generates a substantial amount of PM₁₀. For the SOCTIIP build Alternatives, the peak PM₁₀ emissions (estimated at 727 to 2,615 pounds per day depending on the Alternative) are minor compared to the total average annual of 416 tons per day (832,000 pounds per day) of particulate matter currently released in the whole SCAB.

The construction related emissions generated by the SOCTIIP build Alternatives are projected to exceed the SCAQMD criteria for all pollutants. These temporary increases would be local to the construction activities and would be considered an adverse short term impact of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives.

Long Term Operations Air Quality Impacts

Regional traffic air quality emissions will decrease substantially in future years, due to the use of cleaner vehicles in future years which is mandated by state and federal laws. The reduction in emissions will occur with or without the SOCTIIP build Alternatives. In comparison to the No Action Alternatives, the FEC-W, FEC-M, CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-FEC-M, A7C-ALPV, AIO and I-5 Alternatives will result in substantial increases in NO_x emissions and will result in a long term regional adverse air quality impact related to NO_x emissions. These SOCTIIP build Alternatives result in higher regional emissions of NO_x because many vehicles which would otherwise travel on arterial roads at slower speeds and lower emission rates will be attracted to the corridor under thee Alternatives. As a result, these vehicles will be traveling faster and will be emitting pollutants at a higher rate. The I-5 Alternative would also result in adverse impacts related to ROG emissions compared to the No Action Alternative.

Impacts of the No Action Alternatives Related to Air Quality

The No Project Alternatives would result in adverse long term air quality impacts due to increased emissions of HC and CO in comparison to most of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives. The No Action Alternatives retain a large number of vehicles on the arterial roads and on congested I-5 where the travel speeds would be much lower than on the corridors. Emission rates for HC and CO are higher at these travel speeds of 33 kph (20 mph) compared to the 100 kph (60 mph) range and result in an increase in emissions compared to the SOCTIIP build alternatives. This impact occurs because traffic is not moved at higher speeds under the No Action Alternatives. The No Action Alternative also produces the greatest PM₁₀ compared to the SOCTIIP build Alternatives.

Cumulative Air Quality Impacts

Air quality impacts, which are derived from the traffic impacts assessment, were evaluated under a range of assumptions related to traffic and circulation. The study area included most of the SCAB and small segments in the northern San Diego County which are in the extreme northern reaches of the SDAB. Due to the duration of construction for the SOCTIIP build Alternatives (multiple years), coupled with potential for development of other projects in the area, the likelihood of a SOCTIIP build Alternative and at least some other projects being under construction concurrently is high. The SOCTIIP build Alternatives would result in an increase in pollutant emissions during construction and would, therefore, contribute to cumulative short term adverse air quality impacts.

All the SOCTIIP build alternatives would contribute to cumulative long term impacts for NO_x.

ES.6.7.3 Conformity with Regional Plans

The SOCTIIP alternatives were evaluated to determine whether they would meet conformity requirements in the State Implementation Plan. FHWA projects must be found to conform before they are adopted, accepted, approved or funded. Transportation projects must conform to the following criteria established in the CAA Section 176(c)(2)(C):

- They must come from a conforming transportation plan and TIP.
- The design concept and scope of the project that was in place at the time of the conformity finding must be maintained through implementation.
- The project design concept and scope must be sufficiently defined to determine emissions at the time of the conformity determination.

The Far East Corridor alternatives are consistent with the design concept and scope assumed in the RTPs and TIPs. As a preferred alternative is identified, the TCA or other implementing agency will work with the MPOs to update regional emissions analyses and RTP/TIP conformity determinations as necessary. Design elements specific to each alternative such as the number and location of interchanges and intersections, auxiliary and truck climbing lanes, and widening of arterial facilities connecting to SR 241 could affect the regional emissions analysis and require an updated conformity determination. The TCA and FHWA will assure that all conformity requirements are met prior to FHWA issuing the ROD for the SOCTIIP.

ES.6.7.4 Mitigation Measures Related to Air Quality

Mitigation measures AQ-1 to AQ-5 to reduce the short term adverse construction related air quality impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives require:

AQ-1 Particulate emission and dust control and preventive measures as defined in the SCAQMD Rule 403.

AQ-2 Control of particulate emissions and fugitive dust through specific requirements in SCAQMD Rule 403.

AQ-3 Street sweeping adjacent to the construction areas.

AQ-4 Washing of vehicle wheels prior to exiting construction areas.

AQ-5 Control of construction equipment emissions.

Mitigation measures AQ-6 and AQ-7 to reduce the long term adverse operations related air quality impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives require:

AQ-6 Stabilization of unpaved road connections and cleaning of the paved road when dirt tracked onto the paved road from the unpaved road is visible.

AQ-7 Removal of material washed onto paved roads after storm events.

ES.6.7.5 Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation for Air Quality

All the SOCTIIP build Alternatives (FEC-M, FEC-W, CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-FEC-M, A7C-ALPV, AIO and I-5 Alternatives) would result in short term adverse air quality impacts during construction which cannot be fully mitigated. Even with the mitigation described above, these short term adverse impacts of the FEC-M, FEC-W, CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-FEC-M, A7C-ALPV, AIO and I-5 Alternatives cannot be mitigated to below a level of significance under CEQA.

The FEC-M, FEC-W, CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-ALPV, A7C-FEC-M, AIO and I-5 Alternatives would result in long term unavoidable adverse operations impacts related to NO_x which cannot be fully mitigated. The I-5 Alternative would also result in long term adverse impacts due to ROG emissions. Even with the mitigation described above, these long term impacts of the FEC-M, FEC-W, CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-ALPV, A7C-FEC-M, AIO and I-5 Alternatives cannot be mitigated to below a level of significance under CEQA. These would be unavoidable adverse air quality impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives.

The No Action Alternatives would result in substantially higher emissions of ROG and CO than the SOCTIIP build Alternatives. Because no mitigation is proposed under the No Action Alternatives, those Alternatives would result in long term unavoidable adverse impacts due to ROG and CO emissions that exceed the SCAQMD threshold and that are significant and adverse under CEQA.

ES.6.8 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO NOISE

This Section summarizes the potential impacts of the SOCTIIP alternatives related to noise. Section 4.6 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to Noise) in the EIS/SEIR describe the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to noise in detail. Table ES.6-1 summarizes these potential impacts.

ES.6.8.1 Adverse Impacts Related to Noise

Long Term Adverse Noise Impacts

For each SOCTIIP build Alternative, the number of residences, businesses, schools and parks that would be impacted by traffic noise due to the implementation of the alternative is shown in Table ES.6-1. Impacted means that they would experience noise levels approaching (i.e. within 1 decibel (dB) of) or exceeding the FHWA Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC) or they experience a substantial increase as defined by Caltrans (12 dBA or greater). Table ES.6-1 also presents the number of residences, businesses, schools and parks that still would be adversely impacted with the implementation of the recommended mitigation.

Table ES.6-1 shows that one residence would be adversely impacted under the FEC-M, FEC-W and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives with respect to the FHWA criteria, even with noise abatement. This is a single residence (Receptor 021; at the end of Via Promontorio in the City of San Clemente) that is projected to experience a substantial noise increase with these build alternatives. The analysis shows that, per the FHWA NAC, it would not be reasonable to provide a sound wall for this residence. There are several other receptors in the area of this receptor that are not subject to a substantial noise increase. However, the existing noise level measured at this receptor was much lower than the other receptors, resulting in a substantial noise increase. Because this impact only occurs at one residence and the ultimate noise level is still well below the NAC, these Alternatives would not result in an adverse noise impact at this receptor.

Under the I-5 Alternative, several receptors would be impacted by traffic noise under the FHWA NAC. Although there are existing sound walls at all these receptors, the existing walls do not reduce noise levels to below the NAC. Higher walls were considered but could not provide at least 5 dB of additional noise reduction and, therefore, are not considered feasible under the Caltrans/FHWA criteria. In all cases, the with-project noise levels are not projected to increase by more than 3 dB over existing conditions. Increases less than 3 dB are imperceptible in community noise situations and, therefore, the I-5 Alternative would not result in adverse noise impacts.

The analysis shows that with the sound abatement specified in Section 4.6.4 (Mitigation Measures Related to Noise) in the EIS/SEIR, none of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would result in adverse noise impacts under the FHWA NAC assessed for compliance with NEPA.

Construction Noise Impacts

Noise levels from construction activities are measured against the applicable local municipalities' Noise Ordinances to assess whether there are any short term noise impacts. Construction activities complying with the applicable local Noise Ordinance are considered to result in no adverse short term noise impacts. Construction activities which result in short term noise levels which exceed the applicable local Noise Ordinance are considered to result in short term adverse impacts.

Although construction noise represents a short term impact on ambient noise levels, construction equipment and construction activities can generate high noise levels. Noise generated by construction equipment such as trucks, graders, bulldozers, concrete mixers and portable generators can reach high levels. Construction noise activities can be divided into five broad categories based on their potential to generate noise: pile driving, heavy grading, general construction activities, nighttime demolition and haul routes.

Generally, the majority of construction activity would occur only during daytime hours. However, major bridge construction may occur on a 24 hour basis. In addition, because the I-5 Alternative is a major transportation facility in the study area and closure of lanes and/or the freeway segments during the day may result in an adverse traffic impact, much of the construction on I-5 may occur during the nighttime hours including demolition of many of the existing overpasses.

In summary, as shown in Table ES.6-1, construction noise impacts would be substantial and adverse under all the SOCTIIP build Alternatives.

Impacts of the No Action Alternatives Related to Noise

The No Action Alternatives do not include the construction or implementation of any SOCTIIP related transportation improvements in the study area. Therefore, these Alternatives would not result in any SOCTIIP related adverse construction or operations noise impacts. However, not constructing a facility may result in an increase of traffic and noise along certain arterial roads and cause traffic related noise increases along I-5.

Cumulative Noise Impacts

Cumulative noise impacts under CEQA for the proposed SOCTIIP were analyzed for the traffic scenarios that assume build out of the MPAH and other reasonably foreseeable projects. This includes three traffic scenarios, with RMV developed with 14,000 dus, RMV developed with 21,000 dus and RMV developed with 21,000 dus and all of the toll roads in Orange County operating toll-free (the first two scenarios assume the toll roads operating under existing with tolls conditions). The cumulative impacts for noise parallels the methods and assumptions for the traffic analysis and was based on full build out in accordance with adopted forecasts and projections. The traffic analysis already accommodates reasonable foreseeable projects consistent with a cumulative traffic condition. The noise analysis incorporates those traffic

numbers. Consequently, the cumulative analysis for the SOCTIIP Alternatives is already accommodated in the long term impact analysis described above.

ES.6.8.2 Mitigation Measures and Commitments Related to Noise

Mitigation measures N-1 to N-6 to avoid or substantially reduce adverse noise impacts during construction of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives require:

- N-1 Compliance with local control of construction hours and days of construction activities.
- N-2 Maintenance and muffling of construction equipment.
- N-3 Coordination with affected schools and control of noise levels at schools.
- N-4 Designation of approved haul routes.
- N-5 Notification and, as requested, relocation of residents near areas of nighttime demolition.
- N-6 Provision of a Noise Complaint Office.

Mitigation measures N-7 and N-8 to avoid or substantially reduce long term adverse noise impacts during operation of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives require:

- N-7 Final detailed noise analysis and sound barrier analysis during final design.
- N-8 Implementation of recommended final sound barriers.

Commitments NC-1 and NC-2 are additional activities related to the provision of effective noise attenuation for long term noise impacts:

- NC-1 Assessment of the reasonableness of each final sound barrier.
- NC-2 Proper design and evaluation of any sound barrier located in a floodplain.

ES.6.8.3 Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation Related to Noise

As shown in Table ES.6-1, the I-5 Alternative is the only SOCTIIP build Alternative that results in unavoidable short term adverse noise impacts (nighttime demolition). During nighttime demolition, even with the mitigation provided, residents may be exposed to adverse demolition noise impacts. Implementation of the mitigation measures described above would substantially reduce the construction related noise impacts for all the SOCTIIP build alternatives, except the I-5 Alternative. Measure N-5 reduces the impact of this activity, but not to below a level of significance under CEQA.

Under the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) criteria, the analysis found that, with the sound walls required under the FHWA NAC, all receptors subject to the CNEL criteria (i.e. residences and parks) along the SOCTIIP build Alternatives are projected to experience a noise level increase of less than 3 dB or experience CNEL noise levels lower than the 65 CNEL criteria. The impacts of all the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would be mitigated to below a level of significance under CEQA with the implementation of the sound walls required to meet the FHWA NAC.

The effects of the SOCTIIP Alternatives on traffic noise, measured as CNEL levels along roads away from the project sites, were also analyzed. That analysis examined the changes in traffic noise CNEL levels along all roads analyzed in the project traffic study. Based on the findings of that analysis, if a SOCTIIP Alternative resulted in a noise increase of three dB or more, analysis of that noise impact on sensitive receptors was conducted. This analysis found that where a SOCTIIP Alternative results in a substantial noise increase, the future noise level, with the alternative, would not exceed 65 CNEL at any sensitive receptors. None of the SOCTIIP Alternatives would result in any substantial off site traffic noise impacts under CEQA.

ES.6.9 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO MILITARY USES

This Section summarizes the potential impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives related to military uses. Section 4.21 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to Military Uses) in the EIS/SEIR describe the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to impacts on military uses on Camp Pendleton in detail. These potential impacts are summarized in Table ES.6-1.

As discussed earlier, in 1988, the Marine Corps agreed, in consultation with the TCA, to the evaluation of one potential alignment of the southern extension of the FTC on the Base, subject to several conditions, including the stipulation that any toll road alignment on Camp Pendleton must not impact or interfere with the operational flexibility of the Marine Corps Mission at that Base. The alignment of the FEC-M, FEC-W and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives is consistent with the alignment the TCA and Camp Pendleton mutually agreed on in 1992 as an alignment for the FTC toll road on the Base ("Statement of Intent Regarding Foothill Transportation Corridor Oso Parkway to I-5, Modified C Alignment," 03/04/92). That alignment represents the one and only alignment which meets the 1988 Commandant Letter stipulations for constructing a corridor project on Camp Pendleton and the 1992 Statement of Intent.

ES.6.9.1 Adverse Impacts Related to Military Uses

The FEC-W, FEC-M, A7C-FEC-M, CC, I-5 and No Action Alternatives were analyzed for potential adverse impacts on the Military Mission at Camp Pendleton. The CC-ALPV, A7C-ALPV and AIO Alternatives were not analyzed for military impacts because they are not on or in the immediate vicinity of Camp Pendleton and, therefore, would not impact Camp Pendleton. As described in Section 4.21, the FEC-W, FEC-M and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives would result in adverse impacts related to ground and amphibious training because these Alternatives traverse the northernmost area of the Base (near the Orange/San Diego County line) and result in the permanent and temporary loss of land available for training.

Impacts of the No Action Alternatives Related to Military Use

The No Action Alternatives would not result in adverse impacts to military uses at Camp Pendleton because these Alternatives do not propose any construction or implementation of SOCTIIP infrastructure improvements on or near the Base.

Cumulative Impacts Related to Military Uses

The FEC-W, FEC-M, A7C-FEC-M and I-5 Alternatives and other cumulative projects in the immediate vicinity of the Base would contribute to cumulative adverse impacts related to the loss of land from the Base and continued encroachment of other land uses along the Base boundary. These encroachments and reductions in buffers are considered by the Department of Defense and the Marine Corps to directly and adversely affect the ability of the Corps to most effectively perform its Military Mission at Camp Pendleton. The other SOCTIIP build Alternatives would not contribute to a cumulative adverse impact on the Base related to encroachments and reductions in buffers because these Alternatives are not in the immediate vicinity of the Base.

ES.6.9.2 Mitigation Measures Related to Military Uses

Mitigation measures M-1 to M-6 to avoid or substantially reduce adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives related to military uses require:

- M-1 Construction lighting during evening and night activities will be adjusted with proper shielding to focus illumination down in designated work areas and cranes use must include Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved aircraft obstruction lights mounted at the highest point of the equipment's extension.
- M-2 The TCA, the contractor and Camp Pendleton will coordinate to identify access routes and staging areas during construction to ensure impacts on Base training are minimized.
- M-3 Security measures shall be incorporated into the construction specifications to ensure that construction workers and others cannot access the Base from the construction areas.
- M-4 Permanent night lighting will be adjusted with proper shielding to focus illumination down to avoid spillage of the light in an upward direction and on adjacent properties including the Base.
- M-5 Two underpasses, to provide clearance for military personnel and equipment movement, will be sized and designed to accommodate the equipment and personnel needs as may be defined by the Marine Corps and the DON.
- M-6 Security measures shall be incorporated into the project design to ensure that users of the corridor cannot access the Base.

ES.6.9.3 Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation Related to Military Uses

The FEC-W, FEC-M and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives would result in adverse impacts related to military uses and the Military Mission at Camp Pendleton which cannot be fully mitigated. These impacts, related to the permanent loss of available land for ground and amphibious training or other military uses, cannot be mitigated to below a level of significance under CEQA.

ES.6.10 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO VISUAL RESOURCES

This Section summarizes the beneficial effects and potential adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives related to visual resources. These potential impacts are summarized in Table ES.6-1. The methodology for assessing visual impacts for the SOCTIIP Alternatives is based on FHWA guidelines contained in the Visual Impact Assessment for Highway Projects (1981) and FHWA Esthetics and Visual Quality Guidance Information (August 18, 1986). To determine visual impacts, major viewer groups and sensitive viewers of the proposed SOCTIIP build Alternatives were identified. The FHWA Esthetics and Visual Quality Guidance Information acknowledges that certain areas are generally recognized as sensitive to visual changes related to road projects. These sensitive areas are residential areas, areas of recognized scenic beauty (local, state and national), and parks and recreation areas. These locations are deemed sensitive in part because of the expectations of viewers from these locations.

Existing conditions photographs from selected viewpoints along each of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives, including sensitive view points, were taken and computerized visual simulations or wireframes (a simpler representation of changes in views) were developed to show views as they would appear with the build Alternatives. The view simulations and wireframes were compared to existing conditions photographs to determine the change in visual quality that would result from implementation of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives.

Regionally outstanding views in the SOCTIIP study area were identified. These are views that provide wide panoramic views of extensive areas of valleys and ridges that are largely undeveloped and free from detracting visual elements. These views are considered to have an especially high visual quality because of the contrasting landforms, landcover and view elements within them which combine to form a vivid and harmonious view scene.

In addition to an evaluation of the changes in visual quality, including changes in regionally outstanding views, the assessment of visual impacts included evaluation of conflicts with established visual/aesthetic policies of affected jurisdictions. These policies include oak tree preservation for visual values, protection of views from designated scenic roads, preservation of scenic resources and blockage of ocean views. Community elements or landmarks which would be affected or eliminated with implementation of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives were also identified.

Section 4.18 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to Visual Resources) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related visual resources in detail.

ES.6.10.1 Beneficial Effects Related to Visual Resources

The A7C-ALPV Alternative would have a positive visual effect because motorists on the toll road would have access to a regionally outstanding view which is currently available only from private property.

ES.6.10.2 Adverse Impacts Related to Visual Resources

Implementation of a SOCTIIP build Alternative would introduce urbanizing elements into rural areas including the toll or arterial road surfaces, connector ramps and toll plazas. Construction impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives are related to short term views of construction and disturbed areas and can be substantially mitigated. Long term impacts, depending on the alternative, can include changes in visual quality for viewers from sensitive land uses and motorists; changes in regionally outstanding views and/or changes in community character. Section 4.18 in the EIS/SEIR provides graphic representations of visual impacts from selected locations in the study area. The SOCTIIP build Alternatives will result in substantial adverse long term visual impacts before and after mitigation.

Impacts of the No Action Alternatives Related to Visual Resources

The No Action Alternatives would not result in adverse visual impacts because they do not propose construction or implementation of any SOCTIIP infrastructure improvements in the study area.

Cumulative Impacts Related to Visual Resources

The urbanizing elements of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives in rural areas include the toll or arterial road surfaces, connector ramps and toll plazas. All the corridor and the AIO Alternatives would, when considered with other cumulative projects in the area, contribute to changing the existing visual character of the rural areas crossed by these alternatives to a more urban visual character. Therefore, the SOCTIIP build Alternatives, with the exception of the I-5 Alternative, when considered with other cumulative projects in the area, would contribute to a cumulative long term adverse impact related to visual resources in the study area.

ES.6.10.3 Mitigation Measures Related to Visual Resources

Mitigation measures AS-1 to AS-4 to reduce adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives related to visual resources require:

- AS-1 Preparation of Aesthetic Design Guidelines and minimization of grading impacts in hillside areas.
- AS-2 Preparation of Landscape Design Guidelines.

AS-3 Lighting will be per Caltrans, County of Orange or local jurisdiction policies, as applicable.

AS-4 For the SOCTIIP corridor alternatives, illumination outside of the right-of-way will not exceed 1/10 of the road's average horizontal illuminance. For the AIO and I-5 Alternatives, the implementing agency will minimize spillover of light outside the road right-of-way.

ES.6.10.4 Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation Related to Visual Resources

The following SOCTIIP build Alternatives would result in unavoidable long term direct adverse impacts related to visual resources which cannot be fully mitigated:

- FEC-M Alternative: Reduction in visual quality at three locations; and conflicts with the visual/aesthetic policies of three jurisdictions.
- FEC-W Alternative: Reduction in visual quality at four locations; and conflicts with the visual/aesthetic policies of four jurisdictions.
- CC Alternative: Reduction in visual quality at two locations; conflicts with the visual/aesthetic policies of two jurisdictions; and division of two communities.
- CC-ALPV Alternative: Conflict with the visual/aesthetic policies of one jurisdiction; and division of one community.
- A7C-FEC-M Alternative: Reduction in visual quality at six locations; reduction in quality of one regionally outstanding view; and conflicts with the visual/aesthetic policies of four jurisdictions.
- A7C-ALPV Alternative: Reduction in visual quality at five locations; reduction in quality of one regionally outstanding view; conflicts with the visual/aesthetic policies of one jurisdiction; partially eliminates one community element; and physically divides one community.
- AIO Alternative: Reduction in visual quality at two locations; and conflicts with the visual/aesthetic policies of one jurisdiction.
- I-5 Alternative: Blockage of some ocean views by soundwalls.

Even with mitigation, the FEC-M, FEC-W, CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-FEC-M, A7C-ALPV and AIO Alternatives would result in significant unavoidable adverse long term impacts under CEQA to visual quality and conflict with jurisdictional visual/aesthetic policies. The CC, CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives would result in the physical division of communities and the A7C-FEC-M and A7C-ALPV Alternatives would result in the reduction in visual quality of a regionally outstanding view, which are significant adverse impacts under CEQA. The I-5

Alternative would result in the blockage of some ocean views by soundwalls, which is a significant adverse impact under CEQA.

ES.6.11 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO LAND USE

This Section summarizes the potential adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives related to land use. Section 4.2 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to Land Use) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related land use in detail. These potential impacts are summarized in Table ES.6-1.

ES.6.11.1 Potential Adverse Land Use Impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives

Potential Long Term Adverse Land Use Impacts

Each SOCTIIP Alternative was evaluated for consistency with adopted land use plans. General Plans of the cities and the unincorporated Orange County areas in which the alternatives are located were reviewed to determine whether or not a given SOCTIIP Alternative was accommodated in the General Plan Land Use Elements (LUEs) of the affected jurisdictions. LUEs are required to be consistent with the Circulation Element of General Plans which identify all facilities shown on the MPAH including the conceptual alignment of the FTC-S. In Orange County, the FEC-M Alternative is consistent with the General Plans because they include an alignment in Orange County similar to the alignments shown on the MPAH for the FTC-S. To a lesser degree, the FEC-W and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives are consistent with the LUEs, but they would each have some minor previously unplanned land use impacts. The inconsistency of an Alternative with the adopted land use plans is defined in terms of area of impact of each Alternative by jurisdiction and general plan land use category.

No cities in San Diego County have land uses affected by the SOCTIIP Alternatives. The County of San Diego defers to MCB Camp Pendleton related to land uses and planning on the Base. Therefore, no General Plans for San Diego County or any city in that County were used for the consistency evaluation in San Diego County. The Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) for MCB Camp Pendleton and the San Onofre State Beach (SOSB) General Plan acknowledge the FTC-S planning efforts. However, the Marine Corps has the following stipulations regarding alignments over the Base: (1) that other off-Base alignment alternatives must also be considered and evaluated in an equal manner; (2) that any planned Camp Pendleton alignment must closely adhere to the Base's northern boundary; (3) that any adverse environmental impacts created as a result of siting this route on the Base must be fully and properly mitigated; and (4) that any on-Base alignment must not impact the Marine Corps' mission or interfere with the Base's operational flexibility. Although the FEC-W, FEC-M and the A7C-FEC-M Alternatives would impact the Military Mission at Camp Pendleton, they are consistent with the previous adopted alignment (CP) on the Base. The other build Alternatives that are either within the I-5 right-of-way or not in the vicinity of the Base are also consistent. These are the CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-ALPV, AIO, I-5 and No Action Alternatives.

Because SOSB is an outlease area of MCB Camp Pendleton and the DON is the owner/lessor, land use control lies with the DON. Notwithstanding its lessee status, the California Department of Parks and Recreation adopted a General Plan for SOSB in 1984. The General Plan acknowledges the FTC-S alignment through SOSB and east of San Mateo Creek, which had already been on the County of Orange's General Plan for several years. Because the SOSB General Plan anticipated plans for the FTC through the Cristianitos Subunit (Subunit 1) there is no inconsistency with the SOSB General Plan for the FEC-W, FEC-M and the A7C-FEC-M Alternatives. The other SOCTIIP build Alternatives that are either in the I-5 right-of-way or that do not affect SOSB at all would also be considered consistent. These are the CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-ALPV, AIO, I-5 and No Action Alternatives.

As described in Table ES.6-1, the FEC-W, FEC-M and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives result in adverse impacts to uses in SOSB Cristianitos Subunit. The CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-ALPV, AIO and I-5 Alternatives result in adverse impacts to existing and planned land uses and divisions of established communities in the SOCTIIP study area.

Potential Adverse Land Use Impacts During Construction

A potential short term impact of the SOCTIIP build alternatives related to land use would be associated with the reuse of previously developed lands that were acquired and cleared of the existing development to accommodate the construction of the build Alternative. Remainder parcels which are large enough for reuse would be sold after the completion of the construction of the SOCTIIP build Alternative and would be subject to independent environmental evaluation for any planned land use. These would not be adverse short term impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives.

Construction of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives may require the acquisition or long term lease of land for temporary use during construction only to accommodate construction staging, materials storage, equipment storage and other activities. Remainder parcels used for temporary construction purposes would be anticipated to be sold or returned to their original owners, as appropriate. The short term use of this land for the construction of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would not be an adverse impact. Table ES.6-1 shows the total areas of both temporary disturbance and permanent right-of-way by jurisdiction under the build Alternatives.

Impacts of the No Action Alternatives Related to Land Use

The No Action Alternatives would not result in direct or indirect land use impacts because they would not result in the construction of any SOCTIIP related transportation improvements in the study area. The No Action Alternatives are not anticipated to affect planned land uses because the applicable local jurisdictions have required or are anticipated to require those uses to include sufficient transportation facilities to meet their needs, independent of the SOCTIIP Alternatives. Because they do not include the FTC-S as shown in the MPAH and area General Plans, the No Action Alternatives would not be consistent with the adopted land use plans in Orange County. The No Action Alternatives would not result in short or long term adverse impacts related to land use because the No Action Alternatives would not result in the acquisition of any property, the

removal of any existing land uses, impacts on Camp Pendleton or the construction of any SOCTIIP related transportation improvements.

Cumulative Impacts Related to Land Use

Cumulative impacts related to land use are related to conversion of open space to developed area and displacement of residential uses, as discussed below.

Conversion of Open Space

Development of the RMV property is expected within the next 25 years. As of December 2003, proposed development plans for the property included only general information on the location and type of proposed development on the RMV. There is only preliminary information on both the RMV development plans for the 9,254 ha (22,850 acre) ranch and the County's NCCP. Even without specific information about these two major planning projects, conversion of some of the land on RMV from undeveloped to urban uses will occur. Therefore, implementation of the SOCTIIP corridor Alternatives, because they traverse the RMV, would contribute to a cumulative land use impact as a result of converting currently undeveloped land to an urban road use. The AIO Alternative would only incrementally contribute to cumulative impacts on the conversion of undeveloped land, for those arterial highway segments widened beyond their MPAH designations, which is really not cumulatively considerable regarding open space conversion. There would not be cumulative impacts to land use related to the conversion of undeveloped land to urban and suburban land under the I-5 and No Action Alternatives.

Housing

Orange County in general suffers from a shortage of housing and, specifically, a shortage in affordable housing. SCAG has identified a jobs-housing imbalance in this region. The SOCTIIP build Alternatives that would result in the acquisition of existing housing or the acquisition of areas planned for housing would exacerbate this condition. Therefore, there would be an adverse impact on residential uses as a result of the CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-ALPV, AIO and I-5 Alternatives. The FEC-W, FEC-M and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives would not result in an adverse impact on residential uses because they are in areas that do not include existing or planned residential uses.

The No Action Alternatives would not have cumulative impacts on the housing shortage.

ES.6.11.2 Mitigation Measures Related to Land Use

All temporary use and permanent acquisition of right-of-way for the SOCTIIP build Alternatives will be conducted consistent with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation and Assistance Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and California Government Code, Chapter 16, Section 7260, et. seq. Compliance with these Acts for all temporary occupancy and permanent acquisition of property for the build alternatives is included in measures SE-1 to SE-3, described earlier in Section ES.6.6.3. Those measures would also apply to some of the land use impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives. Mitigation measures LU-1 and LU-2 will, to an

extent, reduce adverse impacts of the build Alternatives related to land use. Briefly, these measures require:

- LU-1 Design refinements to avoid or minimize impacts to existing land uses, related to the temporary occupancy and/or permanent acquisition of property.
- LU-2 Relocating the facility access road and front gate at the TRW Capistrano Test Site to minimize disruption and impacts to TRW security and to maintain access to this facility.

ES.6.11.3 Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation Related to Land Use

All the SOCTIIP build Alternatives and the two No Action Alternatives would result in unavoidable adverse land use impacts related to consistency with adopted land use or land use related plans; impacts to existing land uses and cumulative impacts related to conversion of open space and impacts to residential uses. These would be significant unavoidable adverse impacts under CEQA.

ES.6.12 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO RECREATION RESOURCES

This Section summarizes the potential adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives related to recreation resources. Section 4.25 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to Recreation Resources) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to recreation resources in detail. These potential impacts are summarized in Table ES.6-1.

ES.6.12.1 Adverse Impacts Related to Recreation Resources

All the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would result in adverse impacts to recreation resources. As shown on Table ES.6-1, depending on the Alternative, these impacts include temporary occupancy and/or permanent acquisition of land from parks and recreation resources; short and/or long term adverse noise impacts on recreation uses; short term adverse air quality impacts on recreation uses and/or long term adverse impacts on visual resources associated with recreation resources.

Impacts of the No Action Alternatives

The No Action Alternatives would not result in adverse impacts related to recreation resources because these Alternatives would not result in construction or implementation of SOCTIIP infrastructure improvements in the study area.

Cumulative Adverse Impacts Related to Recreation Resources

When considered with other cumulative projects, the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would contribute to cumulative adverse impacts related to direct and indirect adverse impacts on recreation resources in the study area.

ES.6.12.2 Mitigation Measures Related to Recreation Resources

Mitigation measures R-1 to R-5 to avoid or substantially reduce adverse impacts of the build Alternatives related to recreation resources require:

- R-1 Refine the design to avoid or minimize temporary occupancy during construction and permanent acquisition of land currently occupied by or proposed for use by recreation resources.
- R-2 Consultation with the affected property owner/operator of recreation resources temporarily occupied or permanently acquired by a build alternative.
- R-3 Negotiations with the owner/operator whose recreation facilities will be permanently acquired to determine appropriate action and/or compensation to mitigate for the permanent acquisition.
- R-4 Negotiations with the owner/operator whose recreation facilities will be temporarily occupied during construction to determine appropriate action and or compensation to mitigate for the temporary occupancy.
- R-5 During final design, provide for crossings of planned lateral Class I and existing and planned Class II bicycle trails, and hiking and equestrian trails at master planned locations across the road alignments.

ES.6.12.3 Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation Related to Recreation Resources

The FEC-W, FEC-M, CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-ALPV, A7C-FEC-M, AIO and I-5 Alternatives would result in adverse impacts related to recreation resources which cannot be fully mitigated. For these Alternatives, the unavoidable adverse impacts following mitigation would be related to temporary occupancy and permanent acquisition of property, short term noise, short term air quality and long term visual impacts. These impacts would be significant and adverse under CEQA.

The No Action Alternatives would not result in unavoidable adverse impacts related to recreation resources.

ES.6.13 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO FLOODPLAINS, WATERWAYS AND HYDROLOGIC SYSTEMS

This Section summarizes the potential adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP alternatives related to floodplains, hydrology and hydrologic systems. Section 4.8 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to Floodplains, Hydrology and Hydrologic Systems) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and

mitigation measures related to these resources in detail. These potential impacts are summarized in Table ES.6-1.

ES.6.13.1 Adverse Impacts Related to Floodplains, Waterways and Hydrologic Systems

Potential impacts related to floodplains, waterways and hydrologic systems are addressed through PDFs incorporated in the design of each of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives. These PDFs include EDBs, which are sized to include a contingency volume to attenuate excess flows, from the on-site (roadway) and, therefore, protect downstream natural channels from scour. Structures would be placed within 100-year flood hazard areas; however, flows would be diverted to containment BMPs or rip rapped areas to reduce flow velocity and flooding of waterways. EDBs, BMPs and other water quality measures are described in detail in Section 4.9 in the EIS/SEIR.

All the SOCTIIP build Alternatives incorporate PDFs to prevent and mitigate construction impacts to floodplains, waterways and hydrologic systems. Many of the PDFs also specifically address water quality issues. Construction engineering and design would address construction impacts to floodplains and hydrology which would be incorporated into design and construction plans.

For floodplain encroachment during construction, all the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would result in temporary adverse impacts which would be minimized and addressed with the implementation of a Stormwater Management Plan and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.

The FEC-M and FEC-W Alternatives do not result in floodplain encroachment at the crossings. There are no adverse impacts to residential, non-residential and cropland, risk associated with implementation, natural and beneficial floodplains, support of probable incompatible floodplain development, longitudinal encroachments or to groundwater. There is potential for a minor impact to traffic during flooding at Beach Club Road at San Onofre Creek. There is also a minor impact in flood hazard potential to the existing access road under I-5. The FEC-M and FEC-W Alternatives would not result in scour impacts.

The CC and CC-ALPV Alternatives do not result in impacts to residential, non-residential and cropland, traffic, risk associated with implementation, support of probable incompatible floodplain development or to groundwater. There is potential for adverse impacts for floodplain encroachment at Cañada Chiquita and Segunda Deshecha Cañada. In addition, there is potential adverse impacts due to scouring at Cañada Chiquita and a longitudinal encroachment north of the confluence of Cañada Chiquita and San Juan Creek. However, with the incorporation of PDFs in these Alternatives, the floodplain encroachment and longitudinal encroachment is minimized. There are also impacts on beneficial floodplain values at Cañada Chiquita and Segunda Deshecha Cañada.

The A7C-ALPV Alternative does not result in impacts to residential, non-residential and cropland, traffic, risk associated with implementation, support of probable incompatible floodplain development, longitudinal encroachment or to groundwater. There are adverse impacts for floodplain encroachment at Cañada Chiquita and Segunda Deshecha Cañada. In

addition, there are adverse impacts due to scouring at Cañada Chiquita. There are also impacts on beneficial floodplain values at Cañada Chiquita.

The A7C-FEC-M Alternative does not result in impacts to floodplain encroachment, residential, non-residential and cropland, risk associated with implementation, natural and beneficial floodplain values, support of probable incompatible floodplain development or to groundwater. There is a minor impact to flood potential of the Beach Club Road crossing at San Onofre Creek. There is also a minor impact in flood hazard potential to the existing access road under I-5. The A7C-FEC-M Alternative would not result in scour impacts.

The AIO and I-5 Alternatives do not result in impacts to floodplain encroachment, residential, non-residential and cropland, scour, traffic, risk associated with implementation, natural and beneficial floodplain values, longitudinal encroachments, support of probable incompatible floodplain development or to groundwater.

Impacts of the No Action Alternatives

The No Action Alternatives do not propose the construction or implementation of any SOCTIIP infrastructure improvements. Therefore, the hydrologic conditions as they currently exist would not be impacted as a result of any SOCTIIP improvements under the No Action Alternatives. Given the likelihood of development on RMV and elsewhere in the six watersheds, the potential for impacts to the watersheds could be substantial even under the No Action Alternatives. However, with the implementation of federal, state and local regulations, it is anticipated that impacts to these watersheds would be mitigated by individual projects on a project by project basis, as development is implemented. Therefore, under the No Action Alternatives, no adverse SOCTIIP related impacts to floodplains and hydrology are anticipated.

The No Action Alternatives do not result in impacts to floodplain encroachment, residential, non-residential and cropland, scour, traffic, risk associated with implementation, natural and beneficial floodplain values, longitudinal encroachments, support of probable incompatible floodplain development or to groundwater.

Cumulative Impacts Related to Floodplains, Waterways and Hydrologic Systems

Analysis of floodplains and hydrology is performed at a cumulative level. The SOCTIIP study area extends through six regional watersheds, each defined at the location at which its flows into the Pacific Ocean. These watersheds are Aliso Creek, San Juan Creek, Prima Deshecha Cañada, Segunda Deshecha Cañada, San Mateo Creek and San Onofre Creek. These watersheds span parts of Orange, San Diego and Riverside Counties. Therefore, the potential effects of the SOCTIIP Alternatives related to water resources in the study area address the potential for cumulative effects. Runoff from the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would be isolated from local runoff and would be collected and treated in EDBs prior to release to other watercourses. With two exceptions, the hydrologic analysis points had only minor increases in discharge for the future condition. Cañada Gobernadora, which has a tributary of about 22 square kilometers (sq km (8.5 square miles (sq mi))), had a moderate increase in drainage due to future conditions and Segunda Deshecha Cañada characterized by relatively small tributary areas (6 to 7 sq km (2.3 to

2.7 sq mi)), is projected to experience major discharge increases as a result of the cumulative projects, including the SOCTIIP build Alternatives.

Based on the hydrologic data for future watershed conditions, impacts to floodplains were evaluated at selected hydrologic analysis points to determine cumulative effects of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives. Analysis points which underwent an increase in discharge of greater than 10% had additional water surface elevation increases up to 0.8 meters (m, 3 feet (ft)). The analysis point at Cañada Gobernadora that resulted in a discharge increase between 5 and 10% had an impact of approximately 0.03 m (0.1 ft). The remainder of the points, which had increases of less than 5%, had water surface elevation impacts of less than 0.03 m (0.1 ft). As a result of these findings, it is anticipated that the SOCTIIP build Alternatives, in combination with future development, could potentially cause substantial cumulative impacts if unmitigated imperviousness due to future development in watersheds increases more than 10%. However, if increased runoff due to future development is either mitigated (as required by the RWQCB), or if increases in imperviousness are held below the 5% threshold, described above, cumulative impacts to floodplains are less than adverse.

ES.6.13.2 Mitigation Measures Related to Floodplains, Waterways and Hydrologic Systems

The PDFs incorporated in the SOCTIIP build Alternatives include mitigation strategies to address scour, 100-year flood protection, sediment loading/scour, erosion and water quality/erosion. These PDFs are listed below. No further mitigation is proposed for adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives related to floodplains, waterways and hydrologic systems.

PDF-1 Reduction of Downstream Effects Caused by Changes in Flow. If changes in velocity or volume of runoff, sediment load or other hydraulic changes due to encroachment, crossings or realignment result in an increased potential for downstream effects in channels, the TCA, or other implementing agency, will implement design features to prevent adverse effects. The features will include one or more of the following (or similar features):

- Modifications to channel lining materials (both natural and man-made), including vegetation, geotextile mats, rock and riprap.
- Energy dissipation devices at culvert outlets.
- Smoothing the transition between culvert outlets/headwalls/wingwalls and channels to reduce turbulence and scour.
- Incorporating retention or detention facilities into designs to reduce peak discharges, volumes and erosive flow.
- Conduct detailed hydrologic engineering design to establish size, capacity, alignment of flood control facilities to protect the site from the 100-year flood level.

PDF-2 Concentrated Flow Conveyance Systems. The TCA, or other implementing agency, will implement concentrated flow conveyance systems to intercept and divert surface flows, and convey and discharge concentrated flows with a minimum of soil erosion, both on-site and off-site where applicable. Ditches, berms, dikes and swales will be used to intercept and direct surface runoff to an overside drain or stabilized watercourse.

PDF- 3 Slope and Surface Protection Systems. The TCA, or other implementing agency, will use surface protection to minimize erosion from completed, disturbed surfaces. Surface protection includes but is not limited to vegetative cover or hard surfacing such as concrete, rock, or rock and mortar.

PDF-4 Detention Basins. The TCA, or other implementing agency, will implement EDBs on the SOCTIIP build Alternative to temporarily detain water on the site and allow sediment and particulates to settle out. EDBs will be maintained, monitored and documented per RWQCB and Caltrans requirements and conform to the guidelines set forth in the SWMP. The siting of EDBs requires that sufficient head is available such that water stored in the basin does not cause a backwater condition in the storm drain system, which would limit its capacity. Additionally, high groundwater must be no higher than the bottom elevation of the basin; otherwise, the basin would not drain completely. The siting process also required consideration of sensitive environmental constraints. The EDBs were sited to avoid those areas as well.

PDF-5 Biofiltration Swales and Strips (Vegetated Treatment Strips). The TCA, or other implementing agency, will use biofiltration swales and strips, as shown in the RMP, where applicable and in association with EDBs to convey low flow. One of the primary limitations of using bioswales is that they must be used on slopes less than two percent. Due to the terrain and the design of the Alternatives there were very few locations where they could be applied. Bioswales will be maintained, monitored and documented per RWQCB and Caltrans requirements and will conform to guidelines set forth in the SWMP.

ES.6.13.3 Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation Related to Floodplains, Waterways and Hydrologic Systems

The impacts for the CC Alternative to existing floodplain and erosion and sedimentation patterns could be avoided by the implementation of design refinements to the CC Alternative, based on more detailed hydraulic analyses. Such refinements may include shifting the horizontal alignment of the highway to the west such that the embankment did not encroach onto the Cañada Chiquita floodplain. With the incorporation of the PDFs, this impact would be mitigated.

It is anticipated that any possible adverse impacts to floodplain or sedimentation and scour may be avoided. The final design of these crossings, based on more detailed hydraulic analyses, would include PDFs to minimize adverse impacts to the existing floodplain as well as existing erosion and sedimentation patterns. With the incorporation of the design refinements and PDFs, this impact would be mitigated.

The A7C-ALPV Alternatives would result in adverse impacts due to the east-west connector crossing at Cañada Chiquita. The impacts for the A7C-ALPV Alternative to the existing floodplain and potential changes to erosion and sedimentation patterns may be avoided by the implementation of the PDFs and on more detailed hydraulic analyses. These refinements could include adjustments to the highway embankment fill such that the east-west connector crossing did not encroach onto Cañada Chiquita. With the incorporation of the PDFs, this impact would be mitigated.

It is anticipated that the final design of the crossing at Segunda Deshecha Cañada and with more detailed hydraulic analyses conducted as a part of the PDFs, the refinements would minimize adverse impacts to the existing floodplain as well as existing erosion and sedimentation patterns. With the incorporation of the PDFs, this impact would be mitigated.

In summary, with the incorporation of the PDFs, no significant adverse impacts remain under CEQA and there are no unavoidable adverse impacts.

ES.6.14 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES

This Section summarizes the potential adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives related to hazardous materials and hazardous waste sites. Section 4.17 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste Sites) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to these environmental parameters in detail. These potential impacts are summarized in Table ES.6-1.

ES.6.14.1 Adverse Impacts Related to Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste Sites

The potential impacts of the SOCTIIP build alternatives related to hazardous materials and wastes are related to the potential for disturbance of hazardous materials or wastes sites during construction (military, underground storage tanks, other releases, past pesticide and herbicide use); disruption of utilities during construction (pipelines, waste water treatment plants and electrical substations); disturbance of unknown/undocumented past activities (oil wells, test borings) disturbance of aerially deposited lead or asbestos; and/or construction related hazards including accidental releases, fuel spills, use, storage, handling and transport of hazardous materials and/or the discovery of previously undocumented hazardous contamination.

Impacts of the No Action Alternatives

The No Action Alternatives would not result in impacts related to hazardous materials and waste sites because they do not propose any construction or implementation of SOCTIIP infrastructure improvements in the study area.

Cumulative Impacts Related to Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste Sites

Because the SOCTIIP build Alternatives and the other cumulative projects would likely not all be under construction simultaneously and because of existing regulations, the SOCTIIP build Alternatives, when considered with other cumulative projects, would not result in a cumulative short term adverse impact related to hazardous materials and hazardous waste sites. The potentially long term adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives related to accidental releases of hazardous materials or wastes would be substantially mitigated based on implementation of existing federal, state and local regulations regarding response and remediation for hazardous materials or wastes spills. Therefore, the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would not contribute to cumulative adverse impacts related to hazardous materials and hazardous waste sites.

ES.6.14.2 Mitigation Measures Related to Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste Sites

All the adverse impacts related to hazardous materials would be mitigated for all the SOCTIIP build Alternatives based on compliance with existing regulations and mitigation measures HM-1 to HM-18. These measures, to avoid or substantially reduce adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives related to hazardous materials and hazardous waste sites, require:

- HM-1 Groundwater testing for pesticides, nitrates, metals and petroleum hydrocarbons prior to construction in areas where excavation may extend into groundwater.
- HM-2 In areas immediately adjacent to existing roads proposed for construction (I-5, arterials), soil samples will be collected and analyzed for lead concentrations during final design. Any excess contaminated soil would be disposed of consistent with all applicable federal, state and local regulations.
- HM-3 Prior to grading in agricultural areas, prepare and implement a soil sampling plan and a worker health and safety plan to identify areas of chemically affected soils.
- HM-4 Positively locate abandoned oil wells and test borings and remove any remaining components before grading.
- HM-5 Asbestos sampling and notification prior to demolition or renovation of existing bridges, road structures or buildings, consistent with the SCAQMD requirements.
- HM-6 Testing, prior to removal of existing thermoplastic or painted traffic stripes proposed for removal on existing roads to assess the level of lead and chromium.
- HM-7 Compliance of all construction activities with existing federal, state and local regulations regarding the handling, use, storage and disposal of hazardous materials, including regulations on response in the event of accidental release.
- HM-8 If leakage or damage from existing utilities is identified during construction, appropriate containment and remedial measures will be implemented, as necessary, in

- consultation with the affected utility provider and in compliance with existing local, state and federal regulations.
- HM-9 During final design, update the regulatory database report and review the regulatory records for identified sites of concern, such as leaking underground storage tank locations.
- HM-10 Coordinate the removal of underground storage tanks by the facility tenant or property owner and regulatory closure would be directed and approved by the applicable local oversight regulatory agency.
- HM-11 Prior to construction, conduct a subsurface investigation of the emplaced wastes at Prima Deshecha Landfill, if the selected alternative crosses the Landfill. Any hazardous substances that may pose unacceptable risks to human health or the environment will either be avoided through redesign of the relevant project features or removed and properly disposed of by the responsible party identified during the right-of-way acquisition process. Also, a health, safety and emergency contingency program will be designed to minimize worker exposure to methane and previously undocumented hazardous materials on the Landfill site.
- HM-12 During final design, existing businesses within the disturbance limits for the selected alternative will be evaluated related to hazardous materials concerns to identify areas where soil sampling is warranted.
- HM-13 If the selected alternative crosses Camp Pendleton, the Department of the Navy (DON) will be consulted and a review of current United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) files will be conducted during final design to evaluate whether National Priorities List (NPL) records indicate that hazardous materials releases have occurred beneath the northwestern part of the Base, which may impact the SOCTIIP build Alternative.
- HM-14 The following procedures will be implemented: 1) control and manifesting of hazardous waste generated by construction or maintenance activities; 2) assignment of responsibility for hazardous waste management, spill accountability and hazardous waste disposal; 3) the EPA identification number to be used to manifest hazardous wastes; 4) responsibility for acquisition of required health permits; 5) procedures for management of hazardous wastes stored on Camp Pendleton; 6) assignment of responsibility for any Notices of Violation or other regulatory enforcement actions occurring within the alternative right-of-way during construction or operation.
- HM-15 If the selected Alternative traverses the Capistrano Test site, the groundwater well shall be sampled and abandoned in a cooperative effort with TRW.
- HM-16 Implement a soil screening program if records of pipeline integrity testing are unavailable.

- HM-17 Coordinate with the owner if the final design calls for the relocation of oil cooled and/or lubricated electrical equipment at existing electrical substations.
- HM-18 If previously unknown hazardous materials or objects that could contain hazardous materials are discovered during construction, construction personnel will notify the TCA or the implementing agency and implement measures to control and characterize the materials encountered, including notification of hazardous materials emergency response personnel as appropriate.

In addition, measures WW-7 (construction storage) and WW-8 (construction disposal) relate to hazardous materials. Refer to Section ES.6.10.2 for discussion of those measures.

ES.6.14.3 Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation Related to Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste Sites

None of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would result in adverse impacts related to hazardous materials and hazardous wastes which cannot be mitigated to below a level of significance under CEQA.

ES.6.15 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO PUBLIC SERVICES AND UTILITIES

This Section summarizes the potential adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives related to public services and utilities. Section 4.24 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to Public Services and Utilities) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to these environmental parameters in detail. These potential impacts are summarized in Table ES.6-1.

ES.6.15.1 Beneficial Effects Related to Public Services and Utilities

I-5 is the major emergency evacuation route for San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), and is the only non-signalized evacuation route between SONGS and I-405 to the north. Ortega Highway, north of SONGS, provides a route from I-5 to the east that is two-lane and non-signalized over most of its length. The SOCTIIP corridor Alternatives would provide an additional evacuation route from I-5, immediately south of San Clemente, to Ortega Highway and to SR 241, north of Ortega Highway and east of I-5. To the north, SR 241 connects with SR 91 to the east, affording access to Riverside and Los Angeles Counties and connects to I-5 and I-405 to the west, providing access to the north and northwest, respectively. The SOCTIIP corridor Alternatives would have the beneficial effect of increasing the speed at which evacuations could be completed and would provide an alternate route should I-5 become impassable.

The AIO and I-5 Alternatives would have a slight positive effect related to emergency evacuation because the additional lanes on these Alternatives would increase the speed at which evacuations could be completed. However, these Alternatives would not provide an alternate evacuation route to I-5 from San Clemente north.

ES.6.15.2 Adverse Impacts Related to Public Services and Utilities

The CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-ALPV and AIO Alternatives result in an adverse impact after mitigation to solid waste disposal services because they reduce the capacity of Prima Deshecha Landfill. The I-5 and CC Alternatives result in an adverse impact after mitigation to solid waste disposal services because of the generation and disposal of excess soil and rock material.

During construction, the CC, CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives will result in blocked access in the Prima Deshecha Sanitary Landfill. These three Alternatives will also result in the need to relocate some existing facilities at the Prima Deshecha Landfill. These impacts will not be adverse after mitigation.

The CC Alternative results in adverse impacts after mitigation to schools because of temporary and permanent acquisition of land at San Clemente High School and Ole Hanson Elementary School. The AIO Alternative results in an adverse impact after mitigation to schools because of temporary and permanent acquisition of land at Las Flores Elementary School. The I-5 Alternative results in an adverse impact after mitigation to schools because of temporary and permanent acquisition of land at Mission Viejo High School, Rancho Capistrano School, San Clemente High School, Saint George's Episcopal Academy and San Juan Elementary School.

The I-5 Alternative results in adverse impacts after mitigation to public services facilities because of temporary loss of use and permanent acquisition of property at Bucheim Fields.

During operations and construction, the FEC-M, FEC-W, CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-FEC-M and A7C-ALPV Alternatives will result in adverse impacts related to increased potential for wildfires and blocked access to the fire road grid. This impact will not be adverse after mitigation.

The FEC-W, FEC-M and A7C-FEC-M Alternative will result in the need for non-federal law enforcement on the corridor segments on Camp Pendleton. This impact will not be adverse after mitigation.

All the SOCTIIP build Alternatives have the potential to result in damage to utilities or temporary interruptions of utilities services during construction. These potential impacts will not be adverse after mitigation.

All the SOCTIIP build Alternatives will result in the need to relocate/add high voltage electric towers and large utility poles. This impact will not be significant after mitigation.

The FEC-W, FEC-M and A7C-FEC-M Alternative will result in the need for temporary use and permanent acquisition of part of a percolation pond on Camp Pendleton. This impact can be substantially mitigated.

As shown in Table ES.6-1, all the SOCTIIP build Alternatives will result in the temporary loss of use and permanent acquisition of public services facilities and utilities properties and facilities. Depending on the alternatives, these include electric substation properties, schools, public

service facility property, water treatment facility property and sports field property. These impacts can be substantially mitigated.

The CC Alternative will result in increased response times for emergency services providers. This impact can be substantially mitigated.

All the corridor build Alternatives will result in reduced access to medical emergencies during construction. This impact can be substantially mitigated.

Impacts of the No Action Alternatives Related to Public Services and Utilities

The No Action Alternatives would not result in adverse impacts related to public services and utilities because these Alternatives would not result in construction or implementation of any SOCTIIP infrastructure improvements in the study area.

Cumulative Impacts Related to Public Services and Utilities

None of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives, after mitigation, would contribute to cumulative adverse impacts related to wildfires, fire and emergency medical services, law enforcement services or utilities. The CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-ALPV, AIO and I-5 Alternatives, when considered with other cumulative projects in the area, would contribute to cumulative adverse impacts related to solid waste disposal and the reduction of disposal capacity in area landfills, even with mitigation. The CC, AIO and I-5 Alternatives, when considered with other cumulative projects in the area, would contribute to a cumulative adverse impact on schools even with mitigation. The SOCTIIP contribution to this cumulative impacts is related to the acquisition of land from schools for these Alternatives. The I-5 Alternative would result in an adverse impact on public services even with mitigation. Under the I-5 Alternative, the contribution is related to acquisition of part of Buccheim Fields. However, these types of public facilities impact have not been identified for other projects in the SOCTIIP study area. Therefore, the I-5 Alternative will not contribute to cumulative adverse impacts related to public services.

ES.6.15.3 Mitigation Measures Related to Public Services and Utilities

Mitigation measures PS-1 to PS-16 and U-1 to U-3 to reduce adverse impacts of the build Alternatives related to public services and utilities require:

- PS-1 Final design refinement to avoid or minimize acquisition of land occupied by public services and utilities.
- PS-2 During construction, installation of warning signs in high fire risk areas.
- PS-3 During operation, installation of warning signs in high fire risk areas.
- PS-4 Installation of emergency call boxes in areas of high fire hazard.
- PS-5 During construction, maintenance of access to the existing fire road grid.

- PS-6 During final design, maintenance of access to the existing fire road grid.
- PS-7 During construction, implementation of required fuel modification techniques.
- PS-8 During final design, coordination of the addition of OPTICON or other traffic pre-emption devices with the City of San Clemente.
- PS-9 During construction, coordination of temporary ramp closures and detour plans with fire, emergency medical and law enforcement providers.
- PS-10 Prior to operation, transfer of concurrent legal jurisdiction from the federal government to the State for segments of the road through MCB Camp Pendleton.
- PS-11 Prior to final design of alternatives that cross Prima Deshecha Landfill, consultation with Landfill engineers to minimize impacts to Landfill capacity and life span.
- PS-12 During final design of alternatives that cross Prima Deshecha Landfill, incorporation of access routes within the site.
- PS-13 Prior to construction of an alternative that generates excess fill, contractor will offer fill for use in other development projects or as daily cover for landfills.
- PS-13A Excess fill will not be disposed of at MCB Camp Pendleton landfills without approval of MCB Camp Pendleton.
- PS-14 Negotiation with schools or schools districts on compensation for permanent acquisition of property.
- PS-15 Negotiation with schools or schools districts on compensation for temporary use of property.
- PS-16 Negotiation with public facilities owners on compensation for temporary use and/or permanent acquisition of property.
- U-1 As early as possible during final design, consultation with affected utilities to reduce potential utility impacts.
- U-2 Negotiation with utilities owners on compensation for temporary use and/or permanent acquisition of property.
- U-3 Negotiation with the Department of the Navy on compensation or appropriate action to reduce the effect of encroachment on MCB Camp Pendleton.

ES.6.15.4 Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation Related to Public Services and Utilities

The following SOCTIIP build Alternatives would result in unavoidable long term direct adverse impacts related to public services and utilities which cannot be fully mitigated. These impacts would be significant and adverse under CEQA:

- CC Alternative: Reduction in capacity and lifespan of Prima Deshecha Sanitary Landfill; generation of excess soil and rock material; and permanent acquisition and temporary use of property at San Clemente High School and Ole Hanson Elementary School.
- CC-ALPV Alternative: Reduction in capacity and lifespan of Prima Deshecha Sanitary Landfill.
- A7C-ALPV Alternative: Reduction in capacity and lifespan of Prima Deshecha Sanitary Landfill.
- AIO Alternative: Reduction in capacity and lifespan of Prima Deshecha Sanitary Landfill; and permanent acquisition and temporary use of property at Las Flores Elementary School.
- I-5 Alternative: Generation of excess soil and rock material; and permanent acquisition and temporary use of property at Mission Viejo High School, Rancho Capistrano School, San Clemente High School, Saint Georges's Episcopal Academy, San Juan Elementary School and the Buccheim Fields.

ES.6.16 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO EARTH RESOURCES

This Section summarizes the potential adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives related to earth resources. Section 4.24 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to Earth Resources) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to earth resources in detail. These potential impacts are summarized in Table ES.6-1.

ES.6.16.1 Adverse Impacts Related to Earth Resources

Being located in southern California, the SOCTIIP study area is in a seismically active region and is potentially subject to seismically related geologic hazards. These hazards are related to the principal regional active faults in the region, which include the San Andreas, Elsinore, San Jacinto and Newport-Inglewood Faults, and the San Joaquin Hills Blind Thrust Fault.

The alignments of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives cross several bedrock faults. However, none of these faults is known to be active, which is defined as having experienced displacement within Holocene geologic time (defined as approximately the most recent 11,000 years). No active faults are known to cross any of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives and no Earthquake Fault Zones have been mapped along the bedrock faults in the study area. Therefore, the potential for a fault

rupture hazard associated with the construction and/or operation of any of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives is considered remote.

Due to the proximity of seismically active regional faults, the potential for strong ground shaking and ground rupture in the study area cannot be reduced, but the damage potential can be substantially lessened through incorporation of appropriate design and construction techniques. Final design and construction of all the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would incorporate geotechnical recommendations and current codes and practices relative to the potential for ground motion. Therefore, although the potential for damage due to seismic shaking under all the SOCTIIP build Alternatives cannot be precluded, that potential would be reduced to normal levels for this type of project as a result of design and construction features.

The analysis of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives related to earth resources also considered a wide range of other potential adverse impacts, including liquefaction, landslides, differential compaction/seismic settlement, tsunamis, seiches, flooding, changes in groundwater levels, disposal of excavated material, percolation of waste material, mudflows, unstable cut and fill slopes, collapsible and expansive soils, trench wall stability, erosion of graded areas, extraction of groundwater, gas, oil and geothermal energy, hydrocompaction and peat oxidation, lava flow and ash flow. The SOCTIIP build Alternatives would not result in adverse impacts in the majority of these categories because either these conditions do not exist in the study area or the detailed geotechnical studies for designing the build Alternatives avoid the potential for effects related to these geotechnical conditions.

During construction, the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would result in adverse impacts related to temporary lowering of groundwater levels, impacts on landfills associated with disposal of excavated materials and potential for unstable cut and fill slopes.

Impacts of the No Action Alternatives Related to Earth Resources

The No Action Alternatives would not result in adverse impacts related to earth resources because these Alternatives do not propose any construction or implementation of any SOCTIIP infrastructure improvements in the study area.

Cumulative Impacts Related to Earth Resources

The SOCTIIP build Alternatives and other cumulative projects have similar impacts related to soils and geotechnical conditions. These impacts would be substantially mitigated or avoided for the SOCTIIP and other projects through project mitigation measures and standard design and construction practices. Therefore, because the impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives and other cumulative projects on earth resources would be substantially mitigated or avoided, no cumulative adverse impacts related to earth resources are anticipated.

Grading for the SOCTIIP build Alternatives, when considered with the other cumulative project grading (including RMV) could produce indirect cumulative impacts associated with construction noise, air quality, water quality, drainage and altered landscape form. Refer to

Sections ES.6.8, ES.6.7, ES.6.6, and ES.6.10 for discussion of these potential cumulative impacts.

ES.6.16.2 Mitigation Measures Related to Earth Resources

Mitigation measures G-1 to G-5 to reduce the adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives related to earth resources require:

- G-1 A design level geotechnical report will be prepared for the selected alternative.
- G-2 Side slopes shall be designed and graded to minimize surface erosion.
- G-3 Native vegetation will be planted to reduce erosion and slope instability.
- G-4 A quality assurance/quality control plan will be maintained during construction.
- G-5 A detailed review will be made to locate all groundwater wells within the project footprint.

ES.6.16.3 Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation Related to Earth Resources

The construction of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would result in temporary adverse impacts associated with temporary lowering of groundwater levels, increased disposal of waste material and unstable cut and fill slopes. These impacts can be substantially mitigated and are not considered unavoidable adverse impacts after mitigation. These impacts can be mitigated to below a level of significance under CEQA.

The A7C-ALPV Alternative would result in unavoidable permanent adverse impacts to a mapped groundwater spring located 0.75 km (0.5 mi) south of Ortega Highway and the relocation of a well in the SOCTIIP study area. These impacts would be significant and adverse under CEQA.

None of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives results in adverse impacts after mitigation related to earthquake damage, destruction of a unique geologic feature, exposure of people or structures to an increased hazard of landslide or mudslide, exposure of structures to potential damage from expansive or collapsible soil, increased soil erosion above natural conditions or exposure of structures to a potential for distress due to foundation settlement or subsidence.

ES.6.17 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES

This Section summarizes the potential beneficial effects and adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP alternatives related to paleontological resources. Section 4.23 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to Paleontological Resources) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures

related to paleontological resources in detail. These potential impacts are summarized in Table ES.6-1.

ES.6.17.1 Adverse Impacts and Beneficial Effects Related to Paleontological Resources

Beneficial effects of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives include new information made available to scientists, educators and the general public as a result of the recovery of fossils as part of the construction of the SOCTIIP build alternatives. This information could include new data on the evolutionary relationships and developmental trends among organisms, biostratigraphic information on the age of rock units or sedimentary strata, the depositional history of the region and the timing of geologic events, development of biological communities, interactions between paleobotanical and paleozoological biotas, geographic restrictions of past biota and unusual or spectacular circumstances in the history of life.

Table ES.6-1 summarizes the direct adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build and No Action Alternatives on paleontological resources in terms of the number of formations, by sensitivity, which would be impacted by each Alternative. During construction, there is potential for the destruction of fossils (non-renewable, limited resources), damage to fossils during grading, destruction of rock units (non-renewable, limited resources) in the study area, loss of contextual data associated with fossils and loss of associations between fossils. During operations, potential indirect adverse impacts are associated with the provision of access to currently inaccessible areas of Orange County, thereby increasing human presence and potential for damage to paleontological resources and/or unauthorized collecting of resources.

Impacts of the No Action Alternatives Related to Paleontological Resources

The No Action Alternatives would not result in adverse impacts related to paleontological resources because these Alternatives would not result in construction or implementation of any SOCTIIP infrastructure improvements in the study area.

Cumulative Impacts Related to Paleontological Resources

The destruction of fossils and geologic rock units under the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would contribute to a cumulative adverse impact because these non-renewable records of ancient life would become permanently unavailable. In assessing cumulative impacts, the quantity of native rock and fossils already unavailable for study in Orange County due to existing development was considered in conjunction with proposed cumulative projects in the area. The SOCTIIP build Alternatives, when considered with other cumulative projects, would contribute to a cumulative adverse impact on paleontological resources in the area. However, because the contribution of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives to this cumulative impact would be very small and would be partially mitigated, the incremental contribution of the SOCTIIP Alternatives after mitigation would not substantially increase the total cumulative adverse impact on paleontological resources in Orange County.

ES.6.17.2 Mitigation Measures Related to Paleontological Resources

Mitigation measures P-1 to P-3 to reduce the adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives related to paleontological resources require:

- P-1 An Orange County Certified (OCC) Paleontologist will be retained to conduct pregrading salvage of any significant exposed fossils prior to construction.
- P-2 An OCC Paleontologist shall be retained to establish procedures for monitoring during grading.
- P-3 Construction monitoring will be conducted during all construction activities which involve soil disturbance.

ES.6.17.3 Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation Related to Paleontological Resources

None of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would result in adverse impacts related to paleontological resources which cannot be fully mitigated. Therefore, there would be no significant adverse impacts to paleontological resources under CEQA as a result of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives.

ES.6.18 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO HISTORIC AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

This Section summarizes the potential beneficial effects and adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP alternatives related to historic and archeological resources. Section 4.23 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to Historic and Archeological Resources) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to these resources in detail. These potential impacts are summarized in Table ES.6-1.

ES.6.18.1 Adverse Impacts Related to Historic and Archeological Resources

Potential impacts on archeological resources include damage or destruction of resources during construction. In the long term, improved public access to the study area could result in adverse impacts on archeological resources associated with vandalism and unauthorized resource collecting. Table ES.6-1 summarizes the potential for adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives on archeological resources in terms of the total number of archeological resources potentially impacted by each Alternative.

Potential impacts on historic resources include damage or destruction of the resource during construction. In the long term, improved public access to the study area could result in adverse impacts on historic resources associated with vandalism and unauthorized resource collecting. Table ES.6-1 summarizes the potential impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives on historic

resources, in terms of the total number of archeological resources potentially impacted by each Alternative.

Impacts of the No Action Alternatives

The No Action Alternatives would not result in adverse impacts on historic and archeological resources because they do not propose any construction or implementation of SOCTIIP infrastructure improvements in the study area.

Cumulative Adverse Impacts on Historic and Archeological Resources

The SOCTIIP build Alternatives would contribute to cumulative adverse impacts on historic and archeological resources when considered with the adverse cultural resources impacts of other cumulative projects in the study area.

ES.6.18.2 Mitigation Measures Related to Historic and Archeological Resources

Mitigation measures AR-1 to AR-4 to reduce the adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives related to archeological resources require:

- AR-1 Prior to construction, conduct subsurface test level investigations of sites potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- AR-2 Prior to construction, conduct data recovery of archeological resources in the construction area.
- AR-3 Prior to construction, acquire the services of an archeologist and prepare a monitoring plan for implementation during construction.
- AR-4 Investigate design options in the vicinity of the Village of Panhe which could assist in reducing impacts to this resource.

Mitigation measures HR-1 to HR-5 to reduce the adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives related to historic resources require:

- HR-1 Recordation of National Register of Historic Places eligible or listed historic resources to the Historic Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record standards.
- HR-2 Create a local display of the history and construction of historic resources removed by the SOCTIIP build Alternative.
- HR-3 Create a website to provide information on historic resources removed by the SOCTIIP build Alternative.
- HR-4 Salvage historical elements or fittings for either reuse or display.

HR-5 Mitigate impacts on resources that are retained, consistent with The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

ES.6.18.3 Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation Related to Historic and Archeological Resources

The archaeological and historic resources identified in the disturbance limits are considered to be potentially substantially adversely impacted by implementation of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives. All the SOCTIIP build Alternatives are assumed to result in potentially substantial adverse impacts related to archaeological and historic resources that cannot be fully mitigated. As a result, all the SOCTIIP build Alternatives are assumed to result in potentially significant adverse impacts under CEQA related to archaeological and historic resources that cannot be mitigated to below a level of significance.

ES.6.19 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO SECTION 4(f) RESOURCES

Pursuant to Section 4(f) of the United States Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 303(c)), the Secretary of Transportation may approve a transportation program or project which:

“requir[es] the use of publicly owned land of a public park, recreation area, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge of national, State, or local significance, or land of an historic site of national, State, or local significance (as determined by the Federal, State, or local officials having jurisdiction over the park, area, refuge, or site) only if:

- (1) there is no prudent and feasible alternative to using that land; and
- (2) the program or project includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the park, recreation area, wildlife and waterfowl refuge, or historic site resulting from the use.”

The regulations interpreting Section 4(f) state that “... [a]ny use of lands from a Section 4(f) property shall be evaluated early in the development of the action when alternatives to the proposed action are under study” (23 C.F.R. 771.135(b)). Use of a Section 4(f) property occurs “(i) When land is permanently incorporated into a transportation project (ii) When there is a temporary occupancy of land that is substantial in terms of Section 4(f) preservationist purposes... or (iii) When there is a constructive use of the land. Constructive use occurs when the transportation project does not incorporate land from a section 4(f) resource, but the project's proximity impacts are so severe that the protected activities, features, or attributes that qualify a resource for protection under section 4(f) are substantially impaired. Substantial impairment occurs only when the protected activities, features or attributes of the resource are substantially diminished.”(23 C.F.R. 771.135(p)). Section 4(f) applies to historic properties and archeological resources only when the resource is included on, or eligible for, the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Section 4(f) applies to NRHP eligible and listed archeological sites when those resources are important for preservation in place (23 C.F.R. 771.135(g)(2)).

As summarized in Table ES.6-1, the FEC-W and FEC-M Alternatives will result in the use of parts of the following Section 4(f) recreation resources: San Onofre State Beach (SOSB) and the proposed San Juan Creek Regional Park, San Juan Creek Trail and Cristianitos Trail. These Alternatives may result in the use of one NRHP eligible historic resource and four potentially eligible archeological sites.

The A7C-FEC-M Alternatives will result in the use of parts of the following Section 4(f) recreation resources: San Onofre State Beach (SOSB) and the proposed San Juan Creek Regional Park and San Juan Creek Trail. These Alternatives may result in the use of one NRHP eligible historic resource and four potentially eligible archeological sites.

The CC Alternatives will result in the use of parts of the following Section 4(f) recreation resources: San Juan Capistrano Open Space and Trails, Ole Hanson Elementary School Sports Fields, San Clemente High School Sports Fields, San Clemente State Beach, SOSB and the proposed San Juan Creek Regional Park, San Juan Creek Trail extension and Prima Deshecha Trail extension. The CC Alternatives may result in the use of one NRHP listed and seven NRHP eligible historic resources and four potentially eligible archeological sites.

The CC-ALPV Alternatives will result in the use of parts of the following Section 4(f) recreation resources: San Juan Capistrano Open Space and Trails and the proposed San Juan Creek Regional Park, San Juan Creek Trail extension and Prima Deshecha Trail extension. These Alternatives may result in the use of four potentially NRHP eligible archeological sites.

The A7C-ALPV Alternatives will result in the use of parts of the following Section 4(f) recreation resources: proposed San Juan Creek Regional Park, San Juan Creek Trail extension and Prima Deshecha Trail extension. These Alternatives may result in the use of four potentially NRHP eligible archeological sites.

The AIO Alternative will result in the use of parts of the following Section 4(f) recreation resources: Las Flores Elementary School Sports Fields, San Juan Capistrano Open Space and Trails, the proposed San Juan Creek Regional Park, San Juan Creek Trail extension, San Juan High School Sports Fields and Prima Deshecha Trail. The AIO Alternative may result in the use of three potentially NRHP eligible archeological sites.

The I-5 Alternative will result in the use of parts of 16 Section 4(f) recreation resources, one NRHP listed and seven NRHP eligible historic resources, and one potentially NRHP eligible archeological site.

ES.6.20 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO OTHER PARAMETERS

The EIS/SEIR evaluated the potential impacts of the SOCTIIP alternatives related to several other parameters which are summarized in Table ES.6-1 and are described briefly in this Section.

ES.6.20.1 Summary of Impacts Related to Farmland

This Section summarizes the potential beneficial effects and adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP alternatives related to farmland. Section 4.3 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to Farmland) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to these resources in detail.

Adverse Impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives Related to Farmland

Impacts to farmland are defined as either impacts to rated agricultural resources or agricultural preserves. Rated agricultural resources are lands categorized on the California Important Farmland Map as Prime, Unique or of Statewide Importance. Agricultural preserves are lands that have been limited to open space or agricultural uses by the land owner in order to receive property tax reductions on the land. All the SOCTIIP build Alternatives except the I-5 Alternative would result in substantial adverse impacts to farmland.

The No Action Alternatives would not result in adverse impacts to agricultural soils and resources because these Alternatives do not propose construction or implementation of any SOCTIIP infrastructure improvements in the study area.

Cumulative Adverse Impacts Related to Farmland

Some of the last remaining agricultural resources in Orange County are in the SOCTIIP study area on RMV. In addition, agricultural activities are conducted on several leased parcels on MCB Camp Pendleton. Agricultural soils are an irretrievable non-renewable resource and conversion of these lands to non-agricultural uses would contribute to an increasing cumulative loss of this resource as a result of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives and other cumulative projects in the area. All the SOCTIIP build Alternatives except the I-5 Alternative would contribute to cumulative adverse impacts on agricultural resources in southern California because these Alternatives all cross the RMV and would result in the permanent use of agricultural land for road purposes. The No Action and I-5 Alternatives do not propose any SOCTIIP improvements on RMV and would not contribute to adverse impacts related to agricultural resources.

Mitigation Measures and Commitments Related to Farmland

Mitigation measures AG-1 to AG-3 to reduce adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives related to farmland and agricultural resources require:

- AG-1 Finalize the realignment of ranch access roads on RMV during final design of the selected Alternative.
- AG-2 Relocation of any corrals and/or windmills in the disturbance limits prior to construction.
- AG-3 Provision of all weather access to the existing agricultural operations on Camp Pendleton.

The following commitment is an additional action intended to coordinate construction with ongoing agricultural operations on RMV during construction:

AGC-1 Notification to existing operations on RMV prior to the initiation of construction.

Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation Related to Farmland

The FEC-M, FEC-W, CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-FEC-M, A7C-ALPV and AIO Alternatives would result in adverse impacts related to farmland which cannot be fully mitigated. For these Alternatives, the unavoidable adverse impacts following mitigation would be related to the conversion of farmland to a non-agricultural use, conflicts with zoning for agricultural use or Williamson Act contract and/or changes in the environment which could result in conversion of farmland to a non-agricultural use. These impacts would be significant and adverse under CEQA. The I-5 and No Action Alternatives would not result in adverse impacts related to agricultural resources.

ES.6.20.2 Summary of Impacts Related to Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

This Section summarizes the potential beneficial effects and adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP alternatives related to pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Section 4.5 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to these facilities in detail.

Adverse Impacts Related to Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

Temporary trail, bikeway and sidewalk closures as a result of construction of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives are listed in Table ES.6-1. Trail, bikeway and sidewalk closures are necessary when access cannot be accommodated during construction without jeopardizing public safety. All the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would also result in permanent acquisition along certain trails. In addition, they would result in temporary air quality impacts during construction on trails. All the SOCTIIP corridor Alternatives result in permanent visual impacts on trails. Three proposed regional trails would be crossed by some of the alignments of the SOCTIIP corridor Alternatives. The proposed San Juan Creek Trail extension, proposed Cristianitos Trail and proposed Prima Deshecha Trails are regional riding and hiking trails shown in the County of Orange Master Plan of Regional Riding and Hiking Trails and in the County of Orange General Plan. Because these trails are proposed and no specific alignments have been identified for these trails, it is not possible to identify site specific impacts of the SOCTIIP corridor Alternatives on these trails. However, any permanent impacts which would divide a trail and create a barrier towards continuous travel on the trail would be an adverse impact.

As shown in Table ES.6-1, some existing and proposed trails may experience short term adverse air quality impacts during construction of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives.

Impacts of the No Action Alternatives Related to Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

The No Action Alternatives would not impact pedestrian and bicycle facilities because they do not propose construction or implementation of any SOCTIIP infrastructure improvements.

Cumulative Impacts Related to Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

Because the trail system has been affected in the past by other uses which affect the continuity of the trail system, adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives without mitigation would be considered to contribute to a cumulative adverse impact on trail continuity in south Orange County. Accommodation for trail crossings is included in the mitigation for the SOCTIIP build Alternatives which cross proposed and existing trails. Because the SOCTIIP build Alternatives include provisions to accommodate trails, they would not result in cumulative adverse impacts to pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Mitigation Measures Related to Pedestrian and Bikeway Facilities

Mitigation Measures R-1 to R-5 to reduce adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives related to pedestrian and bicycle facilities require:

- R-1 Design refinement to avoid the temporary occupancy and/or permanent acquisition of recreation resources property.
- R-2 Consult with the property owner/operator of recreation resources temporarily occupied or permanently acquired by a build alternative; identify and implement opportunities to protect recreation resources in place; identify and implement opportunities to replace lost recreation facilities within the existing recreation property; and combine compensation and protection/modification of affected recreation resources to comply with the Uniform Relocation Assistance Act and Real Property Acquisition Act.
- R-3 Negotiate with the owner/operator whose recreation facilities will be permanently acquired to determine appropriate action and/or compensation to mitigate for the permanent acquisition.
- R-4 Negotiate with the owner/operator whose recreation facilities will be temporarily removed during construction to determine appropriate action and or compensation to mitigate for the temporary use.
- R-5 During final design, accommodate planned lateral Class I and existing and planned Class II bicycle trails, as well as hiking and equestrian trails at master planned locations across the road alignments.

Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation Related to Pedestrian and Bikeway Facilities

Long term impacts to bicycle and pedestrian facilities include permanent visual impacts to vistas along trails and permanent acquisition of trails. No long term impacts are anticipated to occur at on-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities because these facilities occur along roads that would be provided either underpasses or overpasses during operation of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives. The facilities are adjacent to roads and already have noise and air quality impacts and obstructed views. Therefore, no adverse air quality, noise or visual impacts to on-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities are anticipated to occur. Therefore, there would be no significant adverse impacts under CEQA related to pedestrian and bicycle facilities after mitigation, except for visual impacts to vistas along trails and permanent acquisition of trails.

ES.6.20.3 Summary of Impacts Related to Wild and Scenic Rivers

There are no wild and scenic rivers in the SOCTIIP study area. Therefore, the SOCTIIP Alternatives would not result in any impacts on wild and scenic rivers. Section 4.13 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to Wild and Scenic Rivers) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to wild and scenic rivers in detail.

ES.6.20.4 Summary of Impacts Related to Coastal Barriers

There are no coastal barriers in the SOCTIIP study area. Therefore, the SOCTIIP Alternatives would not result in any impacts to coastal barriers. Section 4.14 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to Coastal Barriers) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to coastal barriers in detail.

ES.6.20.5 Summary of Impacts Related to the Coastal Zone

This Section summarizes the potential adverse impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives related to the Coastal Zone. Section 4.15 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to the Coastal Zone) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to the Coastal Zone in detail.

Impacts Related to the Coastal Zone

The FEC-W, FEC-M, CC, A7C-FEC-M and I-5 Alternatives are in the coastal zone and may require a CDP (California) and a consistency certification, pursuant to the California Coastal Management Program (CCMP) (Federal). The CC-ALPV, A7C-ALPV, AIO and the No Action Alternatives would not require a CDP because they are not in the coastal zone. If a SOCTIIP build Alternative in the coastal zone is selected for implementation, a CDP application would be submitted to the CCC. The CDP would address coastal zone concerns including biological, cultural and paleontological resources and visual impacts based on impacts and mitigation identified in this EIS/SEIR for the selected alternative.

The CCC's concerns involve environmentally sensitive habitat areas, alterations of rivers or streams, fish and wildlife resources, wetland areas, archaeological or paleontological resources, and visual qualities. These parameters and potential cumulative impacts of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives and other project related to these parameters are discussed elsewhere in this Executive Summary, under biological, cultural, paleontological and visual resources.

Impacts of the No Action Alternatives Related to the Coastal Zone

The No Action Alternatives would not result in any impacts related to the coastal zone because these Alternatives do not propose any construction or implementation of any SOCTIIP infrastructure improvements in or near the coastal zone in the study area.

Cumulative Adverse Impacts Related to the Coastal Zone

Part of the southernmost area of the SOCTIIP study area is in the coastal zone. Development in the Coastal Zone would require a CDP. Each proposed project in the coastal zone is evaluated on its individual merits by the CCC. Therefore, the SOCTIIP build Alternatives have no cumulative impacts on the coastal zone. However, potential cumulative impacts relating to the other environmental parameters are discussed in those relevant sections of this Executive Summary.

ES.6.20.6 Summary of Impacts Related to Energy

This Section summarizes the potential impacts of the SOCTIIP Alternatives related to energy. Section 4.19 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to Energy) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to energy in detail.

Long Term Impacts Related to Energy

The SOCTIIP build Alternatives would result in either very minor increases or very minor decreases in the demand for energy for vehicle travel, depending on the specific background land use and circulation system assumptions. The SOCTIIP build Alternatives would not result in a substantial change in the demand for energy during operations compared to the No Action Alternatives, with changes of substantially less than one percent on an annual basis. Therefore, operation of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would not result in adverse impacts on energy consumption.

Construction Impacts Related to Energy

During construction of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives, energy would be used for the construction of the road, structures and materials. The use of energy for the construction of the build Alternatives would be a short term adverse impact on energy resources. However, it would represent only a very small percent of the total energy consumed in the region during the construction period and, therefore, is not anticipated to result in adverse impacts on the overall

supply of and demand for energy during the construction of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives. The No Action Alternatives would not result in the construction or implementation of any SOCTIIP improvements and, therefore, would not result in short term demand for energy resources associated with construction.

Mitigation Measures Related to Energy

No mitigation measures related to energy are proposed because the change in energy consumption under the SOCTIIP build Alternatives compared to the No Action Alternatives is substantially less than one percent on an annual basis.

Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation Related to Energy

The use of energy for the construction of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would be a short term adverse impact on energy resources but would represent only a minor percent of the total energy consumed in the region during the construction period. Therefore, this is not an adverse impact during the construction of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives.

Some SOCTIIP build Alternatives would result in an increase to VMT and energy consumption compared to the No Action Alternative. The change in energy consumption under the build Alternatives compared to the No Action Alternatives is substantially less than one percent on an annual basis and, therefore, operation for the SOCTIIP build Alternatives would not result in adverse impacts on energy consumption.

The SOCTIIP build Alternatives would not result in significant adverse impacts under CEQA related to energy.

ES.6.20.7 Summary of Impacts Related to Mineral Resources

This Section summarizes the potential impacts of the SOCTIIP alternatives related to mineral resources. Section 4.22 (Affected Environment, Impacts and Mitigation Measures Related to Mineral Resources) in the EIS/SEIR describes the existing conditions, study area and methodology, impacts analysis and mitigation measures related to these resources in detail.

Adverse Impacts Related to Mineral Resources

The FEC-W, FEC-M, CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-ALPV and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives would result in a slight reduction in the area from which mineral resources can be extracted. This impact can be substantially mitigated for all the build Alternatives. The AIO and I-5 Alternatives would not result in any adverse impacts on mineral resources or the ability to extract mineral resources in the study area.

Impacts of the No Action Alternatives Related to Mineral Resources

The No Action Alternatives would not result in adverse impacts related to mineral resources because these Alternatives do not propose construction or implementation of SOCTIIP infrastructure improvements in the study area.

Cumulative Impacts Related to Mineral Resources

The FEC-W, FEC-M, CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-ALPV and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives and other cumulative projects in the area would result in a cumulative adverse impact related to the reduction in the areas from which mineral resources can be extracted. The AIO and I-5 Alternatives would not result in any adverse impacts on mineral resources or the ability to extract mineral resources in the study area and, therefore, would not contribute to cumulative adverse impacts related to mineral resources.

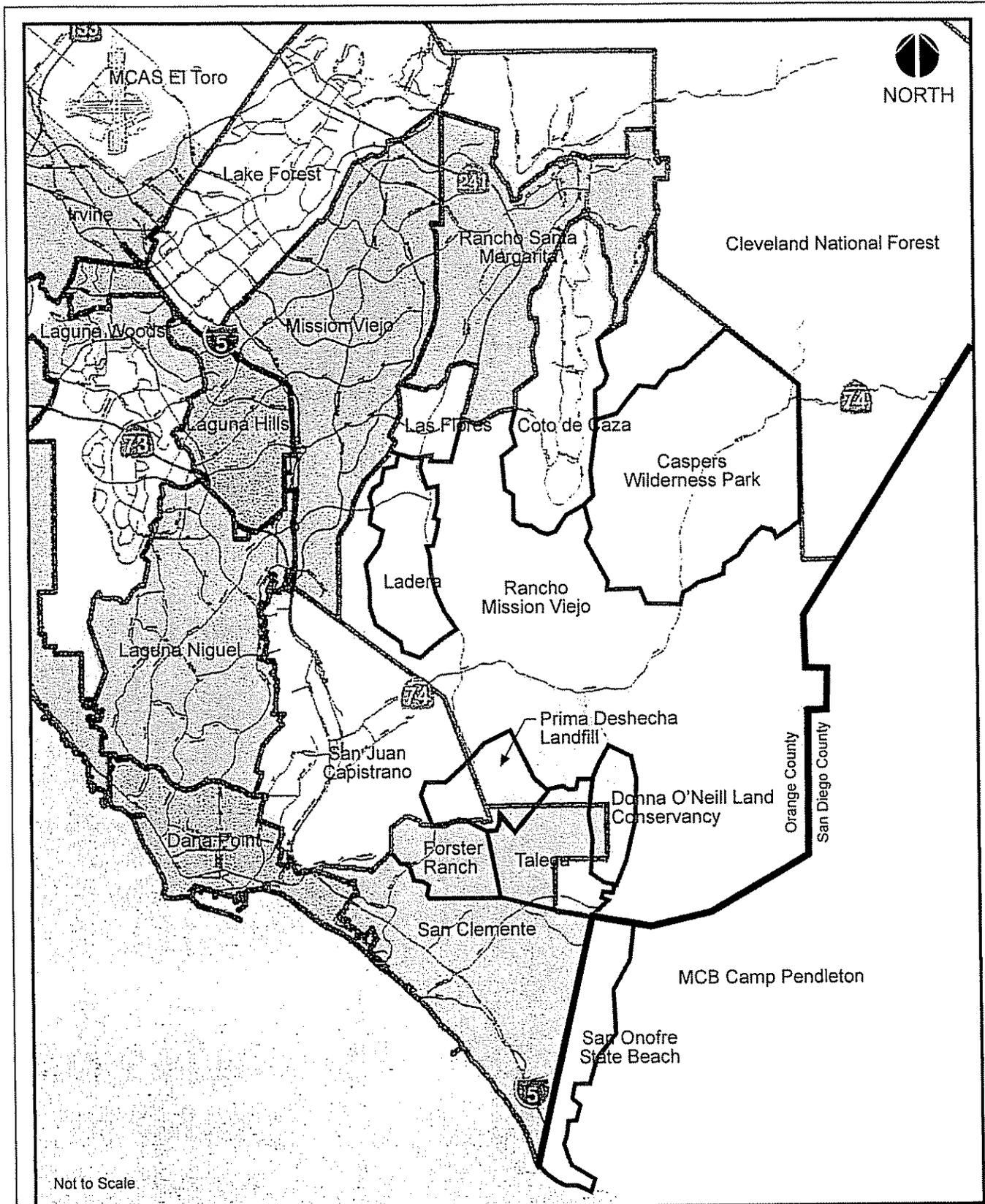
Mitigation Measures Related to Mineral Resources

Mitigation for this impact is provided by compliance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. Refer to measure SE-2 (Property Acquisition and Relocation Assistance) in Section ES.6.6.3.

Unavoidable Adverse Impacts and CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation Related to Mineral Resources

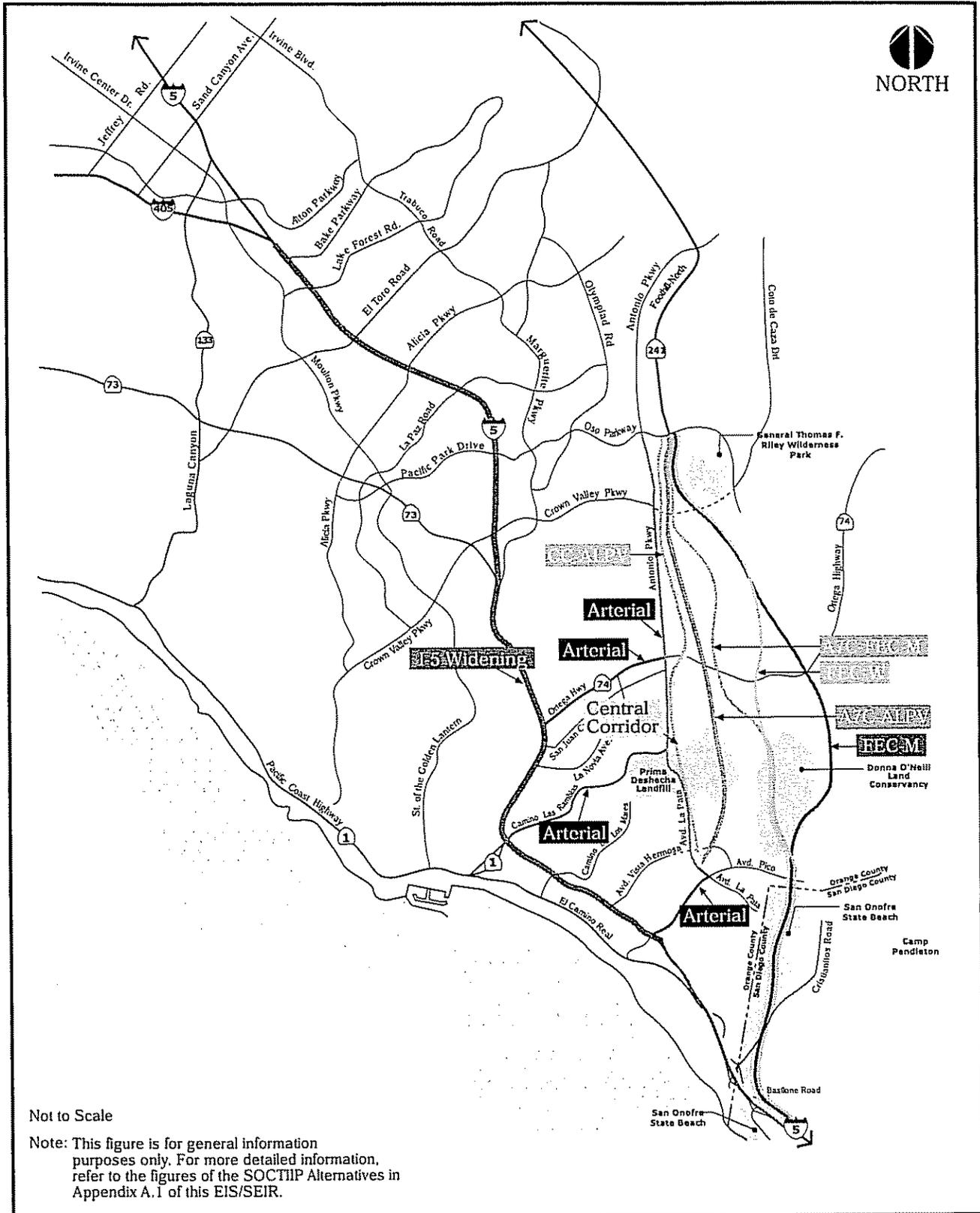
The FEC-W, FEC-M, CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-ALPV and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives impact mineral resources in the San Juan Creek by reducing, by a minimal amount, the availability of those resources. None of these Alternatives would result in adverse impacts related to mineral resources which cannot be fully mitigated. The AIO, I-5 and No Action Alternatives would not result in adverse impacts on mineral resources.

There would be no significant adverse impacts after mitigation under CEQA related to mineral resources as a result of the SOCTIIP build Alternatives.



Source: P&D Consultants (2001).

Local Jurisdictions, Communities and Major Land Uses in the SOCTIP Study Area

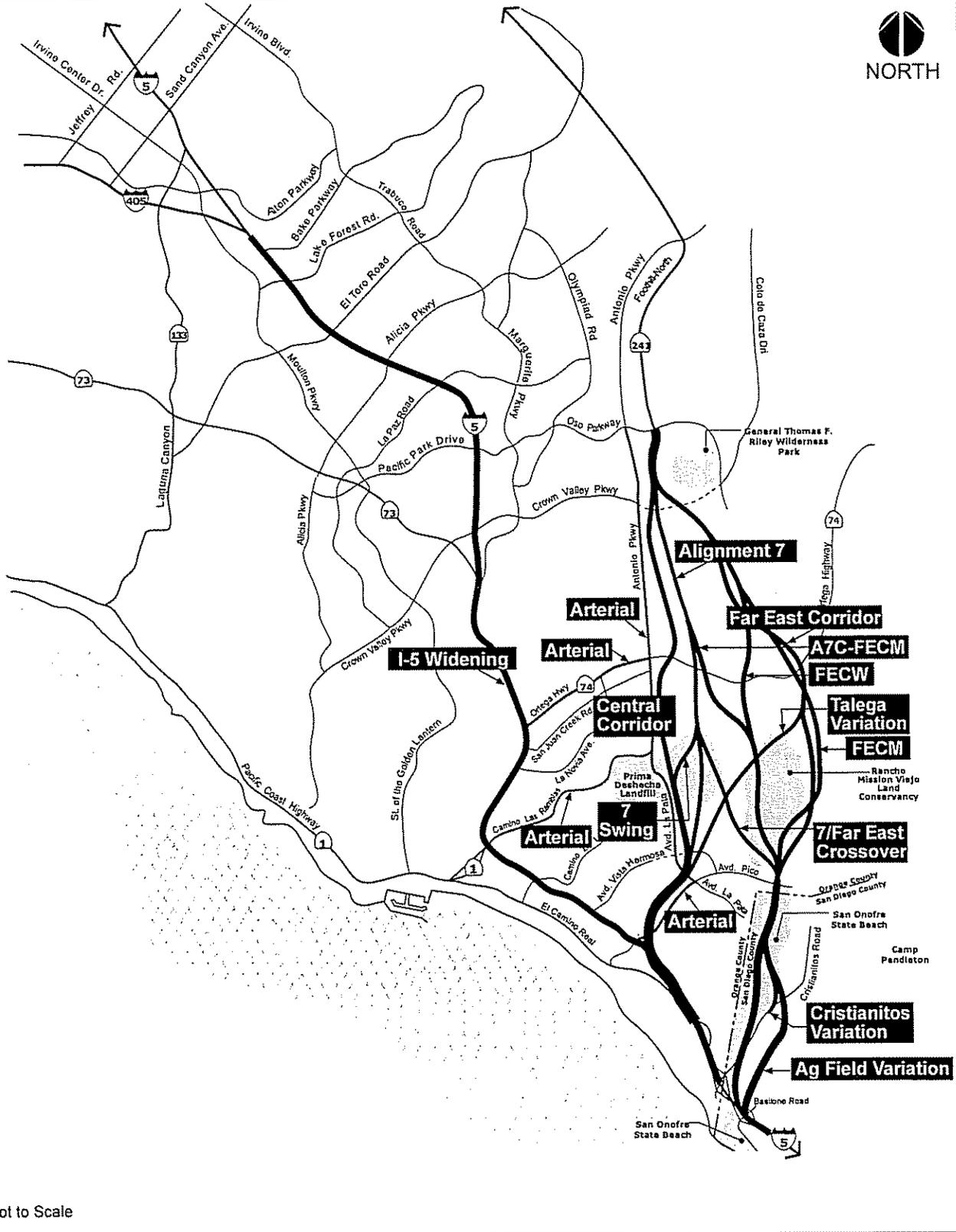


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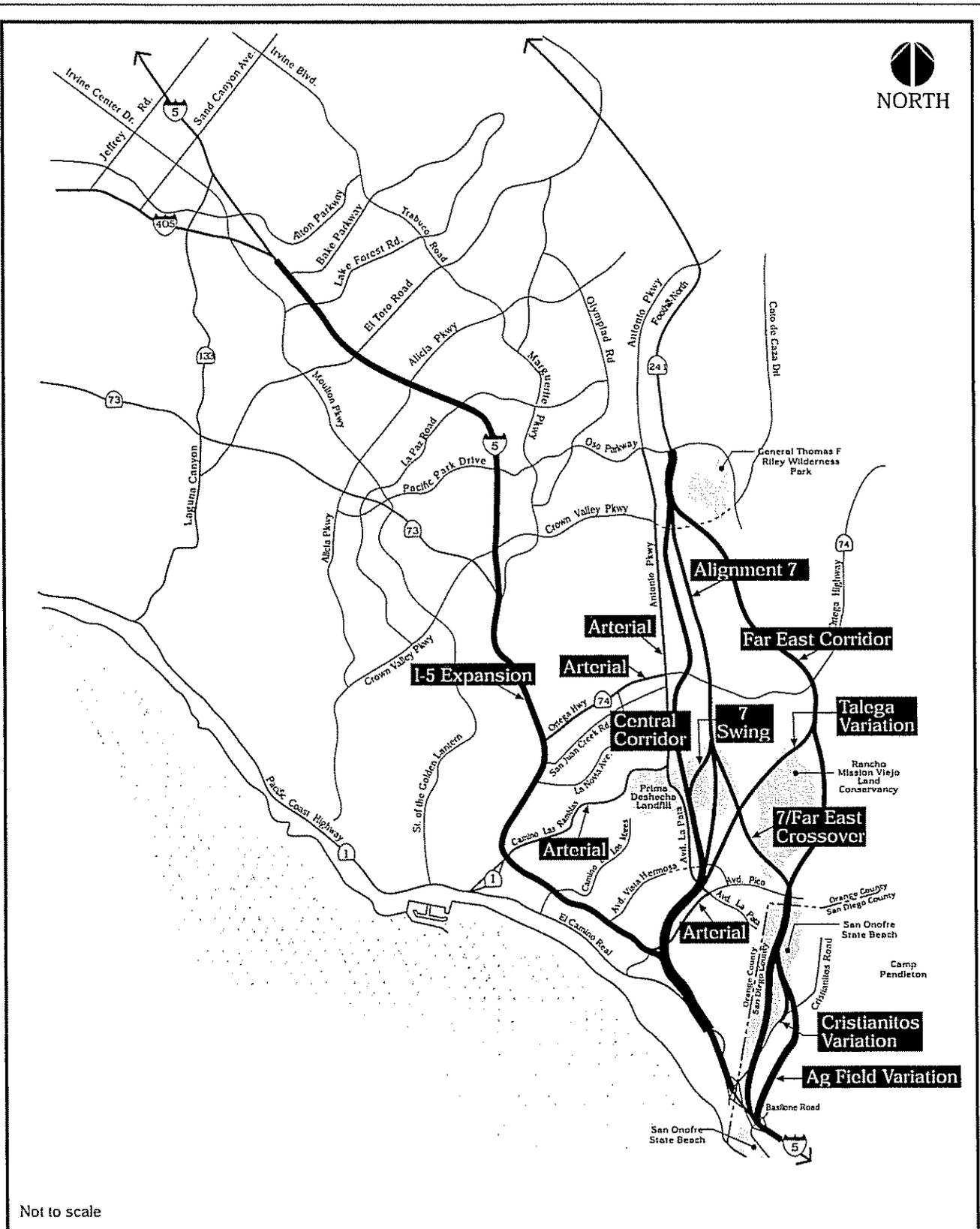
Alignments of the Build Alternatives



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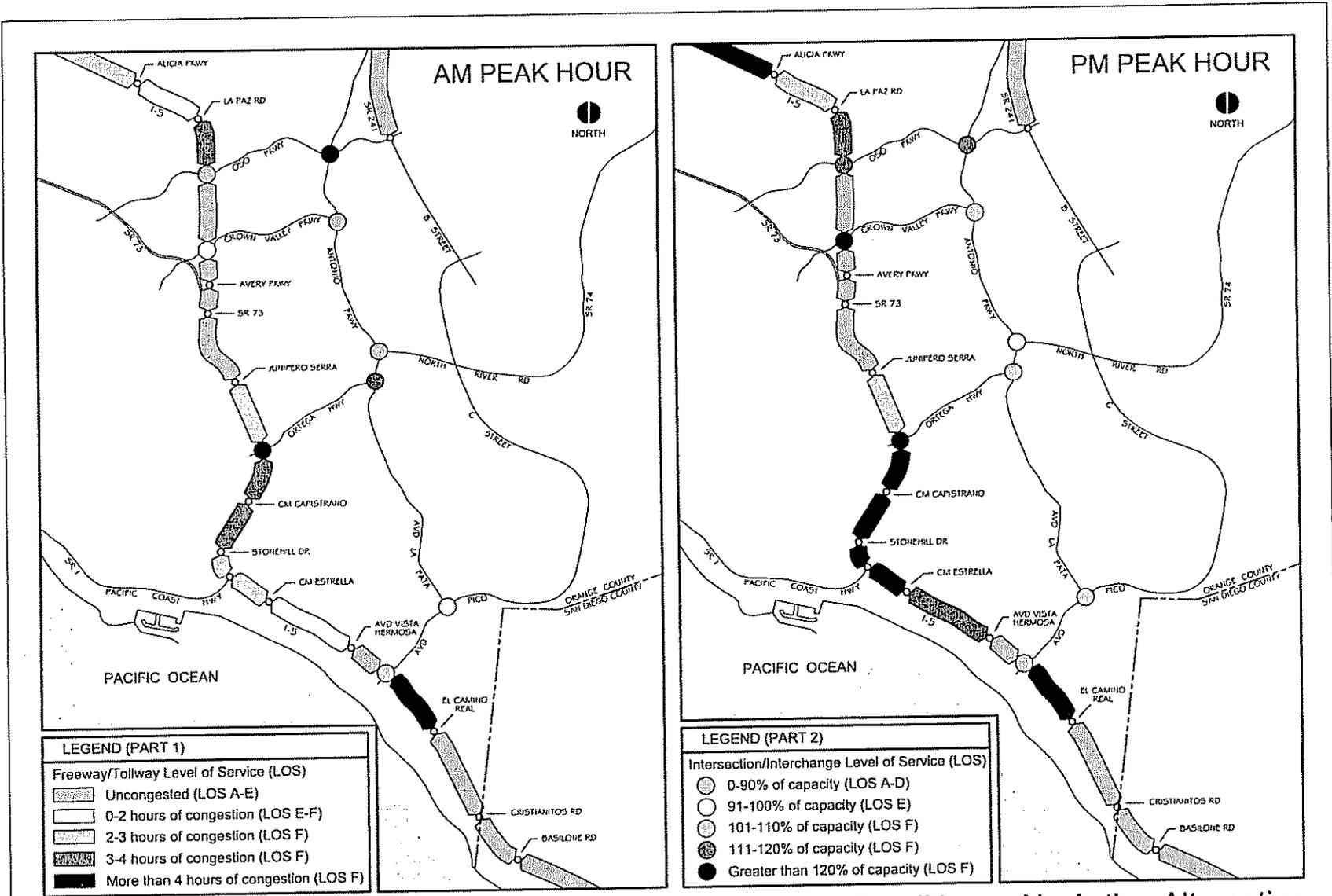
Alignments Considered by the Phase II SOCTIIP Collaborative



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Source: P&D Consultants (2002).

Alignments Developed by the Phase I SOCTIIP Collaborative



2025 Weekday Peak Hour Traffic Conditions - No Action Alternative
(Buildout Circulation System with Proposed RMV Plan)

Source: Austin-Foust Associates, Inc. (2003)

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Figure ES.6-1

TABLE ES.6-1
SUMMARY OF ADVERSE IMPACTS BEFORE MITIGATION

Impacts	FEC-M	FEC-W	CC	CC-ALPV	A7C-FEC-M	A7C-ALPV	AIO	I-5	No Action
SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC IMPACTS									
Operations: intersections, freeway segments and ramps which experience peak hour beneficial effects [1].	33 locations (21 intersections, six freeway segments and six ramps).	33 locations (21 intersections, six freeway segments and six ramps).	32 locations (20 intersections, six freeway segments and six ramps).	18 locations (12 intersections, three freeway segments and three ramps).	32 locations (20 intersections, six freeway segments and six ramps).	18 locations (12 intersections, three freeway segments and three ramps).	Six locations (five intersections and one ramp).	38 locations (19 intersections, 10 freeway segments and nine ramps).	Not applicable.
Operations: direct adverse peak hour impacts to intersections and ramps [1].	None.	None.	One intersection and two ramps.	Seven intersections and three ramps.	None.	Seven intersections and three ramps.	15 intersections and nine ramps.	12 intersections and seven ramps.	Not applicable.
Operations: indirect adverse peak hour impacts to I-5 ramps and intersections [1].	One I-5 ramp intersection and five I-5 ramps.	One I-5 ramp intersection and five I-5 ramps.	One I-5 ramp intersection and four I-5 ramps.	One I-5 ramp intersection and three I-5 ramps.	One I-5 ramp intersection and five I-5 ramps.	One I-5 ramp intersection and three I-5 ramps.	One I-5 ramp.	None.	NA
Construction: short term adverse construction impacts on the circulation system.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	No.
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO WETLANDS AND WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES									
Construction: filling of WoUS and wetlands.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Not applicable.
Construction and operations: indirect impacts (water quality, changes in runoff volumes/velocity).	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Not applicable.
Operational impacts: indirect impacts (water quality, changes in runoff volume/velocity).	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND VEGETATION [2]									
Temporary and permanent loss of plant communities.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Not applicable.
Loss of sensitive plant species.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Not applicable.
Wildlife habitat loss and fragmentation.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Not applicable.
Impacts to wildlife corridors.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Not applicable.
Construction: indirect impacts on plant communities.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Not applicable.
Construction and operations: indirect impacts on wildlife.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Not applicable.

[1] Compared to the No Action Alternatives.
[2] Refer also to Tables ES.6-9 to ES.6-13

TABLE ES.6-1
SUMMARY OF ADVERSE IMPACTS BEFORE MITIGATION

Impacts	FEC-M	FEC-W	CC	CC-ALPV	A7C-FEC-M	A7C-ALPV	AIO	I-5	No Action
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES [3]									
Direct and indirect impacts to thread leaved brodiaea, San Diego fairy shrimp, Riverside fairy shrimp, tudewater goby, southern steelhead trout, arroyo toad, least Bell's vireo, California gnatcatcher and pacific pocket mouse.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Not applicable.
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO WATER QUALITY									
Construction Impacts	With implementation of the Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) there is minimal potential for substantive adverse impacts during construction.	With the implementation of the SWMP and SWPPP there is minimal potential for substantive adverse impacts during construction.	With the implementation of the SWMP and SWPPP there is minimal potential for substantive adverse impacts during construction.	With the implementation of the SWMP and SWPPP there is minimal potential for substantive adverse impacts during construction.	With the implementation of the SWMP and SWPPP there is minimal potential for substantive adverse impacts during construction.	With the implementation of the SWMP and SWPPP there is minimal potential for substantive adverse impacts during construction.	With the implementation of the SWMP and SWPPP there is minimal potential for substantive adverse impacts during construction.	With the implementation of the SWMP and SWPPP there is minimal potential for substantive adverse impacts during construction.	No adverse impacts assuming other projects developed include similar water quality protection assurance.
Erosion/Sedimentation	No adverse impacts.	No adverse impacts.	Adverse impact at Cañada Chiquita and Segunda Deshecha Cañada.	Adverse impact at Cañada Chiquita and Segunda Deshecha Cañada.	No adverse impacts.	Adverse impact at Cañada Chiquita.	No adverse impacts.	No adverse impacts.	No adverse impacts assuming other projects developed include similar water quality protection assurances.
Surface Water Quality	No adverse impacts with full implementation of Project Design Features (PDFs).	No adverse impacts with full implementation of PDFs.	No adverse impacts with full implementation of PDFs.	No adverse impacts with full implementation of PDFs.	No adverse impacts with full implementation of PDFs.	No adverse impacts with full implementation of PDFs.	No adverse impacts with full implementation of PDFs.	No adverse impacts with full implementation of PDFs.	No adverse impacts assuming other projects developed include similar water quality protection assurances.
Groundwater Quality	No adverse impacts.	No adverse impacts.	No adverse impacts.	No adverse impacts.	No adverse impacts.	No adverse impacts.	No adverse impacts.	No adverse impacts.	No adverse impacts.
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO SOCIOECONOMICS, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND GROWTH INDUCEMENT									
Congestion relief and economic benefits.	Long term congestion relief (20,000 hours of vehicle travel time per day in 2025) resulting in economic benefits in terms of the value of time saved and increased economic activity from improved mobility for people, goods and services. Beneficial.	Long term congestion relief (20,000 hours of vehicle travel time per day in 2025) resulting in economic benefits in terms of the value of time saved and increased economic activity from improved mobility for people, goods and services. Beneficial.	Long term congestion relief (18,000 hours of vehicle travel time per day in 2025) resulting in economic benefits in terms of the value of time saved and increased economic activity from improved mobility for people, goods and services. Beneficial.	Long term congestion relief (8,000 hours of vehicle travel time per day in 2025) resulting in economic benefits in terms of the value of time saved and increased economic activity from improved mobility for people, goods and services. Beneficial.	Long term congestion relief (21,000 hours of vehicle travel time per day in 2025) resulting in economic benefits in terms of the value of time saved and increased economic activity from improved mobility for people, goods and services. Beneficial.	Long term congestion relief (8,000 hours of vehicle travel time per day in 2025) resulting in economic benefits in terms of the value of time saved and increased economic activity from improved mobility for people, goods and services. Beneficial.	Long term congestion relief (5,000 hours of vehicle travel time per day in 2025) resulting in economic benefits in terms of the value of time saved and increased economic activity from improved mobility for people, goods and services. Beneficial.	Long term congestion relief (20,000 hours of vehicle travel time per day in 2025) resulting in economic benefits in terms of the value of time saved and increased economic activity from improved mobility for people, goods and services. Beneficial.	Foregone long term congestion relief (ranging from 5,000 to 21,000 hours of vehicle travel time per day in 2025 compared to Build Alternatives) and resulting economic benefits in terms of the value of time saved and increased economic activity from improved mobility for people, goods and services. Adverse.

[3] Refer also to Tables ES.7-14.

TABLE ES.6-1
SUMMARY OF ADVERSE IMPACTS BEFORE MITIGATION

Impacts	FEC-M	FEC-W	CC	CC-ALPV	A7C-FEC-M	A7C-ALPV	AIO	I-5	No Action
Agricultural operations displaced.	Two	One	Three	Three	0	0	Two	0	0
Residential units displaced.	0	0	593 (I) 602 (U)	2 (I) 14 (U)	0	80 (I) 92 (U)	263	838	0
Residents displaced.	0	0	1,380 (I) 1,405 (U)	7 (I) 44 (U)	0	256 (I) 293 (U)	827	1,970	0
Businesses, institutional and non-profit uses displaced.	0	0	106 (I and U)	0	0	0	17	382	0
Employees displaced.	0	0	1,100	0	0	0	200	4,150	0
Reduction in tax revenues.	Yes. Minor impact.	Yes. Minor impact.	Yes. Substantial adverse impact in San Clemente.	Yes. Minor impact.	Yes. Minor impact.	Yes. Minor impact.	Yes. Minor impact.	Yes. Substantial adverse impact in Mission Viejo, San Juan Capistrano and San Clemente	NA
Construction jobs.	19,000 (I) 23,000 (U)	17,000 (I) 21,000 (U)	23,000 (I) 31,000 (U)	15,000 (I) 18,000 (U)	17,000 (I) 21,000 (U)	28,000 (I) 30,000 (U)	11,000	43,000	0
Impacts environmental justice population.	No.	No							
Affects community cohesion/division.	No.	No	Yes; Talega Planned Community and San Clemente.	No.	No	Yes; Talega Planned Community	No.	Yes, Dana Point, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Lake Forest, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano	No
Capacity impacts at Prima Deshecha landfill.	No.	No.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	No.
Potential to induce or facilitate growth.	Yes, relatively greater potential to facilitate growth because alignment passes through undeveloped areas.	Yes, relatively greater potential to facilitate growth because alignment passes through undeveloped areas.	Yes, relatively greater potential to facilitate growth because alignment passes through undeveloped areas.	Yes, relatively greater potential to facilitate growth because alignment passes through undeveloped areas.	Yes, relatively greater potential to facilitate growth because alignment passes through undeveloped areas.	Yes, relatively greater potential to facilitate growth because alignment passes through undeveloped areas.	Yes, relatively greater potential to facilitate growth because alignment passes through undeveloped areas.	Yes, relatively lower potential to facilitate growth because alignment passes primarily through developed areas.	Yes, relatively lower potential to facilitate growth because alignments of existing and MPAH roads pass primarily through developed areas.
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO AIR QUALITY									
Operations: exceedences of SCAQMD thresholds	Yes: NO _x	Yes: ROG, CO							
Construction: exceedences of SCAQMD thresholds	Yes: CO, HC, NO _x and PM ₁₀	Yes: CO, HC, NO _x and PM ₁₀	Yes: CO, HC, NO _x and PM ₁₀	Yes: CO, HC, NO _x and PM ₁₀	Yes: CO, HC, NO _x and PM ₁₀	Yes: CO, HC, NO _x and PM ₁₀	Yes: CO, HC, NO _x and PM ₁₀	Yes: CO, HC, NO _x and PM ₁₀	No applicable.
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO NOISE									
Operations: number of residences impacted before and after mitigation. (x/x)	50/1	50/1	290/0	30/0	120/1	65/0	0/0	775/225	585/Not applicable.
Operations: number of businesses impacted before and after mitigation. (x/x)	0/0	0/0	1/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	5/0	8/not applicable.
Operations: number of schools impacted before and after mitigation. (x/x)	2/0	2/0	4/0	1/0	2/0	1/0	1/0	8/0	9/not applicable.

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Impacts	FEC-M	FEC-W	CC	CC-ALPV	A7C-FEC-M	A7C-ALPV	AIO	I-5	No Action
Operations: number of parks impacted before and after mitigation. (x/x)	2/0	2/0	0/0	0/0	2/0	0/0	0/0	4/1	2/not applicable.
Construction: pile driving at night.	Yes	Yes	Yes.	No.	Yes	No.	No.	Yes.	Not applicable.
Construction: general construction noise.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Not applicable.
Construction: haul route traffic noise.	Possible	Possible.	Possible.	Possible	Possible.	Possible.	Possible.	Possible.	Not applicable.
Construction: nighttime demolition.	No.	No	No	No.	No.	No.	No.	Yes.	Not applicable.
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED MILITARY USES AND CAMP PENDLETON									
Construction: special use airspace.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Not applicable.	Yes.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Yes.	Not applicable.
Construction: aviation training activities	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Not applicable.	Yes.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Yes.	Not applicable.
Construction: ground and amphibious training	Yes.	Yes.	No.	Not applicable.	Yes.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	No.	Not applicable.
Construction: land use.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	Not applicable.	Yes.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	No.	Not applicable.
Construction: security.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Not applicable.	Yes.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Yes.	Not applicable.
Operations: special use airspace.	No.	No.	No	Not applicable.	No.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	No.	Not applicable.
Operations: aviation training activities	Yes	Yes.	No.	Not applicable.	Yes.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	No.	Not applicable.
Operations: ground and amphibious training	Yes.	Yes.	No.	Not applicable.	Yes.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	No.	Not applicable.
Operations: land use.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	Not applicable.	Yes.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	No.	Not applicable.
Operations: security.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	Not applicable.	Yes.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Yes.	Not applicable.
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO VISUAL RESOURCES									
Construction: short term adverse visual impacts during construction.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Light and Glare: increase in light and glare.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Visual Quality: reduction in visual quality.	17 locations	18 locations	15 locations	12 locations	18 locations	15 locations	3 locations	Blockage of some ocean views by soundwalls.	No
View Quality: reduction in quality of regionally outstanding views.	1 view	2 views	1 view	1 view	3 views	3 views (Positive impact on 1 view)	No	No	No
Community Character: removal of community elements/landmarks or conflict with community goals and policies or physical division of a community.	Conflicts with policies of three jurisdictions	Conflicts with policies of four jurisdictions	Conflicts with policies of two jurisdictions. Divides two communities.	Conflicts with policies of one jurisdiction. Divides one community.	Conflicts with policies of four jurisdictions.	Conflicts with policies of one jurisdiction. Partially eliminates one community element. Physically divides one community.	Conflicts with policies of one jurisdiction.	No	No

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Impacts	FEC-M	FEC-W	CC	CC-ALPV	A7C-FEC-M	A7C-ALPV	AIO	I-5	No Action
SUMMARY OF LAND USE IMPACTS									
Impacts on existing and planned land uses.	Yes -- County of Orange, RMV and SOSB.	Yes -- County of Orange, RMV and SOSB.	Yes -- County of Orange and San Clemente.	Yes -- County of Orange and San Clemente.	Yes -- County of Orange, RMV and SOSB.	Yes -- County of Orange and San Clemente.	Yes -- County of Orange and San Clemente.	Yes -- County of Orange, Irvine, Lake Forest, Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, Mission Viejo, Laguna Niguel, San Juan Capistrano, Dana Point and San Clemente.	No.
Divides existing communities	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA
Total hectares (acres) of land permanently used for Alternative.	I: 417 (1,031) U: 467 (1,156)	I: 427 (1,056) U: 443 (1,097)	I: 395 (976) U: 460 (1,138)	I: 244 (597) U: 310 (764)	I: 432 (1,067) U: 487 (1,207)	I: 351 (867) U: 398 (983)	177 (436)	506 (1,247)	0 (0)
Total hectares (acres) of land temporarily occupied during construction.	I: 488 (1,206) U: 519 (1,282)	I: 467 (1,155) U: 489 (1,208)	I: 488 (1,206) U: 527 (1,305)	I: 329 (813) U: 371 (919)	I: 511 (263) U: 531 (1,314)	I: 374 (918) U: 429 (1,061)	255 (630)	506 (1,250)	0 (0)
Consistent with adopted land use plans.	Yes.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO RECREATION RESOURCES									
Construction: number of resources affected by construction noise impacts.	Nine existing	Nine existing.	12 existing.	Three existing.	Nine existing.	Four existing.	Two existing.	44 existing.	0
Construction: number of resources affected by construction air quality impacts.	Three existing. One proposed.	Three existing. One proposed.	Five existing. Three proposed.	One existing. Two proposed.	Three existing. One proposed.	Two existing. Two proposed.	Four existing. Three proposed.	14 existing. Four proposed.	0
Construction: number of resources affected by short term occupancy of property.	Three existing. One proposed.	Three existing. One proposed.	Five existing. Two proposed.	One existing. Two proposed.	Three existing. One proposed.	Three existing. One proposed.	Three existing. Three proposed.	12 existing. One proposed.	0
Construction: number of resources affected by short term traffic impacts.	One existing.	One existing.	0	0	One existing.	0	0	0	0
Operations: number of resources affected by long term noise impacts.	Three existing.	Three existing.	Four existing.	One existing.	Three existing.	Two existing.	0	12 existing.	0
Operations: number of resources affected by long term air quality impacts.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operations Construction: number of resources affected by permanent acquisition of property.	Three existing. One proposed.	Three existing. One proposed.	Five existing. Two proposed.	One existing. Two proposed.	Three existing. One proposed.	One existing. Two proposed.	Three existing. Three proposed.	12 existing. One proposed.	0
Operations: number of resources affected by long term traffic impacts.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operations: number of resources affected by long term visual impacts.	Two existing. One proposed.	Two existing. One proposed.	Three proposed.	Three proposed.	Two existing. One proposed.	One existing. Three proposed.	0	0	0

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Impacts	FEC-M	FEC-W	CC	CC-ALPV	A7C-FEC-M	A7C-ALPV	AIO	I-5	No Action
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO FLOODPLAINS, WATERWAYS AND HYDROLOGIC SYSTEMS									
Floodplain Encroachment	Temporary adverse impacts due to construction will be minimized through implementation of a SWPPP.	Temporary adverse impacts due to construction will be minimized through implementation of a SWPPP.	Adverse impacts at the Cañada Chiquita and Segunda Deshecha Cañada crossings are likely; however the culverts at these locations have not been designed. It is anticipated that the design will include PDFs to minimize adverse impacts. Severe encroachment on Cañada Chiquita just north of the San Juan Creek confluence results in adverse impacts that could only be avoided by major re-design. Temporary adverse impacts due to construction will be minimized through implementation of a SWPPP.	Adverse impacts at the Cañada Chiquita crossing are likely; however, the culvert at this location has not been designed. It is anticipated that the design will include PDFs to minimize adverse impacts. Severe encroachment on Cañada Chiquita just north of the San Juan Creek confluence results in adverse impacts that could only be avoided by major re-design. Temporary adverse impacts due to construction will be minimized through implementation of a SWPPP.	Temporary adverse impacts due to construction will be minimized through implementation of a SWPPP.	Adverse impacts occur at the east-west connector crossing at Cañada Chiquita due to the highway embankment fill encroaching onto the easterly floodplain of the creek. The culvert at the Segunda Deshecha Cañada crossing has not been designed; however it is anticipated that the design will not result in adverse impacts.	Temporary adverse impacts due to construction will be minimized through implementation of a SWPPP.	Temporary adverse impacts due to construction will be minimized through implementation of a SWPPP.	No impacts.
Impacts to Residential, Non-Residential and Cropland	No adverse impacts to Cañada Gobernadora, San Juan Creek and Cristianitos Creek. San Mateo Creek: minor impacts to agricultural buildings, potable water wells and cropland which are in the existing floodplain. San Onofre Creek: minor impacts to the existing access road under I-5 which is in the existing floodplain.	No adverse impacts to Cañada Gobernadora and San Juan Creek. San Mateo Creek: minor impacts to agricultural buildings, potable water wells and cropland which are in the existing floodplain. San Onofre Creek: minor impacts to the existing access road under I-5 which is in the existing floodplain.	No adverse impacts.	No adverse impacts.	No adverse impacts to San Juan Creek. San Mateo Creek: minor impacts to agricultural buildings, potable water wells and cropland which are in the existing floodplain. San Onofre Creek: minor impacts to the existing access road under I-5 which is in the existing floodplain.	No adverse impacts.	No adverse impacts.	No adverse impacts.	No impacts.
Impacts Due to Scouring	No adverse impacts. Any minor impacts due to localized bridge scour are addressed by PDFs.	No adverse impacts. Any minor impacts due to localized bridge scour are addressed by PDFs.	It is anticipated that the crossings at Cañada Chiquita and Segunda Deshecha Cañada will include specific PDFs (such as energy dissipater structures) to minimize	It is anticipated that the crossing at Cañada Chiquita will include specific PDFs (such as energy dissipater structures) to minimize local scour.	No adverse impacts. Any minor impacts due to localized bridge scour are addressed by PDFs.	No adverse impacts to velocity at the east-west connector at Cañada Chiquita; however, scour may be a concern as the alternative encroaches severely	No adverse impacts. Any minor impacts due to localized bridge scour are addressed by PDFs.	No adverse impacts. Any minor impacts due to localized bridge scour are addressed by PDFs.	No impacts.

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Impacts	FEC-M	FEC-W	CC	CC-ALPV	A7C-FEC-M	A7C-ALPV	AIO	I-5	No Action
			local scour. Severe encroachment on Cañada Chiquita just north of the San Juan Creek confluence results in adverse impacts that could only be avoided by major re-design.	Severe encroachment on Cañada Chiquita just north of the San Juan Creek confluence results in adverse impacts that could only be avoided by major re-design.		onto a low flow channel in Cañada Chiquita.			
Impacts to Traffic during Flood Events	Minor impact to flood potential of the Beach Club Road crossing at San Onofre Creek.	Minor impact to flood potential of the Beach Club Road crossing at San Onofre Creek.	No adverse impacts.	No adverse impacts.	Minor impact to flood potential of the Beach Club Road crossing at San Onofre Creek.	No adverse impacts.	No adverse impacts.	No adverse impacts.	No impacts.
Risk Associated with Implementation	Low risk associated with the crossings.	Low risk associated with the crossings.	Low risk associated with the crossings.	Low risk associated with the crossings.	Low risk associated with the crossings.	Low risk associated with the crossings.	Moderate risk for Segunda Deshecha Cañada.	Low risk associated with the crossings.	No impacts.
Impacts on Natural and Beneficial Floodplain Values	PDFs minimize scour potential from erosive velocities and maintain beneficial floodplain values.	PDFs minimize scour potential from erosive velocities and maintain beneficial floodplain values.	Potential adverse impacts at the Cañada Chiquita and Segunda Deshecha Cañada crossings could be minimized with PDFs. Severe encroachment on Cañada Chiquita just north of the San Juan Creek confluence results in adverse impacts that could only be avoided by major re-design.	Potential adverse impacts at the Cañada Chiquita crossing could be minimized with PDFs. Severe encroachment on Cañada Chiquita just north of the San Juan Creek confluence results in adverse impacts that could only be avoided by major re-design.	PDFs minimize scour potential from erosive velocities and maintain beneficial floodplain values.	Adverse impacts due to the east-west connector crossing at Cañada Chiquita could be minimized by re-designing the highway embankment fill such that it did not encroach onto the easterly floodplain of the creek.	PDFs minimize scour potential from erosive velocities and maintain beneficial floodplain values.	PDFs minimize scour potential from erosive velocities and maintain beneficial floodplain values.	No impacts.
Support of Probable Incompatible Floodplain Development	No potential incompatible floodplain development.	No potential incompatible floodplain development.	No potential incompatible floodplain development.	No potential incompatible floodplain development.	No potential incompatible floodplain development.	No potential incompatible floodplain development.	No potential incompatible floodplain development.	No potential incompatible floodplain development.	No impacts.
Practicability of Alternative to Any Significant Encroachment	No significant encroachment to floodplain; therefore, no alternatives need to be addressed.	No significant encroachment to floodplain; therefore, no alternatives need to be addressed.	Site constraints limit the practicability of alternatives at the Cañada Chiquita and Segunda Deshecha Cañada crossings. A bridge alternative would require a minimum of four bridge structures and extensive retaining walls. The feasibility of alternatives to reduce the extent of the culvert and channels will continue to be evaluated in final design if this Alternative is selected.	Site constraints limit the practicability of alternatives at the Cañada Chiquita crossing. A bridge alternative would require a minimum of four bridge structures and extensive retaining walls. The feasibility of alternatives to reduce the extent of the culvert and channels will continue to be evaluated in final design if this Alternative is selected.	No significant encroachment to floodplain; therefore, no alternatives need to be addressed.	The east-west connector crossing at Cañada Chiquita could be refined to minimize the encroachment of the highway embankment fill onto the easterly floodplain.	No significant encroachment to floodplain; therefore, no alternatives need to be addressed.	No significant encroachment to floodplain; therefore, no alternatives need to be addressed.	No impacts.

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Impacts	FEC-M	FEC-W	CC	CC-ALPV	A7C-FEC-M	A7C-ALPV	AIO	I-5	No Action
Practicability of Alternative to Longitudinal Encroachments	No longitudinal encroachments; therefore, no alternatives need to be addressed.	No longitudinal encroachments; therefore, no alternatives need to be addressed.	Results in a severe longitudinal encroachment north of the confluence of Cañada Chiquita and San Juan Creek. An alternative would be shifting the horizontal alignment to the west, away from Cañada Chiquita.	Results in a severe longitudinal encroachment north of the confluence of Cañada Chiquita and San Juan Creek. An alternative would be shifting the horizontal alignment to the west, away from Cañada Chiquita.	No longitudinal encroachments; therefore, no alternatives need to be addressed.	No longitudinal encroachments; therefore, no alternatives need to be addressed.	No longitudinal encroachments; therefore, no alternatives need to be addressed.	No longitudinal encroachments; therefore, no alternatives need to be addressed.	No impacts.
Impact to Groundwater	Impacts to groundwater are negligible.	Impacts to groundwater are negligible.	Impacts to groundwater are negligible.	Impacts to groundwater are negligible.	Impacts to groundwater are negligible.	Impacts to groundwater are negligible.	Impacts to groundwater are negligible.	Impacts to groundwater are negligible.	No impacts.
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES									
Construction: impacts related to military sites (USTs, other releases).	Yes.	Yes.	No.	No.	Yes.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Construction: impacts related to past pesticide and herbicide use on agricultural land.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	No.
Construction: impacts related to existing USTs, LUST sites, auto service stations, dry cleaners.	No.	No.	Yes.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Yes.	No.
Construction: impacts related to existing utilities, waste water treatment facilities, electrical substations.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	No.	Yes.	No.	No.	Yes.	No.
Construction: impacts related to petroleum pipelines.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	No.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	No.	No.
Construction: impacts related to asbestos in existing bridge structures.	Potentially.	Potentially.	Potentially.	Potentially.	Potentially.	Potentially.	Potentially.	Potentially.	No.
Construction: impacts related to aerially deposited lead.	None known; potentially could occur.	None known; potentially could occur.	Possible.	None known; potentially could occur.	None known; potentially could occur.	None known; potentially could occur.	None known; potentially could occur.	Possible.	No.
Construction: potentially undocumented abandoned oil wells or test borings.	None known; potentially could occur.	None known; potentially could occur.	None known; potentially could occur.	None known; potentially could occur.	None known; potentially could occur.	None known; potentially could occur.	None known; potentially could occur.	No.	No.
Construction: impacts related to asbestos in existing buildings.	Potentially.	Potentially.	Potentially.	No.	Potentially.	No.	No.	Potentially.	No.
Construction: potential for releases and use of hazardous materials.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	No.

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Impacts	FEC-M	FEC-W	CC	CC-ALPV	A7C-FEC-M	A7C-ALPV	AIO	I-5	No Action
Construction impacts related to Prima Deshecha Landfill.	No.	No.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	No.
Operations impacts related to transport of hazards associated through areas not presently subject to this risk.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	No.	No.
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO PUBLIC SERVICES AND UTILITIES									
Increased risk of wildfire.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Blocked access to fire road grid	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Reduced access for medical emergencies during construction	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Increased fire protection, law enforcement and emergency response times.	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Need for non-federal law enforcement on corridor through MCB Camp Pendleton.	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Reduced capacity and lifespan of the Prima Deshecha Landfill	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Blocked access in Prima Deshecha Sanitary Landfill.	No	No	During construction.	During construction.	No	During construction.	During construction and operations.	No	No
Generation of excess soil and rock material.	No	No	Initial: No Ultimate: Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Relocation of part of the existing Prima Deshecha Landfill operations facilities.	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
Temporary loss of use and permanent acquisition of public services facilities and utilities properties.	Parts of two electric substation properties.	Parts of two electric substation properties.	Parts of three school properties, one public service facility property; one water treatment access road.	One school property.	Part of one electric substation property.	One school property and part of one water treatment facility and access road. U only: part of one substation property.	Parts of one school property and one proposed school property; one water treatment access road and one substation property.	Parts of six school properties; three public services facilities properties; two electric substation properties and one sports field.	No
Short term potential damage or interruption of service during construction.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Relocation /addition of high voltage electrical towers and large utility poles.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

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Impacts	FEC-M	FEC-W	CC	CC-ALPV	A7C-FEC-M	A7C-ALPV	AIO	I-5	No Action	
Temporary use and permanent acquisition of part of a percolation basin on MCB Camp Pendleton.	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	
Reduced capacity for emergency evacuation.	No									
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO EARTH RESOURCES										
Impacts related to geologic and geotechnical conditions.	No.	No.	No	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Not applicable	
Construction: temporary lowering of groundwater.	Yes.	Not applicable.								
Construction: increased disposal of waste material.	Yes.	Not applicable.								
Reduction in natural ground surface.	Yes.	Not applicable.								
Construction: estimated cut in 1000s of cubic meters (cubic yards)	I: -14,307 (-18,714) U: -16,732 (-21,885)	I: -12,771 (-16,704) U: -14,993 (-19,610)	I: -11,600 (-15,173) U: -19,400 (-25,375)	I: -6,700 (8,764) U: -10,500 (-13,734)	I: -12,149 (-15,891) U: -14,192 (-18,563)	I: -33,300 (-43,556) U: -41,000 (-53,628)	-4,800 (-6,278)	-6,600 (-8,633)	0	
Construction: estimated cut in 1000s of cubic meters (cubic yards)	I: 11,008 (14,398) U: 13,712 (17,935)	I: 13,062 (17,085) U: 15,864 (20,750)	I: 8,900 (11,641) U: 14,600 (19,097)	I: 7,000 (9,156) U: 10,800 (14,126)	I: 13,530 (17,697) U: 16,503 (21,586)	I: 33,800 (44,210) U: 42,700 (55,851)	3,700 (4,840)	2,300 (3,008)	0	
Total net in 1000s of cubic meters (cubic yards)	I: -3,299 (-4,315) U: -3,019 (-3,949)	I: +292 (+382) U: +871 (+1,139)	I: -2,700 (-3,532) U: -4,800 (-6,278)	I & U: +300 (+392)	I: +1,380 (+1,805) U: +2,310 (+3,021)	I: +500 (+654) U: +1,700 (+2,224)	-1,100 (1,439)	-4,300 (5,624)	0	
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES										
Number of paleontologically sensitive formations impacted during construction.										
High sensitivity.	6	6	7	7	5	5	4	4	Not applicable.	
Moderate sensitivity.	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not applicable.	
Low sensitivity.	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	Not applicable.	
Low to no sensitivity.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Not applicable.	
Indeterminate sensitivity.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Not applicable.	
Operations:	Indirect impacts associated with the provision of access to currently inaccessible areas.	Indirect impacts associated with the provision of access to currently inaccessible areas.	Indirect impacts associated with the provision of access to currently inaccessible areas.	Indirect impacts associated with the provision of access to currently inaccessible areas.	Indirect impacts associated with the provision of access to currently inaccessible areas.	Indirect impacts associated with the provision of access to currently inaccessible areas.	Indirect impacts associated with the provision of access to currently inaccessible areas.	Indirect impacts associated with the provision of access to currently inaccessible areas.	Indirect impacts associated with the provision of access to currently inaccessible areas.	Not applicable.
Beneficial effects: availability of new information	Yes.	No.								
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO HISTORIC AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES										
Total recorded archeological resources potentially impacted.	20	21	19	15	19	13 (I) 14 (U)	13	18	0	
Total recorded historic resources potentially impacted.	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	12	0	
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO FARMLAND										
Total hectares (acres) of farmland permanently used for the Alternative.	I: 23 (56) U: 25 (60))	I: 34 (83) U: 34 (85)	I: 18 (45) U: 22 (55)	I: 18 (45) U: 22 (55)	I: 3 (7) U: 3 (7)	I: 3 (8) U: 4 (9)	I: 7 (16) U: 9 (22)	I: 0 (0) U: 0 (0)	0 (0)	

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SUMMARY OF ADVERSE IMPACTS BEFORE MITIGATION

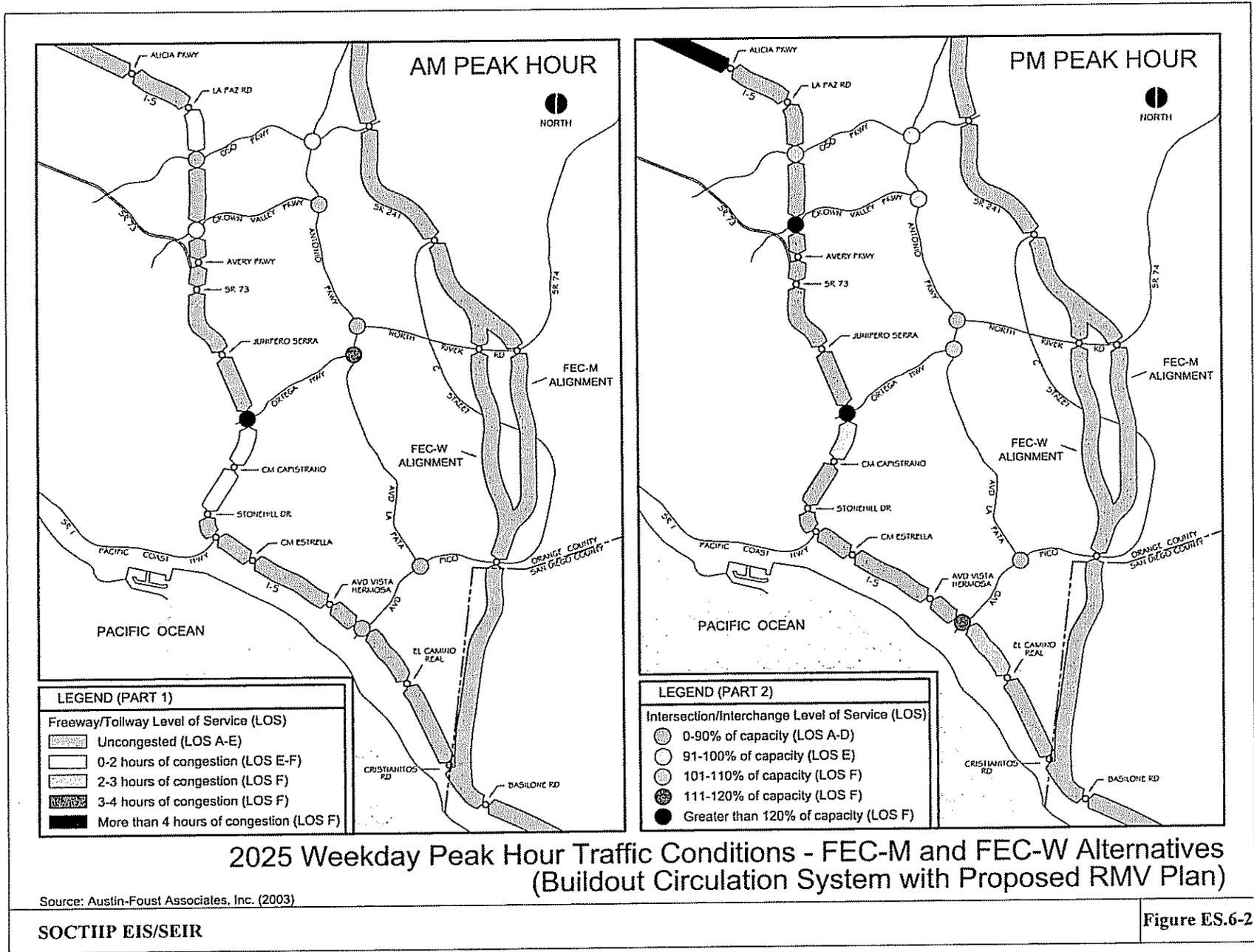
Impacts	FEC-M	FEC-W	CC	CC-ALPV	A7C-FEC-M	A7C-ALPV	AIO	I-5	No Action
Total hectares (acres) of agricultural preserves used for the Alternative.	I: 124 (307) U: 134 (332)	I: 111 (275) U: 114 (281)	I: 87 (214) U: 112 (276)	I: 87 (214) U: 112 (276)	I: 90 (224) U: 94 (231)	I: 168 (415) U: 178 (441)	15 (37)	1 (<1)	0 (0)
Other impacts to agricultural resources.	Impacts existing access and operations and Camp Pendleton.	Impacts existing access and operations and Camp Pendleton.	None.	None.	Impacts existing access operations on RMV and Camp Pendleton.	None.	None.	None.	None.
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FACILITIES									
Construction: number of temporary trail and bikeway closures.	One proposed trail and two bikeways.	Two proposed trails and three bikeways.	Two proposed trails and 15 bikeways.	Two proposed trails and five bikeways.	Two proposed trails and three bikeways.	Two proposed trails and five bikeways.	Two proposed trails and eight bikeways.	Three existing and two proposed trails and 41 bikeways.	None.
Construction: temporary sidewalk closures.	Yes; multiple.	Yes; multiple.	Yes; multiple.	Yes; multiple.	Yes; multiple.	Yes; multiple.	Yes; multiple.	Yes; multiple.	None.
Construction: air quality impacts.	One proposed trail and two proposed bikeways.	Two proposed trails and three proposed bikeways.	Two proposed trails, 11 proposed bikeways and four existing bikeways.	Two proposed trails, four proposed bikeways and one existing bikeway.	Two proposed trails and three proposed bikeways.	Two proposed trails, four proposed bikeways and one existing bikeway.	Two proposed trails and one existing trail.	Three existing trails and one proposed trail.	None.
Permanent acquisition of part of a trail.	One proposed trail.	Two proposed trails.	Two proposed trails.	Two proposed trails.	Two proposed trails.	Two proposed trails.	Two proposed trails.	Three existing trails and two proposed trails.	None.
Operations: permanent visual impacts on trails.	One proposed trail.	Two proposed trails.	Two proposed trails.	Two proposed trails.	Two proposed trails.	Two proposed trails.	None.	None.	None.
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS									
Affects on wild and scenic rivers.	None.	None.	None.	None.	None.	None.	None.	None.	None.
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO COASTAL BARRIERS									
Affects on coastal barriers.	None.	None.	None.	None.	None.	None.	None.	None.	None.
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO THE COASTAL ZONE									
Project lies in Coastal Zone requiring a coastal development permit and a federal consistency finding.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	No.	Yes.	No.
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO ENERGY									
Construction: substantial short term increase in demand for energy.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Not applicable.
Operations: substantial change in energy demand [4].	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Not applicable.
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS RELATED TO MINERAL RESOURCES									
Reduction in availability of or ability to extract mineral resources.	Yes, slight reduction in area where resources can be obtained.	Yes, slight reduction in area where resources can be obtained.	Yes, slight reduction in area where resources can be obtained.	Yes, slight reduction in area where resources can be obtained.	No impact to nearby quarry operations.	Yes, slight reduction in area where resources can be obtained.	No.	No.	No.

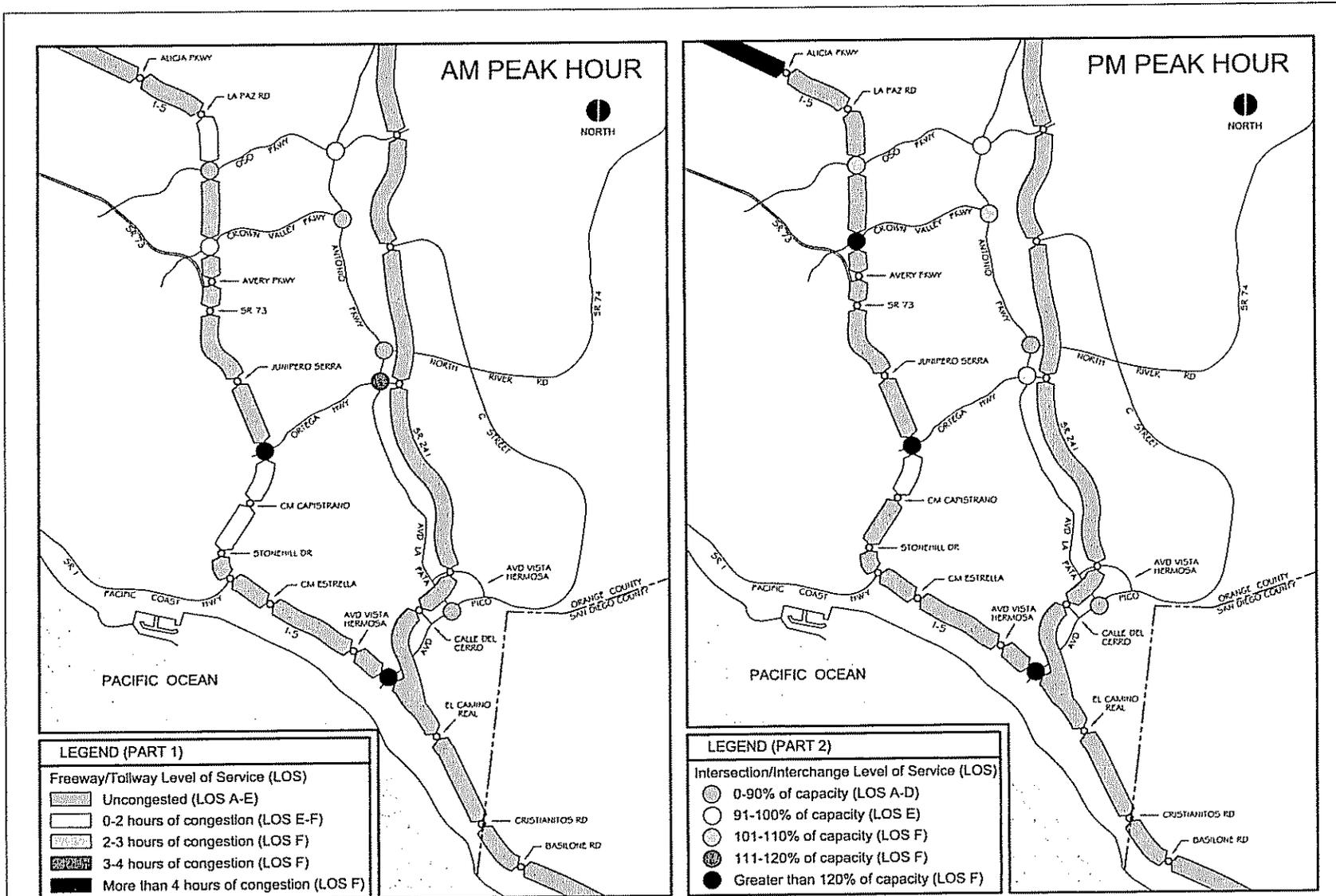
[4] Compared to the No Action Alternatives

I: Initial.
U: Ultimate.
NA: Not applicable.
LOS: Level, levels of service
RMV: Rancho Mission Viejo.

SOSB: San Onofre State Beach.
SCAQMD: South Coast Air Quality Management District.
WQUS: Waters of the United States
SWMP: Storm Water Management Plan.
SWPPP: Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan

PDFS: Project Design Features
CO: Carbon Monoxide
NO_x: Nitrogen oxides.
HC: Hydrocarbons.
PM₁₀: Particulate matters.



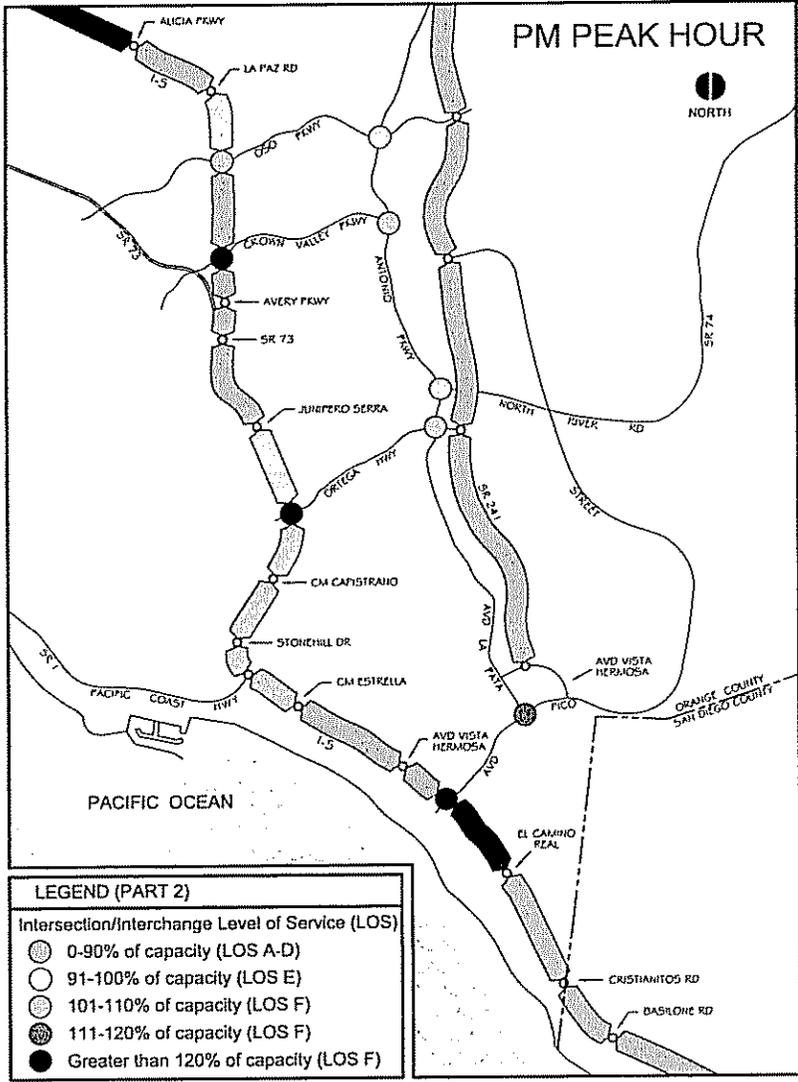
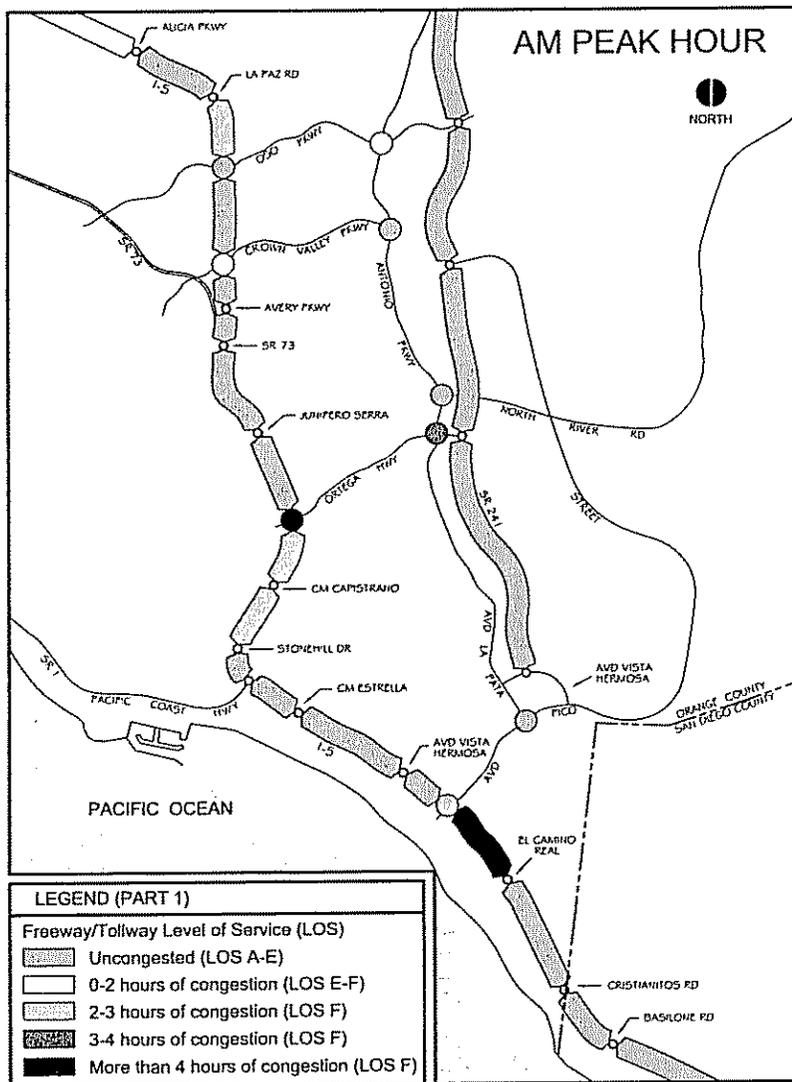


2025 Weekday Peak Hour Traffic Conditions - CC Alternative
(Buildout Circulation System with Proposed RMV Plan)

Source: Austin-Foust Associates, Inc. (2003)

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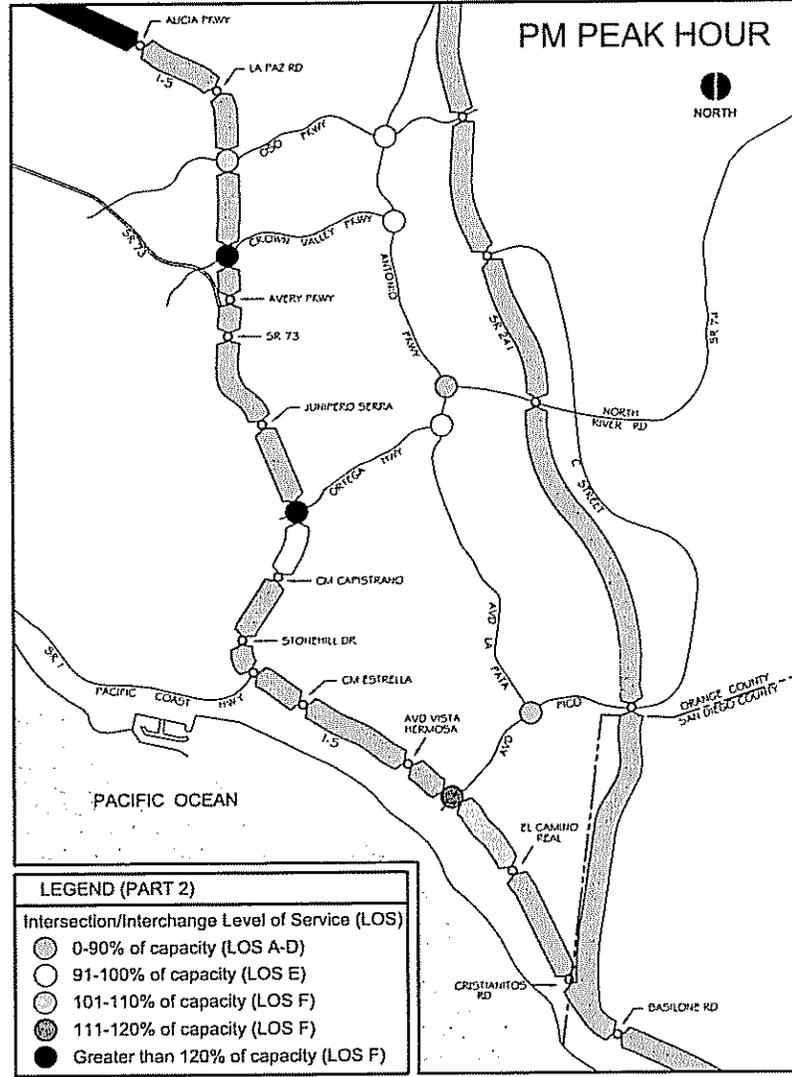
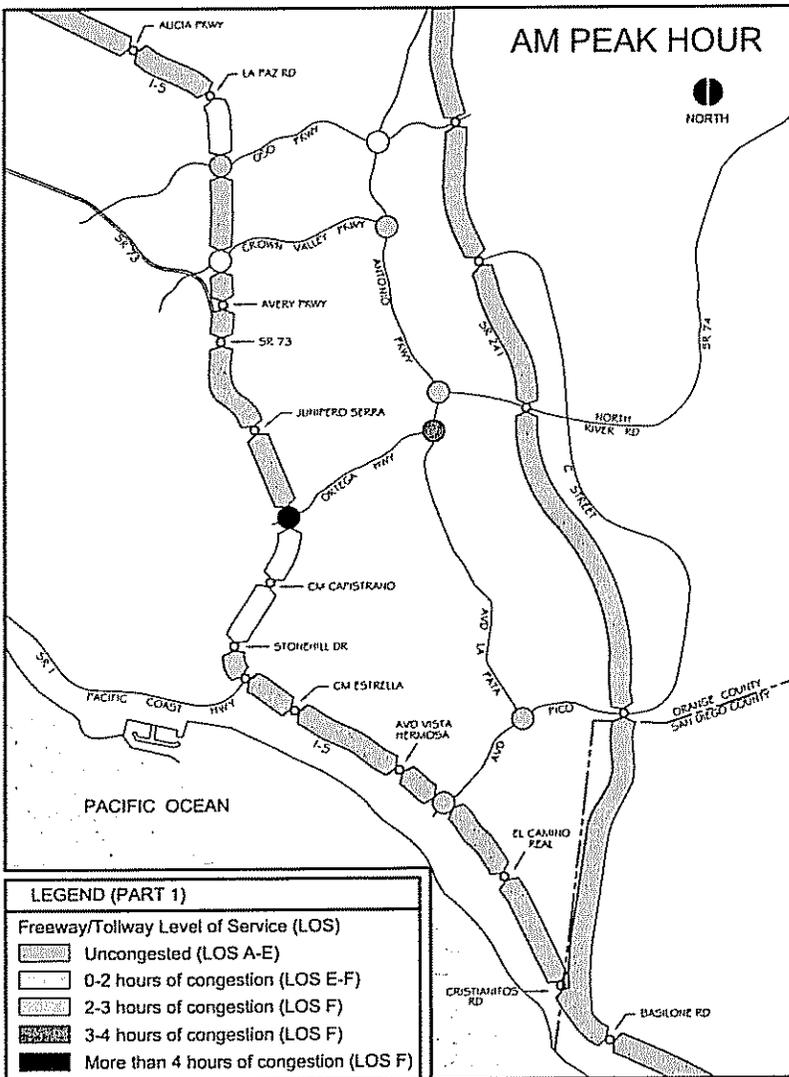


2025 Weekday Peak Hour Traffic Conditions - CC-ALPV Alternative
(Buildout Circulation System with Proposed RMV Plan)

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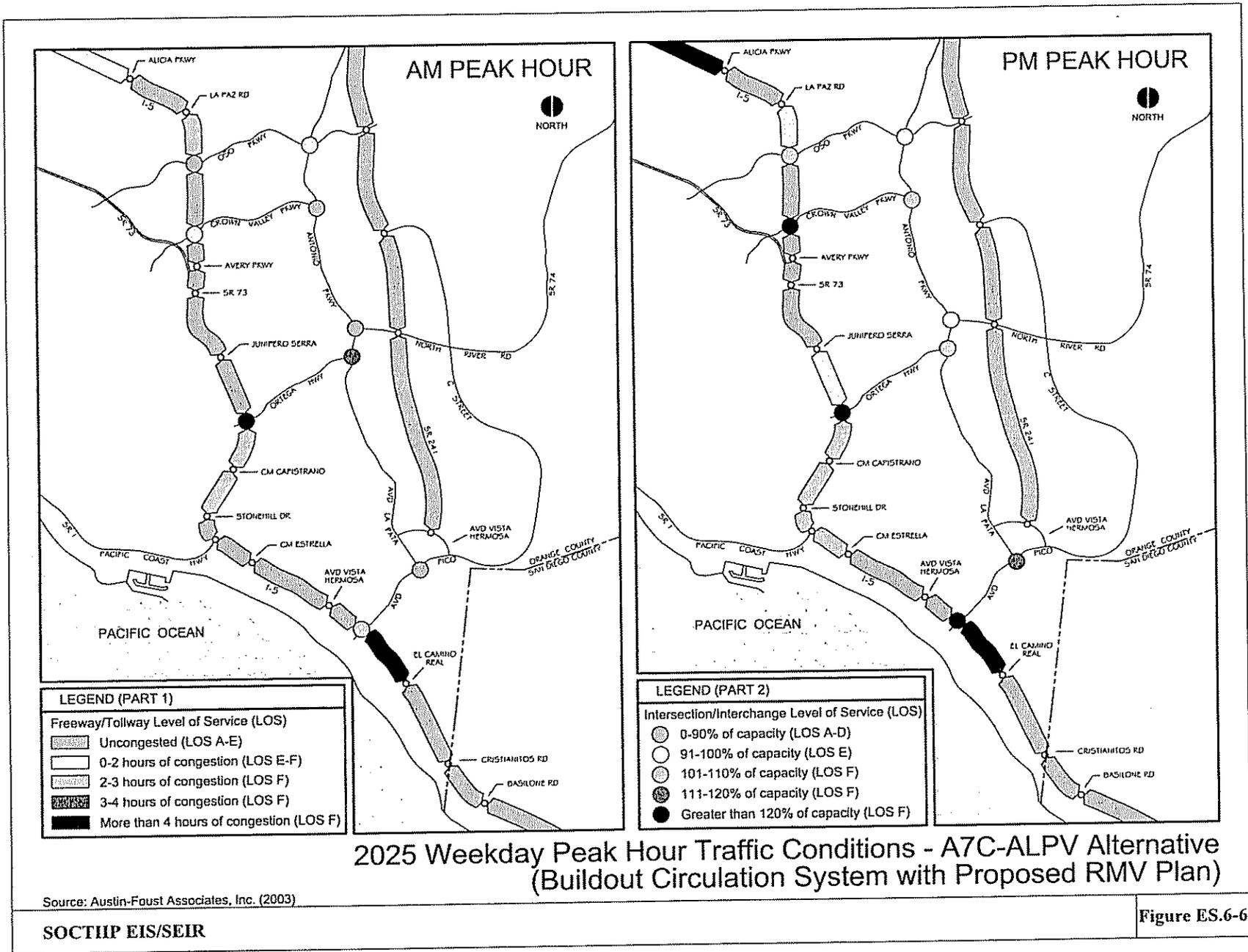


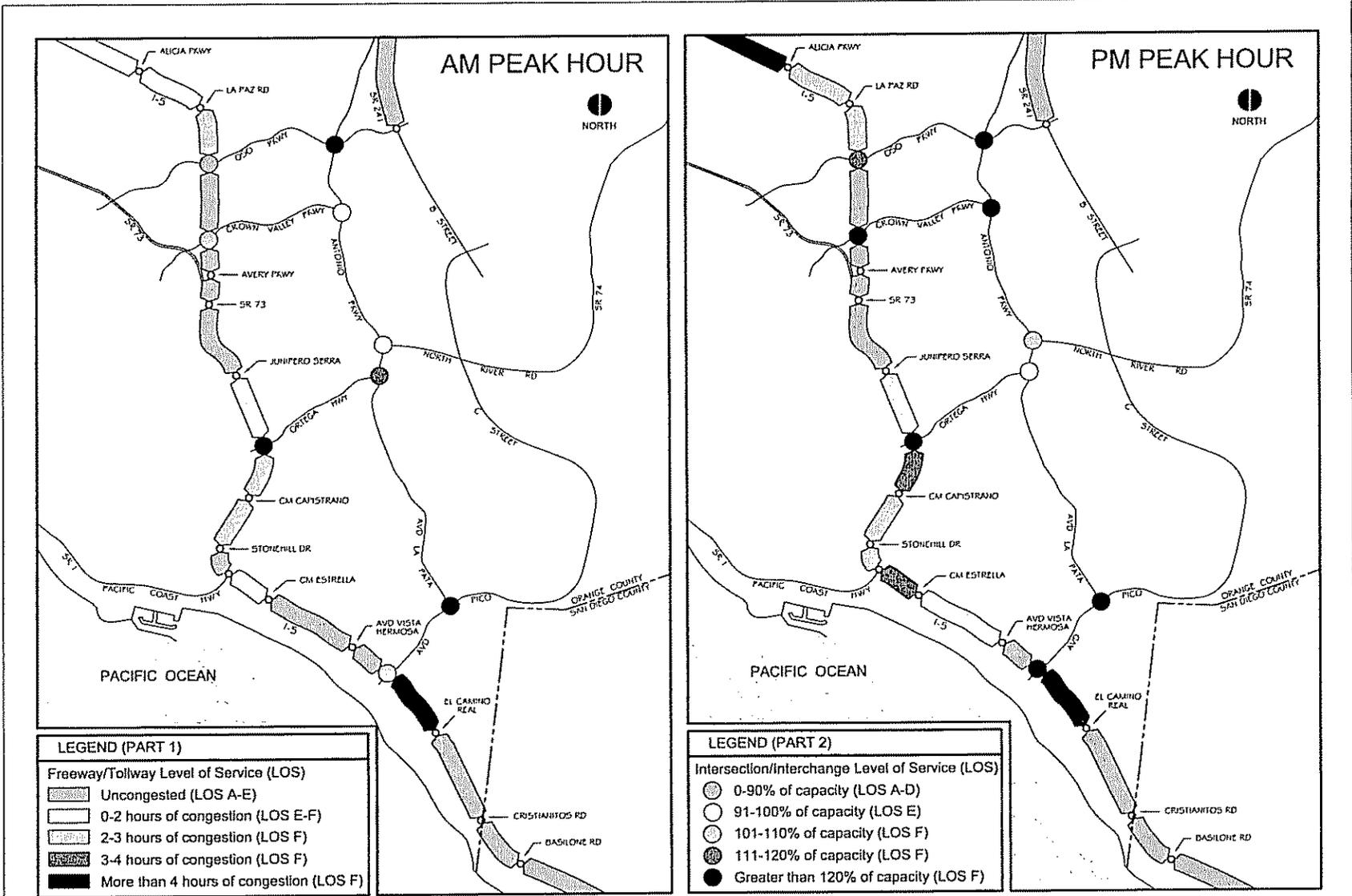
2025 Weekday Peak Hour Traffic Conditions - A7C-FEC-M Alternative
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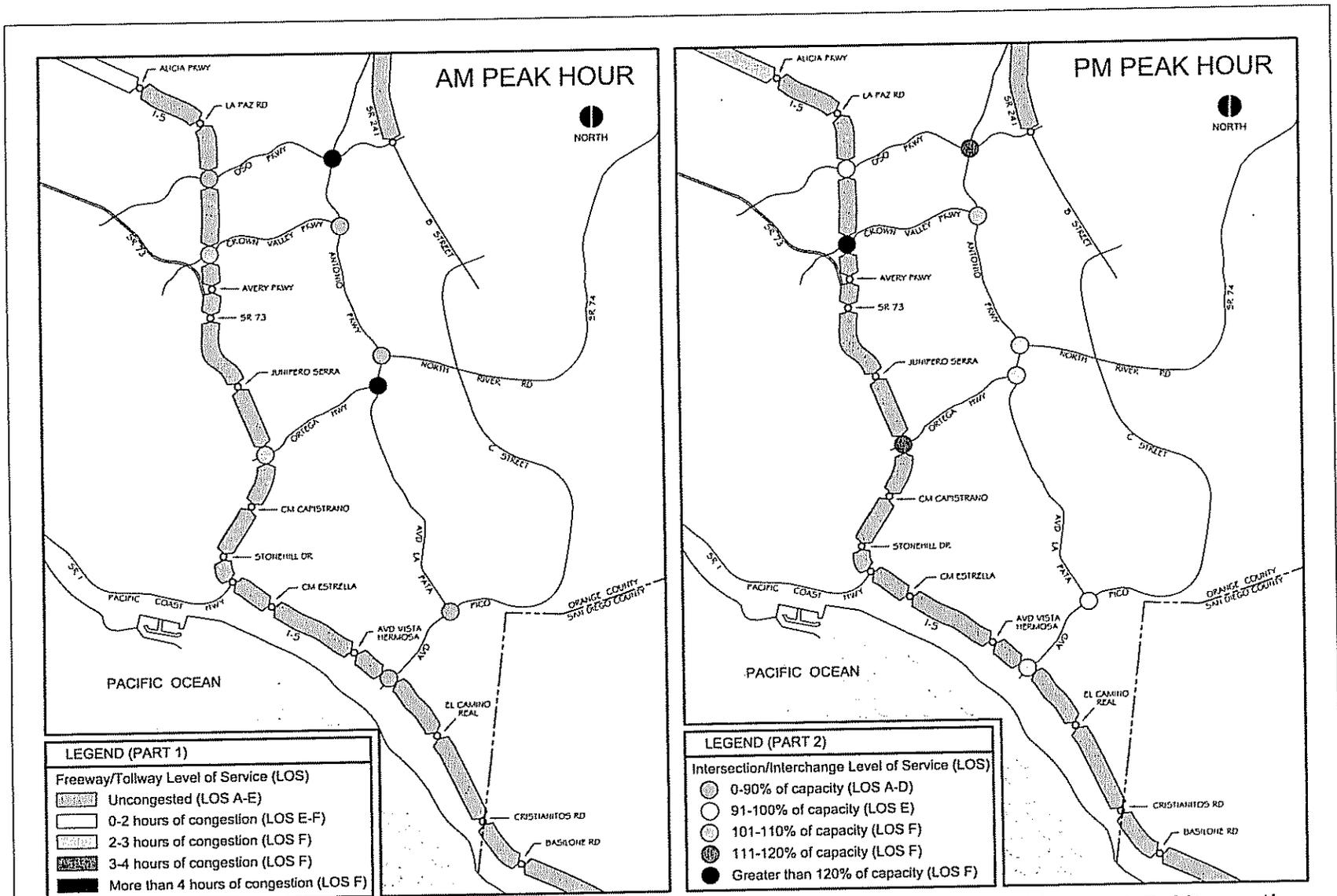
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**2025 Weekday Peak Hour Traffic Conditions - AIO Alternative
(Buildout Circulation System with Proposed RMV Plan)**

Source: Austin-Foust Associates, Inc. (2003)



2025 Weekday Peak Hour Traffic Conditions - I-5 Alternative
(Buildout Circulation System with Proposed RMV Plan)

Source: Austin-Foust Associates, Inc. (2003)

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Figure ES.6-8

TABLE ES.6-2
SUMMARY OF THE BENEFICIAL EFFECTS OF THE SOCTHP BUILD ALTERNATIVES FOR OPERATIONS

LOCATIONS WHERE BENEFICIAL EFFECTS OCCUR COMPARED TO THE NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE	JURISDICTION	ANALYSIS SCENARIOS (A) IN WHICH BENEFICIAL EFFECTS OCCUR UNDER THE BUILD ALTERNATIVES					
		FEC-M & FEC-W	CC	A7C-FEC-M	CC-ALPV & A7C-ALPV	A10	I-5
INTERSECTIONS							
Antonio Parkway & North River Road	County	3	3	3	None	None	None
Avenida Empresa & Avenida de Las Banderas	Rancho Santa Margarita	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3	None	3,4
Avenida La Pata & Avenida Pico	San Clemente	3,4	3,4	3,4	None	None	None
Avenida La Pata & Avenida Vista Hermosa	San Clemente	1,3,4	1,3,4	1,3,4	None	None	None
Avenida La Pata & Camino del Rio	San Clemente	3,4	3,4	3,4	3	None	3,4
Cabot Road & Crown Valley Parkway	Laguna Niguel	3	3	None	None	3	3,4
Camino Capistrano & I-5 southbound ramps	Caltrans/San Juan Capistrano	4	4	4	None	4	4
Camino Capistrano & Junipero Serra Road	San Juan Capistrano	1,3,4	1,3,4	3,4	3	3,4	1,3,4
Camino Vera Cruz & Avenida Vista Hermosa	San Clemente	None	1	None	None	None	None
I-5 northbound ramps & Avenida Pico	Caltrans/San Clemente	1,3,4	None	1,3,4	None	None	1,3,4
I-5 southbound ramps & Avenida Pico	Caltrans/San Clemente	3	None	3	None	None	1,3,4
I-5 southbound ramps & Avery Parkway	Caltrans/Mission Viejo	None	None	None	None	None	1
I-5 northbound ramps & Avery Parkway	Caltrans/Mission Viejo	None	None	None	None	None	1
I-5 southbound ramps & Crown Valley Parkway	Caltrans/Mission Viejo	None	None	None	None	None	4
I-5 southbound ramps & Camino Estrella	Caltrans/San Clemente/Dana Point	1	1	1	1	None	None
I-5 southbound ramps & Ortega Highway	Caltrans/San Juan Capistrano	None	None	None	None	None	1
I-5 northbound ramps & Ortega Highway	Caltrans/San Juan Capistrano	None	None	None	None	None	1
I-5 northbound ramps & Oso Parkway	Caltrans/Mission Viejo	4	4	4	None	None	4
La Novia Avenue & Ortega Highway	San Juan Capistrano	1	1	1	None	None	None
La Pata Avenue & San Juan Creek Road	County	3	3,4	3	3	3,4	3
Marguerite Parkway & Avery Parkway	Mission Viejo	1	1	1	1	None	1
Marguerite Parkway & Jeronimo Road	Mission Viejo	1	1	1	1	None	1
Marguerite Parkway & La Paz Road	Mission Viejo	1,3	1	1,3	1,3	None	1,3
Pacific Coast Highway & Camino Capistrano	San Clemente/Dana Point	1	1	1	1	1	1
SR 241 northbound ramps & Oso Parkway	Caltrans/Rancho Santa Margarita	1,3,4	1,3,4	1,3,4	1,3	None	None
SR 241 southbound ramps & Oso Parkway	Caltrans/Rancho Santa Margarita	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3	None	None
Valle Road & La Novia Avenue/I-5 northbound ramps	Caltrans/San Juan Capistrano	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3	3	3
FREEWAY (I-5) MAINLINE SEGMENTS							
I-5 (Alicia Parkway to La Paz Road)	Caltrans/Laguna Hills/Mission Viejo	1,3,4	1,3,4	1,3,4	1,3	None	1,3,4
I-5 (Avenida Pico to El Camino Real)	Caltrans/San Clemente	None	None	None	None	None	1,3,4
I-5 (Avenida Vista Hermosa to Avenida Pico)	Caltrans/San Clemente	1	1	1	None	None	1
I-5 (Camino Capistrano to Stonehill Drive)	Caltrans/San Juan Capistrano	None	None	None	None	None	1,3,4
I-5 (Camino Estrella to Avenida Vista Hermosa)	Caltrans/San Clemente	3,4	3,4	3,4	3	None	1,3,4
I-5 (Junipero Serra Road to Ortega Highway)	Caltrans/San Juan Capistrano	1,3,4	1,3,4	1,3,4	1,3	None	1,3,4
I-5 (La Paz Road to Oso Parkway)	Caltrans/Mission Viejo	None	None	None	None	None	1,3,4
I-5 (Ortega Highway to Camino Capistrano)	Caltrans/San Juan Capistrano	None	None	None	None	None	1,3,4
I-5 (SR 1/Camino Las Ramblas to Camino Estrella)	Caltrans/Dana Point	3,4	3,4	3,4	None	None	1,3,4
I-5 (Stonehill Drive to SR 1/Camino Las Ramblas)	Caltrans/San Juan Capistrano	1,3,4	1,3,4	1,3,4	None	None	1,3,4
FREEWAY/TOLLWAY RAMPS							
I-5 northbound direct on-ramp at Alicia Parkway	Caltrans/Mission Viejo	None	None	None	None	None	None
I-5 northbound on-ramp at Avenida Pico	Caltrans/San Clemente	None	None	None	None	4	3,4
I-5 southbound on-ramp at Avenida Pico	Caltrans/San Clemente	1	1	1	None	None	1

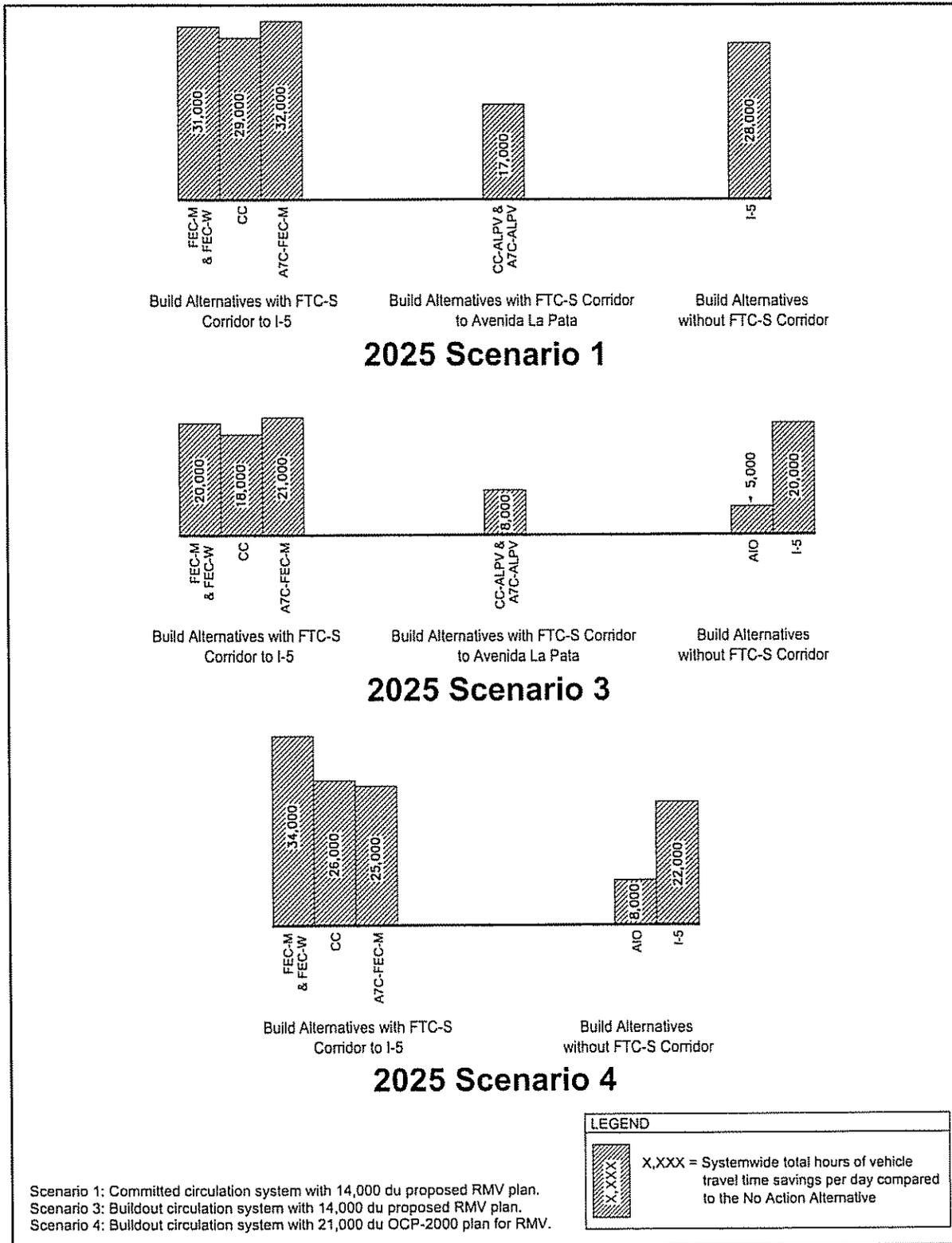
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Locations where Beneficial Effects Occur Compared to the No Action Alternative	JURISDICTION	ANALYSIS SCENARIOS (A) IN WHICH BENEFICIAL EFFECTS OCCUR UNDER THE BUILD ALTERNATIVES					
		FEC-M & FEC-W	CC	A7C-FEC-M	CC-ALPV & A7C-ALPV	AIO	I-5
FREEWAY/TOLLWAY RAMPS (cont)							
1-5 northbound direct on-ramp at Avd Vista Hermosa	Caltrans/San Clemente	1	1	1	1	None	None
1-5 southbound off-ramp at Camino Estrella	Caltrans/San Clemente/Dana Point	1	1	1	1	None	1
1-5 northbound on-ramp at Junipero Serra Road	Caltrans/San Juan Capistrano	None	None	None	None	None	1,3,4
1-5 northbound on-ramp at Ortega Highway	Caltrans/San Juan Capistrano	None	None	None	None	None	1
1-5 southbound off-ramp at Ortega Highway	Caltrans/San Juan Capistrano	None	None	None	None	None	1,3
1-5 southbound off-ramp at Oso Parkway	Caltrans/Mission Viejo	None	None	None	None	None	1,3,4
1-5 southbound direct on-ramp at SR-1/Cm Las Ramblas	Caltrans/Dana Point	None	None	None	None	None	None
SR 241 southbound off-ramp at Antonio Parkway	Caltrans/Rancho Santa Margarita	4	4	4	None	None	None
SR 241 northbound on-ramp at Oso Parkway	Caltrans/Rancho Santa Margarita	1,3,4	1,3,4	1,3,4	1,3	None	1,3
SR 241 southbound off-ramp at Oso Parkway	Caltrans/Rancho Santa Margarita	4	1,3	1,3	None	None	None

(a) The assumptions for each scenario are as follows:

- Scenario 1: Committed circulation system with 14,000 du proposed RMV plan.
- Scenario 3: Buildout circulation system with 14,000 du proposed RMV plan.
- Scenario 4: Buildout circulation system with 21,000 du OCP-2000 plan for RMV.

Source: Austin-Foust Associates, Inc. (2003).



Summary of Build Alternative Systemwide Travel Time Savings

Source: Austin-Foust Associates, Inc. (2003)

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Figure ES.6-9

**TABLE ES.6-4
SUMMARY OF I-5 CONGESTION IN THE SOCTIIP STUDY AREA**

Alternatives and Scenarios (a)	Congested Percentage of Daily Traffic on I-5 (b)
2025 SCENARIO 1	
No Action Alternative	22.7%
Build Alternatives with FTC-S Toll Road from Oso Parkway to I-5	
FEC-M and FEC-W Alternatives	6.7%
CC Alternative	5.1%
A7C-FEC-M Alternative	5.2%
Build Alternatives with FTC-S Toll Road from Oso Parkway to Avenida La Pata	
CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives	12.2%
Build Alternatives without the FTC-S Toll Road	
I-5 Alternative	1.0%
2025 SCENARIO 2	
No Action Alternative	28.6%
2025 SCENARIO 3	
No Action Alternative	15.9%
Build Alternatives with FTC-S Toll Road from Oso Parkway to I-5	
FEC-M and FEC-W Alternatives	3.4%
CC Alternative	2.4%
A7C-FEC-M Alternative	3.2%
Build Alternatives with FTC-S Toll Road from Oso Parkway to Avenida La Pata	
CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives	7.8%

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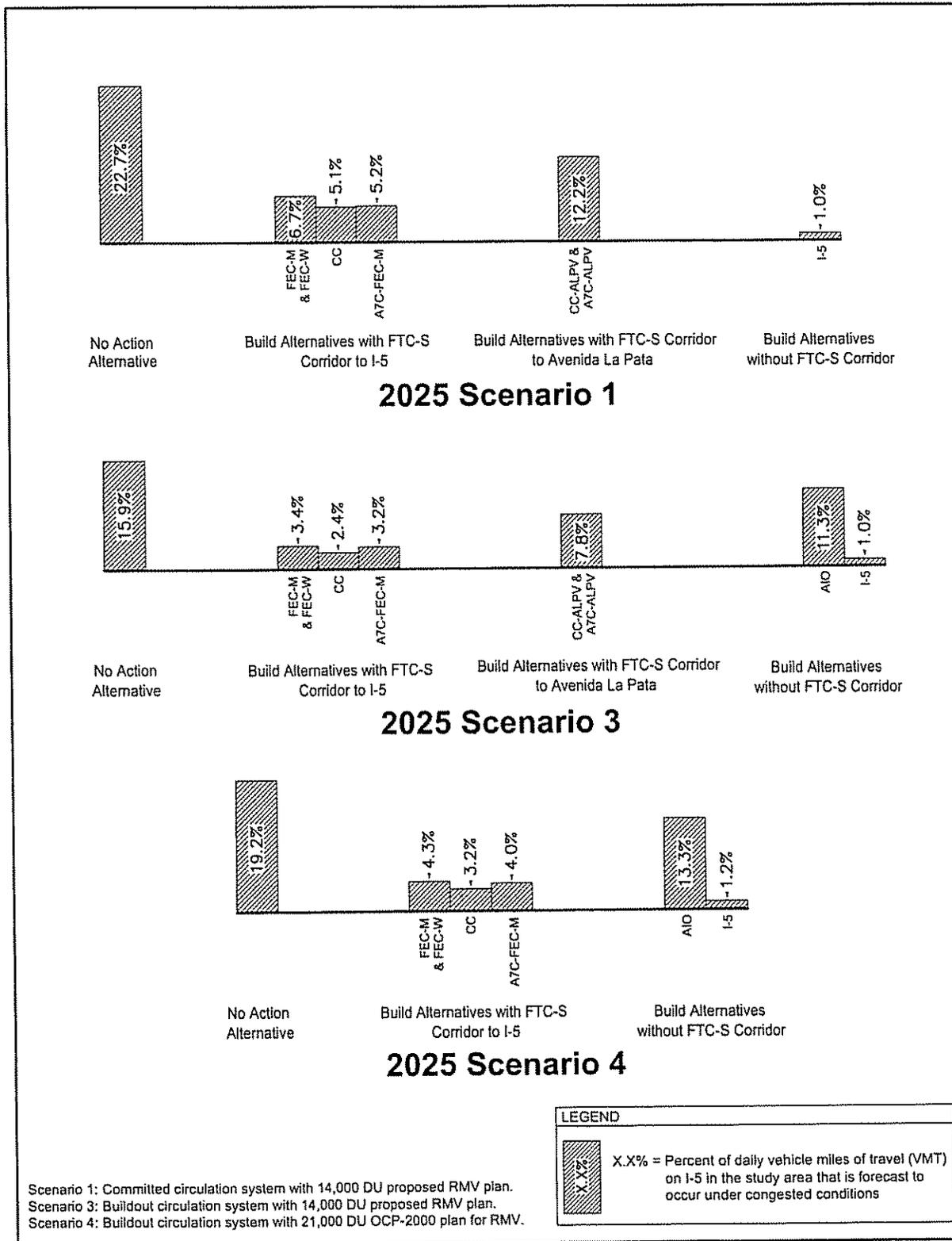
Alternatives and Scenarios (a)	Congested Percentage of Daily Traffic on I-5 (b)
Build Alternatives without the FTC-S Toll Road	
AIO Alternative	11.3%
I-5 Alternative	1.0%
2025 SCENARIO 4	
No Action Alternative	19.2%
Build Alternatives with FTC-S Toll Road from Oso Parkway to I-5	
FEC-M and FEC-W Alternatives	4.3%
CC Alternative	3.2%
A7C-FEC-M Alternative	4.0%
Build Alternatives without the FTC-S Toll Road	
AIO Alternative	13.3%
I-5 Alternative	1.2%

(a) The assumptions for each scenario are as follows:

- Scenario 1: Committed circulation system with 14,000 du proposed RMV plan.
- Scenario 2: Committed circulation system with 21,000 du OCP-2000 plan for RMV.
- Scenario 3: Buildout circulation system with 14,000 du proposed RMV plan.
- Scenario 4: Buildout circulation system with 21,000 du OCP-2000 plan for RMV.

(b) Expressed as percent of daily vehicle miles of travel (VMT) on I-5 in the study area that is forecast to occur under congested conditions.

Source: Austin-Foust Associates, Inc. (2003)



Summary of I-5 Congestion in the SOCTIIP Study Area

Source: Austin-Foust Associates, Inc. (2003)

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Figure ES.6-10

**TABLE ES.6-5
SUMMARY OF ARTERIAL SYSTEM CONGESTION IN THE SOCTIIP STUDY AREA**

Alternatives and Scenarios (a)	Total Hours of Vehicle Delay on the Arterial System (b)
2025 SCENARIO 1	
No Action Alternative	13,200
Build Alternatives with FTC-S Toll Road from Oso Parkway to I-5	
FEC-M and FEC-W Alternatives	10,600
CC Alternative	10,600
A7C-FEC-M Alternative	10,400
Build Alternatives with FTC-S Toll Road from Oso Parkway to Avenida La Pata	
CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives	10,900
Build Alternatives without the FTC-S Toll Road	
I-5 Alternative	10,300
2025 SCENARIO 2	
No Action Alternative	17,300
2025 SCENARIO 3	
No Action Alternative	9,900
Build Alternatives with FTC-S Toll Road from Oso Parkway to I-5	
FEC-M and FEC-W Alternatives	7,700
CC Alternative	7,900
A7C-FEC-M Alternative	7,700
Build Alternatives with FTC-S Toll Road from Oso Parkway to Avenida La Pata	
CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives	8,200

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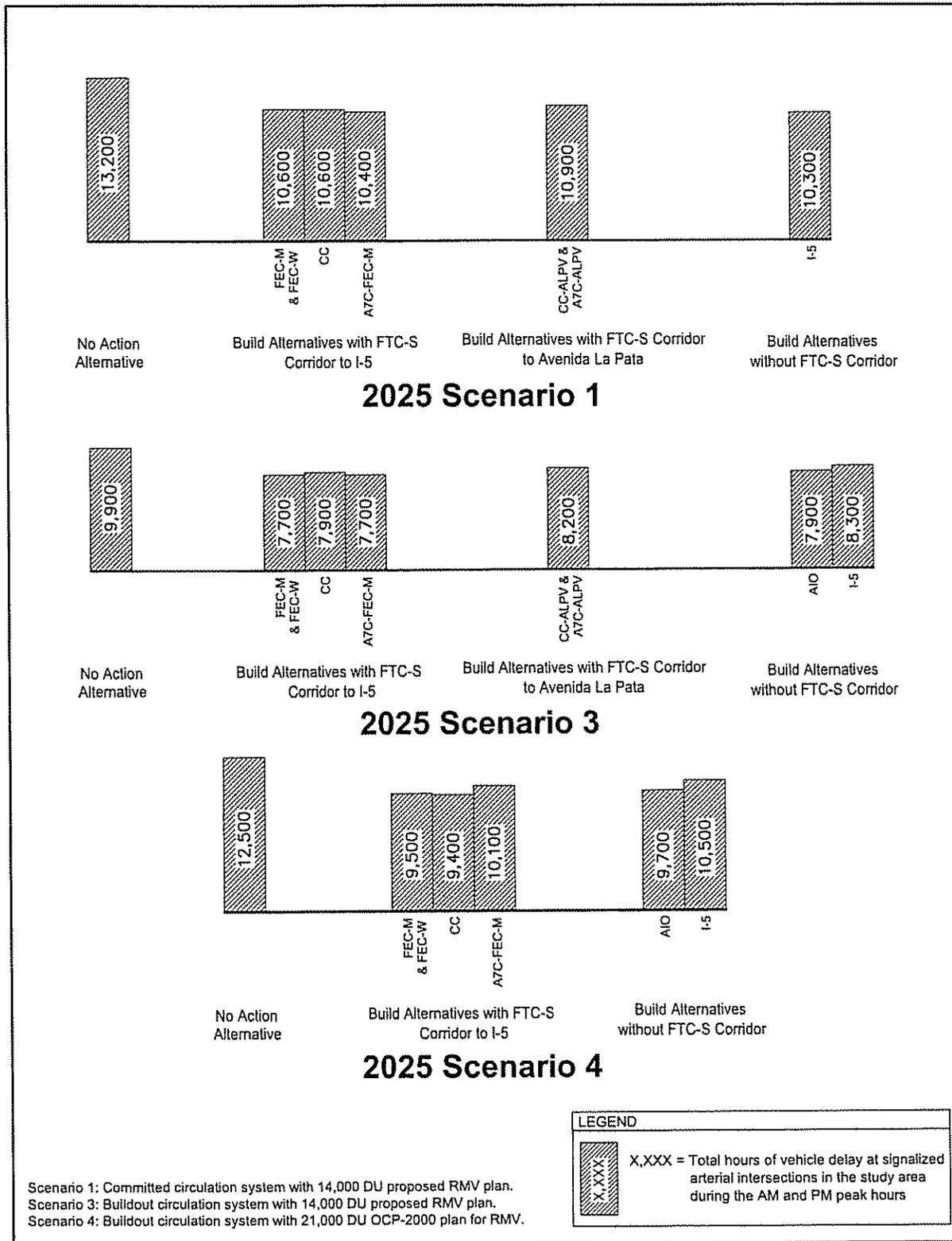
Alternatives and Scenarios (a)	Total Hours of Vehicle Delay on the Arterial System (b)
Build Alternatives without the FTC-S Toll Road	
AIO Alternative	7,900
I-5 Alternative	8,300
2025 SCENARIO 4	
No Action Alternative	12,500
Build Alternatives with FTC-S Toll Road from Oso Parkway to I-5	
FEC-M and FEC-W Alternatives	9,500
CC Alternative	9,400
A7C-FEC-M Alternative	10,100
Build Alternatives without the FTC-S Toll Road	
AIO Alternative	9,700
I-5 Alternative	10,500

(a) The assumptions for each scenario are as follows:

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- Scenario 2: Committed circulation system with 21,000 du OCP-2000 plan for RMV.
- Scenario 3: Buildout circulation system with 14,000 du proposed RMV plan.
- Scenario 4: Buildout circulation system with 21,000 du OCP-2000 plan for RMV.

(b) Expressed as total hours of vehicle delay during the AM and PM peak at signalized arterial intersections in the study area.

Source: Austin-Foust Associates, Inc. (2003).



Summary of Arterial System Congestion in the SOCTIIP Study Area

Source: Austin-Foust Associates, Inc. (2003)

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Figure ES.6-11

**TABLE ES.6-6
SUMMARY OF BUILD ALTERNATIVE POINT TO POINT TRAVEL TIME SAVINGS**

Alternative	Average Travel Times (b)					
	South Orange County		North Orange County		Non-Orange County (d)	
No Action Alternative (a)	28-38		57-81		121-233	
Alternative	Reduction in Peak Travel Times (c)					
	South Orange County		North Orange County		Non-Orange County (d)	
	Minutes	Percent	Minutes	Percent	Minutes	Percent
Build Alternatives with FTC-S Toll Road from Oso Parkway to I-5 (a)						
FEC-M and FEC-W Alternatives	5-10	18%-26%	8-12	10%-16%	11-17	5%-13%
CC Alternative	3-7	11%-19%	5-10	6%-13%	7-11	3%-9%
A7C-FEC-M Alternative	5-10	18%-27%	8-12	10%-16%	11-15	5%-12%
Build Alternatives with FTC-S Toll Road from Oso Parkway to Avenida La Pata (a)						
CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives	2-4	5%-11%	2-6	2%-9%	3-7	2%-5%
Build Alternatives without the FTC-S Toll Road (a)						
AIO Alternative	1-3	4%-8%	1-4	1%-5%	2-5	1%-4%
I-5 Alternative	7-11	25%-32%	13-16	17%-25%	13-18	7%-14%

- (a) The travel time information summarized here is based on Scenario 3: Buildout circulation system with 14,000 du proposed RMV plan.
- (b) Expressed as the average 2025 point to point travel time in minutes during the AM and PM peak between I-5 at the Orange/San Diego County border and three geographic areas to the north. The travel times are listed in ranges because the travel times vary between AM and PM and also between smaller geographic areas within the three areas that are summarized here.
- (c) Expressed as the reduction in terms of minutes and percentages compared to the No Action Alternative in 2025 point to point AM and PM peak travel times between I-5 at the Orange/San Diego County border and three geographic areas to the north. The travel time savings are listed in ranges because the travel times vary between AM and PM and also between smaller geographic areas within the three areas that are summarized here.
- (d) Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties.

Source: Austin-Foust Associates, Inc. (2003).

TABLE ES.6-7
SUMMARY OF THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT ADVERSE IMPACTS OF THE SOCTHP BUILD ALTERNATIVES FOR OPERATIONS

LOCATIONS WHERE ADVERSE IMPACTS OCCUR COMPARED TO THE NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE (B)	JURISDICTION	ANALYSIS SCENARIOS (A) IN WHICH ADVERSE IMPACTS OCCUR UNDER THE BUILD ALTERNATIVES					
		FEC-M & FEC-W	CC	A7C-FEC-M	CC-ALPV & A7C-ALPV	AIO	I-5
DIRECT ADVERSE IMPACTS							
Intersections							
Antonio Parkway & Crown Valley Parkway	County of Orange	None	None	None	None	3,4	3
Antonio Parkway-La Pata Avenue & Ortega Highway	County of Orange	None	None	None	None	4	1,3,4
Antonio Parkway & North River Road	County of Orange	None	None	None	None	3	None
Antonio Parkway & Oso Parkway	County of Orange	None	None	None	None	3,4	None
Avenida Empresa & Avenida De Las Banderas	Rancho Santa Margarita	None	None	None	None	3,4	None
Avenida Empresa & Santa Margarita Parkway	Rancho Santa Margarita	None	None	None	None	3,4	None
Avenida La Pata & Avenida Pico	San Clemente	None	None	None	1,3	3,4	None
Avenida La Pata & Avenida Vista Hermosa	San Clemente	None	None	None	1,3	3,4	None
Avenida Taloga & Avenida Vista Hermosa	San Clemente	None	None	None	1	None	None
Avenida Vista Hermosa & Avenida Pico	San Clemente	None	None	None	1	None	None
Camino Capistrano & San Juan Creek Road	San Juan Capistrano	None	None	None	None	None	4
Camino Capistrano & Stonehill Drive	San Juan Capistrano	None	None	None	None	None	1
Camino Vera Cruz & Avenida Vista Hermosa	San Clemente	None	None	None	1	None	None
Felipe Road & Oso Parkway	Mission Viejo	None	None	None	None	3,4	4
I-5 northbound ramps & Avenida Pico	San Clemente	None	1,3,4	None	1,3	3,4	None
I-5 southbound ramps & Avenida Pico	San Clemente	None	None	None	1,3	3,4	None
I-5 northbound ramps & Crown Valley Parkway	Mission Viejo	None	None	None	None	None	4
I-5 northbound ramps & Oso Parkway	Mission Viejo	None	None	None	None	None	1
Los Altos & Crown Valley Parkway	Mission Viejo	None	None	None	None	None	4
Marguerite Parkway & Avery Parkway	Mission Viejo	None	None	None	None	None	4
Marguerite Parkway & Crown Valley Parkway	Mission Viejo	None	None	None	None	None	1
Marguerite Parkway & Jeronimo Road	Mission Viejo	None	None	None	None	4	None
Puerta Real & Crown Valley Parkway	Mission Viejo	None	None	None	None	None	4
Rancho Viejo Road & Ortega Highway	San Juan Capistrano	None	None	None	None	None	1
SR 241 northbound ramps & Antonio Parkway	Rancho Santa Margarita	None	None	None	None	3	None
SR 241 northbound ramps & Oso Parkway	Rancho Santa Margarita	None	None	None	None	3,4	None
SR 241 southbound ramps & Oso Parkway	Rancho Santa Margarita	None	None	None	None	4	None
Freeway (I-5) Mainline Segments							
None	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Freeway/Tollway Ramps							
I-5 northbound off-ramp at Avenida Pico	Caltrans/San Clemente	None	None	None	1,3	None	None
I-5 northbound on-ramp at Avenida Pico	Caltrans/San Clemente	Indirect	1,3,4	Indirect	1,3	None	1
I-5 southbound off-ramp at Avenida Pico	Caltrans/San Clemente	None	1,3,4	None	None	None	None
I-5 southbound on-ramp at Avenida Pico	Caltrans/San Clemente	None	None	None	1,3	3,4	None
I-5 northbound direct on-ramp at Avd Vista Hermosa	Caltrans/San Clemente	None	None	None	None	None	1
I-5 southbound off-ramp at Avenida Vista Hermosa	Caltrans/San Clemente	None	None	None	None	None	1
I-5 northbound direct on-ramp at Crown Valley Parkway	Caltrans/Mission Viejo	None	None	None	None	3	1,3,4
I-5 southbound off-ramp at Crown Valley Parkway	Caltrans/Mission Viejo	None	None	None	None	3	3,4
I-5 northbound on-ramp at Ortega Highway	Caltrans/San Juan Capistrano	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	4	None
I-5 southbound off-ramp at Ortega Highway	Caltrans/San Juan Capistrano	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	None	None	1,3,4
I-5 southbound off-ramp at Oso Parkway	Caltrans/Mission Viejo	None	None	None	None	3	None

TABLE ES.6-7
SUMMARY OF THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT ADVERSE IMPACTS OF THE SOCTHP BUILD ALTERNATIVES FOR OPERATIONS

LOCATIONS WHERE ADVERSE IMPACTS OCCUR COMPARED TO THE NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE (B)	JURISDICTION	ANALYSIS SCENARIOS (A) IN WHICH ADVERSE IMPACTS OCCUR UNDER THE BUILD ALTERNATIVES					
		FEC-M & FEC-W	CC	A7C-FEC-M	CC-ALPV & A7C-ALPV	A10	I-5
DIRECT ADVERSE IMPACTS (cont)							
Freeway/Tollway Ramps (cont)							
I-5 northbound on-ramp at Stonehill Drive	Caltrans/San Juan Capistrano	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	1,3,4
SR 241 northbound on-ramp at Antonio Parkway	Caltrans/Rancho Santa Margarita	None	None	None	None	3	None
SR 241 southbound off-ramp at Antonio Parkway	Caltrans/Rancho Santa Margarita	None	None	None	None	3,4	None
SR 241 northbound on-ramp at Oso Parkway	Caltrans/Rancho Santa Margarita	None	None	None	None	3,4	None
SR 241 southbound off-ramp at Oso Parkway	Caltrans/Rancho Santa Margarita	None	None	None	None	4	None
INDIRECT ADVERSE IMPACTS							
Intersections							
I-5 northbound ramps & Ortega Highway	San Juan Capistrano	1	1	1	1	None	None
Freeway (I-5) Mainline Segments							
None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Freeway/Tollway Ramps							
I-5 northbound on-ramp at Avenida Pico	Caltrans/San Clemente	1,3,4	Direct	1,3,4	Direct	None	Direct
I-5 southbound off-ramp at Camino Capistrano	Caltrans/San Juan Capistrano	1,3,4	1,3,4	1,3,4	1,3	None	None
I-5 northbound on-ramp at Ortega Highway	Caltrans/San Juan Capistrano	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3	Direct	None
I-5 southbound off-ramp at Ortega Highway	Caltrans/San Juan Capistrano	1	1	1	None	None	Direct
I-5 northbound on-ramp at Stonehill Drive	Caltrans/San Juan Capistrano	1,3,4	1,3,4	1,3,4	1,3	3,4	Direct

(a) The assumptions for each scenario are as follows:

- Scenario 1: Committed circulation system with 14,000 du proposed RMV plan.
- Scenario 3: Buildout circulation system with 14,000 du proposed RMV plan.
- Scenario 4: Buildout circulation system with 21,000 du OCP-2000 plan for RMV.

(b) Locations where both direct and indirect impacts occur, depending on the Build Alternative, appear in both the Direct Adverse Impact and Indirect Adverse Impact sections of the table. In such cases, the following entries are used to differentiate between direct and indirect impacts:

- Indirect – Indirect adverse impact occurs at this location under the given Build Alternative. Refer to Section 3.0 in the EIS/SEIR for a more detailed discussion on the scenarios in which the impact occurs.
- Direct – Direct adverse impact occurs at this location under the given Build Alternative. Refer to Section 3.0 in the EIS/SEIR for a more detailed discussion on the scenarios in which the impact occurs.

Source: Austin-Foust Associates, Inc. (2003).

**TABLE ES.6-8
SUMMARY OF DIRECT ADVERSE LONG TERM IMPACTS, MITIGATION MEASURES AND
CEQA LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE AFTER MITIGATION FOR TRAFFIC AND CIRCULATION**

Direct Adverse Impact and Impacted Scenarios (a)	Mitigation Measure (b) and Traffic Share Percentages	CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation
Far East Corridor-Modified Alternative		
None.	None.	Not applicable.
Far East Corridor-West Alternative		
None.	None.	Not applicable.
Central Corridor-Complete Alternative		
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: I-5 northbound ramps & Avenida Pico under Scenarios 1, 3 and 4.	No conventional intersection enhancements could be identified (traffic share = 19%).	Significant.
Long range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: I-5 northbound on-ramp at Avd Pico under Scenarios 1, 3 and 4.	Widen to a two-lane on-ramp (traffic share = 58%).	Significant.
Long range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: I-5 southbound off-ramp at Avd Pico under Scenarios 1, 3 and 4.	Add second auxiliary lane from I-5 to the off-ramp (traffic share = 58%).	Significant.
Central Corridor-Avenida La Pata Variation Alternative		
Long-range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Avd La Pata & Avd Pico under Scenarios 1 and 3.	Add second eastbound left-turn lane and convert second northbound through lane to shared second through/ second right-turn lane (traffic share = 16%).	Less than significant.
Long-range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Avd La Pata & Avd Vista Hermosa under Scenarios 1 and 3.	Add third eastbound through lane and second westbound left-turn lane (traffic share = 22%).	Less than significant.
Long-range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Avd Talega & Ave Vista Hermosa under Scenario 1.	Add third westbound through lane (traffic share = 37%).	Less than significant.
Long-range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Avd Vista Hermosa & Avd Pico under Scenario 1.	Add westbound right-turn lane and convert third eastbound through lane to third eastbound left-turn lane (traffic share = 31%).	Less than significant.
Long-range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Cm Vera Cruz & Avd Vista Hermosa under Scenario 1.	Add third eastbound and westbound through lanes and second southbound left-turn lane (traffic share = 10%).	Less than significant.
Long-range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: I-5 northbound ramps & Avd Pico under Scenarios 1 and 3.	Add third eastbound through lane and second eastbound left-turn lane (traffic share = 17%).	Significant.

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Direct Adverse Impact and Impacted Scenarios (a)	Mitigation Measure (b) and Traffic Share Percentages	CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation
Long-range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: I-5 southbound ramps & Avd Pico under Scenarios 1 and 3.	Reconstruct intersection as part of ramp improvement listed below to provide separate southbound on-ramps from eastbound and westbound Avd Pico (traffic share = 21%).	Less than significant.
Long-range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: I-5 northbound off-ramp at Avd Pico under Scenarios 1 and 3.	Add second drop lane from I-5 to the off-ramp (traffic share = 36%).	Less than significant.
Long-range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: I-5 northbound on-ramp at Avd Pico under Scenarios 1 and 3.	Widen to a two-lane on-ramp (traffic share = 6%).	Less than significant.
Long-range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: I-5 southbound on-ramp at Avd Pico under Scenarios 1 and 3.	Provide separate on-ramps from eastbound and westbound Avd Pico (traffic share = 35%).	Significant.
Alignment 7 Corridor-Far East Crossover-Modified Alternative		
None.	None.	Not applicable.
Alignment 7 Corridor-Avenida La Pata Variation Alternative		
Long-range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Avd La Pata & Avd Pico under Scenarios 1 and 3.	Add second eastbound left-turn lane and convert second northbound through lane to shared second through/second right-turn lane (traffic share = 16%).	Less than significant.
Long-range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Avd la Pata & Avd Vista Hermosa under Scenarios 1 and 3.	Add third eastbound through lane and second westbound left-turn lane (traffic share = 22%).	Less than significant.
Long-range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Avd Talega & Ave Vista Hermosa under Scenario 1.	Add third westbound through lane (traffic share = 37%).	Less than significant.
Long-range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Avd Vista Hermosa & Avd Pico under Scenario 1.	Add westbound right-turn lane and convert third eastbound through lane to third eastbound left-turn lane (traffic share = 31%).	Less than significant.
Long-range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Cm Vera Cruz & Avd Vista Hermosa under Scenario 1.	Add third eastbound and westbound through lanes and second southbound left-turn lane (traffic share = 10%).	Less than significant.
Long-range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: I-5 northbound ramps & Avd Pico under Scenarios 1 and 3.	Add third eastbound through lane and second eastbound left-turn lane (traffic share = 17%).	Significant.

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Direct Adverse Impact and Impacted Scenarios (a)	Mitigation Measure (b) and Traffic Share Percentages	CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation
Long-range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: I-5 southbound ramps & Avd Pico under Scenarios 1 and 3.	Reconstruct intersection as part of ramp improvement listed below to provide separate southbound on-ramps from eastbound and westbound Avd Pico (traffic share = 21%).	Less than significant.
Long-range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: I-5 northbound off-ramp at Avd Pico under Scenarios 1 and 3.	Add second drop lane from I-5 to the off-ramp (traffic share = 36%).	Less than significant.
Long-range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: I-5 northbound on-ramp at Avd Pico under Scenarios 1 and 3.	Widen to a two-lane on-ramp (traffic share = 6%).	Less than significant.
Long-range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: I-5 southbound on-ramp at Avd Pico under Scenarios 1 and 3.	Provide separate on-ramps from eastbound and westbound Avd Pico (traffic share = 35%).	Significant.
Arterial Improvements Only Alternative		
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Antonio Pkwy & Crown Valley Pkwy under Scenario 3.	Implement at-grade improvement plan: add third eastbound and northbound left-turn lanes and provide eastbound free right-turn lane (traffic share = 11%). Or implement grade separated improvement plan: signalized control of all intersection movements except northbound and southbound through traffic on Antonio Pkwy (traffic share = 11%).	Significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Antonio Pkwy & Crown Valley Pkwy under Scenario 4.	Implement at-grade improvement plan: add fourth eastbound and westbound through lanes and third northbound, southbound, eastbound and westbound left-turn lanes, and provide westbound free right-turn lane (traffic share = 11%). Or implement grade separated improvement plan: signalized control of all intersection movements except northbound and southbound through traffic on Antonio Pkwy (traffic share = 11%).	Significant.

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Direct Adverse Impact and Impacted Scenarios (a)	Mitigation Measure (b) and Traffic Share Percentages	CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Antonio Pkwy-La Pata Ave & Ortega Hwy under Scenario 4.	Implement at-grade improvement plan: add third eastbound and westbound through lanes and third southbound and westbound left-turn lanes, and provide northbound, southbound and westbound free right-turn lanes (traffic share = 5%). Or implement grade separated improvement plan: signalized control of all intersection movements except northbound and southbound through traffic on Antonio Pkwy-La Pata Ave (traffic share = 5%).	Significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Antonio Pkwy & North River Rd under Scenario 3.	Add third southbound and westbound left-turn lanes (traffic share = 12%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Antonio Pkwy & Oso Pkwy under Scenarios 3 and 4.	Implement at-grade improvement plan: add fourth eastbound and westbound through lanes and third northbound, eastbound and westbound left-turn lanes, and provide northbound and westbound free right-turn lanes (traffic share = 16%). Or implement grade separated improvement plan: Signalized control of all intersection movements except northbound and southbound through traffic on Antonio Pkwy (traffic share = 16%).	Significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Avd Empresa & Avd De Las Banderas under Scenarios 3 and 4.	Add second eastbound left-turn lane (traffic share = 2%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Avd Empresa & Santa Margarita Pkwy under Scenarios 3 and 4.	Convert eastbound right-turn lane to a free right-turn lane and add northbound shared third left-turn lane/through lane (traffic share = 4%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Avd La Pata & Avd Pico under Scenarios 3 and 4.	Implement at-grade improvement plan: add third northbound through lane and second and third eastbound left-turn lanes, and provide westbound free right-turn lane (traffic share = 26%). Or implement grade separated improvement plan: signalized control of all intersection movements except eastbound and westbound through traffic on Avd Pico (traffic share = 26%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Avd La Pata & Avd Vista Hermosa under Scenarios 3 and 4.	Add fourth southbound through lane, second southbound, eastbound and westbound left-turn lanes, and westbound right-turn lane (traffic share = 16%).	Less than significant.

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Direct Adverse Impact and Impacted Scenarios (a)	Mitigation Measure (b) and Traffic Share Percentages	CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Felipe Rd & Oso Pkwy under Scenarios 3 and 4.	Add fourth eastbound and westbound through lanes and second southbound left-turn lane, and convert second northbound through lane to shared second through/second right-turn lane (traffic share = 4%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: I-5 northbound ramps & Avd Pico under Scenarios 3 and 4.	Add third eastbound through lane (traffic share = 8%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: I-5 southbound ramps & Avd Pico under Scenarios 3 and 4.	Add second westbound left-turn lane (traffic share = 13%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Marguerite Pkwy & Jeronimo Rd under Scenario 4.	Add second northbound left-turn lane (traffic share = 6%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: SR 241 northbound ramps & Antonio Pkwy under Scenario 3.	Convert third westbound through lane to shared third through/second right-turn lane (traffic share = 3%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: SR 241 northbound ramps & Oso Pkwy under Scenarios 3 and 4.	Add third westbound through lane, second eastbound left-turn lane, and second eastbound right-turn lane (traffic share = 14%).	Significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: SR 241 southbound ramps & Oso Pkwy under Scenario 4.	Add third eastbound through lane (traffic share = 17%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: I-5 southbound on-ramp at Avd Pico under Scenarios 3 and 4.	Widen to a two-lane on-ramp (traffic share = 22%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: I-5 northbound direct on-ramp at Crown Valley Pkwy under Scenario 3.	Widen to a two-lane on-ramp (traffic share = 6%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: I-5 southbound off-ramp at Crown Valley Pkwy under Scenario 3.	Add second auxiliary lane from I-5 to the off-ramp (traffic share = 5%).	Significant.
Long range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: I-5 northbound on-ramp at Ortega Hwy under Scenario 4.	Widen to a two-lane on-ramp or provide separate on-ramps from eastbound and westbound Ortega Hwy (traffic share = 5%).	Less than significant.

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Direct Adverse Impact and Impacted Scenarios (a)	Mitigation Measure (b) and Traffic Share Percentages	CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation
Long range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: I-5 southbound off-ramp at Oso Pkwy under Scenario 3.	Add second drop lane from I-5 to the off-ramp (traffic share = 2%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: SR 241 northbound on-ramp at Antonio Pkwy under Scenario 3.	Widen ramp toll plaza to provide two cash (stopped) lanes and two FasTrak (unstopped) lanes (traffic share = 4%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: SR 241 southbound off-ramp at Antonio Pkwy under Scenarios 3 and 4.	Widen ramp toll plaza to provide two cash (stopped) lanes and two FasTrak (unstopped) lanes (traffic share = 6%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: SR 241 northbound on-ramp at Oso Pkwy under Scenarios 3 and 4.	Widen ramp toll plaza to provide two cash (stopped) lanes and two FasTrak (unstopped) lanes (traffic share = 18%).	Significant.
Long range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: SR 241 southbound off-ramp at Oso Pkwy under Scenario 4.	Widen ramp toll plaza to provide two cash (stopped) lanes and two FasTrak (unstopped) lanes (traffic share = 21%).	Less than significant.
I-5 Widening Alternative		
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Antonio Pkwy & Crown Valley Pkwy under Scenario 3.	Add fourth southbound through lane and third eastbound left-turn lane (traffic share = 2%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Antonio Pkwy-La Pata Ave & Ortega Hwy under Scenarios 1 and 3.	Provide southbound free right-turn lane (traffic share = 2%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Antonio Pkwy-La Pata Ave & Ortega Hwy under Scenario 4.	Convert second northbound through lane to shared second through/second right-turn lane (traffic share = 2%).	Significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Cm Capistrano & San Juan Creek Rd under Scenario 4.	Convert second northbound through lane to shared second through/second right-turn lane (traffic share = 10%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Cm Capistrano & Stonehill Dr under Scenario 1.	Add second eastbound through lane and northbound right-turn lane, and convert second southbound through lane to shared second through/second right-turn lane (traffic share = 8%).	Less than significant.

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Direct Adverse Impact and Impacted Scenarios (a)	Mitigation Measure (b) and Traffic Share Percentages	CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Felipe Rd & Oso Pkwy under Scenario 4.	Add fourth eastbound through lane and second southbound left-turn lane, and convert second northbound through lane to shared second through/second right-turn lane (traffic share = 4%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: I-5 northbound ramps & Crown Valley Pkwy under Scenario 4.	Add fourth eastbound through lane (traffic share = 8%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: I-5 northbound ramps & Oso Pkwy under Scenario 1.	Add northbound shared second left-turn/second right-turn lane (traffic share = 4%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Los Altos & Crown Valley Pkwy under Scenario 4.	Modify southbound approach to provide a left-turn lane and a shared through/right-turn lane and eliminate north/south split phasing (traffic share = 5%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Marguerite Pkwy & Avery Pkwy under Scenario 4.	Add southbound right-turn lane (traffic share = 3%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Marguerite Pkwy & Crown Valley Pkwy under Scenario 1.	Add third northbound through lane and convert second southbound through lane to shared second through/second right-turn lane (traffic share = 2%).	Significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Puerta Real & Crown Valley Pkwy under Scenario 4.	Convert southbound through lane to shared through/second right-turn lane (traffic share = 3%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS intersection deficiency: Rancho Viejo Rd & Ortega Hwy under Scenario 1.	Add third eastbound through lane (traffic share = 2%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: I-5 northbound direct on-ramp at Avd Pico under Scenario 1.	Widen to a two-lane on-ramp (traffic share = 5%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: I-5 northbound direct on-ramp at Avd Vista Hermosa under Scenario 1.	Widen to a two-lane on-ramp (traffic share = 4%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: I-5 southbound off-ramp at Avd Vista Hermosa under Scenario 1.	Add second auxiliary lane from I-5 to the off-ramp (traffic share = 16%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: I-5 northbound direct on-ramp at Crown Valley Pkwy under Scenarios 1, 3 and 4.	Widen to a two-lane on-ramp (traffic share = 9%).	Significant.

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CEQA LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE AFTER MITIGATION FOR TRAFFIC AND CIRCULATION**

Direct Adverse Impact and Impacted Scenarios (a)	Mitigation Measure (b) and Traffic Share Percentages	CEQA Level of Significance After Mitigation
Long range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: I-5 southbound off-ramp at Crown Valley Pkwy under Scenarios 3 and 4.	Add second auxiliary lane from I-5 to the off-ramp (traffic share = 11%).	Significant.
Long range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: I-5 southbound off-ramp at Ortega Hwy under Scenarios 1, 3 and 4.	Add second auxiliary lane from I-5 to the off-ramp (traffic share = 9%).	Less than significant.
Long range peak hour LOS ramp deficiency: I-5 northbound on-ramp at Stonehill Dr under Scenarios 1, 3 and 4.	Widen to a two-lane on-ramp (traffic share = 16%).	Significant.
No Action Alternatives		
Scenario 1: 11 deficient segments of I-5 (El Camino Real to Junipero Serra Road and Oso Parkway to El Toro Road) 17 deficient freeway/tollway ramps (13 I-5 ramps and four SR 241 ramps) 41 deficient intersections (27 arterial-to-arterial and 14 arterial-to-freeway/tollway ramps)	None.	Not applicable.
Scenario 3: 10 deficient segments of I-5 (El Camino Real to Junipero Serra Road and Oso Parkway to El Toro Road) 14 deficient freeway/tollway ramps (nine I-5 ramps and four SR 241 ramps) 27 deficient intersections (20 arterial-to-arterial and seven arterial-to-freeway/ tollway ramps)	None.	Not applicable.
Potential for Cumulative Traffic Impacts		
No I-5 mainline segments in the study area are adversely impacted by the SOCTIP build Alternatives. For the build Alternatives that include the FTC-S from Oso Parkway to I-5, no direct adverse impacts occur in the Alternatives with a FTC-S connection to I-5 via the Far East Corridor alignment (the FEC-M, FEC-W and A7C-FEC-M Alternatives), and direct adverse impacts occur at the CC Alternative with an FTC-S connection to I-5 via the Central Corridor alignment (the CC Alternative). For the build Alternatives that include the FTC-S from Oso Parkway to Avenida La Pata (the CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives), direct adverse impacts occur at 10 locations. For the build Alternatives that do not include the FTC-S toll road, direct adverse impacts occur at 19 locations under the I-5 Alternative and 24 locations under the AIO Alternative		

- (a) The assumptions for each scenario are as follows:
Scenario 1: Committed circulation system with 14,000 DU proposed RMV plan.
Scenario 3: Buildout circulation system with 14,000 DU proposed RMV plan.
Scenario 4: Buildout circulation system with 21,000 DU OCP-2000 plan for RMV.
- (b) Refer to Section 3.6 (Long Range Mitigation Measures) for detailed discussion of project mitigation.

Source: Austin Foust Associates (2003).

**TABLE ES.6-9
PLANT COMMUNITY IMPACTS FOR THE INITIAL CORRIDOR, AIO AND I-5 ALTERNATIVES**

Community	FEC-M	FEC-W	CC	CC-ALPV	A7C-ALPV	A7C-FEC-M	AIO ⁽²⁾	I-5 ⁽²⁾
Venturan-Diegan Coastal Sage Scrub (2.3)	426.00 (172.40)	409.66 (165.79)	192.79 (78.02)	177.34 (71.77)	189.69 (76.77)	379.44 (153.56)	74.43 (30.12)	21.35 (8.64)
Other Scrub (2.1, 2.4, 2.7)	0.83 (0.34)	0.83 (0.34)	3.57 (1.44)	0.00 0.00	0.38 (0.16)	0.83 (0.34)	0.00 0.00	2.94 (1.19)
Coastal Sage Scrub/ Grassland Ecotone (2.8)	19.52 (7.90)	15.64 (6.33)	36.73 (14.86)	30.40 (12.30)	14.77 (5.98)	8.45 (3.42)	23.45 (9.49)	0.00 0.00
Chaparral/Sage Scrub Ecotone (3.1)	20.12 (8.14)	9.75 (3.95)	7.17 (2.90)	7.17 (2.90)	0.15 (0.06)	9.75 (3.95)	5.13 (2.08)	0.00 0.00
Chaparral Communities (3.2, 3.3, 3.7, 3.12)	90.56 (36.65)	136.90 (55.40)	46.28 (18.73)	46.28 (18.73)	64.21 (25.99)	159.97 (64.74)	4.86 (1.97)	0.74 (0.30)
Native Grassland (4.2, 4.3, 4.4)	88.96 (36.00)	33.46 (13.54)	9.93 (4.02)	9.93 (4.02)	5.65 (2.29)	23.53 (9.52)	0.36 (0.14)	0.00 0.00
Annual Grassland (4.1)	218.13 (88.28)	186.68 (75.55)	496.04 (200.75)	285.40 (115.50)	274.01 (110.89)	166.05 (67.20)	342.27 (138.52)	0.00 0.00
Ruderal Grassland (4.6)	42.80 (17.32)	33.06 (13.38)	15.57 (6.30)	5.77 (2.34)	2.04 (0.82)	27.52 (11.14)	27.22 (11.02)	49.25 (19.93)
Vernal Pools, Seeps, & Wet Meadows (5.0)	2.05 (0.83)	1.86 (0.75)	7.86 (3.18)	7.86 (3.18)	2.70 (1.09)	0.09 (0.04)	0.19 (0.08)	0.14 (0.06)
Marsh Communities (6.0)	5.01 (2.03)	4.60 (1.86)	8.95 (3.62)	7.80 (3.15)	6.95 (2.81)	4.17 (1.69)	0.00 0.00	0.44 (0.18)
Riparian Herb and Mule Fat Scrub (7.1, 7.3)	2.76 (1.12)	5.54 (2.24)	13.54 (5.48)	10.77 (4.36)	3.27 (1.32)	0.62 (0.25)	5.88 (2.38)	3.50 (1.42)
Other Riparian Communities (7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8)	20.08 (8.13)	20.63 (8.35)	21.57 (8.73)	21.57 (8.73)	12.18 (4.93)	33.55 (13.58)	4.91 (1.99)	12.38 (5.01)
Coast Live Oak Woodland (8.1)	25.21 (10.20)	94.91 (38.41)	23.74 (9.61)	23.74 (9.61)	30.29 (12.26)	119.79 (48.48)	0.50 (0.20)	0.05 (0.02)
Blue Elderberry Woodland (8.4)	0.36 (0.15)	0.36 (0.15)	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.01 (0.00)	0.36 (0.15)	0.72 (0.29)	0.00 0.00
Lakes, Reservoirs, & Basins (12.0)	1.59 (0.64)	1.30 (0.53)	0.31 (0.13)	0.31 (0.13)	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00
Water Courses (13.0)	5.60 (2.27)	1.25 (0.51)	18.89 (7.64)	17.43 (7.05)	2.55 (1.03)	1.70 (0.69)	1.51 (0.61)	9.48 (3.84)
Cliff and Rock Communities (10.3)	5.13 (2.08)	5.36 (2.17)	2.58 (1.04)	2.58 (1.04)	0.00 0.00	3.86 (1.56)	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00
Agriculture (14.0)	120.52 (48.77)	147.89 (59.85)	121.69 (49.25)	121.70 (49.25)	240.37 (97.28)	176.54 (71.45)	9.36 (3.79)	2.62 (1.06)
Developed, Disturbed, Graded (15.0, 16.0)	120.86 (48.91)	112.98 (45.72)	348.50 (141.04)	90.12 (36.47)	87.71 (35.50)	105.88 (42.85)	202.35 (81.89)	1,171.68 (474.18)
Total	1,216.09 (492.15)	1,222.67 (494.81)	1,375.71 (556.75)	866.16 (350.54)	936.93 (379.18)	1,222.11 (494.59)	703.14 (284.56)	1,274.56 (515.82)

⁽¹⁾ Data represent amount of plant community that will be impacted by each Alternative. Units of measure are acres (hectares).

⁽²⁾ The data in Tables ES.6-9 and ES.6-10 are the same for the AIO and I-5 Alternatives and are provided for comparison.

**TABLE ES.6-10
PLANT COMMUNITY IMPACTS FOR THE ULTIMATE CORRIDOR, AIO AND I-5 ALTERNATIVES**

Community	FEC-M	FEC-W	CC	CC-ALPV	A7C-ALPV	A7C-FEC-M	AIO ⁽²⁾	I-5 ⁽²⁾
Venturan-Diegan Coastal Sage Scrub (2.3)	443.86 (179.63)	422.72 (171.07)	202.45 (81.93)	188.21 (76.17)	216.69 (87.69)	391.02 (158.25)	74.43 (30.12)	21.35 (8.64)
Other Scrub (2.1, 2.4, 2.7)	0.83 (0.34)	0.83 (0.34)	3.57 (1.45)	0.00 (0.00)	0.38 (0.16)	0.83 (0.34)	0.00 (0.00)	2.94 (1.19)
Coastal Sage Scrub/ Grassland Ecotone (2.8)	20.30 (8.22)	16.02 (6.48)	38.83 (15.71)	32.46 (13.14)	23.21 (9.39)	8.67 (3.51)	23.45 (9.49)	0.00 (0.00)
Chaparral/Sage Scrub Ecotone (3.1)	20.40 (8.26)	9.88 (4.00)	8.13 (3.29)	8.13 (3.29)	0.18 (0.07)	9.88 (4.00)	5.13 (2.08)	0.00 (0.00)
Chaparral Communities (3.2, 3.3, 3.7, 3.12)	96.72 (39.14)	141.89 (57.42)	48.50 (19.63)	48.50 (19.63)	69.15 (27.99)	158.93 (64.32)	4.86 (1.97)	0.74 (0.30)
Native Grassland (4.2, 4.3, 4.4)	98.04 (39.68)	34.99 (14.16)	10.18 (4.12)	10.18 (4.12)	6.15 (2.49)	23.55 (9.53)	0.36 (0.14)	0.00 (0.00)
Annual Grassland (4.1)	228.48 (92.47)	193.47 (78.30)	525.97 (212.86)	326.14 (131.99)	316.72 (128.18)	172.50 (69.81)	342.27 (138.52)	0.00 (0.00)
Ruderal Grassland (4.6)	43.40 (17.56)	33.67 (13.63)	16.29 (6.59)	6.49 (2.63)	2.16 (0.87)	28.03 (11.34)	27.22 (11.02)	49.25 (19.93)
Vernal Pools, Seeps, & Wet Meadows (5.0)	2.17 (0.88)	1.98 (0.80)	8.71 (3.52)	8.71 (3.52)	4.62 (1.87)	0.09 (0.04)	0.19 (0.08)	0.14 (0.06)
Marsh Communities (6.0)	5.20 (2.10)	4.61 (1.87)	11.51 (4.66)	9.59 (3.88)	10.00 (4.05)	4.38 (1.77)	0.00 (0.00)	0.44 (0.18)
Riparian Herb and Mule Fat Scrub (7.1, 7.3)	2.98 (1.21)	6.50 (2.63)	14.47 (5.86)	13.46 (5.45)	4.69 (1.90)	0.71 (0.29)	5.88 (2.38)	3.50 (1.42)
Other Riparian Communities (7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8)	21.87 (8.85)	21.45 (8.68)	23.16 (9.37)	23.16 (9.37)	14.67 (5.94)	33.91 (13.72)	4.91 (1.99)	12.38 (5.01)
Coast Live Oak Woodland (8.1)	27.31 (11.05)	98.34 (39.80)	24.67 (9.99)	24.67 (9.99)	33.77 (13.67)	118.59 (47.99)	0.50 (0.20)	0.05 (0.02)
Blue Elderberry Woodland (8.4)	0.37 (0.15)	0.37 (0.15)	0.01 (0.00)	0.01 (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)	0.37 (0.15)	0.72 (0.29)	0.00 (0.00)
Lakes, Reservoirs, & Basins (12.0)	1.69 (0.68)	1.30 (0.53)	0.34 (0.14)	0.34 (0.14)	0.00 (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)
Water Courses (13.0)	7.07 (2.86)	1.25 (0.51)	19.23 (7.78)	17.73 (7.18)	3.00 (1.21)	1.83 (0.74)	1.51 (0.61)	9.48 (3.84)
Cliff and Rock Communities (10.3)	5.41 (2.19)	5.54 (2.24)	2.49 (1.01)	2.49 (1.01)	0.00 (0.00)	3.98 (1.61)	0.00 (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)
Agriculture (14.0)	125.50 (50.79)	150.06 (60.73)	141.44 (57.24)	141.44 (57.24)	257.82 (104.34)	182.84 (74.00)	9.36 (3.79)	2.62 (1.06)
Developed, Disturbed, Graded (15.0, 16.0)	122.73 (49.67)	115.42 (46.71)	354.20 (143.34)	105.22 (42.58)	116.75 (47.25)	107.47 (43.49)	202.35 (81.89)	1,171.68 (474.18)
Total	1,274.33 (515.72)	1,260.29 (510.04)	1,454.15 (588.49)	966.92 (391.31)	1,079.96 (437.06)	1,247.58 (504.90)	703.14 (284.56)	1,274.56 (515.82)

⁽¹⁾ Data represent amount of plant community that will be impacted by each Alternative. Units of measure are acres (hectares).

⁽²⁾ The data in Tables ES.6-9 and ES.6-10 are the same for the AIO and I-5 Alternatives and are provided for comparison.

TABLE ES.6-11
SENSITIVE PLANT SPECIES IMPACTS BY ALTERNATIVE

Species	FEC-M (No. of Populations)	FEC-M (No. of Plants)	FEC-W (No. of Populations)	FEC-W (No. of Plants)	CC (No. of Populations)	CC (No. of Plants)	CC-ALPV (No. of Populations)	CC-ALPV (No. of Plants)	A7C-ALPV (No. of Populations)	A7C-ALPV (No. of Plants)	A7C-FEC-M (No. of Populations)	A7C-FEC-M (No. of Plants)	AIO (No. of Populations)	AIO (No. of Plants)	I-5 (No. of Populations)	I-5 (No. of Plants)
Coulter's saltbush (<i>Atriplex coulteri</i>)	2 2	9 9	1 1	6 6	12 16	483 1223	12 16	483 1223	1 1	6 6	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Thread-leaved brodiaea (<i>Brodiaea filifolia</i>)	5 6	54 94	3 3	23 56	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 2	76 76	3 3	23 56	- -	- -	- -	- -
Catalina mariposa lily (<i>Calochortus catalinae</i>)	4 4	63 79	4 4	63 79	11 11	259 266	11 11	259 266	29 29	2501 2501	2 2	14 14	- -	- -	- -	- -
Intermediate mariposa lily (<i>Calochortus weedii</i> var. <i>intermedius</i>)	8 10	272 323	6 6	192 199	4 4	732 737	4 4	732 737	9 9	553 833	9 9	587 621	- -	- -	- -	- -
Southern tarplant (<i>Centromadia [Hemizonia] parryi</i> ssp. <i>australis</i>)	1 1	338 338	1 1	338 338	14 15	29887 37484	14 15	29887 37484	1 1	736 750	1 1	389 415	- -	- -	- -	- -
Many-stemmed dudleya (<i>Dudleya multicaulis</i>)	24 26	2724 2967	19 19	1659 1659	15 15	1122 1122	15 15	1122 1122	28 28	6055 6211	15 16	1196 1228	- -	- -	- -	- -
Beaked spikerush (<i>Eleocharis rostellata</i>)	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	1500 1500	1 1	1500 1500	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Palmer's grapplinghook (<i>Harpagonella palmeri</i>)	6 6	1820 1820	3 3	102 102	- -	- -	- -	- -	17 17	19785 19785	1 1	42 42	- -	- -	- -	- -
California juniper (<i>Juniperus californica</i>)	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	2 2	2 2	1 1	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -
Small-flowered microseris (<i>Microseris douglasii</i> var. <i>platycarpita</i>)	8 8	1702 1828	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Salt spring checkerbloom (<i>Sidalcea neomexicana</i>)	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1	940 1195	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Total	58 63	6982 7458	37 37	2383 2439	58 63	33984 42333	58 63	33984 42333	90 90	30654 31359	32 33	2252 2377	- -	- -	- -	- -

Note: Impacts for the Initial corridor are located on top of each cell and for the Ultimate corridor are located on the bottom of each cell. The number of populations and estimate of number of individuals of sensitive species located within the footprint. The numbers located in each cell should be used for comparing Alternatives. However, population numbers will change annually due to climatic changes. Bold represents sensitive plant species that are threatened or endangered.

TABLE ES.6-12
BRIDGES/UNDERCROSSINGS FOR WILDLIFE MOVEMENT BY ALTERNATIVE(1)

Bridges/Undercrossings		FEC-M ⁽²⁾	FEC-W	CC	CC-ALPV	A7C-ALPV	A7C-FEC-M	AIO	I-5
1	Upper Cañada Chiquita ⁽³⁾	X	X	--	--	--	--	--	--
2	Cañada Chiquita west ⁽³⁾	--	--	X	X	--	--	--	--
3	Cañada Chiquita middle ⁽³⁾	--	--	--	--	X	X	--	--
4	Cañada Chiquita east ⁽³⁾	X	X	--	--	--	X	--	--
5	Cañada Gobernadora ⁽⁴⁾	X	X	--	--	--	--	--	--
6	San Juan Creek west ⁽⁵⁾	--	--	--	--	--	--	X	--
7	San Juan Creek middle ⁽⁵⁾	--	--	--	--	X	X	--	--
8	San Juan Creek east ⁽⁵⁾	X	X	--	--	--	--	--	--
9	Conservancy North	--	X	--	--	--	X	--	--
10	San Juan Creek/Cañada Chiquita ⁽⁵⁾	--	--	X	X	--	--	--	--
11	Cristianitos Canyon ⁽⁶⁾	X	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
12	Trampas Canyon ⁽⁷⁾	--	--	--	--	--	X	--	--
13	Prima Deshecha Cañada west	--	--	X	X	--	--	X	--
14	Prima Deshecha Cañada east	--	--	--	--	X	--	--	--
15	Segunda Deshecha Cañada	--	--	--	--	X	--	--	--
16	Conservancy South	X	X	--	--	--	X	--	--
17	San Onofre State Beach	X	X	--	--	--	X	--	--
18	San Mateo Creek	X	X	--	--	--	X	--	--
19	San Onofre Creek ⁽⁷⁾	X	X	--	--	--	X	--	--
20	Cristianitos Creek ⁽⁷⁾	X	X	--	--	--	X	--	--
Total by Alternative		10	10	3	3	4	10	2	0

⁽¹⁾ Bridges/undercrossings are proposed as future wildlife corridor locations. The numbers for each wildlife corridor correspond to numbers illustrated on Figure 4.11-6.

⁽²⁾ The X represents a proposed bridge/undercrossing to facilitate movement through wildlife corridor.

⁽³⁾ Total of four separate wildlife corridors along Cañada Chiquita.

⁽⁴⁾ Total of two separate wildlife corridors along Cañada Gobernadora.

⁽⁵⁾ Total of four corridors along San Juan Creek.

⁽⁶⁾ Total of three separate wildlife corridors in Cristianitos Canyon.

⁽⁷⁾ Total of two wildlife corridors along Cristianitos Creek.

TABLE ES.6-13
SENSITIVE WILDLIFE IMPACTS BY ALTERNATIVE

Species		FEC-M-I	FEC-M-U	FEC-W-I	FEC-W-U	CC-I	CC-U	CC-ALPV-I	CC-ALPV-U	A7C-ALPV-I	A7C-ALPV-U	A7C-FEC-M-I	A7C-FEC-M-U	AIO	I-5
FISH															
Arroyo chub ⁽¹⁾	<i>Gila arcuati</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
REPTILES/AMPHIBIANS															
Coastal rosy boa ⁽¹⁾	<i>Lichonura trivirgata rosefusca</i>	x	x	x	x					x	x				
Coastal western whiptail ⁽²⁾	<i>Cnemidophorus tigris multiscutatus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Coast patch-nosed snake ⁽³⁾	<i>Salvadora hexalepis virgulata</i>	x	x	x	x					x	x				
Coronado Island skink ⁽⁴⁾	<i>Eumeces skiltonianus interparietalis</i>	x	x	x	x					x	x	x	x		
Orange-throated whiptail ⁽¹⁾	<i>Cnemidophorus hyperythrus beldingi</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Red diamond rattlesnake ⁽⁵⁾	<i>Crotalus exsul</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	2	2	x	x		
San Bernardino ringneck snake ⁽¹⁾	<i>Diadophis punctatus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				
San Diego banded gecko ⁽¹⁾	<i>Coleonyx variegatus abbatti</i>	x	x	x	x					x	x				
San Diego horned lizard ⁽¹⁾	<i>Phrynosoma coronatum blainvilliei</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	2	2	x	x		
Silvery legless lizard ⁽¹⁾	<i>Aniella pulchra</i>	x	x	x	x										
Southwestern pond turtle ⁽¹⁾	<i>Clemmys marmorata pallida</i>	x	x	1	1					x	x	x	x		
Two-striped garter snake ⁽¹⁾	<i>Thamnophis hammondi</i>	x	x	1	1	x	x	x	x	x	2	x	x		
Western spadefoot toad ⁽¹⁾	<i>Scaphiopus hammondi</i>	x	x	x	x										
BIRDS⁽⁶⁾															
Common barn owl ⁽¹⁾	<i>Tyto alba</i>				1						1	1	1	1	
Cooper's hawk ⁽³⁾	<i>Accipiter cooperi</i>	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Ferruginous hawk	<i>Buteo regalis</i>			6	6	10	10	10	10	18	19	10	10	2	
Grasshopper sparrow	<i>Ammodramus saviannarum</i>	10	10							1	1	1	1		
Horned lark	<i>Eremiphila alpestris</i>					1	1							1	
Loggerhead shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>														
Prairie falcon	<i>Falco mexicanus</i>	1	1	1	1										1
Red-shouldered hawk ⁽³⁾	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1
Red-tailed hawk ⁽³⁾	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	3	3	2	2	4	4	3	3	1	1	10	12	2	
Rufous-crowned sparrow	<i>Aimophila ruficeps</i>	15	16	11	12	4	4	4	4	13	14	10	12	2	
San Diego cactus wren	<i>Campephilus brunneicapillus caucasi</i>	8	8	5	5	3	3	3	3	9	10	7	7		1
Yellow-breasted chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>					2	2	2	2						
Yellow warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>														
MAMMALS															
Pallid bat ⁽¹⁾	<i>Antrozous pallidus</i>					x	x	x	x						
Pocketed free-tailed bat ⁽¹⁾	<i>Nyctinomops femorosaccus</i>					x	x	x	x						
Western mastiff bat ⁽¹⁾	<i>Eumops perotis</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				

(1) Data represents certain species or amount of species that will be impacted from each Alternative.
 (2) Potential impacts to these fish species (marked with an "x") have been determined likely (but not quantified) if occupied drainages are crossed at any point by a project Alternative.
 (3) These species' presence (marked with an "x") is determined likely (but not quantified) based on the habitats present and data collected from transect/pitfall studies.
 (4) Impacts to bird species (other than raptors) are represented as the number of observed use areas affected.
 (5) Refers to the presence of an active nest of the species.
 I = Initial corridor.
 U = Ultimate corridor.

TABLE ES.6-14
SUMMARY OF DIRECT IMPACTS TO THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

Species	FEC-M-I	FEC-M-U	FEC-W-I	FEC-W-U	CC-I	CC-U	CC-ALPV-I	CC-ALPV-U	A7C-ALPV-I	A7C-ALPV-U	A7C-FEC-M-I	A7C-FEC-M-U	AIO	I-5
Thread-leaved brodiaea ⁽¹⁾ (<i>Brodiaea filifolia</i>)	5 54	6 94	3 23	3 56	-	-	-	-	2 76	2 76	3 23	3 56	-	-
Tidewater goby ⁽²⁾ (<i>Eucyclogobius newberryi</i>)	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	x	-	-
Southern steelhead trout ⁽²⁾ (<i>Onchorhynchus mykiss</i>)	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	x	-	-
Arroyo toad ⁽³⁾ (<i>Bufo californicus</i>)	1	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1
Peregrine falcon ⁽³⁾ (<i>Falco peregrinus</i>)	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coastal California gnatcatcher ⁽⁴⁾ (<i>Polioptila californica californica</i>)	13	13	12	12	10	11	7	8	11	13	15	16	6	1
Least Bell's vireo ⁽⁴⁾ (<i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i>)	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	2	-

⁽¹⁾ Number of populations (top) and number of individuals (bottom), respectively.

⁽²⁾ Potential impacts to these fish species (marked with an "x") have been determined likely (but not quantified) if occupied drainages are crossed at any point by a project alternative.

⁽³⁾ Impacts are represented as the number of individuals affected.

⁽⁴⁾ Impacts are represented as the number of observed use areas affected.

I: Initial

U: Ultimate

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This addendum provides additional impact analysis for the A7-FEC-M (with minor modifications). As mentioned in the "Jurisdictional Determination and Wetland Delineation Technical Assessment", jurisdictional totals for the study areas, which extend from 200 to 1000 feet beyond the disturbance limits of each alignment, are included in Appendix A along with detailed drainage descriptions. The impact analysis below addresses only the initial disturbance limits for which permits are being sought at this time. Impact totals represent only the surface area subject to regulation by the various agencies and do not represent a relative assessment of function. This analysis assumes that all drainages within the disturbance limits are permanently filled, except for those that will be bridged. For bridges, the small area of impact where the support columns are founded into the ground have been included as permanent impacts, while the remaining bridge right of way is assumed to be temporarily impacted for piling installation although the bridge structure will span over the open terrain. Although the other reaches will be filled, cross-culverts will be installed at the majority of drainages allowing for the retention of significant hydrologic function.

It should also be noted that Corps, CDFG, and CCC regulate many of the same features, therefore, jurisdictional impact totals for the various agencies do overlap and should not be considered mutually exclusive.

IMPACT TOTALS:

The following impacts are based upon the A7-FEC-M (with minor modifications) initial disturbance limits. Permanent impacts are summarized in Table 1. Temporary impacts are summarized in Table 2.

The A7-FEC-M (with minor mod.) – Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 6.27 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 0.82 acre of wetland and 5.45 acres of non-wetland waters.

The A7-FEC-M (with minor mod.) – Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 9.44 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 6.73 acre of wetland and 2.71 acres of non-wetland waters.

The A7-FEC-M (with minor mod.) – Initial Alternative will permanently impact 23.08 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 20.37 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 2.71 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The A7-FEC-M (with minor mod.) – Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 14.37 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction, of which 14.34 acres consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

The A7-FEC-M (with minor mod.) – Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 0.46 acre subject to CCC jurisdiction. This total all consists of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

The A7-FEC-M (with minor mod.) – Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 6.44 acres subject to CCC jurisdiction. This total all consists of areas that qualify as CCC

wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

TABLE 1
PERMANENT JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
A7-FEC-M (with minor modifications) – INITIAL ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE/C/7-1	Ephemeral	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.41	0.01	0.42
FE/7-1	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.50	0.01	0.51
FE/7-2	Intermittent	NA	NA	NA	0.20	0.01	0.21
FE-1	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.69	0.00	0.69
FE-2A	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE-2B	Ephemeral	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.06
7-2	Ephemeral	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.03
7-3	Ephemeral	0.00	0.51	0.51	3.91	0.08	3.99
7-5	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.09	0.00	0.09
7-6	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.13	0.01	0.14
7-San Juan Creek	Intermittent	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.30	0.00	0.30
7-10	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.09	0.08	0.17
7-11	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0.00	0.03
7-12	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.51	0.00	0.51
7-13	Ephemeral	0.00	1.92	1.92	1.72	1.19	2.91
FE/7-3	Ephemeral	0.00	0.20	0.20	1.94	0.00	1.94
FE/7-4	Intermittent	NA	NA	NA	0.82	0.00	0.82
FE/7-6	Ephemeral	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.79	0.05	0.84
FE/7-7	Ephemeral	0.00	0.12	0.12	2.06	0.00	2.06
FE/7-8	Ephemeral	0.00	0.19	0.19	2.34	0.08	2.42
FE/7-9	Ephemeral	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.10
Unnamed Tributary to Cristianitos	Ephemeral	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.08
FE/7-10	Ephemeral	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.17	0.04	0.21
FE/7-11	Perennial	0.12	0.39	0.51	0.77	0.00	0.77
FE/7-12	Intermittent	0.35	0.00	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.35
FE/7-12	Ephemeral	0.00	0.27	0.27	0.57	0.08	0.65
FE/7-14	Ephemeral	0.00	0.19	0.19	0.15	0.05	0.20
FE/7-VM18	Depressional Wetland	0.04	0.00	0.04	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-VM19	Depressional Wetland	0.06	0.00	0.06	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-15	Ephemeral	0.00	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.12	0.12
FE/7-16	Ephemeral	0.00	0.09	0.09	0.00	0.09	0.09

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE/7-17	Ephemeral	0.00	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.12	0.12
FE/7-18	Ephemeral	0.00	0.55	0.55	0.89	0.25	1.14
FE/7-19	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE/7-20	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE/7-21	Ephemeral	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.48	0.00	0.48
FE/7-22	Ephemeral	0.00	0.22	0.22	0.18	0.15	0.33
FE/7-24	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03
FE/7-25	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03
FE/7-SAN MATEO CREEK ³	Perennial	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
FE/7-SAN MATEO MARSH-EAST of I5 ³	Freshwater Forested Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.21
FE/7-VM20 ³	Depressional Wetland	0.05	0.00	0.05	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-VP3 ³	Depressional Wetland	0.18	0.00	0.18	NA	NA	NA
San Onofre Creek ³	Perennial	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
TOTAL	NA	0.82	5.45	6.27	20.37	2.71	23.08

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1.

² Refer to Tables 3 and 4 for isolated features totals

³ Feature subject to CCC jurisdiction.

TABLE 2
TEMPORARY JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
A7-FEC-M (with minor modifications) – INITIAL ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE/7-1	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	1.28	0.03	1.31
7-SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	0.29	2.71	3.00	6.62	0.00	6.62
SAN MATEO CREEK ²	Perennial	5.30	0.00	5.30	5.30	0.00	5.30
San Onofre Creek ²	Perennial	1.14	0.00	1.14	1.14	0.00	1.14
TOTAL	NA	6.73	2.71	9.44	14.34	0.03	14.37

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibit 1 in the delineation report.

² Feature subject to CCC jurisdiction.

Permanent impacts to isolated features that may be subject to RWQCB jurisdiction are summarized in table 3 below.

TABLE 3
PERMANENT IMPACTS TO ISOLATED FEATURES
A7-FEC-M (with minor modifications) – INITIAL ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Feature Name ¹	Wetland Area	Non- Wetland Waters	Total Area	Total Length (linear feet)
FE/C/7-WETLAND 2	0.10	0.00	0.10	NA
FE/7-1		0.02	0.02	205
FE/7-2	0.19	0.02	0.21	926
FE/7-3	0.33	0.08	0.41	960
FE-1		0.04	0.04	504
FE-2A		0.01	0.01	154
7-2		0.01	0.01	188
7-3		0.01	0.01	283
7-10		0.08	0.08	660
7-11		0.02	0.02	432
7-13		0.02	0.02	393
FE/7-4	0.75	0.00	0.75	476
TOTAL	1.37	0.31	1.68	5,181

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibit 1.

Temporary impacts to isolated features that may be subject to RWQCB jurisdiction are summarized in table 4 below.

TABLE 4
TEMPORARY IMPACTS TO ISOLATED FEATURES
MODIFIED GREEN – INITIAL ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Feature Name¹	Wetland Area	Non- Wetland Waters	Total Area	Total Length (linear feet)
FE/7-1	0.00	0.05	0.05	667
TOTAL	0.00	0.05	0.05	667

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibit 1.

The A7C – ALPV - Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 6.63 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

There are no permanent or temporary impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with the A7C - ALPV – Initial Alternative.

TABLE 4.5.1-1
PERMANENT JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION – INITIAL
ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE/C/7-WETLAND 1 ³	Perennial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FE/C/7-1	Ephemeral	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.13	0.05	0.18
FE/C/7-2	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE/C/7-4	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0.001	0.001
FE/7-1	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	2.41	0.04	2.45
FE/7-2	Intermittent	NA	NA	NA	0.38	0.02	0.40
7-1	Ephemeral	0.00	0.21	0.21	0.64	0.10	0.74
7-3	Ephemeral	0.00	0.002	0.002	0.00	0.01	0.01
7-4	Ephemeral	0.00	0.13	0.13	0.45	0.07	0.52
7-5	Ephemeral	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.26	0.00	0.26
C-5	Ephemeral/ Slope Wetland	0.00	0.09	0.09	0.78	0.00	0.78
CANADA CHIQUITA	Perennial	0.24	0.00	0.24	0.50	0.00	0.50
C-6	Ephemeral	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.25	0.00	0.25
C-SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	0.08	0.00	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.08
7-SAN JUAN CREEK	Ephemeral	0.01	0.74	0.75	0.80	0.00	0.80
7-8	Ephemeral	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.36	0.01	0.37
7-9	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	1.27	0.02	1.29
7-10	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.04	0.03	0.07
7-13	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.04
7-14	Ephemeral	0.004	0.126	0.13	0.11	0.11	0.22
7-15	Ephemeral	0.01	0.12	0.13	0.04	0.10	0.14
7-16	Ephemeral	0.00	0.13	0.13	0.23	0.11	0.34
Segunda Deshecha	Perennial	0.22	0.23	0.45	0.22	0.22	0.44
TOTAL	NA	.56	1.96	2.52	8.99	.90	9.89

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Refer to Appendix B for isolated features totals

³ Actual grading limits impact 2.71 acres of FE/C/7-Wetland 1 – However, based upon refinements to A7C-FEC-M, FEC-W and FEC-M, it is assumed that these impacts could ultimately be avoided.

TABLE 4.5.1-2
TEMPORARY JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION– INITIAL
ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated ² Streambed	Total
7-SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	0.91	3.57	4.48	5.32	0.00	5.32
Canada Chiquita	Perennial	0.78	0.00	0.78	0.78	0.00	0.78
C-5	Ephemeral/ Slope Wetland	0.22	0.00	0.22	0.22	0.00	0.22
7-5	Ephemeral	0.00	0.003	0.003	0.01	0.00	0.01
7-8	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.30	0.00	0.30
TOTAL	NA	1.91	3.60	5.51	6.63	0.00	6.63

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

4.5.2 ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION – ULTIMATE ALTERNATIVE IMPACT TOTALS

The following impacts are based upon the A7C-ALPV-Ultimate Alternative disturbance limits. Permanent impacts are summarized in Table 4.5.2-1. Temporary impacts are summarized in Table 4.5.2-2.

The A7C – ALPV - Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 3.34 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 1.36 acres of wetland and 1.98 acres of non-wetland waters.

The A7C – ALPV - Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 6.07 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 2.47 acres of wetland and 3.60 acres of non-wetland waters.

The A7C – ALPV – Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 11.12 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 10.17 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 0.95 acre of unvegetated streambed.

The A7C – ALPV – Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 7.19 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

There are no permanent or temporary impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with the A7C - ALPV – Ultimate Alternative.

TABLE 4.5.2-1
PERMANENT JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION – ULTIMATE
ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE/C/7-WETLAND 1 ³	Perennial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FE/C/7-1	Ephemeral	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.32	0.05	0.37
FE/C/7-2	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0.02	0.02
FE/C/7-4	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0.002	0.002
FE/7-1	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	2.49	0.04	2.53
FE/7-2	Intermittent	NA	NA	NA	0.42	0.01	0.43
FE-1	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.04	0.00	0.04
7-1	Ephemeral	0.00	0.23	0.23	0.65	0.11	0.76
7-3	Ephemeral	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
7-4	Ephemeral	0.00	0.13	0.13	0.45	0.07	0.52
7-5	Ephemeral	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.26	0.00	0.26
C-5	Ephemeral/ Slope Wetland	0.00	0.09	0.09	0.80	0.00	0.80
CANADA CHIQUITA	Perennial	0.30	0.00	0.30	0.60	0.00	0.60
C-6	Ephemeral	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.25	0.00	0.25
C-SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	0.08	0.01	0.09	0.09	0.00	0.09
7-SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	0.01	0.65	0.66	0.71	0.00	0.71
7-8	Ephemeral	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.37	0.00	0.37
7-9	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	1.27	0.02	1.29
7-10	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.04	0.03	0.07
7-13	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.04
7-14	Ephemeral	0.004	0.136	0.14	0.11	0.12	0.23
7-15	Ephemeral	0.01	0.14	0.15	0.04	0.12	0.16
7-16	Ephemeral	0.00	0.14	0.14	0.26	0.11	0.37
Segunda Deshecha	Perennial	0.96	0.24	1.20	0.96	0.24	1.20
TOTAL	NA	1.36	1.98	3.34	10.17	0.95	11.12

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Refer to Appendix B for isolated features totals

³ Actual grading limits impact 7.33 acres of FE/C/7-Wetland 1 – However, based upon refinements to A7C-FEC-M, FEC-W and FEC-M, it is assumed that these impacts could ultimately be avoided.

TABLE 4.5.2-2
TEMPORARY JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION – ULTIMATE
ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
7-SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	0.91	3.57	4.48	5.32	0.00	5.32
Canada Chiquita	Perennial	1.21	0.00	1.21	1.21	0.00	1.21
C-5	Ephemeral/Slope Wetland	0.35	0.00	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.35
7-5	Ephemeral	0.00	0.003	0.003	0.01	0.00	0.01
7-8	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.30	0.00	0.30
TOTAL	NA	2.47	3.60	6.07	7.19	0.00	7.19

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

4.6 ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR–FAR EAST CROSSOVER – MODIFIED IMPACT TOTALS

Impact analysis results for both the initial and ultimate disturbance limits are described below and are summarized in Tables 4.6.1-1, 4.6.1-2, 4.6.2-1 and 4.6.2-2.

4.6.1 ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR–FAR EAST CROSSOVER - MODIFIED – INITIAL ALTERNATIVE IMPACT TOTALS

The following impacts are based upon the A7C-FEC-M-Initial Alternative disturbance limits. Permanent impacts are summarized in Table 4.6.1-1. Temporary impacts are summarized in Table 4.6.1-2.

The A7C-FEC-M – Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 6.78 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 0.93 acre of wetland and 5.85 acres of non-wetland waters.

The A7C-FEC-M – Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 11.08 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 8.51 acre of wetland and 2.57 acres of non-wetland waters.

The A7C-FEC-M – Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 23.83 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 21.52 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 2.31 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The A7C-FEC-M – Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 14.86 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

The A7C-FEC-M – Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 0.34 acre subject to CCC jurisdiction. This total all consists of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

The A7C-FEC-M – Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 8.22 acres subject to CCC jurisdiction. This total all consists of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

TABLE 4.6.1-1
PERMANENT JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – FAR EAST CROSSOVER – MODIFIED – INITIAL
ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE/C/7-1	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.47	0.02	0.49
FE/C/7-WETLAND 2	Slope Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FE/7-1	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0.04	0.04
FE/7-2	Intermittent	NA	NA	NA	0.10	0.00	0.10
7-2	Ephemeral	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.06	0.06
7-3	Ephemeral	0.00	0.59	0.59	4.34	0.13	4.47
7-6	Ephemeral	0.00	0.003	0.003	0.00	0.003	0.003
7-San Juan Creek	Intermittent	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.80	0.00	0.80
7-10	Ephemeral	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.05	0.08
7-11	Ephemeral	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03
7-12	Ephemeral	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.55	0.00	0.55
7-13	Ephemeral	0.00	2.41	2.41	2.57	0.82	3.39
FE/7-3	Ephemeral	0.00	0.25	0.25	2.23	0.00	2.23
FE/7-4	Intermittent	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.98	0.01	0.99
FE/7-6	Ephemeral	0.00	0.12	0.12	1.02	0.05	1.07
FE/7-7	Ephemeral	0.00	0.11	0.11	1.92	0.01	1.93
FE/7-8	Ephemeral	0.00	0.19	0.19	2.34	0.08	2.42
FE/7-9	Ephemeral	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.10
FE/7-10	Ephemeral	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.17	0.04	0.21
FE/7-11	Perennial	0.12	0.37	0.49	0.76	0.00	0.76
FE/7-12	Intermittent	0.35	0.00	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.35
FE/7-12	Ephemeral	0.00	0.15	0.15	0.55	0.07	0.62
FE/7-14	Ephemeral	0.00	0.18	0.18	0.14	0.05	0.19
FE/7-VM18	Depressional Wetland	0.04	0.00	0.04	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-VM19	Depressional Wetland	0.06	0.00	0.06	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-15	Ephemeral	0.00	0.13	0.13	0.26	0.10	0.36

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE/7-16	Ephemeral	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.07
FE/7-17	Ephemeral	0.00	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.11	0.11
FE/7-18	Ephemeral	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.75	0.25	1.00
FE/7-19	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE/7-20	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE/7-21	Ephemeral	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.52	0.00	0.52
FE/7-22	Ephemeral	0.00	0.27	0.27	0.33	0.14	0.47
FE/7-23	Ephemeral	0.00	0.002	0.002	0.00	0.002	0.002
FE/7-24	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03
FE/7-25	Ephemeral	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02
FE/7-SAN MATEO CREEK ³	Perennial	0.12	0.00	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.12
FE/7-SAN MATEO MARSH-EAST of IS ³	Freshwater Forested Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.21
FE/7-VM20 ³	Depressional Wetland	0.05	0.00	0.05	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-VP3 ³	Depressional Wetland	0.18	0.00	0.18	NA	NA	NA
San Onofre Creek ³	Perennial	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
TOTAL	NA	0.93	5.85	6.78	21.52	2.31	23.83

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Refer to Appendix B for isolated features totals

³ Feature subject to CCC jurisdiction.

TABLE 4.6.1-2
TEMPORARY JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – FAR EAST CROSSOVER – MODIFIED – INITIAL
ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
7-SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	0.29	2.57	2.86	6.64	0.00	6.64
SAN MATEO CREEK ²	Perennial	7.32	0.00	7.32	7.32	0.00	7.32
San Onofre Creek ²	Perennial	0.90	0.00	0.90	0.90	0.00	0.90
TOTAL	NA	8.51	2.57	11.08	14.86	0.00	14.86

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Feature subject to CCC jurisdiction.

4.6.2 ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR-FAR EAST CROSSOVER - MODIFIED - ULTIMATE ALTERNATIVE IMPACT TOTALS

The following impacts are based upon the A7C-FEC-M-Ultimate Alternative disturbance limits. Permanent impacts are summarized in Table 4.6.2-1. Temporary impacts are summarized in Table 4.6.2-2.

The A7C-FEC-M - Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 6.90 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 0.93 acre of wetland and 5.97 acres of non-wetland waters.

The A7C-FEC-M - Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 12.24 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 8.77 acres of wetland and 3.47 acres of non-wetland waters.

The A7C-FEC-M - Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 24.21 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 21.93 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 2.28 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The A7C-FEC-M - Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 16.99 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

The A7C-FEC-M - Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 0.35 acre subject to CCC jurisdiction. This total all consists of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

The A7C-FEC-M - Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 8.38 acres subject to CCC jurisdiction. This total all consists of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

TABLE 4.6.2-1
JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – FAR EAST CROSSOVER – MODIFIED – ULTIMATE
ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE/C/7-1	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.47	0.02	0.49
FE/C/7-WETLAND 2	Slope Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FE/7-1	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.01	0.04	0.05
FE/7-2	Intermittent	NA	NA	NA	0.11	0.00	0.11
7-2	Ephemeral	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.06	0.06
7-3	Ephemeral	0.00	0.60	0.60	4.42	0.14	4.56
7-6	Ephemeral	0.00	0.003	0.003	0.00	0.003	0.003
7-San Juan Creek	Intermittent	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.86	0.00	0.86
7-10	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.01	0.04	0.05
7-11	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0.03	0.03
7-12	Ephemeral	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.52	0.00	0.52
7-13	Ephemeral	0.00	2.34	2.34	2.58	0.75	3.33
FE/7-3	Ephemeral	0.00	0.26	0.26	2.27	0.00	2.27
FE/7-4	Intermittent	NA	NA	NA	0.97	0.01	0.98
FE/7-6	Ephemeral	0.00	0.12	0.12	0.95	0.05	1.00
FE/7-7	Ephemeral	0.00	0.12	0.12	2.06	0.01	2.07
FE/7-8	Ephemeral	0.00	0.19	0.19	2.34	0.09	2.43
FE/7-9	Ephemeral	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.10
FE/7-10	Ephemeral	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.24	0.04	0.28
FE/7-11	Perennial	0.12	0.37	0.49	0.76	0.00	0.76
FE/7-12	Intermittent	0.35	0.00	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.35
FE/7-12	Ephemeral	0.00	0.27	0.27	0.59	0.08	0.67
FE/7-14	Ephemeral	0.00	0.19	0.19	0.15	0.05	0.20
FE/7-VM18	Depressional Wetland	0.04	0.00	0.04	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-VM19	Depressional Wetland	0.06	0.00	0.06	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-15	Ephemeral	0.00	0.14	0.14	0.25	0.12	0.37

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated ¹ Streambed	Total
FE/7-16	Ephemeral	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.07
FE/7-17	Ephemeral	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.10
FE/7-18	Ephemeral	0.00	0.53	0.53	0.81	0.26	1.07
FE/7-19	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE/7-20	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE/7-21	Ephemeral	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.53	0.00	0.53
FE/7-22	Ephemeral	0.00	0.27	0.27	0.33	0.14	0.47
FE/7-23	Ephemeral	0.00	0.002	0.002	0.00	0.002	0.002
FE/7-24	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03
FE/7-25	Ephemeral	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02
FE/7-SAN MATEO CREEK ³	Perennial	0.12	0.00	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.12
FE/7-SAN MATEO MARSH-EAST of I5 ³	Palustrine Forested Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.00	0.22
FE/7-VM20 ³	Depressional Wetland	0.05	0.00	0.05	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-VP3 ³	Depressional Wetland	0.18	0.00	0.18	NA	NA	NA
San Onofre Creek ³	Perennial	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
TOTAL	NA	0.93	5.97	6.90	21.93	2.28	24.21

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Refer to Appendix B for isolated features totals

³ Feature subject to CCC jurisdiction.

**TABLE 4.6.2-2
TEMPORARY JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – FAR EAST CROSSOVER – MODIFIED – ULTIMATE
ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)**

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
7-SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	0.39	3.47	3.86	8.61	0.00	8.61
FE/7 SAN MATEO CREEK ²	Perennial	7.48	0.00	7.48	7.48	0.00	7.48
San Onofre Creek ²	Perennial	0.90	0.00	0.90	0.90	0.00	0.90
TOTAL	NA	8.77	3.47	12.24	16.99	0.00	16.99

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Feature subject to CCC jurisdiction.

4.7 FAR EAST CORRIDOR – WEST IMPACT TOTALS

Impact analysis results for both the initial and ultimate disturbance limits are described below and are summarized in Tables 4.7.1-1, 4.7.1-2, 4.7.2-1, and 4.7.2-2

4.7.1 FAR EAST CORRIDOR – WEST– INITIAL ALTERNATIVE IMPACT TOTALS

The following impacts are based upon the FEC-W-Initial Alternative disturbance limits. Permanent impacts are summarized in Table 4.7.1-1. Temporary impacts are summarized in Table 4.7.1-2.

The FEC-W – Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 6.69 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 2.62 acres consist of wetland and 4.07 acres of non-wetland waters.

The FEC-W – Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 9.15 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 8.62 acres consist of wetland and 0.53 acre of non-wetland waters.

The FEC-W – Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 25.45 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 21.13 acres consist of vegetated riparian habitat and 2.32 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The FEC-W – Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 11.23 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 11.22 acres consist of vegetated riparian habitat and 0.01 acre of unvegetated streambed.

The FEC-W – Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 0.34 acre subject to CCC jurisdiction. This total all consists of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

The FEC-W – Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 8.22 acres subject to CCC jurisdiction. This total all consists of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

TABLE 4.7.1-1
PERMANENT JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
FAR EAST CORRIDOR – WEST – INITIAL ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE/C/7-1	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.47	0.02	0.49
FE/C/7-WETLAND 2	Slope Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FE/7-1	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	1.47	0.04	1.51
FE/7-2	Intermittent	NA	NA	NA	0.29	0.02	0.31
FE-1	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.48	0.00	0.48
FE-2A	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0.02	0.02
FE-2B	Ephemeral	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.06
FE-3	Intermittent	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.33
FE-5	Intermittent	0.04	0.07	0.11	1.14	0.00	1.14
FE-6	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.40	0.01	0.41
FE-7	Ephemeral	0.00	0.26	0.26	0.24	0.02	0.26
FE-7	Intermittent	1.07	0.00	1.07	4.79	0.00	4.79
FE-7	Open Water	0.58	0.94	1.52	0.58	0.94	1.52
FEW-San Juan Creek	Intermittent	0.00	0.003	0.003	0.02	0.00	0.02
FEW-2	Ephemeral	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.48	0.03	0.51
FE/7-3	Ephemeral	0.00	0.16	0.16	2.70	0.00	2.70
FE/7-4	Ephemeral	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.04	0.37
FE/7-6	Ephemeral	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.98	0.03	1.01
FE/7-7	Ephemeral	0.00	0.11	0.11	1.92	0.01	1.93
FE/7-8	Ephemeral	0.00	0.19	0.19	2.34	0.08	2.42
FE/7-9	Ephemeral	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.10
FE/7-10	Ephemeral	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.17	0.04	0.21
FE/7-11	Perennial	0.12	0.37	0.49	0.76	0.00	0.76
FE/7-12	Intermittent	0.35	0.00	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.35
FE/7-12	Ephemeral	0.00	0.15	0.15	0.55	0.07	0.62
FE/7-14	Ephemeral	0.00	0.18	0.18	0.14	0.05	0.19
FE/7-VM18	Depressional Wetland	0.04	0.00	0.04	NA	NA	NA

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated ³ Streambed	Total
FE/7-VM19	Depressional Wetland	0.06	0.00	0.06	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-15	Ephemeral	0.00	0.13	0.13	0.26	0.10	0.36
FE/7-16	Ephemeral	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.07
FE/7-17	Ephemeral	0.00	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.11	0.11
FE/7-18	Ephemeral	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.75	0.25	1.00
FE/7-19	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE/7-20	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE/7-21	Ephemeral	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.52	0.00	0.52
FE/7-22	Ephemeral	0.00	0.27	0.27	0.33	0.14	0.47
FE/7-23	Ephemeral	0.00	0.002	0.002	0.00	0.002	0.002
FE/7-24	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03
FE/7-25	Ephemeral	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02
FE/7-SAN MATEO CREEK ³	Perennial	0.12	0.00	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.12
FE/7-SAN MATEO MARSH-EAST of I5 ³	Palustrine Forested Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.21
FE/7-VM20 ³	Depressional Wetland	0.05	0.00	0.05	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-VP3 ³	Depressional Wetland	0.18	0.00	0.18	NA	NA	NA
San Onofre Creek ³	Perennial	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
TOTAL	NA	2.62	4.07	6.69	23.13	2.32	25.45

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Refer to Appendix B for isolated features totals.

³ Feature subject to CCC jurisdiction.

TABLE 4.7.1-2
TEMPORARY JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
FAR EAST COORIDOR - WEST – INITIAL ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE-3 (Canada Gobernadora)	Intermittent	0.12	0.00	0.12	0.64	0.00	0.64
FEW-SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	0.28	0.52	0.80	2.36	0.00	2.36
FEW-2	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
SAN MATEO CREEK ²	Perennial	7.32	0.00	7.32	7.32	0.00	7.32
San Onofre Creek ²	Perennial	0.90	0.00	0.90	0.90	0.00	0.90
TOTAL	NA	8.62	0.53	9.15	11.22	0.01	11.23

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Feature subject to CCC jurisdiction.

4.7.2 FAR EAST CORRIDOR – WEST– ULTIMATE ALTERNATIVE IMPACT TOTALS

The following impacts are based upon the FEC-W-Ultimate Alternative disturbance limits. Permanent impacts are summarized in Table 4.7.2-1. Temporary impacts are summarized in Table 4.7.2-2.

The FEC-W – Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 6.96 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 2.64 acres consist of wetland and 4.32 acres of non-wetland waters.

The FEC-W – Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 9.35 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 8.71 acres consist of wetland and 0.64 acre of non-wetland waters.

The FEC-W – Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 26.31 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 23.92 acres consist of vegetated riparian habitat and 2.39 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The FEC-W – Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 11.80 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 11.79 acres consist of vegetated riparian habitat and 0.01 acre of unvegetated streambed.

The FEC-W – Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 0.35 acre subject to CCC jurisdiction. This total all consists of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

The FEC-W – Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 8.38 acres subject to CCC jurisdiction. This total all consists of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

TABLE 4.7.2-1
PERMANENT JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
FAR EAST CORRIDOR – WEST – ULTIMATE ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE/C/7-1	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.47	0.02	0.49
FE/C/7-WETLAND 2	Slope Wetland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-1	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	1.56	0.04	1.60
FE/7-2	Intermittent	NA	NA	NA	0.29	0.02	0.31
FE-1	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.48	0.00	0.48
FE-2A	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0.02	0.02
FE-2B	Ephemeral	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.07
FE-3	Intermittent	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.58	0.00	0.58
FE-5	Intermittent	0.03	0.07	0.10	1.13	0.00	1.13
FE-6	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.40	0.01	0.41
FE-7	Ephemeral	0.00	0.26	0.26	0.24	0.02	0.26
FE-7	Intermittent	1.07	0.00	1.07	4.79	0.00	4.79
FE-7	Open Water	0.58	0.94	1.52	0.58	0.94	1.52
FEW-2	Ephemeral	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.52	0.03	0.55
FEW- SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.00	0.05
FE/7-3	Ephemeral	0.00	0.18	0.18	2.72	0.01	2.73
FE/7-4	Ephemeral	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.04	0.37
FE/7-6	Ephemeral	0.00	0.11	0.11	0.98	0.03	1.01
FE/7-7	Ephemeral	0.00	0.13	0.13	2.10	0.01	2.11
FE/7-8	Ephemeral	0.00	0.19	0.19	2.34	0.09	2.43
FE/7-9	Ephemeral	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.10
FE/7-10	Ephemeral	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.24	0.04	0.28
FE/7-11	Perennial	0.12	0.37	0.49	0.76	0.00	0.76
FE/7-12	Intermittent	0.35	0.00	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.35
FE/7-12	Ephemeral	0.00	0.27	0.27	0.59	0.08	0.67
FE/7-14	Ephemeral	0.00	0.19	0.19	0.15	0.05	0.20
FE/7-VM18	Depressional Wetland	0.04	0.00	0.04	NA	NA	NA

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE/7-VM19	Depressional Wetland	0.06	0.00	0.06	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-15	Ephemeral	0.00	0.14	0.14	0.25	0.12	0.37
FE/7-16	Ephemeral	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.07
FE/7-17	Ephemeral	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.10
FE/7-18	Ephemeral	0.00	0.53	0.53	0.81	0.26	1.07
FE/7-19	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE/7-20	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE/7-21	Ephemeral	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.52	0.00	0.52
FE/7-22	Ephemeral	0.00	0.28	0.28	0.34	0.15	0.49
FE/7-23	Ephemeral	0.00	0.002	0.002	0.00	0.002	0.002
FE/7-24	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03
FE/7-25	Ephemeral	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02
FE/7-SAN MATEO CREEK ³	Perennial	0.12	0.00	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.12
FE/7-SAN MATEO MARSH-EAST of I5 ³	Freshwater Forested Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.00	0.22
FE/7-VM20 ³	Depressional Wetland	0.05	0.00	0.05	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-VP3 ³	Depressional Wetland	0.18	0.00	0.18	NA	NA	NA
San Onofre Creek ³	Perennial	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
TOTAL	NA	2.64	4.32	6.96	23.92	2.39	26.31

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Refer to Appendix B for isolated features totals

³ Feature subject to CCC jurisdiction.

TABLE 4.7.2-2
TEMPORARY JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
FAR EAST CORRIDOR – WEST – ULTIMATE ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated ^d Streambed	Total
FE-3 (Canada Gobernadora)	Intermittent	0.14	0.00	0.14	0.68	0.00	0.68
FEW-SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	0.35	0.63	0.98	2.89	0.00	2.89
FEW-2	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
SAN MATEO CREEK ²	Perennial	7.32	0.00	7.32	7.32	0.00	7.32
San Onofre Creek ²	Perennial	0.90	0.00	0.90	0.90	0.00	0.90
TOTAL	NA	8.71	0.64	9.35	11.79	0.01	11.80

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Feature subject to CCC jurisdiction.

4.8 FAR EAST CORRIDOR – MODIFIED IMPACT TOTALS

Impact analysis results for both the initial and ultimate disturbance limits are described below and are summarized in Tables 4.8.1-1, 4.8.1-2, 4.8.2-1, and 4.8.2-2

4.8.1 FAR EAST CORRIDOR – MODIFIED – INITIAL ALTERNATIVE IMPACT TOTALS

The following impacts are based upon the FEC-M-Initial Alternative disturbance limits. Permanent impacts are summarized in Table 4.8.1-1. Temporary impacts are summarized in Table 4.8.1-2.

The FEC-M – Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 5.44 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 1.71 acres consist of wetland and 3.73 acres of non-wetland waters.

The FEC-M – Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 11.31 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 8.98 acres consist of wetland and 2.33 acres of non-wetland waters.

The FEC-M – Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 18.67 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 16.88 acres consist of vegetated riparian habitat and 1.79 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The FEC-M – Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 13.28 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 13.27 acres consist of vegetated riparian habitat and 0.01 acre of unvegetated streambed.

The FEC-M – Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 0.34 acre subject to CCC jurisdiction. This total all consists of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

The FEC-M – Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 8.22 acres subject to CCC jurisdiction. This total all consists of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

TABLE 4.8.1-1
PERMANENT JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
FAR EAST CORRIDOR – MODIFIED – INITIAL ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE/C/7-1	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.47	0.02	0.49
FE/C/7-WETLAND 2	Slope Wetland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-1	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	1.47	0.04	1.51
FE/7-2	Intermittent	NA	NA	NA	0.29	0.02	0.31
FE-1	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.48	0.00	0.48
FE-2A	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0.02	0.02
FE-2B	Ephemeral	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.06
FE-3	Intermittent	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.33
FE-5	Ephemeral	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.86	0.00	0.86
FE-6	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.30	0.02	0.32
FE-7	Intermittent	0.24	0.00	0.24	1.15	0.00	1.15
FE-7	Ephemeral	0.00	0.09	0.09	0.00	0.05	0.05
FEM-1	Ephemeral	0.08	0.42	0.50	1.12	0.06	1.18
FEM-3	Ephemeral	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.52	0.02	0.54
FEM-5	Ephemeral	0.00	0.001	0.001	0.00	0.001	0.001
FEM-6	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FEM-8	Ephemeral	0.00	0.004	0.004	0.00	0.004	0.004
FEM-VM11	Depressional Wetland	0.03	0.00	0.03	NA	NA	NA
FEM-VP2	Depressional Wetland	0.15	0.00	0.15	NA	NA	NA
FEM-San Juan Creek	Intermittent	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
FEM-10	Ephemeral	0.00	0.30	0.30	3.25	0.03	3.28
FEM-10	Open Water	0.22	0.00	0.22	0.22	0.00	0.22
FEM-11	Ephemeral	0.00	0.17	0.17	0.97	0.07	1.04
FEM-12	Ephemeral	0.00	0.09	0.09	0.05	0.05	0.10
FEM-13	Ephemeral	0.001	0.139	0.14	0.001	0.139	0.14
FEM-14	Ephemeral	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.05
FEM-15	Ephemeral	0.00	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.15	0.15

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FEM-16	Ephemeral	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.53	0.00	0.53
FE/7-7	Intermittent	0.06	0.04	0.10	0.59	0.00	0.59
FE/7-8	Ephemeral	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.27	0.02	0.29
FE/7-8A	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE/7-9	Ephemeral	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.05
FE/7-10	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03
FE/7-11	Perennial	0.12	0.37	0.49	0.76	0.00	0.76
FE/7-12	Intermittent	0.35	0.00	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.35
FE/7-12	Ephemeral	0.00	0.15	0.15	0.55	0.07	0.62
FE/7-14	Ephemeral	0.00	0.18	0.18	0.14	0.05	0.19
FE/7-VM18	Depressional Wetland	0.04	0.00	0.04	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-VM19	Depressional Wetland	0.06	0.00	0.06	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-15	Ephemeral	0.00	0.13	0.13	0.26	0.10	0.36
FE/7-16	Ephemeral	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.07
FE/7-17	Ephemeral	0.00	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.11	0.11
FE/7-18	Ephemeral	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.75	0.25	1.00
FE/7-19	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE/7-20	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE/7-21	Ephemeral	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.52	0.00	0.52
FE/7-22	Ephemeral	0.00	0.27	0.27	0.33	0.14	0.47
FE/7-23	Ephemeral	0.00	0.002	0.002	0.00	0.002	0.002
FE/7-24	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03
FE/7-25	Ephemeral	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02
FE/7-SAN MATEO CREEK ³	Perennial	0.12	0.00	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.12
FE/7-SAN MATEO MARSH-EAST of I5 ³	Freshwater Forested Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.21
FE/7-VM20 ³	Depressional Wetland	0.05	0.00	0.05	NA	NA	NA

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE/7-VP3 ³	Depressional Wetland	0.18	0.00	0.18	NA	NA	NA
San Onofre Creek ³	Perennial	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
TOTAL	NA	1.71	3.73	5.44	16.88	1.79	18.67

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Refer to Appendix B for isolated features totals

³ Feature subject to CCC jurisdiction.

TABLE 4.8.1-2
TEMPORARY JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
FAR EAST CORRIDOR - MODIFIED - INITIAL ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE-3 (Canada Gobernadora)	Intermittent	0.12	0.00	0.12	0.64	0.00	0.64
FEM-SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	0.29	2.27	2.56	2.56	0.00	2.56
FEM-Wetland 3	Depressional Wetland	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.07
FEM-6	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FEM-7	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.02
Cristianitos	Intermittent	0.28	0.04	0.32	1.76	0.00	1.76
SAN MATEO CREEK ²	Perennial	7.32	0.00	7.32	7.32	0.00	7.32
San Onofre Creek ²	Perennial	0.90	0.00	0.90	0.90	0.00	0.90
TOTAL	NA	8.98	2.33	11.31	13.27	0.01	13.28

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Feature subject to CCC jurisdiction.

4.8.2 FAR EAST CORRIDOR – MODIFIED – ULTIMATE ALTERNATIVE IMPACT TOTALS

The following impacts are based upon the FEC-M-Ultimate Alternative disturbance limits. Permanent impacts are summarized in Table 4.8.2-1. Temporary impacts are summarized in Table 4.8.2-2.

The FEC-M – Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 6.02 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 1.99 acres consist of wetland and 4.04 acres of non-wetland waters.

The FEC-M – Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 12.06 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 9.11 acres consist of wetland and 2.95 acres of non-wetland waters.

The FEC-M – Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 19.90 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 17.95 acres consist of vegetated riparian habitat and 1.95 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The FEC-M – Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 14.35 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 14.34 acres consist of vegetated riparian habitat and 0.01 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The FEC-M – Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 0.35 acre subject to CCC jurisdiction. This total all consists of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

The FEC-M – Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 8.38 acres subject to CCC jurisdiction. This total all consists of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

TABLE 4.8.2-1
PERMANENT JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
FAR EAST CORRIDOR – MODIFIED – UTLIMATE ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE/C/7-1	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.47	0.02	0.49
FE/C/7-WETLAND 2	Slope Wetland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-1	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	1.56	0.04	1.60
FE/7-2	Intermittent	NA	NA	NA	0.29	0.02	0.31
FE-1	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.48	0.00	0.48
FE-2A	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0.02	0.02
FE-2B	Ephemeral	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.07
FE-3	Intermittent	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.59	0.00	0.59
FE-5	Ephemeral	0.002	0.058	0.06	0.86	0.00	0.86
FE-6	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.36	0.02	0.38
FE-7	Intermittent	0.25	0.11	0.36	1.26	0.07	1.33
FEM-1	Ephemeral	0.08	0.45	0.53	1.15	0.08	1.23
FEM-3	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.69	0.02	0.71
FEM-5	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FEM-6	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FEM-8	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FEM-VM10	Depressional Wetland	0.04	0.00	0.04	NA	NA	NA
FEM-VM11	Depressional Wetland	0.04	0.00	0.04	NA	NA	NA
FEM-VM12	Depressional Wetland	0.03	0.00	0.03	NA	NA	NA
FEM-VP2	Depressional Wetland	0.18	0.00	0.18	NA	NA	NA
FEM-San Juan Creek	Intermittent	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
FEM-10	Ephemeral	0.34	0.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	0.34
FEM-10	Open Water	0.00	0.31	0.31	3.31	0.04	3.35
FEM-11	Ephemeral	0.00	0.18	0.18	0.96	0.09	1.05
FEM-12	Ephemeral	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.05	0.06	0.11

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FEM-13	Ephemeral	0.004	0.146	0.15	0.004	0.146	0.15
FEM-14	Ephemeral	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.05
FEM-15	Ephemeral	0.00	0.16	0.16	0.00	0.16	0.16
FEM-16	Ephemeral	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.56	0.00	0.56
FE/7-7	Intermittent	0.06	0.05	0.11	0.63	0.00	0.63
FE/7-8	Ephemeral	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.27	0.02	0.29
FE/7-8A	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE/7-9	Ephemeral	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.06
FE/7-10	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03
FE/7-11	Perennial	0.12	0.37	0.49	0.76	0.00	0.76
FE/7-12	Intermittent	0.35	0.00	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.35
FE/7-12	Ephemeral	0.00	0.27	0.27	0.59	0.08	0.67
FE/7-14	Ephemeral	0.00	0.19	0.19	0.15	0.05	0.20
FE/7-VM18	Depressional Wetland	0.04	0.00	0.04	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-VM19	Depressional Wetland	0.06	0.00	0.06	NA	NA	NA
FE/7-15	Ephemeral	0.00	0.14	0.14	0.25	0.12	0.37
FE/7-16	Ephemeral	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.07
FE/7-17	Ephemeral	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.10
FE/7-18	Ephemeral	0.00	0.53	0.53	0.81	0.26	1.07
FE/7-19	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE/7-20	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FE/7-21	Ephemeral	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.53	0.00	0.53
FE/7-22	Ephemeral	0.00	0.27	0.27	0.33	0.14	0.47
FE/7-23	Ephemeral	0.00	0.002	0.002	0.00	0.002	0.002
FE/7-24	Ephemeral	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03
FE/7-25	Ephemeral	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02
FE/7-SAN MATEO CREEK ³	Perennial	0.12	0.00	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.12
FE/7-San Mateo Marsh East I ³	Freshwater Forested Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.21
FE/7-VM20 ³	Depressional Wetland	0.05	0.00	0.05	NA	NA	NA

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE/7-VP3 ³	Depressional Wetland	0.18	0.00	0.18	NA	NA	NA
San Onofre Creek ³	Perennial	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
TOTAL	NA	1.99	4.04	6.02	17.95	1.945	19.90

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Refer to Appendix B for isolated features totals

³ Feature subject to CCC jurisdiction.

TABLE 4.8.2-2
TEMPORARY JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
FAR EAST CORRIDOR – MODIFIED - ULTIMATE ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated ¹ Streambed	Total
FE-3 (Canada Gobernadora)	Intermittent	0.14	0.00	0.14	0.68	0.00	0.68
FEM-SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	0.37	2.90	3.27	3.27	0.00	3.27
FEM-Wetland 3	Depressional Wetland	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.07
FEM-6	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
FEM-7	Ephemeral	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.02
Cristianitos	Intermittent	0.31	0.03	0.34	2.08	0.00	2.08
SAN MATEO CREEK ²	Perennial	7.32	0.00	7.32	7.32	0.00	7.32
San Onofre Creek ²	Perennial	0.90	0.00	0.90	0.90	0.00	0.90
TOTAL	NA	9.11	2.95	12.06	14.34	0.01	14.35

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Feature subject to CCC jurisdiction.

5.0 DISCUSSION

The impacts described in Section 4.0 require authorization from the Corps, CDFG, and CFC as described below. The scope of RWQCB jurisdiction, beyond the CWA Section 404, is not settled.

5.1 CORPS REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

The discharge of dredged or fill material (temporarily or permanently) into waters of the United States requires prior authorization from the Corps pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Activities that usually involve a regulated discharge of dredged or fill materials include (but are not limited to) grading, placing of riprap for erosion control, pouring concrete, laying sod, preparing soil for planting (e.g., turning soil over, adding soil amendments¹), stockpiling excavated material, mechanized removal of vegetation, and driving of piles for certain types of structures. Activities that do not involve a regulated discharge (if performed in a manner to avoid discharges) include excavation, placing a structure, driving pilings (for transportation structures), clearing of vegetation using hand held equipment and working above the ground surface, pumping water, and walking or driving vehicles.

Federal law recognizes wetlands and other waters of the United States as valuable natural resources. Therefore, federal agencies, principally the Corps, USFWS, and EPA strongly discourage activities within federal jurisdiction that alter aquatic habitats.

5.1.1 INDIVIDUAL SECTION 404 PERMITS

The Corps can only issue a permit for the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States for the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA). A project alternative is considered practicable if: 1) it may be feasibly implemented after considering project cost and logistics; and 2) it fulfills the project purpose and need. The Corps cannot authorize a project alternative if there is another practicable alternative that would result in less impact to the aquatic environment, unless the alternative would have other significant adverse environmental consequences. A determination as to which alignment represents the LEDPA is to be determined through the NEPA/404 Integration Process.

¹ Similar planting activities associated with on-going farming operations may be exempt from regulation by Section 404(f) of the Clean Water Act.

5.2 CDFG REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

Unlike the Corps, CDFG regulates not only the discharge of dredged or fill material, but all activities that alter streams and lakes and their associated habitat. CDFG has no abbreviated permitting process comparable to the Corps nationwide permits. A CDFG 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement is required for all activities resulting in impacts to streambeds and their associated riparian habitats.

A 1602 notification (application) will not be accepted by the CDFG until after an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Negative Declaration has been certified. CDFG generally requires that any impacts to streambeds and adjacent riparian habitats be fully mitigated. A mitigation plan should be submitted with the notification package.

5.3 CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION JURISDICTION

Potential CCC jurisdiction at the site may include all areas that are permanently or periodically inundated or saturated close to the soil surface occurring within the coastal zone. In addition, the CCC will consider indirect impacts due to shading where such impacts affect portions of wetlands or riparian habitat. Portions of San Mateo Creek, San Mateo Marsh east of Interstate-5, and San Onofre Creek as well as several ponding features that will not be impacted are located within the Coastal Zone. Approximately 0.92 acre of San Onofre Creek, 0.22 acre of San Mateo Marsh east of Interstate-5 and 7.56 acres of San Mateo Creek fall within the disturbance limits of the A7C-FEC-M, FEC-M and FEC-W Alternatives resulting in 8.71 acres of impact to CCC wetlands. Approximately 0.02 acre of San Mateo Creek falls within the disturbance limits of the CC Initial Alternative. FHWA will prepare a Federal Consistency determination to comply with the requirement that "each Federal agency activity within or outside the coastal zone that affects any land or water use or natural resource of the coastal zone shall be carried out in a manner which is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of approved State management programs." [Section 307(c)].

5.4 ISOLATED AQUATIC FEATURES

Pursuant to the *SWANCC* decision, the following aquatic features are not subject to Corps jurisdiction: C-Wetland 1, C-2, C-3, C-4, FE/C/7-2, FE/C/7-3, FE/C/7-4, FE/7-1, FE/7-2, FE-1, 7-3, 7-9, 7-10, 7-11, FE/C/7-Wetland 2, FE/7-4, FEM-Pond 1, FEM-VM 7, FEM-VM 8, FEM-3, FEM-2, FEW-1, FE-6, FE-4, C-Pond 1, FE-Wetland 1, FE-2A, FE-Pond 1, and portions of 7-2, 7-3, 7-13, FE/7-3, and FEM-17. For those waters determined to be within CWA jurisdiction, 401 certification will be required from the Regional Board as part of the 404 permit process. Jurisdiction over isolated features has not been determined.

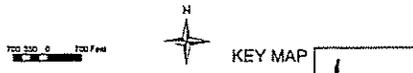
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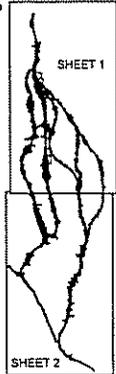
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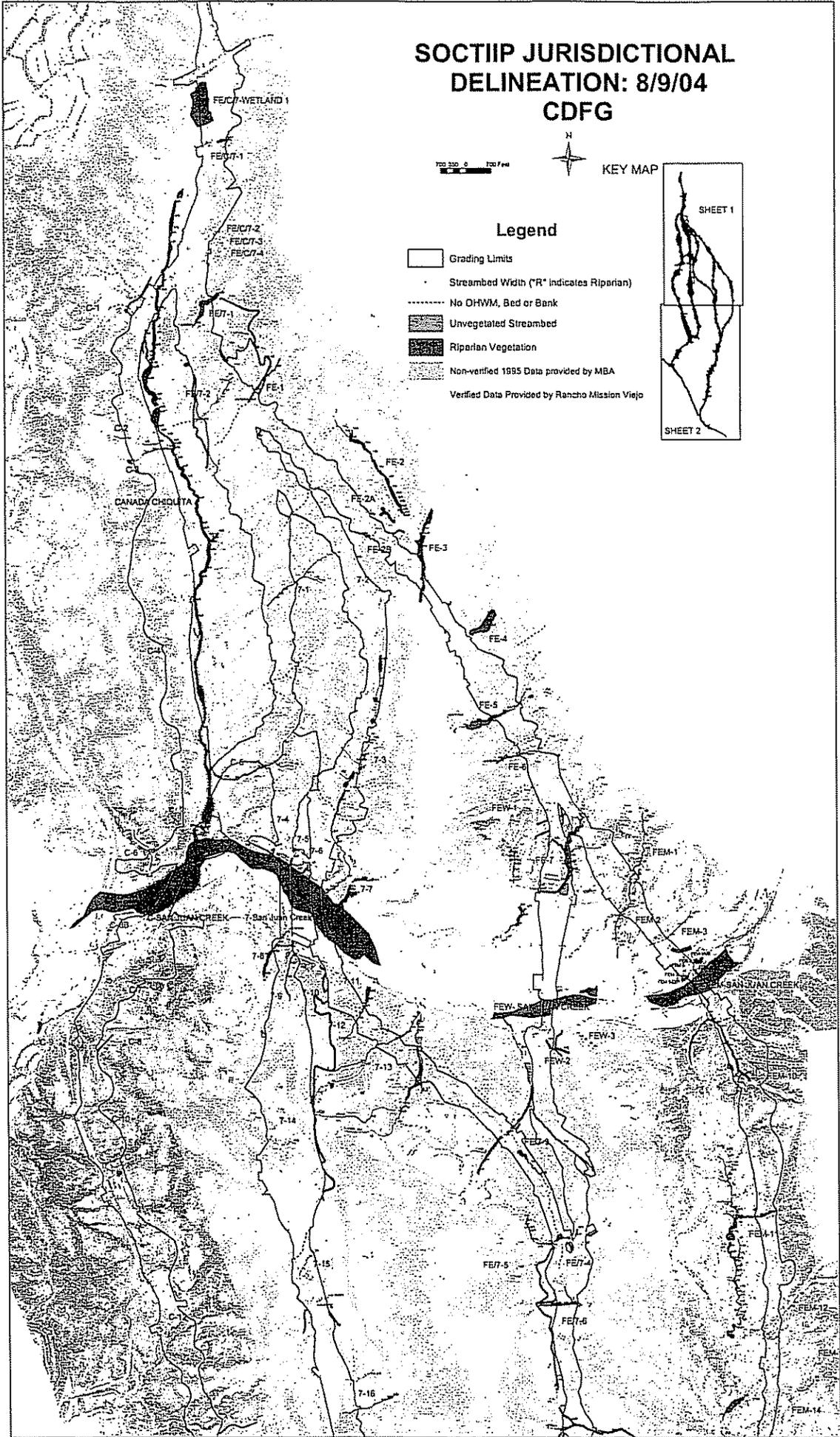


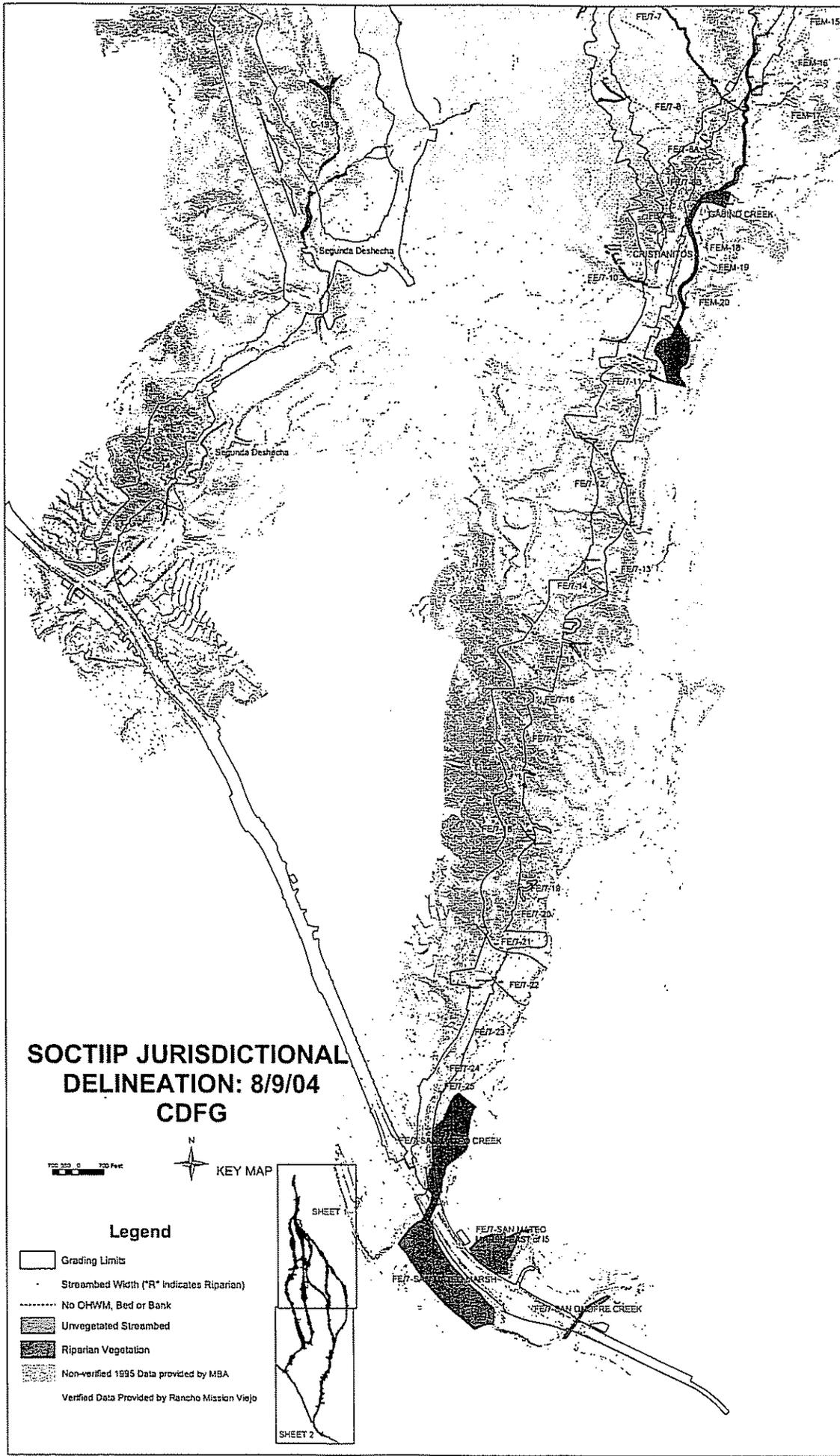
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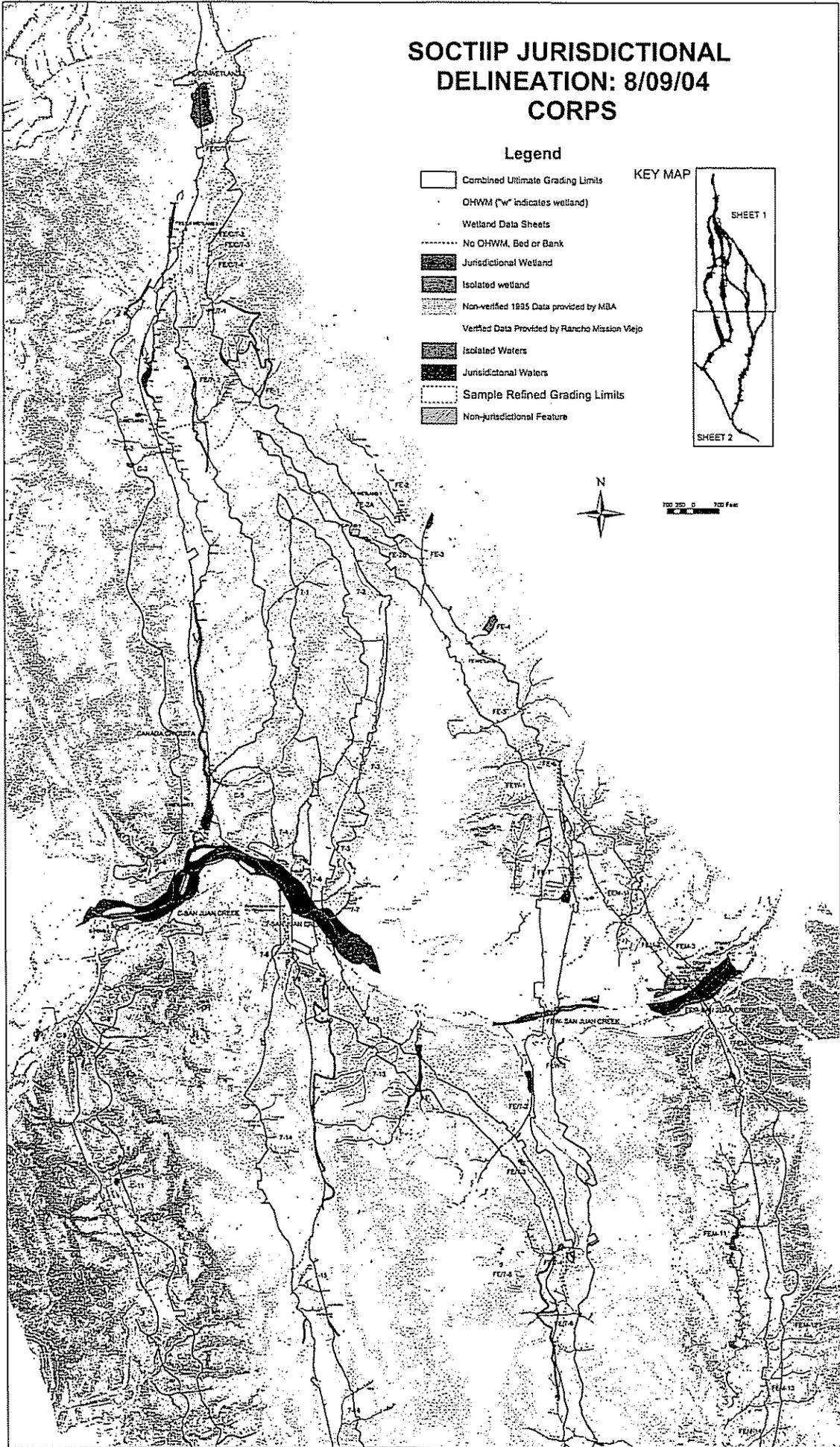
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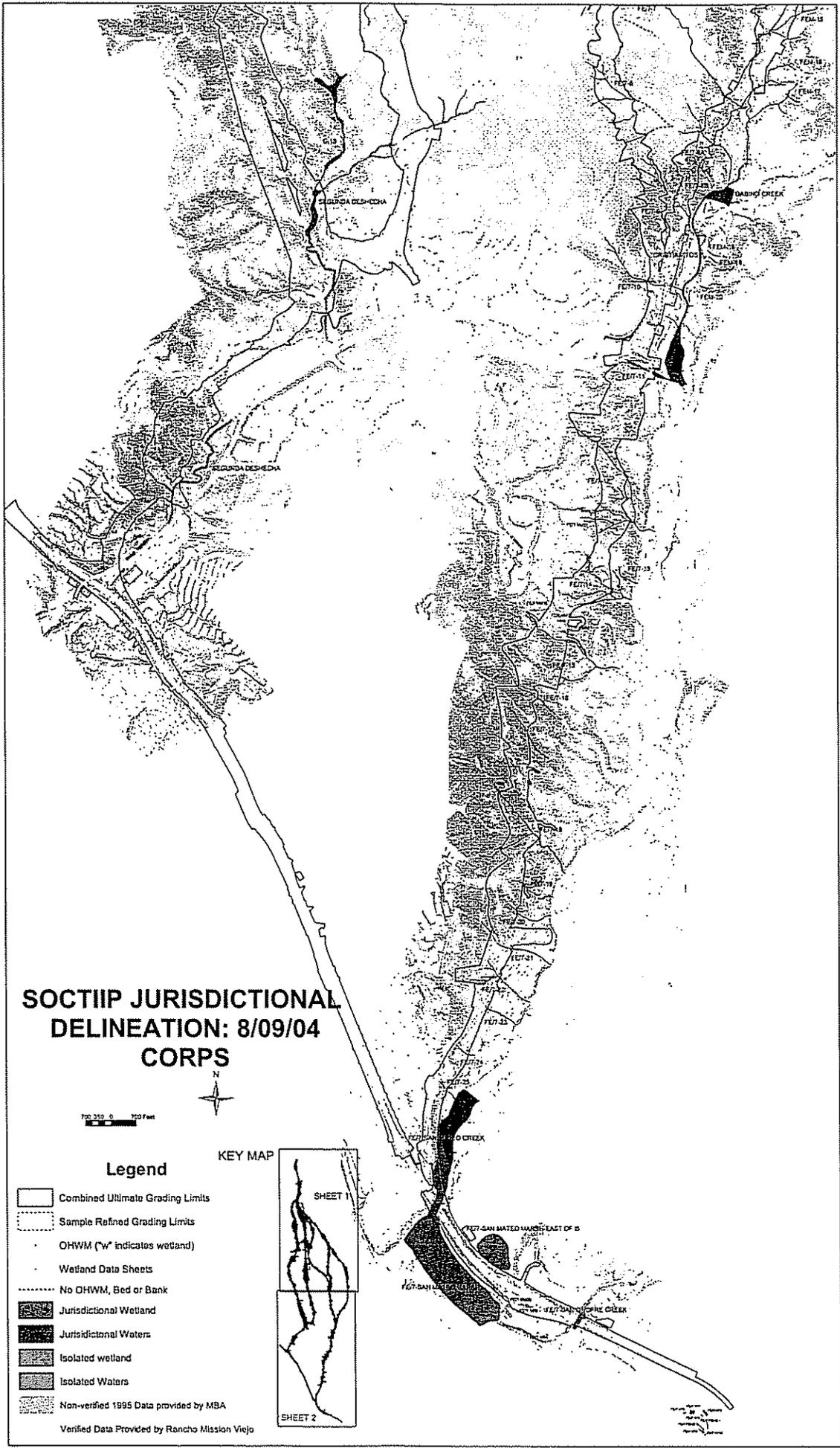
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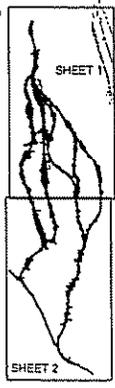
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APPENDIX A

I. SUMMARY OF JURISDICTIONAL TOTALS FOR CORRIDOR STUDY AREAS

Jurisdictional totals for the study areas, which extend from 200 to 1000 feet beyond the disturbance limits of each alignment, are included in Appendix A along with detailed drainage descriptions. Jurisdictional totals strictly represent the surface area of each feature and do not include an assessment of the relative quality of each feature. It should be noted that many of the alternatives share common segments and, thus, have identical impacts along these shared segments. It is important, therefore, to recognize that areas of jurisdictional impact identified along one alternative may be common to multiple alternatives. In addition, the Corps, CDFG, and CCC regulate many of the same features, therefore, jurisdictional impact totals for the various agencies do overlap and should not be considered mutually exclusive.

The drainage descriptions below will only include a description of the applicable jurisdiction(s). Table A-1 provides a summary of the total area subject to regulation by Corps and CDFG located within the study areas. Table A-2 provides a summary of the total area subject to regulation by CCC within the study areas.

TABLE A-1
SUMMARY OF JURISDICTIONAL TOTALS FOR CORRIDOR STUDY AREAS
(in acres)

Alignment	CORPS		CDFG	
	Total	Wetlands	Total	Vegetated
CC	113.64	55.41	158.51	156.04
CC-ALPV	113.43	55.41	158.30	156.04
A7C-ALPV	165.64	71.59	247.07	242.37
A7C-FEC-M	207.96	133.28	309.07	300.21
FEC-W	178.25	109.81	315.90	307.86
FEC-M	212.18	138.28	341.15	332.68

TABLE A-2
SUMMARY OF CCC JURISDICTION FOR CORRIDOR STUDY AREAS
(in acres)

Feature	Total
SAN MATEO CREEK	17.44
SAN MATEO MARSH/EAST OF I-5	23.51
SAN MATEO MARSH/WEST OF I-5	68.55
FE/7-VP3	0.18
FE/7-VP4	0.03
FE/7-VM20	0.05
SAN ONOFRE CREEK WETLAND COMPLEX	5.30
TOTAL	115.06

A. TOTAL ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS JURISDICTION WITHIN CORRIDOR STUDY AREAS

Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) jurisdiction, as described more fully in Section 3.0, generally extends to the OHWM of features that discharge to navigable waters, in this case the Pacific Ocean, are tributary to features that discharge to navigable waters or are themselves considered a navigable water. In addition, features that are adjacent to jurisdictional waters and meet the Corps' definition of a wetland are also regulated by the Corps. All features that meet the above definitions are considered "waters of the US". The surface area that these features cover is subject to regulation by the Corps pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Surface area is determined using the OHWM, which refers the lateral extent of stream flow occurring during a normal storm event or the area that meets the Corps' definition of a wetland. These limits are determined in the field based upon the field indicators described in Section 3.0. All waters are examined for wetland characteristics including the presence of vegetation adapted to sustained soil saturation and evidence of saturation occurring for at least 18 consecutive days including the presence of hydric soils, which are soils that exhibit indicators of saturation, and are either classified as wetland or non-wetland waters. Pursuant to SWANNC, Corps jurisdiction does not extend to features that exhibit no surface connection to other jurisdictional features. Total Corps jurisdiction listed below include all features within the disturbance limits of each alignment as well as all features within 200 to 1000 feet beyond the disturbance limits.

Approximately 113.64 acres within the CC study area are subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 55.41 acres of wetland and 58.23 acres of non-wetland waters.

Approximately 113.43 acres within the CC – ALPV study area are subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 55.41 acres of wetland and 58.02 acres of non-wetland waters.

Approximately 165.64 acres within the A7C – ALPV study area are subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 71.59 acres of wetland and 94.05 acres of non-wetland waters.

Approximately 207.96 acres within the A7C – FEC – M study area are subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 133.28 acres of wetland and 74.68 acres of non-wetland waters.

Approximately 178.28 acres within the FEC – W study area are subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 109.81 acres of wetland and 68.47 acres of non-wetland waters.

Approximately 212.18 acres within the FEC – M study area are subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 138.28 acres of wetland and 73.86 acres of non-wetland waters.

B. TOTAL CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME JURISDICTION
WITHIN CORRIDOR STUDY AREAS

California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) jurisdiction, as described more fully in Section 3.0, extends to all lakes, streambeds and impoundments of streambeds regardless of contiguity with other jurisdictional features. The lateral extent of CDFG jurisdiction is based upon the presence of a bed and bank or riparian vegetation associated with the streambed. A detailed description of the methodology used to determine the extent of jurisdictional riparian habitat is included in Section 3.0. The total CDFG jurisdiction listed below include all features within the disturbance limits of each alignment as well as all features within 200 to 1000 feet beyond the disturbance limits.

Approximately 158.51 acres within the CC study area are subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 156.04 acres of jurisdictional wetland and 2.47 acres of non-wetland waters.

Approximately 158.3 acres within the CC – ALPV study area are subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 156.04 acres of jurisdictional wetland and 2.26 acres of non-wetland waters.

Approximately 247.07 acres within the A7C – ALPV study area are subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 242.37 acres of jurisdictional wetland and 4.7 acres of non-wetland waters.

Approximately 308.99 acres within the A7C – FEC-M study area are subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 300.17 acres of jurisdictional wetland and 8.82 acres of non-wetland waters.

Approximately 315.90 acres within the FEC-W study area are subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 307.86 acres of jurisdictional wetland and 8.04 acres of non-wetland waters.

Approximately 341.15 acres within the FEC-M study area are subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 332.68 acres of jurisdictional wetland and 8.47 acres of non-wetland waters.

C. CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION JURISDICTION WITHIN CORRIDOR STUDY AREAS

As detailed in Section 3.0, pursuant to the Coastal Act, California Coastal Commission (CCC) regulates the diking, filling or dredging of wetlands within the coastal zone. The Coastal Act defines wetlands as land "*which may be covered periodically or permanently with shallow water.*" Subsequent interpretive guidelines state that the "*presence or absence of hydric soils and/or hydrophytes alone are not necessarily determinative when the Commission identifies wetland under the Coastal Act.*" Therefore, CCC regulates impacts to all wetlands regulated by Corps and RWQCB, which require that three-parameters including vegetation, soils and hydrology are present in order for a feature to be classified as a wetland, as well as any features in which at least only one or two of the previous parameters is met. The total CCC jurisdiction listed below include all features within the disturbance limits of each alignment as well as all features within 200 to 1000 feet beyond the disturbance limits.

Approximately 0.02 acres within the CC study area are subject to CCC jurisdiction. This consists entirely of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants)..

Approximately 115.06 acres within the A7C – FEC – M, FEC – W FEC – M and study areas are subject to CCC jurisdiction. This total consists entirely of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

II. DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF STUDY AREA TOTALS BY CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVE

The following provides a detailed description of jurisdictional totals for the entire study area associated with each corridor alternative. These totals include all jurisdiction within the disturbance limits as well as all jurisdiction within 200 to 1000 feet beyond the disturbance limits.

A. CENTRAL CORRIDOR – COMPLETE STUDY AREA

Jurisdictional areas were generally not delineated for the Central Corridor – Complete (CC) alternative in 2001, with the exception of areas such as the wetland adjacent to Tesoro High School (designated as FE/C/7 Wetland), the Cañada Chiquita Wetland Complex (including tributaries), and San Juan Creek where changes from the 1995/1996 MBA Delineation were noted. Several jurisdictional areas associated with the CC Alignment were delineated for Rancho Mission Viejo. These areas have been verified by both the Corps and CDFG and are indicated on the delineation maps as verified. For all other areas, the jurisdictional totals were carried over from the 1995/1996 MBA Delineation. Drainage descriptions for the features that have not yet been verified have been extracted from the 1995/1996 MBA Delineation Report and are included below. Exhibit 1 depicts the location and extent of Corps jurisdictional areas. Exhibit 2 depicts the location and extent of CDFG jurisdictional areas.

Corps jurisdiction associated with the CC Alternative study area totals approximately 113.64 acres, of which 55.41 acres consist of jurisdictional wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the CC- Alternative study area totals 158.51 acres, of which 156.04 acres consist of vegetated riparian or wetland habitat. There is no jurisdiction associated with the portion of the CC- Alternative study area that is located within the Coastal Zone.

TABLE A-3
JURISDICTIONAL AREAS
CENTRAL CORRIDOR – COMPLETE STUDY AREA
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	CORPS ²		CDFG	
	Total	Wetlands	Total	Vegetated
FE/C/7 WETLAND 1	12.62	12.62	12.62	12.62
FE/C/7-1	0.09	0.00	0.73	0.66
FE/C/7-2	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
FE/C/7-3	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
FE/C/7-4	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
FE/C/7-WETLAND 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CANADA CHIQUITA	23.81	22.56	43.73	43.72
C-1	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
C-WETLAND 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C-2	0.00	0.00	0.49	0.48
C-3	0.00	0.00	0.85	0.75
C-4	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00
C-5	0.75	0.56	2.59	2.59
C-WETLAND 2	0.09	0.09	0.00	0.00
C-6	0.10	0.00	0.50	0.50
C-SAN JUAN CREEK	54.33	6.17	73.24	73.24
C-6B	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
C-POND 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C-7	0.06	0.02	0.08	0.05
C-8	0.27	0.00	0.27	0.00
C-9	1.63	0.00	1.83	1.18
C-10	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.00
C-11	0.48	0.39	0.48	0.39
C-12	0.80	0.33	0.99	0.52
C-13	6.40	2.43	6.40	6.40
C-14	0.21	0.00	0.21	0.00
SEGUNDA DESHECHA	11.93	10.24	13.32	12.94
TOTAL	113.64	55.41	158.51	156.04

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Refer to Appendix B for isolated features totals

A.1 DRAINAGE DESCRIPTIONS – CENTRAL CORRIDOR – COMPLETE STUDY AREA

FE/C/7 Wetland 1

FE/C/7 Wetland is located south of Oso Parkway between the alignment and Tesoro High School. It is vegetated with mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), black willow (*Salix goodingii*, OBL), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), cattail (*Typha domingensis*, OBL), arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), bristly ox tongue (*Picris echioides*, FAC), Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon*, FAC), clustered field sedge (*Carex praegracilis*, FACW⁻¹), iris-leaved rush (*Juncus xiphioides*, OBL), spike rush (*Eleocharis macrostachya*, OBL), Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*, FACW), and rabbitfoots grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW⁺). The wetland is adjacent to Chiquita Creek and was inundated at several locations in November 2001. Soils were mainly composed of low chroma sandy loam with faint to distinct mottles.

Corps, and CDFG jurisdiction total 12.62 acres all of which are jurisdictional vegetated wetlands. The disturbance limits extend through the eastern portion of the wetland.

Drainage FE/C/7-1

Drainage FE/C/7-1 consists of a two to four foot wide ephemeral channel within a deep ravine. The channel traverses the disturbance limits. The channel bottom is vegetated with a predominance of non-native species including rigput brome (*Bromus diandrus*, NI), Italian rye grass (*Lolium multiflorum*, FAC), horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*, FAC), black mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), Italian thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalus*, UPL), and cardoon (*Cynara cardunculus*, UPL). The banks of the ravine support coastal sage scrub including buckwheat (*Erigonum fasciculatum*, UPL), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), white sage (*Salvia apiana*, UPL), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), and prickly pear (*Opuntia littoralis*, UPL). A canopy of coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL) and Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*, FACU) extends along much of the drainage. The presence of an OHWM was indicated by shelving, destruction of terrestrial vegetation and changes in soil character.

Corps jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 0.09 acre. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the drainage totals 0.73 acre, of which 0.66 acre consists of vegetated oak riparian habitat.

¹ Positive or negative signs are used to more specifically define the frequency of occurrence on wetlands. A positive sign (+) indicates a frequency toward the higher end of a category (more frequently found in wetlands), and a negative (-) sign indicates frequency toward the lower end of a category (less frequently found in wetlands).

Drainage FE/C/7-2

Drainage FE/C/7-2 consists of an approximately one-foot wide channel. It is an ephemeral drainage that originates within the disturbance limits of all alternatives and terminates in a broad swale within a disked field. The channel is vegetated with upland scrub.

The feature totals 0.02 acre of ephemeral channel. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.02 acre, none of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage FE/C/7-3

Drainage FE/C/7-3 consists of an approximately one-foot wide channel. It is an ephemeral drainage that originates east of the disturbance limits common to all alternatives and terminates in a broad swale within a disked field. The channel is vegetated with upland scrub.

The feature totals 0.01 acre of ephemeral channel. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.01 acre, none of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage FE/C/7-4

Drainage FE/C/7-4 consists of an approximately one-foot wide channel. It is an ephemeral drainage that originates east of the disturbance limits common to all alternatives and terminates in a broad swale within a disked field. The channel is vegetated with upland scrub.

The feature totals 0.02 acre of ephemeral channel. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.02 acre, none of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

FE/C/7-Wetland 2

FE/C/7-Wetland 2 is a slope wetland vegetated with Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*, FACW), bristly ox tongue (*Picris echioides*, FAC), Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon*, FAC), and clustered field sedge (*Carex praegracilis*, FACW). Soils were saturated in the upper 12 inches and were characterized by gleyed color (2.5/N).

The feature totals 0.11 acre of wetland. Because this feature does not constitute a streambed or lake, it is not regulated by CDFG.

CAÑADA CHIQUITA

Cañada Chiquita is a broad canyon that generally runs in a north-south direction at Oso Parkway and extends for approximately 2 miles to San Juan Creek. The canyon includes a drainage course which supports a variety of associated (jurisdictional) wetland types including alkali marsh, alkali meadow, freshwater marsh and southern arroyo willow riparian forest. Specifically,

Cañada Chiquita is vegetated along the entire reach with freshwater species including southern cattail (*Typha domingensis*, OBL), Olney's bulrush (*Scirpus californicus*, OBL), Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*, FACW), needle-stemmed spikerush (*Eleocharis acicularis*, OBL), water-cress (*Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*, OBL), rabbitsfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW+), rough vervain (*Verbena scabra*, OBL), and black willow (*Salix gooddingii*). The main channel is not clearly discernible immediately south of Oso Parkway where a wetland complex is located. This wetland complex serves as a groundwater discharge zone where groundwater from the Upper Chiquita (north of Oso Parkway) watershed is forced to the surface by bedrock resulting in the wetland area south of Oso Parkway. The groundwater originating in the Upper Chiquita watershed is fresh water, with electroconductivity of less than 800 μ Mhos. Groundwater is also contributing to the 2 mile long system as evidenced by the many seeps located within the canyon. The brackish/alkali seeps, which typically exhibit an electroconductivity of between 1,500 and 2,500 μ Mhos, also serve as groundwater discharge areas.

Corps jurisdiction totals 23.81 acres, of which 22.56 acres are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 43.73 acres, of which 43.72 acres consist of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage C-1

Drainage C-1 originates west of the CC disturbance limits and extends towards the east where it ends in ruderal vegetation. The channel bed is unvegetated sandy loam and its banks are vegetated with sage scrub. The presence of an OHWM was indicated by a change in soil character and destruction of terrestrial vegetation.

CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.02 acre, none of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat. The feature totals 0.02 acre of ephemeral channel.

C – Wetland 1

C – Wetland 1 is a slope wetland vegetated with beaked spikerush (*Eleocharis rostellata*, OBL), Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*, FACW), Olney's bulrush (*Scirpus americanus*, OBL), clustered field sedge (*Carex praegracilis*, FACW-), saltgrass (*Distichlis spicata*, FACW), and rabbitsfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW+). Soils were saturated in the upper 12 inches and exhibited a sulfidic odor.

because the feature does not constitute a streambed or lake there is no CDFG jurisdiction acreage. The feature totals 0.40 acre of wetland.

Drainage C-2

Drainage C-2 varies from 1 to 6 feet in width. It originates to the west of the disturbance limits of the Central Corridor alternatives and extends east where it ends in ruderal vegetation. The upper reach of the drainage is vegetated with chaparral and exhibits an unvegetated channel bed.

The lower reach of the channel is vegetated with mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), upland bromes and coast live oak. The portion of the channel vegetated with mulefat and arroyo willow exhibits low chroma soils (10yr 3/2) with oxidized rhizospheres. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.49 acre, of which 0.48 acre consists of vegetated riparian habitat. This feature totals 0.13 acre of wetland and 0.25 acre of ephemeral channel.

Drainage C-3

Drainage C-3 varies from 6 to 10 feet in width. It originates to the west of the disturbance limits of the Central Corridor alternatives and extends east where it ends in ruderal vegetation. The channel originates with a seep exhibiting standing water and vegetated with needle-stemmed spikerush (*Eleocharis acicularis*, OBL), water-cress (*Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*, OBL), rabbitsfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW+), Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon*, FAC), Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*, FACW), Olney's bulrush (*Scirpus americanus*, OBL) and cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+). Soils exhibited a sulfidic odor. The lower portion of the drainage is vegetated with salt grass (*Distichlis spicata*, FACW) and mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW). The channel bed exhibits low chroma soils (10yr 3/2) with oxidized rhizospheres.

CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.85 acre, of which 0.75 acre consists of vegetated riparian habitat. This feature totals 0.68 acre of wetland and 0.02 acre of ephemeral channel.

Drainage C-4

Drainage C-4 originates west of the CC disturbance limits and extends towards the east where it ends in ruderal vegetation. The channel bed is unvegetated sandy loam and its banks are vegetated with lemonadeberry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL) and California buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*, UPL).

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by a change in soil character and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.04 acre, of which none consists of vegetated riparian habitat. This feature totals 0.04 acre of ephemeral channel.

Drainage C-5

Drainage C-5 originates east of the disturbance limits of Central Corridor alternatives and extends west to discharge into Canada Chiquita. The channel varies from one to four feet in width and is generally unvegetated. The presence of an OHWM was indicated by sediment deposits. The banks of the upper reach are vegetated with coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), upland bromes (*Bromus* spp., UPL) and coastal sage scrub. The lower reach of the drainage is adjacent to a slope wetland vegetated with Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*, FACW), Emory's baccharis (*Baccharis emoryii*, FACW), yerba mansa (*Anemopsis californica*, OBL), Olney's bulrush (*Scirpus americanus*, OBL), curly

dock (*Rumex crispus*, FACW-), clustered field sedge (*Carex praegracilis*, FACW-), salt spring checkerbloom (*Sidalcea neomexicana*, FACW), witchgrass (*Panicum capillare*, FAC), cut-leaf water parsnip (*Berula erecta*, OBL), wrinkled rush (*Juncus rugulosus*, OBL), beaked spikerush (*Eleocharis rostellata*, OBL), salt grass (*Distichlis spicata*, FACW) and iris-leaved rush (*Juncus xiphioides*, OBL).

Corps jurisdiction totals 0.75 acre, of which 0.56 acre is wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 2.59 acres, all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

C – Wetland 2

C – Wetland 2 is a slope wetland vegetated with arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon*, FAC), Olney's bulrush (*Scirpus americanus*, OBL), tall cyperus (*Cyperus eragrostis*, FACW), bristly ox tongue (*Picris echioides*, FAC), mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), brown cyperus (*Cyperus niger*, FACW+), Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*, FACW), cut-leaf water parsnip (*Berula erecta*, OBL), clustered field sedge (*Carex praegracilis*, FACW-) and needle-stemmed spikerush (*Eleocharis acicularis*, OBL). The soil exhibited saturation in the upper 12 inches and a sulfitic odor.

There is no CDFG acreage that is jurisdictional. Corps jurisdiction totals 0.09 acre, all of which is wetland.

Drainage C-6

Drainage C-6 originates west of the disturbance limits of the CC alternatives and extends south to discharge into San Juan Creek. The channel varies from 2 to 5 feet in width and is generally unvegetated and composed of sand and cobbles. The banks of the channel are vegetated with mulefat scrub. The presence of an OHWM was indicated by sediment deposits and litter and debris.

Corps jurisdiction totals 0.10 acre, none of which is wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.50 acre, all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat

C - San Juan Creek

San Juan Creek is a major vegetated drainage including arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), western sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*, FACW) and coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, NL). Low flow channels, which carry water throughout much of the year, are dominated by herbaceous cover including water-cress (*Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*, OBL), water speedwell (*Veronica anagallis-aquatica*, OBL), yellow waterweed (*Ludwigia peploides*, OBL), and knotgrass (*Paspalum distichum*, OBL).

Corps jurisdiction extends to the OHWM of the channel, which was indicated by a clear, natural line impressed on the bank, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, and the presence of litter and debris. Corps jurisdiction totals 54.33 acres, of which 6.17 acres are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 73.24 acres, all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage C-6B

Drainage C-6B originates at a nursery to the south of San Juan Creek and to the west of the disturbance limits of the CC alternatives. The unvegetated channel measures approximately 3 feet in width and exhibits a loam and cobble bed. The banks are vegetated with coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL).

Corps jurisdiction totals 0.01 acre, of which none is wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.01 acre, none of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

C – Pond 1

C – Pond 1 is an abandoned feature constructed in upland. At the time of the delineation the feature exhibited no standing water or saturated soils. The margin of the feature once supported mulefat and willows.

The feature exhibits no surface connection to San Juan Creek and has no jurisdictional features discharging into it. This feature totals 0.12 acre, none of which is wetland. Because this feature does not constitute a streambed or lake, there is no acreage subject to CDFG jurisdiction.

Drainage C-7

Drainage C-7 is an incised channel which is approximately 3 feet wide. The channel bottom is generally unvegetated consisting of sand and cobbles. The banks of the channel are vegetated with non-native annual grasses. ACOE and CDFG jurisdiction extends to the OHWM which was indicated by shelving.

Corps jurisdiction totals 0.06 acre, of which 0.02 acre is wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.08 acre, of which 0.05 acre consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage C-8

Drainage C-8 is an incised channel which varies in width from 3 to 4 feet. The channel bottom is generally unvegetated consisting of sand and cobbles. The banks of the channel are sparsely vegetated with coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, NI) and mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW).

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**JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION AND WETLANDS
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FOR

**IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
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ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR - FAR EAST MODIFIED
FAR EAST CORRIDOR – WEST and
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PREFACE

This Wetlands Delineation Technical Report describes the location and extent of aquatic features located within the disturbance limits of the alternatives considered in the Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for the South Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project (SOCTIIP). This evaluation describes details of wetlands and other waters with respect to the regulatory authority of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Fish and Game, and the California Coastal Commission. Isolated waters for which jurisdiction have not been determined are also described. This evaluation was conducted for the Central Corridor – Complete, the Central Corridor – Avenida La Pata Variation, the Alignment 7 Corridor – Avenida La Pata Variation, the Alignment 7 Corridor – Far East Crossover - Modified, the Far East Corridor – West and the Far East Corridor – Modified. Figure 1 on page 1-2 depicts the relative location of the alignments. Descriptions of identified aquatic features, total jurisdictional areas with respect to each above-listed agency, and a discussion of regulatory procedures are provided herein.

GLOSSARY

G.1 ACRONYMS FOR THE BUILD ALTERNATIVES

There are a number of build alternatives being evaluated for the South Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project. A select number of these are evaluated in this report. The Acronyms for the build alternatives evaluated in this report are listed below.

Central Corridor – Complete – Initial Alternative	CC-Initial Alternative
Central Corridor – Complete – Ultimate Alternative	CC-Ultimate Alternative
Central Corridor – Avenida La Pata Variation – Initial Alternative	CC-ALPV-Initial Alternative
Central Corridor – Avenida La Pata Variation – Ultimate Alternative	CC-ALPV-Ultimate Alternative
Alignment 7 Corridor – Avenida La Pata Variation – Initial Alternative	A7C-ALPV-Initial Alternative
Alignment 7 Corridor – Avenida La Pata Variation – Ultimate Alternative	A7C-ALPV-Ultimate Alternative
Alignment 7 Corridor – Far East Crossover - Modified – Initial Alternative	A7C-FEC-M-Initial Alternative
Alignment 7 Corridor – Far East Crossover - Modified – Ultimate Alternative	A7C-FEC-M-Ultimate Alternative
Far East Corridor – West – Initial Alternative	FEC-W-Initial Alternative
Far East Corridor – West – Ultimate Alternative	FEC-W-Ultimate Alternative
Far East Corridor – Modified – Initial Alternative	FEC-M-Initial Alternative
Far East Corridor – Modified – Ultimate Alternative	FEC-M-Ultimate Alternative

G.2 OTHER ACRONYMS

CCC	California Coastal Commission
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game
Corps	United States Army Corps of Engineers
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
FAC	Facultative plant
FACU	Facultative upland plant
FACW	Facultative wetland plant
GLA	Glenn Lukos Associates
MBA	Michael Brandman Associates
NI	No Wetland Indicator Status

OBL	Obligate wetland plant
OHWM	Ordinary High Water Mark
RWQCB	Regional Water Quality Control Board
SAMP	Special Area Management Plan
SWANCC	Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County
UPL	Obligate upland plant
WDRs	Waste Discharge Requirements

G.3 GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Depressional Wetland	A wetland that lay within a depression in the landscape, generally draining a small surface area.
Ephemeral Stream	A stream or part of a stream that flows only in direct response to precipitation; it receives little or no water from springs, melting snow, or other sources; its channel is at all times above the water table.
Forested Wetland	A wetland class where the soil is saturated and often inundated, and woody plants taller than 20 feet form the dominant cover, e.g. red maple, American elm, and tamarack; water tolerant shrubs often form a second layer beneath the forest canopy, with a layer of herbaceous plants growing beneath the shrubs.
Hydric soil	Soil that is wet long enough to periodically produce anaerobic conditions, thereby influencing the growth of plants.
Hydrophytic vegetation	Vegetation that is tolerant of or adapted to prolonged periods of soil saturation.
Intermittent Stream	Streams that discharge ground water primarily during the wet seasons when the water table is high, and remain dry for a portion of the year; it's channel is above the water table during some portion of the year.
Open Water	An aquatic resource exhibiting persistent areas of open water with less than 30-percent vegetative cover.

Perennial Stream	A stream that normally has water in its channel at all times because it is sustained by groundwater discharge as well as by surface runoff; its channel is below the ground water table.
Slope Wetland	A wetland characterized by the discharge of groundwater, often on a slope.
Wetland hydrology	Saturated soils within 12 inches of the surface for at least five percent of the growing season during a normal rainfall year.
Vernal Pool	Vernal pools are depressions that pond shallow water following winter and spring rains due to an impervious hardpan that prevents percolation of the ponded water. In the SOCTIP survey area, vernal pools are distinguished from other seasonal wetland habitats by basin topography and the presence of indicator plant species (Zedler 1987). For this survey, a basin was defined as a vernal pool if it contains at least one indicator species from Zedler (1987).
Vernal Marsh	Habitat is distinguished from vernal pool habitat by the lack of vernal pool indicator species, specifically from Table 6A of Zedler (1987), such as dwarf wool heads, marsh cudweed, or hysc n loosestrife. In the survey area, vernal marsh habitat is dominated by needle spikerush, rabbitsfoot grass, curly dock and mulefat. All vernal marshes were surveyed for listed fairy shrimp species according to USFWS protocols.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes the preliminary findings regarding United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) jurisdiction, and for limited segments of the Far East and Central Alignments, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) jurisdiction for the Foothill Transportation Corridor-South.¹ From July through September, 2001 and April through June, 2004, Biologists and Regulatory Specialists of Glenn Lukos Associates (GLA) and P&D Consultants examined portions of the Central, 7 and Far East Alignments to determine the limits of (1) Corps jurisdiction pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, (2) CDFG jurisdiction pursuant to Division 2, Chapter 6, Section 1600 of the Fish and Game Code, (3) isolated waters not subject to Corps, CDFG or CCC jurisdiction and (4) for limited portions of the Far East and Central Alignments, CCC jurisdiction pursuant to the California Coastal Act. On October 26 and November 9, 2004, Susan Meyer from the Corps conducted a field verification. This delineation incorporates comments provided during the verification. Enclosed are 700-scale maps [Exhibits 1 and 2] that depict the jurisdictional areas. Figure 1 on Page 1-2 depicts the relative location of each alignment. Drainage descriptions and jurisdictional totals for the entire study area are included as Appendix A. Impact totals and study area totals for isolated features are included as Appendix B. Wetland data sheets are attached as Appendix C. Overlay maps depicting data from the *Planning Level Delineation and Geospatial Characterization of Riparian Ecosystems of San Juan Creek and Portions of San Mateo Creek Watersheds, Orange County, California*², are attached as Appendices D and E. Appendix F is an aerial photograph overlay.

¹ This report presents a final determination of jurisdictional boundaries. The Corps has made a final determination through the verification process. If a final jurisdictional determination is required from other agencies, GLA can assist in getting written confirmation of jurisdictional boundaries from the agencies.

² Lichvar, R. et al. 2000. *Planning Level Delineation and Geospatial Characterization of Riparian Ecosystems of San Juan Creek and Portions of San Mateo Creek Watersheds, Orange County, California*. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer and Research Development Center and Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory: Hanover N.H.

1.1 PROJECT HISTORY

This delineation is derived from several sources. The following discussion provides a summary of prior delineations and the current effort to delineate the SOCTIIP alternatives.

From October 1995 to May 1996 a jurisdictional delineation was conducted by Michael Brandman Associates (MBA) for the CC Alternative (previously called the BX Alternative), and the FEC Alternative (previously called the CP Alternative) (1995/1996 MBA Delineation). This delineation was never verified by the Corps, CDFG, RWQCB or CCC. From July 2001 to September 2001, the jurisdictional delineation was updated by GLA (2001 GLA Delineation). At that time, GLA regulatory specialists revised the delineation for the Far East Alignment based on field indicators observed during field visits as well as delineating the A7C – FEC Alternative. This delineation was never verified. From October 2002 to November 2003, GLA conducted a jurisdictional delineation for the portion of Rancho Mission Viejo (RMV) that overlaps with segments of the SOCTIIP study area and corridor alternatives addressed in this report (2003 RMV Delineation). The RMV delineation verification occurred from March 2003 to October 2003. For the purposes of this report, the verified RMV delineation data has replaced all previous data where overlaps occurred. In October 2003, a gap analysis was conducted to determine if and where data was lacking for the A7C-FEC-M Alternative, FEC-M Alternative and FEC-W Alternative. From April 2004 through June 2004, GLA regulatory specialists proceeded to delineate the remaining areas which had not yet been previously delineated as well as updating the delineation for any areas of the A7C-FEC-M Alternative, FEC-M Alternative, and FEC-W Alternative where 2001 delineation data has not been superseded by 2003 RMV data (2004 GLA Delineation). From November 2004 through December 2004, the delineation was refined to incorporate input from the Corps during the field verification. Figure 2 depicts the delineation history graphically.

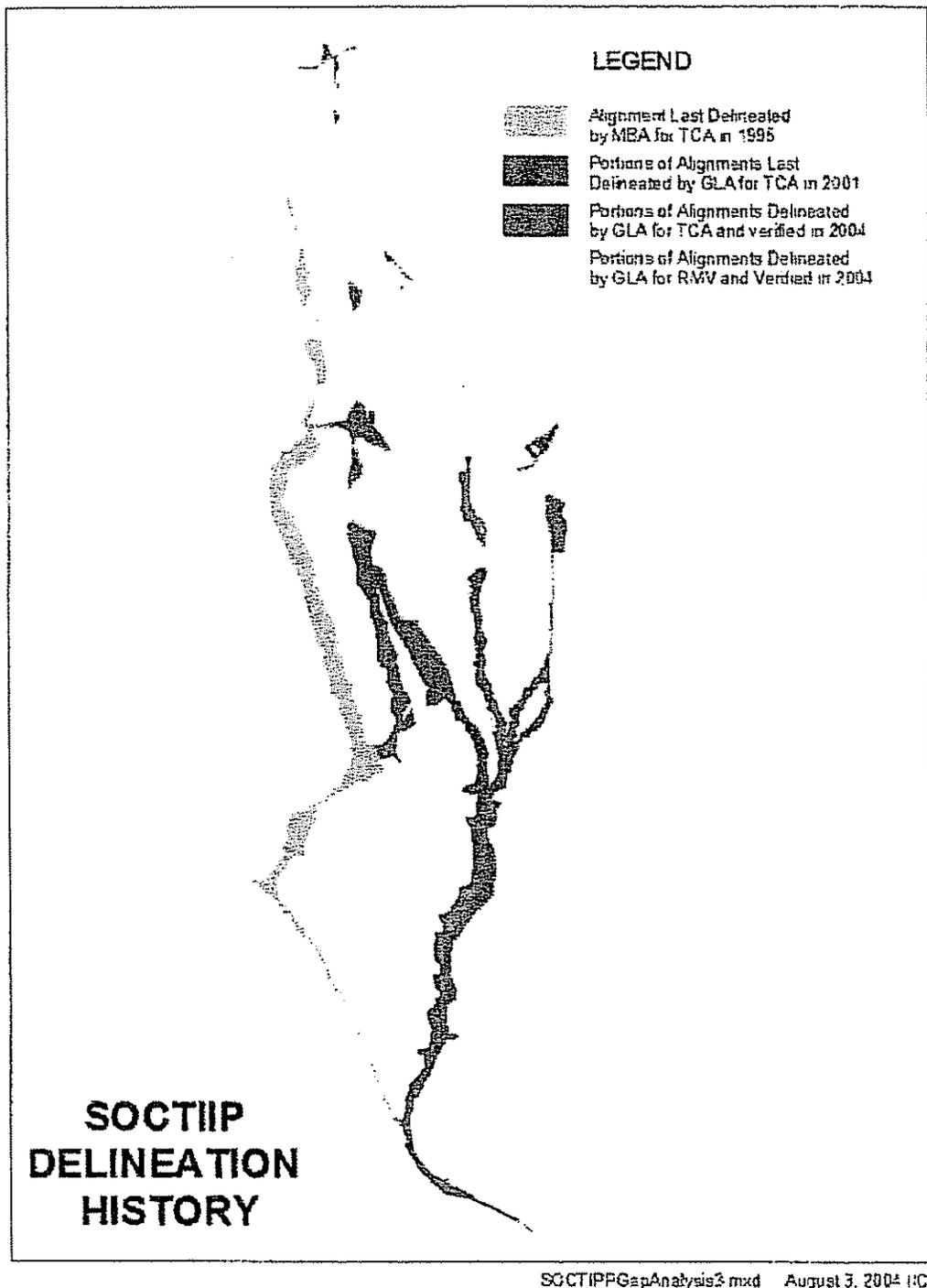


Figure 2: Graphical representation of SOCTIIP Delineation History

1.2 STUDY AREA TOTALS

Jurisdictional totals for the study areas, which extend from 200 to 1000 feet beyond the disturbance limits of each alignment, are included in Appendix A along with detailed drainage descriptions. Jurisdictional totals strictly represent the surface area of each feature and do not include an assessment of the relative quality of each feature. There is substantial overlap between the alignments. Therefore, the jurisdictional totals for each alternative are not mutually exclusive. In addition, the Corps, CDFG and CCC, regulate many of the same features, therefore jurisdictional totals for the various agencies are also not mutually exclusive.

1.3 JURISDICTIONAL IMPACT TOTALS

This impact analysis addresses both the initial and ultimate disturbance limits of the SOCTIIP alternatives although at this time permits are being sought only for the initial disturbance limits. Impact totals represent only the surface area subject to regulation by the various agencies and do not represent a relative assessment of function. This analysis assumes that all drainages within the disturbance limits are permanently filled as a result of the SOCTIIP, except for those that will be bridged. Although the other reaches will be filled the linear nature of a transportation project results in the installation of cross-culverts in a majority of drainages allowing for the retention of significant hydrologic function³ [See Table 1.3-1]. Installation of the cross-culverts is still considered a permanent fill. For bridges, the small area of impact where the support columns are founded into the ground have been included as permanent impacts, while the remaining bridge right of way is assumed to be temporarily impacted for piling installation although the bridge structure will span over the open terrain. Although alignment refinements designed to avoid Tesoro Wetland (FE/C/7-Wetland 1) were not completed for A7C-ALPV, CC, and CC-ALPV, for the purposes of providing relative comparison of the SOCTIIP corridor alternatives impacts to Tesoro Wetland (FE/C/7-Wetland 1) were assumed to be avoided in this analysis.

³ For locations where cross-culverts are not proposed.

TABLE 1.3-1 Summary of Drainages To Be Filled Without the Construction of Cross-Culverts or Other Hydrologic Connection

Alternative	Drainages to Be completely Filled with No Cross-Culvert or Other Hydrologic Connection
CC	Southern Tributary of C-10
CC-ALPV	Southern Tributary of C-10
A7C-ALPV	7-4, 7-9, Upper reaches of 7-10, 7-14
A7C-FEC-M	Southern Tributary of FE/7-3, Northern Tributary of FE/7-6, Northeastern Tributary FE/7-9, Southern and North Central Tributaries of FE/7-12, Northern Tributary of FE/7-2, 7-2, 7-11, Upper Reaches of FE/7-17, FE/7-19, FE/7-20, FE/7-23 and FE/7-25
FEC-W	Southern Tributary of FE/7-2, FE-2A, FE-7-4, Northeastern Tributary FE/7-9, Southern and North Central Tributaries of FE/7-12, Upper Reaches of FE/7-17, FE/7-19, FE/7-20, FE/7-23 and FE/7-25
FEC-M	FE/7-8A, Southern and North Central Tributaries of FE/7-12, Upper Reaches of FE/7-17, FE/7-19, FE/7-20, FE/7-23, FE/7-25, Two Ephemeral Tributaries of FEM-11, FEM-3, FEM-5, FEM-6, FEM-8, Southern Tributary of FE/7-2, FE-2A, Ephemeral Tributaries to FE-7

It should also be noted that many of the alternatives share common segments and, thus, have identical impacts along these shared segments. It is important, therefore, to recognize that areas of jurisdictional impact identified along one alternative may be common to multiple alternatives. In addition, the Corps, CDFG, and CCC regulate many of the same features, therefore, jurisdictional impact totals for the various agencies do overlap and should not be considered mutually exclusive.

1.3.1 Army Corps of Engineers Impact Totals

Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) jurisdiction, as described more fully in Section 3, generally extends to the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) of features that discharge to navigable waters, in this case the Pacific Ocean, are tributary to features that discharge to navigable waters or are themselves considered a navigable water. In addition, the Corps also regulates features that are adjacent to jurisdictional waters and meet the Corps' definition of a wetland. All features that meet the above definitions are considered "waters of the US." The surface area that these features cover is subject to regulation by the Corps pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Surface area is determined using the OHWM, which refers to the lateral extent of stream flow occurring during a normal storm event or the area that meets the Corps' definition of a wetland. These limits are determined in the field based upon the field indicators described in Section 3. All waters are examined for wetland characteristics including the presence of vegetation adapted to sustained soil saturation and evidence of saturation occurring for at least 18 consecutive days including the presence of hydric soils, which are soils that exhibit indicators of

saturation, and are either classified as wetland or non-wetland waters. All of the wetlands subject to Corps jurisdiction are also considered special aquatic sites. Special aquatic sites are defined as "geographic areas, large or small, possessing special ecological characteristics of productivity, habitat, wildlife protection, or other important and easily disrupted ecological values" (40 CFR 230.s.3). No other special aquatic sites, including riffle-pool complexes, mud flats, vegetated shallows, coral reefs and sanctuaries, were identified within the impact boundaries. In order to further clarify the types of resources to be impacted, they have been divided into the following categories: perennial, intermittent and ephemeral streams, open water, slope wetlands, depressional wetlands and forested wetlands.

Pursuant to *Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANNC)*, Corps jurisdiction does not extend to features that exhibit no surface connection to other jurisdictional features. Both permanent and temporary impacts are provided in this report. Permanent impact totals are summarized by resource agency in Table 1.3-2. Temporary impact totals are summarized by resource agency in Table 1.3-3. Permanent impact totals are summarized by resource type in Table 1.3-4. Temporary impact totals are summarized by resource type in Table 1.3-5.

Central Corridor Complete

The CC-Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 14.87 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 13.40 acres of wetland and 1.47 acres of non-wetland waters.

The CC-Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 12.10 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 1.58 acres of wetland and 10.52 acres of non-wetland waters.

The CC-Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 15.08 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 13.57 acres of wetland and 1.51 acres of non-wetland waters.

The CC-Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 12.65 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 1.65 acres of wetland and 11.00 acres of non-wetland waters.

Central Corridor – Avenida La Pata Variation

The CC – ALPV-Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 12.38 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 11.41 acres of wetland and 0.97 acres of non-wetland waters.

The CC – ALPV-Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 12.10 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 1.58 acres of wetland and 10.52 acres of non-wetland waters.

The CC – ALPV-Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 13.39 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 12.38 acres of wetland and 1.01 acres of non-wetland waters.

The CC – ALPV-Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 12.65 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 1.65 acres of wetland and 11.00 acres of non-wetland waters.

Alignment 7 Corridor – Avenida La Pata Variation

The A7C – ALPV Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 2.52 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 0.56 acres of wetland and 1.96 acres of non-wetland waters.

The A7C – ALPV Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 5.51 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 1.91 acres of wetland and 3.60 acres of non-wetland waters.

The A7C – ALPV-Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 3.34 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 1.36 acres of wetland and 1.98 acres of non-wetland waters.

The A7C – ALPV-Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 6.07 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 2.47 acres of wetland and 3.60 acres of non-wetland waters.

Alignment 7 Corridor – Far East Crossover – Modified

The A7C – FEC – M-Initial Alternative permanently will impact approximately 6.78 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 0.93 acres of jurisdictional wetland and 5.85 acres of non-wetland waters.

The A7C – FEC – M-Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 11.08 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 8.51 acres of jurisdictional wetland and 2.57 acres of non-wetland waters.

The A7C – FEC – M-Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 6.90 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 0.93 acres of wetland and 5.97 acres of non-wetland waters.

The A7C – FEC – M-Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 12.24 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 8.77 acres of wetland and 3.47 acres of non-wetland waters.

Far East Corridor - West

The FEC – W-Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 6.69 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 2.62 acres of wetland and 4.07 acres of non-wetland waters.

The FEC – W-Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 9.15 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 8.62 acres of wetland and 0.53 acres of non-wetland waters.

The FEC – W-Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 6.96 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 2.64 acres of wetland and 4.32 acres of non-wetland waters.

The FEC – W-Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 9.35 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 8.71 acres of wetland and 0.64 acres of non-wetland waters.

Far East Corridor – Modified

The FEC-M-Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 5.44 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 1.71 acres of wetland and 3.73 acres of non-wetland waters.

The FEC-M-Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 11.31 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 8.98 acres of wetland and 2.33 acres of non-wetland waters.

The FEC-M- Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 6.02 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 1.99 acres of wetland and 4.04 acres of non-wetland waters.

The FEC-M- Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 12.06 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 9.11 acres of wetland and 2.95 acres of non-wetland waters.

1.3.2 California Department of Fish and Game Impact Totals

California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) jurisdiction, as described more fully in Section 3.0, extends to all lakes, streambeds and impoundments of streambeds regardless of contiguity with other jurisdictional features. The lateral extent of CDFG jurisdiction is based upon the presence of a bed and bank or riparian vegetation associated with the streambed. A detailed description of the methodology used to determine the extent of jurisdictional riparian habitat is

included in Section 3.0. Permanent impact totals are summarized by resource agency in Table 1.3-2. Temporary impact totals are summarized by resource agency in Table 1.3-3. Permanent impact totals are summarized by resource type in Table 1.3-4. Temporary impact totals are summarized by resource type in Table 1.3-5.

Central Corridor – Complete

The CC- Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 18.23 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 17.20 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 1.03 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The CC- Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 12.74 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

The CC- Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 19.20 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 18.14 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 1.06 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The CC- Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 13.65 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 13.65 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 0.00 acres of unvegetated streambed.

Central Corridor – Avenida La Pata Variation

The CC- ALPV-Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 15.75 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 14.94 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 0.81 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The CC- ALPV-Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 12.74 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction, all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

The CC- ALPV-Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 17.51 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 16.67 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 0.85 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The CC- ALPV-Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 13.65 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction, all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

Alignment 7 Corridor – Avenida La Pata Variation

The A7C-ALPV- Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 9.89 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 8.99 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 0.90 acre of unvegetated streambed.

The A7C-ALPV- Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 6.63 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction, all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

The A7C-ALPV- Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 11.12 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 10.17 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 0.95 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The A7C-ALPV- Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 7.19 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction, all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

Alignment 7 Corridor – Far East Crossover – Modified

The A7C-FEC-M- Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 23.83 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 21.52 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 2.31 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The A7C-FEC-M- Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 14.86 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction, all of which consists of vegetated riparian.

The A7C-FEC-M- Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 24.21 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 21.93 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 2.28 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The A7C-FEC-M- Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 16.99 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction, all of which consists of vegetated riparian.

Far East Corridor – West

The FEC-W- Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 25.45 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 23.13 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 2.32 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The FEC-W- Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 11.23 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 11.22 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 0.01 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The FEC-W- Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 26.31 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 23.92 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 2.39 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The FEC-W- Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 11.80 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 11.79 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 0.01 acres of unvegetated streambed.

Far East Corridor – Modified

The FEC-M- Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 18.67 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 16.88 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 1.79 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The FEC-M- Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 13.28 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 13.27 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 0.01 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The FEC-M- Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 19.90 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 17.95 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 1.95 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The FEC-M- Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 14.35 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 14.34 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 0.01 acres of unvegetated streambed.

TABLE 1.3-2
SUMMARY OF PERMANENT IMPACTS TO JURISDICTION
(in acres)

Alternative	CORPS			CDFG		
	Total	Non-Wetland Water	Wetlands	Total	Unvegetated Streambed	Vegatated
CC – Initial	14.87	1.47	13.40	18.23	1.03	17.20
CC – Ultimate	15.08	1.51	13.57	19.20	1.06	18.14
CC-ALPV – Initial	12.38	0.97	11.41	15.75	0.81	14.94
CC-ALPV – Ultimate	13.39	1.01	12.38	17.51	0.85	16.67
A7C-ALPV – Initial	2.52	1.96	0.56	9.89	0.90	8.99
A7C-ALPV – Ultimate	3.34	1.98	1.36	11.12	0.95	10.17
A7C-FEC-M – Initial	6.78	5.85	0.93	23.83	2.31	21.52
A7C-FEC-M – Ultimate	6.90	5.97	0.93	24.21	2.28	21.93
FEC-W – Initial	6.69	4.07	2.62	25.45	2.32	23.13
FEC-W – Ultimate	6.96	4.32	2.64	26.31	2.39	23.92
FEC-M – Initial	5.44	3.73	1.71	18.67	1.79	16.88
FEC-M – Ultimate	6.02	4.04	1.99	19.90	1.95	17.95

TABLE 1.3-3
SUMMARY OF TEMPORARY IMPACTS TO JURISDICTION
 (in acres)

Alignment	CORPS			CDFG		
	Total	Non-Wetland Water	Wetlands	Total	Unvegetated Streambed	Vegetated
CC – Initial	12.10	10.52	1.58	12.74	0.00	12.74
CC – Ultimate	12.65	11.00	1.65	13.65	0.00	13.65
CC-ALPV – Initial	12.10	10.52	1.58	12.74	0.00	12.74
CC-ALPV – Ultimate	12.65	11.00	1.65	13.65	0.00	13.65
A7C-ALPV – Initial	5.51	3.60	1.91	6.63	0.00	6.63
A7C-ALPV – Ultimate	6.07	3.60	2.47	7.19	0.00	7.19
A7C-FEC-M – Initial	11.08	2.57	8.51	14.86	0.00	14.86
A7C-FEC-M – Ultimate	12.24	3.47	8.77	16.99	0.00	16.99
FEC-W – Initial	9.15	0.53	8.62	11.23	0.01	11.22
FEC-W – Ultimate	9.35	0.64	8.71	11.80	0.01	11.79
FEC-M – Initial	11.31	2.33	8.98	13.28	0.01	13.27
FEC-M – Ultimate	12.06	2.95	9.11	14.35	0.01	14.34

**TABLE 1.3-4
SUMMARY OF PERMANENT IMPACTS (IN ACRES)
TO CORPS JURISDICTION
BY TYPE OF AQUATIC RESOURCE**

Alternative	Perennial	Intermittent	Open Water	Slope Wetland ¹	Depressional Wetland ²	Forested Wetland	Ephemeral	Total
CC-Initial	12.77	0.53	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	1.44	14.87
CC-Ultimate	12.94	0.51	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	1.51	15.08
CC-ALPV-Initial	10.5	0.53	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	1.23	12.38
CC-ALPV-Ultimate	11.52	0.45	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	1.3	13.39
A7C-ALPV-Initial	0.69	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.75	2.52
A7C-ALPV-Ultimate	1.5	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.09	3.34
A7C-FEC-M-Initial	0.62	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.00	5.47	6.78
A7C-FEC-M-Ultimate	0.62	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.00	5.59	6.90
FEC-W-Initial	0.62	1.533	1.52	0.00	0.33	0.00	2.68	6.69
FEC-W-Ultimate	0.62	1.58	1.52	0.00	0.33	0.00	2.91	6.96
FEC-M-Initial	0.62	0.7	0.22	0.00	0.51	0.00	3.39	5.44
FEC-M-Ultimate	0.62	0.86	0.31	0.00	0.62	0.00	3.61	6.02

¹In HGM Wetland classification, slope wetlands normally are found where there is a discharge of groundwater to the land surface.

²In HGM Wetland classification, depressional wetlands occur in topographic depressions and include those features identified within this document as vernal marshes, seasonal ponds and vernal pools.

**TABLE 1.3-5
SUMMARY OF TEMPORARY IMPACTS (IN ACRES)
TO CORPS JURISDICTION
BY TYPE OF AQUATIC RESOURCE**

Alternative	Perennial	Intermittent	Open Water	Slope Wetland ¹	Depressional Wetland ²	Forested Wetland	Ephemeral	Total
CC-Initial	0.00	12.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.10
CC-Ultimate	0.00	12.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.65
CC-ALPV-Initial	0.00	12.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.10
CC-ALPV-Ultimate	0.00	12.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.65
A7C-ALPV-Initial	0.78	4.48	0.00	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.03	5.51
A7C-ALPV-Ultimate	1.21	4.48	0.00	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.03	6.07
A7C-FEC-M-Initial	8.22	2.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.08
A7C-FEC-M-Ultimate	8.38	3.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.24
FEC-W-Initial	8.22	0.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	9.15
FEC-W-Ultimate	8.22	1.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	9.35
FEC-M-Initial	8.22	3.0	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.02	11.31
FEC-M-Ultimate	8.22	3.75	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.02	12.06

¹ In HGM Wetland classification, slope wetlands normally are found where there is a discharge of groundwater to the land surface.

² In HGM Wetland classification, depressional wetlands occur in topographic depressions and include those features identified within this document as vernal marshes, seasonal ponds and vernal pools.

1.3.2 CCC Impact Totals

As detailed in Section 3.0, pursuant to the Coastal Act, California Coastal Commission (CCC) regulates the diking, filling or dredging of wetlands within the coastal zone. The Coastal Act defines wetlands as land "...which may be covered periodically or permanently with shallow water." Subsequent interpretive guidelines state that the "...presence or absence of hydric soils and/or hydrophytes alone are not necessarily determinative when the Commission identifies wetland under the Coastal Act." Therefore, CCC regulates impacts to all wetlands regulated by the Corps, which require that three-parameters including vegetation, soils and hydrology are present in order for a feature to be classified as a wetland, as well as any features in which at least one or two of the previous parameters is met. The totals listed below reflect permanent impacts to features that are subject to CCC regulation. Permanent impact totals to CCC jurisdiction are summarized in Table 1.3-6. Temporary impact totals to CCC jurisdiction are summarized in Table 1.3-7.

Central Corridor - Complete

Permanent impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with those segments of the CC – Initial Alternative within the coastal zone total approximately 0.02 acre all of which consist of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

There are no temporary impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with the CC – Initial Alternative.

There are no permanent or temporary impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with the CC – Ultimate Alternative.

Central Corridor – Avenida La Pata Variation

There are no permanent or temporary impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with the CC – ALPV - Initial Alternative.

There are no permanent or temporary impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with the CC – ALPV - Ultimate Alternative.

Alignment 7 Corridor – Avenida La Pata Variation

There are no permanent or temporary impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with the A7C – ALPV - Initial Alternative.

There are no permanent or temporary impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with the A7C – ALPV - Ultimate Alternative.

Alignment 7 Corridor – Far East Crossover - Modified

Permanent impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with those segments of the A7C – FEC - M – Initial Alternative within the coastal zone total approximately 0.34 acre all of which consist of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

Temporary impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with those segments of the A7C – FEC - M – Initial Alternative within the coastal zone total approximately 8.22 acres all of which consist of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

Permanent impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with those segments of the A7C – FEC - M – Ultimate Alternative within the coastal zone total approximately 0.35 acre all of which consist of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

Temporary impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with those segments of the A7C – FEC - M – Ultimate Alternative within the coastal zone total approximately 8.38 acres all of which consist of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

Far East Corridor – West

Permanent impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with those segments of the FEC - W – Initial Alternative within the coastal zone total approximately 0.34 acre all of which consist of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

Temporary impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with those segments of the FEC - W – Initial Alternative within the coastal zone total approximately 8.22 acres all of which consist of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

Permanent impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with those segments of the FEC - W – Ultimate Alternative within the coastal zone total approximately 0.35 acre all of which consist of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

Temporary impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with those segments of the FEC - W – Ultimate Alternative within the coastal zone total approximately 8.38 acres all of which consist of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

Far East Corridor – Modified

Permanent impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with those segments of the FEC - M – Initial Alternative within the coastal zone total approximately 0.34 acre all of which consist of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

Temporary impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with those segments of the FEC - M – Initial Alternative within the coastal zone total approximately 8.22 acres all of which consist of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

Permanent impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with those segments of the FEC - M – Ultimate Alternative within the coastal zone total approximately 0.35 acre all of which consist of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

Temporary impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with those segments of the FEC - M – Ultimate Alternative within the coastal zone total approximately 8.38 acres all of which consist of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants).

**TABLE 1.3-6
SUMMARY OF PERMANENT IMPACTS TO CCC JURISDICTION**

Alignment	Acreage
CC – Initial Alternative	0.02
CC – Ultimate Alternative	0.00
CC-ALPV – Initial Alternative	0.00
CC-ALPV – Ultimate Alternative	0.00
A7C-ALPV – Initial Alternative	0.00
A7C-ALPV – Ultimate Alternative	0.00
A7C-FEC-M – Initial Alternative	0.34
A7C-FEC-M – Ultimate Alternative	0.35
FEC-W – Initial Alternative	0.34
FEC-W – Ultimate Alternative	0.35
FEC-M – Initial Alternative	0.34
FEC-M – Ultimate Alternative	0.35

TABLE 1.3-7

SUMMARY OF TEMPORARY IMPACTS TO CCC JURISDICTION

Alignment	Acreage
CC - Initial Alternative	0.00
CC - Ultimate Alternative	0.00
CC-ALPV - Initial Alternative	0.00
CC-ALPV - Ultimate Alternative	0.00
A7C-ALPV - Initial Alternative	0.00
A7C-ALPV - Ultimate Alternative	0.00
A7C-FEC-M - Initial Alternative	8.22
A7C-FEC-M - Ultimate Alternative	8.38
FEC-W - Initial Alternative	8.22
FEC-W - Ultimate Alternative	8.38
FEC-M - Initial Alternative	8.22
FEC-M - Ultimate Alternative	8.38

2.0 METHODOLOGY

Prior to beginning the field delineation, a series of 400-scale color aerial photographs, 400-scale topographic base maps of the alignments to be evaluated, the delineation maps associated with the 1995/1996 MBA Delineation, and USGS topographic maps (San Clemente, Canada Gobenadora, San Juan Capistrano and Dana Point Quads) were examined to determine the locations of potential areas of Corps/CDFG/CCC jurisdiction. Isolated waters not subject to these three agency's jurisdiction were also evaluated. The criteria used to define the presence and/or limits of jurisdiction vary among the regulatory agencies addressed in this report. As such, where jurisdictional limits were not coincident (e.g., between Corps and CDFG jurisdiction), separate and distinct limits were recorded that depicted the limits of the respective jurisdictional areas. Criteria set forth by each of the agencies and utilized for the jurisdictional determinations and delineation are provided in Section 3.0.

In general, evaluation of each drainage feature relative to each agency jurisdiction, extended beyond the disturbance limits for a minimum of 200 feet for first, second, and third order streams^{1,2} and between 500 and 1,000 feet for larger streams. The distance delineated beyond the disturbance limits was generally based on professional judgment. Features greater than 1,000 feet from the disturbance limits were excluded from this analysis. These conventions were also applied where wetlands and/or riparian habitat was identified adjacent to streams. For drainage features that appeared to be isolated due to a lack of surface tributary connection with other jurisdictional waters, the drainage course was followed to its terminus even when it extended beyond the study area. Isolated vernal marsh, vernal pond, slope wetland and pond features were examined for field indicators that suggested the presence of a hydrologic connection with nearby features. If none were present then the feature was designated as isolated. The maps provided in Exhibits 1 and 2 depict the disturbance limits for the Ultimate Alternatives.

¹ Streams were assigned an order according to Strahler, where the smallest unbranched tributaries are given a number of 1. Where two unbranched tributaries meet, the stream order is designated 2. Where two tributaries with an order of 2 meet, the stream order is designated 3, and so on.

² Strahler, A.N. (1952). *Hyposometric (area-altitude) analysis of erosional topography*. Bulletin of The Geographical Society of America.

2.1 SOIL TYPES

The United States Soil Conservation Service (SCS)³ has mapped the following soil types as occurring in the general vicinity of the project site:

Soil Unit	Soil Taxonomy	Description
Alo Clay	Typic Chromoxererts	9-50% slopes; consists of well drained soils formed in material weathered from calcareous sandstone and shale; it is moderately steep and generally occurs on broad ridgetops.
Altamont Clay	Typic Chromoxererts	9-15% and 30-50% slopes; consists of well drained clays formed in material weathered from calcareous shale; rapid runoff with high erosion.
Balcom clay loam	Calcixerollic Xerochrepts	15-30% slopes; consists of well drained soils on uplands formed from soft fine grained sandstone, calcareous soft shale and marl; moderately steep soil generally occurs on hill ridgetops.
Bosanko clay	Chromic Pelloxererts	9-50% slopes; consists of well drained soils formed in material weathered from calcareous shale, sandstone, or weakly consolidated sediments; strongly sloping soils which generally occurs on broad hilltop ridges and on toe slopes.
Botella clay loam	Pachic Argixerolls	2-15% slopes; consists of well drained soils on alluvial fans which formed in sedimentary alluvium; gently sloping to moderately sloping soil generally occurring on alluvial fans.
Botella loam	Pachic Argixerolls	2-9% slopes; consists of well drained soils on alluvial fans which formed in sedimentary alluvium; gently sloping to moderately sloping soil generally occurring on alluvial fans.

³ SCS is now known as the National Resource Conservation Service or NRCS.

Soil Unit	Soil Taxonomy	Description
Calleguas clay loam	Typic Xerorthents	50-75% slopes, eroded; consists of well drained soils formed in material weathered from lime coated shale or lime coated sandstone, or both; very steep soil generally has south-facing slopes.
Capistrano sandy loam	Entic Haploxerolls	2-15% slopes; consists of well-drained soils formed in granitic alluvium; gently to strongly sloping soil occurs in long narrow foothill valleys.
Carlsbad gravelly loamy sand	Haplic Durochrepts	2 to 15% slopes; consists of moderately well drained and well drained gravelly loamy sands that are moderately deep over hardpan; formed in material weathered in place from soft ferruginous sandstone, occurs in ridges and in swales
Chino silty clay loam	Aquic Haploxerolls	This nearly level soil consists of poorly drained soils formed in sedimentary alluvium and generally occurs in large alluvial fans.
Cieneba sandy loam	Typic Xerothents	15-75% slopes; consists of somewhat excessively drained soils formed in material weathered from granitic rocks of the Santa Ana Mountains and from the sandstone of the coastal foothills; steep to very steep soil which is eroded.
Corralitos loamy sand	Typic Xeropsamments	This soil is nearly level to gentle sloping; consists of somewhat excessively drained soils formed in mixed coarse textured alluvium.
Cropley clay	Chromic Pelloxererts	2-9% slopes; consists of well drained soils formed in fine textured alluvium derived from sedimentary rocks
Diablo Clay	Chromic Pelloxererts	15-50% slopes; consists of well-drained clays derived from soft, calcareous limestone and shale; occurs on rounded hills.

Soil Unit	Soil Taxonomy	Description
Gaviota fine sandy loam	Lithic Xerorthents	30-50% slopes; consists of well drained, shallow fine sandy loams that formed in material weathered from marine sandstone; found on uplands.
Hanford sandy loam	Typic Xerorthents	2-9% slopes; consists of well-drained soils on alluvial fans and alluvial plains; soils formed in granitic alluvium.
Heurhuero loam	Haplic Natrixeralfs	15-30% slopes, eroded; consists of moderately well drained soils developed in sandy marine sediments; moderately steep and eroded.
Las Flores loamy fine sand	Haplic Natrieralfs	2-9% and 9 to 30%, eroded; consists of moderately well drained loamy fine sands that have a sandy clay sub-soil; soils formed in material weathered from siliceous marine sandstone; found on uplands.
Las Posas fine sandy loam	Typic Rhodoxeralfs	5 to 9% slopes; consist of well drained, moderately deep stony fine sandy loams that have a clay subsoil; soils formed in material weathered from basic igneous rocks; found on uplands.
Marina loamy coarse sand	Alfic Xeropsamments	2 to 30% slopes; consists of somewhat excessively drained, very deep loamy coarse sands derived from weakly consolidated to noncoherent ferruginous eolian sand; found on old beach ridges.
Mocho loam	Fluventic Haploxerolls	2 to 9% slopes; consist of well-drained soils on alluvial fans and flood plains; formed in alluvium derived from sedimentary rock.
Myford sandy loam	Typic Palexeralfs	2-30% slopes; consists of moderately well drained soils on marine terraces formed in sandy sediments.
Pits	No Soil Taxonomy	Open excavations from which soil and underlying material, mostly sand and

Soil Unit	Soil Taxonomy	Description
		gravel, have been removed.
Riverwash	No Soil Taxonomy	Consists of unconsolidated alluvium, generally stratified and varying widely in texture, recently deposited in intermittent stream, and subject to frequent changes through stream flow.
Rock outcrop - Cieneba complex	No Soil Taxonomy	30 to 75% slopes; consists of 50% or more rock outcrop and 50% or less Cieneba soils and is somewhat excessively drained; form in material weathered from granitic or sandstone rock.
Rough broken land	No Soil Taxonomy	Composed of well drained to excessively drained steep and very steep land dissected by many narrow V-shaped valleys and sharp tortuous divides.
Salinas clay loam	Calcic Pachic Haploxerolls	0 to 2 % slopes; consist of well drained and moderately well drained clay loams that formed in sediments washed from Diablo, Linne, Las Flores, Huerhuero and Olivenhain soils; found on flood plains and alluvial fans.
Soper gravelly loam	Typic Argixerolls	15 to 50% slopes; consists of well-drained soils on foothills; formed in weakly consolidated sandstone and conglomerate.
Soper-Rock outcrop complex	Typic Argixerolls	30 to 75% slopes; consists of 10-15% rock outcrop and shallow Soper soils; formed in weakly consolidated sandstone and conglomerate; found on hillsides and ridges.
Sorrento clay loam	Calcic Haploxerolls	2 to 9% slopes; consists of well-drained soils on upper valley alluvial fans and along stream channels; formed in alluvium derived from sedimentary rock.
Sorrento loam	Calcic Haploxerolls	2 to 9 % slopes; consists of well-drained soils on alluvial fans and flood

Soil Unit	Soil Taxonomy	Description
		plains; formed in alluvium derived from sedimentary rock.
Steep gullied land	No Soil Taxonomy	Consists of strongly sloping to steep areas that are actively eroding in old alluvium or decomposed rock.
Tidal Flats	No Soil Taxonomy	Occurs as nearly level areas adjacent to bays and lagoons along the coast, periodically covered by tidal overflow. Consists of stratified clayey to sandy deposits; poorly drained and high in salts.
Terrace Escarpments	No Soil Taxonomy	Consists of steep to very steep escarpments, occurring on the nearly even fronts of terraces or alluvial fans; loamy or gravelly soil over soft marine sandstone, shale or gravelly sediments.
Tujunga sand	Typic Xeropsammments	0-5% slopes; consists of very deep, excessively drained sands derived from granitic alluvium; found on alluvial fans and flood plains.
Visalia sandy loam	Pachic Haploxerolls	0 to 2% slopes; Consists of moderately well drained, very deep sandy loams derived from granitic alluvium; found on alluvial fans and flood plains.
Yorba cobbly sandy loam	Typic Haploxerafls	9-30% slopes, eroded and 30-50% slopes, eroded; consists of well drained soils on terraces formed in gravelly sandy sediment; severely eroded.

Of the soil types identified in the table above, only the Pit Soil Unit may be hydric as listed in the SCS's publication, Hydric Soils of the United States⁴. Hydric soils are those that are "...wet long enough to periodically produce anaerobic conditions, thereby influencing plant growth⁵." Thus the presence of a hydric soil may be a significant indicator of the presence of wetlands.

⁴ United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service. 1991. Hydric Soils of the United States, 3rd Edition, Miscellaneous Publication Number 1491. (In cooperation with the National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils.)

⁵ Tiner, R.W. 1999. Wetland Indicators: A Guide to Wetland Identification, Delineation, Classification and Mapping. Lewis Publishers: Boca Raton, Florida.

Additionally, riverwash, pits, tidal flats, Carlsbad gravelly loamy sand within depressions and sloughs, Corralitos loamy sand within floodplain channels, Las Flores loamy fine sands within depressions, steep gullied land within depressions, Tujunga sands within intermittent streams and floodplains, Visalia series within flood plains and Myford sandy loam within depressions may be hydric as listed in the County of Orange and the County of San Diego local lists of hydric soils.

3.0 JURISDICTION

3.1 ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the Corps regulates the discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States. The term "waters of the United States" is defined in Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 328.3(a) as:

- (1) *All waters which are currently used, or were used in the past, or may be susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce, including all waters which are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide;*
- (2) *All interstate waters including interstate wetlands;*
- (3) *All other waters such as intrastate lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats, wetlands, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, or natural ponds, the use, degradation or destruction of which could affect interstate or foreign commerce including any such waters:*
 - (i) *Which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes; or*
 - (ii) *From which fish or shell fish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce; or*
 - (iii) *Which are used or could be used for industrial purpose by industries in interstate commerce.;*
- (4) *All impoundments of waters otherwise defined as waters of the United States under the definition;*
- (5) *Tributaries of waters identified in paragraphs (a) (1)-(4) of this section;*
- (6) *The territorial seas;*
- (7) *Wetlands adjacent to waters (other than waters that are themselves wetlands) identified in paragraphs (a) (1)-(6) of this section.*

In the absence of wetlands, the limits of Corps jurisdiction in non-tidal waters, such as intermittent streams, extend to the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) which is defined at 33 CFR 328.3(e) as:

...that line on the shore established by the fluctuation of water and indicated by physical characteristics such as clear, natural line impressed on the bank, shelving, changes in the character of soil, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, the presence of litter and debris, or other appropriate means that consider the characteristics of the surrounding areas.

The term "wetlands" (a subset of "waters of the United States") is defined at 33 CFR 328.3(b) as "...those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support...a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated

soil conditions." In 1987, the Corps published a manual to guide its field personnel in determining jurisdictional wetland boundaries. The methodology set forth in the Army Corps of Engineers 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual generally requires that, in order to be considered a wetland, the vegetation, soils, and hydrology of an area exhibit at least minimal hydric characteristics¹. While the Wetland Manual provides great detail in methodology and allows for varying special conditions, a wetland should normally meet each of the following three criteria:

- more than 50 percent of the dominant plant species at the site must be typical of wetlands (i.e., rated as facultative or wetter in the National List of Plant Species that Occur in Wetlands²);
- soils must exhibit physical and/or chemical characteristics indicative of permanent or periodic saturation (e.g., a gleyed color, or mottles with a matrix of low chroma indicating a relatively consistent fluctuation between aerobic and anaerobic conditions); and
- hydrologic characteristics must indicate that the ground is saturated to within 12 inches of the surface for at least five percent of the growing season during a normal rainfall year³.

3.1.1 DETERMINATION OF CORPS JURISDICTIONAL WETLAND LIMITS

During the field studies, suspected jurisdictional areas were field checked for the presence of definable channels and/or wetland vegetation, soils and hydrology. Suspected wetland habitats within the areas evaluated for each alignment were evaluated using the methodology set forth in the Wetland Manual. While in the field the limits for each jurisdictional wetland area were recorded onto a 400-scale color aerial photograph using visible landmarks. Other data were recorded onto wetland data sheets that correspond to the location of soil pits/observation points where presence/absence of indicators for hydrophytic vegetation, wetland hydrology and hydric soils were evaluated. The location of soil pits/observation points was determined in the field at the time of the delineation and was dictated by site-specific conditions. For essentially all of the wetlands evaluated, the boundary between wetland and upland was marked by distinct boundaries, usually related to abrupt changes in topography or vegetation. In most instances,

¹ Environmental Laboratory. 1987. Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual, Technical Report Y-87-1, U.S. Army Engineer Waterways Experimental Station, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

² Reed, P.B., Jr. 1988. National List of Plant Species that Occur in Wetlands. United States Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Report 88(26.10).

³ Average rainfall in southern Orange County is approximately 13 inches per year. Rainfall during 2000-2001 averaged 14.17 inches or 109% percent of normal. This number represents an average. No attempt was made to characterize the local variation within rainfall that exists over a project of this size and geographic complexity. While the majority of the project lies in south Orange County, in areas where the project extends into north San Diego County the geographic setting is similar enough to consider this estimate of rainfall as adequate for providing a general context in which the delineation was conducted. For most of low-lying southern California, five percent of the growing season is equivalent to 18 days.

these abrupt changes made it possible to locate a clear and distinct wetland boundary without digging numerous soil pits. Where the anticipated disturbance limits affected only portions of a wetland, the soil pits/observation points were concentrated in areas of potential impacts as indicated by the disturbance limits. For example, soil pits/observation points associated with the wetland adjacent to Tesoro High School (FE/C/7 Wetland⁴) were concentrated along the eastern boundary of the wetland as the western boundary is well removed from the proposed disturbance limits.

A number of sources were used to determine the locations for potential wetland areas, including the 1995/1996 MBA Delineation, aerial photography, topographic maps, soil surveys, and ponding data collected during wet-season fairy shrimp surveys conducted in 1996, 1997, and 2001⁵. Depressional wetlands, such as vernal pools, are defined by the 1987 Manual as "Problem Areas" because various indicators for wetland vegetation and/or hydrology may be absent during summer or fall or completely absent during years of below-average rainfall. Although such areas were not formally delineated during the period of ponding when the wet-season fairy shrimp surveys were performed, the data collected during these surveys was used to augment the delineation data thereby providing for hydrological data not available during the July – September window during which the 2001 delineation was performed.

3.1.2 DETERMINATION OF LIMITS FOR OHWM

For non-wetland waters, including perennial, intermittent, or ephemeral streams, the extent of Corps jurisdiction was determined by the outermost location of attributes used by the Corps to define the presence of an OHWM. As noted above, the following physical characteristics were evaluated in the field: 1) clear, natural line impressed on the bank, 2) shelving, 3) changes in the character of soil, 4) destruction of terrestrial vegetation, 5) the presence of litter and debris, or other appropriate means that consider the characteristics of the surrounding areas.

For each drainage feature evaluated, the outermost location of any of the above-noted attributes was identified in the field and a width measurement was recorded that captured the outermost attributes (for example, where the presence of litter and debris was noted beyond the line where shelving or terracing was evident within the drainage course, the limits of the litter and debris was used to establish the width of the OHWM). As each drainage feature was traversed, width measurements were recorded where changes in the width of the OHWM were noted (for example, where the limits of the OHWM expanded from eight feet to 12 feet, a measurement was recorded, where the limits receded from 12 feet back to eight feet, another measurement was recorded). In this manner, the full range of widths associated with each jurisdictional drainage was captured and recorded.

⁴ Please see Exhibits 1 and 2 for the location of this feature.

⁵ Data was collected in part by Tony Bomkamp with GLA

3.1.3 DETERMINATION OF ISOLATED WATERS PURSUANT TO SWANCC DECISION

Pursuant to Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, federal regulatory authority extends only to activities that affect interstate commerce. In the early 1980s, the Corps interpreted the interstate commerce requirement in a manner that restricted Corps jurisdiction on isolated (intrastate) waters. On September 12, 1985, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) asserted that Corps' jurisdiction extended to isolated waters that are used or could be used by migratory birds or endangered species, and the definition of "waters of the United States" in Corps regulations was modified as quoted above from 33 CFR 328.3(a).

On January 9, 2001, the Supreme Court of the United States issued a ruling on *Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County v. United States Army Corps of Engineers, et al.*, 531 U.S. 159 (2001) (SWANCC). In this case, the Court held that use of an isolated, intrastate pond by migratory birds is not a sufficient interstate commerce connection to bring the pond into federal jurisdiction under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

The Court notes that its previous support of the Corps' jurisdiction beyond navigable waters (*United States v. Riverside Bayview Homes, Inc.*, 474 U.S. 121 (1985)) was for a wetland that abutted a navigable water and that the Court had declined to express any opinion on the question of the authority of the Corps to regulate wetlands that are not adjacent to bodies of open water.

The opinion goes on to state:

In order to rule for the respondents here, we would have to hold that the jurisdiction of the Corps extends to ponds that are not adjacent to open water. We conclude that the text of the statute will not allow this.

Therefore, GLA believes that the Court's opinion goes beyond the migratory bird issue and means that no isolated, intrastate water is subject to the provisions of Section 404(a) of the Clean Water Act (regardless of any interstate commerce connection). However, case law on the precise scope of federal/CWA jurisdiction in light of SWANCC is still developing.

On January 15, 2003, the general counsels for EPA and the Corps issued a joint memorandum, Appendix A to the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 68 Fed. Reg. 1991⁶, providing clarifying guidance regarding the SWANCC decision and the agencies' position on CWA jurisdiction in light of the subsequent case law interpreting SWANCC.

The memorandum states that, in view of the SWANCC decision, the agencies will not assert CWA jurisdiction over isolated waters that are both intrastate and non-navigable if the sole basis for asserting such jurisdiction is any of the factors listed in the Migratory Bird Rule, i.e. use of

⁶ The EPA and the Corps have since withdrawn the proposed rulemaking (Dec. 16, 2003), but the joint memorandum continues in effect.

the water as habitat by migratory birds, use of the water by federally listed endangered or threatened species, or use of the water to irrigate crops sold in interstate commerce.

The memorandum also advises field staff to seek formal, project-specific approval from Corps Headquarters prior to asserting jurisdiction over isolated, intrastate, non-navigable waters based solely on the other interstate Commerce Clause grounds set forth in 33 C.F.R. § 328.3(a)(3)(i)-(iii), i.e. use of water by interstate or foreign travelers for recreation of other purposes, the presence of fish or shellfish that could be taken and sold in interstate commerce, and the use of the water for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce.

For purposes of making a jurisdictional determination, relative to Corps jurisdiction, for isolated waters, the following guidelines were used (detailed discussions are provided in descriptions of drainage features that were determined to be isolated in the text below):

- Vernal Pools and Seeps exhibiting wetland vegetation, soils, and hydrology not adjacent to jurisdictional drainages or other jurisdiction waters were determined to be isolated and not subject to Corps jurisdiction.
- Drainage features that lack a clear surface tributary connection to other waters of the U.S. were considered to be isolated. This is consistent with the Corps' discussion regarding the jurisdictional status of ephemeral streams provided in the Preamble to the nationwide permits issued on March 9, 2000:

We agree that ephemeral streams that are tributary to other waters of the United States are also waters of the United States, as long as they possess an OHWM. The upstream limit of waters of the United States is the point where the OHWM is no longer perceptible (see 51 FR 41217). Ephemeral streams that are part of an interstate surface tributary system are waters of the United States because they are an integral part of that surface tributary system, which supports interstate commerce.⁷

Therefore, where a surface tributary connection, as indicated by the presence of an OHWM between an ephemeral drainage feature and other waters of the United States is lacking, the ephemeral drainage feature is not part of the surface tributary system and is not subject to Corps jurisdiction.

3.2 REGULATION OF ISOLATED FEATURES

Jurisdiction over isolated features has not been determined.

⁷ Federal Register / Vol. 65, No. 47 / Thursday, March 9, 2000, Page 12823.

3.3 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Pursuant to Division 2, Chapter 6, Sections 1600-1603 of the California Fish and Game Code, the CDFG regulates all diversions, obstructions, or changes to the natural flow or bed, channel, or bank of any river, stream, or lake which supports fish or wildlife.

CDFG defines a "stream" (including creeks and rivers) as "...a body of water that flows at least periodically or intermittently through a bed or channel having banks and supports fish or other aquatic life. This includes watercourses having surface or subsurface flow that supports or has supported riparian vegetation." CDFG's definition of "lake" includes "natural lakes or man-made reservoirs."⁸

CDFG jurisdiction within altered or artificial waterways is based upon the value of those waterways to fish and wildlife. CDFG Legal Advisor has prepared the following opinion:

- Natural waterways that have been subsequently modified and which have the potential to contain fish, aquatic insects and riparian vegetation will be treated like natural waterways...
- Artificial waterways that have acquired the physical attributes of natural stream courses and which have been viewed by the community as natural stream courses, should be treated by [CDFG] as natural waterways...
- Artificial waterways without the attributes of natural waterways should generally not be subject to Fish and Game Code provisions...⁹

Based on written regulatory guidance published by CDFG (Administrative Report No. 92-1) and verifications conducted with CDFG personnel in the field on a variety of projects, a number of factors were considered/evaluated in determining the limits of vegetation associations that would be regulated by CDFG as "riparian habitat" that would be considered as part of the "streambed." Specific resources used to aid in the identification and delineation of vegetation defined as "riparian" include the following: *National List of Plant Species that Occur in Wetlands* (Feed, 1988)¹⁰, *A Manual of California Vegetation* (Sawyer and Keeler-Wolfe, 1996)¹¹, *California*

⁸ Department of Fish and Game. 1992. A Field Guide to Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreements. Department of Fish and Game Environmental Services Division: Administrative Report No. 92-1.

⁹ October 17, 1998. Letter from Eugene V. Toffoli of CDFG re: Departmental Jurisdiction Over Waterways.

¹⁰ Reed, P.B., Jr. 1988. National List of Plant Species that Occur in Wetlands. United States Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Report 88(26.10).

¹¹ Sawyer, John, O. and Todd Keeler-Wolfe. 1995. *A Manual of California Vegetation*. California Native Plant Society, Sacramento.

Riparian Systems (Warner and Hendrix, 1984)¹² and *Preliminary Descriptions of Terrestrial Communities* (Holland 1986).¹³

Reed (1988) provides an indicator status for plants that occur in wetlands. Obligate Wetland species (OBL) are defined as species that occur in wetlands 99-percent of the time. Obligate Upland species (UPL) occur in uplands 99-percent of the time. Species between OBL and UPL include Facultative Wet (FACW), that are associated with wetlands 67- to 99-percent of the time with Facultative (FAC) species associated with wetlands 33- to 67-percent of the time. While the Reed list is useful, it must be used in concert with the other references noted, particularly for species rated as facultative. The list is subject to ongoing revisions as more data become available on hydrophytic and non-hydrophytic species. During the field-level delineation, species considered to be "riparian" in all cases but one, coast live oak, exhibited an indicator status of FAC, FACW or OBL. Dominant species identified as components of accepted riparian associations included black willow (*Salix 1602*, OBL), arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), yellow willow (*Salix lucida*, OBL), Fremont cottonwood (*Populus fremontii*, FACW), black cottonwood (*Populus trichocarpa balsamifera*, FACW), western sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*, FACW), and mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW). Coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), as noted above is the only upland species that is typically included as a dominant riparian species.

Use of the wetland indicator status provided in Reed (1988), as a useful tool for separating "riparian" from "upland" species is supported by an understanding of the origins of riparian systems in areas governed by a Mediterranean climatic regime. The dominant tree and shrub species that occur along perennial and intermittent streams are recognized remnants of the Arcto-Tertiary Geoflora of the Late Tertiary and Quaternary Periods that included wet climates, explaining their high demands for water.¹⁴ In areas now dominated by the drier Mediterranean climate, these species persist in areas where there is a permanent or seasonal surface or subsurface water supply. The dominant genera in southern California include: willow (*Salix*, spp.), cottonwood (*Populus* spp.), alder (*Alnus rhombifolia*), sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*), maple (*Acer* spp.), ash (*Fraxinus* spp.), and in some settings, oak (*Quercus* spp.).¹⁵ The hydrologic requirements for many of these genera differ and are generally well known. For example, well-aerated water that is close to the surface will favor alder whereas when the water table is relatively deep, sycamores will predominate as long as the intervening soil aeration is high. Direct measurements of water use by red willow documented water-use rates at 52.7 acre-

¹² Warner, Richard E. and Kathleen M. Hendrix. 1984. *California Riparian Systems*. University of California Press, Berkeley.

¹³ Holland, Robert F. 1986. *Preliminary Descriptions of the Terrestrial Natural Communities of California*. California Department of Fish and Game, Sacramento.

¹⁴ Holstein, Glen. 1984. California Riparian Forests: Deciduous Islands in an Evergreen Sea. In: Warner and Hendrix (Eds). *California Riparian Systems: Ecology Conservation, and Productive Management*. University of California Press, Berkeley.

¹⁵ Holstein, Glen. 1984. California Riparian Forests: Deciduous Islands in an Evergreen Sea. In: Warner and Hendrix (Eds). *California Riparian Systems: Ecology Conservation, and Productive Management*. University of California Press, Berkeley.

inches per year with alder-dominated habitat using 47.0 acre inches of water during the peak growing season (July to October).¹⁶

The methodology described here incorporates the wetland indicator status for each species as provided by Reed (1988), with the hydrologic requirements and historical classification as noted above. The methodology for defining the dimensions of riparian habitat in the field is summarized as follows:

- Designation of an area as “riparian habitat” was generally limited to stands of vegetation that included a predominance of species that exhibited an indicator status of FAC, FACW or OBL. (Coast live oaks were included as riparian habitat in specific instances as further described/discussed below)
- Where all riparian habitat was included within the bank-full stream channel (e.g., riparian herb), the outermost limits of either the bank or riparian habitat was mapped as the limits of CDFG riparian jurisdiction/habitat.
- Where riparian habitat extended beyond the bank-full channel to the active floodplain, and did not extend outside the active floodplain, the outermost limits of either the active floodplain or riparian habitat was mapped as the limits of CDFG riparian jurisdiction/habitat. By inclusion of the active flood plain and associated riparian habitat, the hydrologic, biogeochemical, and habitat functions not specifically associated with riparian vegetation, such as areas with localized ponding that support aquatic organisms (e.g., invertebrates, amphibians, etc.), but providing such hydrologic, biogeochemical and habitat functions, were captured and included within the jurisdictional area(s).
- Where riparian habitat extended beyond the active flood plain to active terraces, the outermost limits of the riparian habitat on the terrace (i.e., canopy edge or “drip line”) was mapped as the limits of CDFG riparian jurisdiction/habitat. Similar to inclusion of the flood plain described above, inclusion of the active terraces ensured that functions such as hydrologic exchange with the adjacent uplands, nutrient cycling, shading by overhanging vegetation, bank and channel stabilization by roots, as well as habitat functions were included in the jurisdictional area(s).

This latter case (i.e., channel stabilization by roots) was most typically applied to southern coast live oak riparian forest. In some cases, particularly in “U”-shaped canyons, the limits of the active terrace were not always discernible. In such cases, coast live oaks were included as riparian where they either (1) exhibited roots that reached the banks of the drainage, thereby, benefiting from the drainage or by providing stabilization for the banks (i.e., a benefit for the stream) or (2) where meaningful portions of the canopy overhung the stream, thereby providing for shading or litter (nutrient cycling) which

¹⁶ State of California Department of Public Works. 1942. *Bulletin No. 50: Use of Water by Native Vegetation*.

would benefit the stream. Coast live oaks located above active terraces or (where terraces were not distinct) beyond where either roots or shading provided direct benefits to the stream, or that supported a predominance of UPL vegetation were not included as CDFG-regulated riparian vegetation.

Thus, CDFG jurisdictional limits closely mirror those of the Corps. Exceptions are CDFG's exclusion of isolated wetlands (those not associated with a river, stream, or lake), the addition of artificial stock ponds and irrigation ditches constructed on uplands, and the addition of riparian habitat supported by a river, stream, or lake regardless of the riparian area's federal wetland status.

3.4 CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

The California Coastal Act of 1976 (California Public Resources Code Section 30000 et. Seq.) restricts land uses within or adjacent to environmentally sensitive habitat areas (ESHAs). The Coastal Act Section 30107.5 defines an ESHA as:

...any area in which plant or animal life or their habitats are either rare or especially valuable because of their special nature or role in an ecosystem and which could be easily disturbed or degraded by human activities and developments.

Included within this definition are wetlands, estuaries, streams, riparian habitats, lakes, and portions of open coastal waters which meet the rare or valuable habitat criteria.

The CCC regulates the diking, filling, or dredging of wetlands within the coastal zone. The Coastal Act Section 30121 defines "wetland" as lands "...within the coastal zone which may be covered periodically or permanently with shallow water..." The 1981 CCC Statewide Interpretive Guidelines state that hydric soils and hydrophytic vegetation "...are useful indicators of wetland conditions, but the presence or absence of hydric soils and/or hydrophytes alone are not necessarily determinative when the Commission identifies wetlands under the Coastal Act. In the past, the Commission has considered all relevant information in making such determinations and relied upon the advice and judgment of experts before reaching its own independent conclusion as to whether a particular area will be considered wetland under the Coastal Act. The Commission intends to continue to follow this policy."

The 1981 CCC Statewide Interpretive Guidelines define riparian habitats as areas of riparian vegetation. Riparian vegetation is defined as "...an association of plant species which grows adjacent to freshwater watercourses, including perennial and intermittent streams, lakes, and other bodies of fresh water." Riparian habitats may encompass wetland areas, but may also extend beyond those areas.

4.0 RESULTS

As mentioned in the introduction, jurisdictional totals for the study areas, which extend from 200 to 1000 feet beyond the disturbance limits of each alignment, are included in Appendix A along with detailed drainage descriptions. Also as mentioned in the introduction, the impact analysis below addresses both initial and ultimate disturbance limits, although at this time permits are being sought only for the initial disturbance limits. The ultimate disturbance limits have been provided to address potential cumulative impacts. Impact totals represent only the surface area subject to regulation by the various agencies and do not represent a relative assessment of function. This analysis assumes that all drainages within the disturbance limits are permanently filled, except for those that will be bridged. For bridges, the small area of impact where the support columns are founded into the ground have been included as permanent impacts, while the remaining bridge right of way is assumed to be temporarily impacted for piling installation although the bridge structure will span over the open terrain. Although the other reaches will be filled, cross-culverts will be installed at the majority of drainages allowing for the retention of significant hydrologic function.

It should also be noted that many of the alternatives share common segments and, thus, have identical impacts along these shared segments. It is important, therefore, to recognize that areas of jurisdictional impact identified along one alternative may be common to multiple alternatives. In addition, the Corps, CDFG, and CCC regulate many of the same features, therefore, jurisdictional impact totals for the various agencies do overlap and should not be considered mutually exclusive.

4.1 ARTERIAL IMPROVEMENTS ONLY

The Arterial Improvements Only (AIO) Alternative was evaluated using the planning-level WES data¹. TCA acknowledges that this alternative impacts fewer aquatic resources than the alternatives for which the project-level delineation was completed. With concurrence from Corps, the planning level WES delineation was determined to be adequate for evaluation. See Table 4.2-1 below for a summary of the relative planning-level impacts. Unlike the project-level analysis for the other alternatives addressed below, these planning-level impacts for the AIO did not take bridging into account.

¹ Smith, R. D. 2003. Potential Impacts of Alternative Transportation Corridors on Waters of the United States and Riparian Ecosystems for the Southern Orange County Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Project. U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg, MS.

4.2 INTERSTATE 5 WIDENING

The Interstate 5 Widening (I5) Alternative was also evaluated using the planning-level WES data. TCA acknowledges that this alternative also impacts fewer aquatic resources than the alternatives for which the project-level delineation was completed. With concurrence from Corps, the planning level WES delineation was determined to be adequate for evaluation. See Table 4.2-1 below for a summary of the relative planning-level impacts. Unlike the project-level analysis for the other alternatives addressed below, these planning-level impacts for the I-5 widening did not take bridging into account.

Table 4.2-1 Summary Of Impacts Resulting From The Planning-Level Impact Analysis

Alternative	Acres Of Riparian Impact	Total Miles Of "Waters Of The U.S." Impacted
AIO	9.2	3.7
I5	13.7	3.0

4.3 CENTRAL CORRIDOR – COMPLETE IMPACT TOTALS

Impact analysis results for both the initial and ultimate disturbance limits are described below and are summarized in Tables 4.3.1-1, 4.3.1-2, 4.3.2-1 and 4.3.2-2.

4.3.1 CENTRAL CORRIDOR – COMPLETE –INITIAL ALTERNATIVE IMPACT TOTALS

The following impacts are based upon the CC-Initial Alternative disturbance limits. Permanent impacts are summarized in Table 4.3.1-1. Temporary impacts are summarized in Table 4.3.1-2.

The CC – Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 14.87 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 13.40 acres of wetland and 1.47 acres of non-wetland waters.

The CC – Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 12.10 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 1.58 acres of wetland and 10.52 acres of non-wetland waters.

The CC – Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 18.23 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 17.20 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 1.03 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The CC – Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 12.74 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

The CC – Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 0.02 acres subject to CCC jurisdiction. This total all consists of areas that qualify as CCC wetlands based on the presence of one parameter out of three possible parameters (soils, hydrology, plants). There are no temporary impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with the CC – Initial Alternative.

TABLE 4.3.1-1
PERMANENT JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
CENTRAL CORRIDOR COMPLETE – INITIAL ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated/ Streambed ¹	Total
FE/C/7-WETLAND 1 ³	Perennial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FE/C/7-1	Ephemeral	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.19	0.05	0.24
CANADA CHIQUITA	Perennial	6.77	0.04	6.81	9.22	0.00	9.22
C-WETLAND 1	Slope Wetland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
C-WETLAND 2	Slope Wetland	0.09	0.00	0.09	NA	NA	NA
C-2	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.34	0.01	0.35
C-3	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.35	0.10	0.45
C-4	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0.04	0.04
C-5	Ephemeral/ Slope Wetland	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03
C-SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	0.28	0.25	0.53	0.53	0.00	0.53
C-7	Ephemeral	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.08
C-8	Ephemeral	0.00	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.12	0.12
C-9	Ephemeral	0.00	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.27	0.27
C-10	Ephemeral	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.05
C-11	Ephemeral	0.39	0.01	0.40	0.39	0.01	0.40
C-12	Ephemeral	0.13	0.14	0.27	0.13	0.14	0.27
C-13	Ephemeral	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
C-14	Ephemeral	0.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	0.21	0.21
SEGUNDA DESHECHA	Perennial	5.66	0.28	5.94	5.93	0.00	5.93
FE/7 SAN MATEO CREEK ⁴	Perennial	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02
TOTAL	NA	13.40	1.47	14.87	17.20	1.03	18.23

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Refer to Appendix B for isolated features totals

³ Actual grading limits impact 6.08 acres of FE/C7-Wetland 1. However, based upon refinements to A7C-FEC-M, FEC-W and FEC-M, it is assumed that these impacts could ultimately be avoided.

⁴ Feature subject to CCC jurisdiction.

TABLE 4.3.1-2
TEMPORARY JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
CENTRAL CORRIDOR COMPLETE – INITIAL ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
C-SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	1.58	10.52	12.10	12.74	0.00	12.74
TOTAL	NA	1.58	10.52	12.10	12.74	0.00	12.74

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

4.3.2 CENTRAL CORRIDOR – COMPLETE – ULTIMATE ALTERNATIVE IMPACT TOTALS

The following impacts are based upon the CC-Ultimate Alternative disturbance limits. Permanent impacts are summarized in Table 4.3.2-1. Temporary impacts are summarized in Table 4.3.2-2.

The CC – Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 15.08 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 13.57 acres of wetland and 1.51 acres of non-wetland waters.

The CC – Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 12.65 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 1.65 acres of wetland and 11.00 acres of non-wetland waters.

The CC – Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 19.20 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 18.14 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 1.06 acres of unvegetated streambed.

The CC – Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 13.65 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

There are no permanent or temporary impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with the CC – Ultimate Alternative.

TABLE 4.3.2-1
PERMANENT JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
CENTRAL CORRIDOR – COMPLETE – ULTIMATE ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated ¹ Streambed	Total
FE/C/7-WETLAND 1 ³	Perennial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FE/C/7-1	Ephemeral	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.45	0.04	0.49
FE/C/7-2	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0.002	0.002
CANADA CHIQUITA	Perennial	6.88	0.06	6.94	9.87	0.00	9.87
C-WETLAND 1	Slope Wetland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
C-WETLAND 2	Slope Wetland	0.09	0.00	0.09	NA	NA	NA
C-2	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.34	0.01	0.35
C-3	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.34	0.10	0.44
C-4	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0.04	0.04
C-5	Ephemeral/ Slope Wetland	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03
C-SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	0.28	0.23	0.51	0.51	0.00	0.51
C-7	Ephemeral	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.08
C-8	Ephemeral	0.00	0.13	0.13	0.00	0.13	0.13
C-9	Ephemeral	0.00	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.27	0.27
C-10	Ephemeral	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.04
C-11	Ephemeral	0.39	0.01	0.40	0.39	0.01	0.40
C-12	Ephemeral	0.14	0.18	0.32	0.14	0.18	0.32
C-13	Ephemeral	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02
C-14	Ephemeral	0.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	0.21	0.21
SEGUNDA DESHECHA	Perennial	5.70	0.28	5.98	5.98	0.00	5.98
FE/7 San Mateo Creek ⁴	Perennial	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02
TOTAL	NA	13.57	1.51	15.08	18.14	1.06	19.20

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Refer to Appendix B for isolated features totals

³ Actual grading limits impact 6.51 acres of FE/C/7-Wetland 1 – However, based upon refinements to A7C-FEC-M, FEC-W and FEC-M, it is assumed that these impacts could ultimately be avoided.

⁴ Feature subject to CCC jurisdiction.

TABLE 4.3.2-2
TEMPORARY JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
CENTRAL CORRIDOR COMPLETE – ULTIMATE ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non- wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated ¹ Streambed	Total
C-SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	1.65	11.00	12.65	13.65	0.00	13.65
TOTAL	NA	1.65	11.00	12.65	13.65	0.00	13.65

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

4.4 CENTRAL CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION IMPACT TOTALS

Impact analysis results for both the initial and ultimate disturbance limits are described below and are summarized in Tables 4.4.1-1, 4.4.1-2, 4.4.2-1 and 4.4.2-2.

4.4.1 CENTRAL CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION – INITIAL ALTERNATIVE IMPACT TOTALS

The following impacts are based upon the CC-ALPV-Initial Alternative disturbance limits. Permanent impacts are summarized in Table 4.4.1-1. Temporary impacts are summarized in Table 4.4.1-2.

The CC-ALPV-Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 12.38 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 11.41 acres of wetland and 0.97 acre of non-wetland waters.

The CC-ALPV-Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 12.10 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 1.58 acres of wetland and 10.52 acre of non-wetland waters.

The CC-ALPV – Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 15.75 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 14.94 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 0.81 acre of the unvegetated streambed.

The CC-ALPV – Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 12.74 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

There are no permanent or temporary impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with the CC-ALPV – Initial Alternative.

TABLE 4.4.1-1
PERMANENT JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
CENTRAL CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION – INITIAL
ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE/C/7-WETLAND 1 ³	Perennial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FE/C/7-1	Ephemeral	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.19	0.05	0.24
CANADA CHIQUITA	Perennial	6.77	0.04	6.81	9.23	0.00	9.23
C-WETLAND 1	Slope Wetland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
C-WETLAND 2	Slope Wetland	0.09	0.00	0.09	NA	NA	NA
C-2	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.34	0.01	0.35
C-3	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.35	0.10	0.45
C-4	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0.04	0.04
C-5	Ephemeral/ Slope Wetland	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03
C-SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	0.28	0.25	0.53	0.53	0.00	0.53
C-7	Ephemeral	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.08
C-8	Ephemeral	0.00	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.12	0.12
C-9	Ephemeral	0.00	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.27	0.27
C-10	Ephemeral	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.04	0.04
C-11	Ephemeral	0.39	0.01	0.40	0.39	0.01	0.40
C-12	Ephemeral	0.13	0.14	0.27	0.13	0.14	0.27
C-13	Ephemeral	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
SEGUNDA DESHECHA	Perennial	3.69	0.00	3.69	3.69	0.00	3.69
TOTAL	NA	11.41	0.97	12.38	14.94	0.81	15.75

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Refer to Appendix B for isolated features totals

³ Actual grading limits impact 6.08 acres of FE/C/7-Wetland 1 – However, based upon refinements to A7C-FEC-M, FEC-W and FEC-M, it is assumed that these impacts could ultimately be avoided.

TABLE 4.4.1-2
TEMPORARY JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
CENTRAL CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION – INITIAL
ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
C-SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	1.58	10.52	12.10	12.74	0.00	12.74
TOTAL	NA	1.58	10.52	12.10	12.74	0.00	12.74

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

4.4.2 CENTRAL CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION – ULTIMATE ALTERNATIVE IMPACT TOTALS

The following impacts are based upon the CC-ALPV-Ultimate Alternative disturbance limits. Permanent impacts are summarized in Table 4.4.2-1. Temporary impacts are summarized in Table 4.4.2-2.

The CC-ALPV – Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 13.39 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 12.38 acres of wetland and 1.01 acres of non-wetland waters.

The CC-ALPV – Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 12.65 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 1.65 acres of wetland and 11.00 acres of non-wetland waters.

The CC-ALPV – Ultimate Alternative will permanently impact approximately 17.51 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 16.66 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 0.85 acre of unvegetated streambed.

The CC-ALPV – Ultimate Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 13.65 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

There are no permanent or temporary impacts to CCC jurisdiction associated with the CC-ALPV – Ultimate Alternative.

TABLE 4.4.2-1
PERMANENT JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
CENTRAL CORRIDOR - AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION - ULTIMATE
ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps ²			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
FE/C/7-WETLAND 1 ³	Perennial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FE/C/7-1	Ephemeral	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.45	0.04	0.49
FE/C/7-2	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0.002	0.002
CANADA CHIQUITA	Perennial	6.88	0.06	6.94	9.87	0.00	9.87
C-WETLAND 1	Slope Wetland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
C-WETLAND 2	Slope Wetland	0.09	0.00	0.09	NA	NA	NA
C-2	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.34	0.01	0.35
C-3	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.34	0.10	0.44
C-4	Ephemeral	NA	NA	NA	0.00	0.04	0.04
C-5	Ephemeral/ Slope Wetland	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03
C-SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	0.23	0.22	0.45	0.45	0.00	0.45
C-7	Ephemeral	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.08
C-8	Ephemeral	0.00	0.13	0.13	0.00	0.13	0.13
C-9	Ephemeral	0.00	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.27	0.27
C-10	Ephemeral	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.04
C-11	Ephemeral	0.39	0.01	0.40	0.39	0.01	0.40
C-12	Ephemeral	0.14	0.18	0.32	0.14	0.18	0.32
C-13	Ephemeral	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02
SEGUNDA DESHECHA	Perennial	4.58	0.00	4.58	4.58	0.00	4.58
TOTAL	NA	12.38	1.01	13.39	16.66	0.85	17.51

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Refer to Appendix B for isolated features totals

³ Actual grading limits impact 6.51 acres of FE/C/7-Wetland 1 - However, based upon refinements to A7C-FEC-M, FEC-W and FEC-M, it is assumed that these impacts could ultimately be avoided.

TABLE 4.4.2-2
TEMPORARY JURISDICTIONAL IMPACTS
CENTRAL CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION – ULTIMATE
ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	Resource Type	Corps			CDFG		
		Wetlands	Non-wetland Waters	Total	Vegetated	Unvegetated Streambed	Total
C-SAN JUAN CREEK	Intermittent	1.65	11.00	12.65	13.65	0.00	13.65
TOTAL	NA	1.65	11.00	12.65	13.65	0.00	13.65

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

4.5 ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION IMPACT TOTALS

Impact analysis results for both the initial and ultimate disturbance limits are described below and are summarized in Tables 4.5.1-1, 4.5.1-2, 4.5.2-1 and 4.5.2-2.

4.5.1 ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION – INITIAL ALTERNATIVE IMPACT TOTALS

The following impacts are based upon the A7C-ALPV-Initial Alternative disturbance limits. Permanent impacts are summarized in Table 4.5.1-1. Temporary impacts are summarized in Table 4.5.1-2.

The A7C – ALPV - Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 2.52 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 0.56 acre of wetland and 1.96 acres of non-wetland waters.

The A7C – ALPV - Initial Alternative will temporarily impact approximately 5.51 acres subject to Corps jurisdiction. This total consists of 1.91 acre of wetland and 3.60 acres of non-wetland waters.

The A7C – ALPV - Initial Alternative will permanently impact approximately 9.89 acres subject to CDFG jurisdiction. This total consists of 8.99 acres of vegetated riparian habitat and 0.90 acre of unvegetated streambed.

Corps jurisdiction extends to the OHWM which was indicated by destruction of terrestrial vegetation. Corps jurisdiction totals 0.27 acre, none of which is wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.27 acre, none of which is vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage C-9

Drainage C-9 is an incised channel approximately 2 feet in width. The channel bottom is generally unvegetated consisting of sand and cobbles. The banks of the channel are vegetated with western sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*, FACW) and coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, NI).

Corps jurisdiction extends to the OHWM which was indicated by destruction of terrestrial vegetation. Corps jurisdiction totals 1.63 acres, none of which are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 1.83 acres, of which 1.18 acres consist of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage C-10

Drainage C-10 is an incised channel which varies in width from approximately 1 to 3 feet. The channel bottom is generally unvegetated, consisting of sand. The banks of the channel are vegetated with coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, NI), harding grass (*Phalaris aquatica*, FAC+), cardoon (*Cynara cardunculus*, NI), California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, NI), giant wild rye (*Leymus cindensatus*, NI) and mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW). ACOE and CDFG jurisdiction extends to the OHWM which was indicated by shelving. Corps jurisdiction totals 0.06 acre, none of which is wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.06 acre, none of which is vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage C-11

This drainage/wetland complex includes a shallow channel which drains into a man-made cattle pond. This drainage is approximately 3 feet in width. Dominant vegetation includes western sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*, FACW). Dominant vegetation in the pond includes mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, NI), tree tobacco (*Nicotinia glauca*, FAC) and lemonadeberry (*Rhus integrifolia*, NI).

CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.48 acre, of which 0.39 acre consists of vegetated riparian habitat. Corps jurisdiction totals 0.48 acre, of which 0.39 acre is wetland.

Drainage C-12

Drainage C-12 is a deeply incised channel that varies in width from approximately 2 to 4 ft. The channel bottom is sparsely vegetated with cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+), white sweetclover (*Melilotus alba*, FACU+), cheeseweed (*Mava parviflora*, NI) and mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW). The banks are generally vegetated with mulefat (*Baccharis*

salicifolia, FACW), coyote bush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL) and giant wild rye (*Leymus condensatus*, UPL). The channel bed consists of a rocky, cobbly substrate. The presence of an OHWM was indicated by shelving and the destruction of terrestrial vegetation. One tributary of Drainage C-12 exhibited flowing water and supports western sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*, FACW), arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW) and mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW). Dominant understory vegetation includes giant creek nettle (*Urtica dioica* ssp. *holosericea*, FACW), cut-leaf water parsnip (*Berula erecta*, OBL) and yellow waterweed (*Ludwigia peploides*, OBL).

Corps jurisdiction totals 0.80 acre, of which 0.33 acre is wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.99 acre, of which 0.52 acre consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage C-13

Drainage C-13 originates east of the disturbance limits of the CC alternatives and includes a mitigation site vegetated with southern willow scrub. The channel below the mitigation site is incised and supports Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon*, FAC), saltgrass (*Distichlis spicata*, FACW), cattails (*Typha domingensis*, OBL), Olney's bulrush (*Scirpus americanus*, OBL) and cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+).

Corps jurisdiction extends to the OHWM of the channel which was indicated by shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. Corps jurisdiction totals 6.4 acres, of which 2.43 acres are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 6.40 acre, all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage C-14

Drainage C-14 is an incised channel which is approximately 6 feet. The channel bottom is generally unvegetated consisting of sand and cobbles. The banks of the channel are vegetated with non-native annual grasses.

Corps jurisdiction extends to the OHWM of the channel which was indicated by shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. Corps jurisdiction totals 0.21 acre, none of which is wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.21 acre, none of which is vegetated riparian habitat.

Segunda Deshecha

The upper portions of this drainage support southern willow scrub and coast live oak. The lower portions of this drainage support coastal fresh water marsh. The dominant vegetation includes southern cattail (*Typha domingensis*, OBL), brown cyperus (*Cyperus niger*, FACW+), water-cress (*Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*, OBL), cut-leaf water parsnip (*Berula erecta*, OBL). Portions of Segunda Deshecha are being expanded as mitigation for authorized impacts associated with Talega Planned Community. The 1994 data was updated to include these areas. The presence of hydric soil was assumed because all the dominant vegetation had an indicator

status of OBL or FACW and there was an abrupt change in topography. An indicator for wetland hydrology includes standing water. The reaches southwest of Avenida La Pata have been lined with concrete that has accumulated sufficient sediment to support patches of cattails.

Corps jurisdiction totals 11.93 acres, of which 10.24 acres are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 13.32 acres, of which 12.94 acres consist of vegetated riparian habitat.

B. CENTRAL CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION STUDY AREA

Jurisdictional areas were generally not delineated for the Central Corridor – Avenida La Pata Variation (CC-ALPV) in 2001, with the exception of areas such as the wetland adjacent to Tesoro High School (designated as FE/C/7 Wetland), the Cañada Chiquita Wetland Complex (including tributaries), and San Juan Creek where changes from the 1995/1996 MBA Delineation were noted. Several jurisdictional areas associated with CC – ALPV were delineated for Rancho Mission Viejo. These areas have been verified by both the Corps and CDFG and are indicated on the delineation maps as verified. For all other areas, the jurisdictional totals were carried over from the 1995/1996 MBA Delineation after site reconnaissance indicated that no substantial changes were evident for the drainages south of San Juan Creek. Drainage descriptions for the features that have not yet been verified have been extracted from the 1995/1996 MBA Delineation Report and are included below. Exhibit 1 depicts the location and extent of Corps jurisdictional areas. Exhibit 2 depicts the location and extent of CDFG jurisdictional areas.

Corps jurisdiction associated with the CC-ALPV Alternative study area totals approximately 113.43 acres, of which 55.41 acres consist of jurisdictional wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the CC-Avenida La Pata Variation study area totals 158.30 acres, of which 156.04 acres consist of vegetated riparian or wetland habitat. There is no jurisdiction associated with CC- ALPV Alternative study area that is located within the Coastal Zone.

TABLE A-4
JURISDICTIONAL AREAS
CENTRAL CORRIDOR-AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION STUDY AREA
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	CORPS ²		CDFG	
	Total	Wetlands	Total	Vegetated
FE/C/7 WETLAND 1	12.62	12.62	12.62	12.62
FE/C/7-1	0.09	0.00	0.73	0.66
FE/C/7-2	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
FE/C/7-3	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
FE/C/7-4	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
FE/C/7-WETLAND 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CANADA CHIQUITA	23.81	22.56	43.73	43.72
C-1	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
C-WETLAND 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C-2	0.00	0.00	0.49	0.48
C-3	0.00	0.00	0.85	0.75
C-4	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00
C-5	0.75	0.56	2.59	2.59
C-WETLAND 2	0.09	0.09	0.00	0.00
C-6	0.10	0.00	0.50	0.50
C-SAN JUAN CREEK	54.33	6.17	73.24	73.24
C-6B	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
C-POND 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C-7	0.06	0.02	0.08	0.05
C-8	0.27	0.00	0.27	0.00
C-9	1.63	0.00	1.83	1.18
C-10	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.00
C-11	0.48	0.39	0.48	0.39
C-12	0.80	0.33	0.99	0.52
C-13	6.40	2.43	6.40	6.40
SEGUNDA DESHECHA	11.93	10.24	13.32	12.94
TOTAL	113.43	55.41	158.30	156.04

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Refer to Appendix B for isolated features totals

B.1 DRAINAGE DESCRIPTIONS – CENTRAL CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA
VARIATION STUDY AREA

CC-ALPV Alternative overlaps the CC Alternative. Please see CC Drainage Descriptions above.

C. ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION

Several jurisdictional areas associated with Alignment 7 Corridor - Avenida La Pata Variation – (A7C-ALPV) study area were delineated for Rancho Mission Viejo. These areas have been verified by both Corps and CDFG and are indicated on the delineation maps as verified. For all other areas, the jurisdictional totals were mapped in 2001. Exhibit 1 depicts the location and extent of Corps jurisdictional areas. Exhibit 2 depicts the location and extent of CDFG jurisdictional areas.

Corps jurisdiction associated with the A7C-ALPV Alternative study area totals approximately 165.64 acres, of which 71.59 acres consist of jurisdictional wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the A7C-ALPV Alternative study area totals 247.07 acres, of which 242.37 acres consists of vegetated riparian or wetland habitat. There is no jurisdiction associated with A7C-ALPV Alternative study area that is located within the Coastal Zone.

TABLE A-5
JURISDICTIONAL AREAS
ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION STUDY AREA
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	CORPS ²		CDFG	
	Total	Wetlands	Total	Vegetated
FE/C/7 WETLAND 1	12.62	12.62	12.62	12.62
FE/C/7-1	0.09	0.00	0.73	0.66
FE/C/7 WETLAND 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FE/C/7-2	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
FE/C/7-3	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
FE/C/7-4	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
FE/7-1	0.00	0.00	3.27	3.16
FE/7-2	0.00	0.00	0.57	0.48
FE-1	0.00	0.00	1.76	1.70
7-1	0.32	0.00	1.38	1.26
7-3	1.16	0.00	6.04	5.79
C-5	0.75	0.56	2.53	2.53
CANADA CHIQUITA	23.81	22.56	43.73	43.72
7-4	0.17	0.00	0.57	0.45
7-5	0.03	0.00	0.32	0.32
7-6	0.02	0.00	0.35	0.35
SAN JUAN CREEK – 7	52.69	19.28	70.06	70.06
SAN JUAN CREEK - C	54.33	6.17	73.24	73.24
7-8	0.12	0.00	2.21	2.19
7-9	0.00	0.00	1.30	1.27
7-10	0.00	0.00	0.28	0.00
7-13	6.99	0.14	11.26	8.64
7-14	0.21	0.00	0.30	0.11
7-15	0.18	0.02	0.20	0.04
7-16	0.22	0.00	0.98	0.84
SEGUNDA DESHECHA	11.93	10.24	13.32	12.94
TOTAL	165.64	71.59	247.07	242.37

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Refer to Appendix B for isolated features totals

C.1 DRAINAGE DESCRIPTIONS – ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION STUDY AREA

Portions of the A7C-APLV Alternative overlap with the CC and CC-ALPV Alternatives. Please see drainage descriptions above for features that have been previously addressed.

Drainage FE/7-1

Drainage FE/7-1 varies in width from two to four feet. It is an ephemeral drainage that traverses the disturbance limits common to all alternatives except the CC alternatives and terminates in grassland approximately 2,000 feet from Cañada Chiquita. The banks of the channel in the upper portion of the drainage are vegetated with upland non-native grasses and/or coastal sage scrub. Beginning near the eastern limits of grading, a coast live oak-sycamore forest occupies the canyon and adjacent slopes. Dominant vegetation includes coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL) and western sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*, FACW) woodland with a dense blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*, FAC) and poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL) understory. The understory also supports mugwort (*Artemisia douglasiana*, FAC) and giant wild rye (*Leymus condensatus*, FACU). Riparian vegetation varies from 20 to 40 feet in width. The presence of an OHWM was indicated by change in soil character and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. As noted above, the drainage terminates in grassland approximately 2,000 feet from Chiquita Creek.

This feature totals 0.20 acre of ephemeral channel. CDFG jurisdiction totals 3.27 acre, of which 3.16 acre consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage FE/7-2

Drainage FE/7-2 varies from three to 32 feet in width and includes wetlands characterized by emergent vegetation. It originates at a seep and traverses the disturbance limits common to all alternatives (except the Central Corridor alternatives). The channel bed is characterized by low chroma clay soil with high chroma mottles. Dense emergent vegetation precludes establishment of a clear OHWM. Dominant plants include Olney's bulrush (*Scirpus americanus*, OBL), beaked spikerush (*Eleocharis rostellata*, OBL), creeping spikerush (*Eleocharis macrostachya*, OBL), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), wild lettuce (*Lactuca serriola*, FAC) water-parsnip (*Berula erecta*, OBL), knotgrass (*Paspalum distichum*, OBL), umbrella sedge (*Cyperus niger*, FACW), and rabbitsfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW). The seep at the beginning of the drainage supports saltgrass (*Distichlis spicata*, FACW) and Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*, FACW).

The northern tributary to Drainage FE/7-2 varies in width from one to two feet. The tributary traverses the alignment to join FE/7-2, which terminates in grassland. The banks of the tributary are vegetated with upland scrub including buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*, UPL), poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), and Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*, FACU) with an

occasional oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL) and a few scattered mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW). Located near its origin is a 34-foot by 24-foot wetland with low chroma, saturated soil and vegetated with mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), Bulrush (*Scirpus americanus*, OBL), Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*, FACW), and yerba mansa (*Anemopsis californicus*, OBL).

This feature consists of 0.36 acres of wetlands and 0.14 acre of ephemeral channel. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.57 acres, of which 0.48 acre consists of vegetated habitat.

Drainage FE-1

Drainage FE-1 varies from two to four feet in width. The channel originates east of the alignment and traverses the disturbance limits common to all alternative (except the Central Corridor alternatives) until the bed and bank terminates in grassland approximately a half mile from Cañada Chiquita. The drainage supports oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL) woodland with western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), scattered sedges (*Carex*), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), and Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicanus*, FACU) in the understory. The oak canopy averages 40 to 60 feet in width.

CDFG jurisdiction totals 1.76 acre, of which 1.70 acre consists of vegetated riparian habitat. This feature totals 0.16 acre of ephemeral channel.

Drainage 7-1

Drainage 7-1 is an incised ephemeral channel that varies in width from three to five feet. It traverses the disturbance limits where it enters a cement lined channel at the Santa Margarita Water District water treatment plant. The channel bottom consists of loamy sand and is vegetated with arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), and coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL). The banks are vegetated with native needlegrass (*Nassella pulchra*, UPL) and western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC). The limits of the channel were limited to the OHWM of the channel was indicated by changes in soil characteristics and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. Riparian vegetation varied from 10 to 35 feet in width.

Corps jurisdiction is 0.32 acre. CDFG associated with the channel totals 1.38 acre, of which 1.26 acres consist of southern riparian scrub dominated by willow and mule fat.

Drainage 7-3

Drainage 7-3 located to the east of the A7C FEC-M alignment where it extends eastward to join another ephemeral drainage that extends to San Juan Creek. The main channel varies from one to four feet wide. The channel is incised and clearly defined by bed and bank, sediment deposits, debris racks, and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. The channel is vegetated with patches of

mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), and annual grassland. Scattered western sycamores (*Platanus racemosa*, FACW) and arroyo willows (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW) occur throughout the main channel. Several ephemeral tributaries enter the main channel within the alignment. These tributaries are generally vegetated with annual grassland or ruderal vegetation.

A few ephemeral side channels occur in association with this drainage system in which the OHWM terminates within broad swales.

Corps jurisdiction totals 1.16 acres, none of which are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 6.04 acres, of which 5.79 acres consist of vegetated riparian habitat

Drainage 7-4

Drainage 7-4 and its tributary vary in width from one to five feet. Drainage 7-4 originates west of the A7C – ALPV alignment and extends south, parallel to the disturbance limits and discharges into San Juan Creek through a culvert. The upstream reaches of both channels are vegetated with coastal sage scrub and chaparral including buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*, UPL), California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), monkey flower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), and lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL). Its bed is vegetated with primarily non-native grasses, curly dock (*Rumex crispus*, FACW-), and rabbitsfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW). The lower reach of the drainage is vegetated with oak woodland that averages 40 feet in width.

Corps jurisdiction totals 0.17 acre, none of which are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.57 acre, of which 0.45 acre consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage 7-5

Drainage 7-5 is located to the east of the A7C – ALPV alignment. The drainage varies from one to three feet wide and has a channel composed of boulders and coarse sandy loam. It is vegetated with coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*, FACW), Italian thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalus*, UPL), Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicanus*, FACU), non-native grass (*Bromus sp.*, NI), bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*, FACU), and nightshade (*Solanum douglasii*, FAC). The oak canopy averages 60 feet in width. The attributes associated with an OHWM included the destruction of terrestrial vegetation and shelving.

Corps jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 0.03 acres. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.32 acre, all of which consists of oak riparian habitat.

Drainage 7-6

Drainage 7-6 is located to the east of the A7C-FEC-M alignment. The drainage varies from one to three feet wide and has a channel composed of boulders and coarse sandy loam. It is vegetated with coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*, FACW), Italian thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalus*, UPL), Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicanus*, FACU), non-native grass (*Bromus sp.*, NI), bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*, FACU), and nightshade (*Solanum douglasii*, FAC). The oak canopy averages 60 feet in width.

The attributes associated with an OHWM included the destruction of terrestrial vegetation and shelving. Corps jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 0.02 acre. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.35 acre, of which all consists of oak riparian habitat.

San Juan Creek-7

San Juan Creek traverses the A7C alternative alignments from east to west. The channel varies from 350 to 500 feet in width within which is included a linear strip of wetland from that varies from 30 to 60 feet wide. The channel includes many low flow braids that are unvegetated as well as some slightly raised vegetated areas with the presence of litter and debris. The channel consists primarily of cobble and clean sand. A low flow channel exhibited base flow in August and was vegetated with cattail (*Typha domingensis*, OBL), knotgrass (*Paspalum distichum*, OBL), yellow waterweed (*Ludwigia peploides*, OBL), water speedwell (*Veronica anagallis-aquatica*, OBL), arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), watercress (*Rorippa nasturtium-aquatica*, OBL), and smooth bur marigold (*Bidens laevis*, OBL). Soil within the wetland was gleyed sand with a sulfidic odor. To either side of the wetland, a sand and cobble bed was vegetated with bicolored cudweed (*Gnathaliun bicolor*, UPL), scale broom (*Lepidospartum squamatum*, UPL), occasional deerweed (*Lotus scoparius*, UPL), telegraph weed (*Heterotheca grandiflora*, UPL) and mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW). Black cottonwood (*Populus balsamifera trichocarpa*, FACW), sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*, FACW), and giant reed (*Arundo donax*, FACW) were common closer to the banks. Attributes associated with an OHWM included shelving, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, change in soil character and the presence of litter and debris. Sycamore and willow riparian vegetation varies from 400 to 900 feet in width.

Corps jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 54.33 acres, of which 6.17 acres are jurisdictional wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 73.24 acres all of which consists of riparian habitat.

Drainage 7-8

Ephemeral Drainage 7-8 is a deeply incised channel that varies in width from one to five feet. It originates west of the A7C-ALPV alignment and extends northeast, crosses Ortega Highway

through a culvert and then terminates in a mosaic of nonnative grassland, sycamore wood and mule fat scrub approximately 700 feet from San Juan Creek. The drainage exhibits no surface tributary connection with San Juan Creek or other jurisdictional waters. Where it is evident, the channel bottom is generally unvegetated consisting of sand, cobbles and leaf litter. The banks of the channel are vegetated with coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*, UPL), nightshade (*Solanum americanum*, FAC), mugwort (*Artemisia douglasiana*, FAC), bristly ox tongue (*Picris echioides*, FAC), fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*, FACU), cardoon (*Cynara cardunculus*, UPL), black mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicanus*, FACU), Italian thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalus*, UPL), and a single black willow (*Salix gooddingii*, OBL).

Corps jurisdiction extends to the OHWM of the channel, which was indicated by destruction of terrestrial vegetation, shelving and change in soil character. The riparian vegetation varies from 9 to 100 feet in width. Corps jurisdiction is limited to the 0.12 acre channel. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 2.21 acres, of which 2.19 acres consist of riparian habitat.

Drainage 7-9

Drainage 7-9 originates within the disturbance limits of the A7C-ALPV alternative and extends northward where it discharges beneath Ortega Highway through a culvert. It is moderately incised, varying in width from two to four feet. It terminates, approximately 1,000 feet from San Juan Creek, in a mosaic of grassland and mule fat scrub shortly after passing through a culvert under Ortega Highway. The drainage exhibits no surface tributary connection with San Juan Creek or other jurisdictional waters. The channel bottom is mainly unvegetated consisting of sand or silty clay loam, cobbles and leaf litter. The banks are vegetated with coast live oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*, UPL), poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), mugwort (*Artemisia douglasiana*, FAC), Italian thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalus*, UPL), and bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*, FACU). The limits of the channel were indicated by shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation.

The oak riparian canopy varies from 35 to 60 feet in width. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 1.30 acre, of which 1.27 acres consists of oak riparian habitat.

Drainage 7-10

Drainage 7-10 originates within the disturbance limits of the A7C - FEC-M alternative and extends under Ortega Highway where it disappears in grassland before reaching San Juan Creek. The channel is approximately three feet wide. The channel is deeply incised and the channel bed contains large boulders and cobbles. It is vegetated with scattered non-native grasses and toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*, UPL), poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), coyote bush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), Mexican elderberry

(*Sambucus mexicana*, FACU), cudweed (*Gnaphalium canescens*), California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), and laurel sumac (*Malosma laurina*, UPL).

The channel bed was not accessible, therefore OHWM was estimated from destruction of terrestrial vegetation. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.28 acre, none of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage 7-13

Drainage 7-13 originates as a series of tributaries merging on the southern (western) portion of the disturbance limits of the A7C – FEC – M alternative and traversing through the alignment. It is relatively incised and vegetated with oak woodland with ephemeral tributaries in sage scrub. The OHWM of one northwestern tributary ends in ruderal grassland. The eastern tributary contains an unvegetated sediment basin utilized by mining operations. The drainage is vegetated with mulefat and oak woodland or unvegetated in scrub.

Corps jurisdiction totals 6.99 acres, of which 0.14 acres are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 11.26 acres, of which 8.64 acres consist of vegetated riparian habitat. This feature totals 6.95 acres of ephemeral channel and 0.14 acre of wetland.

Drainage 7-14

Drainage 7-14 consists of an incised channel that varies from one to three feet in width. The channel originates within the disturbance limits of the A7C – ALPV alternative and extends to the west through a culvert under La Pata Road and into San Juan Creek. The channel is trampled in some areas from cattle. Such areas are dominated by non-native herbs, such as wild oats (*Avena sp.*, UPL), cardoon (*Cynara cardunculus*, UPL), bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*, FACU), mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), tocalote (*Centaurea melitensis*, UPL), and cudweed (*Gnaphalium canescens*, UPL), but also contain goldenbush (*Isocoma menziesii*, UPL), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL) and mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW). The lower reaches are dominated by coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL) and various coastal sage scrub species including California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL) and monkey flower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL). The oak riparian canopy averages 30 feet in width while the mulefat scrub averages 21 feet wide. The banks of the upper reaches are vegetated with coastal sage scrub including California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), monkey flower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), giant wild rye (*Leymus condensus*), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL) and Italian rye (*Lolium multiflorum*, FAC).

Corps jurisdiction extends to the OHWM of the channel, which was indicated by destruction of terrestrial vegetation. Corps jurisdiction totals 0.21 acre, none of which is wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.30 acre, of which 0.11 acre consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage 7-15

Drainage 7-15 originates within the disturbance limits of the A7C – ALPV alternative and extends westward to join Prima Deshecha. The channel varies from one to three feet in width and contains a wetland swale supporting Italian rye (*Lolium multiflorum*, FAC) and saltgrass (*Distichalis spicata*, FACW). The channel bed within the wetland swale was composed of low chroma silty clay soil with oxidized root channels. The remainder of the drainage supports cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+), mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), bristly ox tongue (*Picris echinoides*, FAC), cardoon (*Cynara cardunculus*, UPL), wild oats (*Avena sp.*, UPL), Italian thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalus*, UPL), prickly lettuce (*Lactuca serriola*, FAC), scattered sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), milkweed (*Asclepias fascicularis*, FAC), scattered coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), goldenbush (*Isocoma menziesii*, UPL), and mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW) and riggut brome (*Bromus diandrus*, NI). The channel bed is primarily composed of boulders, cobbles and silty clay.

Where discernible, the presence of an OHWM was indicated by change in soil character and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. Where discernible, the presence of an OHWM was indicated by the destruction of terrestrial vegetation. Corps jurisdiction totals 0.18 acre, of which 0.02 acre is wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.20 acre, of which 0.04 acre consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage 7-16

Drainage 7-16 originates east of the disturbance limits of the A7C – ALPV alternative. The channel bed is composed of high chroma silty clay loam channel. Where discernible, the channel varies from one to two feet in width and is vegetated with a predominance of non-native species including cardoon (*Cynara cardunculus*, UPL), mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), bristly ox tongue (*Picris echinoides*, FAC), wild oats (*Avena sp.*, UPL), riggut brome (*Bromus diandrus*, NI) and well as mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), giant wild rye (*Leymus condensatus*, FACU), goldenbush (*Isocoma menziesii*, UPL), lemonadeberry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL) and coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL).

Where discernible, the presence of an OHWM was indicated by destruction of terrestrial vegetation. There was no OHWM in most areas. Corps jurisdiction totals 0.22 acre, of which none are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.98 acre, of which 0.84 acre consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

Segunda Deshecha

The upper portions of this drainage support southern willow scrub and coast live oak. The lower portions of this drainage support coastal fresh water marsh. The dominant vegetation includes southern cattail (*Typha domingensis*, OBL), brown cyperus (*Cyperus niger*, FACW+), water-cress (*Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*, OBL), cut-leaf water parsnip (*Berula erecta*, OBL).

Portions of Segunda Deshecha are being expanded as mitigation for authorized impacts associated with Talega Master Planned community. The 1994 data has been updated to include these areas. The presence of hydric soil was assumed because all the dominant vegetation had an indicator status of OBL or FACW and there was an abrupt change in topography. Indicator for wetland hydrology included standing water. The reaches southwest of Avenida La Pata have been lined with concrete that has accumulated sufficient sediment to support patches of cattails.

Corps jurisdiction totals 11.93 acres, of which 10.24 acres are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 13.32 acres, of which 12.94 acres consist of vegetated riparian habitat.

D. ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR - FAR EAST CROSSOVER –MODIFIED STUDY AREA

Several jurisdictional areas associated with Alignment 7 Corridor - Far East Crossover – Modified (A7C-FEC-M) study area were delineated for Rancho Mission Viejo. These areas have been verified by both Corps and CDFG and are indicated on the delineation maps as verified. For all other areas, the jurisdictional totals were mapped in 2001 and 2003. Exhibit 1 depicts the location and extent of Corps jurisdictional areas. Exhibit 2 depicts the location and extent of CDFG jurisdictional areas.

Corps jurisdiction associated with the A7C-FEC-M Alternative study area totals approximately 207.87 acres, of which 133.23 acres consist of jurisdictional wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the A7C-FEC-M Ultimate Alternative study area totals 309.07 acres, of which 300.21 acres consists of vegetated riparian or wetland habitat. CCC jurisdiction associated with the A7C-FEC-M Alternative study area totals approximately 115.06 acres, all of which consist of one-parameter wetlands.

TABLE A-6
JURISDICTIONAL AREAS
ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – FAR EAST CROSSOVER – MODIFIED STUDY AREA
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	CORPS ²		CDFG	
	Total	Wetlands	Total	Vegetated
FE/C/7 WETLAND 1	12.62	12.62	12.62	12.62
FE/C/7-1	0.09	0.00	0.73	0.66
FE/C/7 WETLAND 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FE/C/7-2	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
FE/C/7-3	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
FE/C/7-4	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
FE/7-1	0.00	0.00	3.27	3.16
FE/7-2	0.00	0.00	0.57	0.48
7-1	0.32	0.00	1.38	1.26
7-2	0.02	0.00	0.06	0.00
7-3	1.16	0.00	6.04	5.79
C-5	0.75	0.56	2.53	2.53
7-4	0.17	0.00	0.57	0.45
7-5	0.03	0.00	0.32	0.32
7-6	0.02	0.00	0.35	0.35
7-7	1.10	0.48	2.44	2.44
SAN JUAN CREEK – 7/WETLAND COMPLEX	52.69	19.28	70.06	70.06
7-8	0.12	0.00	2.21	2.19
7-9	0.00	0.00	1.30	1.27
7-10	0.00	0.00	0.28	0.00
7-11	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00
7-12	0.11	0.00	1.94	1.94
7-13	6.99	0.14	11.26	8.64
FE/7-3	4.14	0.03	11.97	10.01
FE/7-4	0.00	0.00	2.47	2.38
FE/7-5	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
FE/7-6	0.36	0.00	2.17	1.95
FE/7-7	1.36	0.09	11.55	11.19
FE/7-8	0.43	0.00	2.91	2.62
FE/7-9	0.18	0.00	0.18	0.00
FE/7-10	0.31	0.00	2.90	2.76
FE/7-11	1.10	0.12	1.35	1.35

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	CORPS ²		CDFG	
	Total	Wetlands	Total	Vegetated
FE/7-12	1.39	0.68	3.06	3.04
FEVM 17	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00
DRAINAGE FE/7-13	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00
DRAINAGE FE/7-14	0.34	0.00	0.38	0.23
VERNAL MARSH FEVM 16	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00
VERNAL MARSH FEVM 18	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00
VERNAL MARSH FEVM 19	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00
DRAINAGE FE/7-15	0.40	0.03	0.88	0.64
DRAINAGE FE/7-16	0.23	0.00	0.23	0.00
DRAINAGE FE/7-18	1.10	0.00	1.72	0.95
DRAINAGE FE/7-19	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00
DRAINAGE FE/7-20	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00
DRAINAGE FE/7-21	0.28	0.00	1.68	1.68
DRAINAGE FE/7-22	0.63	0.00	1.38	1.23
DRAINAGE FE/7-23	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00
DRAINAGE FE/7-24	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.00
DRAINAGE FE/7-25	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.00
SAN MATEO CREEK / WETLAND COMPLEX	35.33	15.25	47.71	47.71
SAN MATEO MARSH	68.55	68.55	68.55	68.55
VERNAL MARSH FE-VM 20	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00
SAN MATEO MARSH EAST OF I-5	13.60	13.60	24.46	24.46
VERNAL POOL FE-VP 3	0.18	0.18	0.00	0.00
VERNAL POOL FE-VP 4	0.030	0.03	0.00	0.00
SAN ONOFRE CREEK / WETLAND COMPLEX	1.39	1.39	5.30	5.30
TOTAL	207.96	133.28	309.07	300.21

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Refer to Appendix B for isolated features totals

D.1 DRAINAGE DESCRIPTIONS – ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – FAR EAST
CROSSOVER – MODIFIED STUDY AREA

Portions of the A7C-FEC-M Alternative overlap with the CC, CC-ALPV and A7C-ALPV Alternatives. Please see drainage descriptions above for features that have been previously addressed.

Drainage 7-2

Drainage 7-2 consists of two tributaries. The southern tributary is incised within a historically disked canyon bottom. The presence of an OHWM was indicated by sediment deposits. The northern tributary consists of an unvegetated channel within sage scrub vegetation. The channel ends in ruderal vegetation.

Corps jurisdiction totals 0.02 acre, of which none are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.06 acre, of which none consists of vegetated riparian habitat. The feature totals 0.06 acre of ephemeral channel..

Drainage 7-7

Drainage 7-7 is located to the west of the disturbance limits of the A7C – FEC-M alternative. It is wetland drainage vegetated with cattail (*Typha domingensis*, OBL) and bulrush (*Scirpus americanus*, OBL). Mulefat and willow (*Salix* species, FACW) vegetate the bank south of San Juan Creek Road.

Corps jurisdiction consists of 1.10 acres, of which 0.48 are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 2.44 acres, all of which consists of vegetation.

Drainage 7-11

Drainage 7-11 is an incised channel within the disturbance limits of the A7C – FEC-M alternative and is vegetated with upland scrub, chaparral, annual grassland and mulefat at its base. Riparian oak habitat is located on the sandy loam bed.

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by sediment deposits. OHWM ended in ruderal vegetation on the north side of Ortega Highway. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.03 acre, none of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage 7-12

Drainage 7-12 is incised and traverses the disturbance limits in a northeast direction. The base is vegetated with mulefat.

Corps jurisdiction totals 0.11 acre, none of which are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 1.94 acres, all of which consist of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage FE/7-3

Drainage FE/7-3 runs north-east across the disturbance limits of the A7C – FEC-M alternative and is the western tributary is vegetated with willow woodland. The south central tributary is vegetated with oaks and mulefat and ends at a detention basin vegetated with mud nama (*Nama stenocarpum*, FACW) and cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC). The distinctive eastern tributary that parallels the road alignment is vegetated with southern will forest and coast oak. The terrain is broad and sandy with ample sediment deposits.

Corps jurisdiction totals 4.14 acres, of which 0.03 acre is wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 11.97 acres, of which 10.01 acres consist of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage FE/7-4

Drainage FE/7-4 is located both within the disturbance limits of the Far East Corridor alignments and also to the west of them. The tributaries are vegetated with oak woodland. Seepage supports cattails, willows and alkali meadow.

CDFG jurisdiction totals 2.47 acres, of which 2.38 acres consist of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage FE/7-5

Drainage FE/7-5 consists of several ephemeral channels that discharge into an artificially irrigated lake behind Trampas Dam.

The channel banks are vegetated with upland chaparral. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.02 acre, none of which consist of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage FE/7-6

Drainage FE/7-6 originates within the disturbance limits of the Far East Corridor alignments and traverses the alignment toward the east before reaching Cristianitos Creek. The channel is approximately two-to-five feet wide. The channel is moderately to deeply incised. The banks of the channel are vegetated with poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), coast live oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*, UPL), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), hollyleaf redberry (*Rhamnus ilicifolia*, UPL), monkeyflower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), giant wild rye (*Leymus condensatus*, FACU), and Italian thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalus*, UPL).

The OHWM was identified based on debris racks, sediment deposits, and shelving. A riparian oak canopy extends beyond the channel to approximately 65 feet in width. Corps jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 0.36 acre. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 2.17 acres, of which 1.95 acres consist of riparian oak habitat.

Drainage FE/7-7

Drainage FE/7-7 originates within the disturbance limits of the Far East Corridor alignment and traverses the alignment toward the east before reaching Cristianitos Creek. The channel is approximately two-to-five feet wide through most of the alignment. One section of the channel located immediately above an access road crossing is approximately 22 feet wide. Sediment deposition has widened the channel in this area. The channel is incised through bedrock in the upper part and is located within a deep v-shaped canyon through the mid reach. The banks of the channel are vegetated with poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), coast live oak's (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*, UPL), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), hollyleaf redberry (*Rhamnus ilicifolia*, UPL), monkeyflower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), giant wild rye (*Leymus condensatus*, FACU), and Italian thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalus*, UPL). A small patch of wrinkled rush (*Juncus rugulosus*, OBL) occurs in the upper part of a small tributary.

The OHWM was identified based on debris racks, sediment deposits, and shelving. A riparian oak canopy extends beyond the channel to approximately 65 feet in width.

Wetland habitat occurs within the channel at the lower, immediately before reaching Cristianitos Creek. The channel is vegetated with southern cattail (*Typha domingensis*, OBL), arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), tall flat sedge (*Cyperus eragrostis*, FACW), and blackberry (*Rubus urisinus*, FAC). The channel exhibited slowly flowing water approximately two inches deep at the time of our site visit in June 2004. Soils within the channel exhibit hydric characteristics including a sandy texture with a mucky, organic surface.

A small tributary occurs north of the upper end of the main channel and terminates in a closed basin. The tributary is vegetated with a mix of upland ruderal vegetation and mule fat scrub. The basin is vegetated with upland ruderal species and cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+). The basin has no outlet.

Corps jurisdiction totals 1.36 acres, of which 0.09 acre is wetland. CDFG jurisdiction totals 11.55 acres, of which 11.19 acres consist of vegetated riparian oak habitat.

Drainage FE/7-8

Drainage FE/7-8 originates within the disturbance limits of the Far East Corridor alignments and traverses the alignment toward the east before reaching Cristianitos Creek. The channel is approximately two-to-four feet wide. The channel is moderately incised. The banks of the

channel are vegetated with poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), coast live oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*, UPL), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), hollyleaf redberry (*Rhamnus ilicifolia*, UPL), monkeyflower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), giant wild rye (*Leymus condensatus*, FACU), and Italian thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalus*, UPL). A patch of mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW) and few arroyo willows (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW) occurs at the mid-point of the drainage. A riparian oak canopy extends beyond the channel to approximately 65 feet in width in the upper portion of the channel.

The OHWM was identified based on debris racks, sediment deposits, and shelving.

Corps jurisdiction totals 0.43 acres, none of which are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 2.91 acres, of which 2.62 acres consist of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage FE/7-9

Drainage FE/7-9 originates within the disturbance limits of the Far East Corridor alignment and traverses the alignment toward the east before reaching Cristianitos Creek. The channel is approximately two-to-four feet wide. In the upper part, the drainage is located within a series of deep v-shaped canyons. Below the confluence of these upper canyons, the channel is no longer discernible. The channel begins again with a headcut approximately 600 feet below this point. In the upper part the channel is vegetated with poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), coast live oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*, UPL), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), and hollyleaf redberry (*Rhamnus ilicifolia*, UPL). The lower portion of the drainage is vegetated with California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), monkeyflower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), giant wild rye (*Leymus condensatus*, FACU), mugwort (*Artemisia douglasiana*, FAC), and Italian thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalus*, UPL).

The OHWM was identified based on debris racks, sediment deposits, and shelving. Corps and CDFG jurisdiction associated with Drainage FE/7-9 totals 0.16 acre.

Drainage FE/7-10

Drainage FE/7-10 originates within the disturbance limits for the Far East Corridor alignment and extends south beyond the eastern disturbance limits where the OHWM disappears briefly in a grassy swale before joining Cristianitos Creek within the disturbance limits for the Far East Alignment. The channel bed is composed of well-drained soils, cobbles and leaf litter. The channels upper reaches are vegetated with coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicanus*, FACU), monkey flower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), lemonadeberry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), cudweed (*Gnathaliium canescens*, UPL), mugwort (*Artemisia douglasiana*, FAC), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), western ragweed (*Ambrosia*

psilostachya, FAC), and non-native grasses and herbs such as wild lettuce (*Lactuca serriola*, FAC), cardoon (*Cynara cardunculus*, UPL), mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), and tocalote (*Centaurea melitensis*, UPL). The channels lower reaches are vegetated with coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*, UPL), tree tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*, FAC), California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), white clover (*Melilotus alba*, FACU), mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), and non-native grasses.

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. The oak canopy varied from 50 to 80 feet wide.

A tributary channel originates at the eastern edge of the Talega development, traverses the disturbance limits and joins Drainage FE/7-3. The channel bed is composed of well drained soils, cobbles and leaf litter and the banks are vegetated with coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicanus*, FACU), monkey flower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), lemonadeberry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), cudweed (*Gnathaliium bicolor*, UPL), mugwort (*Artemisia douglasiana*, FAC), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), and non-native grasses and herbs such as wild lettuce (*Lactuca serriola*, FAC), cardoon (*Cynara cardunculus*, UPL), mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), and tocalote (*Centaurea melitensis*, UPL).

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. The oak canopy varied from 50 to 80 feet wide.

Corps jurisdiction associated with Drainage FE/7-3 totals 0.30 acre. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the drainage totals 2.88 acres, of which 2.76 acres consists of riparian habitat.

Drainage FE/7-11

Drainage FE/7-11 is located within the disturbance limits of the Far East Corridor alignment and is relatively incised. It is vegetated with southern willow scrub, some willow wetland, cattails and alkali meadow. The vegetation appears partially supported by urban runoff.

Corps jurisdiction totals 1.10 acres, of which 0.12 acres are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 1.35 acres, all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat

Drainage FE/7-12

Drainage FE/7-12 originates to the west of the Far East Corridor alignment and traverses the disturbance limits to join Cristianitos Creek. The channel varies from five to twelve feet in width. The channel bed of the upper reach is composed of a sandy loam substrate and exhibited surface water in September. This portion of the channel is vegetated with cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+), rabbitsfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW+), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW-), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), coyote brush (*Baccharis*

pilularis, UPL), white clover (*Melilotus alba*, FACU), salt cedar (*Tamarix* sp., FACW), and pampas grass (*Cortaderia selloana*, UPL). The lower reach of the channel has a cobbly sandy loam bed, with some evidence of subsurface flow and is vegetated with mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW-), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), white clover (*Melilotus alba*, FACU), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), giant wild rye (*Leymus condensatus*, FACU), rabbitsfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW+), and non-native grasses. The riparian vegetation varies from 17 feet to 90 feet in width. The presence of an OHWM was indicated by change in soil character. A deeply incised v-channel occurs within this drainage system. The channel originates to the west of the alignment and traverses the disturbance limits to join the main channel. The upper reaches of the v-channel, over 700 feet west of the disturbance limits, supports a cattail wetland. The lower reaches of the channel are vegetated with saltgrass (*Distichlis spicata*, FACW), mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW-), narrow leaved cattail (*Typha* sp., OBL), artichoke thistle (*Cynara cardunculus*, UPL), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), and sow thistle (*Sonchus oleraceus*, NI). The channels riparian vegetation varies from four to 15 feet in width. The presence of an OHWM was indicated by shelving and a change in soil character. A series of ephemeral, incised tributary channels occur within this drainage system. These features average one-to-two feet in width. The slopes of these tributaries are composed of colluvial soils that contribute to erosion. The channel beds are composed of fine sandy loam with angular cobbles and are vegetated with coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), sow thistle (*Sonchus oleraceus*, NI), fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*, FACU), and non-native grasses with sparse native needlegrass (*Nassella pulchra*, UPL) on the upper banks.

Corp jurisdiction associated with Drainage FE/7-12 totals 1.33 acres, of which 0.63 acre consists of jurisdictional wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the drainage totals 3.02 acres, 3.00 acres of which consists of riparian habitat.

Vernal Marsh FEVM 17

Vernal Marsh FEVM 17 formed in a landslide created basin covering approximately 0.05 acre. The basin supports cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC), Mexican rush (*Juncus Mexicanus*, FACW), and mule fat (*Baccharis Salicifolia*, FACW). Ponding was observed from February 21, 2001 though April 8, 2001 meeting criteria 3 for hydric soils and the criteria for wetland hydrology (saturated in the upper 12 inches for a minimum of 18 consecutive days).

This feature is adjacent to other jurisdictional features, and therefore is subject to Corps jurisdiction, which totals 0.05 acre of wetland.

Drainage FE/7-13

Drainage FE/7-13 originates east of the Far East Corridor alignment and continues east to join Cristianitos Creek. The steep channel averages one foot wide and is composed of fine sandy loam with about 90 percent cobbles and angular rock fragments. The banks are colluvium. The

channel is vegetated with coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), cardoon (*Cynara cardunculus*, UPL), wild oat (*Avena sp.*, UPL), fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*, FACU), Italian thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalus*, UPL), riggut brome (*Bromus diandrus*, UPL), black mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), and white clover (*Melilotus alba*, FACU).

The presence of an OHWM was determined by shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. Corps and CDFG jurisdiction associated with the drainage totals 0.02 acre.

Drainage FE/7-14

Drainage FE/7-14 originates to the east of the Far East Corridor alignment and traverses the disturbance limits to join Cristianitos creek. The steeply incised channel varies from two to four feet wide and has a bed composed of cobbly sand with low organic matter. The channel is vegetated with sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW-), purple needlegrass (*Nassella pulchra*, UPL), cardoon (*Cynara cardunculus*, UPL), fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*, FACU), and non-native grasses.

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by the presence of litter and debris. Riparian vegetation is contained within the channel.

Several tributaries to the main channel occur within the drainage system. These tributaries are located in deep v-shaped canyons and vary from one to six feet in width. The upper reaches of these drainages have a shallow A horizon with pockets of buried detrital matter that overlays loamy sand with large cobbles and boulders. The channels are vegetated with a few black (*Salix gooddingii*, OBL) and arroyo (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW) willows throughout the channel, lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), sticky leaf monkey flower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), purple needlegrass (*Nassella pulchra*, UPL), giant wild rye (*Leymus condensatus*, FACU), a few mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW-), and a few Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*, FAC) on the upper banks. The lower reaches have a much lower organic content in the soil and are vegetated with mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW-), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*, FAC), sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), tarweed (*Hemizonia fasciculara*, UPL), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), and poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL).

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by the presence of debris and litter.

Corps jurisdiction associated with the drainage system totals 0.34 acres. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the drainage system totals 0.38 acres, 0.23 acres of which consists of riparian vegetation.

Vernal Marsh FEVM 16

Vernal Marsh FEVM 16 formed in a landslide created basin covering approximately 0.05 acre. The basin supports cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC). Ponding was observed from February 13, 2001 though May 15, 2001 meeting criteria 3 for hydric soils and the criteria for wetland hydrology (saturated in the upper 12 inches for a minimum of 18 consecutive days).

This feature is adjacent to other jurisdictional features, and therefore is subject to Corps jurisdiction, which totals 0.05 acre of wetland.

The seasonal marsh is not subject to CDFG jurisdiction.

Vernal Marsh FEVM 18

Vernal Marsh FEVM 18 formed in a landslide created basin covering approximately 0.04 acre. The basin supports cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC), mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), alkali mallow (*Malvella leprosa*, FAC), cudweed (*Gnathaliium luteo-album*, FACW-), rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW+), Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*, FACW) and (*Echinochloa* sp., ≥FACW). The basin failed to pond in 2001, however, ponding was observed from January 25, 1997 to April 10, 1997 during fairy shrimp surveys.

This feature is adjacent to other jurisdictional features, and therefore is subject to Corps jurisdiction, which totals 0.04 acre of wetland.

Vernal Marsh FEVM 19

Vernal Marsh FEVM 19 formed in a landslide created basin covering approximately 0.06 acre. The basin supports cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC), mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), alkali mallow (*Malvella leprosa*, FAC), cudweed (*Gnathaliium luteo-album*, FACW-), rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW+), Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*, FACW) and (*Echinochloa* sp., ≥FACW). Ponding was observed from February 21, 2001 though April 4, 2001 meeting criteria 3 for hydric soils and the criteria for wetland hydrology (saturated in the upper 12 inches for a minimum of 18 consecutive days).

This feature is adjacent to other jurisdictional features, and therefore is subject to Corps jurisdiction, which totals 0.06 acre of wetland.

Drainage FE/7-15

Drainage FE/7-15 consists of an incised channel that varies three to eight feet in width cut through stratified sandy and cobbly alluvial sediments. The channel originates to the west of the Far East Corridor alignment and traverses the disturbance limits to join Cristianitos Creek. The

channel bed is composed of medium loamy sand and is vegetated with sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW-), rabbitsfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW+), white sage (*Salvia apiana*, UPL), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), and coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL). The mule fat scrub varies from six to eight feet wide. The presence of an OHWM was determined by shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation.

Two tributary drainages occur within the disturbance limits. These channels vary from one to three feet wide and are composed of medium sandy loam with large cobbles, cut through stratified alluvium sediments. The channels are vegetated with coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), giant wild rye (*Leymus condensatus*, FACU), Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*, FAC), sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), sticky leaf monkey flower (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), black mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), ripgut brome (*Bromus diandrus*, UPL), deerweed (*Lotus scoparius*, UPL), and common sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*, FAC-).

The presence of an OHWM was determined by shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation.

Corps jurisdiction associated with the drainage system totals 0.40 acre, of which 0.03 acre consists of wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the drainage system totals 0.88 acre, of which 0.64 acre consists of mule fat scrub.

Drainage FE/7-16

Drainage FE/7-16 originates to the west of the Far East Corridor alignment and traverses the disturbance limits to join Cristianitos Creek. The channel varies from four to five feet wide and is composed of a cobbly sandy substrate. The channel is located within a highly incised canyon and is vegetated with buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*, UPL), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), laurel sumac (*Malosra laurina*, UPL), Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*, FAC), poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), tree tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*, FAC), fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*, FACU), giant wild rye (*Leymus condensatus*, FACU), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), and sticky leaf monkey flower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL).

The presence of an OHWM was determined by shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. Corps, and CDFG jurisdiction associated with the drainage totals 0.23 acres.

Drainage FE/7-18

Drainage FE/7-18 is a highly vegetated V channel that varies from five to 18 feet in width. Its tributary varies from three to five feet in width. The channel has a sandy loam substrate with no cobbles or boulders and is vegetated with cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW-), arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), pampas grass

(*Cortaderia selloana*, UPL), and bristly ox tongue (*Picris echioides*, FAC). The willow and mule fat scrub varies from 20 feet to 50 feet in width wide.

The presence of an OHWM was determined by shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. Corps jurisdiction associated with the drainage totals 1.10 acres. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the drainage totals 1.72 acres, of which 0.95 acre consists of willow scrub.

Drainage FE/7-19

Drainage FE/7-19 originates within the disturbance limits and traverses the Far East Corridor alignment to join San Mateo Creek. The high gradient channel averages one foot in width and is composed of sandy loam soils with high organic content in the A horizon. The drainage is vegetated with monkey flower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), gum plant (*Grindelia camporum*, FACU), and bladderpod (*Isomeris arborea*, UPL).

The presence of an OHWM was determined by shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. Corps and CDFG jurisdiction associated with the drainage totals 0.03 acre.

Drainage FE/7-20

Drainage FE/7-20 originates within the disturbance limits of the Far East Corridor alignment and traverses the alignment to join San Mateo Creek. The channel averages one foot in width and vegetated with coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*, FAC), sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), tree tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*, FAC), and cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC).

The presence of an OHWM was determined by shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. Corps and CDFG jurisdiction associated with the drainage totals 0.03 acre.

Drainage FE/7-21

Drainage FE/7-21 varies from two to six feet in width. The channel originates west of the Far East Corridor alignment and traverses the disturbance limits to join San Mateo Creek. The channel is composed of fine-sandy loam soil with no cobbles or boulders and is vegetated with Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*, FAC), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), and cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC).

The presence of an OHWM was determined by shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. The Mexican elderberry averages 30 feet in width. Corps jurisdiction associated with the drainage totals 0.28 acre. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the drainage totals 1.68 acre, all of which consists of riparian habitat.

Drainage FE/7-22

Drainage FE/7-22 originates west of the Far East Corridor alignment and traverses the disturbance limits to join San Mateo Creek. The deeply incised channel varies from 10 to 25 feet in width and is composed of sandy soil with no cobbles. The middle portion of the channel is vegetated with Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*, FAC), sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), and non-native pampas grass (*Cortaderia selloana*, UPL). The upstream and downstream reaches support willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW) and mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW).

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. The riparian vegetation varies from 25 to 40 feet in width.

Two tributary drainages occur within the alignment. The channels average two feet in width and are composed of coarse sand, sandy loam and no cobbles. The lower reach of the channels are natural, while its upper reach has been filled and rerouted by agricultural activities. The channel is vegetated with mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW-), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*, FACU), Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*, FAC), horseweed (*Conyza canadensis*, FAC), and castor bean (*Ricinus communis*, UPL).

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by destruction of terrestrial vegetation and shelving.

Corps jurisdiction associated with the drainage system totals 0.63 acres. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the drainage system totals 1.38 acres, of which 1.23-acres consist of riparian habitat.

Drainage FE/7-23

Drainage FE/7-23 originates within the disturbance limits of the Far East Corridor alignment and extends southeast to join San Mateo Creek. The channel averages one foot in width and is composed of cobbly sand that results from road runoff. The drainage is vegetated with mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW-), fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*, FACU), castor bean (*Ricinus communis*, UPL), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), tocalote (*Centaurea melitensis*, UPL), mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), and wild oats (*Avena sp.*, UPL).

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by destruction of terrestrial vegetation and shelving. Corps and CDFG jurisdiction associated with the drainage totals 0.02 acre.

Drainage FE/7-24

Drainage FE/7-24 originates within the disturbance limits of the Far East Corridor alignment and extends southeast to join San Mateo creek. The channel averages three feet in width and is composed of cobbly sand. The drainage is vegetated with coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*, FACU), sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW-), mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), and Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*, FAC).

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by destruction of terrestrial vegetation and shelving. Corps and CDFG jurisdiction associated with the drainage totals 0.04 acre.

Drainage FE/7-25

Drainage FE/7-25 originates within the disturbance limits of the Far East Corridor alignment and extends southeast to join San Mateo Creek. The channel varies from one to three feet in width and is composed of cobbly sand. The drainage is vegetated with sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), tree tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*, FAC), coast sunflower (*Encelia californica*, UPL), and Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*, FAC).

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by destruction of terrestrial vegetation and shelving. Corps and CDFG jurisdiction associated with the drainage totals 0.05 acre.

San Mateo Creek

The San Mateo Creek/Wetland Complex consists of the braided channel of San Mateo Creek and includes areas of the low-flow channel, which are supported by base flow throughout the year. The channel varies from 200 to 1100 feet wide and is composed of coarse sand with cobbles and boulders. There are similar but narrower braids throughout the channel bed with several islands that support both annual and perennial vegetation including mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW-), narrow-leaved willow (*Salix exigua*, OBL), arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*, FACU), rabbitsfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW+), red and ripgut brome (*Bromus rubens* and *Bromus diandrus*, UPL), white clover (*Melilotis alba*, FACU), and curly dock (*Rumex crispus*, FACW-). In general, vegetation within the drainage varies from mature willow woodland to mule fat scrub and open cobbly wash. Wetland areas are vegetated with yellow willow (*Salix lucida*, FACW), arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), cattail (*Typha domingensis*, OBL), spike rush (*Eleocharis acicularis*, OBL), bulrush (*Scirpus americanus*, OBL), narrow leafed willow (*Salix exigua*, OBL), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW-), sedge (*Cyperus* sp., ≥FACW) iceplant (*Carpobrotus* sp., UPL), saltgrass (*Distichlis spicata*, FACW), celery (*Apium graveolens*, FACW), cudweed (*Gnathaliium luteo-album* (FACW-), white alder (*Alnus rhombifolia*, FACW), horsetail (*Equisetum* sp., ≥FAC), and rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW+).

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by the presence of litter and debris, clear line impressed upon the bank, destruction of terrestrial vegetation and change in soil character. Corps jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 35.33 acres, of which 15.25 acres consist of jurisdictional wetlands. CDFG and jurisdiction associated with the channel total 47.71 acres, all of which consists of riparian habitat. Riparian habitat within the Coastal Zone totals 17.44 acres, all of which consists of one-parameter wetland.

San Mateo Marsh

San Mateo Marsh is a coastal freshwater marsh that is located near the southern end of the study area where San Mateo Creek discharges into the ocean. The marsh is a mosaic of wetland/riparian habitat that is located on both the coastal and inland sides of Interstate-5. The Trestles Wetland Preserve, on the coastal side of Interstate-5, consists of willow riparian forest, southern sycamore riparian forest, freshwater marsh dominated by hardstem bulrush (*Scirpus acutus*, OBL) and southern cattail (*Typha domingensis*, OBL), brackish marsh dominated by Olney's bulrush (*Scirpus americanus*, OBL), and small areas of coastal salt marsh dominated by fleshy jaumea (*Jaumea carnosa*, OBL) and pickleweed (*Salicornia virginica*, OBL).

Delineation of the coastal side of Interstate-5 was based on aerial photography and has not been confirmed in the field since it lies outside of the disturbance limits. Corps, CDFG and CCC jurisdiction associated with the wetland totals approximately 68.55 acres all of which consist of jurisdictional wetlands.

Vernal Marsh FE-VM 20

Vernal Marsh FE-VM 20 is located adjacent to the Interstate-5 off ramp at Basilone Road. The basin appears to have been created by construction of the offramp and supports hydrophytic vegetation including mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), western goldenrod (*Euthamia occidentalis*, OBL), and salt marsh fleabane (*Pluchea odorata*, OBL). The basin was observed to be ponded from February 13, 2001 to February 21, 2001 meeting criteria 3 for hydric soils.

This feature is adjacent to other jurisdictional features, and therefore is subject to Corps jurisdiction, which totals 0.05 acre of wetland.

San Mateo Marsh East of I-5

Inland from Interstate-5, a portion of San Mateo Marsh, separated from San Mateo creek by agricultural fields is located immediately east of Interstate-5 and north of Basilone Road. This area consists of willow riparian forest and brackish marsh. The willow riparian forest is dominated by arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW) with an understory of giant nettle (*Urtica dioica*, FACW). The wettest areas within the willow forest supports fruit bur-reed (*Spartanium eurycarpum*, OBL), Olney's bulrush (*Scirpus americanus*, OBL), red-rooted umbrella sedge

(*Cyperus erythrorhizos*, OBL), straw colored umbrella sedge (*Cyperus strigosus*, FACW), and California bulrush (*Scirpus californicus*, OBL). Sediment deposits and moderate shelving indicated the presence of hydrology. Soils were composed of low chroma silt layers interbedded with layers of fine sand and buried organics.

Corps jurisdiction associated with marsh totals 13.60 acres, all of which consist of wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the marsh totals approximately 24.46 acres, all of which consist of willow woodland. Riparian habitat within the Coastal Zone totals 23.52 acres, all of which consists of one-parameter wetland.

Vernal Pool FE-VP 3

Vernal Pool FE-VP 3 is a basin which covers 0.18 acres vegetated with dwarf wholly heads (*Psilocarphus brevissimus*, OBL), rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW), Boccone's sand spurry (*Spergularia bocconei*, FAC), smooth cat's ear (*Hypochaeris glabra*, UPL), and mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW). The basin was observed to be ponded from February 13, 2001 to February 21, 2001 meeting criteria 3 for hydric soils.

This feature is adjacent to other jurisdictional features, and therefore is subject to Corps jurisdiction, which totals 0.18 acre of wetland.

Vernal Pool FE-VP 4

Vernal Pool FE-VP 4 is located on the bluff north of San Onofre Creek. The 0.09-acre basin supported dwarf wholly heads (*Psilocarphus brevissimus*, OBL), hyssop loosestrife (*Lythrum hyssopifolium*, FACW), rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW), and curly dock (*Rumex crispus*, FACW). The basin was observed to be ponded from February 13, 2001 to February 21, 2001 meeting criteria 3 for hydric soils.

This feature is adjacent to other jurisdictional features, and therefore is subject to Corps jurisdiction, which totals 0.03 acre of wetland.

San Onofre Creek

The San Onofre Creek/Wetland complex is a major drainage within the study area. The low flow channels within the creek are dominated by herbaceous cover including water-cress (*Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*, OBL) yellow waterweed (*Ludwigia peploides*, OBL), water speedwell (*Veronica anagallis-aquatica*, OBL), southern cattail (*Typha domingensis*, OBL), and common monkey flower (*Mimulus guttatus*, OBL). Dominant overstory vegetation includes western sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*, FACW) and arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW).

Corps jurisdiction totals 1.39 acres, all of which is wetlands. CDFG and CCC jurisdiction totals 5.3 acres, all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

E. FAR EAST CORRIDOR – MODIFIED STUDY AREA

Several jurisdictional areas associated with Far East Corridor – Modified (FEC-M) study area were delineated for Rancho Mission Viejo. These areas have been verified by both Corps and CDFG and are indicated on the delineation maps as verified. For all other areas, the jurisdictional totals were mapped in 2001 and 2003. Exhibit 1 depicts the location and extent of Corps jurisdictional areas. Exhibit 2 depicts the location and extent of CDFG jurisdictional areas.

Corps jurisdiction associated with the FEC-M Alternative study area totals approximately 212.09 acres, of which 138.23 acres consist of jurisdictional wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the FEC-M Alternative study area totals 341.15 acres, of which 332.68 acres consists of vegetated riparian or wetland habitat. CCC jurisdiction associated with the FEC-M Alternative study area totals approximately 115.06 acres, all of which consist of one-parameter wetlands.

TABLE A-7
JURISDICTIONAL AREAS
FAR EAST CORRIDOR – MODIFIED STUDY AREA
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	CORPS ²		CDFG	
	Total	Wetlands	Total	Vegetated
FE/C/7 WETLAND 1	12.62	12.62	12.62	12.62
FE/C/7-1	0.09	0.00	0.73	0.66
FE/C/7 WETLAND 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FEC/7-2	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
FE/C/7-3	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
FE/C/7-4	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
FE/7-1	0.00	0.00	3.27	3.16
FE/7-2	0.00	0.00	0.57	0.48
FE-1	0.00	0.00	1.76	1.70
FE – WETLAND 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FE-2	0.00	0.00	5.81	5.81
FE-2A	0.00	0.00	1.48	1.44
FE-2B	0.14	0.00	0.14	0.00
FE – POND 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FE-3 CANADA GOBANADORA	1.91	1.85	6.72	6.72
FE-4	0.00	0.00	4.82	4.82
FE-5	0.63	0.15	5.46	5.20
FE – WETLAND 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	CORPS ²		CDFG	
	Total	Wetlands	Total	Vegetated
FE-6	0.00	0.00	1.12	1.07
FEW -1	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.00
FE-7	4.52	2.26	12.27	10.79
FEM-1	2.19	0.34	5.10	4.79
FEM-2	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
FEM-3	0.00	0.00	1.77	1.77
FEM-5	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
FEM-6	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00
FEM-7	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.02
FEM-8	0.02	0.00	0.07	0.06
FEM-9	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
FEM-POND 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FEM-VM 7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FEM-VM 8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FEM-VM 9	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78
FEM-VM 10	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00
FEM-VM 11	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00
FEM-VM 12	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00
FEM-VP 2	0.18	0.18	0.00	0.00
FEM – SEEP 1	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51
FEM – SAN JUAN CREEK	26.87	2.92	26.87	26.87
FEM-10	1.82	0.63	6.30	6.04
FEM-11	6.65	5.80	9.40	9.18
FEM-12	0.52	0.00	0.63	0.22
FEM-13	0.89	0.03	3.05	2.52
FEM-14	0.24	0.00	0.29	0.06
FEM-15	0.36	0.00	0.36	0.00
FEM-16	0.22	0.00	0.96	0.86
FE/7-7	1.35	0.09	11.55	11.19
FEM-17	0.44	0.07	1.29	1.11
GABINO CREEK	4.74	0.19	4.32	4.32
CRISTIANITOS CREEK	18.06	9.64	47.59	47.30
FE/7-8	0.43	0.00	2.91	2.62
FE/7-8A	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.00
FE/7-8B	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
FE/7-9	0.18	0.00	0.18	0.00
FEM-18	0.04	0.00	0.12	0.09

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	CORPS ²		CDFG	
	Total	Wetlands	Total	Vegetated
FEM-19	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
FEM-20	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00
FE/7-10	0.31	0.00	2.90	2.76
FE/7-11	1.09	0.12	1.35	1.35
FE/7-12	1.39	0.68	3.06	3.04
FE/7-13	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00
FE/7-14	0.34	0.00	0.38	0.23
FE/7-VM 16	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00
FE/7-VM 17	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00
FE/7-VM 18	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00
FE/7-VM 19	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00
FE/7-15	0.40	0.03	0.88	0.64
FE/7-16	0.23	0.00	0.23	0.00
FE/7-17	0.21	0.00	0.21	0.00
FE/7-18	1.10	0.00	1.72	0.95
FE/7-19	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00
FE/7-20	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00
FE/7-21	0.28	0.00	1.68	1.68
FE/7-22	0.63	0.00	1.38	1.23
FE/7-23	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00
FE/7-24	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.00
FE/7-25	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.00
SAN MATEO CREEK	35.33	15.25	47.71	47.71
SAN MATEO MARSH	68.55	68.55	68.55	68.55
SAN MATEO MARSH - EAST OF I5	13.60	13.60	24.46	24.46
FE/7-VM 20	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00
FE/7-VP 3	0.18	0.18	0.00	0.00
FE/7-VP 4	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00
SAN ONOFRE CREEK	1.39	1.39	5.30	5.30
TOTAL	212.18	138.28	341.15	332.68

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Refer to Appendix B for isolated features totals

E.1 DRAINAGE DESCRIPTIONS – FEC-M STUDY AREA

Portions of the FEC-M Alternative overlap with the CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-ALPV & M Alternatives. Please see drainage descriptions above for features that have been previously addressed.

Drainage FE-1

Drainage FE-1 varies from two to four feet in width. The channel originates east of the alignment common to all alternatives except the Central Corridor alternatives. It traverses the disturbance limits until the bed and bank terminates in grassland approximately a mile from Cañada Chiquita. The drainage supports oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL) woodland with scattered ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), scattered sedges (*Carex*), lemonade berry (*Rubus integrifolia*, UPL), and Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicanus*, FACU) in the riparian zone. The oak canopy averages 40 to 60 feet in width.

CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 1.76 acres, of which 1.70 acres is oak riparian habitat.

Drainage FE – Wetland 1

FE-Wetland 1 consists of a seep that has been highly disturbed by cattle. The seep is located approximately 100 feet to the west of FE-2. The seep is vegetated with curly dock (*Rumex crispus*, FACW-), Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*, FACW), watercress (*Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*, OBL), wild celery (*Apium graveolens*, FACW), and *Cyperus* sp., ≥FACW. The seep exhibited saturated soil and surface water in August; however, this seep exhibits no tributary connection to other jurisdictional waters and is not adjacent to other jurisdictional waters. Soils were gleyed clay loam.

The feature totals 0.16 acre, all of which is wetland. Since the feature does not exhibit a bank, it is not regulated by CDFG.

Drainage FE-2

Drainage FE-2 averages ten feet in width and extends parallel to the Far East Corridor and terminates in grassland approximately 500 feet from Cañada Gobernadora. The drainage is composed of gleyed clay loam soil with a sulfidic odor and exhibited surface water. The channel supported cattail (*Typha domingensis*, OBL), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), and spike rush (*Eleocharis* spp., ≥FACW). Vegetation on the banks includes willow (*Salix gooddingii*, OBL), arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), and mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW) with cardoon (*Cynara cardunculus*, UPL), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), and mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL) in the understory.

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by change in soil character and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. The willow canopy averages 100 feet in width. The feature totals 0.16 acre all of which consists of jurisdictional wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 1.78 acres of willow riparian habitat.

Drainage FE-2a

Drainage FE-2a varies from three to five feet in width and is heavily trampled by cattle. The channel is located within the disturbance limits and terminates in grassland. The unvegetated channel consists of saturated sandy loam soil with a well developed A horizon. The channel banks are vegetated with mature oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL) woodland with a few Mexican elderberries (*Sambucus mexicanus*, FACU) along the margins.

The feature totals 0.08 acre, none of which consists of jurisdictional wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 1.48 acres of which 1.44 acres are oak riparian habitat.

Drainage FE-2b

Drainage FE-2b exhibited base flows in July and varies from two to four feet wide. The channel originates west of the Far East Corridor alignment, traverses the disturbance limits and discharges into FE-3 east of the disturbance limits. The channel consists of sandy loam soil with high organic content and a well developed A horizon. The channel banks of the lower reach are vegetated with coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL) and lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL) while the banks of the upper reach are vegetated with non-native grasses and coastal sage scrub.

Corps, and CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 0.14 acre.

Drainage FE – Pond 1

FE-Pond 1 is constructed in upland and exhibits no surface connection to other jurisdictional waters. The feature totals 0.83 acre of ephemeral drainage, none of which is wetland. There is no CDFG jurisdictional acreage.

Drainage FE-3 Gobenadora

Drainage FE-3 is approximately 15 feet wide. It originates outside of the disturbance limits of the Far East Corridor and traverses the alignment. The channel bottom is clean sand, which exhibited base flow in July 2001. The channel is vegetated with arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), black willow (*Salix gooddingii*, OBL), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), tule rush (*Scirpus americanus*, OBL), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), white clover (*Melilotus alba*, FACU *alba*), cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+), willow weed

(*Polygonum lapathifolium*, OBL) watercress (*Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*, OBL), tall flatsedge (*Cyperus eragrostis*, FACW), speedwell (*Veronica angallis-aquatica*, OBL), and knotgrass (*Paspalum distichum*, OBL). The channel bed was composed of low chroma (10YR 4/1) sandy loam soils with mottles. Two adjacent areas had clear signs of water flow and some areas of saturated soil. The southern area was primarily vegetated with white clover (*Melilotus alba*, FACU), Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon*, FAC) and Italian rye grass (*Lolium multiflorum*, FAC), though there were many other hydrophytic species present including mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW) and willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW). The silty clay loam soils were low chroma (5YR 4/1) though there were no mottles present. The northern area had a larger proportion of mule fat and cocklebur. These two areas totaled approximately 14,000 square feet.

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by change in soil character, destruction of vegetation and shelving. Corps jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 1.91 acres, of which 1.85 acres are jurisdictional wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 6.72 acres of willow riparian habitat.

Drainage FE-4

Drainage FE-4 is located east of the Far East Corridor alignment. It originates with a wetland seep vegetated with black willow (*Salix gooddingii*, OBL), mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), wrinkled rush (*Juncus rugulosus*, OBL), Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*, FACW). The channel, which averages one foot wide, terminates in a depressional area approximately 1300 feet from Cañada Gobenadora. The channel is located within a relatively broad swale that has been disturbed by cattle. The channel bed is composed of a silt loam soil covered with a thick leaf layer and lacks a surface tributary connection with other jurisdictional waters. The channel banks are vegetated with coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), black willow (*Salix gooddingii*, OBL), giant wild rye (*Leymus condensatus*, FACU), mugwort (*Artemisia douglasiana*, FAC), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), milkweed (*Asclepias fascicularis*, FAC), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), tarweed (*Hemizonia fasciculata*, UPL), and non-native grasses. Where discernible, the presence of an OHWM was indicated by shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. The riparian oak canopy varies from 50 to 60 feet wide.

The feature totals 2.65 acre of ephemeral drainage. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 4.82 acres, of which all consists of oak riparian habitat.

FE – Wetland 2

FE – Wetland 2 exhibits influence by groundwater. It supports a single black willow (*Salix gooddingii*, OBL) and an understory of hydrophytic herbaceous vegetation including Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*, FACW).

The feature exhibits no bed and bank and is therefore not subject to CDFG jurisdiction. The feature totals 0.23 acre all of which consists of wetland.

Drainage FE-5

Drainage FE-5 varies from three to eight feet in width. The channel originates east of the Far East Corridor alignment, traverses the disturbance limits and extends west where the OHWM disappears upon reaching the road and before reaching Cañada Gobenadora. The mid reach segment of the drainage exhibited surface water, as well as highly organic sandy loam soil (N 3/1) with coarse distinct mottles and a sulfidic odor. This portion of the channel is vegetated with smartweed (*Polygonum punctatum*, OBL), watercress (*Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*, OBL), stinging nettle (*Urtica dioica*, FACW), black willow (*Salix gooddingii*, OBL) and duckweed (*Lemna* sp., OBL). The channel banks were vegetated with sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*, FACW), arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), and toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*, UPL). West of the alignment, the drainage supports mainly western sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*, FACW) dominated woodland. East of the alignment, the channel supports mature oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL) woodland. The banks of this portion of the drainage are vegetated with coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*, UPL), and lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL). Cattle have trampled the OHWM in some portions of the drainage.

Where discernible, the presence of an OHWM was determined by change in soil character, shelving, and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. The riparian vegetation varies from 10 to 200 feet in width. This feature includes an adjacent seep supporting alkali meadow vegetation. Corps jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 0.63 and 0.64 acres respectively, of which 0.15 acres consist of jurisdictional wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 5.46 acres, of which 5.20 acres consist of riparian habitat.

Drainage FE-6

Drainage FE-6 originates to the east of the Far East Corridor alignment, traverses the disturbance limits and extends west where the OHWM disappears in grassland, approximately 1,500 feet from Gobernadora Creek. The channel varies from one to three feet in width. The slightly incised channel bed is composed of sandy loam and leaf litter. The channel banks are vegetated with poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), monkey flower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), and Italian thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalis*, UPL).

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by change in soil character, shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. The riparian oak canopy averages 40 feet in width. The feature includes 0.11 acre of ephemeral drainage. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 1.12 acres, of which 1.07 acres consist of riparian habitat.

Drainage FEW-1

Drainage FEW-1 originates within the disturbance limits of the Far East Corridor alignment and extends west where it terminates in grassland, approximately 1,000 feet from Gobernadora Creek. The channel varies from three to five feet in width. The channel bed is composed of sandy loam and is vegetated with California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), monkey flower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicanus*, FACU), toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*, UPL), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), prickly pear (*Opuntia littoralis* sp., UPL), giant wild rye (*Leymus condensatus*, FACU), and non-native grass (*Brome* sp.).

The presence of an OHWM was determined by shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.12 acre, none of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat or wetland.

Drainage FE-7

Drainage FE-7 averages 13 feet in width. The channel originates north of the Far East Corridor – West alignment, traverses the disturbance limits and extends south of the disturbance limits to eventually join San Juan Creek. The drainage includes several tributaries ranging from two to five feet in width. The channel is composed of inundated coarse sandy loam with a gleyed color and sulfidic odor. The channel is vegetated with arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), wrinkled rush (*Juncus rugulosus*, OBL), willow herb (*Epilobium ciliatum*, FACW), coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), black willow (*Salix gooddingii*, OBL), and toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*, UPL).

The presence of an OHWM was determined by change in soil character, shelving, and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. The riparian canopy averages 50 feet in width.

A tributary to Drainage FE-7 occurs within the alignment and averages two feet in width. The tributary originates within the disturbance limits, traverses the alignment and extends west to join the main channel. The channel is composed of loamy sand covered with leaf litter and is vegetated with Italian thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalus*, UPL), mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), non-native grass (*Bromus* sp., NI), wild oat (*Avena* sp., UPL sp.), curly dock (*Rumex crispus*, FACW-), cudweed (*Gnathalium canescens*, UPL), monkey flower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), laurel sumac (*Malosma laurina*, UPL), California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*, UPL), and coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL).

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by shelving, change in soil character and destruction of terrestrial vegetation.

Corps jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 4.52 acres, of which 2.26 acres consist of jurisdictional wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 12.27 acres of which 10.79 acres consist of willow riparian habitat and riparian oak woodland.

Drainage FEM-1

Drainage FEM-1 varies from five to eight feet in width. The channel originates north of the FEC-M alignment, traverses the disturbance limits, and extends south and west of the concrete plant to join San Juan Creek. The channel is a sandy wash and is vegetated with coast live oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*, UPL), wrinkled rush (*Juncus rugulosus*, FACW), and sedge (*Cyperus sp.* ≥FACW).

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by change in soil character, shelving, and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. Portions of the drainage exhibit subsurface flows. The riparian vegetation varies from 10 to 52 feet in width. Corp jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 2.19 acres, of which 0.34 acres are wetland. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 5.10 acres, of which 4.79 acres consist of riparian habitat.

Drainage FEM-2

Drainage FEM-2 is an ephemeral drainage vegetated with scrub located west of the disturbance limits of the FEC-M alignment. The feature totals 0.01 acres. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.01 acres.

Drainage FEM-3

Drainage FEM-3 is a roadside, culturally altered drainage that supports natural plant communities. The channel originates north of the FEC-M alignment, traverses the disturbance limits, and extends south where it is diverted around the concrete plant. The OHWM disappears north of San Juan Creek. The channel varies from five to twenty feet in width. The channel bed is composed of coarse sand. The channel banks are vegetated with laurel sumac (*Malosma laurina*, UPL), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicanus*, FACU), buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*, UPL), sedge (*Cyperus SP.*, ≥FACW), mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), wild oat (*Avena sp.*, UPL), sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*, FACW) and curly dock (*Rumex crispus*, FACW).

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by destruction of terrestrial vegetation, change in soil character and shelving. The mule fat scrub varies from five to sixteen feet in width. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 1.77 acres, all of which consists of riparian habitat.

Drainage FEM-5

Drainage FEM-5 is located west of the Far East Corridor alignment and south of the concrete plant. The high gradient channel averages one foot in width, is scoured to bedrock and is unvegetated. The banks of the channel support fasciated tarplant (*Hemizonia fasciculata*, UPL), wild lettuce (*Lactuca serriola*, UPL), curly dock (*Rumex crispus*, FACW), tocalote (*Centaurea melitensis*, UPL) black mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), white clover (*Melilotus alba*, FACU), and telegraph weed (*Heterotheca grandiflora*, UPL).

The presence of an OHWM was determined by change in soil character, shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. Corps and CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel total 0.01 acre.

Drainage FEM-6

Drainage FEM-6 is located west of the Far East Corridor alignment and south of the concrete plant. The channel averages two feet in width. The banks of the channel support mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), curly dock (*Rumex crispus*, FACW), tocalote (*Centaurea melitensis*, UPL) black mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), white clover (*Melilotus alba*, FACU), and telegraph weed (*Heterotheca grandiflora*, UPL).

The presence of an OHWM was determined by change in soil character, shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. Corps and CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel total 0.02 acre.

Drainage FEM-7

Drainage FEM-7 is located west of the Far East Corridor alignment and south of the concrete plant. The channel averages two feet in width. The banks of the channel support mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), curly dock (*Rumex crispus*, FACW), tocalote (*Centaurea melitensis*, UPL) black mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), white clover (*Melilotus alba*, FACU), and telegraph weed (*Heterotheca grandiflora*, UPL).

The presence of an OHWM was determined by change in soil character, shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. Corps jurisdiction associated with the channel total 0.01 acre. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 0.02 acre all of which consists of mule fat scrub.

Drainage FEM-8

Drainage FEM-8 is located west of the Far East Corridor alignment and south of the concrete plant. The channel averages two feet in width and is somewhat incised. The channel bed is unvegetated. The banks of the channel support coastal sage scrub, riverwash species and non-

native herbs. There is a single patch of mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW) near the confluence with San Juan Creek.

The presence of an OHWM was determined by change in soil character, shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. Corps jurisdiction totals 0.02 acre, none of which are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.07 acre, of which 0.06 acre consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage FEM-9

Drainage FEM-9 is located west of the Far East Corridor alignment and south of the concrete plant. The channel averages two feet in width and is somewhat incised. The channel bed is unvegetated. The banks of the channel support coastal sage scrub, riverwash species and non-native herbs. The channel appears to drain into FE-Seep 2.

The presence of an OHWM was determined by change in soil character, shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. Corps and CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel total 0.01 acre.

FEM Pond 1

FEM-Pond 1 is a mining pit that supports black willow (*Salix gooddingii*, OBL) and willowweed (*Polygonum lapathifolium*, OBL).

The feature results from mining operations and is not subject to regulation by Corps or CDFG. The feature totals 3.61 acres, all of which are wetland.

Vernal Marsh FEVM 7

Vernal Marsh FEVM 7 is a basin that covers approximately 0.27 acre and was vegetated with scattered individuals of mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW-) and herbaceous hydrophytic vegetation including curly dock (*Rumex crispus*, FACW-), cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+), and rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW+) in 1995. The basin was observed to be ponded from January 11, 2001 to April 4, 2001 meeting criteria 3 for hydric soils and the criteria for wetland hydrology (saturated in the upper 12 inches for a minimum of 18 consecutive days).

This feature is on the terrace immediately adjacent to San Juan Creek. This feature is adjacent to San Juan Creek and therefore, is subject to Corps jurisdiction. Corps jurisdiction associated with the vernal marsh totals 0.19 acre of jurisdictional wetland. This feature does not exhibit a bed or bank and is therefore not regulated by CDFG.

Vernal Marsh FEVM 8

Vernal Marsh FEVM 8 is a basin that covers approximately 0.48 acre and was vegetated with scattered individuals of mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW-) and herbaceous hydrophytic vegetation including curly dock (*Rumex crispus*, FACW-), cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+), and rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW+) in 1995. The basin was observed to be ponded from January 25, 2001 to February 21, 2001 meeting criteria 3 for hydric soils and the criteria for wetland hydrology (saturated in the upper 12 inches for a minimum of 18 consecutive days). This feature is on the terrace immediately adjacent to San Juan Creek.

Corps jurisdiction associated with the vernal marsh totals 0.48-acre of jurisdictional wetland. This feature does not exhibit a bed or bank and is therefore not regulated by CDFG.

Vernal Marsh FEVM 9

Vernal Marsh FEVM 9 is a basin that covers approximately 0.79 acre and was vegetated with scattered individuals of mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW-) and black willow (*Salix gooddingii*, OBL) as well as herbaceous hydrophytic vegetation including needle-stemmed spike rush (*Eleocharis acicularis*, OBL), cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+), curly dock (*Rumex crispus*, FACW-), and rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW+). The basin was observed to be ponded from January 11, 2001 to May 15, 2001 meeting criteria 3 for hydric soils and the criteria for wetland hydrology (saturated in the upper 12 inches for a minimum of 18 consecutive days).

This feature is adjacent to other jurisdictional features, and therefore is subject to Corps jurisdiction, which totals 0.78 acre.

Vernal Marsh FEVM 10

Vernal Marsh FEVM 10 is a basin that covers approximately 0.06 acre and was vegetated with scattered individuals of mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW-) and herbaceous hydrophytic vegetation including hyssop loosestrife (*Lythrum hyssopifolium*, FACW), curly dock (*Rumex crispus*, FACW-), and rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW+). The basin was observed to be ponded from January 11, 2001 to April 8, 2001 meeting criteria 3 for hydric soils and the criteria for wetland hydrology (saturated in the upper 12 inches for a minimum of 18 consecutive days).

This feature is on the terrace immediately adjacent to San Juan Creek. This feature is adjacent to San Juan Creek and therefore, is subject to Corps jurisdiction. Corps jurisdiction associated with the vernal marsh totals 0.06 acre of jurisdictional wetland. This feature does not exhibit a bed or bank and is therefore not regulated by CDFG.

Vernal Marsh FEVM 11

Vernal Marsh FEVM 11 is a basin that covers approximately 0.04 acre and was vegetated with scattered individuals of mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW-) and herbaceous hydrophytic vegetation including needle-stemmed spike rush (*Eleocharis acicularis*, OBL), hyssop (*Lythrum hyssopifolium*, FACW), wrinkled rush (*Juncus rugulosus*, OBL), and rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW+) in 1995. The basin was observed to be ponded from February 13, 2001 to February 21, 2001 meeting criteria 3 for hydric soils.

This feature is on the terrace immediately adjacent to San Juan Creek. This feature is adjacent to San Juan Creek and therefore, is subject to Corps jurisdiction. Corps jurisdiction associated with the vernal marsh totals 0.04 acre of jurisdictional wetland. This feature does not exhibit a bed or bank and is therefore not regulated by CDFG.

Vernal Marsh FEVM 12

Vernal Marsh FEVM 12 is a basin that covers approximately 0.04 acre and was vegetated with scattered individuals of mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW-) and herbaceous hydrophytic vegetation including wrinkled rush (*Juncus rugulosus*, OBL), hyssop loosestrife (*Lythrum hyssopifolium*, FACW), curly dock (*Rumex crispus*, FACW-), and rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW+) in 1995. The basin was observed to be ponded to a depth of 1 foot on February 21, 2001, meeting criteria 3 for hydric soils.

Corps jurisdiction associated with the vernal marsh totals 0.04-acre of jurisdictional wetland. This feature does not exhibit a bed or bank and is therefore not regulated by CDFG.

Vernal Pool FEVP 2

Vernal Pool FEVP 2 is a basin that covers approximately 0.18-acre and was vegetated with mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW-), hyssop loosestrife (*Lythrum hyssopifolium*, FACW), curly dock (*Rumex crispus*, FACW-), and rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW+) in 1995. The basin was observed to be ponded from February 13, 2001 to February 21, 2001 meeting criteria 3 for hydric soils.

This feature is on the terrace immediately adjacent to San Juan Creek. This feature is adjacent to San Juan Creek and therefore, is subject to Corps jurisdiction. Corps jurisdiction associated with the vernal pool totals 0.18 acre of jurisdictional wetland. This feature does not exhibit a bed or bank and is therefore not regulated by CDFG.

FEM – Seep 1

FEM-Seep 1 supports black willow (*Salix gooddingii*, OBL), wrinkled rush (*Juncus rugulosus*, OBL), and western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC) growing on moist sand.

with low chroma and redoxymorphic features. The seep has a clear drainage supplying runoff from the concrete plant, but has no clear drainage connecting it to San Juan Creek.

This feature is on the terrace immediately adjacent to San Juan Creek. This feature is adjacent to San Juan Creek and therefore, is subject to Corps jurisdiction. Corps jurisdiction total 0.51 acres, all of which are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.51 acres, all of which consist of vegetated riparian habitat.

FEM-San Juan Creek

San Juan Creek traverses the Far East Corridor alignment at a proposed bridge site. The channel bed varies from eight to 480 feet in width and contains perennial flows. The creek is a wide riparian area with one main wetland channel that begins to the east of the study area and terminates to the west of the proposed bridge. Some reaches are restricted within deeply incised bedrock, while others form braided channels in a broad floodplain. A second wetland channel originates at the freshwater marsh/pond approximately 650 feet to the east of the proposed bridge and flows on the south side of the broad channel bed. This channel extends west after the initial channel disappears. The creek is vegetated in part with arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), black willow (*Salix gooddingii*, OBL), yellow willow (*Salix lucida*, FACW), red willow (*Salix laevigata*, FACW), cattail (*Typha domingensis* and *Typha latifolia*, OBL), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), western sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*, FACW), giant reed (*Arundo donax*, FACW), monkey flower (*Mimulus cardinalis*, OBL), rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW), plantain (*Plantago major*, FACW), cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+), white clover (*Melilotus alba*, FACU *albus*), duckweed (*Lemna sp.*, OBL), tamarisk (*Tamarix ramosissima*, FACW), sow thistle (*Sonchus oleraceus*, NI), northern willow herb (*Epilobium ciliatum*, FACW), mugwort (*Artemisia douglasiana*, FAC), stinging nettles (*Urtica dioica*, FACW), African umbrella sedge (*Cyperus involucratus*, OBL), Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*, FACW), and bulrush (*Scirpus microcarpus*, OBL). Within the channel bed, slightly raised gravel bars support some upland vegetation, such as prickly pear (*Opuntia littoralis* sp., UPL), but also exhibit very large debris racks. Several low flow channels, some with hydric soils and flowing water or saturated soil, characterize the section of creek under the bridge crossing. There are also several pockets wetlands in depressional areas. The channel bed is primarily cobble and clean sand. The sandy soils at the fringe of the pond are saturated and have low chroma colors and evidence of redox. Standing water in soil pits may indicate high ground water though shelving, litter and debris also indicate surface flow. This ponding area is vegetated with similar species.

There is an elevated portion of the streambed with no hydric characteristics that appears to separate the west end of the ponding area from the San Juan Creek except for at the southern most side of creek bed where the wetland channel flows. The presence of an OHWM was indicated by shelving, lines impressed upon the banks, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, change in soil character and the presence of litter and debris. Corp and CDFG jurisdiction

associated with the channel totals 26.87 acres, of which 2.92 acres consist of jurisdictional willow riparian wetlands.

Drainage FEM-10

Drainage FEM-10 originates within the disturbance limits of the Far East Corridor alignment and flows north to join San Juan Creek just beyond Ortega Highway. The channel is deeply incised and varies from three to six feet in width. The banks of the channel support mature oak woodland. The channel bed is composed of sandy loam to clay loam with some cobbles and contains several pockets of sediment and detrital material deposited behind accumulated debris. The channel is vegetated with poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), monkeyflower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), heart-shaped pennstemon (*Keckiella cordifolia*, UPL), Italian thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalus*, UPL), and tumbleweed (*Salsola australis*, UPL). The riparian oak canopy varies from 30 to 90 feet in width.

Three tributary drainages discharge into Drainage FEM-10. The tributary channels are steep, moderately incised, and vary from three to four feet in width. The banks of the tributaries are vegetated with poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*, UPL), coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), laurel sumac (*Malosma laurina*, UPL), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), hollyleaf redberry (*Rhamnus ilicifolia*, UPL), monkeyflower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), giant wild rye (*Leymus condensatus*, FACU), and heart leaved penstemon (*Keckiella cordifolia*, UPL). A swale-like area occurs within one tributary that is vegetated with Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*, FACW). The swale exhibits high chroma soils and was determined to be non-wetland.

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by shelving, destruction of terrestrial vegetation and the presence of litter and debris. The oak canopy averages 40 feet in width.

Another tributary drainage occurs within this drainage system and drains to a pond. The pond that appears to be fed by this tributary drainage only. The pond is elevated above Drainage FEM-10 and is vegetated with knotgrass (*Paspalum distichum*, OBL) and cattail (*Typha domingensis*, OBL). The pond was inundated in August 2001 and exhibits a gleyed clay loam soil. A sulfidic odor was detected during our August 2001 field visit.

The pond measures approximately 100-feet by 180-feet. Corps and CDFG jurisdiction associated with the pond totals 0.46 acre.

Corps jurisdiction associated with the Drainage FEM-10 system totals 1.82 acres, of which 0.63 acres are wetland. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the drainage system totals 6.30 acres, of which 6.04 acres consist of riparian habitat.

Drainage FEM-11

Drainage FEM-11 has been severely trampled by cattle and includes a stock pond impoundment. The channel originates east of the Far East Corridor alignment, exits the disturbance limits to the south and continues to parallel the disturbance limits for several thousand feet. The channel varies from one to ten feet in width and is vegetated with mule fat scrub, willow riparian and upland vegetation.

The uppermost reach of the channel is a deeply entrenched with a cobble and loam bed. This portion of the channel is vegetated with mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), tocolate (*Centaurea melitensis*, UPL), Italian rye grass (*Lolium multiflorum*, FAC), spike rush (*Eleocharis*), and mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL). The slopes are vegetated with monkeyflower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), prickly pear (*Opuntia littoralis*, UPL), black sage (*Salvia mellifera*, UPL), and Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicanus*, FACU). Some portions of the upper reach are surrounded by both native and non-native grasses and vegetated with western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), rush (*Juncus* sp., ≥FACW), rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+), and curly dock (*Rumex crispus*, FACW-).

The drainage system includes several tributary drainages. Portions of the main channel and tributaries are severely trampled by cattle and vegetated with white sage (*Salvia apiana*, UPL), needlegrass (*Nassella pulchra*, UPL), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+), curly dock (*Rumex crispus*, FACW-), non-native grasses, and mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW).

A brief portion of the channel that extends outside of the disturbance limits supports willow woodland. This portion of the channel exhibited standing water in July 2001 and is vegetated with arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), wild rose (*Rosa californica*, FAC+), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), monkey flower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*, UPL), wild celery (*Apium graveolens*, FACW), Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*, FACW), spike rush (*Eleocharis*, ≥FACW), cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+), and rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW).

The reach just north of the stock pond is a low gradient drainage with 5 inches of coarse sand overlaying a loamy fine sand with redoxymorphic features. This portion of the channel is vegetated with mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW), and rush (*Juncus* sp., ≥FACW).

South of the stock pond the channel bed varies between loamy clay, sand and silty clay loam. In the southern reaches of the channel soils are low chrome (10YR4/2) with mottles. The channel is vegetated with western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon*

monspeliensis, FACW), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), black willow (*Salix gooddingii*, OBL), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*, UPL), salt grass (*Distichlis spicata*, FACW), bulrush (*Scirpus americanus*, OBL), spike rush (*Eleocharis sp.*, ≥FACW), cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+), Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*, FACW), cattail (*Typha sp.*, OBL), and knotgrass (*Paspalum distichum*, OBL). The slopes of the channel are intermittently vegetated with California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), and goldenbush (*Isocoma menziesii*, UPL), or a mosaic of native and non-native grassland. The presence of an OHWM was indicated by clear lines impressed upon the bank, destruction of vegetation, shelving and change in soil character. The riparian vegetation varies from five feet to 100 feet in width.

The tributary drainages generally vary from one to five feet wide, with one tributary ranging from eight to ten feet wide. The tributaries are generally vegetated with upland and riparian scrub vegetation including mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), monkey flower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), prickly pear (*Opuntia littoralis*, UPL), white sage (*Salvia apiana*, UPL), California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), tarweed (*Hemizonia fascicularis*, UPL), needlegrass (*Nasella pulchra*, UPL), black sage (*Salvia mellifera*, UPL), Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*, FACU), rush (*Juncus sp.*, ≥FACW), rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW), cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+), curly dock (*Rumex crispus*, FACW-), tocalote (*Centaurea melitensis*, UPL), Italian rye grass (*Lolium multiflorum*, FAC), and cudweed (*Gnathaliium canescens*, UPL).

The tributary that ranges from eight to ten feet wide is composed of sandy loam soil and has been heavily impacted by cattle. Several large ponding areas occur throughout the length of the channel. The upper reach of the channel supports scattered mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW) and nonnative grasses. The middle reach is vegetated with lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*, FACU), scrub oak (*Quercus dumosa*), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), black willow (*Salix gooddingii*, OBL), narrow leaved cattail (*Typha domingensis*, OBL), clover (*Melilotus alba*, FACU), and fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*, FACU), and has a bed consisting of 5" of coarse sand overlaying high chroma sandy loam with no redoxymorphic features. The lower reach is dominated by arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW) and is inundated. The riparian vegetation varies from 17 feet to 34 feet in width.

A wetland area originates west of the alignment and discharges into FEM-11. The channel is entrenched due to erosion and varies from one to five feet in width. The channel bed is composed of gleyed sandy clay with oxidized root channels and redoxymorphic feature (mottles). The channel was vegetated with wrinkled rush (*Juncus rugulosus*, FACW), bedstraw (*Galium*), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), weedy cudweed (*Gnathaliium luteo-album*), cudweed (*Gnathaliium canescens*, UPL), cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+), daisy

(*Erigeron*), spike rush (*Eleocharis*), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), monkey flower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), white sage (*Salvia apiana*, UPL), and buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*, UPL).

Corps jurisdiction totals 6.65 acres, of which 5.80 acres are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 9.4 acres, of which 9.18 acres consist of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage FEM-12

Drainage FEM-12 originates to the east of the Far East Corridor alignment and traverses the disturbance limits where it discharges into Cristianitos Creek. The channel varies from four to five feet in width and is composed of fine sandy loam with a high chroma and a moderately developed A horizon. The channel is vegetated with coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), and sticky monkey flower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL). The lower portion of the drainage is vegetated with mule fat/coyote brush scrub with approximately 30-percent cover by mule fat.

Two tributary drainages enter Drainage FEM-12. These vary from one to four feet in width and have been heavily impacted by cattle. The channel bed is composed of high chroma sandy loam with well developed A horizon. Vegetation within these tributaries includes California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), monkey flower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicanus*, FACU), needlegrass (*Nassella pulchra*, UPL), non-native grasses, western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), tocalote (*Centaurea melitensis*, UPL), goldenbush (*Isocoma menziesii*, UPL), and mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW).

Corp jurisdiction associated with the drainage system totals 0.52 acre. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the drainage system totals 0.63 acre, of which 0.22 acre consists of mule fat scrub.

Drainage FEM-13

Drainage FEM-13 originates to the east of the Far East Corridor alignment and traverses the disturbance limits and continues west until it terminates in mule fat scrub with a non-native understory. There is a culvert visible on the west side of the road that apparently connects FEM-13 to Cristianitos Creek. The channel varies from five to 22 feet in width alternates between grassy reaches and cobble substrate with cobbles predominating. The upper reach of the drainage, over 300 feet to the northeast of the disturbance limits, has evidence of seeps. The drainage is predominately vegetated with sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), mule fat (*Baccharis*

salicifolia, FACW), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), non-native grasses, saltgrass (*Distichlis spicata*, FACW), and rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW). There is, however, an extensive stretch of wetland within the channel. It is vegetated with rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW) and saltgrass (*Distichlis spicata*, FACW). The channel exhibited surface water in August and the bed was composed of low chroma (10YR4/2) silty clay loam soils with mottles. After its confluence with a small tributary, the channel is characterized by broad mule fat scrub. The understory contains western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW), various non-native grasses, Italian thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalis*, UPL), bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*, FACU), giant wild rye (*Leymus condensatus*, FACU), and curly dock (*Rumex crispus*, FACW-). Before the confluence with the tributary, mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW) is sparse and located within the channel. After the confluence, the mule fat scrub varies from 20 to 160 feet in width. Cattle had destroyed much of the channel. Where discernible, the presence of OHWM was indicated by change in soil character and destruction of terrestrial vegetation.

The tributary channel originates to the east of the alignment and discharges into main channel of Drainage FEM-13 within the disturbance limits. The channel varies from four to five feet in width and is composed of cobbly to large boulders. The drainage is vegetated with coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), black sage (*Salvia mellifera*, UPL), mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), and giant wild rye (*Leymus condensatus*, FACU). The presence of an OHWM was indicated by destruction of terrestrial vegetation and shelving.

Corps jurisdiction associated with the FEM-13 drainage system totals 0.89 acre, of which 0.03 acre consists of jurisdictional wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the drainage system totals 3.05 acres, of which 2.52 acres consist of mule fat scrub.

Drainage FEM-14

Drainage FEM-14 originates to the east of the Far East Corridor alignment and traverses the disturbance limits to join Cristianitos creek. The channel varies from three to four feet in width and has been scoured to badland sediments. The drainage is vegetated with western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), saltgrass (*Distichlis spicata*, FACW), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), coast live oak (*Quercus*, UPL), non-native grasses, needlegrass (*Nasella pulchra*, UPL), milkweed (*Asclepias fascicularis*), sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), and coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL).

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation. Corps jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 0.24 acre. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 0.29 acre, of which 0.06 acre consists of riparian oak habitat.

Drainage FEM-15

Drainage FEM-15 originates to the east of the Far East Corridor alignment and traverses the disturbance limits to join Cristianitos Creek. The channel is moderately incised and varies from five to seven feet in width. The channel bed is composed of loamy coarse sand overlaying sandy loam. The drainage is vegetated with Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon*, FAC), rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW), cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+), deer weed (*Lotus scoparius*, UPL), tocolate (*Centaurea melitensis*, UPL), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), and arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW). The single patch of arroyo willow measures approximately 300 square feet and one patch of mule fat measures approximately 100 square feet. All other scarce mule fat is contained within the channel. The presence of an OHWM was indicated by shelving, the presence of litter and debris and destruction of terrestrial vegetation.

A tributary channel originates approximately east of the alignment and traverses the disturbance limits to join the main FEM-15 channel. The tributary is deeply incised and averages three feet wide. The channel bed is composed of sand and cobbles and is vegetated with cudweed (*Gnathaliium canescens*, UPL), arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), goldenbush (*Isocoma menziesii*, UPL), Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon*, FAC), needlegrass (*Nassella pulchra*, UPL), and tocolate (*Centaurea melitensis*, UPL).

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by the presence of litter and debris, destruction of terrestrial vegetation and shelving. All riparian vegetation is scarce and located within the OHWM.

Corps jurisdiction associated with the FEM-15 drainage system totals 0.36 acre. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the drainage system totals 0.36 acre.

Drainage FEM-16

Drainage FE-24 is deeply incised. The headwaters of Drainage FE-24 are erosional and located within a graded area. The drainage originates to the east of the Far East Corridor alignment and traverses the disturbance limits to join Cristianitos creek. The channel is scoured to sandy badland sediments and varies from three to five feet in width. The upper reach is vegetated with arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), goldenbush (*Isocoma menziesii*, UPL), monkey flower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*, UPL), cudweed (*Gnathaliium canescens*, UPL), Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon*, FAC), and non-native grasses. Two arroyo willows total approximately 250 square feet and scattered mule fat near the confluence totals approximately 200 square feet. After the confluence with FE-24a, the drainage is vegetated with coast live oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*, UPL), Mexican

elderberry (*Sambucus mexicanus*, FACU), giant wild rye (*Leymus condensatus*, FACU), lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL), and poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL). The oak canopy averaged 80 feet in width. The presence of an OHWM was indicated by destruction of terrestrial vegetation, the presence of litter and debris, change in soil character and shelving.

A tributary drainage originates to the east of the alignment and traverses the disturbance limits to join the main FEM-16 channel. The incised tributary is composed of partially lithified sediments and averages two feet wide. The channel is vegetated with goldenbush (*Isocoma menziesii*, UPL), mustard (*Brassica nigra*, UPL), non-native grasses and cudweed (*Gnathaliium canescens*). The presence of an OHWM was indicated by shelving and destruction of terrestrial vegetation.

Corps jurisdiction associated with the FEM-16 drainage system totals 0.22 acre. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the drainage system totals 0.96 acre, of which 0.86 acre consists of riparian habitat.

Gabino Creek

Gabino Creek originates to the east of the Far East Corridor alignment and traverses the disturbance limits to join Cristianitos Creek. The channel varies from 11 to 380 feet in width and is composed of cobbly sand. The majority of the drainage is a broad floodplain with various braids throughout. Some braids supports only annual vegetation. To the east of the disturbance limits there appears to be a 70-foot wide low flow channel that is directed through six four-inch corrugated metal pipes. While in some years water may flow across the road from the northern half of the channel, this does not appear to be an ordinary occurrence. No saturated soil was apparent to the east of the existing road. There were no debris or sediment deposits to indicate ordinary high flows. West of the existing road, the sandy substrate was saturated to the surface from high groundwater. In some locations, the coarse sand substrate contained high chroma mottles and some organic streaking. The lower reach of the channel is vegetated with arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), (*Cyperus erogrostis*, FACW), mugwort (*Artemisia douglasiana*, FAC), poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), western ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, FAC), rabbit-foot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW), tamarisk (*Tamarix sp.*, FACW), and (*Gnathaliium luteo-album*, FACW-). The upper reach of the channel supports open wash habitat, mule fat scrub and sycamore islands. The vegetation is patchy, covering perhaps 50 percent of the channel bed.

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by the presence of litter and debris, destruction of vegetation, shelving and change in soil character. The riparian vegetation varies from 50 feet to 380 feet in width. Corps jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 4.74 acres, of which 0.19 acre consists of jurisdictional wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 4.32 acres all of which consist of riparian habitat.

Cristianitos Creek

Cristianitos Creek remains west of the Far East Corridor alignment for most of its length. The channel varies from eight to 30 feet in width and is composed of cobbly sand. The sandy substrate was saturated to the surface from high groundwater. Before the confluence with Gabino, vegetation includes arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), stinging nettle (*Urtica dioica*, FACW), narrow leaved cattail (*Typha sp.*, OBL), sedge, toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*, UPL), plantain (*Plantago major*, FACW), Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*, FAC), white clover (*Melilotus alba*, FACU), milkweed (*Asclepias fascicularis*, FAC), and lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*, UPL). Further south under the proposed bridge, the channel is vegetated with coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), narrow leaved cattail (*Typha sp.*, OBL) Sedge (*Cyperus sp.*, ≥FACW), white clover (*Melilotus alba*, FACU), deerweed (*Lotus scoparius*, UPL), sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*, FACW), cottonwood (*Populus fremontii*, FAC+), wrinkled rush (*Juncus rugulosus*, OBL), watercress (*Rorippa nasturtium-aquatica*, OBL), and willow herb (*Epilobum ciliatum*, FACW), and the soil has a mucky organic layer above the sand. The riparian vegetation, including emergent wetland and oak woodland varies from 60 feet to 150 feet in width.

A small tributary to Cristianitos Creek originates with a concrete V-ditch to the west of the alignment and extends under the road through a four-inch corrugated metal pipe to join the main Cristianitos Creek channel. The tributary channel averages two feet in width and is composed of silty clay loam sediment deposits. The banks of the channel support Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*, FACU), coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL), and arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW) with a poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*, UPL), wild oat (*Avena sp.*, UPL), and milk thistle (*Silybum marianum*, UPL) understory. The riparian vegetation averages 40 feet in width.

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by destruction of terrestrial vegetation, change in soil character and shelving.

Corps jurisdiction associated with Cristianitos Creek totals 18.06 acres, of which 9.64 acres consists of jurisdictional wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction associated with Cristianitos Creek totals 47.59 acres, of which 47.3 acres consist of riparian habitat.

Drainage FEM-17

Drainage FEM-17 originates to the east of the Far East Corridor alignment and traverses the disturbance limits to join Cristianitos creek. The channel is a relatively well-defined sandy wash that varies from four to five feet in width. The tributaries to Drainage FEM-17 average two feet wide. One tributary is scoured while the other supports riparian vegetation that averages 20 feet in width. The upper reach of the channel is vegetated with California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*, UPL), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL), poison oak (*Toxicodendron*

diversilobum, UPL), arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), Mexican elderberry (*Sambucus mexicanus*, FACU), monkey flower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*, UPL), deerweed (*Lotus scoparius*, UPL), and cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+). The lower reach of the channel supports sparse mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW) and black willow (*Salix gooddingii*, OBL) within the banks as well as (*Baccharis pilularis*, UPL) and coast live oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL) on the banks.

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by change in soil character. The channels willow and mule fat scrub varies from five to 25 feet in width. Corps jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 0.44 acre. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the channel totals 1.29 acres, of which 1.11 acres consists of willow scrub.

Drainage FEM-18

Drainage FEM-18 is an incised channel to the east of the disturbance limits of the Far East Corridor alignment that varies between 1 and 2 feet in width. The lower portion is comprised of ephemeral oak woodland and scrub. The channel connects to Cristianitos Creek.

Corps jurisdiction totals 0.04 acre, none of which are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.12 acre, of which 0.09 acre consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage FEM-19

Drainage FEM-19 is an incised channel to the east of the disturbance limits of the Far East Corridor alignment and is vegetated with a canopy of oak and upland scrub. The channel connects to Cristianitos Creek.

Corps jurisdiction totals 0.01 acre, none of which is wetland. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.01 acre, none of which consist of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage FEM-20

Drainage FEM-20 is an incised channel to the east of the Far East Corridor alignment that is vegetated with a canopy of oak and upland scrub. The channel connects to Cristianitos Creek. Corps jurisdiction totals 0.02 acre. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.02 acre, none of which consist of vegetated riparian habitat.

F. FAR EAST CORRIDOR – WEST STUDY AREA

Several jurisdictional areas associated with Far East Corridor – West Alternative (FEC-W) study area were delineated independently for Rancho Mission Viejo. These areas have been verified by both Corps and CDFG and are indicated on the delineation maps as verified. For all other areas, the jurisdictional totals were mapped in 2001 and 2003. Exhibit 1 depicts the location and extent

of Corps jurisdictional areas. Exhibit 2 depicts the location and extent of CDFG jurisdictional areas.

Corps jurisdiction associated with the FEC-W Alternative study area totals approximately 178.16 acres, of which 109.76 acres consist of jurisdictional wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction associated with the FEC-W Alternative study area totals 315.90 acres, of which 307.86 acres consists of vegetated riparian or wetland habitat. CCC jurisdiction associated with the FEC-W Alternative study area totals approximately 184.36 acres, all of which consist of vegetated riparian habitat and 134.01 acres, of which consist of jurisdictional wetlands. CCC jurisdiction associated with the FEC-W Alternative study area totals approximately 115.06 acres, all of which consist of one-parameter wetlands.

TABLE A-8
JURISDICTIONAL AREAS
FAR EAST CORRIDOR - WEST STUDY AREA
(in acres)

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	CORPS ²		CDFG	
	Total	Wetlands	Total	Vegetated
FE/C/7 WETLAND 1	12.62	12.62	12.62	12.62
FE/C/7-1	0.09	0.00	0.73	0.66
FE/C/7 WETLAND 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FEC/7-2	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
FE/C/7-3	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
FE/C/7-4	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
FE/7-1	0.00	0.00	3.27	3.16
FE/7-2	0.00	0.00	0.57	0.48
FE-1	0.00	0.00	1.76	1.70
FE - WETLAND 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FE-2	0.00	0.00	5.81	5.81
FE-2A	0.00	0.00	1.48	1.44
FE-2B	0.14	0.00	0.14	0.00
FE - POND 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FE-3 CANADA GOBANADORA	1.91	1.85	6.72	6.72
FE-4	0.00	0.00	4.82	4.82
FE-5	0.63	0.15	5.46	5.20
FE - WETLAND 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FE-6	0.00	0.00	1.12	1.07
FEW -1	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.00
FE-7	4.52	2.26	12.27	10.79
FEW - SAN JUAN CREEK	8.10	2.85	18.66	18.66
FEW-2	0.16	0.00	1.31	1.31
FEW-3	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.07
FE/7-3	4.14	0.03	11.97	10.01
FE/7-4	0.00	0.00	2.47	2.38
FE/7-5	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
FE/7-6	0.36		2.17	1.95
FE/7-7	1.35	0.09	11.55	11.19
CRISTIANITOS CREEK	18.06	9.64	47.59	47.30
FE/7-8	0.43	0.00	2.91	2.62
FE/7-8A	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.00

Jurisdictional Feature ¹	CORPS ²		CDFG	
	Total	Wetlands	Total	Vegetated
FE/7-8B	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
FE/7-9	0.18	0.00	0.18	0.00
FE/7-10	0.31	0.00	2.90	2.76
FE/7-11	1.09	0.12	1.35	1.35
FE/7-12	1.39	0.68	3.06	3.04
FE/7-13	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00
FE/7-14	0.34	0.00	0.38	0.23
FE/7-VM 16	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00
FE/7-VM 17	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00
FE/7-VM 18	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00
FE/7-VM 19	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00
FE/7-15	0.40	0.03	0.88	0.64
FE/7-16	0.23	0.00	0.23	0.00
FE/7-17	0.21	0.00	0.21	0.00
FE/7-18	1.10	0.00	1.72	0.95
FE/7-19	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00
FE/7-20	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00
FE/7-21	0.28	0.00	1.68	1.68
FE/7-22	0.63	0.00	1.38	1.23
FE/7-23	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00
FE/7-24	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.00
FE/7-25	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.00
SAN MATEO CREEK	35.33	15.25	47.71	47.71
SAN MATEO MARSH	68.55	68.55	68.55	68.55
SAN MATEO MARSH – EAST OF I5	13.60	13.60	24.46	24.46
FE/7-VM 20	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00
FE/7-VP 3	0.18	0.18	0.00	0.00
FE/7-VP 4	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00
SAN ONOFRE CREEK	1.39	1.39	5.30	5.30
TOTAL	178.25	109.81	315.90	307.86

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibits 1 and 2.

² Refer to Appendix B for isolated features totals

F.1 DRAINAGE DESCRIPTIONS – FEC-W STUDY AREA

Portions of the FEC-W Alternative overlap with the CC, CC-ALPV, A7C-ALPV, A7C-FEC-M and FEC-M Alternatives. Please see drainage descriptions above for features that have been previously addressed.

FEW-San Juan Creek

San Juan Creek traverses the alignment at a proposed bridge site. The channel bed varies from eight to 480 feet in width and contains perennial flows. The creek is a wide riparian area with one main wetland channel that begins to the east of the study area and terminates to the west of the proposed bridge. Some reaches are restricted within deeply incised bedrock, while others form braided channels in a broad floodplain. A second wetland channel originates at the freshwater marsh/pond approximately 650 feet to the east of the proposed bridge and flows on the south side of the broad channel bed. This channel extends west after the initial channel disappears. The creek is vegetated in part with arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, FACW), black willow (*Salix gooddingii*, OBL), yellow willow (*Salix lucida*, FACW), red willow (*Salix laevigata*, FACW), cattail (*Typha domingensis* and *Typha latifolia*, OBL), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*, FACW), western sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*, FACW), giant reed (*Arundo donax*, FACW), monkey flower (*Mimulus cardinalis*, OBL), rabbitfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*, FACW), plantain (*Plantago major*, FACW), cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*, FAC+), white clover (*Melilotus alba*, FACU albus), duckweed (*Lemna sp.*, OBL), tamarisk (*Tamarix ramosissima*, FACW), sow thistle (*Sonchus oleraceus*, NI), northern willow herb (*Epilobium ciliatum*, FACW), mugwort (*Artemisia douglasiana*, FAC), stinging nettles (*Urtica dioica*, FACW), African umbrella sedge (*Cyperus involucratus*, OBL), Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*, FACW), and bulrush (*Scirpus microcarpus*, OBL). Within the channel bed, slightly raised gravel bars support some upland vegetation, such as prickly pear (*Opuntia littoralis* sp., UPL), but also exhibit very large debris racks. Several low flow channels, some with hydric soils and flowing water or saturated soil, characterize the section of creek under the bridge crossing. There are also several pockets wetlands in depressional areas. The channel bed is primarily cobble and clean sand. The sandy soils at the fringe of the pond are saturated and have low chroma colors and evidence of redox. Standing water in soil pits may indicate high ground water though shelving, litter and debris also indicate surface flow. This ponding area is vegetated with similar species. There is an elevated portion of the streambed with no hydric characteristics that appears to separate the west end of the ponding area from the San Juan Creek except for at the southern most side of creek bed where the wetland channel flows.

The presence of an OHWM was indicated by shelving, lines impressed upon the banks, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, change in soil character and the presence of litter and debris. Corps jurisdiction totals 8.10 acres, of which 2.85 acres are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 18.66 acres, all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage FEW-2

Drainage FEW-2 consists of an incised channel with a sandy loam bed. The presence of an OHWM was indicated by sediment deposits, litter and debris. The channel banks are vegetated with coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*, UPL).

Corps jurisdiction totals 0.16 acres, none of which are wetlands. CDFG jurisdiction totals 1.31 acres, all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

Drainage FEW-3

Drainage FEW-3 consists of an marked incision. CDFG jurisdiction totals 0.07 acres, all of which consists of vegetated riparian habitat.

APPENDIX B

I. SUMMARY OF IMPACTS TO ISOLATED FEATURES BASED ON OHWM

Tables B-1 through B-12 summarize permanent impacts to isolated features based on the initial and ultimate disturbance limits.

TABLE B - 1
PERMANENT IMPACTS TO ISOLATED FEATURES
CENTRAL CORRIDOR COMPLETE – INITIAL ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Feature Name ¹	Wetland Area	Non-Wetland Waters	Total Area	Total Length (linear feet)
C-WETLAND 1	0.40	0.00	0.40	NA
C-2	0.13	0.11	0.24	1,013
C-3	0.28	0.01	0.29	743
C-4	0.00	0.04	0.04	742
TOTAL	0.81	0.16	0.97	2,498

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibit 1.

TABLE B-2
PERMANENT IMPACTS TO ISOLATED FEATURES
CENTRAL CORRIDOR – COMPLETE – ULTIMATE ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Feature Name ¹	Wetland Area	Non-Wetland Waters	Total Area	Total Length (linear feet)
C-WETLAND 1	0.40	0.00	0.40	NA
FE/C/7-2	0.00	0.02	0.02	64
C-2	0.13	0.11	0.24	1,013
C-3	0.28	0.01	0.29	743
C-4	0.00	0.04	0.04	767
TOTAL	0.81	0.18	0.99	2,587

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibit 1.

TABLE B-3
PERMANENT IMPACTS TO ISOLATED FEATURES
CENTRAL CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION – INITIAL
ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Feature Name ¹	Wetland Area	Non-Wetland Waters	Total Area	Total Length (linear feet)
C-WETLAND 1	0.40	0.00	0.40	NA
C-2	0.13	0.11	0.24	1,013
C-3	0.28	0.01	0.29	743
C-4	0.00	0.04	0.04	742
TOTAL	0.81	0.16	0.97	2,498

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibit I.

TABLE B-4
PERMANENT IMPACTS TO ISOLATED FEATURES
CENTRAL CORRIDOR - AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION – ULTIMATE
ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Feature Name ¹	Wetland Area	Non-Wetland Waters	Total Area	Total Length (linear feet)
C-WETLAND 1	0.40	0.00	0.40	NA
FE/C/7-2	0.00	0.02	0.02	64
C-2	0.13	0.11	0.24	1,013
C-3	0.28	0.01	0.29	743
C-4	0.00	0.04	0.04	767
TOTAL	0.81	0.18	0.99	2,587

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibit I.

TABLE B-5
PERMANENT IMPACTS TO ISOLATED FEATURES
ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION – INITIAL
ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Feature Name ¹	Wetland Area	Non-Wetland Waters	Total Area	Total Length (linear feet)
FE/7-1	0.00	0.09	0.09	1,108
FE/7-2	0.29	0.06	0.35	2,265
FE/C/7-2	0.00	0.01	0.01	404
FE/C/7-4	0.00	0.001	0.001	40
FE-1	0.00	0.004	0.004	78
7-3	0.00	0.01	0.01	283
7-9	0.00	0.13	0.13	1,576
7-10	0.00	0.03	0.03	452
TOTAL	0.29	0.34	0.63	6,206

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibit I.

TABLE B-6
PERMANENT IMPACTS TO ISOLATED FEATURES
ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION – ULTIMATE
ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Feature Name ¹	Wetland Area	Non - Wetland Waters	Total Area	Total Length (linear feet)
FE/C/7-2	0.00	0.02	0.02	658
FE/7-1	0.00	0.10	0.10	1,138
FE/7-2	0.32	0.06	0.38	2,416
FE/C/7-4	0.00	0.002	0.002	77
FE-1	0.00	0.004	0.004	78
7-3	0.00	0.01	0.01	283
7-9	0.00	0.13	0.13	1,576
7-10	0.00	0.04	0.04	495
TOTAL	0.32	.37	0.69	6,721

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibit I.

TABLE B-7
PERMANENT IMPACTS TO ISOLATED FEATURES
ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – FAR EAST CROSSOVER – MODIFIED – INITIAL
ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Feature Name ¹	Wetland Area	Non- Wetland Waters	Total Area	Total Length ¹ (linear feet)
FE/C/7-WETLAND 2	0.07	0.00	0.07	NA
FE/7-1	0.00	0.01	0.01	140
FE/7-2	0.06	0.02	0.08	895
FE/7-3	0.54	0.07	0.61	912
7-2	0.00	0.04	0.04	1,137
7-3	0.00	0.02	0.02	484
7-10	0.00	0.03	0.03	240
7-11	0.00	0.02	0.02	412
7-13	0.00	0.05	0.05	885
FE/7-4	0.82	0.01	0.83	708
TOTAL	1.49	0.27	1.76	5,813

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibit I.

TABLE B-8
PERMANENT IMPACTS TO ISOLATED FEATURES
ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – FAR EAST CROSSOVER – MODIFIED – ULTIMATE
ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Feature Name ¹	Wetland Area	Non-Wetland Waters	Total Area	Total Length (linear feet)
FE/C/7-WETLAND 2	0.10	0.00	0.10	NA
FE/7-1	0.00	0.01	0.01	140
FE/7-2	0.06	0.03	0.09	896
FE/7-3	0.54	0.07	0.61	912
7-2	0.00	0.04	0.04	1,137
7-3	0.00	0.02	0.02	555
7-10	0.00	0.03	0.03	275
7-11	0.00	0.02	0.02	412
7-11	0.00	0.05	0.05	911
FE/7-4	0.81	0.01	0.82	697
TOTAL	1.51	0.28	1.79	5,935

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibit I.

TABLE B-9
PERMANENT IMPACTS TO ISOLATED FEATURES
FAR EAST CORRIDOR – WEST – INITIAL ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Feature Name ¹	Wetland Area	Non-Wetland Waters	Total Area	Total Length (linear feet)
FE/C/7-WETLAND 2	0.07	0.00	0.07	NA
FE/7-1	0.00	0.06	0.06	812
FE/7-2	0.29	0.01	0.30	1,043
FE-1	0.00	0.03	0.03	351
FE-2A	0.00	0.02	0.02	480
FE-6	0.00	0.04	0.04	899
FE/7-4	0.00	0.05	0.05	1,124
TOTAL	0.36	0.21	0.57	4,709

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibit 1.

TABLE B-10
PERMANENT IMPACTS TO ISOLATED FEATURES
FAR EAST CORRIDOR – WEST – ULTIMATE ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Feature Name ¹	Wetland Area	Non- Wetland Waters	Total Area	Total Length (linear feet)
FE/C/7-WETLAND 2	0.11	0.00	0.11	NA
FE/7-1	0.00	0.07	0.07	837
FE/7-2	0.29	0.01	0.30	1,043
FE-1	0.00	0.03	0.03	351
FE-2A	0.00	0.02	0.02	480
FE-6	0.00	0.05	0.05	912
FE/7-4	0.00	0.05	0.05	1,124
TOTAL	0.40	0.23	0.63	4,747

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibit 1.

TABLE B-11
PERMANENT IMPACTS TO ISOLATED FEATURES
FAR EAST CORRIDOR – MODIFIED – INITIAL ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Feature Name ¹	Wetland Area	Non-Wetland Waters	Total Area	Total Length (linear feet)
FE/C/7-WETLAND 2	0.07	0.00	0.07	NA
FE/7-1	0.00	0.06	0.06	812
FE/7-2	0.29	0.01	0.30	1,042
FE-1	0.00	0.03	0.03	351
FE-2A	0.00	0.02	0.02	480
FE-6	0.00	0.04	0.04	899
FEM-3	0.00	0.12	0.12	465
FEM-POND 1	0.02	0.00	0.02	NA
TOTAL	0.38	0.28	0.66	4,050

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibit I.

TABLE B-12
PERMANENT IMPACTS TO ISOLATED FEATURES
FAR EAST CORRIDOR – MODIFIED – UTLIMATE ALTERNATIVE
(in acres)

Feature Name ¹	Wetland Area	Non- Wetland Waters	Total Area	Total Length (linear feet)
FE/C/7-WETLAND 2	0.11	0.00	0.11	NA
FE/7-1	0.00	0.07	0.07	837
FE/7-2	0.29	0.01	0.30	1,043
FE-1	0.00	0.03	0.03	351
FE-6	0.00	0.04	0.04	839
FE-2A	0.00	0.02	0.02	480
FEM-3	0.00	0.15	0.15	562
FEM-POND 1	0.02	0.00	0.02	NA
TOTAL	0.42	0.32	0.74	4,172

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibit I.

II. SUMMARY OF TOTAL AREA (BASED ON OHWM) ASSOCIATED WITH ISOLATED FEATURES WITHIN THE STUDY AREAS

Tables B-13 through B-18 summarize the total acreage of isolated feature impacts located within the total study areas.

**TABLE B-13
ISOLATED FEATURES – TOTAL STUDY AREA
CENTRAL CORRIDOR – COMPLETE STUDY AREA
(in acres)**

Feature Name¹	Total Area	Wetland Area	Non- Wetland Waters
FE/C/7-2	0.02	0.00	0.02
FE/C/7-3	0.01	0.00	0.01
FE/C/7-4	0.02	0.00	0.02
FE/C/7-WETLAND 2	0.11	0.11	0.00
C-1	0.02	0.00	0.02
C-WETLAND 1	0.40	0.40	0.00
C-2	0.38	0.13	0.25
C-3	0.70	0.68	0.02
C-4	0.04	0.00	0.04
C-POND 1	0.12	0.00	0.12
TOTAL	1.82	1.32	0.50

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibit I.

TABLE B-14
ISOLATED FEATURES – TOTAL STUDY AREA
CENTRAL CORRIDOR-AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION STUDY AREA^A
(in acres)

Feature Name ¹	Total Area	Wetland Area	Non-Wetland Waters
FE/C/7-2	0.02	0.00	0.02
FE/C/7-3	0.01	0.00	0.01
FE/C/7-4	0.02	0.00	0.02
FE/C/7-WETLAND 2	0.11	0.11	0.00
C-1	0.02	0.00	0.02
C-WETLAND 1	0.40	0.40	0.00
C-2	0.38	0.13	0.25
C-3	0.70	0.68	0.02
C-4	0.04	0.00	0.04
C-POND 1	0.12	0.00	0.12
TOTAL	1.82	1.32	0.50

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibit 1.

TABLE B-15
ISOLATED FEATURES – TOTAL STUDY AREA
ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – AVENIDA LA PATA VARIATION STUDY AREA^A
(in acres)

Feature Name ¹	Total Area	Wetland Area	Non-Wetland Waters
FE/C/7 WETLAND 2	0.11	0.11	0.00
FE/C/7-2	0.02	0.00	0.02
FE/C/7-3	0.01	0.00	0.02
FE/C/7-4	0.02	0.00	0.02
FE/7-1	0.20	0.00	0.20
FE/7-2	0.50	0.36	0.14
FE-1	0.16	0.00	0.16
7-9	0.09	0.00	0.09
7-10	0.19	0.00	0.19
TOTAL	1.30	0.47	0.84

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibit 1.

TABLE B-16
ISOLATED FEATURES – TOTAL STUDY AREA
ALIGNMENT 7 CORRIDOR – FAR EAST CROSSOVER – MODIFIED STUDY AREA
(in acres)

Feature Name ¹	Total Area	Wetland Area	Non-Wetland Waters
FE/C/7 WETLAND 2	0.11	0.11	0.00
FE/C/7-2	0.02	0.00	0.02
FE/C/7-3	0.01	0.00	0.01
FE/C/7-4	0.02	0.00	0.02
FE/7-1	0.20	0.00	0.20
FE/7-2	0.50	0.36	0.14
7-9	0.09	0.00	0.09
7-10	0.19	0.00	0.19
7-11	0.02	0.00	0.02
FE/7-4	1.32	1.10	0.22
FE/7-5	0.02	0.00	0.02
TOTAL	2.5	1.57	0.93

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibit 1.

TABLE B-17
ISOLATED FEATURES – TOTAL STUDY AREA
FAR EAST CORRIDOR – MODIFIED STUDY AREA
(in acres)

Feature Name ¹	Total Area	Wetland Area	Non-Wetland Waters
FE/C/7 WETLAND 2	0.11	0.11	0.00
FEC/7-2	0.02	0.00	0.02
FE/C/7-3	0.01	0.00	0.01
FE/C/7-4	0.02	0.00	0.02
FE/7-1	0.20	0.00	0.20
FE/7-2	0.50	0.36	0.14
FE-1	0.16	0.00	0.16
FE – WETLAND 1	0.16	0.16	0.00
FE-2	1.40	1.32	0.08
FE-2A	0.08	0.00	0.08
FE-4	2.65	2.65	0.00
FE – WETLAND 2	0.23	0.23	0.00
FE-6	0.11	0.11	0.00
FEW -1	0.12	0.00	0.12
FEM-2	0.01	0.00	0.01
FEM-3	0.43	0.00	0.43
FEM-POND 1	3.61	3.61	0.00
FEM-VM 7	0.19	0.19	0.00
FEM-VM 8	0.48	0.48	0.00
TOTAL	10.49	9.22	1.270

¹ These features are depicted on Exhibit I.

TABLE B-18
ISOLATED FEATURES – TOTAL STUDY AREA
FAR EAST CORRIDOR – WEST STUDY AREA
(in acres)

Feature Name ¹	Total Area	Wetland Area	Non-Wetland Waters
FE/C/7 WETLAND 2	0.11	0.11	0.00
FEC/7-2	0.02	0.00	0.02
FE/C/7-3	0.01	0.00	0.01
FE/C/7-4	0.02	0.00	0.02
FE/7-1	0.20	0.00	0.20
FE/7-2	0.50	0.36	0.14
FE-1	0.16	0.00	0.16
FE – WETLAND 1	0.16	0.16	0.00
FE-2	1.40	1.32	0.08
FE-2A	0.08	0.00	0.08
FE-4	2.65	2.65	0.00
FE – WETLAND 2	0.23	0.23	0.00
FE-6	0.11	0.11	0.00
FEW –1	0.12	0.00	0.12
FE/7-4	1.32	1.10	0.22
FE/7-5	0.02	0.00	0.02
TOTAL	7.11	6.04	1.07

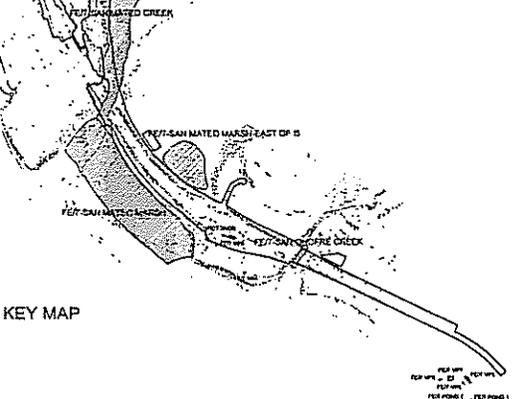
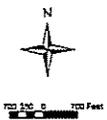
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Wetland Data Sheet Available Upon Request



**San Juan/San Mateo Creek
SAMP Delineation of Riparian
Resources and Waters of the US
and SOCTIIP 2004 Delineation**

- Legend**
- Combined Ultimate Grading Limits
 - SOCTIIP 2004 Isolated Waters
 - SOCTIIP 2004 Waters
 - Sample Refined Grading Limits
 - SAMP First Order Ephemeral Drainages
 - SAMP Delineation**
 - Water Resource
 - 99-100%
 - 67-98%
 - 33-66%
 - 2-32%
 - <2%
 - Unregulated Upland
 - Mitigation
 - San Juan/San Mateo Watershed Boundary

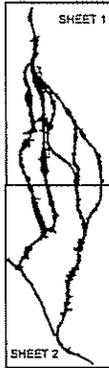


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ACOE-SAMP Hydrogeomorphic Overlay and SOCTIP 2004 Delineation

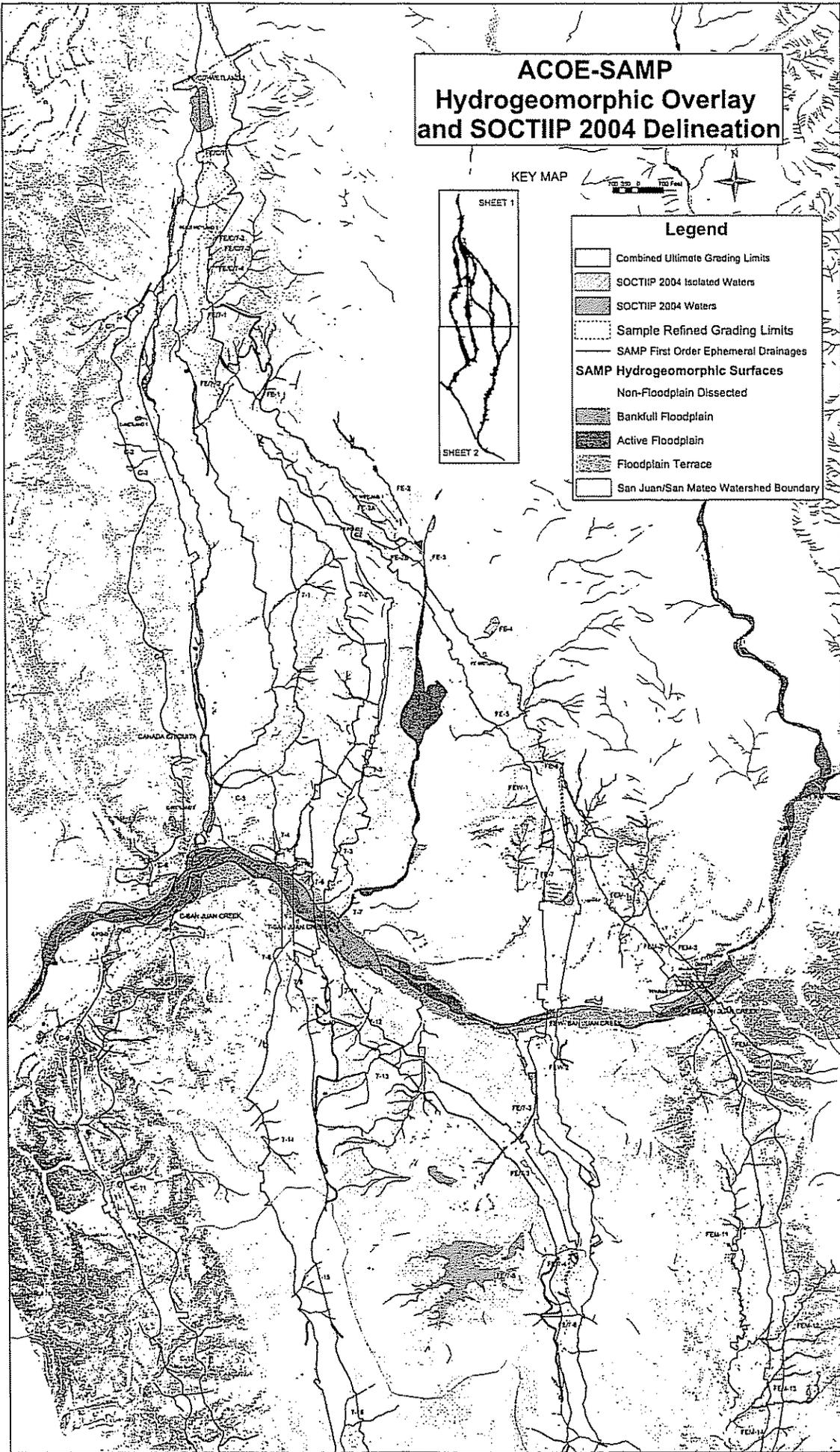
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Legend

- Combined Ultimate Grading Limits
- SOCTIP 2004 Isolated Waters
- SOCTIP 2004 Waters
- Sample Refined Grading Limits
- SAMP First Order Ephemeral Drainages
- SAMP Hydrogeomorphic Surfaces**
- Non-Floodplain Dissected**
- Bankfull Floodplain
- Active Floodplain
- Floodplain Terrace
- San Juan/San Mateo Watershed Boundary



SOCTIIP AERIAL OVERLAY

Legend

- Combined Ultimate Grading Limits
- Sample Refined Grading Limits
- San Juan/San Mateo Watershed Boundary



KEY MAP

