

Board Meeting Agenda

Russ Baggerly, Director
Mary Bergen, Director
Bill Hicks, Director

Pete Kaiser, Director
James Word, Director

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
January 28, 2015
3:00 P.M. – DISTRICT OFFICE
1055 Ventura Ave.
Oak View, CA 93022

Right to be heard: Members of the public have a right to address the Board directly on any item of interest to the public which is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. The request to be heard should be made immediately before the Board's consideration of the item. No action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by subdivision (b) of ¶54954.2 of the Government Code and except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under section 54954.3 of the Government Code.

1. Public Comments (items not on the agenda – three minute limit).
2. General Manager comments.
3. Board of Director comments.
4. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Minutes of January 14, 2015 Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Consent Agenda

6. Bills
7. Public Hearing on proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Aeration Improvements at Lake Casitas.
 - a. Approve the proposed project as described in the initial study and certify the Mitigated Negative Declaration or;

- b. Approve the proposed project with additional mitigation measures in response to comments received and certify the Mitigated Negative Declaration with the additional mitigation measures or;
 - c. Direct staff to revise the Mitigated Negative Declaration to respond to comments received and extend the public comment period.
- 8. Public Hearing on proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Lake Casitas Shoreline Vegetation Removal.
 - a. Approve the proposed project as described in the initial study and certify the Mitigated Negative Declaration or;
 - b. Approve the proposed project with additional mitigation measures in response to comments received and certify the Mitigated Negative Declaration with the additional mitigation measures or;
 - c. Direct Staff to revise the Mitigated Negative Declaration to respond to received comments and extend the public comment period.
- 9. Public Hearing on proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Santa Ana Launch Ramp Extension at Lake Casitas Recreation Area.
 - a. Approve the proposed project as described in the initial study and certify the Mitigated Negative Declaration or;
 - b. Approve the proposed project with additional mitigation measures in response to comments received and certify the Mitigated Negative Declaration with the additional mitigation measures or;
 - c. Direct staff to revise the Mitigated Negative Declaration to respond to comments received and extend the public comment period.
- 10. Update on the Groundwater Sustainability Agency from the GSA Committee.
- 11. Information Items:
 - a. Finance Committee Minutes.
 - b. Lake Casitas Recreation Area Report for November, 2014.
 - c. Lake Casitas Recreation Area Report for December, 2014.
 - d. Investment Report.
- 12. Adjournment

If you require special accommodations for attendance at or participation in this meeting, please notify our office 24 hours in advance at (805) 649-2251, ext. 113. (Govt. Code Section 54954.1 and 54954.2(a).

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
January 14, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held January 14, 2015 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Directors Hicks, Bergen, Kaiser, Word and Baggerly were present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were two staff members and three members of the public in attendance. President Hicks led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public Comments (items not on the agenda – three minute limit).

None

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum informed the board that the flu and colds have been going around the district and many employees are out sick but the crews are viable and keeping things running. We have started the decommissioning of the old air conditioning system. The building has been hectic the last week and a half. Our new Operations and Maintenance Manager will begin on Tuesday and we look forward to getting him on board.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Kaiser asked if there has been any progress decommissioning the portion of Santa Ana Road in the watershed area. Mr. Wickstrum explained he had a discussion with Cheryl Carter who is willing to go to bat again for decommissioning. The County Board of Supervisors would not move forward because there was a property owner who did not want it decommissioned. We will also be looking at an agreement for the Teague watershed. Dave Wooley handed it to me before the holiday and he is now retired.

Director Word asked if the sound issue has been resolved. Mr. Wickstrum informed the board that the initial report looks good and Neil hope to have a final report when he returns.

4. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

Director Baggerly reported on his committee meeting with OBGMA and that they have started the ball rolling for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan and set up a sub-committee of three major pumpers in the basin.

Director Bergen reported that both she and Director Kaiser attended the meeting on the Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

President Hicks reported attending a chamber meeting and there was a report on the City water and they are trying to get a well up right now.

5. Board, Committee, and Meeting Approvals

APPROVED

a. Election of Board Officers

The New Board Officers for 2015 are as follows:

President	Mary Bergen
Vice President	Pete Kaiser
Secretary	Russ Baggerly
Asst. Secretary	Jim Word

This was offered by Director Word, seconded by Director Baggerly and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Word, Baggerly, Kaiser, Bergen, Hicks
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

b. Selection of Board Committee assignments and dates of meetings.

The Committee Assignments are as follows:

Executive	Bergen/Kaiser	First Friday at 9:30 a.m.
Finance	Kaiser/Word	Third Friday at 9:30 a.m.
Personnel	Bergen/Word	Second Monday at 4:30 p.m.
Recreation	Baggerly/Hicks	First Monday at 9:30 a.m.
Water Res.	Baggerly/Hicks	Fourth Monday at 9:30 a.m.

The was offered by Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Baggerly and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Word, Baggerly, Kaiser, Bergen, Hicks
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

c. Discussion and approval of meetings that will be considered authorized meetings for the Board.

The Board reviewed and approved meetings that are authorized meetings for Board attendance. This was offered by Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Hicks and passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Word, Baggerly, Kaiser, Bergen, Hicks
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

6. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of December 10, 2014 Meeting.
- b. Resolution approving memberships for 2015.

The Consent Agenda was offered by Director Hicks, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Word, Baggerly, Kaiser, Bergen, Hicks
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

Resolution is numbered 15-01

7. Bills APPROVED

Director Kaiser questioned a refund that was issued for a citation. Mr. Wickstrum explained that a citation goes through a process and evaluation for consideration.

Director Hicks questioned #01662 to Tyler Technologies – Incode maintenance. Denise Collin explained this is an annual fee for our accounting system.

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed, the bills were approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Word, Baggerly, Kaiser, Bergen, Hicks
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

8. Request of York Golf Management, LLC to remove a delinquency charge. DENIED

The request was reviewed and Director Kaiser moved to deny the request, this was seconded by Director Baggerly and passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Word, Baggerly, Kaiser, Bergen, Hicks
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

9. Presentation by Lorraine Walters, Watershed Coordinator of the Ventura River Watershed Council. Recommend approval of the request for funding in the amount of \$2,600 for the Watershed Coordinator position.

Lorraine Walters provided information on the Watershed Council. The Ventura River Watershed Council is a broad based group of 21 voting members in different categories. We meet about eight times per year and there is an educational component to meetings and they are about networking. The last three years we have been working on the watershed management plan. The first part of the plan is done. In addition to the work for our watershed we are one of three watershed groups that are part of the Watershed Council of Ventura

County. We bring our interests to the countywide group. That is the forum that works to prepare grant proposals and we have brought in \$7.2 million dollars to the watershed. Grant funding to support staff runs out in the end of January. 19 different organizations have committed to some funding to keep the staffing going. The position is hosted by Ojai Valley Land Conservancy and the coordinator is responsible to coordinate and facilitate meetings, maintain correspondence and outreach.

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Hicks and passed, the above recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Word, Baggerly, Kaiser, Bergen, Hicks
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

10. Status Report on Water Supply and Demand Conditions.

Mr. Wickstrum provided a report on water supply and demand conditions as the lake is declining towards 50%. We have seen good reductions in residential as they are conserving water. The recreation area implemented changes under the direction of Carol Belser and Tim Lawson and we have seen a significant reduction in water demand at Lake Casitas. We have received about 70 calls in response to the water waste prohibitions and have had good participation and corrective actions. We hope to implement a new Water Efficiency and Allocation Program in the near future. We will need a rate study to ensure compliance with Proposition 218. We will also need to revise the Rates & Regulations and are making revisions to the billing system including moving to monthly billings.

Director Baggerly handed out his directions for the General Manager and they were approved by the board as follows:

When Lake Casitas reaches 127,000 acre feet capacity, the General Manager will prepare a resolution declaring Stage 2 of WEAP for the Board of Directors consideration.

Conservation Measures to be Applied:

All water conservation measures from the Urban Water Management Plan, the Drought Declaration and the Water Waste Ordinance should now be declared mandatory policies of CMWD for Stage 2.

Such as: outdoor potable water use for landscape irrigation limited to two days per week. No irrigation between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Institute a new round of CMWD's SWEAP Program for Ag users, in conjunction with the Resource Conservation District grant program, which becomes mandatory for the next 10% of agricultural customers using more water than necessary.

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed, this direction to the General Manager was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Word, Baggerly, Kaiser, Bergen, Hicks
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

11. Update on the Groundwater Sustainability Agency from the GSA Committee.

Mr. Wickstrum provided an update from the committee meetings. An MOU for the initial formation of the GSA is being developed and a consultant may be hired for the formation of bylaws etc. The board discussed involvement in the GSA.

12. Information Items:

- a. Water Resources Committee Minutes.
- b. Finance Committee Minutes.
- c. Letter from Supervisor Steve Bennett regarding Quagga Infestation of Lake Piru.
- d. ACWA Conference Report from Ron Merckling
- e. Water Consumption Report.
- f. CFD No. 2013-1 (Ojai) Monthly Cost Analysis.
- g. Investment Report.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Kaiser, the information items were approved for filing by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Word, Baggerly, Kaiser, Bergen, Hicks
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

President Bergen moved the meeting to closed session at 4:14 p.m.

13. Closed Session

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel -- Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9, Government Code. (number of potential cases: two)

President Bergen moved the meeting back to open session at 4:50 p.m. with Mr. Mathews stating there was no action taken on the potential cases.

14. Adjournment

President Bergen adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

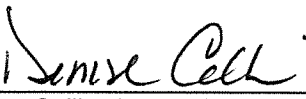
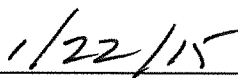
Russ Baggerly, Secretary

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
Payable Fund Check Authorization
Checks Dated 1/8/15-1/22/15
Presented to the Board of Directors For Approval January 28, 2015

Check	Payee			Description	Amount
000543	Payables Fund Account	#	9759651478	Accounts Payable Batch 011515	\$161,496.48
000544	Payables Fund Account	#	9759651478	Accounts Payable Batch 012215	\$428,398.33
					\$589,894.81
000545	Payroll Fund Account	#	9469730919	Estimated Payroll 2/5/15	\$135,000.00
					\$135,000.00
				Total	\$724,894.81

Publication of check register is in compliance with Section 53065.6 of the Government Code which requires the District to disclose reimbursements to employees and/or directors.

The above numbered checks, 000543-000545 have been duly audited is hereby certified as correct.

 Denise Collin, Accounting Manager

 Signature

 Signature

 Signature

A/P Fund

Publication of check register is in compliance with Section 53065.6 of the Government Code which requires the District to disclose reimbursements to employees and/or directors.

000543	A/P Checks:	019821-019853
	A/P Draft to P.E.R.S.	010853
	A/P Draft to State of CA	010852
	A/P Draft to I.R.S.	010851
	Voids:	019678
000544	A/P Checks:	019854-019971
	A/P Draft to P.E.R.S.	
	A/P Draft to State of CA	
	A/P Draft to I.R.S.	
	Void:	019916-019919

The above numbered checks, have been duly audited are hereby certified as correct.

Denise Collin 1/22/15
Denise Collin, Accounting Manager

Signature

Signature

Signature

CERTIFICATION

Payroll disbursements for the pay period ending 01/17/15
Pay Date of 01/22/15
have been duly audited and are
hereby certified as correct.

Signed: Denise Collin 1/20/15
Denise Collin

Signed: _____
Signature

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 BANK: * ALL BANKS
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C-CHECK	VOID CHECK	V	1/22/2015			019918		
C-CHECK	VOID CHECK	V	1/22/2015			019919		

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REGULAR CHECKS:	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
HAND CHECKS:	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
DRAFTS:	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
EFT:	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
NON CHECKS:	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
VOID CHECKS:	4 VOID DEBITS	0.00		
	VOID CREDITS	0.00	0.00	0.00

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00128	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE							
I-T1 201501060933	Federal Withholding	D	1/08/2015	23,800.23		010851		
I-T3 201501060933	FICA Withholding	D	1/08/2015	22,681.26		010851		
I-T4 201501060933	Medicare Withholding	D	1/08/2015	5,304.46		010851		51,785.95
00049	STATE OF CALIFORNIA							
I-T2 201501060933	State Withholding	D	1/08/2015	7,971.55		010852		7,971.55
00187	CALPERS							
I-PBB201501060933	PERS BUY BACK	D	1/08/2015	66.87		010853		
I-PEB201501060933	PEBRA EMPLOYEES PORTION	D	1/08/2015	957.99		010853		
I-PER201501060933	PERS EMPLOYEE PORTION	D	1/08/2015	9,516.24		010853		
I-PRB201501060933	PEBRA EMPLOYER PORTION	D	1/08/2015	957.99		010853		
I-PRR201501060933	PERS EMPLOYER PORTION	D	1/08/2015	11,672.92		010853		23,172.01
00128	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE							
I-T1 201501200939	Federal Withholding	D	1/22/2015	28,575.62		012251		
I-T3 201501200939	FICA Withholding	D	1/22/2015	24,944.90		012251		
I-T4 201501200939	Medicare Withholding	D	1/22/2015	5,834.02		012251		59,354.54
00049	STATE OF CALIFORNIA							
I-T2 201501200939	State Withholding	D	1/22/2015	9,535.82		012252		9,535.82
00187	CALPERS							
I-PBB201501200939	PERS BUY BACK	D	1/22/2015	66.87		012253		
I-PEB201501200939	PEBRA EMPLOYEES PORTION	D	1/22/2015	956.29		012253		
I-PER201501200939	PERS EMPLOYEE PORTION	D	1/22/2015	9,652.43		012253		
I-PRB201501200939	PEBRA EMPLOYER PORTION	D	1/22/2015	956.29		012253		
I-PRR201501200939	PERS EMPLOYER PORTION	D	1/22/2015	11,837.05		012253		23,468.93
02724	Michael Moler							
I-201501060934	Travel Expense	R	1/06/2015	5,000.00		019821		5,000.00
	Travel Expenses							
00008	ADVANTAGE PHYSICAL THERAPY							
I-CWD169	Evaluation, Job Analysis	R	1/08/2015	3,075.00		019822		3,075.00
01325	Aflac Worldwide Headquarters							
I-883725	Supplemental Insurance 12/14	R	1/08/2015	2,905.82		019823		2,905.82
00029	AMERICAN TOWER CORP							
I-1843421	Tower Rent, Red Mtn, Rincon Pk	R	1/08/2015	1,692.12		019824		1,692.12

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02283	Mary Bergen							
I-Dec 14	Reimburse Mileage 12/14	R	1/08/2015	20.72		019825		
I-Nov 14	Reimburse Mileage 11/14	R	1/08/2015	20.72		019825		
I-Sep 14	Reimburse Mileage 9/14	R	1/08/2015	12.43		019825		53.87
01483	CORVEL CORPORATION							
I-3006390	Admin Fee, May, June, July	R	1/08/2015	750.00		019826		
I-3006466	Admin Fees Aug, Sep, Oct	R	1/08/2015	1,650.00		019826		
	Excess Claims 8/1/13-7/31/14							
I-3006538	Admin Fees, Nov, Dec, Jan	R	1/08/2015	750.00		019826		3,150.00
00093	FEDERAL EXPRESS							
I-289597669	Shipping for Admin	R	1/08/2015	64.71		019827		64.71
00099	FGL ENVIRONMENTAL							
I-411613A	Wet Chemistry Cr	R	1/08/2015	85.00		019828		
I-412514A	Wet Chemistry-NO3	R	1/08/2015	43.00		019828		
I-412516A	Metals, Total-Mn	R	1/08/2015	70.00		019828		
I-412777A	Wet Chemistry-NO3	R	1/08/2015	43.00		019828		
I-412778A	Metals, Total-Mn	R	1/08/2015	45.00		019828		
I-413182A	Metals, Total-Mn	R	1/08/2015	70.00		019828		
I-413183A	Wet Chemistry-NO3	R	1/08/2015	36.00		019828		
I-413456A	Wet Chemistry-NO3	R	1/08/2015	18.00		019828		
I-413458A	Wet Chemistry-NO3	R	1/08/2015	18.00		019828		428.00
00126	CAROLE ILES							
I-Dec 14	Reimburse Mileage 12/14	R	1/08/2015	37.24		019829		37.24
00215	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON							
I-010315	Acct#2210502480	R	1/08/2015	20,731.83		019830		
I-010315a	Acct#2210505426	R	1/08/2015	1,972.60		019830		
I-010315b	Acct#2237789169	R	1/08/2015	30.98		019830		
I-010315c	Acct#2269631768	R	1/08/2015	24.38		019830		
I-010615	Acct#2237011044	R	1/08/2015	28.58		019830		
I-010715	Acct#2237011044	R	1/08/2015	25.02		019830		
I-010815	Acct#2237011044	R	1/08/2015	25.86		019830		
I-123114	Acct#2210503702	R	1/08/2015	6,889.10		019830		29,728.35
02725	Jennifer Werber							
I-Oct 14	Reimburse Expenses 10/14	R	1/08/2015	1,604.97		019831		1,604.97
00274	JAMES WORD							
I-Aug 14	Reimburse Mileage 8/14	R	1/08/2015	15.68		019832		
I-Dec 14	Reimburse Mileage 12/14	R	1/08/2015	29.12		019832		
I-Jul 14	Reimburse Mileage 7/14	R	1/08/2015	56.00		019832		
I-Nov 14	Reimburse Mileage 11/14	R	1/08/2015	103.04		019832		
I-Oct 14	Reimburse Mileage 10/14	R	1/08/2015	77.28		019832		
I-Sep 14	Reimburse Mileage 9/14	R	1/08/2015	58.24		019832		339.36

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00276	RON YOST							
I-010515	Safety Boots	R	1/08/2015	160.18		019833		160.18
00124	ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST - 457							
I-CUI201501060933	457 CATCH UP	R	1/08/2015	423.07		019834		
I-DCI201501060933	DEFERRED COMP FLAT	R	1/08/2015	2,221.16		019834		2,644.23
01960	Moringa Community							
I-MOR201501060933	PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS	R	1/08/2015	16.75		019835		16.75
00985	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION							
I-CUN201501060933	457 CATCH UP	R	1/08/2015	864.53		019836		
I-DCN201501060933	DEFERRED COMP FLAT	R	1/08/2015	3,982.85		019836		
I-DN%201501060933	DEFERRED COMP PERCENT	R	1/08/2015	304.10		019836		5,151.48
00180	S.E.I.U. - LOCAL 721							
I-COP201501060933	SEIU 721 COPE	R	1/08/2015	12.00		019837		
I-UND201501060933	UNION DUES	R	1/08/2015	677.00		019837		689.00
00230	UNITED WAY							
I-UWY201501060933	PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS	R	1/08/2015	60.00		019838		60.00
00021	AWA OF VENTURA COUNTY							
I-010815	Waterwise Breakfast 1/15/15	R	1/15/2015	100.00		019839		100.00
09065	ERIC BEHRENDT							
I-011315	Safety Boots	R	1/15/2015	170.00		019840		170.00
00821	BEST BEST & KRIEGER LLP							
I-740771	Matter#8235600002 12/14	R	1/15/2015	214.40		019841		214.40
00051	BOARD OF EQUALIZATION							
I-011215a	UST Maint Fee Main Yard	R	1/15/2015	194.00		019842		194.00
	Acct#44-030877							
00051	BOARD OF EQUALIZATION							
I-012115	UST Maint Fee LCRA	R	1/15/2015	216.00		019843		216.00
	Acct#44-030670							
00756	BOARD OF EQUALIZATION							
I-011315	Use Tax Return 15-300115	R	1/15/2015	3,040.00		019844		3,040.00
	Filing Period 10/1/14-12/31/14							

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00756	BOARD OF EQUALIZATION							
I-011415	Sales Tax Return 101-064412	R	1/15/2015	220.00		019845		220.00
	Filing Period 1/1/14-12/31/14							
01616	FRED BRENEMAN							
I-011415	1/4/15-1/17/15	R	1/15/2015	391.00		019846		391.00
00055	CASITAS BOAT RENTALS							
I-Dec 14	Cafe Passes Reimburse Cafe Passes	R	1/15/2015	1,571.19		019847		1,571.19
00055	CASITAS BOAT RENTALS							
I-Dec 14	Gas for Boats at LCRA	R	1/15/2015	679.11		019848		679.11
00356	Ken Grinnell							
I-010815	Water Systems Math Course	R	1/15/2015	176.00		019849		176.00
01270	SCOTT LEWIS							
I-Dec 14	Reimburse Expenses 12/14	R	1/15/2015	2,041.24		019850		2,041.24
02268	Curtis Orozco							
I-Jan 15	DMV Physical	R	1/15/2015	90.00		019851		90.00
01109	SALVADOR LOERA TRANSPORTATION							
I-12164	Crushed Rock for Camp F	R	1/15/2015	454.12		019852		
I-12165	Sand & Base for Pipelines	R	1/15/2015	481.84		019852		
I-12166	Base for LCRA Entrance	R	1/15/2015	2,034.62		019852		
I-12167	Road Base for LCRA Entrance	R	1/15/2015	511.44		019852		
I-12168	Crushed Rock for Dist Maint	R	1/15/2015	700.00		019852		
I-12169	Rock for OV Res, UO Res	R	1/15/2015	1,010.62		019852		
I-12349	Crushed Rock for LCRA Maint	R	1/15/2015	700.00		019852		
I-15214	Base for LCRA Entrance	R	1/15/2015	505.31		019852		6,397.95
02698	J & T Engineering and Construc							
I-JTEC134.14	Replace Ramp at Dist Office	R	1/15/2015	6,693.00		019853		6,693.00
01629	3M							
I-02086099	Prescription Safety GlassesE&M	R	1/22/2015	156.00		019854		156.00
02587	A&M LAWMOWER SHOP							
I-39864	Stihl Chain Saw for LCRA Maint	R	1/22/2015	547.18		019855		547.18
00004	ACWA/JPIA							
I-0331236	Health Insurance 2/15	R	1/22/2015	111,222.18		019856		111,222.18

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00010	AIRGAS USA LLC							
I-9035181957	Welding Supplies for Maint	R	1/22/2015	239.90		019857		239.90
01817	ALLIED ELECTRONICS, INC.							
I-9003967255	Springs for Pump Plant	R	1/22/2015	56.54		019858		56.54
02619	AM-PM Rooter & Plumbing							
I-48	Sewer Line Cleanout Camp F	R	1/22/2015	225.00		019859		225.00
00859	AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY							
I-121014	2015 Membership	R	1/22/2015	90.00		019860		90.00
00836	AMERICAN RED CROSS							
I-10341300	Lifeguarding Course	R	1/22/2015	35.00		019861		35.00
00022	AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOC.							
I-7000878275	2015 Membership	R	1/22/2015	413.00		019862		413.00
09835	ANCHOR CONCRETE CUTTING							
I-140	Cores Holes for Fence, WP	R	1/22/2015	180.00		019863		180.00
00014	AQUA-FLO SUPPLY							
I-712750	PVC for Pump Plants	R	1/22/2015	2.53		019864		
I-716874	PVC Parts for 3MPP	R	1/22/2015	7.90		019864		10.43
02179	Art Street Interactive							
I-113458	Web Hosting/Maint, LCRA	R	1/22/2015	542.15		019865		542.15
00434	ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA							
I-102914	2015 Annual Agency Dues	R	1/22/2015	19,091.00		019866		19,091.00
01666	AT & T							
C-829434088X01142015	Credit Memo for Wrong Vendor	R	1/22/2015	12.57CR		019867		
I-000006098637	Acct#8310001729783 T1 Line	R	1/22/2015	357.32		019867		
I-000006100411	Acct#8310002969306 T-1 Lines	R	1/22/2015	1,092.91		019867		
I-829434088X01142015	PT Wildlife Biol Monthly Cell	R	1/22/2015	12.57		019867		1,450.23
00018	AT & T MOBILITY							
I-829434088X01142015	PT Wildlife Biol Monthly Cell	R	1/22/2015	12.57		019868		12.57
00020	AVENUE HARDWARE, INC							
I-58319	Compression Unions for TP	R	1/22/2015	5.59		019869		
I-58636	Number Stamp for Dist/Grounds	R	1/22/2015	25.16		019869		
I-60184	Concrete Bit for TP	R	1/22/2015	18.33		019869		49.08

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00021	AWA OF VENTURA COUNTY							
I-012115	CCWUC Luncheon 1/28/15	R	1/22/2015	100.00		019870		100.00
00021	AWA OF VENTURA COUNTY							
I-058230	2015 Membership	R	1/22/2015	6,000.00		019871		6,000.00
00030	B&R TOOL AND SUPPLY CO							
C-1510032000101	Tools Returned	R	1/22/2015	46.63CR		019872		
I-1289866000101	Replace Truck Tools, PL	R	1/22/2015	1,044.50		019872		
I-1289866000201	Replace Truck Tools, PL	R	1/22/2015	26.35		019872		
I-1289866000301	Socket for Pipelines	R	1/22/2015	6.73		019872		
I-1291657000101	Socket for Pump Plants	R	1/22/2015	28.14		019872		1,059.09
00679	BAKERSFIELD PIPE & SUPPLY INC							
I-S2119144001	Gate Valve for Rincon PP	R	1/22/2015	1,703.80		019873		
I-S2119460002	Pipe for Handrails	R	1/22/2015	199.62		019873		
I-S2121817002	Threaded Tees for Telemetry	R	1/22/2015	19.03		019873		
I-S2121868001	Pipe for Villanova Hand Rails	R	1/22/2015	30.88		019873		
I-S2121868002	Pipe for Distribution Crew	R	1/22/2015	61.40		019873		
I-S2126184001	Gasket for 3MPP Piping	R	1/22/2015	22.08		019873		2,036.81
00463	Cal-Coast Machinery							
I-218632	Parts for JD Tractor #112,LCRA	R	1/22/2015	1,324.43		019874		
I-219749	Parts for JD Tractor #112,LCRA	R	1/22/2015	473.92		019874		1,798.35
00067	CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS A							
I-010115	2015 Membership	R	1/22/2015	5,691.00		019875		5,691.00
01843	COASTAL COPY							
I-582965	Copier Usage, LCRA	R	1/22/2015	110.49		019876		
I-583870	Copier Usage for Dist Ofc	R	1/22/2015	96.83		019876		207.32
00059	COASTAL PIPCO							
I-S1845486002	Ball Valve, Test Cock for WP	R	1/22/2015	110.41		019877		110.41
00062	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL							
I-9009707647	Labeler Cleaning Kit for E&M	R	1/22/2015	59.81		019878		
I-9009708909	Canvas Bag for Pump Plant	R	1/22/2015	45.43		019878		105.24
00719	CORELOGIC INFORMATION SOLUTION							
I-81376842	Realquest Subscription	R	1/22/2015	137.50		019879		137.50
01483	CORVEL CORPORATION							
I-683108591	Bill Review	R	1/22/2015	34.80		019880		
I-683169941	Bill Review	R	1/22/2015	62.70		019880		97.50

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02716	Crop Production Services							
	C-26005373a							
	Accrue Use Tax	R	1/22/2015	343.31CR		019881		
	D-26005373a							
	Accrue Use Tax	R	1/22/2015	343.31		019881		
	I-26005373							
	Herbicides for Dist Maint	R	1/22/2015	4,577.50		019881		
	I-26036321							
	Tree Pesticide Injecttion Kit	R	1/22/2015	5,463.46		019881		10,040.96
00064	CROWDER BACKFLOW SERVICES, INC							
	I-22408							
	Annual Backflow Testing, LCRA	R	1/22/2015	843.00		019882		
	I-22496							
	Annual Backflow Testing, TP	R	1/22/2015	180.00		019882		1,023.00
01001	CUSTOM PRINTING							
	I-132337							
	Letterhead for District	R	1/22/2015	242.09		019883		
	I-132338							
	Inventory Pic Tags	R	1/22/2015	169.05		019883		411.14
02722	D&H Water Systems							
	I-120150023							
	PM Kit Cl2 Analyzer, TP	R	1/22/2015	220.79		019884		220.79
01764	DataProse, LLC							
	I-DP1403498							
	UB Mailing 12/30/14	R	1/22/2015	963.92		019885		963.92
02544	Department of Justice							
	I-078014							
	Fingerprinting	R	1/22/2015	32.00		019886		32.00
00182	DEWITT PETROLEUM							
	I-0049761IN							
	Gas & Diesel for Main Yard	R	1/22/2015	3,442.47		019887		
	I-0049905IN							
	Gas & Diesel for LCRA	R	1/22/2015	2,699.34		019887		6,141.81
00085	DON'S INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES, INC							
	I-355954							
	Fitting for 3M Cla-Valve	R	1/22/2015	98.73		019888		98.73
00086	E.J. Harrison & Sons Inc							
	I-1112							
	Acct#500546088	R	1/22/2015	905.18		019889		905.18
00095	FAMCON PIPE & SUPPLY							
	I-164470							
	Replace Broken Valve	R	1/22/2015	1,220.13		019890		
	I-164651							
	Valve Replacement Parts, 3M	R	1/22/2015	8,491.43		019890		9,711.56
00093	FEDERAL EXPRESS							
	I-290219379							
	Shipping for Admin	R	1/22/2015	42.01		019891		
	I-290940659							
	Shipping for Management	R	1/22/2015	30.67		019891		72.68
00013	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC #1083							
	I-0499145							
	18" x 2" Brass Saddle, Bypass	R	1/22/2015	567.02		019892		567.02

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00099	FGL ENVIRONMENTAL							
I-413457A	Metals, Total-Mn	R	1/22/2015	45.00		019893		
I-413459A	Metals, Total-Mn	R	1/22/2015	70.00		019893		
I-414314A	Wet Chemistry-NO3	R	1/22/2015	61.00		019893		
I-414517A	Wet Chemistry-NO3	R	1/22/2015	43.00		019893		
I-414521A	Metals, Total-Mn	R	1/22/2015	45.00		019893		
I-414653A	Wet Chemistry-NO3	R	1/22/2015	43.00		019893		307.00
00101	FISHER SCIENTIFIC							
I-6515230	Conductivity Standard, Lab	R	1/22/2015	66.29		019894		66.29
02614	Fondriest Environmental Inc.							
C-43849a	Accrue Use Tax	R	1/22/2015	44.15CR		019895		
D-43849a	Accrue Use Tax	R	1/22/2015	44.15		019895		
I-43849	Water Level Meter for Dam	R	1/22/2015	611.77		019895		611.77
00103	FRANK'S ROOTER & PUMPING							
I-89326	Leak Detection in Waterpark	R	1/22/2015	250.00		019896		250.00
00104	FRED'S TIRE MAN							
I-79265	Tire, Inner Tube, Flat Repair	R	1/22/2015	118.77		019897		
I-79293	2 Tires for #69, Dump Truck	R	1/22/2015	954.89		019897		
I-79294	2 Tires for #282, Trailer	R	1/22/2015	354.89		019897		
I-79314	Oil Change, #43, Dist Maint	R	1/22/2015	83.75		019897		
I-79343	2 Tires for #81 Util Truck	R	1/22/2015	977.89		019897		
I-79432	Oil Change for #8, E&M	R	1/22/2015	42.90		019897		
I-79684	Tire for #40, Treatment Plant	R	1/22/2015	174.95		019897		2,708.04
00106	FRONTIER PAINT							
I-F0200815	Paint Supplies for Lazy River	R	1/22/2015	190.03		019898		
I-F0200901	Paint Supplies for Lazy River	R	1/22/2015	203.08		019898		
I-F0200903	Paint Supplies for Lazy River	R	1/22/2015	36.03		019898		
I-F0201000	Paint Supplies for Waterpark	R	1/22/2015	39.30		019898		468.44
00485	FRUIT GROWERS SUPPLY COMPANY							
I-91626159	Gloves for Spray Rig, DM	R	1/22/2015	26.70		019899		26.70
00879	Galco Industrial Electronics							
C-A59327201a	Accrue Use Tax	R	1/22/2015	2.50CR		019900		
C-A59327202a	Accrue Use Tax	R	1/22/2015	0.74CR		019900		
C-A59327203a	Accrue Use Tax	R	1/22/2015	6.00CR		019900		
D-A59327201a	Accrue Use Tax	R	1/22/2015	2.50		019900		
D-A59327202a	Accrue Use Tax	R	1/22/2015	0.74		019900		
D-A59327203a	Accrue Use Tax	R	1/22/2015	6.00		019900		
I-A59327201	Contact Blocks for TP	R	1/22/2015	46.99		019900		
I-A59327202	Contact Carriers for TP	R	1/22/2015	23.51		019900		
I-A59327203	Selector Switch Operators TP	R	1/22/2015	96.59		019900		167.09

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02720	Garda CL West, Inc.							
I-10064799	Armored Truck Service	R	1/22/2015	567.10		019901		567.10
00115	GRAINGER, INC							
I-9621585190	Villanova Vault Hand Rails	R	1/22/2015	567.51		019902		
I-9624176039	Electric Heaters for Dist Ofc	R	1/22/2015	615.91		019902		
I-9626972088	Masons Line for Fisheries	R	1/22/2015	13.69		019902		
I-9629117558	Safety Cabinet for Garage	R	1/22/2015	904.72		019902		
I-9632603495	Tank Mix Pump for TP	R	1/22/2015	747.13		019902		
I-9636363310	Shelf for Cabinet in Garage	R	1/22/2015	62.35		019902		2,911.31
00746	GREEN THUMB INTERNATIONAL							
I-474962	Trimmer Head for Waterpark	R	1/22/2015	35.21		019903		35.21
00121	HACH COMPANY							
I-9165540	LDO Probe for Treatment Plant	R	1/22/2015	141.42		019904		
I-9174227	Reagents for Treatment Plant	R	1/22/2015	259.38		019904		400.80
01838	WILLIS HAND							
I-012115	D4 Certification Renewel	R	1/22/2015	105.00		019905		105.00
01052	HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS USA, INC							
I-0176590	Tool Box, Tarp for DM	R	1/22/2015	63.39		019906		63.39
00369	HARRINGTON INDUSTRIAL PLASTICS							
I-01386333	Repair Parts for TP C12 Pump	R	1/22/2015	522.79		019907		522.79
00596	HOME DEPOT							
I-6823532	Storage Chest for Fisheries	R	1/22/2015	213.93		019908		
I-8812317	Auto Bathroom Faucets, LCRA	R	1/22/2015	612.94		019908		
I-9801824	Padlock for Chest Fisheries	R	1/22/2015	20.39		019908		
I-9870668	Door Closures for LCRA	R	1/22/2015	209.30		019908		1,056.56
00894	HOSE-MAN, INC.							
I-5210040000105	Hose for #109, LCRA Backhoe	R	1/22/2015	237.55		019909		
I-5210545000105	Hose Repair for #81	R	1/22/2015	7.16		019909		
I-5210758000105	Fire Hose Adapters for TP	R	1/22/2015	56.03		019909		
I-5210782000105	Pump Truck #88, Tank Repair	R	1/22/2015	40.66		019909		341.40
00125	IDEXX DISTRIBUTION CORP							
I-284594970	Vessels for Lab	R	1/22/2015	144.00		019910		144.00
00872	Irrisoft, Inc.							
I-5319	ET Station Services	R	1/22/2015	79.00		019911		79.00

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00131	JCI JONES CHEMICALS, INC							
I-642150	Chlorine for TP, CM#642184	R	1/22/2015	1,770.00		019912		
I-642159	Chlorine for TP, CM#642183	R	1/22/2015	899.94		019912		
I-643752	Chlorine for TP, CM#643816	R	1/22/2015	1,770.00		019912		4,439.94
00328	LIGHTNING RIDGE							
I-10570	Banners for Front of Waterpark	R	1/22/2015	861.08		019913		861.08
00329	MCMaster-CARR SUPPLY CO.							
I-20001779	Nylon Strips, Angles, Robles	R	1/22/2015	21.67		019914		
I-20041576	Parts for Pump Plants	R	1/22/2015	12.39		019914		34.06
00151	MEINERS OAKS ACE HARDWARE							
C-645256	PVC Parts Returned	R	1/22/2015	7.02CR		019915		
C-646223	Angles Exchanged, Waterpark	R	1/22/2015	8.76CR		019915		
C-646357	Credit Inv#641352	R	1/22/2015	0.59CR		019915		
I-642861	Shovels, Hand Sanitizer, LCRA	R	1/22/2015	38.97		019915		
I-643600	Data Conduit for Waterpark	R	1/22/2015	148.77		019915		
I-643710	Sandbelt for Waterpark	R	1/22/2015	5.38		019915		
I-643746	Sandbelt, Valve Box for WP	R	1/22/2015	20.03		019915		
I-643752	Plywood for Cabinets @ DM Ofc	R	1/22/2015	93.57		019915		
I-644477	Spraypaint, Gauge, Key, Maint	R	1/22/2015	13.76		019915		
I-644820	Salt Softener, LCRA	R	1/22/2015	5.86		019915		
I-644910	Supplies for Waterpark	R	1/22/2015	44.86		019915		
I-644945	Blanket, Asphalt Patch, Maint	R	1/22/2015	97.00		019915		
I-644946	Washers, Nuts & Bolts for DM	R	1/22/2015	28.96		019915		
I-644951	Tarp for Spray Rig #267	R	1/22/2015	7.82		019915		
I-644952	Stain, Paint Brushes LCRA	R	1/22/2015	9.64		019915		
I-645083	PVC Pipe for Dist Maint	R	1/22/2015	12.36		019915		
I-645124	Water Heater Blankets, LCRA	R	1/22/2015	72.78		019915		
I-645136	PVC Parts for Fisheries	R	1/22/2015	20.02		019915		
I-645277	Shelving for LCRA	R	1/22/2015	346.57		019915		
I-645279	LCRA Cleaning Supplies	R	1/22/2015	55.89		019915		
I-645296	Duct Tape for Pump Plants	R	1/22/2015	6.98		019915		
I-645349	Trailer Ball for Maint	R	1/22/2015	10.09		019915		
I-645559	Spray Paint, Bolts for Maint	R	1/22/2015	32.31		019915		
I-645633	Bolts & Nuts for Spray Rig, DM	R	1/22/2015	6.37		019915		
I-645637	Ceramic Heater for TP	R	1/22/2015	53.73		019915		
I-645675	Broom Handle for Pipelines	R	1/22/2015	5.07		019915		
I-645738	Paint, Valve Balls for Maint	R	1/22/2015	99.15		019915		
I-645832	Paint, Ball Valve for Maint	R	1/22/2015	14.49		019915		
I-645848	Parts for Fountain Repairs	R	1/22/2015	2.70		019915		
I-645961	Lighters for LCRA Maint	R	1/22/2015	7.14		019915		
I-646023	Angle Grinder, Blades, Maint	R	1/22/2015	88.89		019915		
I-646055	Sealant, Bolts for Fisheries	R	1/22/2015	16.09		019915		
I-646106	Blocks for LCRA Entrance	R	1/22/2015	27.74		019915		
I-646203	Steel Flat Bar, Bolrs for WP	R	1/22/2015	51.13		019915		
I-646274	Pipe Insulation for Fisheries	R	1/22/2015	5.26		019915		

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I-646340	Bondo, Concrete for LCRA Maint	R	1/22/2015	18.03		019915		
I-646378	Bolts, Rods for Telemetry	R	1/22/2015	47.84		019915		
I-646385	Keys Made for Telemetry	R	1/22/2015	4.81		019915		
I-646427	Roundup, Sprayer for WP	R	1/22/2015	63.45		019915		
I-646427a	Correct Inv#646427	R	1/22/2015	0.11		019915		
I-646840	Light Bulbs for Maint Yard	R	1/22/2015	100.81		019915		
I-646925	Knee Boots for Treatment Plant	R	1/22/2015	26.86		019915		
I-646968	Bolts & Screws for Dist Crew	R	1/22/2015	24.38		019915		
I-647040	Connectors for Pump Plant	R	1/22/2015	25.66		019915		
I-647060	Teflon Tape, Treatment Plant	R	1/22/2015	9.68		019915		
I-647083	Keys Made, Tubing, Waterpark	R	1/22/2015	19.19		019915		
I-647139	Screwdriver, Gloves for IT	R	1/22/2015	25.41		019915		
I-647285	Concrete, Lumber for Dist Crew	R	1/22/2015	35.66		019915		
I-647359	Elbow, Cement, Adapter for WP	R	1/22/2015	19.54		019915		
I-647360	Hardware for Campground Signs	R	1/22/2015	62.32		019915		
I-647383	Paint, Pipe Clamps, LCRA Signs	R	1/22/2015	46.63		019915		
I-647385	Netting, Safety Glasses, LCRA	R	1/22/2015	46.24		019915		
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I-647748	Blade Cutoffs, Cap for Maint	R	1/22/2015	50.77		019915		2,082.47
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I-V587589	Battery for Backhoe #109	R	1/22/2015	149.30		019930		149.30
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I-13805	Smog Inspection, #18 TP	R	1/22/2015	34.75		019935		
I-13808	Smog Inspection #24, TP	R	1/22/2015	34.75		019935		
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I-8064	FR Uniforms for E&M	R	1/22/2015	347.18		019945		347.18
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I-29181861	Annual Dues	R	1/22/2015	895.00		019951		895.00

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02729	Pery Yakoubi							
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**CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO: STEVE WICKSTRUM, GENERAL MANAGER
FROM: NEIL COLE, CIVIL ENGINEER
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE AERATION IMPROVEMENTS AT LAKE CASITAS
DATE: JANUARY 20, 2015

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors hold the public hearing to receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and take one of the following actions after review of all comments received:

1. Approve the proposed project as described in the initial study and certify the Mitigated Negative Declaration or;
2. Approve the proposed project with additional mitigation measures in response to comments received and certify the Mitigated Negative Declaration with the additional mitigation measures or;
3. Direct staff to revise the Mitigated Negative Declaration to respond to comments received and extend the public comment period.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The proposed project consists of constructing a hypolimnetic aeration system for Lake Casitas. The project will include the construction of a liquid oxygen storage tank, vaporizers, lights and controls adjacent to Casitas Dam and construction an oxygen delivery pipe and submerged injection tubing within the restricted area of the lake near the dam.

The proposed aeration system could have visual impacts. The liquid oxygen storage is to be placed horizontal to reduce this impact to a less than significant level. The aeration system will have impacts to the water quality but these impacts are positive to water quality and fish habitat.

I have received comments from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The comments are attached. Staff recommends incorporating the CDFW mitigation measures into the mitigated negative declaration.



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DIRECTOR

December 17, 2014

Neil Cole
Casitas Municipal Water District
1055 N. Ventura Avenue
Oak View, CA 93022

Subject: Aeration Improvements at Lake Casitas
SCH#: 2014111037

Dear Neil Cole:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Mitigated Negative Declaration to selected state agencies for review. On the enclosed Document Details Report please note that the Clearinghouse has listed the state agencies that reviewed your document. The review period closed on December 16, 2014, and the comments from the responding agency (ies) is (are) enclosed. If this comment package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Please refer to the project's ten-digit State Clearinghouse number in future correspondence so that we may respond promptly.

Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:

"A responsible or other public agency shall only make substantive comments regarding those activities involved in a project which are within an area of expertise of the agency or which are required to be carried out or approved by the agency. Those comments shall be supported by specific documentation."

These comments are forwarded for use in preparing your final environmental document. Should you need more information or clarification of the enclosed comments, we recommend that you contact the commenting agency directly.

This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse

Enclosures
cc: Resources Agency

**Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

SCH# 2014111037
Project Title Aeration Improvements at Lake Casitas
Lead Agency Casitas Municipal Water District

Type MND Mitigated Negative Declaration
Description Construct a hypolimnetic Oxygenation System to improve water quality in the lake.

Lead Agency Contact

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email
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Project Location

County Ventura
City
Region
Lat / Long 34° 22' 9" N / 119° 20' 17" W
Cross Streets Casitas Vista Road and Santa Ana Road
Parcel No. 060-0-280-085
Township **Range** **Section** **Base**

Proximity to:

Highways Hwy 33 & 150
Airports
Railways
Waterways Lake Casitas, Coyote Creek & Ventura River
Schools
Land Use Water storage and recreation

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Noise; Water Quality

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Department of Boating and Waterways; Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 5; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; Caltrans, District 7; Air Resources Board; State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 4; Native American Heritage Commission

Date Received 11/17/2014 **Start of Review** 11/17/2014 **End of Review** 12/16/2014



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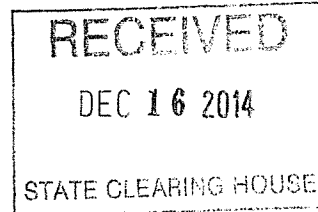
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December 16, 2014

Mr. Neil Cole, Senior Engineer
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Subject: Lake Casitas Shoreline Vegetation Removal Project, Santa Ana Launch Ramp Extension Project, and Aeration Improvement Project Mitigated Negative Declarations (Projects), SCH# 2014111037, 38, 39

Dear Mr. Cole:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) received a Notice of Intent to Adopt Mitigated Negative Declarations (MNDs) from the Casitas Municipal Water District for the subject Projects pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Pursuant to The Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.; hereafter CEQA Guidelines), the Department has reviewed the MNDs and offers comments and recommendations on those activities involved in the Projects that are within Department's area of expertise and germane to its statutory responsibilities, and/or which are required to be approved by CDFW (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15086, 15096 & 15204).

CEQA AUTHORITY

The Department has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and the habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of those species (i.e., biological resources). The Department is a Trustee Agency with responsibility under CEQA for commenting on Projects that could affect biological resources. As a Trustee Agency, the Department is responsible for providing, as available, biological expertise to review and comment upon environmental documents and impacts arising from Project activities (CEQA Guidelines, § 15386; Fish & G. Code, § 1802).

The Department will also act as a Responsible Agency based on its discretionary authority regarding Project activities that impact streams and lakes (Fish & G. Code, §§ 1600 – 1616), in this case Lake Casitas.

PROJECT

The objectives of the Projects are to reduce algal blooms in Lake Casitas and to increase the boat launch capabilities at the Santa Ana launch ramp. Primary Project activities include shoreline vegetation removal in select locations on the north side of the lake, installation and activation of aeration improvements within the lake, and extending the length of the Santa Ana boat launch ramp. Activities related to the reduction of algal blooms will also reduce the amount of chemicals such as copper sulfate that will need to be used to control future algal blooms.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department offers the comments and recommendations to assist Casitas Municipal Water District in adequately identifying and/or mitigating the Projects' significant, or potentially significant, impacts on biological resources. These comments and recommendations are based on the requirement for the environmental document to include the following information:

- A description of the environmental setting that contains sufficient information to understand the Projects', and their alternatives' (if applicable), significant impacts on the environment (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15063, 15125 & 15360);
- Identification of environmental impacts of the proposed Projects (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15063, 15065, 15126, 15126.2, 15126.6 & 15358); and
- A description of feasible mitigation measures to avoid potentially significant impacts, and/or mitigate significant impacts, of the proposed Projects on the environment (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15021, 15063, 15071, 15126.2, 15126.4 & 15370).

The MNDs include the following general biological mitigation measure under 2.5.4 (b) of Biological Resources: "A biological survey will be conducted just prior to commencement of ramp construction and vegetation removal activities. If any sensitive species are found, the work will be modified or delayed to reduce impacts to less than significant". The Department recommends that the following language be included, where applicable, to further clarify this measure:

1. Nesting Birds. Measures should be taken to avoid Project impacts to nesting birds within the habitat that has become established while the lake level is low. Migratory nongame native bird species are protected by international treaty under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) of 1918 (Title 50, § 10.13, Code of Federal Regulations). Sections 3503, 3503.5, and 3513 of the California Fish and Game Code prohibit take of all birds and their active nests including raptors and other migratory nongame birds (as listed under the Federal MBTA). Proposed Project activities (including, but not limited to, staging and disturbances to native and nonnative vegetation, structures, and substrates) should occur outside of the avian breeding season, which generally runs from February 1st through September 1st (as early as January 1st for some raptors) to avoid take of birds or their eggs. If avoidance of the avian breeding season is not feasible, the Department recommends surveys by a qualified biologist with experience in conducting breeding bird surveys to detect protected native birds occurring in suitable nesting habitat that is to be disturbed and (as access to adjacent areas allows) any other such habitat within 300 feet of the disturbance areas (within 500 feet for raptors). Project personnel, including all contractors working on site, should be instructed on the sensitivity of the area. Reductions in the nest buffer distance may be appropriate depending on the avian species involved, ambient levels of human activity, screening vegetation, or possibly other factors.
2. Inventory of Biological Resources. A current inventory of the biological resources associated with each habitat type on site and within the area of potential effect should be conducted. The Department's California Natural Diversity Data Base in Sacramento should be contacted at www.wildlife.ca.gov/biogeodata/ to obtain current information on

any previously reported sensitive species and habitat, including Significant Natural Areas identified under Chapter 12 of the Fish and Game Code.

3. Sensitive Species. An inventory of rare, threatened, endangered, and other sensitive species on site and within the areas of potential effect should be conducted. Species to be addressed should include all those which meet the CEQA definition (see CEQA Guidelines, § 15380). This should include sensitive fish, wildlife, reptile, and amphibian species. Seasonal variations in use of the Project areas should also be addressed. There may be sensitive plant species that have become established since the lake level has dropped. A qualified botanist, knowledgeable of potential sensitive plant species in the area, should survey the proposed shoreline vegetation removal areas and the vegetation below the existing boat launch ramp for sensitive plant species prior to Project implementation.

The MNDs acknowledge the need to notify the Department to develop a Lake and Streambed Alteration agreement. The MNDs state that: "Discretionary approval authority and other public agencies whose approval are required include a Streambed Alteration Agreement from California Department of Fish and Wildlife". The Department concurs and provides the following information to better clarify the mitigation measure:

4. Lake and Streambed Agreement. The Department has regulatory authority over activities in streams and/or lakes that will divert or obstruct the natural flow, or change the bed, channel, or bank (which may include associated riparian resources) of a river or stream, or use material from a streambed. For any such activities, the Project applicant (or "entity") must provide written notification to the Department pursuant to section 1600 et seq. of the Fish and Game Code. Based on this notification and other information, the Department will determine whether a Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA) Agreement with the applicant is required prior to conducting the proposed activities. The Department's issuance of a LSA for a project that is subject to CEQA will require CEQA compliance actions by the Department as a Responsible Agency. The Department as a Responsible Agency under CEQA may consider the local jurisdiction's (Lead Agency's) Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report for the project. To minimize additional requirements by the Department pursuant to section 1600 et seq. and/or under CEQA, the document should fully identify the potential impacts to the stream or riparian resources and provide adequate avoidance, mitigation, monitoring and reporting commitments for issuance of the LSA.

The MND for the Lake Casitas Shoreline Vegetation Removal Project describes that the shoreline vegetation removal project activities will require the removal of vegetation between the current shoreline and the full lake elevation. The removal will be completed using a combination of hand crews, dozers, brush hogs, tractors, mowers, string weed cutters, chainsaws, chippers, dump trucks and other associated equipment. The Department recommends that the following conditions also be included in mitigation used for vegetation removal:

5. Vegetation Removal. Vegetation removal activities should leave the plant roots in the soil to reduce soil erosion, and should concentrate on areas of exotic plants including tamarisk (*Tamaric spp.*). In areas of native shrubs including mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*) and coyote bush (*Baccharis pilularis*), removal of native vegetation should be

minimized, where feasible. The native plants provide valuable habitat for both upland species when the lake is low and for warm water fish when the lake is high (even as a dead shrub component within the shallow water zones). The Department recommends the addition of hardwood log structure into strategic locations of the lake, where feasible to further mitigate the loss of fish habitat caused by the vegetation removal Project. Hardwood log structure will decay slowly and will not add substantially to the decaying plant material in the lake. The Department also recommends keeping heavy equipment and other vehicles away from the lakes edge (100 feet minimum) during vegetation removal to reduce the potential for equipment pollutants entering the lake. The Department's LSA will include best management practices that will be required during vehicle and equipment use adjacent to Casitas Lake that will help reduce potential spill incidents.

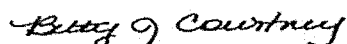
CONCLUSION

The Department recommends that the MNDs' biological mitigation measures be further clarified by including the additional specific language provided in this letter, where appropriate. The Department concurs with the objective of the Projects to facilitate the reduction of future algal blooms. These Project actions including the installation of aeration improvements and selected shoreline vegetation removal will help reduce the amount of chemicals, such as copper sulfate, that will be needed to control future algal blooms. The Department also suggests that an evaluation of other local sources of nutrients from the watershed above the lake elevation that may be impacting the lake's water quality would be valuable and could guide future actions to reduce algal blooms. Activities associated with the recreational facility adjacent to the lake, as well as from nearby residences and agricultural operations, may be contributing factors to nutrient loading of the lake.

FUTURE COORDINATION

The Department appreciates this opportunity to comment on these MNDs. Questions regarding this letter or further coordination should be directed to Dan Blankenship, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist) at (661) 259-3750 or Daniel.Blankenship@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse, Sacramento

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AERATION IMPROVEMENTS AT LAKE CASITAS

Lead Agency:

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
1055 North Ventura Avenue
Oak View, California 93022

NOVEMBER 2014

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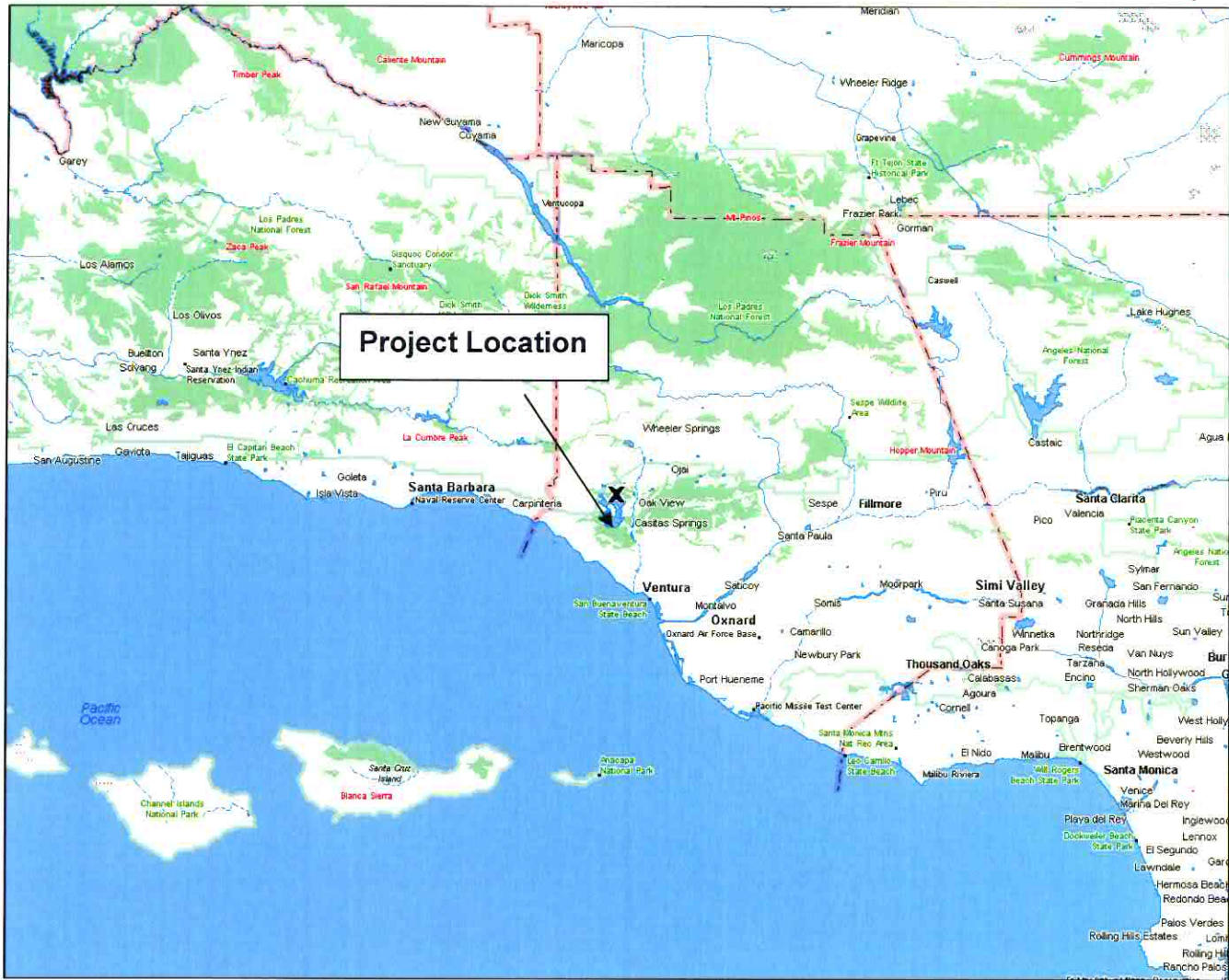


Figure 1-1. Project Location Map

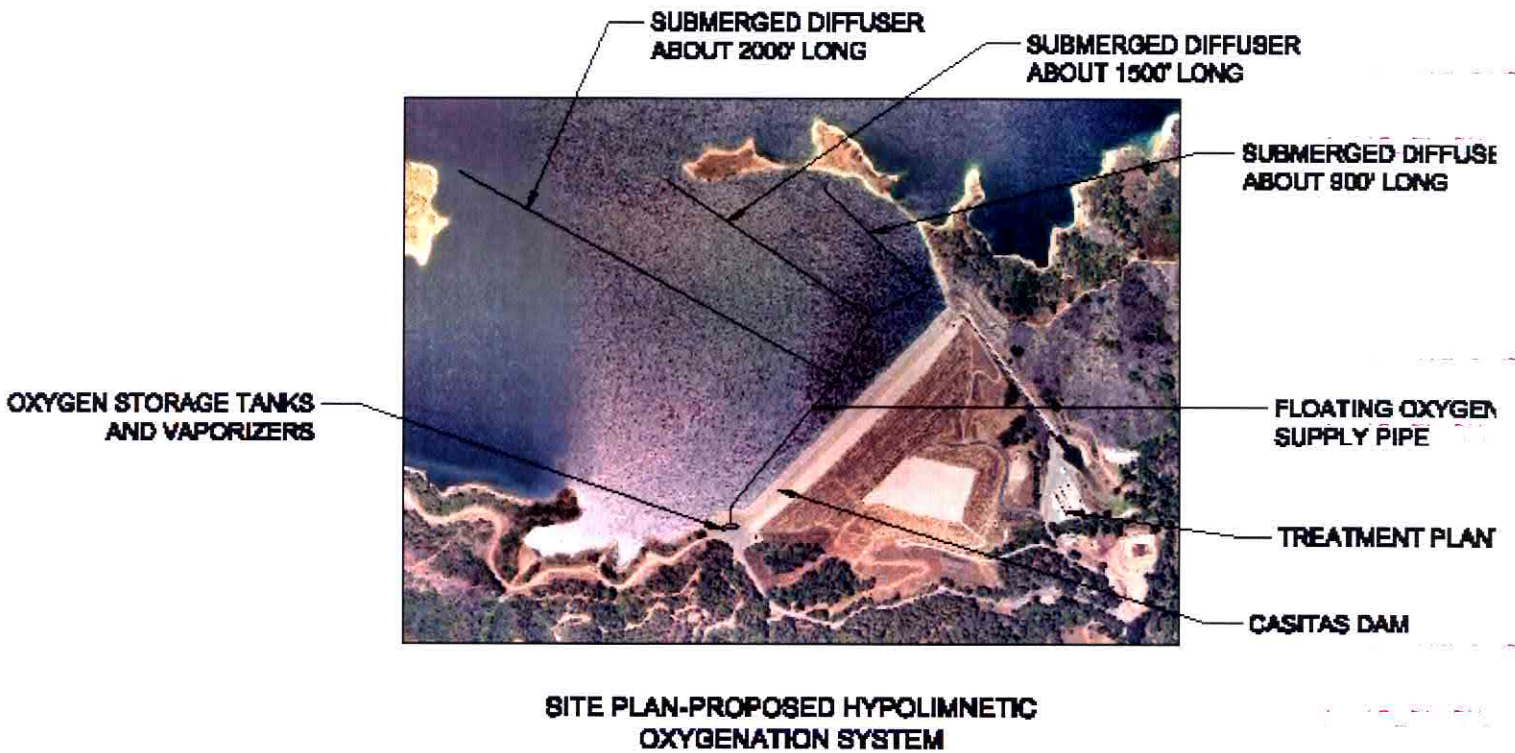


Figure 1-2. Casitas Dam Area-Aeration additions

**1.0
INTRODUCTION**

1.1 PURPOSE AND NEED

Lake Casitas is a water storage facility located in Ventura County. The water from the lake provides drinking and agricultural water to northwestern Ventura County. The purpose of this project is to add a hypolimnetic oxygenation system (HOS) to improve water quality in the lake. The lake suffers from low dissolved oxygen levels in the bottom waters during the spring, summer and fall. Low dissolved oxygen can result in fish die-offs, and increase in dissolved manganese and iron in the water and hydrogen sulfide forming. The HOS will inject oxygen in the bottom waters of the lake thereby increasing the dissolved oxygen level without changing the water temperature.

1.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A hypolimnetic oxygenation system will be constructed to inject oxygen into the lake water. The project will consist of 3 submerged diffuser hoses, a oxygen supply pipe, one or two oxygen storage tanks and two to four vaporizers. The oxygen storage tank(s) and vaporizers will be located adjacent to the south western end of Casitas Dam. The oxygen supply pipe and the submerged diffuser hoses will be located within the restricted access area of the lake.

1.3 CEQA APPLICABILITY

The Casitas Municipal Water District has elected to perform an environmental review pursuant to the CEQA framework in the interest of community cooperation.

1.4 REPORT ORGANIZATION

The remainder of this Study is organized as follows:

- Section 2.0 details the initial environmental impacts. Some sections are further categorized as construction and operational impacts. When the sections are not broken down into these subheadings it indicates that there was no significant difference to the Project.
- Section 3.0 presents the mitigation measures identified to minimize the potential environmental impacts.

Environmental Checklist Form

2.1 PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Project title:

Aeration Improvements at Lake Casitas

2. Lead agency name and address:

Casitas Municipal Water District
1055 Ventura Ave, Oak View, CA 93022

3. Contact person and phone number:

Neil Cole
805-649-2251 x 107

4. Project location:

The project is located at Casitas Dam, near the community of Casitas Springs in Ventura County. From the 101 Freeway in Ventura proceed north on highway 33 until the Casitas Vista Road exit. Proceed north on Casitas Vista Road until Casitas Dam is reached.

5. Project sponsor's name and address: (See #2 & #3)

Same

6. Custodian of the administrative record for this project (if different from response to item 3 above.): Casitas Municipal Water District

7. Identification of previous EIRs relied upon for tiering purposes (including all applicable LRDP and project EIRs).

None

2.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- 1 Description of project:

The project consists of constructing a hypolimnetic oxygenation system at the vista point near Casitas Dam. The hypolimnetic oxygenation system will inject oxygen at specific levels in the lake to maintain satisfactory dissolved oxygen levels for potable water and fish. The system consists of a storage tank for liquid oxygen, two or more vaporizers to convert the liquid oxygen into gas, supply piping, injection tubing, cable, chain and anchors. Trucks will supply the liquid oxygen to the tank.

The system is expected to operate from March through November. Three truckloads of liquid oxygen per week are anticipated during peak operating times with one truck per week for normal operating periods.

2 Project Objectives:

During spring, summer and fall Lake Casitas becomes stratified. The dissolved oxygen levels in the lower portions of the lake drop below desired levels. Low levels of dissolved oxygen can result in fish die offs and increased levels of dissolved iron and manganese in the water. Iron and manganese result in taste, odor and plumbing issues in drinking water.

3 Surrounding land uses and environmental setting:

The Lake Casitas Recreation Area encompasses approximately 1,200 acres of park lands and 3,500 acres of open space around the 2,700 surface acres of Lake Casitas. The park lands include camp sites, hiking, biking, café park store, water park, administrative office, trailer storage, shower house and restrooms, and two boating launch ramps and an undeveloped Main Island, in the center of the lake. Land outside the Lake Casitas Recreation area includes protected watershed and agricultural lands.

4 Discretionary approval authority and other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.)

US Bureau of Reclamation

5 Consistency with the LRDP: (Describe the project's consistency with: the scope of development projected in the LRDP; campus and community population levels projected in the LRDP; LRDP designation for this type of project; and applicable policy objectives and goals of the LRDP).

N/A

2.3 ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

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



Aesthetics



Agriculture Resources



Air Quality

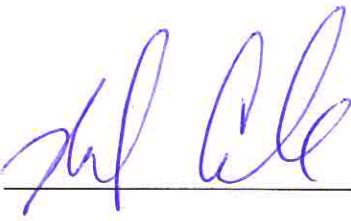
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Mineral Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Noise - temporary construction	<input type="checkbox"/>	Population/Housing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation/Traffic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Land Use/Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Greenhouse Gas Emissions		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Utilities/Service Systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mandatory Findings of Significance		

2.4 DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of the initial evaluation that follows:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
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- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
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- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
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- I find that the proposed project MAY have a “potentially significant impact” or “potentially significant unless mitigated” impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. A TIERED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
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- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, no further environmental document is required. FINDINGS consistent with this determination will be prepared.
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Signature: _____



Date: _____

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Printed Name: Neil Cole P.E.

2.5 EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

Response Column Heading Definitions

A. **Potentially Significant Impact** is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more “Potentially Significant Impact” entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.

B. **Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated** applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from “Potentially Significant Impact” to a “Less Than Significant Impact.” The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from earlier analyses may be cross-referenced).

C. **Impact for which LRDP/Program EIR is Sufficient** applies where the impacts of the project were adequately addressed and mitigated to the extent feasible in a certified Long Range Development Plan EIR or in a Program EIR. (See also Tiering section below).

D. **Less Than Significant Impact** applies where the project creates no significant impacts, only Less than Significant impacts.

E. **No Impact** applies where a project does not create an impact in that category. “No Impact” answers do not require an explanation if they are adequately supported by the information sources cited by the lead agency which show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A “No Impact” answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project specific screening analysis).

Tiering

Tiering is not used for this project.

IMPACT QUESTIONS

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
2.5.1 AESTHETICS -- Would the project:					
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? Minimum change will occur to views of the lake.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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2.5.2. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES:

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

a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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d) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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2.5.3. AIR QUALITY -- Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?

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Temporary impacts to air quality will result from the equipment used to construct the project. All equipment will meet Ventura County Air Pollution Control District requirements.

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

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All construction equipment will meet Ventura County Air Pollution District requirements, therefore the impacts will be less than significant during construction. After the construction is completed, minimal impacts from the oxygen delivery trucks will occur. One truck delivery per week is expected during normal operations with a maximum delivery rate of 3 trucks per week.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? Temporary construction BMP'S will reduce level to below significant impacts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.5.4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES --

Would the project:

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

No significant impact is expected to any candidate, sensitive or special status species. The project is anticipated to improve the long term water quality of the lake, thereby improving the habitat.

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Lake Casitas is a human constructed drinking water reservoir with planted fish species.

e) Conflict with any local applicable policies protecting biological resources?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other applicable habitat conservation plan?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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g) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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2.5.5. CULTURAL RESOURCES --
Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.5.6. GEOLOGY AND SOILS -- Would the project:					
a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
iv) Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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f) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

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2.5.7. GREENHOUSE GAS

EMISSIONS– Would the project:

a) Generate gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment? Minimal gas emissions will be produced during construction. All equipment to meet Ventura County Air Pollution Control District requirements.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of green house gases?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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2.5.8. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS

MATERIALS – Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.5.9. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY -- Would the project:					
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?

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

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j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?

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k) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

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2.5.10. LAND USE AND PLANNING -

Would the project:

a) Physically divide an established community?

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

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

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d) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

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2.5.11. MINERAL RESOURCES --

Would the project:

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

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

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c) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

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2.5.12. NOISE – Would the project result in:

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Noise levels will be temporarily increased during construction. All equipment will have properly operating sound minimizing equipment.

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Construction equipment will temporarily increase the ambient noise levels above the existing sound levels. All equipment will have properly operating sound minimizing equipment. Construction will only be completed during daylight hours when ambient noise levels are higher.

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

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

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g) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

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2.5.13. POPULATION AND HOUSING

-- Would the project:

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

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

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c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.5.14. PUBLIC SERVICES

a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause

significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

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

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Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.5.15. RECREATION --					
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.5.16. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

-- Would the project:

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a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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g) Conflict with applicable policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.5.17. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS – Would the project:					
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?

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

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

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h) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

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2.5.17. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE --

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

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restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

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b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

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

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2.5.18. Fish and Game Determination

Based on the information above, there is no evidence that the project has a potential for a change that would adversely affect wildlife resources or the habitat upon which the wildlife depends. The presumption of adverse effect set forth in 14 CCR 753.5 (d) has been rebutted by substantial evidence.

Yes (Certificate of Fee Exemption)

No (Pay fee)

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MITIGATION AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES

(Unless discussion of impacts is integrated in Section V. 1-16)

3.1 AESTHETICS

The project is not expected to result in any significant impacts to aesthetic resources or scenic vistas. Therefore, no mitigation measures are proposed.

3.2 AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

The project is not expected to impact agricultural lands or lands designated as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance under the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program. Therefore, no mitigation measures are proposed.

3.3 AIR QUALITY

Fugitive dust releases would be minimized by standard dust control mitigation measures to be implemented by the Project. Proper maintenance and operation of construction equipment would minimize emissions from construction equipment.

The following measures would be implemented to reduce potential impacts from carbon monoxide, ozone, and particulate matter:

- Truck and equipment engines will be maintained in good running condition and in proper tune per manufacturer's specification.
- Idling time of construction equipment will be limited when not in use.

3.4 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

The project is not expected to impact any nesting birds, including raptors.

No trees will be removed.

The injection of oxygen will improve the quality of the lake water, reducing the anoxic zone, thereby improving the water quality for aquatic species.

3.5 CULTURAL RESOURCES

Although no impact to cultural resources is anticipated with this Project, the following mitigation measures are provided as guidelines.

If a previously unidentified cultural resource is encountered during construction activities, work in the immediate area of the find should stop until such time that a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the find and make appropriate recommendations for mitigation, if warranted.

If the find is significant, the resource should be avoided, if possible. If not possible, data recovery should be undertaken as mitigation. Data recovery must be directed by an appropriate research design describing the methods to be used during recovery and analysis, research questions to be addressed, and artifact curation requirements. An Assessment Report describing the results of the artifact analysis and the historic or prehistoric archaeological findings must be submitted to the CPUC and the appropriate California Historical Resources Information Center(s).

In the event human remains are discovered at the proposed project site; all work in the immediate area must stop and

the County Coroner must be contacted. The County Coroner upon recognizing the remains as being of Native American origin, shall contact the Native American Heritage Commission within 24 hours of the discovery. The steps outlined in CEQA Section 15064.5 (e) must be followed. On Federal lands, the steps outlined in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) must be followed.

3.6 GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Due to the limited nature and timing of the Project it is anticipated there will be no significant impacts. In addition, Erosion control measures will be used during construction if there is a chance of runoff. Erosion control measures will include:

- Erect sediment barriers prior to the onset of any storm event that may impact the project site. Sediment barriers constructed of straw bales, earthen berms, geo-technical devices, or silt filter fabric fencing, shall be installed where necessary to prevent silt laden water from the project site entering the stream or lake. Passage of sediment beyond the sediment barrier(s) is prohibited. The sediment barrier(s) shall be maintained in good operating condition throughout the period of construction of the project. This includes, but is not limited to, removal of accumulated silt and/or replacement of damaged bales and fabric fencing (G-DFG, 1999).
- Reduce the tracking of sediment onto public or private roads. Should sediment be tracked onto roads, the roads will be swept clean. Accumulated sediment or silt will not be swept into the storm drain systems.
- Wind erosion is not anticipated to be a problem. Should dust control be needed, mulching or wetting of wind erodible surfaces will be used for dust control until restoration. An effort should be made to disturb only small portions of the construction area at any one.

3.7 HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

(1) Contacting the Underground Services Alert program (USA) to mark utility locations prior to construction will minimize the possibility of damaging underground or overhead utilities.

(2) Small quantities of hazardous materials may be released through accidental spills. Hazardous materials used during construction will be limited to small quantities of gasoline, diesel fuel, engine oil, and hydraulic fluids. These materials may be released in accidental spills. To reduce the impact of these spills to less than significant, the following mitigation measures will be observed:

- The construction contractor will ensure proper labeling, storage, handling and use of hazardous materials in accordance with Best Management Practices and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA's) HAZWOPER requirements.
- The construction contractor will ensure that employees are properly trained in the use and handling of these materials and that a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) accompanies each material.
- Small quantities of hazardous materials stored temporarily in staging areas will be stored on pallets within fenced and secured areas and protected from exposure to weather. Incompatible materials will be stored separately, as appropriate.
- The construction team will have a written plan outlining how to respond if hazardous materials are unexpectedly encountered.

- Contractors will meet federal, state and local requirements.

3.8 HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

The following mitigation will be used to minimize the impacts to water quality during construction:

Best management practices will be used to prevent any sediment or debris from entering into the lake or any drainage.

3.9 LAND USE

The project is not expected to impact project area land uses, land use plans, or conservation plans. Therefore, no mitigation measures are proposed.

3.10 MINERAL RESOURCES

There are no known environmental impacts to mineral resources and therefore, no mitigation measures are required.

3.11 NOISE

Although the noise caused by project construction is expected to be less than significant, steps should be taken to minimize impacts of construction noise. These steps should include the use of mufflers on all heavy construction equipment and performance of construction activities during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

3.12 POPULATION AND HOUSING

The project will not result in any impacts to population growth, existing housing, or local residents. Therefore, no mitigation measures are proposed.

3.13 PUBLIC SERVICES

No impacts are expected as a result of the project on fire protection, police protection, or schools. The project will require periodic maintenance. Casitas Municipal Water District will be the agency responsible for maintenance. Therefore, no mitigation measures are proposed.

3.14 RECREATION

The impacts to recreation are expected to be less than significant. Therefore, no mitigation measures are proposed.

3.15 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

The project impacts on traffic and transportation are expected to be less than significant. Therefore, no mitigation measures are recommended.

3.16 UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

The project impacts on utilities and service systems are expected to be less than significant. Therefore, no mitigation measures are recommended.

3.17 MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The project is not expected to result in any significant impacts to humans or wildlife with the proposed mitigation measures. The project is consistent with the current activities and development within the Lake Casitas area.

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Neil Cole P.E.
Principal Civil Engineer

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: STEVE WICKSTRUM, GENERAL MANAGER
FROM: NEIL COLE, CIVIL ENGINEER
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE LAKE CASITAS SHORELINE VEGETATION REMOVAL
DATE: JANUARY 20, 2015

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors hold the public hearing to receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and take one of the following actions after review of all comments received:

1. Approve the proposed project as described in the initial study and certify the Mitigated Negative Declaration or;
2. Approve the proposed project with additional mitigation measures in response to comments received and certify the Mitigated Negative Declaration with the additional mitigation measures or;
3. Direct staff to revise the Mitigated Negative Declaration to respond to received comments and extend the public comment period.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The proposed project consists of removing shoreline vegetation from the north and north east shorelines of Lake Casitas. The project will include the removal of vegetation from the existing waterline to the full lake elevation in selected areas.

The proposed vegetation removal could have impacts to bird and animal habitat, archaeological resources and water quality impacts. Mitigation measures to avoid impacts include biological and archaeological surveys, avoidance of areas where impacts are identified and conducting the vegetation removal outside of breeding seasons. Water quality impacts are expected to be positive by reducing organic loading in the lake, thereby reducing the need to treat the lake with an algaecide.

I have received comments from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and from two residents/board members. The CDFW comments are attached. The resident comments were concerns over potential archaeological sites and nesting birds. Mitigation measures are included to minimize impacts to archaeological sites and nesting birds. Staff recommends incorporating the CDFW mitigation measures into the mitigated negative declaration.



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December 17, 2014

Neil Cole
Casitas Municipal Water District
1055 N. Ventura Avenue
Oak View, CA 93022

Subject: Lake Casitas Shoreline Vegetation Removal
SCH#: 2014111038

Dear Neil Cole:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Mitigated Negative Declaration to selected state agencies for review. The review period closed on December 16, 2014, and no state agencies submitted comments by that date. This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Morgan".

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse

**Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

SCH# 2014111038
Project Title Lake Casitas Shoreline Vegetation Removal
Lead Agency Casitas Municipal Water District

Type MND Mitigated Negative Declaration
Description Remove vegetation from waterline to high water line to reduce organic loading in lake.

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Project Location

County Ventura
City
Region
Lat / Long 34° 24' 26" N / 119° 19' 15" W
Cross Streets Santa Ana Road and Baldwin Road
Parcel No. Multiple
Township **Range** **Section** **Base**

Proximity to:

Highways Hwy 33 & 150
Airports
Railways
Waterways Lake Casitas, Coyote Creek & Ventura River
Schools
Land Use Water storage and recreation

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Noise; Vegetation; Water Supply

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Department of Boating and Waterways; Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 5; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; Caltrans, District 7; Air Resources Board; State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 4; Native American Heritage Commission

Date Received 11/17/2014 **Start of Review** 11/17/2014 **End of Review** 12/16/2014



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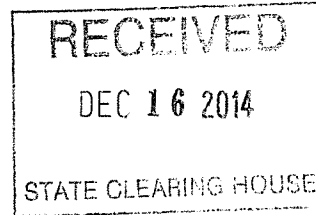
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December 16, 2014

Mr. Neil Cole, Senior Engineer
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 ncole@casitaswater.com



Subject: Lake Casitas Shoreline Vegetation Removal Project, Santa Ana Launch Ramp Extension Project, and Aeration Improvement Project Mitigated Negative Declarations (Projects), SCH# 2014111037, 38, 39

Dear Mr. Cole:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) received a Notice of Intent to Adopt Mitigated Negative Declarations (MNDs) from the Casitas Municipal Water District for the subject Projects pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Pursuant to The Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.; hereafter CEQA Guidelines), the Department has reviewed the MNDs and offers comments and recommendations on those activities involved in the Projects that are within Department's area of expertise and germane to its statutory responsibilities, and/or which are required to be approved by CDFW (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15086, 15096 & 15204).

CEQA AUTHORITY

The Department has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and the habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of those species (i.e., biological resources). The Department is a Trustee Agency with responsibility under CEQA for commenting on Projects that could affect biological resources. As a Trustee Agency, the Department is responsible for providing, as available, biological expertise to review and comment upon environmental documents and impacts arising from Project activities (CEQA Guidelines, § 15386; Fish & G. Code, § 1802).

The Department will also act as a Responsible Agency based on its discretionary authority regarding Project activities that impact streams and lakes (Fish & G. Code, §§ 1600 – 1616), in this case Lake Casitas.

PROJECT

The objectives of the Projects are to reduce algal blooms in Lake Casitas and to increase the boat launch capabilities at the Santa Ana launch ramp. Primary Project activities include shoreline vegetation removal in select locations on the north side of the lake, installation and activation of aeration improvements within the lake, and extending the length of the Santa Ana boat launch ramp. Activities related to the reduction of algal blooms will also reduce the amount of chemicals such as copper sulfate that will need to be used to control future algal blooms.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department offers the comments and recommendations to assist Casitas Municipal Water District in adequately identifying and/or mitigating the Projects' significant, or potentially significant, impacts on biological resources. These comments and recommendations are based on the requirement for the environmental document to include the following information:

- A description of the environmental setting that contains sufficient information to understand the Projects', and their alternatives' (if applicable), significant impacts on the environment (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15063, 15125 & 15360);
- Identification of environmental impacts of the proposed Projects (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15063, 15065, 15126, 15126.2, 15126.6 & 15358); and
- A description of feasible mitigation measures to avoid potentially significant impacts, and/or mitigate significant impacts, of the proposed Projects on the environment (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15021, 15063, 15071, 15126.2, 15126.4 & 15370).

The MNDs include the following general biological mitigation measure under 2.5.4 (b) of Biological Resources: "A biological survey will be conducted just prior to commencement of ramp construction and vegetation removal activities. If any sensitive species are found, the work will be modified or delayed to reduce impacts to less than significant". The Department recommends that the following language be included, where applicable, to further clarify this measure:

1. Nesting Birds. Measures should be taken to avoid Project impacts to nesting birds within the habitat that has become established while the lake level is low. Migratory nongame native bird species are protected by international treaty under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) of 1918 (Title 50, § 10.13, Code of Federal Regulations). Sections 3503, 3503.5, and 3513 of the California Fish and Game Code prohibit take of all birds and their active nests including raptors and other migratory nongame birds (as listed under the Federal MBTA). Proposed Project activities (including, but not limited to, staging and disturbances to native and nonnative vegetation, structures, and substrates) should occur outside of the avian breeding season, which generally runs from February 1st through September 1st (as early as January 1st for some raptors) to avoid take of birds or their eggs. If avoidance of the avian breeding season is not feasible, the Department recommends surveys by a qualified biologist with experience in conducting breeding bird surveys to detect protected native birds occurring in suitable nesting habitat that is to be disturbed and (as access to adjacent areas allows) any other such habitat within 300 feet of the disturbance areas (within 500 feet for raptors). Project personnel, including all contractors working on site, should be instructed on the sensitivity of the area. Reductions in the nest buffer distance may be appropriate depending on the avian species involved, ambient levels of human activity, screening vegetation, or possibly other factors.
2. Inventory of Biological Resources. A current inventory of the biological resources associated with each habitat type on site and within the area of potential effect should be conducted. The Department's California Natural Diversity Data Base in Sacramento should be contacted at www.wildlife.ca.gov/biogeodata/ to obtain current information on

any previously reported sensitive species and habitat, including Significant Natural Areas identified under Chapter 12 of the Fish and Game Code.

3. Sensitive Species. An inventory of rare, threatened, endangered, and other sensitive species on site and within the areas of potential effect should be conducted. Species to be addressed should include all those which meet the CEQA definition (see CEQA Guidelines, § 15380). This should include sensitive fish, wildlife, reptile, and amphibian species. Seasonal variations in use of the Project areas should also be addressed. There may be sensitive plant species that have become established since the lake level has dropped. A qualified botanist, knowledgeable of potential sensitive plant species in the area, should survey the proposed shoreline vegetation removal areas and the vegetation below the existing boat launch ramp for sensitive plant species prior to Project implementation.

The MNDs acknowledge the need to notify the Department to develop a Lake and Streambed Alteration agreement. The MNDs state that: "Discretionary approval authority and other public agencies whose approval are required include a Streambed Alteration Agreement from California Department of Fish and Wildlife". The Department concurs and provides the following information to better clarify the mitigation measure:

4. Lake and Streambed Agreement. The Department has regulatory authority over activities in streams and/or lakes that will divert or obstruct the natural flow, or change the bed, channel, or bank (which may include associated riparian resources) of a river or stream, or use material from a streambed. For any such activities, the Project applicant (or "entity") must provide written notification to the Department pursuant to section 1600 et seq. of the Fish and Game Code. Based on this notification and other information, the Department will determine whether a Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA) Agreement with the applicant is required prior to conducting the proposed activities. The Department's issuance of a LSA for a project that is subject to CEQA will require CEQA compliance actions by the Department as a Responsible Agency. The Department as a Responsible Agency under CEQA may consider the local jurisdiction's (Lead Agency's) Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report for the project. To minimize additional requirements by the Department pursuant to section 1600 et seq. and/or under CEQA, the document should fully identify the potential impacts to the stream or riparian resources and provide adequate avoidance, mitigation, monitoring and reporting commitments for issuance of the LSA.

The MND for the Lake Casitas Shoreline Vegetation Removal Project describes that the shoreline vegetation removal project activities will require the removal of vegetation between the current shoreline and the full lake elevation. The removal will be completed using a combination of hand crews, dozers, brush hogs, tractors, mowers, string weed cutters, chainsaws, chippers, dump trucks and other associated equipment. The Department recommends that the following conditions also be included in mitigation used for vegetation removal:

5. Vegetation Removal. Vegetation removal activities should leave the plant roots in the soil to reduce soil erosion, and should concentrate on areas of exotic plants including tamarisk (*Tamaric spp.*). In areas of native shrubs including mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*) and coyote bush (*Baccharis pilularis*), removal of native vegetation should be

minimized, where feasible. The native plants provide valuable habitat for both upland species when the lake is low and for warm water fish when the lake is high (even as a dead shrub component within the shallow water zones). The Department recommends the addition of hardwood log structure into strategic locations of the lake, where feasible to further mitigate the loss of fish habitat caused by the vegetation removal Project. Hardwood log structure will decay slowly and will not add substantially to the decaying plant material in the lake. The Department also recommends keeping heavy equipment and other vehicles away from the lakes edge (100 feet minimum) during vegetation removal to reduce the potential for equipment pollutants entering the lake. The Department's LSA will include best management practices that will be required during vehicle and equipment use adjacent to Casitas Lake that will help reduce potential spill incidents.

CONCLUSION

The Department recommends that the MNDs' biological mitigation measures be further clarified by including the additional specific language provided in this letter, where appropriate. The Department concurs with the objective of the Projects to facilitate the reduction of future algal blooms. These Project actions including the installation of aeration improvements and selected shoreline vegetation removal will help reduce the amount of chemicals, such as copper sulfate, that will be needed to control future algal blooms. The Department also suggests that an evaluation of other local sources of nutrients from the watershed above the lake elevation that may be impacting the lake's water quality would be valuable and could guide future actions to reduce algal blooms. Activities associated with the recreational facility adjacent to the lake, as well as from nearby residences and agricultural operations, may be contributing factors to nutrient loading of the lake.

FUTURE COORDINATION

The Department appreciates this opportunity to comment on these MNDs. Questions regarding this letter or further coordination should be directed to Dan Blankenship, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist) at (661) 259-3750 or Daniel.Blankenship@wildlife.ca.gov.

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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
SHORELINE VEGETATION REMOVAL AT LAKE CASITAS

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Figure 1-1. Project Location Map



Figure 1-2. Lake Casitas-Proposed Shoreline Vegetation Removal area shown in green.

1.0

INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE AND NEED

Lake Casitas is a water storage facility located in Ventura County. The water from the lake provides drinking and agricultural water to northwestern Ventura County. The purpose of this project is to remove vegetation between the current lake shoreline and the full lake level elevation. The removal of the vegetation will reduce the organic loading in the lake, reduce the amount of chemicals required to control future algal blooms and reduce the amount of chemicals needed to treat and disinfect the water for potable use. When the lake was originally constructed, vegetation was removed from the areas of the lake that would be submerged once the lake filled.

1.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Remove vegetation between the current shoreline and the full lake elevation using a combination of hand crews, dozers, brush hogs, tractors, mowers, string weed cutters, chains saws, chippers, dump trucks and other equipment associated with brush removal.

1.3 CEQA APPLICABILITY

The Casitas Municipal Water District has elected to perform an environmental review pursuant to the CEQA framework in the interest of community cooperation.

1.4 REPORT ORGANIZATION

The remainder of this Study is organized as follows:

- Section 2.0 details the initial environmental impacts. Some sections are further categorized as construction and operational impacts. When the sections are not broken down into these subheadings it indicates that there was no significant difference to the Project.
- Section 3.0 presents the mitigation measures identified to minimize the potential environmental impacts.

Environmental Checklist Form

2.1 PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Project title:

Shoreline Vegetation Removal at Lake Casitas Project

2. Lead agency name and address:

Casitas Municipal Water District
1055 Ventura Ave, Oak View, CA 93022

3. Contact person and phone number:

Neil Cole
805-649-2251 x 107

4. Project location:

The project is located near the City of Ojai in the Lake Casitas Recreation Area 11311 Santa Ana Road. From the 101 Freeway in Ventura proceed north on highway 33 approximately 8 miles to Santa Ana Blvd and turn left. Travel down Santa Ana Blvd. to Santa Ana Road and turn right. Proceed to the main gate of the Recreation Area 1.5 miles. Once through the main gate, turn left about .5 miles to the project site.

5. Project sponsor's name and address: (See #2 & #3)

Same

6. Custodian of the administrative record for this project (if different from response to item 3 above.): Casitas Municipal Water District

7. Identification of previous EIRs relied upon for tiering purposes (including all applicable LRDP and project EIRs).

None

2.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1 Description of project: The project involves removing the vegetation that has grown on the shoreline as the lake level receded during the drought. A 10 foot wide buffer will be provided between the shoreline and the edge of the vegetation removal. The project will remove all non-sensitive vegetation between the high edge of the buffer to the full lake elevation. Vegetation removal will occur only on a portion of the lake shore because of limited access and steep shorelines. Figure 1-2 shows the portion of the lake where vegetation will be removed. All material will be chipped on site and placed in upland areas.

2 Project Objectives:

The project objective is to reduce the organic loading in Lake Casitas. Organic material will increase algal blooms. Algal blooms result in poor water quality in the lake, low dissolved oxygen and an increase in the use of chemicals to treat the lake and the water from the lake that enters into the distribution system.

3 Surrounding land uses and environmental setting:

The Lake Casitas Recreation Area encompasses approximately 1,200 acres of park lands and 3,500 acres of open space around the 2,700 surface acres of Lake Casitas. The park lands include camp sites, hiking, biking, café park store, water park, administrative office, trailer storage, shower house and restrooms, and two boating launch ramps and an undeveloped Main Island, in the center of the lake. Land outside the Lake Casitas Recreation area includes protected watershed and agricultural lands.

4 Discretionary approval authority and other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.)

US Bureau of Reclamation
404 Permit from US Army Corps of Engineers
401 Water Quality Certification from the Regional Water Quality Board-Los Angeles
Streambed Alteration Agreement from California Department of Fish and Wildlife

5 Consistency with the LRDP: (Describe the project's consistency with: the scope of development projected in the LRDP; campus and community population levels projected in the LRDP; LRDP designation for this type of project; and applicable policy objectives and goals of the LRDP).

N/A

2.3 ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

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

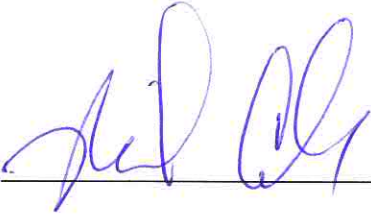
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Biological Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cultural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	Geology/Soils
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hazards & Hazardous Materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hydrology/Water Quality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

2.4 DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of the initial evaluation that follows:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
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- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
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- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
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- I find that the proposed project MAY have a “potentially significant impact” or “potentially significant unless mitigated” impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. A TIERED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
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- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, no further environmental document is required. FINDINGS consistent with this determination will be prepared.
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Signature: _____



Date: 10-15-2014

Printed Name: Neil Cole P.E.

2.5 EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

Response Column Heading Definitions

A. **Potentially Significant Impact** is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more “Potentially Significant Impact” entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.

B. **Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated** applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from “Potentially Significant Impact” to a “Less Than Significant Impact.” The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from earlier analyses may be cross-referenced).

C. **Impact for which LRDP/Program EIR is Sufficient** applies where the impacts of the project were adequately addressed and mitigated to the extent feasible in a certified Long Range Development Plan EIR or in a Program EIR. (See also Tiering section below).

D. **Less Than Significant Impact** applies where the project creates no significant impacts, only Less than Significant impacts.

E. **No Impact** applies where a project does not create an impact in that category. “No Impact” answers do not require an explanation if they are adequately supported by the information sources cited by the lead agency which show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A “No Impact” answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project specific screening analysis).

Tiering

Tiering is not used for this project.

IMPACT QUESTIONS

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
2.5.1 AESTHETICS -- Would the project:					
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? Minimum change will occur to views of the lake.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.5.2. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES:

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

a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Temporary impacts to air quality will result from the equipment used to remove the vegetation material. All equipment will meet Ventura County Air Pollution Control District requirements.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? All construction equipment will meet Ventura County Air Pollution District requirements, therefore the impacts will be less than significant during construction. No impacts will occur once the project is complete.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? Temporary construction BMP'S will reduce level to below significant impacts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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2.5.4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES --

Would the project:

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

No significant impact is expected to any candidate, sensitive or special status species. Any impacts will only be temporary and the work will be done when lake water levels are below the project area so as to minimize any effect the work may have on any species.

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

The effect will only be temporary and the work will be completed when the lake water levels are below the project area so as to mitigate any effect the work may have on any species. A biological survey will be conducted just prior to commencement of construction activities. If any sensitive species are found, the work will be modified or delayed to reduce impacts to less than significant.

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

The work will only be completed when the lake water level is below the project area.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Lake Casitas is a human constructed drinking water reservoir with planted fish species. The effects on terrestrial native species will be limited to the construction period only and will be less than significant.

e) Conflict with any local applicable policies protecting biological resources?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other applicable habitat conservation plan?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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g) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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2.5.5. CULTURAL RESOURCES --

Would the project:

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<p>b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?</p> <p>A survey will be conducted prior to grading by a qualified archeologist and Native American monitor. If archeological resources are found then then work will be stopped in that area until a plan is developed to reduce impacts below significant level.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?</p> <p>Pre plant removal surveys will be conducted by qualified archeologists. If any resource is found, the area will be left undisturbed and the vegetation will remain in place.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?</p> <p>Clearing will impact no more than one foot of soil depth. The area was previously disturbed during lake construction.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>e) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.5.6. GEOLOGY AND SOILS -- Would the project:

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?

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iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

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iv) Landslides?

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

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c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.5.7.GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS– Would the project:					
a) Generate gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment? Minimal gas emissions will be produced during construction. All equipment to meet Ventura County Air Pollution Control District requirements.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of green house gases?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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2.5.8. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS – Would the project:

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

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b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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i) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

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2.5.9. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY -- Would the project:

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

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

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

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

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

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f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?

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

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

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

j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?

k) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

2.5.10. LAND USE AND PLANNING -
Would the project:

a) Physically divide an established community?

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b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the LRDP, general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.5.11. MINERAL RESOURCES --					
Would the project:					
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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2.5.12. NOISE – Would the project result in:

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Noise levels will be temporarily increased during construction. All equipment will have properly operating sound minimizing equipment.

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

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Construction equipment will temporarily increase the ambient noise levels above the existing sound levels. All equipment will have properly operating sound minimizing equipment. Construction will only be completed during daylight hours when ambient noise levels are higher.

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

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

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g) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

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2.5.13. POPULATION AND HOUSING

-- Would the project:

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

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

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c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.5.14. PUBLIC SERVICES

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

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

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Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.5.15. RECREATION --					
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.5.16. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

-- Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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g) Conflict with applicable policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.5.17. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS – Would the project:					
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?

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

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

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h) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

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2.5.17. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE --

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

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restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.5.18. Fish and Game Determination

Based on the information above, there is no evidence that the project has a potential for a change that would adversely affect wildlife resources or the habitat upon which the wildlife depends. The presumption of adverse effect set forth in 14 CCR 753.5 (d) has been rebutted by substantial evidence.

Yes (Certificate of Fee Exemption)

No (Pay fee)

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MITIGATION AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES

(Unless discussion of impacts is integrated in Section V. 1-16)

3.1 AESTHETICS

The project is not expected to result in any significant impacts to aesthetic resources or scenic vistas. Therefore, no mitigation measures are proposed.

3.2 AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

The project is not expected to impact agricultural lands or lands designated as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance under the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program. Therefore, no mitigation measures are proposed.

3.3 AIR QUALITY

Fugitive dust releases would be minimized by standard dust control mitigation measures to be implemented by the Project. Proper maintenance and operation of construction equipment would minimize emissions from construction equipment.

The following measures would be implemented to reduce potential impacts from carbon monoxide, ozone, and particulate matter:

- Truck and equipment engines will be maintained in good running condition and in proper tune per manufacturer's specification.
- Idling time of construction equipment will be limited when not in use.

3.4 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

The project is not expected to impact any nesting birds, including raptors. The project is on lands usually under water and are not established mammal, insect or nesting areas. Biological surveys will be conducted prior to the vegetation removal in any area.

No trees will be removed.

A biological survey will be conducted prior to construction. If any significant resources are found construction will be delayed until impacts to the resources are minimized.

3.5 CULTURAL RESOURCES

Although no impact to cultural resources is anticipated with this Project, the following mitigation measures are provided as guidelines.

If a previously unidentified cultural resource is encountered during construction activities, work in the immediate area of the find should stop until such time that a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the find and make appropriate recommendations for mitigation, if warranted.

If the find is significant, the resource should be avoided, if possible. If not possible, data recovery should be undertaken as mitigation. Data recovery must be directed by an appropriate research design describing the methods to be used during recovery and analysis, research questions to be addressed, and artifact curation requirements. An Assessment Report describing the results of the artifact analysis and the historic or prehistoric archaeological findings must be submitted to the CPUC and the appropriate California Historical Resources Information Center(s).

In the event human remains are discovered at the proposed project site; all work in the immediate area must stop and the County Coroner must be contacted. The County Coroner upon recognizing the remains as being of Native American origin, shall contact the Native American Heritage Commission within 24 hours of the discovery. The steps outlined in CEQA Section 15064.5 (e) must be followed. On Federal lands, the steps outlined in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) must be followed.

3.6 GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Due to the limited nature and timing of the Project it is anticipated there will be no significant impacts. The Project will be constructed in the dry season. In addition, Erosion control measures will be used during construction if there is a chance of runoff. Erosion control measures will include:

- Erect sediment barriers prior to the onset of any storm event that may impact the project site. Sediment barriers constructed of straw bales, earthen berms, geo-technical devices, or silt filter fabric fencing, shall be installed where necessary to prevent silt laden water from the project site entering the stream or lake. Passage of sediment beyond the sediment barrier(s) is prohibited. The sediment barrier(s) shall be maintained in good operating condition throughout the period of construction of the project. This includes, but is not limited to, removal of accumulated silt and/or replacement of damaged bales and fabric fencing (G-DFG, 1999).
- Reduce the tracking of sediment onto public or private roads. Should sediment be tracked onto roads, the roads will be swept clean. Accumulated sediment or silt will not be swept into the storm drain systems.
- Wind erosion is not anticipated to be a problem. Should dust control be needed, mulching or wetting of wind erodible surfaces will be used for dust control until restoration. An effort should be made to disturb only small portions of the construction area at any one.

3.7 HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

(1) Contacting the Underground Services Alert program (USA) to mark utility locations prior to construction will minimize the possibility of damaging underground or overhead utilities.

(2) Small quantities of hazardous materials may be released through accidental spills. Hazardous materials used during construction will be limited to small quantities of gasoline, diesel fuel, engine oil, and hydraulic fluids. These materials may be released in accidental spills. To reduce the impact of these spills to less than significant, the following mitigation measures will be observed:

- The construction contractor will ensure proper labeling, storage, handling and use of hazardous materials in accordance with Best Management Practices and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA's) HAZWOPER requirements.
- The construction contractor will ensure that employees are properly trained in the use and handling of these materials and that a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) accompanies each material.
- Small quantities of hazardous materials stored temporarily in staging areas will be stored on pallets within fenced and secured areas and protected from exposure to weather. Incompatible materials will be stored separately, as appropriate.

- The construction team will have a written plan outlining how to respond if hazardous materials are unexpectedly encountered.
- Contractors will meet federal, state and local requirements.

3.8 HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

The following mitigation will be used to minimize the impacts to water quality during construction of the protective rock barrier:

- Work will be performed in the dry season when the water level is well below the project site.

3.9 LAND USE

The project is not expected to impact project area land uses, land use plans, or conservation plans. Therefore, no mitigation measures are proposed.

3.10 MINERAL RESOURCES

There are no known environmental impacts to mineral resources and therefore, no mitigation measures are required.

3.11 NOISE

Although the noise caused by project construction is expected to be less than significant, steps should be taken to minimize impacts of construction noise. These steps should include the use of mufflers on all heavy construction equipment and performance of construction activities during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

3.12 POPULATION AND HOUSING

The project will not result in any impacts to population growth, existing housing, or local residents. Therefore, no mitigation measures are proposed.

3.13 PUBLIC SERVICES

No impacts are expected as a result of the project on fire protection, police protection, or schools. The project will require periodic maintenance. Casitas Municipal Water District will be the agency responsible for maintenance. Therefore, no mitigation measures are proposed.

3.14 RECREATION

The impacts to recreation are expected to be less than significant. Therefore, no mitigation measures are proposed.

3.15 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

The project impacts on traffic and transportation are expected to be less than significant. Therefore, no mitigation measures are recommended.

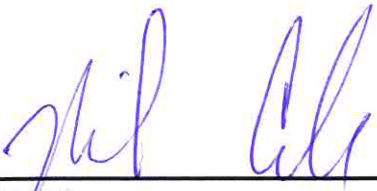
3.16 UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

The project impacts on utilities and service systems are expected to be less than significant. Therefore, no

mitigation measures are recommended.

3.17 MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The project is not expected to result in any significant impacts to humans or wildlife with the proposed mitigation measures. The project is consistent with the current activities and development within the Lake Casitas area.

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Neil Cole, P.E.
Principal Civil Engineer

**CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO: STEVE WICKSTRUM, GENERAL MANAGER
FROM: NEIL COLE, CIVIL ENGINEER
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SANTA ANA LAUNCH RAMP EXTENSION AT THE LAKE CASITAS RECREATION AREA
DATE: JANUARY 20, 2015

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors hold the public hearing to receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and take one of the following actions after review of all comments received:

1. Approve the proposed project as described in the initial study and certify the Mitigated Negative Declaration or;
2. Approve the proposed project with additional mitigation measures in response to comments received and certify the Mitigated Negative Declaration with the additional mitigation measures or;
3. Direct staff to revise the Mitigated Negative Declaration to respond to comments received and extend the public comment period.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The proposed project consists of constructing a concrete extension to Santa Ana launch Ramp No. 1. The project will include clearing and grubbing, minor grading, construction of temporary form work and placing concrete. All work will occur above the lake water line.

The proposed ramp extension will have minor impacts to potential bird and animal habitat. Mitigation measures are included to reduce the impacts to less than a significant level.

I have received comments from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The comments are attached. Staff recommends incorporating the CDFW mitigation measures into the mitigated negative declaration.



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December 17, 2014

Neil Cole
Casitas Municipal Water District
1055 N. Ventura Avenue
Oak View, CA 93022

Subject: Santa Ana Launch Ramp Extension
SCH#: 2014111039

Dear Neil Cole:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Mitigated Negative Declaration to selected state agencies for review. The review period closed on December 16, 2014, and no state agencies submitted comments by that date. This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

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

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse

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Project Title Santa Ana Launch Ramp Extension
Lead Agency Casitas Municipal Water District

Type MND Mitigated Negative Declaration
Description Construct a 16,200 sf concrete recreation boat launch ramp extension.

Lead Agency Contact

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Project Location

County Ventura
City
Region
Lat / Long 34° 24' 30.9" N / 119° 20' 17.66" W
Cross Streets Santa Ana Road & Baldwin Road
Parcel No. 011-0-170-075
Township **Range** **Section** **Base**

Proximity to:

Highways Hwy 150
Airports
Railways
Waterways Lake Casitas
Schools
Land Use Water storage and recreation

Project Issues Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Noise; Recreation/Parks; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Vegetation

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Department of Boating and Waterways; Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 5; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; Cal Fire; Caltrans, District 7; Air Resources Board; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 4; Native American Heritage Commission; State Lands Commission

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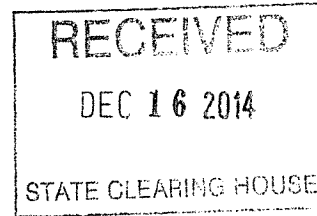
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Subject: Lake Casitas Shoreline Vegetation Removal Project, Santa Ana Launch Ramp Extension Project, and Aeration Improvement Project Mitigated Negative Declarations (Projects), SCH# 2014111037, 38, 39

Dear Mr. Cole:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) received a Notice of Intent to Adopt Mitigated Negative Declarations (MNDs) from the Casitas Municipal Water District for the subject Projects pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Pursuant to The Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.; hereafter CEQA Guidelines), the Department has reviewed the MNDs and offers comments and recommendations on those activities involved in the Projects that are within Department's area of expertise and germane to its statutory responsibilities, and/or which are required to be approved by CDFW (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15086, 15096 & 15204).

CEQA AUTHORITY

The Department has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and the habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of those species (i.e., biological resources). The Department is a Trustee Agency with responsibility under CEQA for commenting on Projects that could affect biological resources. As a Trustee Agency, the Department is responsible for providing, as available, biological expertise to review and comment upon environmental documents and impacts arising from Project activities (CEQA Guidelines, § 15386; Fish & G. Code, § 1802).

The Department will also act as a Responsible Agency based on its discretionary authority regarding Project activities that impact streams and lakes (Fish & G. Code, §§ 1600 – 1616), in this case Lake Casitas.

PROJECT

The objectives of the Projects are to reduce algal blooms in Lake Casitas and to increase the boat launch capabilities at the Santa Ana launch ramp. Primary Project activities include shoreline vegetation removal in select locations on the north side of the lake, installation and activation of aeration improvements within the lake, and extending the length of the Santa Ana boat launch ramp. Activities related to the reduction of algal blooms will also reduce the amount of chemicals such as copper sulfate that will need to be used to control future algal blooms.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department offers the comments and recommendations to assist Casitas Municipal Water District in adequately identifying and/or mitigating the Projects' significant, or potentially significant, impacts on biological resources. These comments and recommendations are based on the requirement for the environmental document to include the following information:

- A description of the environmental setting that contains sufficient information to understand the Projects', and their alternatives' (if applicable), significant impacts on the environment (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15063, 15125 & 15360);
- Identification of environmental impacts of the proposed Projects (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15063, 15065, 15126, 15126.2, 15126.6 & 15358); and
- A description of feasible mitigation measures to avoid potentially significant impacts, and/or mitigate significant impacts, of the proposed Projects on the environment (CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15021, 15063, 15071, 15126.2, 15126.4 & 15370).

The MNDs include the following general biological mitigation measure under 2.5.4 (b) of Biological Resources: "A biological survey will be conducted just prior to commencement of ramp construction and vegetation removal activities. If any sensitive species are found, the work will be modified or delayed to reduce impacts to less than significant". The Department recommends that the following language be included, where applicable, to further clarify this measure:

1. Nesting Birds. Measures should be taken to avoid Project impacts to nesting birds within the habitat that has become established while the lake level is low. Migratory nongame native bird species are protected by international treaty under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) of 1918 (Title 50, § 10.13, Code of Federal Regulations). Sections 3503, 3503.5, and 3513 of the California Fish and Game Code prohibit take of all birds and their active nests including raptors and other migratory nongame birds (as listed under the Federal MBTA). Proposed Project activities (including, but not limited to, staging and disturbances to native and nonnative vegetation, structures, and substrates) should occur outside of the avian breeding season, which generally runs from February 1st through September 1st (as early as January 1st for some raptors) to avoid take of birds or their eggs. If avoidance of the avian breeding season is not feasible, the Department recommends surveys by a qualified biologist with experience in conducting breeding bird surveys to detect protected native birds occurring in suitable nesting habitat that is to be disturbed and (as access to adjacent areas allows) any other such habitat within 300 feet of the disturbance areas (within 500 feet for raptors). Project personnel, including all contractors working on site, should be instructed on the sensitivity of the area. Reductions in the nest buffer distance may be appropriate depending on the avian species involved, ambient levels of human activity, screening vegetation, or possibly other factors.
2. Inventory of Biological Resources. A current inventory of the biological resources associated with each habitat type on site and within the area of potential effect should be conducted. The Department's California Natural Diversity Data Base in Sacramento should be contacted at www.wildlife.ca.gov/biogeodata/ to obtain current information on

any previously reported sensitive species and habitat, including Significant Natural Areas identified under Chapter 12 of the Fish and Game Code.

3. Sensitive Species. An inventory of rare, threatened, endangered, and other sensitive species on site and within the areas of potential effect should be conducted. Species to be addressed should include all those which meet the CEQA definition (see CEQA Guidelines, § 15380). This should include sensitive fish, wildlife, reptile, and amphibian species. Seasonal variations in use of the Project areas should also be addressed. There may be sensitive plant species that have become established since the lake level has dropped. A qualified botanist, knowledgeable of potential sensitive plant species in the area, should survey the proposed shoreline vegetation removal areas and the vegetation below the existing boat launch ramp for sensitive plant species prior to Project implementation.

The MNDs acknowledge the need to notify the Department to develop a Lake and Streambed Alteration agreement. The MNDs state that: "Discretionary approval authority and other public agencies whose approval are required include a Streambed Alteration Agreement from California Department of Fish and Wildlife". The Department concurs and provides the following information to better clarify the mitigation measure:

4. Lake and Streambed Agreement. The Department has regulatory authority over activities in streams and/or lakes that will divert or obstruct the natural flow, or change the bed, channel, or bank (which may include associated riparian resources) of a river or stream, or use material from a streambed. For any such activities, the Project applicant (or "entity") must provide written notification to the Department pursuant to section 1600 et seq. of the Fish and Game Code. Based on this notification and other information, the Department will determine whether a Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA) Agreement with the applicant is required prior to conducting the proposed activities. The Department's issuance of a LSA for a project that is subject to CEQA will require CEQA compliance actions by the Department as a Responsible Agency. The Department as a Responsible Agency under CEQA may consider the local jurisdiction's (Lead Agency's) Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report for the project. To minimize additional requirements by the Department pursuant to section 1600 et seq. and/or under CEQA, the document should fully identify the potential impacts to the stream or riparian resources and provide adequate avoidance, mitigation, monitoring and reporting commitments for issuance of the LSA.

The MND for the Lake Casitas Shoreline Vegetation Removal Project describes that the shoreline vegetation removal project activities will require the removal of vegetation between the current shoreline and the full lake elevation. The removal will be completed using a combination of hand crews, dozers, brush hogs, tractors, mowers, string weed cutters, chainsaws, chippers, dump trucks and other associated equipment. The Department recommends that the following conditions also be included in mitigation used for vegetation removal:

5. Vegetation Removal. Vegetation removal activities should leave the plant roots in the soil to reduce soil erosion, and should concentrate on areas of exotic plants including tamarisk (*Tamaric spp.*). In areas of native shrubs including mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*) and coyote bush (*Baccharis pilularis*), removal of native vegetation should be

minimized, where feasible. The native plants provide valuable habitat for both upland species when the lake is low and for warm water fish when the lake is high (even as a dead shrub component within the shallow water zones). The Department recommends the addition of hardwood log structure into strategic locations of the lake, where feasible to further mitigate the loss of fish habitat caused by the vegetation removal Project. Hardwood log structure will decay slowly and will not add substantially to the decaying plant material in the lake. The Department also recommends keeping heavy equipment and other vehicles away from the lakes edge (100 feet minimum) during vegetation removal to reduce the potential for equipment pollutants entering the lake. The Department's LSA will include best management practices that will be required during vehicle and equipment use adjacent to Casitas Lake that will help reduce potential spill incidents.

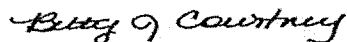
CONCLUSION

The Department recommends that the MNDs' biological mitigation measures be further clarified by including the additional specific language provided in this letter, where appropriate. The Department concurs with the objective of the Projects to facilitate the reduction of future algal blooms. These Project actions including the installation of aeration improvements and selected shoreline vegetation removal will help reduce the amount of chemicals, such as copper sulfate, that will be needed to control future algal blooms. The Department also suggests that an evaluation of other local sources of nutrients from the watershed above the lake elevation that may be impacting the lake's water quality would be valuable and could guide future actions to reduce algal blooms. Activities associated with the recreational facility adjacent to the lake, as well as from nearby residences and agricultural operations, may be contributing factors to nutrient loading of the lake.

FUTURE COORDINATION

The Department appreciates this opportunity to comment on these MNDs. Questions regarding this letter or further coordination should be directed to Dan Blankenship, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist) at (661) 259-3750 or Daniel.Blankenship@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
SANTA ANA LAUNCH RAMP EXTENSION
AT LAKE CASITAS RECREATION AREA**

Lead Agency:

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
1055 North Ventura Avenue
Oak View, California 93022

November 2014

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Figure 1-1. Project Location Map



Figure 1-2. Project Location - Santa Ana Launch Ramp

1.1 PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of this project is to extend the existing primary launch ramp at Santa Ana launch ramp facility allowing it to be used for a longer period of time as the waters in Lake Casitas recede. Time is of the essence since the water level in Lake Casitas is at a historic low level, allowing the project to be undertaken.

The existing launch ramp is adjacent to the parking lot, restrooms, the boat rental offices, bait and tackle store, and the Marina Café. Its close proximity to all the amenities makes it preferable over customer's use of the inferior launch ramp without amenities and with a dirt parking lot.

1.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Construct approximately 16,200 square feet of concrete launch ramp extending the use of an existing ramp.

1.3 CEQA APPLICABILITY

A CEQA is required for state grant approval consideration of the proposed project. In addition, the Casitas Municipal Water District has elected to perform an environmental review pursuant to the CEQA framework in the interest of community cooperation.

1.4 REPORT ORGANIZATION

The remainder of this Study is organized as follows:

- Section 2.0 details the initial environmental impacts. Some sections are further categorized as construction and operational impacts. When the sections are not broken down into these subheadings it indicates that there was no significant difference to the Project.
- Section 3.0 presents the mitigation measures identified to minimize the potential environmental impacts.

Environmental Checklist Form

2.1 PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Project title:

Santa Ana Ramp Extension Improvement Project

2. Lead agency name and address:

Casitas Municipal Water District
1055 Ventura Ave, Oak View, CA 93022

3. Contact person and phone number:

Neil Cole
805-649-2251 x 107

4. Project location:

The project is located just south of Oak View in the Lake Casitas Recreation Area 11311 Santa Ana Road. From the 101 Freeway in Ventura proceed north on highway 33 approximately 8 miles to Santa Ana Blvd and turn left. Travel down Santa Ana Blvd. to Santa Ana Road and turn right. Proceed to the main gate of the Recreation Area 1.5 miles. Once through the main gate, turn left about .5 miles to the project site.

5. Project sponsor's name and address: (See #2 & #3)

Same

6. Custodian of the administrative record for this project (if different from response to item 3 above.): Casitas Municipal Water District

7. Identification of previous EIRs relied upon for tiering purposes (including all applicable LRDP and project EIRs) Bureau of Reclamation. The project is included in their EIS/EIR

http://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_projdetails.cfm?Project_ID=792

2.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- 1 Description of project: Describe the whole action involved, including but not limited to physical characteristics, site, later phases of the project, and any secondary, support, or off- site features necessary for its implementation and site selection process. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Taking advantage of the drought caused low water level in Lake Casitas, it is Casitas intent to construct the following improvement:

1. Extending the Santa Ana launch ramp #1 another 90' in length and 180' wide by adding approximately 16,200 square feet of 6 inch thick concrete.
2. Placing a 6 inch layer of class 2 aggregate base under the concrete.
3. The site will be graded and compacted.
4. The project will be constructed when the lake water level is below the project area.

5. The project area is subject to inundation for extended periods of time therefore no established plant material exists. Native plant material was removed when the dam and lake were constructed in the late 1950's.

2 Project Objectives:

The objective of this project is to lengthen an existing Launch Ramp adjacent to the boating amenities during the current historic low water level of Lake Casitas.

3 Surrounding land uses and environmental setting:

The Lake Casitas Recreation Area encompasses approximately 1,200 acres of park lands and 3,500 acres of open space around the 2,700 surface acres of Lake Casitas. The park lands include camp sites, hiking, biking, café park store, water park, administrative office, trailer storage, shower house and restrooms, and two boating launch ramps and an undeveloped Main Island, in the center of the lake. Land outside the Lake Casitas Recreation area includes protected watershed and agricultural lands.

4 Discretionary approval authority and other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.)

The area surrounding of the Recreation Area is protected watershed with the exception of the West Side that include agriculture (vineyard and orchard) The Lake Casitas Recreation Area is on Federal Land managed by the Casitas Municipal Water District through a twenty-five year Management Agreement 11-LC-20-0216 dated October 7, 2011 which provides authorization for facility improvements as identified in the Bureau of Reclamation' Lake Casitas EIS/EIR forum on the following web address: http://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_projdetails.cfm?Project_ID=792 Other approvals include, 401 certification (RWQCB) 404 Permit (US army Corps of Engineers) and Streambed Alteration agreement (CDFW).

- 5 Consistency with the LRDP: (Describe the project's consistency with: the scope of development projected in the LRDP; campus and community population levels projected in the LRDP; LRDP designation for this type of project; and applicable policy objectives and goals of the LRDP).

N/A

2.3 ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

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

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

2.4 DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of the initial evaluation that follows:

I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.



I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.



I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.



I find that the proposed project MAY have a “potentially significant impact” or “potentially significant unless mitigated” impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. A TIERED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.



I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, no further environmental document is required. FINDINGS consistent with this determination will be prepared.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Printed Name: Neil Cole P.E.

2.5 EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

Response Column Heading Definitions

A. Potentially Significant Impact is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more “Potentially Significant Impact” entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.

B. Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has

reduced an effect from “Potentially Significant Impact” to a “Less Than Significant Impact.” The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from earlier analyses may be cross-referenced).

C. Impact for which LRDP/Program EIR is Sufficient applies where the impacts of the project were adequately addressed and mitigated to the extent feasible in a certified Long Range Development Plan EIR or in a Program EIR. (See also Tiering section below).

D. Less Than Significant Impact applies where the project creates no significant impacts, only Less than Significant impacts.

E. No Impact applies where a project does not create an impact in that category. “No Impact” answers do not require an explanation if they are adequately supported by the information sources cited by the lead agency which show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A “No Impact” answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project specific screening analysis).

Tiering

A. Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063 (c)(3)(D). In this case a brief discussion should identify the following:

1. Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
2. Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to measures based on the earlier analysis.
3. Mitigation Measures. For effects that are “Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated,” describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
4. The column labeled “*Impact for which LRDP/Program EIR is Sufficient*” is meant to be used in the following situations:
 - a) The LRDP EIR found the impact to be less than significant for all projects, including this project, assuming implementation of applicable LRDP EIR mitigation measures,
 - b) The LRDP EIR concluded that the impact would be significant for some projects, but would not be significant for the project under review,
 - c) The impact is significant on a cumulative but not a project level, and the LRDP EIR fully addressed the cumulative impact, or
 - d) The impact is significant and unavoidable on a project level, but the LRDP EIR contained an adequate project-level analysis for the impact. This conclusion may also be appropriate where the

particular impact and associated mitigation measures are sufficiently generic so that no further analysis is necessary or appropriate (i.e. the LRDP EIR contains all of the analysis that reasonably could be included on the topic with respect to all projects generally, including the project), and where no additional mitigation is feasible.

B. The guidance set forth in Guidelines 15152 (Tiering) should also be considered in making this determination. Where this column of the checklist is selected, an explanation of the basis for doing so should be included in the discussion. The discussion should also state briefly why the criteria for supplemental environmental review under CEQA section 21166 (project changes, changed circumstances and/or new information) have not been triggered.

IMPACT QUESTIONS

Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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2.5.1 AESTHETICS -- Would the project:

a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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e) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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2.5.2. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES:

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

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.5.3. AIR QUALITY -- Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:					
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? All construction equipment will meet Ventura County Air Pollution District requirements, therefore the impacts will be less than significant during construction. No impacts will occur once the project is complete.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? Temporary construction BMP'S will reduce level to below significant impacts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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2.5.4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES --

Would the project:

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

No significant impact is expected to any candidate, sensitive or special status species. Any impacts will only be temporary and the work will be done when lake water levels are below the project area so as to minimize any effect the work may have on any species.

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

The effect will only be temporary and the work will be completed when the lake water levels are below the project area so as to mitigate any effect the work may have on any species. A biological survey will be conducted just prior to commencement of construction activities. If any sensitive species are found, the work will be modified or delayed to reduce impacts to less than significant.

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

The work will only be completed when the lake water level is below the project area.

Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Lake Casitas is a human constructed drinking water reservoir with planted fish species. The effects on native species will be limited to the construction period only and will be less than significant.

e) Conflict with any local applicable policies protecting biological resources?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other applicable habitat conservation plan?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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g) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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2.5.5. CULTURAL RESOURCES --

Would the project:

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<p>b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?</p> <p>A survey will be conducted prior to grading by a qualified archeologist and Native American monitor. If archeological resources are found then then work will be stopped until a plan is developed to reduce impacts below significant level.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?</p> <p>Grading will impact less than one foot of soil area previously disturbed during lake construction.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>e) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>2.5.6. GEOLOGY AND SOILS -- Would the project:</p>					
<p>a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
iv) Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?

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f) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

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2.5.7. GREENHOUSE GAS

EMISSIONS– Would the project:

a) Generate gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment? Minimal gas emissions will be produced during construction. All equipment to meet Ventura County Air Pollution Control District requirements.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of green house gases?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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2.5.8. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS

MATERIALS – Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.5.9. HYDROLOGY AND WATER

QUALITY -- Would the project:

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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k) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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2.5.10. LAND USE AND PLANNING -

Would the project:

a) Physically divide an established community?

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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d) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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2.5.11. MINERAL RESOURCES --

Would the project:

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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c) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

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2.5.12. NOISE – Would the project result in:

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Noise levels will be temporarily increased during construction. All equipment will have properly operating sound minimizing equipment.

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Construction equipment will temporarily increase the ambient noise levels above the existing sound levels. All equipment will have properly operating sound minimizing equipment. Construction will only be completed during daylight hours when ambient noise levels are higher.

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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g) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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2.5.13. POPULATION AND HOUSING

-- Would the project:

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.5.14. PUBLIC SERVICES

a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause

significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

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

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Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.5.15. RECREATION --

a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.5.16. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

-- Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Impact for which LRDP/ Program EIR is Sufficient	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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g) Conflict with applicable policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.5.17. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS – Would the project:					
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?

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

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h) Exceed an applicable LRDP or Program EIR standard of significance?

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2.5.17. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE --

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

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restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.5.18. Fish and Game Determination

Based on the information above, there is no evidence that the project has a potential for a change that would adversely affect wildlife resources or the habitat upon which the wildlife depends. The presumption of adverse effect set forth in 14 CCR 753.5 (d) has been rebutted by substantial evidence.

 Yes (Certificate of Fee Exemption)

 X No (Pay fee)

(Unless discussion of impacts is integrated in Section V. 1-16)

3.1 AESTHETICS

The project is not expected to result in any significant impacts to aesthetic resources or scenic vistas. Therefore, no mitigation measures are proposed.

3.2 AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

The project is not expected to impact agricultural lands or lands designated as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance under the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program. Therefore, no mitigation measures are proposed.

3.3 AIR QUALITY

Fugitive dust releases would be minimized by standard dust control mitigation measures to be implemented by the Project. Proper maintenance and operation of construction equipment would minimize emissions from construction equipment.

The following measures would be implemented to reduce potential impacts from carbon monoxide, ozone, and particulate matter:

- Truck and equipment engines will be maintained in good running condition and in proper tune per manufacturer's specification.
- Idling time of construction equipment will be limited when not in use.

3.4 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

The project is not expected to impact any nesting birds, including raptors. The project is on lands usually under water and are not established mammal, insect or nesting areas.

No trees will be removed.

A biological survey will be conducted prior to construction. If any significant resources are found construction will be delayed until impacts to the resources are minimized.

3.5 CULTURAL RESOURCES

Although no impact to cultural resources is anticipated with this Project, the following mitigation measures are provided as guidelines.

If a previously unidentified cultural resource is encountered during construction activities, work in the immediate area of the find should stop until such time that a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the find and make appropriate recommendations for mitigation, if warranted.

If the find is significant, the resource should be avoided, if possible. If not possible, data recovery should be undertaken as mitigation. Data recovery must be directed by an appropriate research design describing the methods to be used during recovery and analysis, research questions to be addressed, and artifact curation requirements. An Assessment Report describing the results of the artifact analysis and the historic or prehistoric archaeological findings must be submitted to the CPUC and the appropriate California Historical Resources Information Center(s).

In the event human remains are discovered at the proposed project site; all work in the immediate area must stop and the County Coroner must be contacted. The County Coroner upon recognizing the remains as being of Native American origin, shall contact the Native American Heritage Commission within 24 hours of the discovery. The steps outlined in CEQA Section 15064.5 (e) must be followed. On Federal lands, the steps outlined in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) must be followed.

3.6 GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Due to the limited nature and timing of the Project it is anticipated there will be no significant impacts. The Project will be constructed in the dry season. In addition, Erosion control measures will be used during construction if there is a chance of runoff. Erosion control measures will include:

- Erect sediment barriers prior to the onset of any storm event that may impact the project site. Sediment barriers constructed of straw bales, earthen berms, geo-technical devices, or silt filter fabric fencing, shall be installed where necessary to prevent silt laden water from the project site entering the stream or lake. Passage of sediment beyond the sediment barrier(s) is prohibited. The sediment barrier(s) shall be maintained in good operating condition throughout the period of construction of the project. This includes, but is not limited to, removal of accumulated silt and/or replacement of damaged bales and fabric fencing (G-DFG, 1999).
- Reduce the tracking of sediment onto public or private roads. Should sediment be tracked onto roads, the roads will be swept clean. Accumulated sediment or silt will not be swept into the storm drain systems.
- Wind erosion is not anticipated to be a problem. Should dust control be needed, mulching or wetting of wind erodible surfaces will be used for dust control until restoration. An effort should be made to disturb only small portions of the construction area at any one.

3.7 HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

(1) Contacting the Underground Services Alert program (USA) to mark utility locations prior to construction will minimize the possibility of damaging underground or overhead utilities.

(2) Small quantities of hazardous materials may be released through accidental spills. Hazardous materials used during construction will be limited to small quantities of gasoline, diesel fuel, engine oil, and hydraulic fluids. These materials may be released in accidental spills. To reduce the impact of these spills to less than significant, the following mitigation measures will be observed:

- The construction contractor will ensure proper labeling, storage, handling and use of hazardous materials in accordance with Best Management Practices and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA's) HAZWOPER requirements.
- The construction contractor will ensure that employees are properly trained in the use and handling of these materials and that a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) accompanies each material.

- Small quantities of hazardous materials stored temporarily in staging areas will be stored on pallets within fenced and secured areas and protected from exposure to weather. Incompatible materials will be stored separately, as appropriate.
- The construction team will have a written plan outlining how to respond if hazardous materials are unexpectedly encountered.
- Contractors will meet federal, state and local requirements.

3.8 HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

The following mitigation will be used to minimize the impacts to water quality during construction of the protective rock barrier:

- Work will be performed in the dry season when the water level is well below the project site.

3.9 LAND USE

The project is not expected to impact project area land uses, land use plans, or conservation plans. Therefore, no mitigation measures are proposed.

3.10 MINERAL RESOURCES

There are no known environmental impacts to mineral resources and therefore, no mitigation measures are required.

3.11 NOISE

Although the noise caused by project construction is expected to be less than significant, steps should be taken to minimize impacts of construction noise. These steps should include the use of mufflers on all heavy construction equipment and performance of construction activities during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

3.12 POPULATION AND HOUSING

The project will not result in any impacts to population growth, existing housing, or local residents. Therefore, no mitigation measures are proposed.

3.13 PUBLIC SERVICES

No impacts are expected as a result of the project on fire protection, police protection, or schools. The project will require periodic maintenance. Casitas Municipal Water District will be the agency responsible for maintenance. Therefore, no mitigation measures are proposed.

3.14 RECREATION

The project will provide additional launch ramp to the Lake Casitas Recreation Area adjacent to amenities resulting in a positive impact.

3.15 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

The project impacts on traffic and transportation are expected to be less than significant. Therefore, no mitigation measures are recommended.

3.16 UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

The project impacts on utilities and service systems are expected to be less than significant. Therefore, no mitigation measures are recommended.

3.17 MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The project is not expected to result in any significant impacts to humans or wildlife with the proposed mitigation measures. The project is consistent with the current activities and development within the Recreation Area.

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Neil Cole P.E.
Principal Civil Engineer

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

MINUTES

Finance Committee – Special Meeting

DATE: January 23, 2014
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: General Manager, Steve Wickstrum
Re: Special Finance Committee Meeting of January 23, 2015, at 0930 hours

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file this report.

BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW:

1. **Roll Call.**

Director Peter Kaiser and Director Jim Word
General Manager, Steve Wickstrum
Accounting Manager, Denise Collin

2. **Public comments.** None.

3. **Board/Management comments.**

The General Manager informed the Committee that staff are accumulating damage and repair costs that are associated with a traffic accident at the Ventura Avenue No. 2 Pump Plant.

The General Manager informed the Committee that a change order has been requested by Union Engineering for a significant amount of concrete for roof footings that were not a specified in the Lake Casitas Front gate project. The cost change for the increased concrete footing material is \$9,983.

Director Kaiser stated that he wants to be informed in the Finance Committee of unplanned expenses that come before the General Manager. It is understood that emergency expenses may occur that need to be addressed prior to a Finance Committee meeting, but that information be brought to the Committee.

4. **Review of the Financial Statement for December 2014.**

The Committee reviewed the progress of budget expenditures, commenting on a need for limiting overtime and adjustments to communication and vehicle budgets during next year's budget development. The Committee noted an increase in Water Revenue Miscellaneous related to a refund check in the amount of \$156,506 received from the Joint Powers Authority to adjust previous over billing. The Committee commented on the level of overtime in various areas and the need to address excessive overtime. The Committee also asked that Park staff evaluate and report on the Trailer Storage occupancy.

5. **Water Consumption for December 2014.**

The Committee reviewed the water consumption numbers for the current fiscal year through December 2014.

6. **Discussion regarding the Budget Preparation Schedule.**

The Committee reviewed the budget schedule, discussed the course of work to prepare the budget, and the direction to consult on the implementation of any new rates and the allocation program. One date change for the Finance Committee was request by Director Word.

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
LAKE CASITAS RECREATION AREA

DATE: December 15, 2014

TO: Steve Wickstrum, General Manager

FROM: Carol Belser, Park Services Manager

SUBJECT: Recreation Area Monthly Report for November 2014

Visitation Numbers

The following is a comparison of visitations* for November 2014:

	Nov. 2014	Nov. 2013	Oct. 2014
Visitor Days	28,684	42,888	34,364
Camps	3,848	3,810	4,253
Cars	7,171	10,722	8,591
Boats	147	169	139
Kayaks & Canoes	7	46	7

Fiscal Year to Date Visitation	
2013/2014	296,332
2014/2015	280,084
% Change	-5.483

*The formulas for calculating the above attendance figures derived from the daily cash reports are as follows:

Visitor Days = Daily vehicles + 30 minute passes X 3 + café passes + attendance at special events + annual vehicle decals + replacement decals + campsites occupied + extra vehicles X 4

Camps = Campsites occupied + extra vehicles

Cars = Daily vehicles + 30 minute passes X 3 + café passes + attendance at special events + annual vehicle decals + replacement decals + campsites occupied + extra vehicles

Boats = Daily boats + overnight boats + annual decals + replacement decals

Kayaks & Canoes = Daily kayaks and canoes + overnight kayaks and canoes + annual kayaks and canoes

Boating

There were three cables sold for new inspections, three vessels were re-inspected and a total of 321 vessels were re retagged. Three vessels failed the first inspection in November 2014.

Operations

The Tri-Valley League County Cross competition was held November 6 with approximately 500 participants racing.

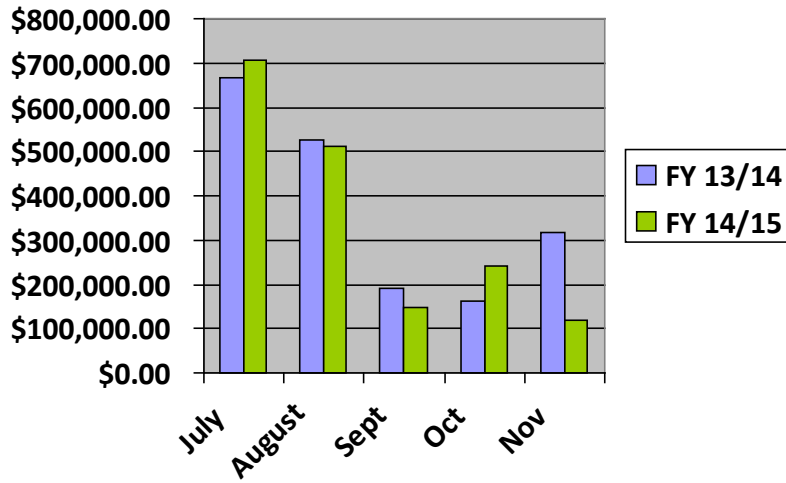
Incidents

Incidents in the Recreation Area for the month of November 2014 that required assistance from outside agencies included: a noise disturbance, possible under the influence, a dog bite, an investigation of child abuse and assistance for a mental breakdown.

Revenue Reporting

The unaudited figures below illustrate all Lake Casitas Recreation Area's revenue collected in the respective month (operations, concessions, Water Adventure, etc.) per the District's Financial Summary generated by the Finance Manager.

LCRA TOTAL REVENUE



CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
LAKE CASITAS RECREATION AREA

DATE: January 20, 2015

TO: Steve Wickstrum, General Manager

FROM: Carol Belser, Park Services Manager

SUBJECT: Recreation Area Monthly Report for December 2014

Visitation Numbers

The following is a comparison of visitations* for December 2014:

	Dec. 2014	Dec. 2013	Nov. 2014
Visitor Days	18,308	21,856	28,684
Camps	1,922	1,810	3,848
Cars	4,577	5,464	7,171
Boats	104	123	147
Kayaks & Canoes	44	0	7

Fiscal Year to Date Visitation	
2013/2014	318,188
2014/2015	298,392
% Change	-6.221

*The formulas for calculating the above attendance figures derived from the daily cash reports are as follows:

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Kayaks & Canoes = Daily kayaks and canoes + overnight kayaks and canoes + annual kayaks and canoes

Boating

There were three cables sold for new inspections, 12 vessels were re-inspected and a total of 285 vessels were re-retaged. Three vessels failed the first inspection in December 2014.

Operations

The Park Services Manager spoke with the Department of Fish and Wildlife Chief of the Fisheries Branch who indicated that the path to resume trout plants in Casitas is moving forward, but he cautioned that the final determination had not yet been made.

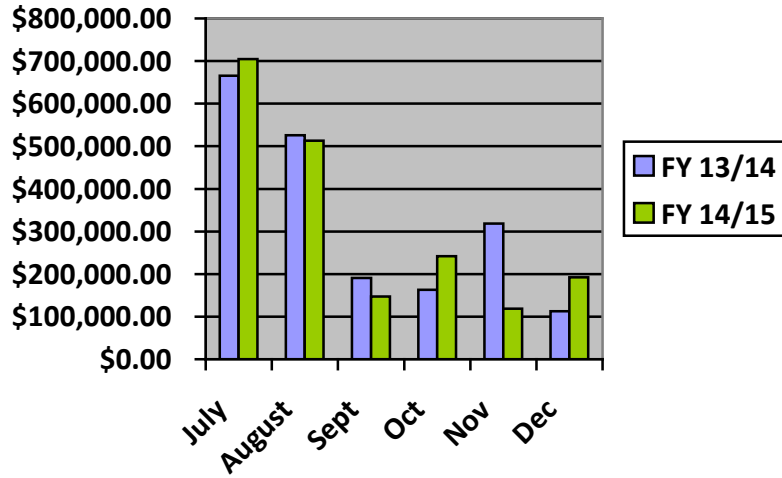
Incidents

Incidents in the Recreation Area for the month of December 2014 that required assistance from outside agencies included: an eviction that included an arrest and a vessel collision complaint of injured back.

Revenue Reporting

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LCRA TOTAL REVENUE



**CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT OF INVESTMENTS
01/22/15**

Type of Invest	Institution	CUSIP	Date of Maturity	Adjusted Cost	Current Mkt Value	Rate of Interest	Date of Deposit	% of Portfolio	Days to Maturity
*TB	Federal Home Loan Bank	313379EE5	06/14/2019	\$1,378,846	\$1,359,882	1.625%	10/03/2012	8.31%	1582
*TB	Federal Home Loan Bank	313379RN1	12/27/2024	\$978,364	\$995,289	2.840%	06/18/2014	6.09%	3575
*TB	Federal Home Loan Bank	3133802D8	11/23/2022	\$1,477,575	\$1,485,371	2.400%	11/19/2014	9.08%	2821
*TB	Federal Home Loan Bank	313380A98	08/14/2024	\$126,966	\$129,463	2.500%	07/03/2014	0.79%	3442
*TB	Federal Home Loan Bank	313380S73	10/11/2022	\$699,720	\$695,142	2.430%	08/11/2014	4.25%	2779
*TB	Federal Home Loan Bank	313381ST3	01/17/2023	\$250,346	\$252,606	1.500%	09/08/2014	1.54%	2875
*TB	Federal Home Loan Bank	313381TA3	01/17/2023	\$277,619	\$280,728	2.240%	09/08/2014	1.72%	2875
*TB	Federal Farm CR Bank	3133EAZM3	07/24/2023	\$1,658,682	\$1,722,396	2.380%	09/16/2014	10.53%	3062
*TB	Federal Home Loan Bank	3133XFKF2	06/11/2021	\$701,088	\$687,512	5.625%	01/16/2013	4.20%	2299
*TB	Federal Home Loan Bank	3133XWNB10	06/12/2015	\$702,412	\$707,476	2.875%	07/01/2010	4.33%	140
*TB	Federal Home Loan Bank	3133XWNB10	06/12/2015	\$716,272	\$725,816	4.750%	07/01/2010	4.44%	140
*TB	Federal Home Loan Bank	3134G34R8	07/23/2021	\$513,841	\$515,589	2.000%	12/02/2014	3.15%	2341
*TB	Federal Home Loan MTG Corp	3134G43A4	10/30/2024	\$849,441	\$869,495	2.500%	07/03/2014	5.32%	3518
*TB	Federal Home Loan MTG Corp	3135G0ES80	11/15/2016	\$688,392	\$694,030	1.375%	03/12/2012	4.24%	653
*TB	Federal National Assn	3136G0K67	04/09/2021	\$192,000	\$192,440	2.000%	12/02/2014	1.18%	2237
*TB	Federal Home Loan MTG Corp	3137EABA60	11/17/2017	\$1,103,354	\$1,118,310	5.125%	01/03/2012	6.84%	1015
*TB	Federal Home Loan MTG Corp	3137EADB2	01/13/2022	\$682,079	\$684,949	2.375%	09/08/2014	4.19%	2511
*TB	US Treasury Inflation Index NTS	912828JE10	07/15/2018	\$1,144,960	\$1,161,012	1.375%	07/06/2010	7.10%	1253
*TB	US Treasury Notes	912828LZ10	01/15/2020	\$1,129,748	\$1,166,889	2.125%	07/01/2010	7.13%	1793
*TB	US Treasury Bond	912828WE6	11/15/2023	\$769,547	\$824,945	2.750%	12/13/2013	5.04%	3173
Accrued Interest					\$86,245				
Total in Gov't Sec. (11-00-1055-00&1065)				\$16,041,251	\$16,355,584			88.24%	
Total Certificates of Deposit: (11.13506)				\$0	\$0			0.00%	
**	LAIF as of: (11-00-1050-00)		N/A	\$446	\$446	0.23%	Estimated	0.00%	
***	COVI as of: (11-00-1060-00)		N/A	\$2,179,758	\$2,179,758	0.35%	Estimated	11.76%	
TOTAL FUNDS INVESTED				\$18,221,455	\$18,535,788			100.00%	
Total Funds Invested last report				\$18,234,836	\$18,403,703				
Total Funds Invested 1 Yr. Ago				\$18,206,799	\$18,264,679				
****	CASH IN BANK (11-00-1000-00) EST.			\$6,212,146	\$6,212,146				
	CASH IN Western Asset Money Market			\$3	\$3	0.01%			
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS				\$24,433,604	\$24,747,937				
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS 1 YR AGO				\$22,542,673	\$22,600,554				

- *CD CD - Certificate of Deposit
- *TB TB - Federal Treasury Bonds or Bills
- ** Local Agency Investment Fund
- *** County of Ventura Investment Fund
- Estimated interest rate, actual not due at present time.
- **** Cash in bank

No investments were made pursuant to subdivision (i) of Section 53601, Section 53601.1 and subdivision (i) Section 53635 of the Government Code.
All investments were made in accordance with the Treasurer's annual statement of investment policy.