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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 37, ACTON  
HIGHPOINTE WATER TANK  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 37, ACTON:**

1. Consider the enclosed Negative Declaration for a proposed one-million-gallon welded steel tank located within the Highpointe Communities development in Acton, California, and approximately one mile of 12-inch-diameter water main connecting the tank to the existing water system; determine that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment; find that the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment of the County; and approve the Negative Declaration.
2. Find that the project will have no adverse effect on wildlife resources and authorize Public Works to complete and file a Certificate of Fee Exemption with the Executive Officer of the Board.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of this recommended action is to approve the Negative Declaration to allow the construction of a one-million-gallon tank, approximately 35 feet high and 74 feet in diameter, and approximately one mile of 12-inch-diameter water main. Presently, the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 37, Acton (District), has one tank in this water pressure zone, which is where the proposed Highpointe Communities development is located, and is in need of an additional water storage tank in this zone. The gravity storage water tank is needed to provide domestic water service and fire protection for future customers of the District, and it will benefit existing District's customers by providing a second tank in the same zone.

The Initial Study for this project indicated that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment. In accordance with the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, a Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated for public review.

Based upon the Initial Study and comments received on the draft Negative Declaration, we have determined that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, approval of the Negative Declaration is appropriate at this time.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as it would provide better domestic and fire flow water service to the Acton community in a cost-effective manner.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact on the County's General Fund. The project will be funded by Highpointe Communities.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), any lead agency preparing a Negative Declaration must provide a public notice within a reasonable period of time prior to certification of the Negative Declaration. To comply with this requirement, a public notice, pursuant to Section 21092 of the Public Resources Code, was published in the Acton Agua Dulce News on February 27, 2006, and March 6, 2006. A copy of the

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draft Negative Declaration was provided to the Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Library for public review. In addition, copies of the draft Negative Declaration were sent to the agencies listed in Exhibit A.

During the public review period, we received comments from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), see Exhibit B. Caltrans' letter recommends that construction-related traffic on State highways be limited to off-peak commute periods and that a Caltrans permit is required for oversized or overweight vehicles on State highways. These mitigations will be included in the construction contract documents for the proposed tank.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

CEQA requires public agency decision makers to document and consider environmental implications of their actions.

The Negative Declaration was written pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines of 1970, as amended (Division 13, California Public Resources Code), and the CEQA Guidelines (Division 6, California Administrative Code).

Upon approval of the Negative Declaration by your Board, we will file a Certificate of Fee Exemption with the Executive Officer of the Board. A \$25 handling fee will be paid to the Executive Officer of the Board for processing. We will also file a Notice of Determination in accordance with the requirements of Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended action.

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**CONCLUSION**

Upon Board approval, please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Waterworks and Sewer Maintenance Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 37, ACTON  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR  
HIGHPOINTE 1.0 MG WATER STORAGE RESERVOIR (3483 PZ)**

1. Location and Brief Description

The proposed project is located in the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 37, Acton (District), within the Highpointe Communities Tract No. 52883 as shown on Exhibit A. The project consists of constructing a 1.0 million gallon (MG) welded steel tank and approximately one mile of a 12-inch-diameter water main. The proposed tank will be 35 feet high and 74 feet in diameter. The tank is needed to store water for domestic and fire protection needs of existing and future customers. The 12-inch-diameter water main is needed to connect the tank to the existing water system.

II. Mitigation Measures Included in the Project to Avoid Potentially Significant Effects

No significant environmental effects were identified. However, mitigation measures are discussed in Section VI of the Initial Study.

III. Finding of No Significant Effect

Based on the attached Initial Study, it has been determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Attach.

**INITIAL STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS**

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 37, ACTON  
HIGHPOINTE 1.0 MG WATER STORAGE RESERVOIR (3483 PZ)**

1. Project Title

HIGHPOINTE 1.0 MG WATER STORAGE RESERVOIR

2. Lead Agency Name and Address

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
Waterworks and Sewer Maintenance Division  
900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA 91803

3. Contact Person and Phone Number

Greg Even - (626) 300-3331

4. Project Location

The proposed project site is located in the unincorporated northwestern portion of Los Angeles County, within the community of Acton, as shown on Exhibit A.

5. Project Sponsor=s Name and Address

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
Waterworks and Sewer Maintenance Division  
900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA 91803

6. General Plan Designation

Residential

7. Zoning

A-2-1 (Heavy Agriculture – one acre minimum)

8. Description of Project

The project consists of constructing a 1.0 million-gallon (MG) welded steel tank and approximately one mile of a 12-inch-diameter water main. The proposed tank will be 35 feet high and 74 feet in diameter and will be located in lots 41 and 42 of Tract No. 52883. The tank is needed to store water for domestic and fire protection needs of existing and future customers. The 12-inch-diameter water main is needed to connect the tank to the existing water system. The water main will connect to the existing water system at the intersection of Crown Valley Road and Bandell Street. The alignment for the water main will extend north along Crown Valley Road to North Brinville Road, and then north on Brinville Road to Dwight Lee Street (future). The tank will be located approximately 500 feet west of Brinville Road, adjacent to Dwight Lee Street (future). All the facilities will be located within public rights of way and within District property.

9. Surrounding Land Uses and Environmental Setting

A) Project Site - The proposed project is located in the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 37, Acton (District), within the Highpointe Communities Tract No. 52883 as shown on Exhibit A. The final grade elevation for the tank site will be 3,450 feet.

B) Surrounding Properties - The topography of the surrounding project is level to moderately hilly. The project is surrounded by vacant properties covered by low-lying shrubs and brush.

10. Other Agencies Whose Approval is Required (and Permits Needed)

County of Los Angeles (excavation permit)

**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" or "Potentially Significant Unless Mitigated," as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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| <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                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services               | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities/Service Systems     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |   |

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

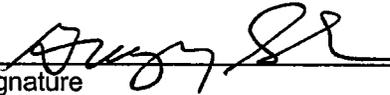
I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

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

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

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

I find that although the proposed project would have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

  
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Signature

February 13, 2006  
Date

Greg Even  
Printed Name

LACDPW  
For

## ATTACHMENT A

### DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

#### HIGHPOINTE 1.0 MG WATER STORAGE RESERVOIR (3483 PZ)

I. **AESTHETICS - Would the project:**

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

**Less than significant impact.** The proposed water storage tank will be situated in a manner or screened to minimize the visual disruption of the surrounding landscape.

b) **Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?**

**No impact.** The proposed project will not affect scenic resources, trees, rock outcroppings, or historical buildings within a State scenic highway. Thus, the project will have no impact on a State scenic highway.

c) **Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?**

**Less than significant impact.** The proposed water storage tank will be situated in a way or screened to minimize the visual disruption of the surrounding landscape. The tank will be painted with a desert beige color to also help minimize the visual disruption.

d) **Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?**

**No impact.** The proposed project will not include additional lighting systems or propose structures that could result in glare. Therefore, the proposed project will have no impact on day or nighttime views in the area.

II. **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 Department 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 nonagricultural use?**

**No impact.** The proposed project location is not used for agricultural purposes or as farmland. Thus, the project will have no impact on farmland.

b) **Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act contract?**

**No impact.** There is no active agriculture and no Williamson Act issues in the project area. Thus, the proposed project will not impact any existing zoning for agricultural uses or cancellation of Williamson Act contracts.

c) **Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to nonagricultural use?**

**No impact.** The proposed project does not involve changes in the existing environment that could result in the conversion of Farmland to nonagricultural use.

III. **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?**

**No impact.** The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works currently complies with dust control measures enforced by the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the Air Quality Management Plan. The proposed project will not conflict with current implementation of the applicable air quality plan.

**b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?**

**No impact.** Aside from temporary, short-term impacts during construction, which activities are anticipated to occur during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, the proposed project will have no effect upon air quality. In addition, LACDPW's standard contract documents require construction contractors to equip all machinery and equipment with suitable air pollution control devices, and to use dust control measures such as sweeping and/or watering to control dust emissions created by construction activity, thereby further limiting potential impacts. When transporting excess excavated material, the contractor will be required to cover material with a tarp to reduce dust emissions and prevent falling debris.

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

**No impact.** Project specifications will require the contractor to comply with all Federal and State emission control regulations. The proposed project construction will not lead to emissions which exceed thresholds for ozone precursors. Therefore, the proposed project will have no impact on ambient air quality standards..

**d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?**

**Less than significant impact.** Sensitive receptors in the area may be subjected to dust and construction equipment emission during project construction. Project specifications would require the contractor to control dust by appropriate means such as sweeping and/or watering and comply with all applicable air pollution control regulations. The impact is considered to be less than significant since the exposure would be temporary and precautions will be taken to mitigate exposure to pollutants.

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

**No Impact.** The proposed project will not produce any objectionable odors that would affect a substantial number of people.

**IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES - Would the project:**

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

**No impact.** No sensitive or special status species as identified by the California Department of Fish and Game or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are known to exist at the project site. Thus, the proposed project will have no impact on sensitive or special status species or their respective 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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?**

**No impact.** Therefore, there will be no adverse impact on riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community..

- 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?**

**No impact.** The proposed project does not involve any federally protected wetland habitat. Therefore, the proposed project will not impact wetland habitat.

- 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?**

**No impact.** The site does not provide important corridors for wildlife movement or nursery opportunities. Therefore, there will be no impact on resident or migratory fish or wildlife nursery sites.

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

**No impact.** No known locally protected biological resources exist at the project site. Therefore, the proposed project will not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources

f) **Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan; Natural Community Conservation Plan; or other approved local, regional, or State Habitat Conservation Plan?**

**No impact.** No known adopted habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan exists within the project site. Therefore, the proposed project will have no impact on any of these plans.

V. **CULTURAL RESOURCES - Would the project:**

a-d) **Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical or archaeological resource as defined in Section 15064.5; directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource, site, or unique geologic feature; or disturb any human remains, including those interred outside formal cemeteries?**

**No impact.** A records search was performed for the project, including a review of all recorded archaeological sites within a ½-mile radius of the project site, as well as a review of cultural resources reports on file. No archaeological sites were identified within a ½-mile radius of the project site. However, if any cultural resources, including human remains, are discovered during the construction, the contractor shall cease excavation and contact a specialist to examine the project site as required by project specifications. Thus, the effects of the proposed project on these resources are not considered significant.

VI. **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:**

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.**

**No impact.** The project is not located within the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map. Thus, the location of the project site has no potential substantial adverse effects.

ii) **Strong seismic ground shaking?**

**Less than significant impact.** Although the project area has not been the epicenter of any known earthquake, (nearby fault information). The proposed project will have a less than significant impact related to seismic ground shaking.

**iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?**

**No impact.**

**iv) Landslides?**

**No impact.** (need geotechnical report).

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

**No impact.** The proposed project will not create any additional water surface runoff or create a loss of topsoil.

**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?**

**No impact.** The project is not located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable. The project itself would not create any soil instability.

**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?**

**No impact.** The project is not located on expansive soils.

**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?**

**No impact.** All existing wastewater disposal systems will remain intact and there are no new septic facilities proposed at the project site. Therefore, the project will have no impact on the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems.

**VII. 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?**

**No impact.** The proposed project does not involve the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials. Therefore, the project will have no impact on the transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials

- b-c) 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 or emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous materials, substances, or wastes within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?**

**No impact.** The proposed new tank will not involve potential explosives, waste or any hazardous substances. Any construction contractors must comply with safety standards specified in Title 8, California Code of Regulations, as enforced by Cal/OSHA, thereby limiting potential impacts during construction.

- 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?**

**No impact.** The project site is not known to be a hazardous materials site. Therefore, the proposed project would not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment.

- 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?**

**No impact.** The proposed project area is not within an airport land use plan and is not within a two-mile radius of a public airport or public use airport. Therefore, the proposed project will not result in safety hazards for people residing or working in the project area.

- 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?**

**No impact.** The proposed project is not located within the vicinity of a private airstrip. Thus, the proposed project will have no impact relating to a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area.

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

**No impact.** The proposed project will result in a short-term increase in the number of vehicle trips over the course of construction as a result of construction traffic; however, the impact upon traffic congestion will not be significant. In addition, the construction contractor(s) will be required to provide adequate and safe traffic control measures, including adequate access to adjacent properties, that will both accommodate local traffic and ensure the safety of travelers within the project area, thereby further limiting potential impacts.

- 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?**

**No impact.** The proposed project will not expose people or structures to any significant risks involving wildland fires. Therefore, the proposed project is not expected to result in adverse impacts related to risks associated with wildland fires.

**VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY - Would the project:**

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

**No impact.** The contractor is required to implement Best Management Practices as required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit issued to the County by the Regional Water Quality Control Board to minimize construction impacts on water quality. Therefore, the project will have no impact on the water quality standards or waste discharge requirements.

- 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 preexisting nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?**

**No impact.** The proposed project will not result in the use of any water that would result in a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the groundwater table. As a result, the project will not deplete groundwater supplies. Therefore, no impacts to groundwater supplies or groundwater recharge are anticipated to occur.

- c-d) 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 or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?**

**No impact.** The construction of the proposed project will not alter the present flow patterns. Therefore, the proposed project will have no impact on erosion, siltation, or on the rate or amount of surface runoff.

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

**No impact.** The construction of the proposed project will not result in additional surface water runoff. Thus, the impact of the proposed project on the existing or planned storm water drainage systems is not expected to have adverse affects.

- f) **Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?**

**No impact.** The contractor is required to adhere to applicable Best Management Practices to minimize any degradation to water quality during construction. Therefore, the proposed project will not impact or degrade water quality.

- 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?**

**No impact.** The proposed project will not place any housing within a 100-year flood hazard area.

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

**No impact.** The proposed project will not place any structures within a 100-year flood hazard area, which may 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?**

**No impact.** The proposed project will not expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding.

- j) **Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?**

**No impact.** The project site is mostly within moderately hilly terrain with no water body in its proximity. Therefore, the project will not cause any inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow.

**IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING - Would the project:**

**a) Physically divide an established community?**

**No impact.** The proposed project will not physically divide the existing community.

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

**No impact.** The proposed project does not conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of any of the agencies with jurisdiction.

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

**No impact.** The proposed project will not conflict with any habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan adopted by any agency or community.

**X. 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?**

**No impact.** The construction of the proposed project will not deplete any known mineral resources. Therefore, no impact is anticipated.

**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?**

**No impact.** The project site is not identified as a mineral resource recovery site in the local general plan, specific plan, or other land-use plan. Therefore, the proposed project will have no impact on locally important mineral resource recovery site.

**XI. NOISE - Would the project result in:**

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

**No impact.** Noise levels within the proposed project site may increase during construction. However, the impact is temporary and will be subject to existing noise ordinances and standards set by U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The contractor will be required to comply with the construction hours specified in the County noise control ordinances. Overall, since the construction period will last for a short period, the project will not expose people to severe noise levels. Thus, the impact to severe noise levels is considered less than significant.

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

**No impact.** The proposed project will not result in significant adverse impacts related to exposure of persons to excessive groundborne vibrations or noise levels.

- c-d) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project or a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?**

**Less than significant impact.** During the construction phase of the project, there will be some increase in existing noise levels. However, the proposed project contains no noise-generating features that will result in a permanent increase in ambient noise level. Due to the short-term nature of the project, the impact will be less than significant.

- e-f) 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 or 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?**

**No impact.** The proposed project is not located within two miles of a public airport. Therefore, the proposed project will not expose people residing or working in the area to excessive noise levels.

**XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING - Would the project:**

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

**No impact.** Construction of the proposed project is not expected to induce a substantial increase in population growth within the area directly or indirectly.

- b-c) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere, or displace substantial numbers of people necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?**

**No impact.** The proposed project will not displace substantial number of residents or houses, which would create a demand for additional housing elsewhere.

**XIII. PUBLIC SERVICE**

- 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, police protection, schools, parks, other public facilities?**

**No impact.** The proposed project will not affect public service and will not result in a need for new or altered governmental services in fire protection, police protection, schools, parks, or other public facilities.

**XIV. 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?**

**No impact.** The proposed project will not increase the use of existing neighborhood or regional parks.

- 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?**

**No impact.** The proposed project does not include nor require the construction or expansion of any recreational facilities.

**XV. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC - Would the project:**

- 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)?**

**Less than significant impact.** The proposed project will result in a short-term increase in the number of vehicle trips over the course of construction as a result of construction traffic; however, the impact upon traffic congestion will not be significant.

- b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the County Congestion Management Agency for designated roads or highways?**

**No impact.** The minor increase in traffic in the project area due to construction vehicles is temporary. Overall, the proposed project will not directly or indirectly cause traffic to exceed a level of service standard established by the County Congestion Management Agency for roads or highways in the project area.

- 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?**

**No impact.** The proposed project will have no impact on air traffic patterns.

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

**No impact.** The proposed project does not involve any design features that are known to constitute safety hazards. Therefore, the project will have no impact on hazards due to design features.

- e) Result in inadequate emergency access?**

**No impact.** The construction of this project will not result in inadequate emergency access. Therefore, the project would have no impact on hazards due to design features.

- f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?**

**No impact.** No impact to parking capacity is expected.

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

**No impact.** The proposed project will not conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation.

**XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS - Would the project:**

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

**No impact.** The project will not result in contamination or an increase in discharge of wastewater that might affect wastewater treatment. Thus, the proposed project will have no impact on the wastewater treatment requirements of the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

- 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?**

**No impact.** The proposed project will not result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities. Therefore, no impact is anticipated.

- 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?**

**Less than significant impact.** In order to provide adequate site drainage and to accommodate tank overflow discharge, the project will include the construction of a short section of 24-inch drain pipe to control the on-site drainage. The proposed on-site drainage will not cause any significant environmental effect. Therefore, the impact upon the environment will not be significant.

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

**No impact.** The proposed project will not result in a need for additional water supplies. Therefore, the project will have no impact on existing water supply entitlements and resources.

- 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?**

**No impact.** No increase in the number of wastewater discharge facilities will occur as a result of the proposed project. Therefore, the proposed project will have no impact on wastewater treatment.

- f-g) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs and comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?**

**No impact.** Construction of the proposed project may result in excess excavated materials and construction debris. However, the amount of solid waste generated will be minimal. Project specifications will require the contractor to dispose of these materials in accordance to all applicable Federal, State, or local regulations related to solid waste. The proposed project will not result in a facility that would generate solid waste. Therefore, there will be no impact on landfill capacity.

## **XVII. 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 restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?**

**No impact.** Based on findings in this environmental review, the proposed project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish and wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory. Therefore, the impact of the proposed project on plant community is not expected to cause an adverse impact to the environment.

- 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?)**

**No impact.** The proposed project will not have impacts that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable.

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

**No impact.** The proposed project will not have a direct or indirect detrimental environmental impact on human beings.

## EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

### HIGHPOINTE 1.0 MG WATER STORAGE RESERVOIR (3483 PZ)

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources 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).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) "Potential Significant Impact" is appropriate if an effect is significant or potentially significant, or if the lead agency lacks information to make a finding of insignificance. If there are one or more "Potential Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required.
- 4) "Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potential 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 Section XVIII, "Earlier Analysis," may be cross-referenced).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other California Environmental Quality Act process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or Negative Declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). Earlier analyses are discussed in Section XVIII at the end of the checklist.
- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). See the sample question below. A source list should be attached and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

### HIGHPOINTE 1.0 MG WATER STORAGE RESERVOIR (3483 PZ)

			Potential Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>I. AESTHETICS - Would the project:</b>						
	a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?			X	
	b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcrops, and historic buildings within a State scenic highway?				X
	c)	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?			X	
	d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				X
<b>II. 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 Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project:</b>						
	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 nonagricultural use?				X
	b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act contract?				X
	c)	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to nonagricultural use?				X
<b>III. 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:</b>						
	a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				X
	b)	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality				X

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	violation?				
	c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is nonattainment under an applicable Federal or State ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for zone precursors)?				X
	d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?			X	
	e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?				X
<b>IV. <u>BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES</u> - Would the project:</b>					
	a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				X
	b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				X
	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?				X
	d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident, migratory fish, or wildlife species; or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors; or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				X
	e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				X
	f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan; Natural Community Conservation Plan; or other approved local, regional, or State habitat conservation plan?				X
<b>V. <u>CULTURAL RESOURCES</u> - Would the project:</b>					

		Potential Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5?			X
	b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?			X
	c)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?			X
	d)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?			X
<b>VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS - Would the project:</b>					
	a)	Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:			
	i)	Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a know fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.			X
	ii)	Strong seismic ground shaking?		X	
	iii)	Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?			X
	iv)	Landslides?			X
	b)	Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?			X
	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?			X
	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?			X
	e)	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?			X

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<b>VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Would the project:</b>					
a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				X
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?				X
c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				X
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?				X
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?				X
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?				X
g)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				X
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?				X
<b>VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY - Would the project:</b>					
a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				X
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 preexisting				X

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		nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?			
	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?			X
	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?			X
	e)	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?			X
	f)	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?			X
	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?			X
	h)	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?			X
	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?			X
	j)	Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?			X
<b>IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING - Would the project:</b>					
	a)	Physically divide an established community?			X
	b)	Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of any agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to, the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?			X
	c)	Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?			X

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<b>X. MINERAL RESOURCES - Would the project:</b>					
	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?			X
	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?			X
<b>XI. NOISE - Would the project result in:</b>					
	a)	Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or ordinance or applicable standards of other agencies?			X
	b)	Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?			X
	c)	A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?			X
	d)	A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?		X	
	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?			X
	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?			X
<b>XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING - Would the project:</b>					
	a)	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (e.g., by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (e.g., through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?			X
	b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?			X
	c)	Displace substantial numbers of people,			X

		Potential Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
		necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?			
<b>XIII. PUBLIC SERVICES</b>					
	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?			X
		Police protection?			X
		Schools?			X
		Parks?			X
		Other public facilities?			X
<b>XIV. RECREATION</b>					
	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?			X
	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?			X
<b>XV. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC - Would the project:</b>					
	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)?		X	
	b)	Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the County Congestion Management Agency for designated roads or highways?			X
	c)	Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in			X

		Potential Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
		location that results in substantial safety risks?			
	d)	Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?			X
	e)	Result in inadequate emergency access?			X
	f)	Result in inadequate parking capacity?			X
	g)	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?			X
<b>XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS - Would the project:</b>					
	a)	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?			X
	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?			X
	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?		X	
	d)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?			X
	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?			X
	f)	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?			X
	g)	Comply with Federal, State, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?			X
<b>XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>					
	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-			X

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		sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?			
	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.)			X
	c)	Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings either directly or indirectly?			X

#### **XVIII. DISCUSSION OF WAYS TO MITIGATE SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS**

Section 15041 (a) of the State California Environmental Quality Act guidelines states that a lead agency for a project has authority to require changes in any or all activities involved in the project in order to lessen or avoid significant effects on the environment. No significant effects have been identified. However, the following mitigation measures have been included:

##### Aesthetics

- § Situate the location of the water storage tank in a way that minimizes the visual disruption of the surrounding landscape.
- § Use of natural or manmade screening to minimize the visual disruption of the surrounding landscape.

##### Air Quality

- § Control dust by appropriate means, such as watering and/or sweeping.
- § Compliance with applicable air pollution control regulations.

##### Geology and Soils

- § Proper removal and disposal of excess soils and excavated materials.
- § Proper compaction of soils based on County standards and guidelines.

##### Hazards and Hazardous Materials

- § Proper maintenance of all construction equipment.
- § Compliance with all applicable laws and ordinances regarding chemical cleanup.

##### Hydrology and Water Quality

- § Compliance with all applicable Best Management Practices as required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit issued to the County by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Noise

- \$ Compliance with all applicable noise and ordinances during construction.
- \$ Construction activities would be restricted to the County appointed construction times.

Transportation/Traffic

- \$ Advance notification of all street and/or lane closures and detours to all emergency service agencies.
- \$ Clear delineations and barricades to designate through traffic lanes.
- \$ Compliance with all applicable laws and ordinances regarding the transportation routes for the haul of material.

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RE: Records Search for Site Location Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 37, Acton  
One Million Gallon Highpointe Tank (3483 PZ) and 12-Inch Diameter Feedline Project

Dear Mr. Even,

As per your request received on November 3, 2005 a records search was conducted for the above referenced project. This search includes a review of all recorded archaeological sites within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site as well as a review of cultural resource reports on file. In addition, the California Points of Historical Interest (PHI), the California Historical Landmarks (CHL), the California Register of Historical Places (CR), the National Register of Historic Places (NR), the California State Historic Resources Inventory (HRI), and the City of Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monuments listings were reviewed for the above referenced project site. The following is a discussion of the findings.

Due to the sensitive nature of cultural resources, archaeological site locations are not released.

**Ritter Ridge USGS 7.5' Quadrangle**

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES:**

No archaeological sites have been identified within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site. No sites are located within the project site. This does not preclude the potential for archaeological sites to be identified during project activities.

## **HISTORIC RESOURCES:**

A review of the Lancaster (1958) 15' USGS historic map indicated that fourteen unimproved dirt roads and two intermittent streams fell within the 1/2-mile search radius.

The California Point of Historical Interest (2004) of the Office of Historic Preservation, Department of Parks and Recreation, lists no properties within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site.

The California Historical Landmarks (2004) of the Office of Historic Preservation, Department of Parks and Recreation, lists no properties within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site.

The California Register of Historical Places (2004) lists no properties within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site. These are properties determined to have a National Register of Historic Places Status of 1 or 2, or are a California Historical Landmark numbering 770 and higher.

The National Register of Historic Places lists no properties within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site.

The City of Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monuments lists no properties within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site.

The California Historic Resources Inventory (2004) lists no properties that have been evaluated for historical significance within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site.

## **PREVIOUS CULTURAL RESOURCES INVESTIGATIONS:**

Four studies (LA529, LA1369, LA4666\*, and LA5919) have been conducted within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site. Of these, one is located within the project site. There are four additional investigations located on the Ritter Ridge 7.5' USGS Quadrangle that are potentially within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site. These reports are not mapped due to insufficient locational information.

(\* = Located within the project site)

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The records indicate most of the project site was surveyed for cultural resources in a 1999 study (LA4666). The study concluded, "The Phase I survey found no evidence of aboriginal habitation or concerted historical use of the project area. Therefore, no further archaeological recommendations are set forward, except in the event that buried cultural resources are unearthed during construction activities; then all work must halt at that locality until such resources can be properly evaluated by a qualified archaeologist", (Romani 1999:8).

As for the portion of the un-surveyed project site, a halt-work condition should also be in place. In the event cultural resources are encountered, all work within the vicinity of the find should stop. A professional archaeologist should be retained to assess such finds and make a recommendation.

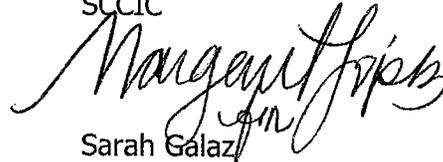
If any building(s) 45 years and older will be affected by the proposed project, it is recommended that the building(s) be assessed and evaluated for potential historical significance.

The professional archaeologist you retain may request the records search map, archaeological site records, and bibliography from the Information Center by referencing the SCCIC number listed above for a fee (per the fee schedule).

If you have any questions regarding the results presented herein, please contact the office at 714.278.5395 Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Should you require any additional information for the above referenced project, reference the SCCIC number listed above when making inquiries. Requests made after initial invoicing will result in the preparation of a separate invoice.

Sincerely,  
SCCIC



Sarah Galaz  
Staff Researcher

Enclosures:

- (X) Invoice #6067.3243
- (X) Referral List

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## **REFERRAL LIST FOR HISTORICAL RESOURCES CONSULTANTS**

This is a partial, alphabetically ordered, list of individuals, firms and institutions which meet minimum qualifications to perform identification, evaluation, registration, and treatment activities within the profession under which they are listed in compliance with federal and state environmental laws. It is composed of all individuals who have requested listing by this Information Center and who have satisfactorily documented that they *meet* the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards (SIS)* for that profession. Inclusion on this list is determined solely on this evaluation and not on a review of current work.

The Information Center provides a copy of this list without charge when field inspection is recommended or upon request.

This list has been prepared in accordance with guidelines stipulated by the State. Inclusion on this list does not constitute endorsement or recommendation by the State or this Information Center.

Questions regarding this Referral List may be directed to John Thomas, Coordinator of the California Historical Resources Information System, Office of Historic Preservation, at (916) 653-6624.

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**Project Title:** Highpoint 1.0 MG Water Storage Reservoir

Lead Agency: Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Contact Person: Greg Even  
 Mailing Address: 900 South Fremont Avenue Phone: 626-300-3331  
 City: Alhambra, CA Zip: 91803 County: Los Angeles

**Project Location:**

County: Los Angeles City/Nearest Community: Acton  
 Cross Streets: Brinville Road & Crown Valley Road Zip Code: 93510  
 Assessor's Parcel No.: 3217 011 025 Section: 13 Twp.: 5N Range: 13W Base: San Bernadino  
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Zoning A-2-1 General Plan Designation: Residential

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

The project consists of constructing a 1.0 million gallon (MG) welded steel tank and approximately one mile of 12-inch water pipeline. The proposed tank will be 35 feet high and 74 feet in diameter and will be located in lots 41 and 42 of Tract No. 52883. The tank is needed to store water for domestic and fire protection needs of existing and future customers. The 12-inch water line is needed to connect the tank to the existing water system. The water line will connect to the existing water system at the intersection of Crown Valley Road and Bandell Street. The alignment for the pipeline will extend north along Crown Valley Road to North Brinville Road, and then north on Brinville Road to Dwight Lee Street (future). The tank will be located approximately 500 feet west of Brinville Road, adjacent to Dwight Lee Street (future). All the facilities will be located within public rights of way and within District property.

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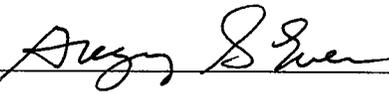
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If you have any questions regarding our comments, please refer to our IGR/CEQA Record number cs/060307 and do not hesitate to contact me at (213) 897-3747.

Sincerely,

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