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| Wild and Scenic Rivers |  |  |  |  |
| Parks and Recreational Facilities |  |  |  |  |
| Farmland and Timberland |  |  |  |  |
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| Community Character and Cohesion |  |  |  |  |
| Relocations and Real Property Acquisition |  |  |  |  |
| Environmental Justice |  |  |  |  |
| Equity |  |  |  |  |
| Utilities and Emergency Services |  |  |  |  |
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| Geology, Soils, Seismicity and Topography |  |  |  |  |
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# Affected Environment, Environmental Consequences, and Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures

## TOPICS CONSIDERED BUT DETERMINED NOT TO BE RELEVANT

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Table 3‑1: Resource Topics Dismissed from Analysis

| **Resource** | **Rationale for Dismissal** |
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## HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

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### Existing and Future Land Use

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### Consistency with State, Regional, and Local Plans and Programs

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### Coastal Zone

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**Environmental Consequences**

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### Wild and Scenic Rivers

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**Environmental Consequences**

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**Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures**

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### Parks and Recreational Facilities

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**Environmental Consequences**

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**Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures**

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### Farmlands

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**Environmental Consequences**

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**Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures**

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### Timberlands

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**Affected Environment**

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**Environmental Consequences**

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**Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures**

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### Growth

**Regulatory Setting**

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**Affected Environment**

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**Environmental Consequences**

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### Community Character and Cohesion

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**Affected Environment**

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### Relocations and Real Property Acquisition

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**Environmental Consequences**

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### Environmental Justice

**Regulatory Setting**

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**Affected Environment**

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**Environmental Consequences**

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**Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures**

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### Equity

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**Environmental Consequences**

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**Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures**

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### Utilities/Emergency Services

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### Traffic and Transportation/Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

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**Environmental Consequences**

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### Visual/Aesthetics

**Regulatory Setting**

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**Affected Environment**

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**Environmental Consequences**

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**Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures**

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### Cultural Resources

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**Affected Environment**

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**Environmental Consequences**

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## PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

### Hydrology and Floodplain

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**Affected Environment**

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**Environmental Consequences**

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**Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures**

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**Only Practicable Alternative Finding**

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### Water Quality and Stormwater Runoff

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**Affected Environment**

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**Environmental Consequences**

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**Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures**

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### Geology/Soils/Seismic/Topography

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**Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures**

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### Paleontology

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**Environmental Consequences**

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### Hazardous Waste/Materials

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**Environmental Consequences**

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### Air Quality

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**Environmental Consequences**

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**Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures**

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### Noise enter and Vibration if applicable

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**Environmental Consequences**

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**Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Abatement Measures**

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### Energy

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**Affected Environment**

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**Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures**

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## BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

### Natural Communities

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**Environmental Consequences**

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**Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures**

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### Wetlands and Other Waters

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**Affected Environment**

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**Environmental Consequences**

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**Wetlands Only Practicable Alternative Finding**

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### Plant Species

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**Affected Environment**

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**Environmental Consequences**

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### Animal Species

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**Environmental Consequences**

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### Threatened and Endangered Species

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**Environmental Consequences**

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### Invasive Species

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## RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LOCAL SHORT-TERM USES OF THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT AND THE MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT OF LONG-TERM PRODUCTIVITY

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## IRREVERSIBLE AND IRRETRIEVABLE COMMITMENTS OF RESOURCES THAT WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE PROPOSED PROJECT

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## CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

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**Affected Environment**

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**Environmental Consequences**

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**Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures**

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## CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

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**Regulatory Setting**

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**Affected Environment**

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# Comments and Coordination

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# List of Preparers

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1. Section 4(f)

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INDIVIDUAL SECTION 4(F) EVALUATION

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Introduction

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Description of the Proposed Project

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Use of the Section 4(f) Property

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Measures to Minimize Harm to the Section 4(f) Property

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Least Harm Analysis and Concluding Statement

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Coordination

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RESOURCES EVALUATED RELATIVE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 4(F): NO-USE DETERMINATION(S)

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1. Title VI/Non-Discrimination Policy Statement

**GUIDANCE:** Insert the most recent Title VI/Non-Discrimination Policy Statement here. The most recent version can be found on the [Caltrans Civil Rights Title VI page](https://dot.ca.gov/programs/civil-rights/title-vi).

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1. Summary of Relocation Benefits

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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1. Avoidance, Minimization and/or Mitigation Summary

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1. Notice of Intent

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1. Required Consultation/ Concurrence Documentation

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1. Comment Letters and Responses

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1. Final Determination of Engineering and Operational Acceptability

**GUIDANCE:** Include this appendix in the final document if applicable (i.e., the project includes Federal Highway approval of access modification). For additional information, see the “Updates on FHWA’s ‘Policy on Access to the Interstate System’” letter located on the [SER Policy Memo page](https://dot.ca.gov/programs/environmental-analysis/standard-environmental-reference-ser/policy-memos#LinkTarget_545).

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1. List of Technical Studies

The following studies and/or technical analyses have been prepared and are incorporated by reference into this EIS and can be located at:

Enter location where technical studies may be accessed.

**GUIDANCE:** Include the following information with the cultural study reference:

Please note, many state and federal laws limit the disclosure of sensitive cultural and tribal resource information to the public. Additional information regarding confidentiality of these resources can be found in the [Standard Environmental Reference Volume 2](https://dot.ca.gov/programs/environmental-analysis/standard-environmental-reference-ser/volume-2-cultural-resources) in Section 3.4.13 and Section 5.3.6.

1. Glossary of Technical Terms

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1. List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

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