

## Attachment C - CEQA Mitigation Measures

Order R5-2015-XXXX

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San Benito County

### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT MITIGATION MEASURES

The County of San Benito adopted a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) on 10 November 2010. Subsequently, on 19 May 2015, the County of San Benito certified a Supplemental EIR (SEIR) to reflect changes to the previously certified Project. The FEIR and SEIR require the implementation of water quality related mitigation measures and monitoring summarized below:

1. The Discharger shall create permanent conservation easements as compensation for impacts to water and biological resources (2015 SEIR, Mitigation Measure BR-G.5).
2. The Discharger shall avoid disturbance to ephemeral pools occupied by fairy shrimp and mitigate for any unavoidable impacts (1:1 creation ratio; 2:1 preservation ratio). This includes avoiding any ground disturbance within 100 feet of the edges of such pools (2010 FEIR, Mitigation Measure BR-8.2).
3. The Discharger shall avoid seasonal depressions and known waterbodies verified to be occupied by listed fairy shrimp and place 100-foot buffers around those seasonal depressions and known waterbodies. These buffers will be delineated on construction maps and plans. An environmental monitor will periodically check to ensure the onsite delineation method is working and observed (2010 FEIR, Mitigation Measure BR-8.3).
4. The Discharger shall implement a Groundwater Monitoring and Reporting Plan. The Discharger shall submit monthly and annual summary reports and evaluate the effectiveness of the groundwater monitoring and revise, extend plan accordingly (2015 SEIR, Mitigation Measure WR-1.1).
5. The Discharger shall implement a Construction Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) which shall include procedures for quick and safe cleanup of accidental spills. The Construction SWPPP shall prescribe hazardous materials handling procedures for reducing the potential for a spill during construction, and shall include an emergency response program to address quick and safe cleanup of accidental spills. Additionally, an environmental training program shall be established to communicate environmental concerns and appropriate work practices, including spill prevention and response measures, and SWPPP measures, to all field personnel. A monitoring program shall be implemented to ensure that the plans are followed during all construction, operations, and maintenance activities (2010 FEIR, Mitigation Measure WR-6.1).

The 2010 FEIR also includes Applicant Proposed Measures (APM) to further protect water resources within the Project Footprint.

6. All project-related vehicles shall observe a speed limit of 15 mph or less on all except as posted on State and County highway/roads to decrease dust and erosion potential (2010 FEIR, APM BIO-35).
7. The Discharger shall require all vehicles to be confined to existing access routes or to specifically delineated areas (i.e., areas that have been surveyed). Otherwise, off-road vehicle travel is not permitted (2010 FEIR, APM BIO-38).