

Impact ECON-1: Temporary Effects on Regional Economics and Employment in the Delta Region during Construction of the Proposed Water Conveyance Facilities

“As with the approved project, the proposed project construction footprint would not result in the abandonment of any active producing natural gas wells in the study area, as described in Chapter 26, Mineral Resources, Impact MIN-1. Therefore the proposed project would not affect employment associated with operating gas wells.

Impact ECON-3: Changes in Community Character as a Result of Constructing the Proposed Water Conveyance Facilities:

NEPA Effects: Effects related to changes in community character in the Delta region during construction of the proposed project would be the same as those described for the approved project because employment and associated population changes would be the same.

CEQA Conclusion: Construction of water conveyance facilities under the proposed project could affect community character in the Delta region in the same fashion as disclosed for the approved project. Estimated construction-related employment and resulting change in regional population would be the same under the proposed project as estimated for the approved project.

Incremental impact: The proposed project would result in the same estimated changes in employment and population as the approved project. Consequently, there would be no incremental impact on community character attributable to the proposed project .

Impact ECON-5: Effects on Recreational Economics as a Result of Constructing the Proposed Water Conveyance Facilities

NEPA Effects: “As with the approved project, access would be maintained to all existing recreational facilities including marinas, throughout construction, Mitigation Measure REC-2 along with separate other commitments as set forth in Appendix 3B, Environmental Commitments, AMMs, and CMs, relating to the enhancement of recreational access and control of aquatic weeds in the Delta would continue to be implemented under the proposed project.

(IMPORTANT)

1. If we go to REC-2 - REC-2: Result in Long-Term Reduction of Recreation Opportunities and Experiences as a Result of **Constructing the Proposed Water Conveyance Facilities**:
“The modification to the footprint of the water conveyance facilities under the proposed project would result in indirect impacts on one additional recreation

site....Overall, the impacts on recreation opportunities between the proposed project and the approved project would be very similar and no substantial incremental change would result. Mitigation measures set forth below would reduce some construction-related impacts; however, **the level of impact would not be reduced to a less-than-significant level and would remain significant and unavoidable.**”

CEQA Conclusion: Construction of the proposed water conveyance facilities under the proposed project would result in less of an adverse effect on recreation and, in turn, recreational revenue in the Delta region than estimated for the approved project. This incremental impact is attributable to fewer recreation sites and opportunities being adversely affected under the proposed project. This section considers only the economic effects of recreation changes brought about by construction of the proposed water conveyance facilities. Potential physical changes to the environment related to recreational resources are described and evaluated under Impacts REC-01 through REC-4 in Chapter 15, Recreation.