

## Hazards and Hazardous Materials

### 24.1 Summary Comparison of Proposed Project

A summary comparison of a number of important hazards-related impacts is provided in Figure 24-0. This figure provides information on the magnitude of adverse impacts related to hazards and hazardous materials that are expected to result from the proposed project compared with the approved project. The incremental value indicates the change in number of sites attributable to the proposed project. The incremental value, together with consideration of the severity of the underlying impacts as set forth in the Final EIR/EIS, are the basis for making both NEPA and CEQA impact significance findings. The incremental analysis addresses whether the proposed project, compared with the approved project, would lead to any new significant environmental effects or to any substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. The incremental difference between the original impacts and the newly anticipated impacts is then considered against the backdrop of the original significance determinations for the underlying impacts as described in the Final EIR/EIS.

Figure 24-0. Comparison of Impacts on Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Chapter 24 – Hazards and Hazardous Materials	Approved Project	Proposed Project (Total)	Proposed Project (Increment)
Impact HAZ-3: Potential to Conflict with a Known Hazardous Materials Site and, as a Result, Create a Significant Hazard to the Public or the Environment	3 sites	0 sites	-3 sites
	No impact/ no effect	Remains no impact/ no effect. No change from the approved project.	

As depicted in Figure 24-0, the proposed project would not result in new impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified impacts related to hazards or hazardous materials. This chapter contains the information necessary to make the Final EIR/EIS adequate for the approved project as revised.

### 24.2 Environmental Setting/Affected Environment

#### 24.2.1 Affected Environment

The Existing Conditions for hazards and hazardous materials that would be affected by construction and operation of the proposed project are the same as described in Final EIR/EIS Chapter 24, *Hazards and Hazardous Materials*, Section 24.1 *Environmental Setting/Affected Environment*. The Final EIR/EIS provides a discussion of naturally occurring hazards and anthropogenic hazards (from historic and current agricultural, industrial and urban/recreational activities, as well as existing infrastructure such as crude oil and natural gas pipelines) in the study area. The modifications to the

1 approved project would be located entirely within the previously analyzed project area and, thus,  
2 Existing Conditions have not changed.

3 On January 15, 2018, the California Public Utilities Commission approved a statewide fire-threat  
4 map, including fire threat levels for the previously analyzed project area. The Tier 2 and Tier 3  
5 layers of the map showing elevated risk or extreme risk, respectively, of wildfires associated with  
6 overhead utilities do not overlap or come in close proximity to any of the conveyance alignments.  
7 Potential wildfire hazards are analyzed in Final EIR/EIS Chapter 24, *Hazards and Hazardous*  
8 *Materials*, and the data presented in the California Public Utilities Commission fire threat map do not  
9 provide new information that requires additional analysis.

## 10 **24.3 Environmental Consequences**

11 This section describes the potential effects of hazards and hazardous materials that could result  
12 from implementation of the proposed project. The focus of this assessment is on determining the  
13 incremental effect on hazards and hazardous materials that is attributable to these modifications.  
14 With the exception of focusing on the incremental effects, the methods of analysis and  
15 determination of effects is the same as indicated in the Final EIR/EIS.

16 Effects are evaluated for severity and, where appropriate, mitigation measures are identified. Where  
17 mitigation measures identified in the Final EIR/EIS remain sufficient, such sufficiency is noted.

18 This analysis discusses potential impacts resulting from construction of the water conveyance  
19 facilities. Some impact topics addressed in the Final EIR/EIS are not addressed herein because the  
20 change in the footprint of the water conveyance facilities would not result in a changed impact.  
21 Topics not addressed in this chapter include exposure of sensitive receptors to hazardous materials,  
22 safety hazards associated with airports and wildland fires, and implementation of Environmental  
23 Commitments 3, 4, 6–12, 15, and 16. These impacts are fully disclosed in the Final EIR/EIS and  
24 would not change if the footprint changes described for the proposed project are constructed.

25 The methods applied to the analysis of impacts of hazards and hazardous materials are the same as  
26 indicated in Section 24.3.1 of the Final EIR/EIS.

### 27 **24.3.1 Effects and Mitigation Approaches**

#### 28 **24.3.1.1 No Action Alternative**

29 Under the No Action Alternative, the new Byron Tract Forebay, reusable tunnel material (RTM)  
30 storage, and other footprint changes described for the proposed project would not occur. For the  
31 purposes of this Supplemental EIR/EIS, the No Action Alternative, against which this proposed  
32 project is compared, is consistent with the No Action Alternative Early Long-Term in the Final  
33 EIR/EIS. No differing effects resulting from hazards and hazardous materials would occur along the  
34 proposed project alignment from what was previously described in the No Action Alternative Early  
35 Long-Term in the Final EIR/EIS if the No Action Alternative were to occur.

1 **24.3.1.2 Proposed Project**

2 **Impact HAZ-1: Create a Substantial Hazard to the Public or the Environment through the**  
3 **Release of Hazardous Materials or by Other Means during Construction of the Water**  
4 **Conveyance Facilities**

5 ***RTM Storage and Other Footprint Changes***

6 ***Constituents in Reusable Tunnel Material***

7 Under the proposed project, RTM hazards and mitigation measures regarding soil conditioners, soil  
8 contamination, and other constituents would be similar to the hazards and procedures for the  
9 approved project described in the Final EIR/EIS. However, the locations and extent of these hazards  
10 would be different than under the approved project. For example, RTM would consist of materials  
11 excavated from the tunnel bores and inverted siphons where the canal alignment intersects river  
12 and slough crossings. There would be approximately 25 million cubic yards of RTM under the  
13 proposed project, approximately the same as under the approved project. RTM management  
14 practices and environmental commitments would minimize the potential hazards from RTM.

15 ***Electrical Transmission Lines***

16 Hazards associated with electrical transmission lines within the study area of the proposed project  
17 would be similar to those described in the Final EIR/EIS for the approved project. However, the  
18 proposed project would slightly increase potential for hazardous contact. The increase can be  
19 attributed to the change from 230-kilovolt (kV) lines to 69-kV lines along the northern part of the  
20 work area. Generally, lower-voltage lines are considered more risky because of the height of the  
21 conductors. There are 6 overhead power/electrical transmission lines crossing the proposed project  
22 water conveyance facilities alignment (Table 24-1 and Figure 24-4). All procedures developed to  
23 minimize the hazards of electrical transmission lines would be identical to those of the approved  
24 project from the Final EIR/EIS. Accordingly, the transmission lines (temporary and permanent)  
25 would not create an adverse effect related to the release of hazardous materials.

1 **Table 24-1. Number and Type of Pipelines and Electrical Transmission Lines Crossing the Approved**  
 2 **Project Alignment and the Proposed Project Alignment**

Utility Operator and Type	Approved Project	Proposed Project
Western Area Power Administration 69 kV	1	1
Western Area Power Administration 230 kV	2	1
Pacific Gas & Electric 115 kV	2	2
Pacific Gas & Electric 230 kV	0	0
Pacific Gas & Electric 500 kV	3	1
Transmission Agency of Northern California/Western Area Power Administration for the California-Oregon Transmission Project 500 kV	1	1
Sacramento Municipal Utility District 230 kV	3	0
Pacific Gas & Electric (size unspecified) Natural Gas	6	5
Chevron Texaco (7-inch diameter) Petroleum Product	1	0
Chevron Texaco (8-inch diameter) Petroleum Product	0	1
Chevron Texaco (8-inch/10-inch diameter)	0	1
Kinder Morgan Pacific Region (10-inch) Petroleum Product	1	1

kV = kilovolt.

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4 **Infrastructure Containing Hazardous Materials**

5 There are 5 natural gas pipelines (Table 24-1), 4 petroleum product lines (Table 24-1 and Figure 24-  
 6 1), and 17 inactive (plugged) oil or gas wells (Figure 24-3) within the water conveyance facilities  
 7 construction footprint of the proposed project. The precise location of pipelines would be identified  
 8 prior to construction to avoid conflicts with construction. Abandoned wells would be tested to  
 9 confirm that they have been abandoned according to the California Department of Conservation,  
 10 Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources well abandonment requirements. Those wells not  
 11 abandoned according to these requirements would be improved to meet California Department of  
 12 Conservation (DOC) well abandonment requirements. In addition, to avoid the potential conflicts  
 13 with shaft construction and disposal areas, the utility and infrastructure relocation would be  
 14 coordinated with local agencies and owners. Implementation of pre-construction surveys, and utility  
 15 avoidance or relocation, if necessary, would minimize any potential disruption and hazardous  
 16 effects due to disruption. Implementation of Mitigation Measures UT-6a: Verify Locations of Utility  
 17 Infrastructure, and UT-6c: Relocate Utility Infrastructure in a Way That Avoids or Minimizes Any  
 18 Effect on Worker and Public Health and Safety (described in Final EIR/EIS Chapter 20, *Public*  
 19 *Services and Utilities*) would address these effects.

20 **Byron Tract Forebay and Conveyance**

21 **Existing Contaminants in Soil, Groundwater, or Sediment**

22 As under the approved project, construction of the water conveyance facilities for the proposed  
 23 project would potentially conflict with existing contaminants in soil, sediment and/or groundwater.  
 24 Oil and gas processing facilities that exist near the construction footprint are shown in Figure 24-3.  
 25 Locations of known oil and gas processing facilities (Figure 24-2) are considered a separate category

1 of "Sites of Concern" (SOC) due to the potential for spills and leaks at these locations. The lateral and  
2 vertical extent of any existing contamination that may be present at these sites is unknown.

3 To the extent that excavation, dewatering, and other activities are associated with the construction  
4 of conveyance facilities, the extent of these potential hazards would be less under the proposed  
5 project than with the approved project. The proposed project involves less excavation despite the  
6 new conveyance segment from Byron Tract Forebay to the California Aqueduct and Delta-Mendota  
7 Canal, and Clifton Court Forebay would not be dredged. To the extent feasible, design of the  
8 proposed project would minimize the need to acquire or traverse areas where the presence of  
9 hazardous materials is suspected or has been verified.

10 All procedures developed to counter effects of soil, groundwater, and sediment contamination  
11 would be identical to those of the approved project from the Final EIR/EIS.

12 **NEPA Effects:** The potential under the proposed project to create substantial hazards through  
13 release of hazardous materials during construction of conveyance facilities would be similar to that  
14 described in Final EIR/EIS Section 24.3.4.2 for the approved project and would constitute an  
15 adverse effect on the physical environment. Potential effects include routine use of hazardous  
16 materials, possible natural gas accumulation in tunnels, contact with or release of existing  
17 contaminants, constituents in RTM, effects of electrical transmission lines, conflicts with utilities  
18 containing hazardous materials, and routine transport of hazardous materials. The environmental  
19 commitments, avoidance and minimization measures (AMMs), Environmental Commitments,  
20 Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs), Hazardous Materials Management Plans  
21 (HMMPs), and Spill Prevention, Containment, and Countermeasure Plan (SPCCP) developed to  
22 minimize the effects of hazards and hazardous materials for the approved project, and as described  
23 in Appendix 3B, *Environmental Commitments, AMMs, and CMs*, would also apply to the proposed  
24 project. Additionally, Mitigation Measures HAZ-1a, HAZ-1b, UT-6a, UT-6c, and TRANS-1a have been  
25 adopted to reduce the severity of these effects. These measures, as written in the Final EIR/EIS,  
26 remain adequate without change for dealing with the impacts of the proposed project. Accordingly,  
27 this would not be an adverse effect.

28 **CEQA Conclusion:** During construction of the water conveyance facilities, the potential for direct  
29 impacts on construction personnel, the public and/or the environment associated with a variety of  
30 hazardous physical or chemical conditions would be similar to that described for the approved  
31 project. Such conditions may arise as a result of the intensity and duration of construction activities  
32 at the north Delta intakes, forebays, and conveyance pipelines and tunnels, and the hazardous  
33 materials that would be needed in these areas during construction. Potential hazards include the  
34 routine use of hazardous materials (as defined by Title 22 CCR Division 4.5); natural gas  
35 accumulation in water conveyance tunnels; the inadvertent release of existing contaminants in soil,  
36 sediment, and groundwater, or release of hazardous materials from existing infrastructure;  
37 disturbance of electrical transmission lines; and hazardous constituents present in RTM. These  
38 impacts are considered significant because the potential exists for substantial hazard to the public  
39 or environment to occur related to conveyance facility construction.

40 The amount of material excavated would be less under the proposed project than under the  
41 approved project because, although a conveyance facility would be constructed from the new Byron  
42 Tract Forebay to the Central Valley Project and State Water Project, Clifton Court Forebay would no  
43 longer be dredged. The decreased excavation would result in a slightly decreased possibility of  
44 impact from potentially contaminated sediment, which could adversely affect soil, groundwater, or

1 surface water. However, the proposed project would cross a greater number of electrical  
2 transmission lines and other structures that may contain hazardous materials.

3 However, implementation of Mitigation Measures HAZ-1a and HAZ-1b, UT-6a, and UT-6c (described  
4 in Final EIR/EIS Chapter 20, *Public Services and Utilities*), and TRANS-1a (described in Final EIR/EIS  
5 Chapter 19, *Transportation*), along with environmental commitments to prepare and implement  
6 SWPPPs, HMMPs, SPCCPs, Sampling and Analysis Plans (SAPs), and a Barge Operations Plan  
7 (described in Appendix 3B, *Environmental Commitments, AMMs, and CMs*) would reduce these  
8 impacts to a less-than-significant level by identifying and describing potential sources of hazardous  
9 materials so that releases can be avoided and materials can be properly handled; detailing practices  
10 to monitor pollutants and control erosion so that appropriate measures are taken; implementing  
11 onsite features to minimize the potential for hazardous materials to be released to the environment;  
12 minimizing risk associated with the relocation of utility infrastructure; and coordinating the  
13 transport of hazardous materials to reduce the risk of spills.

14 **Incremental Impact:** Changing the footprint of water conveyance facilities would result in the  
15 excavation of less material than under the approved project because, despite the conveyance  
16 facility construction at Byron Tract Forebay, Clifton Court Forebay would no longer be dredged  
17 under the proposed project. This decreased excavation would result in a slightly decreased  
18 possibility of impact from potentially contaminated sediment. However, the proposed project  
19 would cross a greater number of electrical transmission lines and other structures that may  
20 contain hazardous materials than would the approved project. However, implementation of the  
21 mitigation measures and environmental commitments discussed above would reduce these  
22 impacts to a less-than-significant level.

23 **Mitigation Measure HAZ-1a: Perform Preconstruction Surveys, Including Soil and**  
24 **Groundwater Testing, at Known or Suspected Contaminated Areas within the**  
25 **Construction Footprint, and Remediate and/or Contain Contamination**

26 Please refer to Mitigation Measure HAZ-1a under Impact HAZ-1, in Chapter 24, *Hazards and*  
27 *Hazardous Materials*, of the Final EIR/EIS.

28 **Mitigation Measure HAZ-1b: Perform Pre-Demolition Surveys for Structures to Be**  
29 **Demolished within the Construction Footprint, Characterize Hazardous Materials and**  
30 **Dispose of Them in Accordance with Applicable Regulations**

31 Please refer to Mitigation Measure HAZ-1b under Impact HAZ-1, in Chapter 24, *Hazards and*  
32 *Hazardous Materials*, of the Final EIR/EIS.

33 **Mitigation Measure UT-6a: Verify Locations of Utility Infrastructure**

34 Please see Mitigation Measure UT-6a under Impact UT-6 in Chapter 20, *Public Services and*  
35 *Utilities* of the Final EIR/EIS.

36 **Mitigation Measure UT-6c: Relocate Utility Infrastructure in a Way That Avoids or**  
37 **Minimizes Any Effect on Worker and Public Health and Safety**

38 Please see Mitigation Measure UT-6c under Impact UT-6 in Chapter 20, *Public Services and*  
39 *Utilities* of the Final EIR/EIS.

1           **Mitigation Measure TRANS-1a: Implement Site-Specific Construction Traffic Management**  
2           **Plan**

3           Please see Mitigation Measure TRANS-1a under Impact TRANS-1 in Chapter 19, *Transportation*  
4           of the Final EIR/EIS.

5           **Impact HAZ-2: Expose Sensitive Receptors Located within 0.25 Mile of a Construction Site to**  
6           **Hazardous Materials, Substances, or Waste during Construction of the Water Conveyance**  
7           **Facilities**

8           **NEPA Effects:** The potential under the proposed project to expose sensitive receptors, such as parks,  
9           schools, and hospitals within 0.25 mile of hazardous materials, hazardous substances or waste  
10          during construction would be similar to the potential described in Final EIR/EIS Section 24.3.4.2 for  
11          the approved project. The proposed project would not have an effect on sensitive receptors because  
12          no schools, parks, or hospitals are located within 0.25 mile of the construction footprint of the water  
13          conveyance facility (Figure 24-5). There would be no effect.

14          **CEQA Conclusion:** The potential for exposure of sensitive receptors to hazardous substances or  
15          conditions under the proposed project would be similar to the potential impacts described in Final  
16          EIR/EIS Section 24.3.4.2 for the approved project. There are no schools, parks, or hospitals located  
17          within 0.25 mile of the water conveyance facilities alignment. Therefore, no sensitive receptors  
18          would be exposed to hazardous materials, substances, or waste as a result of construction of the  
19          water conveyance facilities under the proposed project. Consequently, there would be no impact.  
20          Potential air quality effects on sensitive receptors are discussed in Chapter 22, *Air Quality and*  
21          *Greenhouse Gases.*

22          **Incremental Impact:** The potential for exposure of sensitive receptors to hazardous substances  
23          or conditions under the proposed project would be similar to the potential of the approved  
24          project. There would be no impact. No mitigation is required.

25          **Impact HAZ-3: Potential to Conflict with a Known Hazardous Materials Site and, as a Result,**  
26          **Create a Significant Hazard to the Public or the Environment**

27          **NEPA Effects:** The potential for conflicts with, or exposure to known hazardous material sites during  
28          conveyance facility construction under the proposed project would be similar to the potential  
29          identified in Final EIR/EIS Section 24.3.4.2 for the approved project. Under the proposed project,  
30          there are no SOCs within 0.5 mile of the construction footprint (Figure 24-2). This is a decrease from  
31          the three SOCs within 0.5 mile of the approved project footprint (Figure 24-2), and therefore would  
32          be a decrease in potential risks associated with SOCs. However, identical to the approved project,  
33          there are still no known hazardous material sites located within the construction footprint of the  
34          water conveyance facilities, and therefore there would be no conflict pertaining to a known  
35          hazardous materials site during construction of the water conveyance facilities, and thus, no related  
36          hazard to the public or the environment. For those hazardous materials sites identified within the  
37          0.5-mile radius, but which are not within the construction footprint, there would be no potential for  
38          the construction of the water conveyance facilities to disturb those sites such that there would be a  
39          re-release of hazardous materials that would create a hazard for the public or environment.  
40          Therefore, as with the approved project, the proposed project would have no adverse effects on the  
41          public or the environment.

1 **CEQA Conclusion:** The potential for conflicts with or exposure to known hazardous material sites  
2 during conveyance facility construction under the proposed project would be identical to the  
3 potential identified in Final EIR/EIS Section 24.3.4.2 for the approved project. Because there are no  
4 “Cortese List”<sup>1</sup> sites or known SOCs within the construction footprint of the water conveyance  
5 facility for the proposed project, there would be no conflict with known hazardous materials sites  
6 during construction of the water conveyance facilities, and, therefore, no related hazard to the public  
7 or the environment. Accordingly, there would be no impact. No mitigation is required. The potential  
8 for encountering unknown hazardous materials sites during the course of construction is discussed  
9 under Impact HAZ-1.

10 **Incremental Impact:** There are no Cortese List sites or known SOCs within the construction  
11 footprint of the water conveyance facility for the proposed project. Analysis of the approved  
12 project identified three SOCs within the project footprint. Therefore, the proposed project would  
13 have fewer potential conflicts with and less exposure to known hazardous material sites during  
14 conveyance facility construction than would the approved project. Accordingly, there would be  
15 no impact. No mitigation is required.

16 **Impact HAZ-4: Result in a Safety Hazard Associated with an Airport or Private Airstrip within**  
17 **2 Miles of the Water Conveyance Facilities Footprint for People Residing or Working in the**  
18 **Study Area during Construction of the Water Conveyance Facilities**

19 **NEPA Effects:** Similar to what was discussed in the Final EIR/EIS, there is potential for construction  
20 of conveyance facilities under the proposed project to result in a safety hazard associated with  
21 activities within 2 miles of an airport or private airstrip. However, under the proposed project there  
22 would be only two airports and airstrips within 2 miles of the conveyance facilities (Figure 24-6),  
23 which is three fewer than the five airports and airstrips within 2 miles of the approved project’s  
24 conveyance facilities. Because of the fewer airports within close proximity to the proposed project  
25 footprint, the adverse safety hazards associated with the airports would decrease under the  
26 proposed project.

27 To help ensure protection of airspace, DWR would comply with Federal Aviation Administration  
28 (FAA) requirements under 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 77, as discussed for  
29 Alternative 4 in Section 24.3.3.9 of the Final EIR/EIS. DWR would coordinate with Caltrans’ Division  
30 of Aeronautics prior to initiating construction and would comply with its recommendations based  
31 on its investigation(s), as well as complying with the recommendations of the Obstruction  
32 Evaluation/Airport Airspace Analysis for Byron. These recommendations, which could include  
33 limitations necessary to minimize potential problems, such as the use of temporary construction  
34 equipment, supplemental notice requirements, and marking and lighting high-profile structures  
35 would reduce the potential for impacts on air safety. This effect would not be adverse.

36 **CEQA Conclusion:** The potential for construction of conveyance facilities under the proposed project  
37 to result in a safety hazard associated with activities within 2 miles of an airport or private airstrip  
38 would be similar to impacts described in Final EIR/EIS Section 24.3.4.2 for the approved project.  
39 The use of helicopters for stringing the proposed 230-kV transmission lines high-profile  
40 construction equipment (200 feet or taller), such as cranes, for installation of pipelines, and  
41 potentially pile drivers during the construction of the intakes would have the potential to result in

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<sup>1</sup> The California Department of Toxic Substances Control’s Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites (“Cortese List”) is compiled pursuant to California Government Code 65962.5 and makes up a subset of the mapped SOCs.



1 safety hazards to aircraft during takeoff and landing if the equipment is operated too close to  
2 runways.

3 As described in Appendix 3B, *Environmental Commitments, AMMs, and CMs*, as part of an  
4 environmental commitment pursuant to the State Aeronautics Act, DWR would coordinate with  
5 Caltrans' Division of Aeronautics prior to initiating construction and comply with its  
6 recommendations based on its investigations and compliance with the recommendations of the  
7 Obstruction Evaluation/Airport Airspace Analysis for Byron Airport. These recommendations,  
8 which could include limitations necessary to minimize potential problems such as the use of  
9 temporary construction equipment, supplemental notice requirements, and marking and lighting  
10 high-profile structures, would reduce potential impacts on air safety. This impact would be less than  
11 significant because recommendations to avoid conflicts with existing airports located near  
12 construction areas would be implemented by DWR prior to construction as required by Caltrans. No  
13 mitigation is required.

14 **Incremental Impact:** The potential for the construction of conveyance facilities under the  
15 proposed project to result in a safety hazard associated with activities within 2 miles of an  
16 airport or private airstrip would be similar that of the approved project. The impact under the  
17 proposed project would remain less than significant. No mitigation is required.

18 **Impact HAZ-5: Expose People or Structures to a Substantial Risk of Property Loss, Personal**  
19 **Injury or Death Involving Wildland Fires, Including Where Wildlands are Adjacent to**  
20 **Urbanized Areas or Where Residences are Intermixed with Wildlands, as a Result of**  
21 **Construction, and Operation and Maintenance of the Water Conveyance Facilities**

22 **NEPA Effects:** The potential for construction of conveyance facilities under the proposed project to  
23 result in exposure of people or structures to risks associated with wildfire would be identical to the  
24 potential described in Final EIS/EIR Section 24.3.4.2 for the approved project. This potential effect is  
25 not adverse because no portion of the proposed project would be located in or near an area  
26 designated as a High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Additionally, measures to prevent and  
27 control wildland fires would be implemented by DWR during construction, operation, and  
28 maintenance of the water conveyance facilities in full compliance with the California Division of  
29 Occupational Safety and Health (Cal-OSHA) standards for fire safety and prevention.

30 **CEQA Conclusion:** The potential for construction of conveyance facilities under the proposed project  
31 to result in exposure of people or structures to risks associated with wildfire would be similar to the  
32 potential described in Final EIR/EIS Section 24.3.4.2 for the approved project. People or structures  
33 would not be subject to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires during  
34 construction or operation and maintenance of the water conveyance facilities because the proposed  
35 project would comply with Cal-OSHA fire prevention and safety standards; DWR would implement  
36 standard fire safety and prevention measures as part of a Fire Prevention and Control Plan  
37 (described in Appendix 3B, *Environmental Commitments, AMMs, and CMs*); and because the water  
38 conveyance facilities would not be located in a High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. This  
39 impact would be less than significant because conditions do not exist near construction areas that  
40 would result in exposure of people or structures to significant risk of exposure to wildfire and DWR  
41 would implement standard fire safety and prevention measures. No mitigation is required.

1 **Incremental Impact:** The potential for the construction of proposed project conveyance  
2 facilities to result in exposure of people or structures to risks associated with wildfire would be  
3 similar to that of the approved project. The impact under the proposed project would remain  
4 less than significant. No mitigation is required.

5 **Impact HAZ-6: Create a Substantial Hazard to the Public or the Environment through the**  
6 **Release of Hazardous Materials or by Other Means during Operation and Maintenance of the**  
7 **Water Conveyance Facilities**

8 **NEPA Effects:** The potential for operation and maintenance of the water conveyance facilities  
9 (excluding water supply operations) under the proposed project to result in a substantial hazard to  
10 the public or environment would be the same as described in Final EIR/EIS Section 24.3.4.2 for the  
11 approved project. However, as shown in Figure 24-6, there would be fewer airports within 2 miles  
12 of the proposed project's construction footprint when compared with the approved project's  
13 footprint, resulting in a slightly decreased potential for adverse effects. Implementation of the best  
14 management practices and other activities required by SWPPPs, HMMPs, SAPs, SPCCPs, as well as  
15 adherence to all applicable FAA regulations (14 CFR Part 77) and, as part of an environmental  
16 commitment pursuant to the State Aeronautics Act, coordination/compliance with Caltrans' Division  
17 of Aeronautics when performing work with high-profile equipment within 2 miles of an airport  
18 would ensure that impacts are reduced. Contaminated solids could pose a hazard to the  
19 environment if improperly disposed of, and would be considered adverse, because of the large  
20 volume of sediment/solids that would be handled and the potential for improper disposal. However,  
21 Mitigation Measure HAZ-6 has been adopted to reduce these effects.

22 **CEQA Conclusion:** The potential for operation and maintenance of conveyance facilities under the  
23 proposed project to result in a substantial hazard to the public or environment would be slightly less  
24 than described in Final EIR/EIS Section 24.3.4.2 for the approved project due to the changed  
25 footprint under the proposed project. The accidental release of hazardous materials (including  
26 contaminated solids and sediment) to the environment during operation and maintenance of the  
27 water conveyance facilities and the potential interference with air safety through the use of high-  
28 profile equipment for maintenance of proposed transmission lines could result in significant impacts  
29 on the public and environment because of the large scale of construction and the potential for  
30 accidental release of hazardous materials during construction. However, implementation of  
31 Mitigation Measure HAZ-6 would reduce this impact to a less-than-significant level by requiring  
32 sampling and characterizing solids from the solids lagoons to evaluate options to dispose of material  
33 at an appropriate, licensed facility.

34 **Incremental Impact:** The potential for the construction of proposed project conveyance  
35 facilities to result in a substantial hazard to the public or environment would be slightly less  
36 than that of the approved project. Implementation of Mitigation Measure HAZ-6 would reduce  
37 these impacts to a less-than-significant level. No additional mitigation is required.

38 **Mitigation Measure HAZ-6: Test Dewatered Solids from Solids Lagoons Prior to Reuse**  
39 **and/or Disposal**

40 Please refer to Mitigation Measure HAZ-6 under Impact HAZ-6, in Chapter 24, *Hazards and*  
41 *Hazardous Materials*, of the Final EIR/EIS.

## 1    **24.3.2    Cumulative Analysis**

2           The Final EIR/EIS found that the approved project could result in a cumulatively significant impact  
3           related to hazards and hazardous materials. The incremental hazards and hazardous material  
4           impact contribution from the approved project would also be cumulatively considerable, but with  
5           the implementation of Mitigation Measures HAZ-1a, HAZ-1b, HAZ-6 UT-6a, UT-6c, TRANS-1a, and  
6           the applicable environmental commitments discussed previously and in Appendix 3B,  
7           *Environmental Commitments, AMMs, and CMs*, cumulative impacts of the action alternatives would be  
8           reduced to a less-than-significant level. The analysis for cumulative effects of the proposed project  
9           for hazards and hazardous materials remains the same as described in the Final EIR/EIS, and with  
10          implementation of mitigation measures, the proposed project's cumulative impact would be less  
11          than significant.

## 12   **24.4    References Cited**

13          None.