2.0 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS

2.1 NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND DRAFT EIR DISTRIBUTION

The EIR process of the Disposition of Offshore Cooling Water Conduits Project began with publication of a Notice of Preparation by the CSLC, mailed on June 17, 2004. The Draft EIR was released for public review on February 23, 2005. A summary of public involvement opportunities during the CEQA process is presented below. A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR, the comments received on the Draft EIR, and responses to the comments are provided in Section 3 of this Final EIR.

2.2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In February 2005, a Notice of Completion / Release of the Draft EIR was sent to public agencies and citizens groups with interests in the vicinity of the Proposed Project. The Notice summarized the conclusions of the Draft EIR and included information on how to obtain or access the Draft EIR via the CSLC Web Page. It also presented the date, time, and location of the public hearings on the Draft EIR.

Public Review/Hearings

Following the release of the Draft EIR, there was a 45-day public review period in compliance with the State CEQA Guidelines that extended until April 8, 2005. Two public hearings were held on March 31, 2005, at the San Clemente Community Center in San Clemente, CA. At these hearings, the public was given the opportunity to ask questions about the Draft EIR and its contents and present oral and/or written testimony on the Draft EIR and its contents. The CSLC’s decision-making process was also explained at the public hearings. The CSLC allowed written comments on the Draft EIR to be submitted by mail, at the public hearings, via facsimile transmission, and in person to the CSLC Central Files office in Sacramento. The comments received by the CSLC during the public review period and at the public hearing are reproduced in this Final EIR along with responses to comments.

EIR Information and Repository Sites

Placing the CEQA documents in “repository” sites can be an effective way of providing ongoing information about the project to a large number of people. Therefore, five repository sites in the project area were established, and documents were also available.
at the CSLC in Sacramento. EIR-related documents, including the Draft and Final EIR, have been made available at the locations listed below upon release to the public.

San Clemente Library 242 Avenida Del Mar
San Clemente, CA 92672

Dana Point Library 33841 Niguel Road
Dana Point, CA 92629

San Juan Capistrano Regional Library 31495 El Camino Real
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Oceanside Public Library 330 N. Coast Hwy.
Oceanside, CA 92054

Carlsbad Public Library 1775 Dove Lane
Carlsbad, CA 92009