

1 **3.13 POPULATION AND HOUSING**

POPULATION AND HOUSING – Would the Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2 **3.13.1 Environmental Setting**

3 The population of Needles is estimated at 4,844 according to the U.S. Census
 4 conducted in 2010. Current activities in the Park include boating, camping, OHV
 5 operation, and other recreational activities. Although a limited stay mobile home park is
 6 located approximately one mile southeast from the Project area, there are no
 7 permanent residences or housing within and directly adjacent to the Project area.

8 **3.13.2 Regulatory Setting**

9 No Federal or State laws relevant to this issue area are applicable to the Project. The
 10 following goals and policies related to population and housing are from the San
 11 Bernardino County 2007 General Plan, Chapter IV. Housing Element:

- 12 • Section B. Goal H 1. Countywide Goals and Policies of the Housing Element.
 13 Implementation of streamlining measures regarding governmental review and
 14 standards may facilitate the reduction of housing cost; the following action
 15 programs will be implemented or pursued.
 - 16 ○ **H 1.1.** Integration of environmental review with the function of the
 17 regional planning teams.
- 18 • Section E. Goal D/H 1. Desert Region Goals and Policies of the Housing
 19 Element. Encourage a diversity of housing types that will accommodate all
 20 individuals and families from all income levels.

21 **3.13.3 Impact Analysis (CEQA)**

22 **a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for**
 23 **example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for**
 24 **example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?**

25 **No Impact.** The Project would not induce substantial population growth in the
 26 Project area either directly or indirectly. The Project consists of enhancing open

1 backwater, wetland, and upland habitat for listed T&E species. The creation of
2 habitat would not induce population growth. No impacts are anticipated.

3 **b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the**
4 **construction of replacement housing elsewhere?**

5 **No Impact.** The Project would not displace substantial numbers of existing
6 housing units, or require the construction of replacement housing, as no housing
7 units are proposed to be demolished as a result of this Project. No impacts are
8 anticipated.

9 **c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of**
10 **replacement housing elsewhere?**

11 **No Impact.** Implementation of the Project would not displace substantial
12 numbers of people necessitating the construction of replacement housing
13 elsewhere, as no housing exists on the Project area.

14 **3.13.4 Environmental Consequences (NEPA)**

15 **No Action Alternative**

16 The No Action Alternative would have no impacts related to Population and Housing.
17 The Project would not be implemented and the Park would continue to be operated as a
18 regional Park with activities as boating, camping, and limited stay mobile housing within
19 the Park boundaries.

20 **Proposed Action (Project)**

21 The Project area is within a regional Park where recreational activities such as boating
22 and camping, and limited stay mobile housing are available to the public. The Project
23 would not impact population and housing since no permanent housing exists within or
24 directly adjacent to the Project area and no new housing or structures are proposed;
25 therefore, the Project would not induce population growth within or near the Park.

26 **Cumulative Impacts**

27 The analysis area for potential cumulative impacts related to Population and Housing
28 was defined as the area within the Project area, the Park, and adjacent areas of the
29 Park. No potential impacts are anticipated within the area of analysis and no cumulative
30 impacts are anticipated because the Project design would not include additional
31 housing, facilities, and other structures that would induce population growth. In addition,
32 there would be no cumulative impacts anticipated related to displacement of the
33 population, in part or whole.

34 **3.13.5 Mitigation Summary (CEQA Only)**

35 The Project would not result in significant impacts to Population and Housing.
36 Therefore, no mitigation is required.