

1 **3.14 PUBLIC SERVICES**

PUBLIC SERVICES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Would the Project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
Fire protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Police Protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2 **3.14.1 Environmental Setting**

3 The current Project area consists of OHV recreational access trails that are designed to
 4 accommodate the use and operation of OHVs. Directly adjacent to the Project area,
 5 there are areas that accommodate OHV use, boats, camping and recreational vehicles
 6 (e.g., fifth wheel travel trailer, travel trailer, truck camper, and folding pop-up tent trailer)
 7 that contain hook-ups to electrical pedestals.

8 The County Fire Department provides fire protection services on a contract basis to
 9 Needles and operates as the Needles Fire Department. The Needles Fire Department
 10 currently serves the existing Park.

11 Police protection is provided by the County Sheriff’s Department which also operates
 12 the Sheriff’s Water Safety Center located within the Park.

13 **3.14.2 Regulatory Setting**

14 The following Federal and State laws and regulations pertaining to this issue area and
 15 relevant to the Project are identified in Table 3.14-1.

16 **Table 3.14-1. Laws, Regulations, and Policies (Public Services)**

U.S.	Code of Federal Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 29 CFR 1910.38, whenever an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standard requires one, an employer must have an Emergency Action Plan that must be in writing, kept in the workplace, and available to employees for review. An employer with 10 or fewer employees may communicate the plan orally to employees. Minimum elements of an emergency action plan are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Procedures for reporting a fire or other emergency; ○ Procedures for emergency evacuation, including type of evacuation and
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		<p>exit route assignments;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Procedures to be followed by employees who remain to operate critical plant operations before they evacuate; ○ Procedures to account for all employees after evacuation; ○ Procedures to be followed by employees performing rescue or medical duties; and ○ The name or job title of every employee who may be contacted by employees who need more information about the plan or an explanation of their duties under the plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Under 29 CFR 1910.39, an employer must have a Fire Prevention Plan (FPP). A FPP must be in writing, be kept in the workplace, and be made available to employees for review; an employer with 10 or fewer employees may communicate the plan orally to employees. Minimum elements of a FPP are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A list of all major fire hazards, proper hazardous material handling and storage procedures, potential ignition sources and their control, and the type of fire protection equipment necessary to control each major hazard; ○ Procedures to control accumulations of flammable and combustible waste materials; ○ Procedures for regular maintenance of safeguards installed on heat-producing equipment to prevent the accidental ignition of combustible materials; ○ The name or job title of employees responsible for maintaining equipment to prevent or control sources of ignition or fires; and ○ The name or job title of employees responsible for the control of fuel source hazards. ○ An employer must inform employees upon initial assignment to a job of the fire hazards to which they are exposed and must also review with each employee those parts of the FPP necessary for self-protection. ● Under 29 CFR 1910.155, Subpart L, Fire Protection, employers are required to place and keep in proper working order fire safety equipment within facilities.
CA	California Code of Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Under Title 19, Public Safety, the California State Fire Marshal (CSFM) develops regulations relating to fire and life safety. These regulations have been prepared and adopted to establish minimum standards for the prevention of fire and for protection of life and property against fire, explosion, and panic. The CSFM also adopts and administers regulations and standards necessary under the California Health and Safety Code to protect life and property.

1 The following goals and policies related to public services are from the San Bernardino
 2 County 2007 General Plan:

- 3 ● Chapter III. Circulation and Infrastructure Element – Section D. Countywide goals
 4 and Policies of the Circulation and Infrastructure Element
- 5 ○ This includes policies and goals for public services including
 6 telecommunications, fire protection, law enforcement, and other utilities.

7 **3.14.3 Impact Analysis (CEQA)**

8 ***a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts***
 9 ***associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental***
 10 ***facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the***
 11 ***construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in***

1 **order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other**
2 **performance objectives for any of the public services:**

3 **No Impacts:**

- 4 • *Fire Protection:* Because the Project would not result in a significant increase
5 in the number of Park visitors and no new major structures are proposed,
6 there would be no increase in the demand for fire protection services.
- 7 • *Police Protection:* Because the Project does not result in a significant
8 increase in the number of Park visitors, there would be no increase in the
9 demand for police protection services.
- 10 • *Schools:* Because the Project would not generate a significant number of new
11 permanent jobs or create housing, impacts on schools are negligible.
- 12 • *Parks:* Because the Project would not generate a significant number of new
13 permanent jobs or create housing, impacts on existing parks are negligible.
- 14 • *Other Public Facilities:* Because the Project would not generate a significant
15 number of new permanent jobs or create housing, impacts on existing parks
16 are negligible.

17 **3.14.4 Environmental Consequences (NEPA)**

18 **No Action Alternative**

19 The No Action Alternative would have no impacts related to Public Services. The
20 Project would not be implemented and the Park would continue to be operated as a
21 regional Park with activities as boating, camping, and limited stay mobile housing within
22 the Park boundaries.

23 **Proposed Action (Project)**

24 The Project would not induce population growth and the construction of housing since
25 there are no plans to construct facilities that would encourage increased Park visitation
26 within the Project area.

27 **Cumulative Impacts**

28 The analysis area for potential cumulative impacts related to Public Services was
29 defined as the area within the Project area, the Park, and the adjacent areas of the
30 Park. No potential impacts are anticipated within the area of analysis and no cumulative
31 impacts are anticipated because the Project design would not include additional
32 housing, facilities, and other structures that would induce population growth.

33 **3.14.5 Mitigation Summary (CEQA Only)**

34 The Project would not result in significant impacts to Public Services. Therefore, no
35 mitigation is required.