

1 **3.14 RECREATION**

RECREATION	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2 **3.14.1 Environmental Setting**

3 The Project site is located in and immediately adjacent to the southeast portion of Bay.
 4 The Bay is used for recreational purposes such as bird watching, boating, sailing,
 5 kayaking, and fishing. Immediately adjacent to, and within the Project site, is Park with a
 6 fence parallel to the railroad tracks. The Park is open space with some landscaping,
 7 benches, and climbing structures located near the south of the Project site. There are
 8 two formally designated recreational areas near the Project site. They are the Lone Tree
 9 Point Park and the Bay Trail as discussed below and shown on Figure 2-1.

10 The Lone Tree Point is a 10-acre regional park managed by the East Bay Regional Park
 11 District in the unincorporated town of Rodeo. Lone Tree Point is located slightly to the
 12 northeast of the Project area, and provides a water-side picnic area and benches within
 13 sight of the Bay. The Bay Trail is a planned recreational corridor that will encircle
 14 San Francisco and San Pablo Bays with a continuous 500-mile network of hiking and
 15 bicycling trails (ESA 2009). The portion of the Bay Trail in the Project area is currently
 16 an off-street trail along the shore from south of the onshore Project area to Park in the
 17 City. The section of Bay Trail from Park to the northeast, along the shore of the Bay
 18 through the town of Rodeo (an informal path along the shoreline exists in this area), is
 19 not yet constructed (see Figure 2-1). Furthermore, the onshore Project work in the
 20 riprap adjacent to the water is not directly located on any existing or planned sections of
 21 the Bay Trail.

22 **3.14.2 Regulatory Setting**

23 There are no Federal and State laws and regulations pertaining to this issue area and
 24 relevant to the Project. Local goals, policies, and/or regulations applicable to this issue
 25 area are summarized below.

1 The City has policies and zoning that establish recreation and open space standards
2 which allow development of “trail systems, open space, and other amenities that benefit
3 the quality of life in the community” including the Bay Trail (City of Hercules1998).

4 Rodeo is an unincorporated town within the County. The County General Plan includes
5 policies that promote a “sufficient amount of conveniently located, properly designed
6 park and recreational facilities, to serve all needs of the communities.” The County also
7 promotes development of a “system of interconnected pedestrian, riding and bicycle
8 trails and paths suitable for both active recreational use and for the purposes of
9 transportation/circulation.” Other policies recognize the unique nature of the Delta, and
10 protect and enhance its recreational value.

11 **3.14.3 Impact Analysis**

12 ***a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional***
13 ***parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration***
14 ***of the facility would occur or be accelerated?***

15 **No Impact.** The Project would not increase the use of neighborhood or regional parks.
16 The Project does not propose to build new facilities or add any population to the area.
17 The Project would be short-term (3 weeks) and would have very limited onshore work (1
18 week) within the riprap area immediately adjacent to the Bay shoreline.

19 ***b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or***
20 ***expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect***
21 ***on the environment?***

22 **No Impact.** The Project would not include or require the construction or expansion of
23 recreational facilities. Therefore, the Project would result in no impact to recreational
24 resources.

25 **3.14.4 Mitigation Summary**

26 The Project would not result in significant impacts; therefore, no mitigation is required.