

1 **3.15 RECREATION**

| <b>RECREATION</b>  | <b>Potentially Significant Impact</b> | <b>Less Than Significant with Mitigation</b> | <b>Less Than Significant Impact</b> | <b>No Impact</b>                    |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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 **3.15.1 Environmental Setting**

3 The Project pipeline corridor is located approximately 650 feet to 850 feet east of the  
 4 Senator John A. Nejedly Bridge (Antioch Bridge - SR 160) within the San Joaquin River  
 5 Delta. According to the Sacramento County General Plan, Delta Specific Plan (County  
 6 of Sacramento 1983), recreational activities in the River Delta are predominantly  
 7 associated with water recreation and include boating, camping, fishing, hunting,  
 8 picnicking, and sightseeing.

9 The north landing of the Project pipeline corridor comes ashore on Sherman Island in  
 10 an area designated as critical natural area by Sacramento County. According to the  
 11 County’s Delta Community Area Plan (County of Sacramento 1983), “recreational use  
 12 of lower Sherman Island is heavy, with a rapidly increasing demand and need for  
 13 recreational facilities.”

14 The south landing of the Project pipeline corridor comes ashore at the Lauritzen Yacht  
 15 Harbor in the City and terminates in a subterranean valve pit. Lauritzen Yacht Harbor is  
 16 a privately owned marina that provides berths for recreational boaters, a gas dock, and  
 17 launching facilities. Directly adjacent to and west of the Lauritzen Yacht Harbor is  
 18 Driftwood Marina, which provides an additional 11 berths and other services for  
 19 recreational boaters.

20 The nearest park to the Project site is Antioch-Oakley Regional Shoreline Recreational  
 21 Area, which is located approximately 530 feet from the Project pipeline corridor between  
 22 Driftwood Marina and the Antioch Bridge - SR 160. The park is approximately 7.5 acres  
 23 in size with 4.5 acres of grassy meadow, a 550-foot-long fishing pier, restrooms,  
 24 barbeque grills, and other facilities. In addition to the existing facilities, according to the  
 25 City’s Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan - 2020 (City of Oakley 2007), the East  
 26 Bay Regional Park District has plans to coordinate a regional trail adjacent to the

1 shoreline from Big Break to the Antioch Pier. However, no trails currently exist within the  
2 immediate Project area.

### 3 **3.15.2 Regulatory Setting**

#### 4 3.15.2.1 Federal and State

5 The CSLC has jurisdiction and management authority over all ungranted tidelands,  
6 submerged lands, and the beds of navigable lakes and waterways including the San  
7 Joaquin River Delta. The CSLC also has certain residual and review authority for  
8 tidelands and submerged lands legislatively granted in trust to local jurisdictions (Pub.  
9 Resources Code, §§ 6301, 6306). All tidelands and submerged lands, granted or  
10 ungranted, as well as navigable lakes and waterways, are subject to the protections of  
11 the Common Law Public Trust. As general background, the State of California acquired  
12 sovereign ownership of all tidelands and submerged lands and beds of navigable lakes  
13 and waterways upon its admission to the U.S. in 1850. The State holds these lands for  
14 the benefit of all people of the State for statewide Public Trust purposes, which include  
15 but are not limited to waterborne commerce, navigation, fisheries, water-related  
16 recreation, habitat preservation and open space. On tidal waterways, the State's  
17 sovereign fee ownership extends landward to the mean high tide line, except for areas  
18 of fill or artificial accretion.

#### 19 3.15.2.2 Local

#### 20 **Contra Costa County**

21 The Contra Costa County General Plan 2005-2020 (Contra Costa County 2010)  
22 identifies open space goals and policies that promote protection of the cultural  
23 resources of the County. The General Plan identifies the following resource goals and  
24 policies that were considered in the analysis of the proposed Project:

- 25 • Goal 9-A: To preserve and protect the ecological, scenic and cultural/historic,  
26 and recreational resource lands of the County.

#### 27 **City of Oakley**

28 The City's 2020 General Plan (City of Oakley 2010) includes Policy No. 7.4.5 below.

- 29 • Policy 7.4.5: Support and encourage boat access and marinas. Consider  
30 additional marina facilities if proposed and appropriate.

1 **3.15.3 Impact Analysis**

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

5 **No Impact.** The Project includes the decommissioning and partial removal of three  
6 inactive pipelines. No permanent activities or facilities are proposed. Decommissioning  
7 would require temporary construction activities and staging of equipment.  
8 Decommissioning equipment and activities would be limited to the immediate Project  
9 site and staging areas and would not interfere with adjacent onshore parks or  
10 recreational areas. Offshore Project activities would also be temporary in nature and are  
11 anticipated to occur between August 1 and October 31, 2015. Although some preclusion  
12 of offshore pipeline corridor would be required within the immediate work area for safety  
13 purposes, access to other areas for water recreation along the San Joaquin River and  
14 Delta would not be hindered. Preclusion of the offshore pipeline corridor would be  
15 conducted in accordance with **MM TRANS-3: Marine Safety Zones** as further detailed  
16 within the PEP (Appendix A). The buoys marking the anchors would serve as visual  
17 indicators of the safety zone established around the marine construction work.  
18 Additionally, the local Notice to Mariners (**MM TRANS-1**) will notify recreational users  
19 and request that a 500-foot safety zone offset from the derrick barge be avoided.

20 It is anticipated that Project vessels would originate from Mare Island or other  
21 comparable commercial-use harbor in the immediate Project vicinity. Staging and  
22 loading/unloading of Project vessels would be limited to commercial areas and the  
23 immediate loading/unloading dock. These activities would not interfere with any  
24 recreational activities within the area. No significant impacts would result.

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

28 **No Impact.** The proposed Project does not include the construction or expansion of any  
29 recreational facilities. No significant impacts would result.

30 **3.15.4 Mitigation Summary**

31 No significant impacts to recreational resources would occur. As discussed above the  
32 following MMs would be implemented to further reduce and minimize impacts.

- 33 • MM HAZ-2: Marine Safety and Anchoring Plan.
- 34 • MM TRANS-1: Local Notice to Mariners.
- 35 • MM TRANS-3: Marine Safety Zones.