

1 **3.17 MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE**

2 The lead agency shall find that a project may have a significant effect on the
 3 environment and thereby require an EIR to be prepared for the project where there is
 4 substantial evidence, in light of the whole record, that any of the following conditions
 5 may occur. Where prior to commencement of the environmental analysis a project
 6 proponent agrees to mitigation measures or project modifications that would avoid any
 7 significant effect on the environment or would mitigate the significant environmental
 8 effect, a lead agency need not prepare an EIR solely because without mitigation the
 9 environmental effects would have been significant (per Section 15065 of the State
 10 CEQA Guidelines):

MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE –	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of a project are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of past, present and probable future projects)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11 **3.17.1 Impact Analysis**

12 ***a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment,***
 13 ***substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or***
 14 ***wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a***
 15 ***plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or***

1 **endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods**
2 **of California history or prehistory?**

3 The Project could potentially increase suspended sediments and disturb habitat and
4 thus degrade the quality of the environment within the Project area. However, these
5 impacts can be avoided or minimized as described in Section 2 – Project Description
6 and would be inherently limited due to the temporary and short duration (3 weeks) of the
7 Project. The Project would not be expected to substantially reduce the habitat of a fish
8 or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining
9 levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, or reduce the number or
10 restrict the range of a rare or endangered plants or animals. The Project would not be
11 expected to impact major periods of California history or prehistory.

12 **b) Does the project have impacts that would be individually limited, but**
13 **cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the**
14 **incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with**
15 **the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects**
16 **of probable future projects.)**

17 Potential impacts from the Project would be reduced to less than significant levels
18 through the Project design as described in the Project Description (see Section 2 for
19 more details), and through use of a small number of mitigation measures also included
20 in the Project Description. The Project would occur during a short (about 3 weeks) and
21 temporary construction period. If minor impacts were to occur, they would be limited to a
22 very small area. There are no recently-completed, current or reasonable foreseeable
23 future dredging or riprap removal or placement projects in the immediate vicinity of the
24 Project area (see Figure 1-1).

25 The Project does not propose any new development, and proposed construction
26 activities are very limited in extent; therefore the project would not lead to cumulative
27 environmental effects when combined with other development projects in the area.

28 **c) Does the project have environmental effects that would cause substantial**
29 **adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?**

30 The Project would not create substantial adverse effects on human beings due to its
31 short duration and limited Project area. The Project does not propose any new
32 permanent structures or operations.