

1 **3.18 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 State CEQA Guidelines §
 10 15065).

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 **3.18.1 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, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range***
 16 ***of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the***
 17 ***major periods of California history or prehistory?***

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

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

16 **Less than Significant Impact.** The Project is the removal of a submerged outfall
17 pipeline and timber pile markers that would occur during a short (about 2 weeks) and
18 temporary construction period as described in Section 2, Project Description, and
19 through the implementation of measures identified in Section 3, Environmental Analysis
20 that reflect project revisions and measures proposed by the Applicant to protect the
21 environment. If minor impacts were to occur, they would be limited to a very small area
22 and would not be potentially significant. The Project does not propose any new
23 development, and proposed construction activities are very limited in extent; therefore
24 the project would not lead to cumulative environmental effects when combined with
25 other development projects in the area.

26 ***c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial***
27 ***adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?***

28 **Less than Significant Impact.** The Project would not create substantial adverse effects
29 on human beings due to its short duration and limited Project area. The Project does not
30 propose any new permanent structures or operations.