

1 **3.3.13 Public Services**

XIII. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2 **3.3.13.1 Environmental Setting**

3 **Fire Services.** According to the San Luis Obispo County LCP Safety Element, DCPD  
 4 lies within an area designated as a high fire hazard zone. The DCPD Fire Department is  
 5 the first responder to fire and medical emergencies at the project area, with the  
 6 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF)/San Luis Obispo County  
 7 Fire Department providing backup fire protection service if requested by DCPD (Aspen  
 8 2005). The CDF/San Luis Obispo County fire station closest to onshore project activities  
 9 is located at Avila Beach. The closest fire station to the offshore portion of the project  
 10 area is located in Los Osos. Response times for fire service personnel to the onshore  
 11 portion of the project area would be over 20 minutes.

12 DCPD maintains a full time (24-7) industrial/medical emergency response department  
 13 staffed at all times by at least five fully trained fire fighters, all of whom are qualified as  
 14 emergency medical technicians. The department operates a plant site fire station with  
 15 dedicated emergency response vehicles and support equipment, including two Type-1  
 16 fire fighting apparatus trucks (which carry more than 500 gallons of fire  
 17 suppressant) and a mobile (towed) hazardous materials release mitigation unit.

18 **Police Services.** DCPD maintains an extensive onsite site security organization. The  
 19 organization’s focus is security of the nuclear facility boundaries; however, it also  
 20 implements surveillance of, and access control over, the Utility-owned lands  
 21 surrounding the plant site. Personnel and vehicle access to the general lands  
 22 is controlled by the site security organization (Bryan Cunningham, PG&E, pers. comm.).

23 The closest public law enforcement station to both onshore and offshore activities is the  
 24 San Luis Obispo County Sheriff Department’s office in Los Osos. Because of the rural

1 location of the DCP, the County Sheriff and California Highway Patrol are responsible  
2 for responding to 911 disturbances in the vicinity. Response times for law enforcement  
3 personnel to the onshore portion of the Project area would be over 20 minutes.

4 **School Services.** Twelve school districts serve San Luis Obispo County. The project  
5 area is located within the service boundary of the San Luis Coastal Unified School  
6 District. No public or private schools are located near the onshore portion of the Project  
7 area.

8 **Parks.** DCP is located in a rural portion of the County; therefore, there are no  
9 residential or neighborhood parks near the Project area. Montaña de Oro State Park is  
10 located approximately 2.0 km (1.2 mi) to the northeast of the onshore portion of the  
11 Project area and approximately 3.2 km (2.0 mi) shoreward (east) of OBS-1. Montaña de  
12 Oro State Park encompasses over 32.0 km<sup>2</sup> (8,000 acres) of land and provides  
13 opportunities for fishing, horseback riding, guided tours, biking, and camping. It also  
14 provides exhibits and programs, hiking trails, nature trails, wildlife viewing, surfing,  
15 picnic areas, and can accommodate trailers and campers.

16 **Emergency Medical Services.** There is an onsite medical facility staffed during regular  
17 business hours by a physician's assistant and at least one registered nurse. The  
18 facility's primary function is not emergency response, but, when staffed, it will provide  
19 emergency medical care services and support preparation for offsite transport of  
20 personnel to area hospitals via commercial ambulance services (Bryan Cunningham,  
21 PG&E, pers. comm.). The closest hospital services to the Project area are available at  
22 Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center and Twin Cities Community Hospital. Response  
23 times for emergency medical personnel to the onshore portion of the project area would  
24 be over 20 minutes. For the offshore portions of the Project, medical services would be  
25 at an onshore facility and transport would most likely be via helicopter.

### 26 3.3.13.2 Regulatory Setting

27 **Federal.** No federal regulations pertain to public services relevant to this Project.

28 **State.** DCP, along with state and local government agencies, have developed various  
29 fire and emergency response plans, such as:

- 30 • DCP Fire Protection Program, Fire Loss Prevention Program, Fire System  
31 Impairment Procedure, Control of Combustibles Procedure, Wildlands Fuel  
32 Management Plan, and Emergency Response Plan State of California Nuclear  
33 Power Plant Emergency Response Plan; and
- 34 • San Luis Obispo County/Cities Nuclear Power Plant Emergency Response Plan.

35 **Local.** Several local ordinances direct fire prevention activities within San Luis Obispo  
36 County. These include Chapter 19.20, Construction Standards of Title 19, of the County  
37 Code, as well as section 22/23.05.050 et seq. of the Land Use Ordinance (San Luis  
38 Obispo County 1988a) and CZLUSO (San Luis Obispo County 1988b). These sections  
39 of Titles 22 and 23 contain standards pertaining to the preparation and review of fire

1 safety plans, fire safety standards, site access, and driveway requirements. In addition,  
2 the provisions of the Uniform Fire Code have been adopted by San Luis Obispo County.

3 3.3.13.3 Impact Analysis

4 **a) Would the Project result in substantial adverse physical impacts**  
5 **associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental**  
6 **facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the**  
7 **construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in**  
8 **order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other**  
9 **performance objectives for any of the public services?**

10 The Project would result in short-term onshore and offshore OBS installation and  
11 recovery operations and would not introduce a need for long-term changes to fire or  
12 police protection services. Proposed onshore and offshore Project activities would be  
13 short-term operations that are not typically associated with the need for additional fire,  
14 emergency, and law enforcement needs. Project activities are unlikely to require fire  
15 services because the majority of the activities involve in-water construction; however, in  
16 the unlikely event of a fire, fire suppression services would be required. This potential  
17 short-term impact would not require new or physically altered government facilities and  
18 would not result in a significant impact to local fire suppression services.

19 The Project could require emergency services (“Other Public Facilities”) if a worker injury  
20 occurs during construction; however, such an event would not result in a significant impact  
21 to existing medical facilities. Short-term onshore and offshore operations would not result  
22 in an increase in project area population; therefore, the Project would have no impact  
23 related to school and park services.

24 3.3.13.4 Mitigation and Residual Impacts

25 **Mitigation.** The proposed project would not result in significant impacts to public  
26 services and no mitigation is required.

27 **Residual Impacts.** The proposed project would have less than significant impacts on  
28 public services, no mitigation is required, and no residual impacts would occur.