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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

A	AB	Assembly Bill
	amsl	Above Mean Seal Level
	APN	Assessor's Parcel Number
	APCO	Air Pollution Control Officer
	ARMR	Archaeological Resource Management Reports
	asl	Above Sea Level
B	BCC	Bird of Conservation Concern
	BMP	Best Management Practice
	BTB	Bank to Bank
C	Cal/EPA	California Environmental Protection Agency
	Cal/OSHA	California Division of Occupational Safety and Health
	CalSTRS	California State Teachers Retirement System
	Caltrans	California Department of Transportation
	CARB	California Air Resources Board
	CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
	CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
	CESA	California Endangered Species Act
	CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
	CGS	California Geological Survey
	CHRIS	California Historical Resources Information System
	CIWMB	California Integrated Waste Management Board
	cm	centimeters
	CNDDDB	California Natural Diversity Database
	CNEL	Community Noise Equivalent Level
	CNPS	California Native Plant Society
	CO	carbon monoxide
	CO ₂	carbon dioxide
	CO ₂ e	carbon dioxide equivalents
	CRHR	California Register of Historic Resources
	CRPR	California Rare Plant Rank
	CSFM	California State Fire Marshal
	CSLC	California State Lands Commission
	CWA	Clean Water Act
D	dBA	A-weighted decibels
	DDT	dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane
	DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
	DPR	Department of Parks and Recreation
	DTSC	Department of Toxic Substances Control

E	EIR	Environmental Impact Report
	EO	Executive Order
	EOP	Emergency Operations Plan
	ESA	Endangered Species Act
F	F	Fahrenheit
	FC	Federal Candidate
	FCAA	Federal Clean Air Act
	FE	Federally Endangered
	FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
	FESA	Federal Endangered Species Act
	FP	Fully Protected
	FPP	Fire Prevention Plan
	FT	Federally Threatened
	FUDS	Formerly Used Defense Sites
G	GHG	Greenhouse Gas
	GPS	Global Position System
H	H	High Priority
	HMMP	Hazardous Material Management Plan
	HMTA	Hazardous Materials Transportation Act
I	ICAPCD	Imperial County Air Pollution Control District
	ICDPW	Imperial County Department of Public Works
	ICGP	Imperial County General Plan
	IS	Initial Study
L	L _{dn}	day-night average sound level
	LOS	Level of Service
M	MBTA	Migratory Bird Treaty Act
	MMT	Million Metric Tons
	mph	miles per hour
	MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organizations
	MRZ	Mineral Resources Zone
N	NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
	NAHC	Native American Heritage Commission
	NCP	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan
	ND	Negative Declaration
	NEPA	National Environmental Protection Act
	NIMS	National Incident Management System
	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
	NO ₂	nitrogen dioxide

	NO _x	nitrogen oxides
	NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
	NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
O	O ₃	ozone
	OES	Office of Emergency Services
	OHP	Office of Historical Preservation
	OHV	Off-Highway Vehicle
	OHWM	Ordinary High Water Mark
	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
P	Pb	lead
	PCBs	polychlorinated biphenyls
	PM	particulate matter
	PM ₁₀	particulate matter less than 10 micrometers
	PM _{2.5}	particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometers
R	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
	ROG	reactive organic gases
	RV	Recreation Vehicle
	RWQCB	Regional Water Quality Control Board
S	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
	SB	Senate Bill
	SC	State Candidate
	SCIC	South Coastal Information Center
	SDNHM	San Diego Natural History Museum
	SE	State Endangered
	SEMS	Standardized Emergency Management System
	SLBF	School Land Bank Fund
	SWS	Solid Waste Site
	SMARA	Surface Mining and Reclamation Act
	SO ₂	sulfur dioxide
	SSC	Species of Special Concern
	ST	State Threatened
	SVP	Society of Vertebrate Paleontology
	SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
T	TMDCI	Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
	TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
U	UCMP	University of California Museum of Paleontology
	UPRR	Union Pacific Railroad
	U.S.	United States
	USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Abbreviations and Acronyms

USEPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
USMC	U.S. Marine Corps
UXO	Unexploded Ordinance
W WBWG	Western Bat Working Group