

**Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration**  
Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
Proposed Groundwater Production Well and Pipeline  
NWC East Miramar and Grand Avenues  
Claremont, Los Angeles County, California



Prepared for:

**Three Valleys Municipal Water District**  
1207 East Miramar Avenue  
Claremont, California 91711

Prepared by:

**Jericho Systems, INC**  
47 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Redlands, California 92373

November 2019

[This page intentionally left blank]

*Introduction to the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration*

The Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD), acting as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), prepared a Draft Initial Study and Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Miragrand Well project. The document was circulated for public review for a period of 30 days between September 27 and October 28, 2019. A total of six comment letters were received during the comment period and have been included in Appendix E along with the Lead Agency's responses to comments.

In addition, during the public review period, TVMWD also conducted Tribal Consultation, as required under Assembly Bill 52 (AB 52), with the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians–Kizh Nation. Consultation resulted in revisions to the discussion of Tribal Cultural Resources in the Initial Study and amendments to the mitigation measures identified in the Draft Initial Study and Draft Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP). Amended text is included in the Final Initial Study in Section 3.5, *Cultural Resources*, and Section 3.18, *Tribal Cultural Resources*. The amended text, including revised mitigation measures were found to be consistent with the intent of the Draft Initial Study text regarding Tribal Cultural Resources and does not represent significant new information or new mitigation measures that would require recirculation of the Draft IS/MND (CEQA Guidelines Section 15073.5(c)). New text is double underlined and deleted text is ~~stricken through~~. In addition, in response to a comment from the City of Claremont, TVMWD will replace the proposed curb and gutter system with a rock swale system to match the existing local drainage system. Therefore, Figure 6, *Conceptual Site Plan*, has been updated.

Prior to approving the project, the Three Valleys Municipal Water District Board (Board) must consider the MND together with any comments received during the public review period. The Board may adopt the proposed MND only if it finds on the basis of the whole record before it (including the Initial Study, any comments received, any revisions to the project description, or refinement of mitigation measures), that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the MND reflects the lead agency's independent judgment and analysis.

TVMWD prepared this Final IS/MND in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; California Public Resources Code Section 21000, *et seq.*) and the "Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act" (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15000, *et seq.*, State *CEQA Guidelines*).

[This page intentionally left blank]

## Table of Contents

1	PROJECT INFORMATION.....	1
2	INTRODUCTION TO THE INITIAL STUDY.....	3
2.1	Project Purpose and Overview.....	3
2.2	Project Location and Description of Surrounding Area.....	4
	Project Location.....	4
	Description of Surrounding Area.....	5
2.3	Project Description.....	5
	Project Site.....	6
	Connection to Grand Avenue Pipeline.....	7
	Well Maintenance Space Requirements.....	7
	Well Drilling Process.....	7
	Conceptual Construction Site Layout.....	8
	Construction Schedule.....	8
	Construction Traffic Control.....	9
	Construction Assumptions.....	9
	Operational Considerations.....	11
3.	Environmental Evaluation.....	31
3.01	Environmental Factors Potentially Affected.....	31
3.02	Determination (To be completed by the Lead Agency).....	31
3.03	Evaluating Environmental Impacts.....	32
3.1	Aesthetics:.....	34
	Discussion.....	34
	Mitigation Measures.....	36
	Impact Conclusions.....	36
3.2	Agriculture and Forestry Resources:.....	36
	Discussion.....	37
	Mitigation Measures.....	38
	Impact Conclusions.....	38
3.3	Air Quality:.....	38
	Air Quality Standards and Attainment.....	39
	Air Quality Management.....	42
	Air Emission Thresholds.....	42

---

	Construction Emissions.....	44
	Operational Emissions .....	44
	Mitigation Measures .....	47
	Impact Conclusions.....	48
3.4	Biological Resources: .....	48
	Discussion .....	49
	Mitigation Measures .....	50
	Impact Conclusions.....	51
3.5	Cultural Resources:.....	51
	Discussion .....	51
	Prehistoric Context.....	51
	Ethnohistoric Context .....	52
	Historic Context.....	53
	Cultural Resources Assessment .....	54
	Mitigation Measures .....	58
	Impact Conclusions.....	60
3.6	Energy:.....	61
	Discussion .....	61
	Building Energy Efficiency Standards.....	62
	Senate Bill 350 .....	62
	Senate Bill 100.....	62
	Project Construction.....	63
	Mitigation Measures .....	64
	Impact Conclusions.....	64
3.7	Geology/Soils/Paleontological Resources: .....	64
	Discussion .....	65
	Mitigation Measures .....	69
	Impact Conclusions.....	69
3.8	Greenhouse Gas Emissions:.....	69
	Discussion .....	69
	Significance Thresholds for GHG.....	71
	Mitigation Measures .....	75
	Impact Conclusions.....	75
3.9	Hazards and Hazardous Materials:.....	75
	Mitigation Measures .....	78

	Impact Conclusions.....	78
3.10	Hydrology and Water Quality:.....	79
	Construction Impacts .....	80
	Operational Impacts .....	81
	Mitigation Measures .....	84
	Impact Conclusion .....	84
3.11	Land Use and Planning: .....	84
	Discussion .....	84
	SCAG Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies .....	85
	Mitigation Measures .....	87
	Impact Conclusions.....	87
3.12	Mineral Resources: .....	87
	Discussion .....	87
	Mitigation Measures .....	88
	Impact Conclusions.....	88
3.13	Noise: .....	88
	Discussion.....	89
	Regulatory Setting.....	92
	Vibration Descriptors.....	103
	Vibration Perception .....	103
	Vibration Propagation.....	103
	Regulatory Setting.....	104
	Construction Vibration.....	104
	Mitigation Measures .....	105
	Impact Conclusions.....	105
3.14	Population and Housing: .....	106
	Discussion .....	106
	Mitigation Measures .....	106
	Impact Conclusions.....	106
3.14	Public Services:.....	107
	Discussion .....	107
	Mitigation Measures .....	109
	Impact Conclusions.....	109
3.16	Recreation: .....	109
	Discussion .....	109

	Mitigation Measures .....	110
	Impact Conclusions.....	110
3.17	Transportation: .....	110
	Discussion .....	110
	Mitigation Measures .....	112
	Impact Conclusions.....	112
3.18	Tribal Cultural Resources: .....	112
	Discussion .....	113
	Mitigation Measures .....	117
	Impact Conclusions.....	119
3.19	Utilities and Service Systems:.....	119
	Discussion .....	120
	Mitigation Measures .....	121
	Impact Conclusions.....	121
3.20	Wildfire:.....	122
	Discussion .....	122
	Mitigation Measures .....	123
	Impact Conclusions.....	124
3.21	Mandatory Findings of Significance:.....	124
	Discussion .....	124
	Biological Resources.....	125
	Cultural Resources/Tribal Cultural Resources.....	125
4	REFERENCES.....	127
5	MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM .....	129



LIST OF TABLES

Table 1 Land Use Designation and Current Land Use.....	5
Table 2A State and Federal Ambient Air Quality Standards .....	40
Table 2B South Coast Air Basin Attainment Status.....	41
Table 3 Localized Significance Thresholds (Pounds per Day).....	44
Table 4 Constuction Emissions - Well & Pump (Pounds per Day).....	45
Table 5 Constuction Emissions - Pipeline (Pounds per Day).....	45
Table 6 Operational Emissions (Pounds per Day) .....	46
Table 7 GHG Construction Emissions – Well and Pump Station (MT Per Year).....	72
Table 8 GHG Construction Emissions – Pipeline (MT Per Year).....	72
Table 9 Greenhouse Gas Operational Emissions (MT Per Year).....	73
Table 10 Project Consistency with SCAG's RTP/SCS.....	84
Table 11 Typical A-Weighted Noise Levels.....	89
Table 12 Land Use Compatibility Guidelines .....	94
Table 13 Long Term Noise Measurement Data .....	97
Table 14 C/T Equipment Noise Emissions and Acoustical Usage Factor Database .....	98
Table 15 Construction Noise Levels (dBA, Leq(h) .....	100
Table 16 Estimated Peak Hour Project Trips .....	111

LIST OF FIGURES

Figure 1 Regional Location.....	13
Figure 2 Local Vicinity.....	15
Figure 3 conceptual Site Plan .....	17
Figure 4 Preliminary Drilling Location.....	19
Figure 5 Preliminary Site Layout for Construction.....	21
Figure 6 Conceptual Site Plan - Post Well Equipping.....	23
Figure 7 Discharge Location .....	25
Figure 8 Proposed Connection to Grand Avenue Pipeline.....	27
Figure 9 Well Enclosure Building .....	29

APPENDICES

- A Air Quality/Greenhouse Gas Data Sheets
- B Cultural Resources Report
- C Noise Report
- D Traffic Memo
- E Comments on Draft Initial Study and Responses

## ACRONYMS

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
μPa	micro Pascal
AB	Assembly Bill
af	acre feet
afy	acre feet per year
AIA	Airport Influence Area
ALUCP	Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan
AQMP	Air Quality Management Plan
bgs	below ground surface
BMP	best management practices
CAAQS	California Ambient Air Quality Standards
CalEEMod	California Emissions Estimator Model
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CCR	California Code of Regulations
CCML	Cement mortar-lined and coated steel
CDFM	cumulative departure from mean
CEC	California Energy Commission
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CESA	California Endangered Species Act
cfs	cubic feet per second
CH <sub>4</sub>	methane
CNEL	Community Noise Exposure Level
CO	Carbon monoxide
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon dioxide
CO <sub>2</sub> e	Carbon dioxide equivalent
COPCs	constituents of potential concern
Cr-6	Chromium-6
DDW	California Department of Drinking Water
DIP	Ductile iron pipe
DNL	Day/Night Level
DTSC	California Department of Toxic Substances Control
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
EIA	US Energy Information Administration
EPA	US Environmental Protection Agency
ESA	Federal Endangered Species Act
ft-bgs	feet below ground surface
ft-msl	feet above mean sea level
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FMMP	Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program
FTA	Federal Transit Administration

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
GHG	greenhouse gasses
gpm	gallons per minute
GWH	Gigawatt hours
GWP	Global Warming Potential
HFC	hydrofluorocarbons
IPCC	International Panel on Climate Change
kWh	Kilowatt hour
LST	localized significance thresholds
MG	million gallons
mgd	million gallons per day
MS4	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
MT	Metric tons
MWD	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
N/m <sup>2</sup>	micro-Newton per square meter
NO <sub>2</sub>	Nitrogen Dioxide
NO <sub>x</sub>	Nitrous Oxides
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
NTU	Nephelometric turbidity units
O <sub>3</sub>	ozone
Pb	lead
PCE	perchloroethylene
PDR	Preliminary Design Report
PFC	perflouorocarbons
PM	Particulate matter 10 microns or 2.5 microns
ppb	parts per billion
PPV	Peak particle velocity
R2	Residential, 0.1 to 2.0 dwelling units per acre
ROG	Reactive organic gasses
RR	Residential 1 dwelling unit per acre
RMS	Root mean square
SB	Senate bill
SCAB	South Coast Air Basin
SCAG	Southern California Association of Governments
SCAQMD	South Coast Air Quality Management District
SCE	Southern California Edison
SERP	State Environmental Review Process
SGMA	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
SF <sub>6</sub>	Sulfur hexafluoride

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
SO2	Sulfur dioxide
SRA	Source receptor area
SWPPP	Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
TCE	trichloroethylene
TCP	Traffic control plan
TCR	Tribal Cultural Resources
TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
TS	Temporary Surplus
TVMWD	Three Valleys Municipal Water District
UCHB	Upper Claremont Heights Basin
USEPA	US Environmental Protection Agency
VdB	Vibration level
VMT	Vehicle miles traveled
WTP	water treatment plant

## 1 PROJECT INFORMATION

1. *Project Title:* Miragrand Groundwater Production Well Project
2. *Lead Agency Name and Address:* Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
1021 E. Miramar Avenue  
Claremont, California 91711
3. *Contact Person and Phone Number:* Ray Evangelista, Project Manager  
(909) 621-5568
4. *Project Location:* 675 E. Miramar Avenue  
Northwest corner of Miramar Avenue and Grand Avenue  
Assessor's Parcel Number 8671-009-019  
Lat/Long 35° 07' 45" N/117° 42' 11" W  
Section 34, T1N, R8W, Mt Baldy 7.5" quadrangle
5. *General Plan:* Residential 2 (R2) 0.1 to 2.0 dwelling units/acre
6. *Zoning:* RR 35,000 – Residential, 1 gross acre/dwelling unit

7. *Lead Agency Discretionary Actions:*

Approval of the following:

- Site Plan
- Mitigated Negative Declaration

8. *Other agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.):*

City of Claremont

- Encroachment Permit for development of the pipeline within public right-of-way
- Review and approval of an Erosion Control Plan and a Construction Traffic Control Plan

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, Drinking Water Division

- Well permit

State Department of Water Resources

- Well designation number upon completion of well construction and submittal of a Well Completion Report

State Water Resources Control Board

- Statewide De minimus Permit under the State's General Construction Permit (NPDES)

## 2 INTRODUCTION TO THE INITIAL STUDY

This Initial Study is an informational document intended to inform the lead agency, other responsible or interested agencies, and the public of potential environmental effects of the proposed project. The environmental review process has been established to enable public agencies to evaluate potential environmental consequences and to examine and implement methods of eliminating or reducing any potential significant adverse impacts.

### 2.1 Project Purpose and Overview

Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD) is a wholesale water purveyor that was established in 1950 as the Pomona Valley Municipal Water District. TVMWD adopted its current name in 1981 to better reflect its service areas in the Pomona, Walnut and San Gabriel valleys. Its service area covers 133 square miles and includes the cities of Glendora, San Dimas, Claremont, Covina, La Verne, Pomona, Walnut, Rowland Heights, and Diamond Bar. TVMWD has a 13-member agency including Boy Scouts of America, Cal Poly Pomona University, Covina Irrigation Company, Golden State Water Company, Mt. San Antonio College, Rowland Water District, Suburban Water Systems, Valencia Heights Water Company, Walnut Valley Water District, the cities of Covina, Glendora, La Verne and Pomona.

TVMWD is a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) of Southern California. This relationship allows TVMWD to supply potable water from MWD's Weymouth Water Treatment Plant, located in the City of La Verne. In addition, TVMWD provides potable water from its Miramar Water Treatment Plant (Miramar Plant) which was constructed in 1987. The Miramar Plant, located in the City of Claremont northeast of the project site, has a capacity of 25 million gallons per day (mgd). Two existing groundwater production wells (Wells No. 1 and 2) are located at the Miramar Plant site. A third groundwater production well located off Grand Avenue (Grand Avenue Well) was recently constructed and is scheduled for equipping in the next year. All three wells, plus the proposed Miragrand well will supply groundwater to the Miramar Plant. Figure 1, *Regional Location*, shows the project site within the larger region. Figure 2, *Project Vicinity*, shows the project site within the existing residential neighborhood. Figure 3, *Project Site Photos*, shows the project site and surrounding land uses.

The overall goal of TVMWD's Miragrand well is to increase groundwater extraction capability within the Six Basins, an adjudicated groundwater basin since 1999, utilizing both its production rights and storage/recovery account. Six Basins is composed of six sub-basins adjacent to the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains in the eastern Los Angeles County and western San Bernardino County that underlay the cities of Pomona, La Verne, Claremont and Upland, and the unincorporated community of San Antonio Heights adjacent to the City of Upland. The six sub-basins are the Pomona Basin, Live Oak Basin, Upper Claremont Basin, Lower Claremont Basin, and Canyon Basin, which are all naturally separated by geologic features. TVMWD's proposes to construct the Miragrand Well for the following reasons:

- Enhance production capabilities and finished water quality to enhance and improve Miramar Plant's treated drinking water supply,
- Provide regional benefit to TVMWD's member agencies by strengthening local supply reliability and adding redundancy to TVMWD's existing groundwater production system; and
- Provide value to Six Basins with the ability to control the potential rising groundwater through extraction.

JIG Consultants prepared a Preliminary Design Report (PDR) (August 2019), to outline the basic design concepts for construction of the proposed well site. The PDR includes the following information to assist TVMWD in its decision-making process regarding the Miragrand well, and was used in the preparation of this Initial Study:

1. Prepare plans including:
  - a. A site plan showing the proposed well location with respect to critical area features. (see Figure 4, *Preliminary Drilling Location*)
  - b. A detailed site map for well drilling and construction. (see Figure 5, *Preliminary Site Layout for Construction*)
  - c. A conceptual site plan of well equipping including building enclosure, perimeter fencing, asphalt pavement and other above ground improvements. (See Figure 6, *Conceptual Site Plan -Post Well Equipping*)
  - d. A conceptual layout for discharge pipe connection to Grand Avenue Pipeline. (see Figure 7, *Discharge Location*)
2. Establish hydrogeological conditions for drilling and well design (e.g. expected subsurface sediments, depth to groundwater, aquifer properties, groundwater quality, proximity to surface water sources, and location relative to existing area wells).
3. Develop preliminary well design diagram and description showing the well depth, casing diameter, casing materials, perforation interval and ancillary piping (i.e. gravel feed tube, sounding tubes, etc.).
4. Perform preliminary calculations for sizing of well pump and motor.

## 2.2 Project Location and Description of Surrounding Area

### Project Location

Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed well site within the larger southern California region. TVMWD's Miramar Plant and groundwater production wells are located in the Upper Claremont groundwater basin, one of six basins within the Six Basins that underlie the region. The basins are delineated by underground faults and related barriers.



## Description of Surrounding Area

Figure 2 shows the project site and surrounding area. The project site is located in a single-family residential neighborhood at the northwest corner of Miramar Avenue and Grand Avenue.

Currently TVMWD is using the vacant site for construction staging (equipment parking and material stockpiling) for the Grand Avenue well located approximately ½ mile south of the project site. Figure 3 also shows the locations where photographs of the project site and vicinity were taken. Table 1, *Land Use Designations and Current Land Uses*, lists the land use designations for the project site and immediate vicinity.

**Table 1 Land Use Designation and Current Land Uses**

Direction	Land Use	Land Use and Zoning Designations
Project Site	Undeveloped Site	GP Residential 2 - 0.1 to 2 du/ac Z Rural Residential (RR) 35,000 1 du/ac
North	SFR	GP Residential 2 - 0.1 to 2 du/ac Z Rural Residential (RR) 35,000 1 du/ac
East	SFR	GP Residential 2 - 0.1 to 2 du/ac Z Rural Residential (RR) 35,000 1 du/ac
South	SFR	GP Residential 6 - 2.1 to 6 du/ac Z Residential (R) 13,000 sf min lot size
West	SFR	GP Residential 2 - 0.1 to 2 du/ac Z Rural Residential (RR) 35,000 1 du/ac

Source: Site Visit, July 24, 2019; City of Claremont General Plan Land Use, Character, Preservation Element and Land Use Map, Zoning Code Chapter 16.007 Rural Residential District and Chapter 16.001 Residential District; and Zoning Map.

Notes:

1. SFR = Single Family Residential; GP = General Plan, Z = Zoning District, RR = Rural Residential; RS = Residential.

## 2.3 Project Description

TVMWD is proposing the development of a new well to supplement the existing groundwater production wells currently in operation to provide high-quality treated drinking water to its member agencies. Figure 6 shows that the southerly portion of the project site, approximately 10,000 square feet of the approximately one-acre site will be developed with the well and related infrastructure. The remaining approximately ¾ acre will be maintained with landscaping and hard groundcover. This may consist of gravel, mulch or other cover to reduce the prevalence of weeds and control dust from the undeveloped portion of the site. The entire one-acre site will be enclosed with a perimeter wall/fence.

Once completed, approximately 700 to 800 acre-feet per year (AFY) of untreated groundwater would be pumped from this production well and conveyed through a new

approximately 150 linear foot 8-inch ductile iron pipe (DIP) to interconnect with the existing water line on Grand Avenue as it intersects with Miramar Avenue. Ultimately, this water will be conveyed to TVMWD's Miramar Plant (1021 E. Miramar Avenue) where it will be treated and made available to its member agencies. The proposed alignment is shown in Figure 8, *Conceptual Connection to Grand Avenue Pipeline*.

The Miragrand well project will be developed with the following elements:

### Project Site

- The groundwater well and pipeline will be developed underground at the project site.
- Aboveground pumps and related equipment will be housed within a small concrete masonry unit block building that will provide security and sound attenuation. (see Figure 9, *Well Enclosure Building*. The building will contain an interior wall which divides the well room and the electrical room. For additional sound attenuation, the interior of the well room will be lined with acoustical wall panels.
- The project includes a concrete masonry wall along the north and west sides of the well site and a three-foot high block or brick wall along the east and south sides of the well site, topped with a three-foot wrought iron fence.
- The remaining well site area will be improved with a formal surface such as asphalt concrete pavement. The pavement will allow access around the building enclosure and the electrical transformer. The finished grade of the pavement will be sloped for positive drainage into a new catch basin.
- Handling of water produced during well drilling construction (i.e. during well development and pump testing) activities - Water will be directed (piped) to two or three 20,000 gallon Baker tanks to allow sediment to settle and reduce water turbidity below 100 nephelometric turbidity units (NTU) before allowing water to recharge onsite in an "earthen basin" and/or directing water towards an existing catch basin on Grand Avenue. If directed towards existing catch basin, TVMWD will convey the water into the Baker tanks and then into the newly constructed 8-inch discharge pipeline and fire hydrant. TVMWD will comply with requirements of its existing National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Discharge permit.
- Handling of the start-up water after completion of well construction (i.e. after drilling and well equipping construction) - TVMWD anticipates all or most of the water will be recharged onsite by directing it into an "earthen basin" to percolate back into the groundwater basin. A portion of the water may be directed towards the existing catch basin on Grand Avenue, via the discharge pipeline, after confirming that turbidity of the water is less than 100 NTU. TVMWD will comply with requirements of its existing NPDES Discharge permit.
- A sliding gate for access only by authorized personnel will be constructed along the southwest side of the fence on Miramar Avenue.
- The project includes development of sidewalks along the property line on Miramar and Grand Avenues.

- Landscaping is included between the sidewalks and brick wall along Miramar and Grand Avenues.

### Connection to Grand Avenue Pipeline

- The Miragrاند well will be connected by an 8-inch pipeline across the site and down Grand Avenue to the 12-inch pipeline in the intersection of Miramar Avenue and Grand Avenue. The stub-out for this connection was strategically located outside of the pavement to reduce disturbance to Miramar Avenue when the proposed Miragrاند Well discharge pipeline is in construction. Figure 8 shows the general alignment of the pipe from the well building enclosure to the subject stub-out. The new water line will be constructed in an open trench and as it exits the project site, the trench will cross the Grand Avenue roadway, and will connect to the existing 12-inch waterline in Grand Avenue.

### Well Maintenance Space Requirements

For future maintenance of the well pump, the site will require laydown space near the building enclosure, preferably adjacent to the 48-inch square hatch. The laydown space is required for a crane to remove the pump columns and line shafts, and to place and store the 10-foot segments near the building. Figure 6 is a conceptual site plan showing the various site improvements associated with the proposed Miragrاند well including the “laydown area” near the building.

### Well Drilling Process

Figure 4 shows where the well will be developed; and the staging area, the location of the drill rig, mud tank and settling tanks. At the end of the drilling process, the drill rig and tanks will be removed from the site.

The well will be drilled using the fluid reverse circulation rotary drilling method that utilizes water or an approved drilling fluid as the circulating medium. The well will be drilled in two passes; the first pass (pilot borehole) will be drilled to a depth of 900 feet using a 17 1/2 - inch diameter rotary drilling bit. Data will be collected during and after drilling of the pilot borehole as a basis for the final well design. Once data collection in the pilot borehole is completed, it will be enlarged (second pass) to its final diameter of 28-inches from 100 feet to 130 feet below ground surface (bgs) and 26-inches from 130 feet to 920 feet bgs.

Equipment to be used in the drilling process would consist of a drilling rig, pipe truck, driller’s trailer (doghouse), and settling tanks for the discharge water. A minimum of two 20,000-gallon discharge water settling tanks would be used for clarification of water prior to discharge; and would be removed upon completion of construction. Although settling times will vary depending on the nature of suspended particles in the discharge water (e.g. fine-grained sand and silt require more time to settle), previous drilling projects in the area have shown that two tanks are adequate to clarify water such that the suspended sediment in the discharge meets regulatory criteria (in this case, 100 NTU total suspended solids).

However, to ensure adequate storage, TVMWD may use a third Baker tank on-site. The NTU measurement is based on the cloudiness of the water and is one of the tests used to evaluate water quality. If the drilling process requires the use of an approved drilling fluid as the circulation medium, liquid (water or drilling fluid) generated from well development and pumping tests may require that the water be hauled off site to an approved disposal site. Otherwise, as shown in Figure 7, a temporary pipeline between the well site to a point near the southeast corner of Miramar and Grand Avenues could be constructed (trenching through the intersection), to send the water down to the existing catch basin on Grand Avenue. Sediment that settles to the bottom of the settling tanks may be removed and transferred to a third party or used on that portion of the project site (northerly  $\frac{3}{4}$ ) that will be improved with landscape/hardscape.

### Conceptual Construction Site Layout

During the well drilling process, the area will be fenced temporarily with chain link fencing. In addition, to attenuate noise associated with the drilling process, temporary noise attenuation panels up to 24 feet in height will be placed between the well site and adjacent residences. Other techniques include adherence to the City of Claremont's Noise Ordinance requirements that limit hours of construction to between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm; Monday through Saturday. In addition, as described previously, water used in the drilling process will be contained in a minimum of two 20,000 gallon settling tanks.

### Construction Schedule

Approval of the well project is anticipated to occur by the end of 2019. Between approval of the project and construction, TVMWD staff and consultants will be completing design and construction drawings for submittal to permitting agencies (e.g. State Department of Water Resources). Therefore, a conservative estimate for the start of well development (Phase 1) construction is December 2021 with completion in February 2022. Well construction will typically consist of the following elements:

- Borehole Drilling –10 to 14 days; 24/7 operation
- Zone Testing –5 to 6 days; daytime operation
- Well Construction(casing/screen)–3 to 5 days; 24/7 operation
- Trenching for the temporary storm drain - 5 to 7 days operation, or on-site earthen catch basin
- Initial Development –5 to 7 days; 24/7 operation
- Test Pump Installation –2 days; daytime operation
- Pumping Development –5 to 10 days; daytime operation
- Pumping Tests –3 to 4 days; 24/7 operation

Site development including the pipeline installation and connection will be completed in Phase 2 which is tentatively scheduled to occur between November 2021 and March 2022. In addition to well construction, as shown in Figure 6, the project includes the construction

of a block wall along the north and west sides of the well site, a combination brick or block wall with wrought iron fencing along the east (Grand Avenue) and south (Miramar Avenue) sides of the site, sidewalks, landscaping, and a sliding access gate on Miramar Avenue.

### Construction Traffic Control

The construction contractor will be responsible for development of a traffic control plan (TCP) in order to minimize impacts on residents leaving and returning to the neighborhood during construction. The TCP will include consideration of vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians that may need access through the construction zone along Miramar Avenue in the vicinity of the project site.

### Construction Assumptions

Construction activities for the proposed well and pipeline will follow the same general requirements as follows:

#### *Development of the New Well*

- All construction activities will occur between the hours of 7 am and 6 pm Monday through Saturday (no Sunday or holiday hours).
- Not all construction equipment will be operating at the same time or for the length of the workday.
- Construction of a new well would involve drilling, installing well casing and pump shaft, pump motor housing and piping to connect the well to a conveyance system.
- Depth of the new well is estimated to be approximately 900 feet bgs. Use average depth of 800 feet.
- Construction equipment for well sites would be limited to small to medium sized trucks, drilling rig, welder, and electrical tools.
- Development of a new well will require the delivery and set up of the drilling rig. Round trip at 45 mph
- The drilling and development of the well will take approximately 45 calendar days, of which 15 to 20 days would include 24-hour drill activity.
- Delivery of the well casings, pumps, motors, etc. for each well is forecast to result in about 60 miles being traveled by trucks averaging about 45 mph.
- Calculations assume up to 6 workers will each commute 40 miles round-trip to the work site.
- Typically, well drilling requires only minimal earth movement and/or grading.
- The well casings are expected to be welded.
- Well development and installation will require six weeks of a diesel generator.
- The area of disturbance of the site is anticipated to be ½ acre or less.
- No maintenance of construction equipment is anticipated to be done on site.
- Drilling process water or first flush water – TVMWD is considering two options (1) and on site earthen catch basin that would receive water from the Baker tanks at

controlled intervals; or (2) release into the existing catch basin on Grand Avenue, via the discharge pipeline, after confirming the turbidity is less than 100 nephelometric turbidity units (NTU).

### *New Conveyance Pipeline*

- For the purposes of this evaluation, the assumption is made the new pipe would have a diameter of 8 inches.
- Pipeline construction would involve trenching to a depth of 5 feet with a typical trench of 3 feet wide, with an additional 3 feet along the trench for a stockpile area. The pipeline construction would occur within the intersection of Grand Avenue and Miramar because the new well will be connected via a short (approximately 150 feet) pipeline to connect to the existing pipeline in Grand Avenue. Trenching would include the removal and hauling away of asphalt (may use a concrete saw to score the trench lines), excavating and stockpiling soil adjacent to the trench, use of a water truck to control dust during construction, placement of the pipe, backfilling, and resurfacing the street with new asphalt.
- Staging of equipment is assumed to occur on the well site, so no daily arrival/departure of equipment is assumed.
- Construction workers would commute to the site with an average one-way commute of 20 miles.
- Because a pipeline project is linear, it is assumed that trenching may occur simultaneously with backfilling once new pipe is in place. Therefore, more than one piece of some equipment such as the backhoe and dump truck may be necessary.
- The average disturbance of the site on a daily basis is assumed to be less than 1 acre.
- The number of construction workers is assumed to be 10, including equipment operators and laborers.
- No maintenance of construction equipment is anticipated to be done on site.

### *Site Development*

- Asphalt paving of the approximately 10,000 square foot well site.
- Development of the perimeter block wall (north and west) and a combination block wall/wrought iron fence, perimeter landscaping, and sidewalks along the site frontage along Miramar Avenue and Grand Avenue the length of the property (app. one-acre site). The wall along Miramar Avenue includes a sliding fence for access.
- Remaining site area not developed for the well will be improved with landscape/hardscape material.
- Buildout of the well site including installation of the pump, electrical supply, monitoring equipment and the building enclosing all of the components associated with the well.
- Typical construction equipment that may be used during construction phases include the following:

<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Number of Pieces</b>	<b>Hours of Operation per Day</b>
Backhoe/Excavator	1	6
Crane	1	6
Pavement cutter	1	6
Grinder	1	6
Delivery trucks <sup>1</sup>	2	6
Dump truck	1	
Water truck	1	4
Paving machine	1	6
Roller/vibrator	1	6
Total	10	--

Notes:

1. Delivery drivers are not counted in the number of construction workers as it is assumed that they are employed by the supplier and not the contractor.

### Operational Considerations

The well pump and related pump motor, pipes, valves and metering equipment will be housed in a small freestanding building. In addition to these, the building will house a separate electrical room. The building will be built with concrete masonry unit (CMU) – concrete blocks with a roof of composite material. For additional sound attenuation, the interior of the well room will be lined with acoustical wall panels.

The area of the site not developed as part of the well facility will be maintained as a landscaped area behind the perimeter wall/fence.

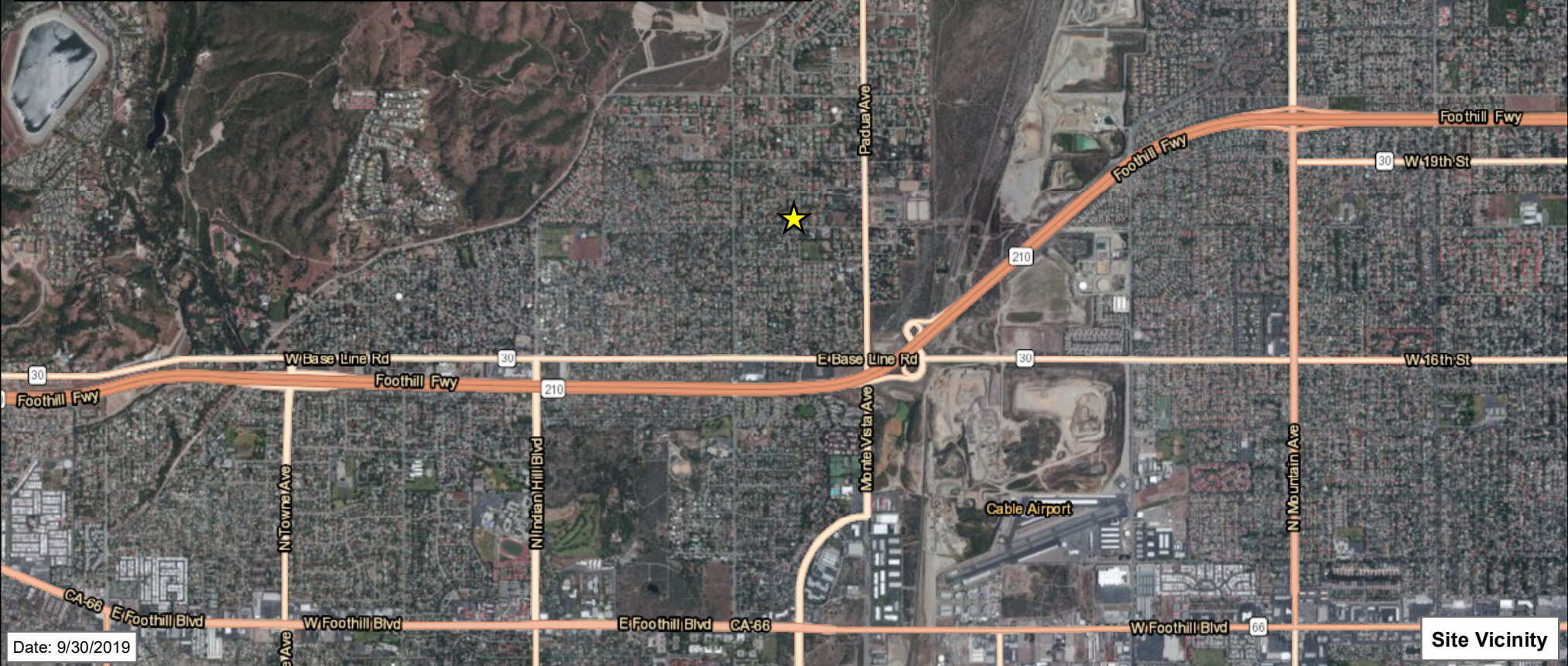
[This page intentionally left blank]



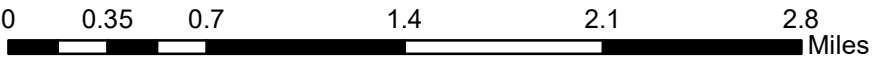


**Legend**

★ Site Vicinity



Date: 9/30/2019



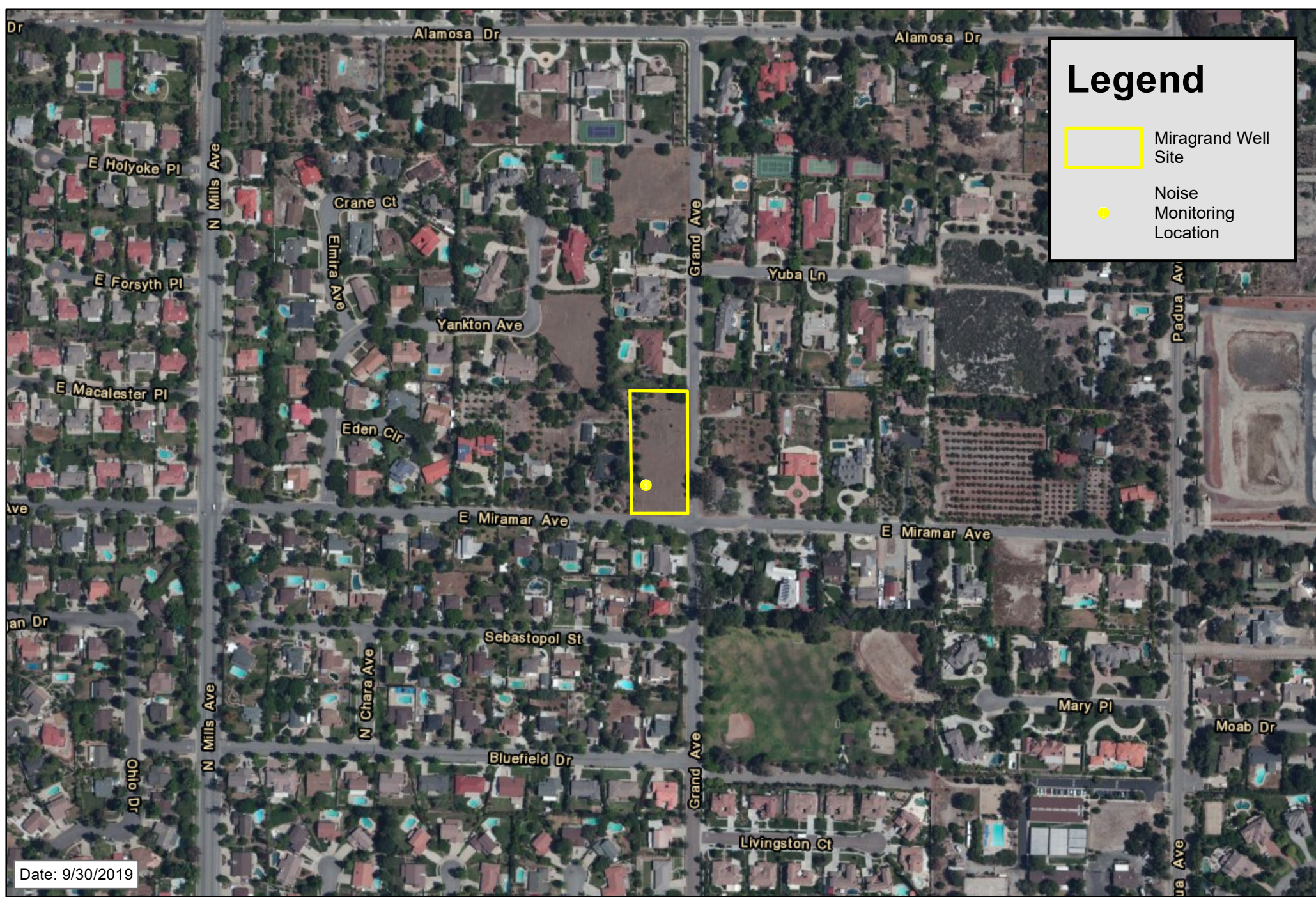
Service Layer Credits: Esri, HERE, Garmin, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors  
 Esri, HERE, Garmin, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS user community  
 Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA,



**Figure 1 - Regional Overview  
Site Vicinity**

Well 4  
 Miragrand Site  
 TVMWD

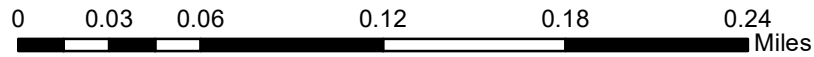
[This page intentionally left blank]



### Legend

- Miragrand Well Site
- i Noise Monitoring Location

Date: 9/30/2019



Imagery Date: 9/26/2018

Service Layer Credits: Esri, HERE, Garmin, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors  
 Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS,



1 inch = 333 feet

**Figure 2**  
Site Location

Miragrand Well Site  
TVMWD

[This page intentionally left blank]

# Legend

 Well 4 Site Boundary



0 0.015 0.03 0.06 0.09 0.12 Miles

Imagery Date: 9/26/2018

Service Layer Credits: Esri, HERE, Garmin, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors  
Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS,



1 inch = 167 feet

### Figure 3 Site Location

Well 4  
Miragrand Site  
TVMWD

[This page intentionally left blank]



**LEGEND:**

- = PROPOSED WELL
- = EXISTING SEWER MANHOLE
- = EXISTING FIRE HYDRANT
- ▲ = EXISTING CATCH BASIN
- = PARCEL BOUNDARY
- = 50' RADIUS BARRIER FROM NEAREST MANHOLE
- = RIGHT-OF-WAY
- = STREET CENTERLINE

Source: JIG Figure 6



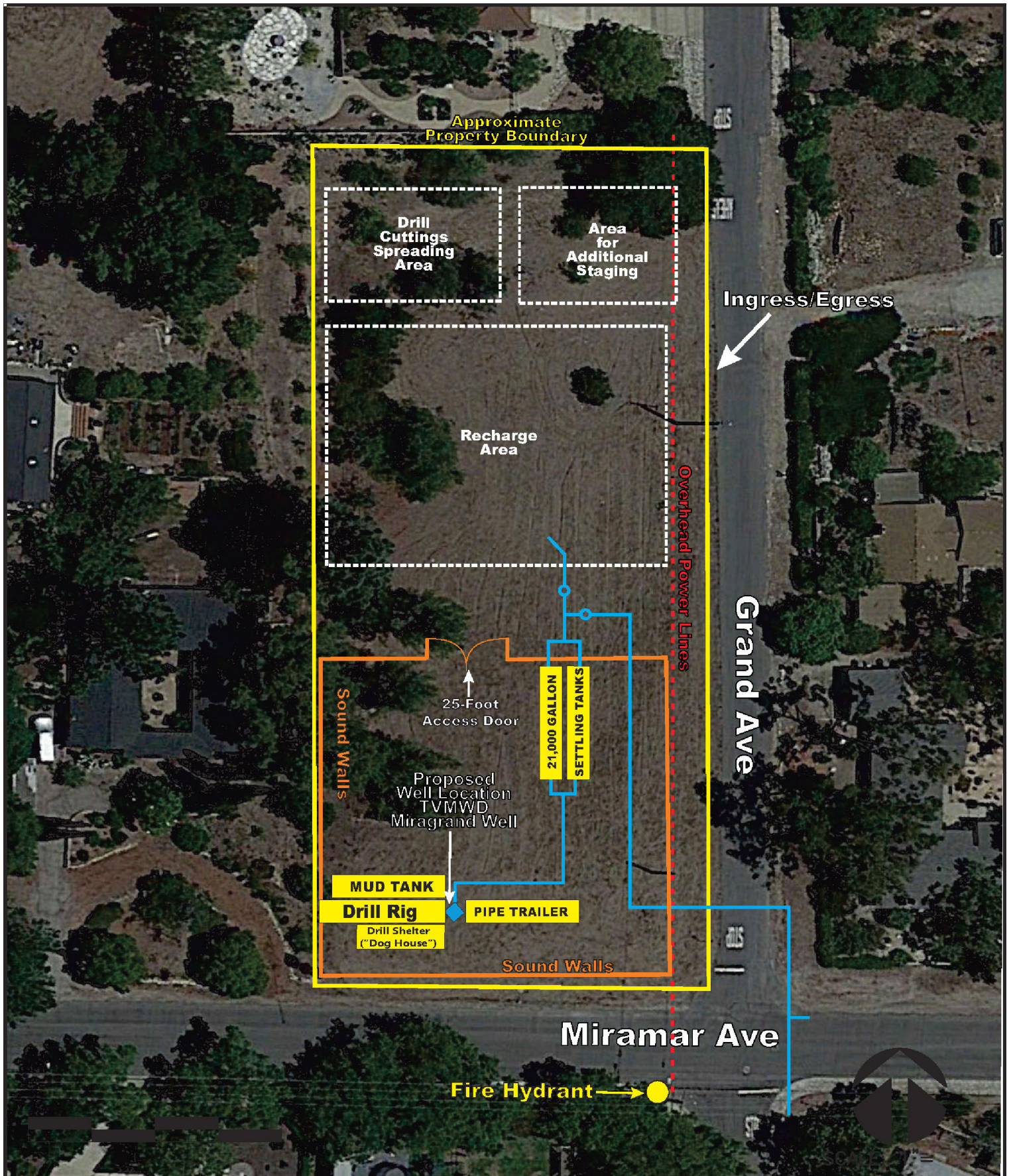
Not to scale

Figure 4  
Preliminary Drilling Locations

Miragrand Well Site  
TVMWD

[This page intentionally left blank]





Source: JIG Figure 4

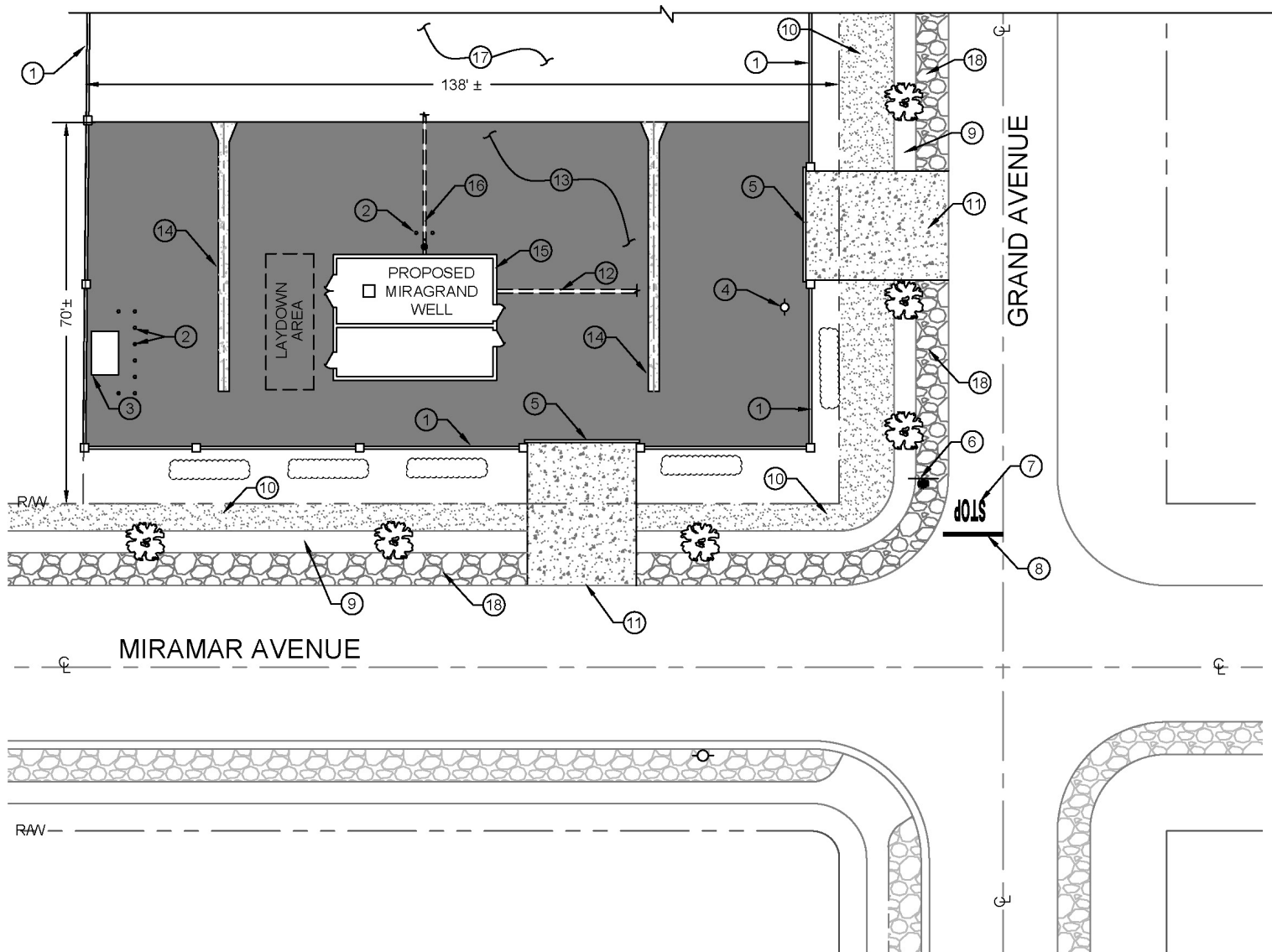


Not to scale

Figure 5  
Preliminary Construction Site Layout

Miragrind Well Site  
TVMWD

[This page intentionally left blank]



**CONSTRUCTION NOTES:**

- ① ROCK PILLARS WITH WROUGHT IRON FENCE (EXTEND TO NORTH LOT LINE)
- ② BOLLARDS
- ③ SCE TRANSFORMER
- ④ EXISTING POWER POLE
- ⑤ 20' WIDE SLIDING GATE
- ⑥ STOP SIGN
- ⑦ "STOP" LEGEND
- ⑧ STOP LIMIT STRIPING
- ⑨ PLANTER AREA
- ⑩ DECOMPOSED GRANITE PATH
- ⑪ CONCRETE DRIVEWAY
- ⑫ WELL DISCHARGE PIPELINE
- ⑬ ASPHALT CONCRETE PAVEMENT
- ⑭ CONCRETE RIBBON GUTTER
- ⑮ WELL BUILDING ENCLOSURE
- ⑯ WELL START-UP PIPELINE
- ⑰ UNPAVED AREA (DG)
- ⑱ ROCK SWALE (EXTEND TO NORTHEAST CORNER OF PROPERTY)

**LEGEND:**

- = NEW ASPHALT
- = MASONRY COLUMN WITH WROUGHT IRON FENCE
- = PLANTS
- = MASONRY BLOCK PERIMETER WALL



Not to scale

**Figure 6**  
**Conceptual Site Plan**

Miragrand Well Site  
TVMWD

Source: JIG Figure 9

[This page intentionally left blank]



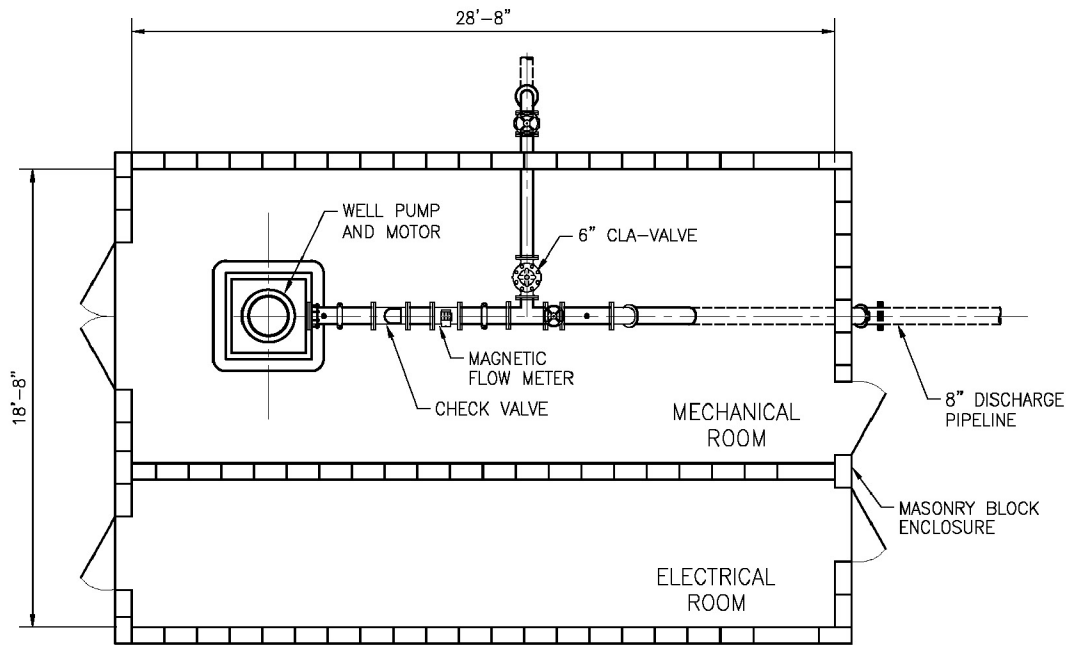
Source: JIG Figure 5



Figure 7  
Discharge Location

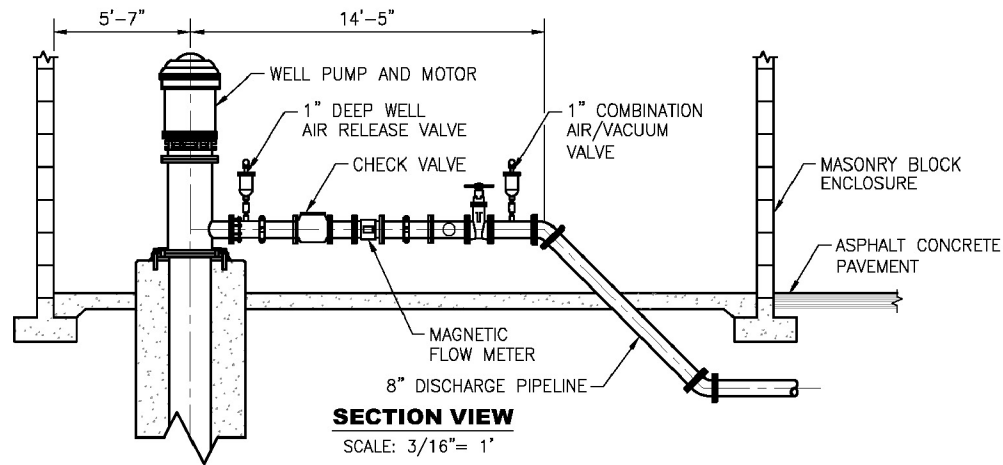
Miragrand Well Site  
TVMWD

[This page intentionally left blank]



**PLAN VIEW**

SCALE: 3/16" = 1'



**SECTION VIEW**

SCALE: 3/16" = 1'

Source: JIG Figure 8



Not to scale

**Figure 9**  
**Well Enclosure Building**

Miragrand Well Site  
TVMWD

[This page intentionally left blank]





[This page intentionally left blank]

### 3. Environmental Evaluation

#### 3.01 Environmental Factors Potentially Affected

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact requiring mitigation to be reduced to a level that is less than significant as indicated in the checklist on the following pages.

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural / Forest Resources      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources        | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology / Soils                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards / Hazardous Materials        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydrology / Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use / Planning                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Population / Housing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation                           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation / Traffic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal Cultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities / Service Systems          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance  |   |   |

#### 3.02 Determination (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation, the following finding is made:

	The proposed project <b>COULD NOT</b> have a significant effect on the environment, and a <b>NEGATIVE DECLARATION</b> will be prepared.
X	Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A <b>MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION</b> will be prepared.
	The proposed project <b>MAY</b> have a significant effect on the environment, and an <b>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT</b> is required.
	The proposed project <b>MAY</b> have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An <b>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT</b> is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
	Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or <b>NEGATIVE DECLARATION</b> pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or <b>NEGATIVE DECLARATION</b> , including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### 3.03 Evaluating Environmental Impacts

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers including "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g. the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g. the project would not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect is significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4) "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from an earlier analysis document such as a Program EIR may be cross-referenced).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
  - a) Earlier Analyses Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
  - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
  - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.

- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g. general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7) Supporting Information Sources. A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
- 9) The explanation of each issue should identify:
  - a) the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
  - b) the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance.

## Environmental Checklist

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>3.1 Aesthetics:</b> Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?			✓	
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				✓
c) In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point) If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?			✓	
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?			✓	

### Discussion

1(a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.**

Scenic vistas include views of natural features such as topography, watercourses, rock outcroppings, natural vegetation, and historic buildings. The area surrounding the project site is single family residential with mature landscaping including trees. The City of Claremont General Plan does not identify any scenic vistas with the City.

Neither the project site nor the surrounding areas contain any unique visual features that could represent a scenic vista. The streets within the local area provide views of the San Gabriel Mountains that can be interrupted by the mature trees.

The proposed project is a new groundwater well that will have a low profile on the site. The well and related pipeline to connect to the existing water line in Grand Avenue will be underground. The pump and other related project elements will be housed in a low-profile

building, thus would not interrupt views of the mountains. The remaining portion of the site not used as part of the well will be maintained with landscape/hardscape, including the retention of existing trees. The entire one-acre site will be enclosed. Therefore, development the existing undeveloped one-acre site would have a less than significant impact in a scenic vista.

1(b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? **Determination: No Impact.**

The project site is not located near any state-designated scenic highways, or highways eligible for designation as a state scenic highway. In addition, the project site does not contain any scenic resources such as trees, rock outcroppings, or historic buildings. There would be no impact to scenic resources or highways.

1(c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings? **Determination: Less than Significant Impact.**

The site is routinely graded for weed abatement and was recently (July 2019) graded. Currently, the site is being used as a staging area (storage of construction materials and equipment) for construction of a groundwater production well further south on Grand Avenue. Upon completion of construction, approximately 10,000 square feet of the approximately one-acre site will house a small building surrounded by a block wall on the north and west sides of the well site, and a combination brick/block wall topped with wrought iron fencing on the east (Grand Avenue) and south (Miramar Avenue) sides of the site. Access to the site will be from a rolling gate near the southwest corner of the well site. Sidewalks and landscaping will also be developed along the Grand Avenue and Miramar Avenue sides of the site. The remaining  $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre of the site will be maintained with landscape/hardscape behind the new fence. The hardscape material may consist of gravel, mulch or other cover to reduce the prevalence of weeds and control dust from the undeveloped portion of the site.

The 8-inch pipeline would be installed underground on-site and within Grand Avenue where it will connect to the existing 12-inch Grand Avenue pipeline. Therefore, there would be no impacts to Aesthetics associated with the pipeline portion of the project.

In summary, the proposed project would be designed to be aesthetically pleasing to its surrounding uses and would have a less than significant impact on the existing visual character of the surrounding area.

1(d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? **Determination: Less than Significant Impact.**

The project site is located within a single-family neighborhood where nighttime lighting is minimal and limited to security lighting that may be used on individual properties. There

are no street lights in the vicinity of the project site. Nearby residences may be exposed to outdoor night lighting during construction while drilling is proposed to occur over a 15-20 day period when drilling would be 24 hours. All lighting during construction will be directed toward the work area and shielded away from residences, or the street.

During operations, the building would have outdoor security lighting. All exterior lighting (both during construction and operation) would be designed, arranged, installed, directed, shielded, and maintained in such a manner as to minimize light spillover and glare. Therefore, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact regarding new sources of substantial light and glare.

**Mitigation Measures**

None required.

**Impact Conclusions**

No significant adverse impacts were identified or are anticipated, therefore no mitigation measures are required.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<p><b>3.2 Agriculture and Forestry Resources:</b>                      In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:</p>				
<p>a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the</p>				✓



	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				✓
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act contract?				✓
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?				✓
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				✓
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				✓

**Discussion**

2(a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP) of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? **Determination: No Impact.**

The project site is an approximately vacant one-acre site located within an established single family neighborhood in the City of Claremont.

2(b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act contract? **Determination: No Impact.**

The project site is not under a Williamson Act contract; has a general plan designation of Residential 2 (R2) 0.1 to 2.0 dwelling units/acre; and is zoned RR 35,000 – Residential, 1 gross acre/dwelling unit. Therefore, there will be no conflict with existing zoning or a Williamson Act contract.

2(c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code

section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))? **Determination: No Impact.**

The project site is not located in a forest area.

2(d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use? **Determination: No Impact.**

The project site is not located in a forest area.

2(e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use? **Determination: No Impact.**

See responses to 2(a) through 2(d) above.

### Mitigation Measures

No impacts have been identified therefore no mitigation measures are required.

### Impact Conclusions

No mitigation measures are required as the proposed project is not in agriculture or located on forest land.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>3.3 Air Quality:</b> Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:				
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				✓
b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?		✓		
c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?		✓		
d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors adversely affecting a substantial number of people)?			✓	

## DISCUSSION

- 3(a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?  
**Determination: No Impact.**

A project may be inconsistent with the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) if it would generate population, housing, or employment growth exceeding the forecasts used in the development of the AQMP. The proposed project includes the construction of a new well, well pump and pipeline. TVMWD has proposed the project in order to meet the water demands of its existing and planned customers. The project does not include new housing or businesses, nor would operation and maintenance of the proposed project require new employees; therefore, the project would not generate population, housing, or employment growth. As a result, the project would not exceed the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) projected growth forecasts, which underlie the emissions forecasts in the 2016 AQMP, the most recent AQMP. Therefore, the project would not conflict with or obstruct implementation of the AQMP. No impact would occur.

- 3(b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated.**

### Air Quality Standards and Attainment

The project area is within the South Coast Air Basin (Air Basin) which is bounded by the Pacific Ocean to the west and the San Gabriel, San Bernardino, and San Jacinto Mountains to the north and east, and includes all of Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, in addition to the San Gorgonio Pass area in Riverside County. The Air Basin is under the regulatory jurisdiction of SCAQMD. The local air quality management agency is required to monitor air pollutant levels to ensure that National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and California Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS) are met and, if they are not met, to develop strategies to meet the standards.

Depending on whether the standards are being met, the Air Basin is classified as being in "attainment" or "nonattainment" for air quality. SCAQMD's 2016 AQMP assesses the attainment status of the Air Basin. The NAAQS and CAAQS attainment statuses for the Air Basin are listed in Table 2A, *State and Federal Ambient Air Quality Standards*. Table 2B, *South Coast Air Basin Attainment Status*, shows that the Air Basin is in nonattainment for the federal standards for ozone and particulate matter 2.5 microns or less in diameter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) and the State standards for ozone, particulate matter 10 microns or less in diameter (PM<sub>10</sub>), and PM<sub>2.5</sub>. Areas of the Air Basin located in Los Angeles County are also in nonattainment for lead. The Air Basin is designated unclassifiable or in attainment for all other federal and State standards.

**Table 2A State and Federal Ambient Air Quality Standards**

Pollutant	Averaging Time	CAAQS	NAAQS	
			Primary	Secondary
Ozone (O <sub>3</sub> )	8-Hour	0.070 ppm (137 µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.075 ppm (147 µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Same as Primary
	1-Hour	0.09 ppm (180 µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	N/A	N/A
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	8-Hour	9.0 ppm (10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	9 ppm (10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	N/A
	1-Hour	20 ppm (23 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	35 ppm (40 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	N/A
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> )	Annual	0.030 ppm (57 µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.053 ppm (100 µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Same as Primary
	1-Hour	0.18 ppm (339 µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	100 ppb (188 µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	N/A
Sulfur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	24-Hour	0.04 ppm (105 µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	N/A	N/A
	3-Hour	N/A	N/A	0.5 ppm (1300 µg/m <sup>3</sup> )
	1-Hour	0.25 ppm (655 µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	75 ppb (196 µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	N/A
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>10</sub> )	AAM	20 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	N/A	N/A
	24-Hour	50 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	150 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Same as Primary
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )	AAM	12 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	15.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Same as Primary
	24-Hour	N/A*	35 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Same as Primary
Lead (Pb)	Quarterly	N/A	1.5 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Same as Primary
	Monthly	1.5 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	N/A	N/A
	3-Month	N/A	0.15 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Same as Primary
Sulfates	24-Hour	25 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	N/A	N/A
Hydrogen Sulfide	1-hour	0.03 ppm (42 µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	N/A	N/A
Vinyl Chloride	24-hour	0.01 ppm (26 µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	N/A	N/A

Source: California Air Resources Board, *Ambient Air Quality Standards (California and Federal)*, Available: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/aaqs/aaqs2.pdf> [Last updated May 4, 2016].

Notes:

ppm = parts per million (by volume)

N/A = Not applicable

µg/m<sup>3</sup> = micrograms per cubic meter

mg/m<sup>3</sup> = milligrams per cubic meter

AAM = Annual arithmetic mean

\* There is no separate 24-hour PM 2.5 standard in California; however, the U.S. EPA promulgated at 24-hour PM 2.5 ambient air quality standard of 35 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Table 2B South Coast Air Basin Attainment Status**

Pollutant	Standard	Designation
1-Hour Ozone	NAAQS CAAQS	Nonattainment (Extreme) Nonattainment
8-Hour Ozone	NAAQS CAAQS	Nonattainment (Extreme) <sup>1</sup> Nonattainment
CO	NAAQS CAAQS	Attainment (Maintenance) Attainment
NO <sub>2</sub>	NAAQS CAAQS	Unclassifiable/Attainment Attainment
SO <sub>2</sub>	NAAQS CAAQS	Designations ending/Unclassifiable/Attainment <sup>2</sup> Attainment
PM <sub>10</sub>	NAAQS CAAQS	Attainment (Maintenance) Nonattainment
PM <sub>2.5</sub> (24-hour) PM <sub>2.5</sub> (Annual)	NAAQS CAAQS	Nonattainment (Serious) Nonattainment
Lead	NAAQS CAAQS	Nonattainment (Partial) <sup>3</sup> Attainment
Hydrogen Sulfide	CAAQS	Unclassified <sup>4</sup>
Sulfates	CAAQS	Attainment

Source: NAAQS: National Ambient Air Quality Standards; CAAQS: California Ambient Air Quality Standards

Notes:

1. Designated Nonattainment (Extreme) for the 1997 and 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS. Designation is pending for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS, but Nonattainment (Extreme) is expected.
2. Designated Unclassifiable/Attainment for the Annual SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS. Designation is pending for the 1-Hour SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS, but Unclassifiable/Attainment in expected.
3. Designated Nonattainment (Partial) for the Los Angeles County portion of the SCAB only for near-source monitors. Los Angeles County is expected to remain in attainment based on current monitoring data, and the attainment re-designation request is pending.
4. SCAQMD began monitoring hydrogen sulfide in the southeastern Coachella Valley in November 2013 due to odor events related to the Salton Sea; three full years of data are not yet available for a State designation.

Thus, the Air Basin currently exceeds several State and federal ambient air quality standards and is required to implement strategies that would reduce pollutant levels to recognized acceptable standards.

SCAQMD has adopted an AQMP that provides a strategy for the attainment of State and federal air quality standards. As discussed in Section 3(a) above, the proposed project would not conflict with the AQMP and therefore, the project would not result in a significant impact on the environment.

## Air Quality Management

Under State law, SCAQMD is required to prepare a plan for air quality improvement for pollutants for which the District is in nonattainment. SCAQMD has adopted an AQMP that provides a strategy for the attainment of State and federal air quality standards. The AQMP is updated every three years with each iteration representing an update of the previous plan, and that has a 20-year horizon. The latest AQMP, the 2016 AQMP, was adopted on March 3, 2017. The 2016 AQMP incorporates new scientific data and notable regulatory actions that have occurred since adoption of the 2012 AQMP, including the approval of the federal 8-hour ozone standard of 0.070 parts per million (ppm) that was finalized in 2015. The 2016 AQMP builds upon the approaches taken in the 2012 AQMP for the attainment of federal PM and ozone standards and highlights the significant amount of reductions to be achieved. It emphasizes the need for interagency planning to identify additional strategies to achieve reductions within the timeframes allowed under the federal Clean Air Act (CAA), especially in the area of mobile sources. The 2016 AQMP also includes a discussion of emerging issues and opportunities, such as fugitive toxic particulate emissions, zero-emission mobile source control strategies, and the interacting dynamics among climate, energy, and air pollution. The 2016 AQMP also includes attainment demonstrations of the new federal 8-hour ozone standard and vehicle miles travelled (VMT) emissions offsets, as per recent United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements.

## Air Emission Thresholds

SCAQMD provides numerical thresholds to analyze the significance of a project's construction and operational emissions impacts on regional air quality. These thresholds are designed so a project that is consistent with the thresholds would not have an individually or cumulatively significant impact to the SCAB's air quality.

### *Thresholds of Significance for Construction:*

- 75 pounds per day of ROG
- 100 pounds per day of NO<sub>x</sub>
- 550 pounds per day of CO
- 150 pounds per day of SO<sub>x</sub>
- 150 pounds per day of PM<sub>10</sub>
- 55 pounds per day of PM<sub>2.5</sub>

### *Thresholds of Significance for Operations:*

- 55 pounds per day of ROG
- 55 pounds per day of NO<sub>x</sub>
- 550 pounds per day of CO
- 150 pounds per day of SO<sub>x</sub>
- 150 pounds per day of PM<sub>10</sub>
- 55 pounds per day of PM<sub>2.5</sub>

In an effort to monitor the various concentrations of air pollutants throughout the Air Basin, SCAQMD has divided the region into 38 source receptor areas (SRAs) in which over 30 monitoring stations operate. The project site is located within SRA 10.

In addition to the listed thresholds, SCAQMD has developed Localized Significance Thresholds (LSTs) in response to the Governing Board's Environmental Justice Enhancement Initiative (1-4), which was prepared to update the CEQA Air Quality Handbook. LSTs were devised in response to concern regarding exposure of individuals to criteria pollutants in local communities and have been developed for nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub>. LSTs represent the maximum emissions from a project that will not cause or contribute to an air quality exceedance of the most stringent applicable federal or State ambient air quality standard at the nearest sensitive receptor, taking into consideration ambient concentrations in each SRA, distance to the sensitive receptor, and project size. LSTs only apply to emissions within a fixed stationary location and are not applicable to mobile sources, such as cars on a roadway. According to the 2008 SCAQMD Final Localized Significant Thresholds Methodology, the use of LSTs is voluntary, to be implemented at the discretion of local agencies.

The project site is located in SRA 10, Pomona/Walnut Valley and is approximately 1.0 acre in size. LSTs have been developed for emissions within construction areas up to five acres in size. SCAQMD provides lookup tables for sites that measure up to one, two, or five acres. Pursuant to SCAQMD guidance, a regression was conducted to calculate the LSTs for a 1.0-acre site. LSTs are provided for receptors at a distance of 25 to 500 meters (82 to 1,640 feet) from the project site boundary. The closest sensitive receptors to the project site are residences located adjacent to the project site. According to the LST methodology, projects with boundaries closer than 25 meters (82 feet) to the nearest receptor should use the LSTs for receptors located at 25 meters. The applicable LSTs for construction on a 1.0-acre site in SRA 10 for a receptor at a distance of 25 meters are shown in Table 3, *Localized Significance Thresholds (Pounds Per Day)*.

The project would generate short-term emissions associated with project construction and long-term emissions associated with operation and maintenance of the pump station. Construction and operational emissions associated with the pump station were estimated using the California Emissions Estimator Model (CalEEMod) version 2016.3.2. CalEEMod was developed by the SCAQMD and is used by jurisdictions throughout the State to quantify criteria pollutant emissions.

For the purposes of modeling, the analysis relied upon the conservative assumptions included in Section 2.3, *Project Description*.

**Table 3 Localized Significance Thresholds (Pounds Per Day)**

Source	NOx	CO	PM10 <sup>1</sup>		PM2.5 <sup>1</sup>	
Allowable Emissions for a 1.0-acre Site in SRA 10 for a Receptor at 25 Meters	103	612	12 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>

Sources: SCAQMD Final Localized Significance Threshold Methodology; SCAQMD Mass Rate Look-up Tables for 1-acre site in SRA No. 10, distance of 25 meters.

Note:

1. PM10 and PM2.5 emissions are separated into construction and operational thresholds in accordance with the SCAQMD Mass Rate LST Look-up Tables. Per LST Methodology, mobile source emissions do not need to be included except for land use emissions and on-site vehicle emissions. It is estimated that approximately 10 percent of mobile emissions will occur on the project site.
2. Construction emissions LST.
3. Operational emissions LST.

### Construction Emissions

Project construction would generate temporary air pollutant emissions associated with fugitive dust and exhaust emissions from heavy construction vehicles. The site preparation and excavation/shoring phases of the project would involve the largest use of heavy equipment and generation of fugitive dust. Construction of the well and pump station is anticipated to be completed in four months and construction of the pipeline is anticipated to be completed in four months, for a total of eight months of construction (worst case assumption).

Table 4, *Construction Emissions – Well & Pump Station (Pounds Per Day)*, and Table 5, *Construction Emissions – Pipeline (Pounds Per Day)*, summarize maximum daily pollutant emissions during construction of the project. As shown in these tables, project construction emissions would not exceed SCAQMD’s regional thresholds or LSTs. Therefore, impacts to regional air quality and local receptors due to construction emissions would be less than significant.

### Operational Emissions

Operation of the proposed well and pump station would require approximately 602,250 kWh of electricity per year for pumping groundwater. CalEEMod does not calculate or attribute emissions of criteria pollutants from electricity supplied to individual projects because fossil fuel power plants are existing stationary sources permitted by air districts and/or the EPA, and they are subject to local, State and federal control measures. Criteria pollutant emissions from power plants are associated with the power plants themselves, and not individual projects or electricity users. Thus, no emissions associated with operation of the pump were modeled.

The primary source of operational emissions that can be modeled would be operator visits to the well and pump station for visual inspection, sampling, maintenance activities, and as-needed repairs (modeled 1 trip a week as a worst-case assumption).



**Table 4 Construction Emissions – Well & Pump Station (Pounds Per Day)**

Source/Phase <sup>1,2</sup>	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	PM10	PM2.5
Site Preparation	1.5	16.1	9.5	0.0	2.4	1.5
Grading	1.6	15.8	10.2	0.0	2.4	1.5
Building Construction	4.4	45	32.5	0.0	2.3	2.1
Paving	2.1	19.6	16.4	0.0	1.0	0.9
Architectural Coating	2.0	1.7	1.8	0.0	0.1	0.1
<b>Highest Value (lbs/day)<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.1</b>
SCAQMD Threshold	75	100	550	150	150	55
LST Threshold	---	103	612	---	12	4
<b>Significant</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>

Source: CalEEMod 2016.3.2.

Notes:

1. Phases don't overlap and represent the highest concentration.
2. Additional pieces of construction equipment were added in the model to allow flexibility to the contractor and present a worst-case assumption (i.e. Forklifts, Cranes, Industrial Saws, etc.).
3. Emissions presented are the highest of the winter and summer modeled emissions. Data is sourced from "mitigated" results, which include measures that will be implemented during project construction, such as watering of soils during construction required under SCAQMD Rule 403.

**Table 5 Construction Emissions – Pipeline (Pounds Per Day)**

Source/Phase <sup>1,2</sup>	ROG	NOx	CO	SO2	PM10	PM2.5
Construction	2.6	19.6	17.8	0.0	1.1	1.0
Paving	1.4	8.5	8.9	0.0	0.6	0.5
<b>Highest Value (lbs/day)<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>
SCAQMD Threshold	75	100	550	150	150	55
LST Threshold	---	103	612	---	12	4
<b>Significant</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>

Source: CalEEMod 2016.3.2.

Notes:

1. Phases don't overlap and represent the highest concentration.
2. Additional pieces of construction equipment were added in the model to allow flexibility to the contractor and present a worst-case assumption (i.e. Forklifts, Cranes, Industrial Saws, etc.).
3. Emissions presented are the highest of the winter and summer modeled emissions. Emission data is sourced from "mitigated" results, which include measures that will be implemented during project construction, such as watering of soils during construction required under SCAQMD Rule 403.

CalEEMod calculates emissions of criteria pollutants from individual projects based on mobile sources (vehicles) and on-site emissions sources, such as fuel combustion by off-road equipment (i.e., the loader/dozer). Table 6, *Operational Emissions (Pounds Per Day)*, summarizes maximum daily pollutant emissions during operation of the project.

**Table 6 Operational Emissions (Pounds Per Day)**

Source	ROG	NOx	CO	S02	PM10	PM2.5
Area	0.02	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Energy	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mobile	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.0	0.02	0.0
<b>Total Value (lbs/day)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.0</b>
SCAQMD Threshold	55	55	550	150	150	55
<b>Significant</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>

Source: CalEEMod 2016.3.2,

Notes:

1. Emissions presented are the highest of the winter and summer modeled emissions.

As shown in Table 6, operational emissions from the proposed project would not exceed SCAQMD thresholds for any criteria pollutant. Therefore, operational emissions would have a less than significant impact.

3(c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated.**

Certain population groups, such as children, the elderly, and people with health problems, are particularly sensitive to air pollution. Sensitive receptors are defined as land uses that are more likely to be used by these population groups and include health care facilities, retirement homes, school and playground facilities, and residential areas. The project site is located adjacent to a residential neighborhood.

As discussed under item (3b), the project’s construction and operational emissions would not exceed the SCAQMD regional thresholds or LSTs, which are designed to be protective of public health.

Traffic-congested roadways and intersections have the potential for the generation of localized CO levels (i.e., CO hotspots). In general, CO hotspots occur in areas with poor

circulation or areas with heavy traffic. This incremental increase in traffic volumes would not significantly impact congestion on local roadways. Therefore, the project would not result in CO hotspots on adjacent roadways. Additionally, these trips would generally not occur during peak travel periods when most congestion occurs. The project would not expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations, and impacts would be less than significant.

3(d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.**

During construction, the project would generate oil and diesel fuel odors from use of heavy equipment as well as odors related to asphalt paving. Construction-related odors associated with construction of the well and pump station would be limited to approximately four months, but would not necessarily be consecutive as the construction includes well drilling, site development (new pumphouse, perimeter wall, site paving, construction of the pipeline, and street repair after the pipeline is in place below grade. The asphalt paving phase is anticipated to be less than one month in duration. The adjacent receptors would only be exposed to construction-generated odors for a short period of time. Therefore, construction-related odor impacts would be less than significant.

Operation of the project would not generate objectionable odors as the water pipeline would be located entirely below the ground surface and would have a low potential to generate odors, and the pump station would be electrically-powered and enclosed in a pump house structure. As a result, impacts would be less than significant.

### Mitigation Measures

The following mitigation measures were assumed to be implemented in the evaluation of the project using CalEEMod.

AQ-1 Construction contractors shall adhere to applicable measures set forth in SCAQMD Rule 403 including, but not limited to:

- All clearing, grading, earth-moving, or excavation activities shall cease when winds exceed 25 mph per SCAQMD guidelines in order to limit fugitive dust emissions.
- The contractor shall ensure that all disturbed unpaved roads and disturbed areas within the project site are watered at least three (3) times daily during dry weather. Watering, with complete coverage of disturbed areas, shall occur at least three times a day, preferably in the mid-morning, afternoon, and after work is done for the day.
- The contractor shall ensure that traffic speeds at the project site areas are limited to 15 miles per hour or less.

### Impact Conclusions

Tables 4 and 5 summarize maximum daily pollutant emissions during construction of the project assuming compliance with SCAQMD Rule 403 regarding fugitive dust, and EPA/CARB requirements for compliance with Tier 4 emissions standards or equivalent. As shown in these tables, project construction emissions would not exceed SCAQMD’s regional thresholds or LSTs. Therefore, impacts to regional air quality and local receptors due to construction emissions would be less than significant.

There were no significant impacts associated with operation of the site once construction has been completed.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>3.4 Biological Resources:</b> Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				✓
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				✓
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				✓

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				✓
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				✓
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				✓

**Discussion**

4(a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? **Determination: No Impact.**

The approximately one-acre vacant project site is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by single-family homes and paved streets. As part of on-going maintenance of sites, TVMWD routinely disks and removes vegetation from the site to control weeds. This task was completed again in mid-2019 so that the site is currently vacant and there is no vegetation that could provide habitat for any species. The site is also currently being used as a staging area for the construction of a new well site on Grand Avenue south of the project site. Staging includes parking vehicles and equipment and stockpiling material. Upon completion of well development at the project site, the remaining area that is not a part of the well will be improved with landscape/hardscape to reduce the potential for the site to become overgrown again. Therefore, development of the project site would not have a substantial adverse effect on plant or wildlife species.

4(b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? **Determination: No Impact.**

The approximately one-acre project site does not contain any water features that would be considered riparian habitat and does not contain any sensitive natural communities. Therefore, development of the well site would not have a substantial adverse effect on plant or wildlife species.

- 4(c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? **Determination: No Impact.**

The project site does not contain any wetlands.

- 4(d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites? **Determination: No Impact.**

The approximately one-acre vacant project site is located in a residential neighborhood surrounded by single-family homes and paved streets. As part of on-going maintenance of sites, TVMWD routinely disks and removes vegetation from the site to control weeds. This task was completed again in mid-2019 so that the site is currently vacant (except for the temporary staging of vehicles, equipment and material) and there is no vegetation that could provide habitat for any species. Therefore, development of the well site would not interfere substantially with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites.

- 4(e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance? **Determination: No Impact.**

The project does not include the removal of any trees. Existing trees located on the northerly  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the site and will remain and be incorporated into the landscape design of that portion of the site.

- 4(f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan? **Determination: No Impact.**

The one-acre project site has a general plan designation of Residential 2 (R2) 0.1 to 2.0 dwelling units/acre; and is zoned RR 35,000 – Residential, 1 gross acre/dwelling unit. Therefore, there will be no conflict with the provisions of an adopted habitat conservation plan.

### Mitigation Measures

No impacts have been identified therefore no mitigation measures are required.

### Impact Conclusions

Not applicable.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>3.5 Cultural Resources:</b> Would the project:				
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5?		✓		
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?		✓		
c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?		✓		

### Discussion

5(a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5? and

5(b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated.**

### Prehistoric Context

The earliest evidence of human occupation in inland southern California was discovered below the surface of an alluvial fan in the northern portion of the Lakeview Mountains, overlooking the San Jacinto Valley, with radiocarbon dates clustering around 9,500 B.P. (before present). Another site found near the shoreline of Lake Elsinore, close to the confluence of Temescal Wash and the San Jacinto River, yielded radiocarbon dates between 8,000 and 9,000 B.P. Additional sites with isolated Archaic dart points, bifaces, and other associated lithic artifacts from the same age range have been found in the nearby Cajon Pass area, typically atop knolls with good viewsheds.

The cultural history of southern California has been summarized into numerous chronologies. Although the beginning and ending dates of different cultural horizons vary regionally, the general framework of the prehistory of inland Southern California can be divided into three primary periods:

- Paleoindian Period (ca. 18,000-9,000 B.P.): Native peoples of this period created fluted spearhead bases designed to be hafted to wooden shafts. The distinctive method of

thinning bifaces and spearhead preforms by removing long, linear flakes, leaves diagnostic Paleoindian markers at tool-making sites. Other artifacts associated with the Paleoindian toolkit include choppers, cutting tools, retouched flakes, and perforators. Sites from this period are very sparse across the landscape and most are deeply buried.

- Archaic Period (ca. 9,000-1,500 B.P.): Archaic sites are characterized by abundant lithic scatters of considerable size with many biface thinning flakes, bifacial preforms broken during manufacture, and well-made groundstone bowls and basin metates. As a consequence of making dart points, many biface thinning waste flakes were generated at individual production stations, which is a diagnostic feature of Archaic sites.
- Late Prehistoric Period (ca. 1,500 B.P.-contact): Sites from this period typically contain small lithic scatters from the manufacture of small arrow points, expedient groundstone tools such as tabular metates and unshaped manos, wooden mortars with stone pestles, acorn or mesquite bean granaries, ceramic vessels, shell beads suggestive of extensive trading networks, and steatite implements such as pipes and arrow shaft straighteners.

### Ethnohistoric Context

The present-day Claremont area lies in the eastern portion of the traditional territory of the Gabrielino, a Takic-speaking people considered to be the most populous and most powerful ethnic group in aboriginal Southern California. The Gabrielino's territory ranged from the San Clemente Island to the San Bernardino-Riverside area and south into southern Orange County. Their influence spread as far as the San Joaquin Valley to the north, the Colorado River to the east, and Baja California to the south.

According to archaeological records, the Gabrielino first arrived in the Los Angeles Basin around 500 B.C., slowly replacing the indigenous Hokan speakers. In response to the varying natural environment of their territory, different groups of the Gabrielino adopted different subsistence economies, albeit all based on some combination of gathering, hunting, and/or fishing. In inland areas, the predominant food sources were acorns, sage, deer, and various small animals, including birds. Because of the similarities to other southern California tribes in economic activities, inland Gabrielino groups' industrial arts, dominated by basket weaving, demonstrated no substantial difference from those of their neighbors. Coastal Gabrielino material culture, on the other hand, reflected an elaborately developed artisanship most recognized through the medium of steatite, which was rivaled by few other groups in southern California.

The intricacies of Gabrielino social organization are not well known, although evidence suggests the existence of a moiety system in which various clans belonged to one or the other of two main social/ cultural divisions. There also seems to have existed at least three hierarchically ordered social classes, topped with an elite consisting of the chiefs, their immediate families, and the very rich. Some individuals owned land, and property boundaries were marked by the owner's personalized symbol. Villages were politically autonomous, composed of nonlocalized lineages, each with its own leader. The dominant lineage's leader was usually the village chief, whose office was generally hereditary through



the male line. Often several villages were allied under the leadership of a single chief. The villages were frequently engaged in warfare against one another, resulting in what some consider to be a state of constant enmity between coastal and inland Gabrielino groups.

As early as 1542, the Gabrielino were in contact with the Spanish during the historic expedition of Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo, but it was not until 1769 that the Spaniards took steps to colonize Gabrielino territory. Shortly afterwards, most of the Gabrielino people were incorporated into Mission San Gabriel and other missions in southern California. Due to introduced diseases, dietary deficiencies, and forceful reduction, Gabrielino population dwindled rapidly. By 1900, they had almost ceased to exist as a culturally identifiable group. In recent decades, however, there has been a renaissance of Native American activism and cultural revitalization among a number of groups of Gabrielino descendants.

### Historic Context

In 1772, three years after the beginning of Spanish colonization of Alta California, Pedro Fages, *comandante* of the new province, and a small force of soldiers under his command became the first Europeans to set foot in the San Bernardino Valley. They were followed in the next few years by two other famed Spanish explorers, Juan Bautista de Anza and Francisco Garcés, who traveled through the valley in the mid-1770s. Despite these early visits, for the next 40 years the inland valley received little impact from the Spanish colonization activities in Alta California, which were concentrated predominantly in the coastal regions.

Following the establishment of Mission San Gabriel in 1771, the San Bernardino Valley became nominally a part of the landholdings of that mission. In the 1830s-1840s, during secularization of the mission system, the Mexican authorities in Alta California made a number of large land grants of former mission properties in the valley. However, the area around the project location was not included in any of these land grants, and remained public land when California became a part of the United States in 1848.

Used primarily for cattle ranching, the San Bernardino Valley saw little development until the mid-19th century, when the U.S. annexation brought waves of American immigrants into the once sparsely populated territory. In 1871, W.T. "Tooch" Martin, the first Euroamerican settler in Claremont, filed a 156-acre claim near present-day Indian Hill Blvd, where he made a living hunting and bee keeping. During the 1880s, the completion of the Santa Fe Railway ended the Southern Pacific Railroad's monopoly on modern transportation in Southern California and brought about a major land boom in the region. Many towns were laid out along the rail lines between San Bernardino and Los Angeles during this time, including Claremont in 1887.

A disastrous drought in the 1890s brought an end to the boom and would have emptied many of the newly created towns were it not for the rise of a highly profitable citrus industry. For Claremont, surviving the lean years of the 1890s was also aided by a decision of the local

land-holding company to donate its showcase hotel in Claremont and 260 vacant lots to the newly established Pomona College in 1888. The college eventually developed into the Claremont Colleges, a consortium of seven institutions. The City of Claremont incorporated in 1907, with 73 of its 131 eligible voters approving the measure. The combination of the thriving citrus industry and the growing college carried the city through the first half of the 20th century until the post-World War II boom.

After the end of World War II, the post-war boom and the completion of Interstate Highway 10 through the area again spurred residential development in Claremont as citrus growers sold their land for housing tracts. Since then, the area's agrarian character has rapidly given way to a suburban landscape. Aside from hosting the Claremont Colleges, today the City of Claremont also serves as one of the many "bedroom communities" along the major commuter routes in the Inland Empire region in support of the Greater Los Angeles area.

The City of Claremont General Plan has identified a number of sites that are on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and other significant historic buildings. In addition, the City has identified a number of neighborhoods that exhibit historic character. The project site is located in the southerly portion of the Northeast Claremont neighborhood, immediately north of the North Claremont neighborhood. The Northeast Claremont neighborhood is characterized by larger lots (one-plus acres) with mature trees along street frontages and between properties, giving the area a rural feel. However, the neighborhood is not designated as an historic district.

## Cultural Resources Assessment

### *Records Search*

An historical/archaeological resources records search was conducted at the South Central Coastal Information Center (SCCIC), California State University, Fullerton. During the records search, maps, records, and electronic databases were examined for previously identified cultural resources and existing cultural resources reports within a one-mile radius of the project area. Previously identified cultural resources include properties designated as California Historical Landmarks, Points of Historical Interest, or San Bernardino County Historical Landmarks, as well as those listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the California Register of Historical Resources, or the California Historical Resources Inventory.

According to records search, the project area had not been covered by any cultural resources surveys prior to that performed for the Miragrand Well project, and no cultural resources had been recorded within the project boundaries. Outside the project area but within a one-mile radius, records show at least 15 previous studies on various tracts of land and linear features. Approximately a quarter of the land within the scope of the records search was covered by these studies, resulting in the identification of five historical/archaeological sites within the one-mile radius including the following sites:

<i>Site Number</i>	<i>Description</i>
19-003747	Prehistoric lithic scatter
19-180639	Claremont Heights Water Company Headquarters Building
19-187085	The Mojave Road
19-188983	The Boulder Dam-Los Angeles 287.5kV Transmission Line
36-015497	San Bernardino Baseline/Baseline Road

One of these sites, 19-003747, was of prehistoric (i.e., Native American) origin. It was recorded more than a half-mile east of the project area and described as a lithic scatter consisting of cores and flakes of obsidian. The other four sites dated to the historic period and included the headquarters buildings of the Claremont Heights Water Company and various linear features of the historical infrastructure. None of these sites was found in the immediate vicinity of the project area, and thus none of them requires further consideration during this study.

### *Native American Participation*

As part of the Cultural Resources Assessment, a written request was made to the State of California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for a records search in the it's Sacred Lands File. Following the NAHC's recommendations and previously established consultation protocol, a total of ten representatives of local tribes were contacted in writing for additional information on potential Native American cultural resources in the project vicinity.

NAHC responded that the Sacred Lands File identified no Native American cultural resource(s) in the project area but recommended that local Native American groups be contacted for further information and provided a list of potential contacts in the region. The project archaeologist contacted representatives of the tribes including the following:

- Andy Salas, Chairperson, Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians–Kizh Nation
- Sandonne Goad, Chairperson, Gabrielino/Tongva Nation
- Anthony Morales, Chairperson, Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
- Robert Dorame, Chairperson, Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council
- Charles Alvarez, Chairperson, Gabrielino Tongva Tribe
- Travis Armstrong, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Morongo Band of Mission Indians
- Donna Yocum, Chairperson, San Fernando Band of Mission Indians
- Jessica Mauck, Cultural Resources Analyst, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
- Mark Cochrane, Co-Chairperson, Serrano Nation of Indians

- Wayne Walker, Co-Chairperson, Serrano Nation of Indians

As of the time of completion of the Cultural Resources Assessment (September 2, 2019), two of the nine tribes have responded in writing. Among them, Jessica Mauck of the San Manuel Band indicated that the project area is located within Serrano ancestral territory and near a former village known as *Toibipet*, but the exact location of the village in relation to the project area is not clear to the tribe. Ms. Mauck states that the information provided in this study may help the tribe during further consultation with TVMWD. Travis Armstrong of the Morongo Band stated that the tribe had no information to provide but may provide other information to the TVMWD future consultation. See Section 3.18, *Tribal Cultural Resources*, for a discussion of TVMWD's AB 52 Consultation efforts.

### *Historical Background Research*

Historical background research for this study was also completed including review of published literature in local and regional history, U.S. General Land Office (GLO) land survey plat maps dated 1865, US Geological Survey (USGS) topographic maps dated 1903-1995, and aerial photographs taken in 1938-2018. The historic maps are collected at the Science Library of the University of California, Riverside, and the California Desert District of the US Bureau of Land Management (BLM), located in Moreno Valley. The aerial photographs are available at the Nationwide Environmental Title Research (NETR) Online website and through the Google Earth software.

Historical sources consulted for this Miragrand Well project Cultural Resources Assessment indicated no man-made features within the project boundaries in the 1850s-1890s era and show the property to be under agricultural use from at least the 1930s to the 1990s. In the 1930s-1950s, the northern portion of Claremont was predominantly occupied by expansive orchards, most likely citrus groves. In the mid-1960s, suburban residential development began to appear on nearby properties, but the grove in the project area survived well into the 1990s, when much of the surrounding area had been suburbanized. The trees of the grove were gradually removed over the next few years, but the land has been left undeveloped to the present time.

### *Field Survey*

A survey of the project site was conducted on foot at an intensive level by walking a series of parallel east-west transects spaced 10 meters (approximately 33 feet) apart wherever such regular transects were practicable. Stockpiles of rock and soil prevented the transects in portions of the project area, and these areas were examined as intensively as visibility allowed. In this way, the ground surface in the entire project area was systematically and carefully examined for any evidence of human activities dating to the prehistoric or historic period (i.e., 50 years or older). Currently TVMWD is using the vacant site for construction staging (equipment parking and material stockpiling) for the Grand Avenue well located approximately ½ mile south of the project site. Except where the stockpiled materials

obscured the surface, ground visibility ranged roughly from 50 percent to 100 percent depending on the density of vegetation growth.

Results of the field survey were negative, and no sites, features, or artifact deposits of prehistoric or historic origin were found. The ground surface in the project area has been extensively disturbed from both past agricultural operations, routine grading for weed abatement, and its recent use as a storage area for construction equipment and materials for the Grand Avenue well site project south of the Miragrand project site.

### *Summary*

The purpose of the Cultural Resources Assessment is to identify any cultural resources within the project area and assist TVMWD in determining whether such resources meet the official definition of “historical resources,” as provided in the California Public Resources Code, in particular CEQA. More specifically, CEQA Guidelines 15064.5 (a)(1)-(3)) state that the term “historical resources” applies to any such resources listed in or determined to be eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR), included in a local register of historical resources, or determined to be historically significant by the lead agency. Regarding the proper criteria for the evaluation of historical significance, CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5(a)(3)) mandates that “generally a resource shall be considered by the lead agency to be ‘historically significant’ if the resource meets the criteria for listing on the California Register of Historical Resources. A resource may be listed in the California Register if it meets any of the following criteria:

- (1) Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of California’s history and cultural heritage.
- (2) Is associated with the lives of persons important in our past.
- (3) Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represents the work of an important creative individual, or possesses high artistic values.
- (4) Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history. (Public Resources Code Section 5024.1(c))

In summary of the research results showed that no potential “historical resources” were previously recorded within or adjacent to the project area, and none were identified during the project’s field survey. No notable man-made features were observed on the property throughout the historic period, and Native American input received during the preparation of the Cultural Resources Assessment identified no properties of traditional cultural value at this location. Furthermore, the ground surface in the project area has been extensively disturbed, leaving little vestige of the native landscape. Based on these findings, and in light of the criteria listed above, the Cultural Resources Assessment concluded that no “historical resources” exist within or adjacent to the project area.

CEQA Section 21084.1 establishes that “a project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment”. “Substantial adverse change,” according to Public Resources Code Section 5020.1(q), “means demolition, destruction, relocation, or alteration such that the significance of a historical resource would be impaired.”

As stated above, no “historical resources,” as defined by CEQA, were encountered during the preparation of the Cultural Resources Assessment. The project archaeologist has concluded the following:

- No “historical resources” exist within or adjacent to the project area, and thus the project as currently proposed will not cause a substantial adverse change to any known “historical resources.”
- No further cultural resources investigation is necessary for the proposed project unless construction plans undergo such changes as to include areas not covered by this study.
- If buried cultural materials are encountered during any earth-moving operations associated with the project, all work within 50 feet of the discovery should be halted or diverted until a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the nature and significance of the finds.

In addition to the findings of the Cultural Resources Assessment, during consultation with tribes under AB 52, TVMWD received a response from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians that included suggested mitigation measures. These are provided below in the Mitigation Measures section. New text is double underlined; deleted text is ~~stricken through~~.

5(c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?  
**Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated.**

The surface of the project site has been disturbed over time by past agricultural use as well as routine grading for weed abatement. However, it is unknown whether human remains or known cemeteries are located within the vicinity of the project site, and no conditions exist that suggest human remains are likely to be found on the project site. It is not anticipated that construction activities would disturb human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries. Ground-disturbing activities, such as excavation and trenching, have the potential to disturb human remains. If human remains are found, they will require proper treatment, in accordance with applicable laws. As a result, mitigation measure CUL-3 shall be implemented in order to avoid or lessen potential impacts to human remains from the construction of the proposed Miragrand Well project.

### Mitigation Measures

This section has been updated based on the results of the AB 52 consultation with the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians–Kizh Nation which took place subsequent to the

publication of the Draft Initial Study and Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration. New text is double underlined, and deleted text is stricken through.

The Cultural Resources Assessment prepared for the proposed Miragrand Well project included a recommendation to halt or divert all work within 50 feet of an area where buried cultural resources have been uncovered. However, as part of TVMWD's AB 52 Tribal Consultation, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Cultural Resources Analyst recommended more specific measures that have been incorporated into this Initial Study. These were made a part of the Draft Initial Study/MND. Subsequently, the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation, provided a similar set of measures. The two sets of measures have been combined and are as follows:

### *Cultural Resources*

CUL-1 Prior to commencement of project ground disturbing activities (e.g., clearing and grubbing, tree removal, pot-holing or augering, boring, grading, excavation, drilling and trenching) TVMWD shall retain a qualified archaeological monitor approved by the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation and is listed under the NAHC's Tribal Contact list for the area of the project location. At the end of monitoring activities, the monitor shall submit a monitoring report that describes construction activities, location, soils, and other pertinent data; and any identified cultural material. Monitoring shall end when the project site grading and excavation activities are completed, or when the monitor concludes that the site has a low potential for impacting Tribal Cultural Resources.

CUL-2 In the event that cultural resources are discovered during project activities, all work in the immediate vicinity of the find (within a 60-foot buffer) shall cease. ~~and a qualified archaeologist meeting Secretary of Interior standards shall be hired to assess the find.~~ Work on the other portions of the project outside of the buffered area may continue during this assessment period. Additionally, the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation and the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Cultural Resources Department (SMBMI) shall be contacted, regarding any pre-contact finds and be provided information after the archaeologist makes his/her initial assessment of the nature of the find, so as to provide Tribal input with regards to significance and treatment. (To be implemented in tandem with mitigation measure TCR-1)

CUL-3 If significant pre-contact cultural resources, as defined by CEQA (as amended, 2015), are discovered and avoidance cannot be ensured, the archaeologist shall develop a Monitoring and Treatment Plan, the drafts of which shall be provided to the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation and SMBMI for review and comment, as detailed within TCR-1. The archaeologist shall monitor the remainder of the project and implement the Plan accordingly.

CUL-4 If human remains or funerary objects are encountered during any activities associated with the project, work in the immediate vicinity (within a 100-foot buffer of the find) shall cease and the County Coroner shall be contacted pursuant to State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 and that code enforced for the duration of the project. If the coroner recognizes the human remains to be those of a Native American or has reason to believe that they are those of a Native American, he or she shall contact, by telephone within 24 hours, the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) and PRC 5097.98 shall be followed.

### *Tribal Cultural Resources*

Because the analyses of Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources are interconnected, mitigation measures specific to the issue of Tribal Cultural Resources are included here.

TCR-1 The Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation and San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Cultural Resources Department (SMBMI) shall be contacted, as detailed in CUL-1, of any pre-contact cultural resources discovered during project implementation, and be provided information regarding the nature of the find, so as to provide Tribal input with regards to significance and treatment. Should the find be deemed significant, as defined by CEQA, a Cultural Resources Monitoring and Treatment Plan (CRMTP) shall be created by the archaeologist, in coordination with SMBMI representatives of each tribe, and all subsequent finds shall be subject to this CRMTP. ~~The CRMTP shall allow for a monitor to be present that represents SMBMI for the remainder of the project should SMBMI elect to place a monitor on site include a continuation of the monitoring activities as outlined in mitigation measure CUL-1. allow for a monitor to be present that represents SMBMI for the remainder of the project, should SMBMI elect to place a monitor on-site.~~

TCR-2 Any and all archaeological/cultural documents created as a part of the project (isolate records, site records, survey reports, testing reports, etc.) shall be supplied to ~~the applicant and Lead Agency TVMWD~~ for dissemination to the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation and SMBMI. The Lead Agency and/or applicant shall, in good faith, consult with SMBMI each of the tribal representatives throughout the life of the project.

### **Impact Conclusions**

Implementation of mitigation measures CUL-1 through CUL-~~34~~, and TCR-1 and TCR-2 would ensure that potential impacts associated with the discovery of unknown cultural resources would be less than significant.



	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>3.6 Energy:</b> Would the project:				
a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?			✓	
b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?			✓	

**Discussion**

6(a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.**

California is one of the lowest per capita energy users in the United States, ranked 48th in the nation, due to its energy efficiency programs and mild climate (United States Energy Information Administration [EIA] 2018). California consumed 292,039 gigawatt-hours (GWh) of electricity and 2,110,829 million cubic feet of natural gas in 2017 (California Energy Commission [CEC] 2019; EIA 2018). In addition, Californians consume approximately 18.9 billion gallons of motor vehicle fuels per year (Federal Highway Administration 2019). The single largest end-use sector for energy consumption in California is transportation (39.8 percent), followed by industry (23.7 percent), commercial (18.9 percent), and residential (17.7 percent) (EIA 2018).

Most of California’s electricity is generated in-state with approximately 30 percent imported from the Northwest and Southwest in 2017. In addition, approximately 30 percent of California’s electricity supply comes from renewable energy sources such as wind, solar photovoltaic, geothermal, and biomass (CEC 2018). Adopted on September 10, 2018, SB 100 accelerates the State’s Renewables Portfolio Standards Program by requiring electricity providers to increase procurement from eligible renewable energy resources to 33 percent of total retail sales by 2020, 60 percent by 2030, and 100 percent by 2045.

To reduce statewide vehicle emissions, California requires that all motorists use California Reformulated Gasoline, which is sourced almost exclusively from in-state refineries.

Gasoline is the most used transportation fuel in California with 15.5 billion gallons sold in 2017 and is used by light-duty cars, pickup trucks, and sport utility vehicles (California Department of Tax and Fee Administration 2018). Diesel is the second most used fuel in California with 4.2 billion gallons sold in 2015 and is used primarily by heavy duty-trucks, delivery vehicles, buses, trains, ships, boats and barges, farm equipment, and heavy-duty construction and military vehicles (CEC 2016). Both gasoline and diesel are primarily petroleum-based, and their consumption releases greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, including CO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>. The transportation sector is the single largest source of GHG emissions in California, accounting for 41 percent of all inventoried emissions in 2016 (CARB 2018).

### Building Energy Efficiency Standards

The CEC adopted Title 24, Part 6, of the California Code of Regulations; Energy Conservation Standards for new residential and nonresidential buildings in June 1977 and standards are updated every three years. Title 24 ensures building designs conserve energy by requiring the use of new energy efficiency technologies and methods into new developments. Currently, the CEC Title 24 2016 Building Energy Efficiency Standards are in effect; however, the updated 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards will take effect on January 1, 2020. The 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards states that nonresidential buildings will use about 30 percent less energy compared to the 2016 standards due mainly to lighting upgrades.

### Senate Bill 350

Senate Bill (SB) 350 was signed into law in October 2015 and established new clean energy, clean air, and greenhouse gas reduction goals for 2030. SB 350 established periodic increases to the California Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) Program with the target to increase the amount of electricity generated per year from eligible renewable energy resources to an amount that equals at least 33 percent of the total electricity sold annually to retail customers, by December 31, 2020. SB 350 specifically calls for the quantities of eligible renewable energy resources to be procured for all other compliance periods reflecting reasonable progress in each of the intervening years to ensure that the procurement of electricity products from eligible renewable energy resources achieves 40 percent by December 31, 2024, 45 percent by December 31, 2027, and 50 percent by December 31, 2030.

### Senate Bill 100

Senate Bill 100 (SB 100) was signed into law September 2018 and increased the goal of the California RPS Program to achieve at least 50 percent renewable resources by 2026, 60 percent renewable resources by 2030, and 100 percent renewable resources by 2045. SB 100 also includes a State policy that eligible renewable energy resources and zero-carbon resources supply 100 percent of all retail sales of electricity to California end-use customers and 100 percent of electricity procured to serve all State agencies by December 31, 2045.

Under the bill, the State cannot increase carbon emissions elsewhere in the western grid or allow resource shuffling to achieve the 100 percent carbon-free electricity target.

### Project Construction

Energy use during project construction would be primarily in the form of fuel consumption to operate heavy equipment, light-duty vehicles, machinery, and generators. Temporary grid power may also be provided to construction trailers or electrical construction equipment. The anticipated energy consumption from construction equipment and vehicles, including construction worker trips to and from the project site is approximately 1,200 gallons of gasoline fuel and approximately 30,100 gallons of diesel fuel (Refer to Appendix A for Energy calculations).

Energy use during construction would be temporary in nature, and construction equipment used would be typical of similar-sized construction projects in the region. In the interest of cost efficiency, construction contractors are not anticipated to utilize fuel in a manner that is wasteful or unnecessary. Therefore, project construction would not result in a potential impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, and no construction-related energy impact would occur.

The pipeline itself would not generate new demand for electricity. The well pump would be served by existing Southern California Edison (SCE) infrastructure. During operation, the proposed project would require approximately 602,250 kWh (or 602.25 MWh) of electricity per year to power the pump station. At completion of project design, the pump design and associated fuel usage would be the most efficient technology available at the time.

Maintenance of the proposed project would include remote monitoring via TVMWD's computer system, meter reading, routine inspections and maintenance of facilities, periodic testing, and emergency repairs. Maintenance activities would occur on an as-needed basis (1 trip per week was assumed). The operation of the pump station as well as vehicle trips by maintenance staff would require the consumption of energy resources in the form of electricity and vehicle fuels. However, electricity and fuel consumption would not be wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary as maintenance activities would only occur as necessary for well pump operation. Therefore, no operational energy impacts would occur.

In recognition of the project's objective which is to construct facilities necessary for TVMWD to meet its customers' current and projected water demands, the required energy use is not anticipated to result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation.

6(b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.**

SB 100 mandates 100 percent clean electricity for California by 2045. SCE has achieved over 46 percent Carbon-Free energy sources as of the 2018 Suitability Report. As the proposed project would be powered by the existing electricity grid (SCE), the project would eventually be powered by renewable energy mandated by SB 100 (50 percent by 2026 and 100 percent by 2045) and would not conflict with this statewide plan. TVMWD has not adopted specific renewable energy or energy efficiency plans with which the project could comply. Nonetheless, the project would not conflict with or obstruct the State plan for renewable energy; therefore, no impact would occur.

**Mitigation Measures**

No potentially significant impacts to energy have been identified, therefore no mitigation measures are required.

**Impact Conclusions**

Not applicable.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>3.7 Geology/Soils/Paleontological Resources:</b> Would the project:				
a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.				✓
ii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?			✓	
iii. Landslides?				✓

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?		✓		
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in onsite or offsite landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?			✓	
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?			✓	
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?				✓
f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?			✓	

### Discussion

7(a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:

- i. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. **Determination: No Impact.**

The following information is from the City of Claremont's *2015 Natural Hazards Mitigation* and from Wildermuth Environmental Inc, *Strategic Plan for the Six Basins*, 2017.

The project site is located on a large, broad, alluvial plain located south of the San Gabriel Mountains and atop a depressed portion of the Perris Block of the Peninsular Ranges. The surrounding mountains and hills were uplifted by tectonic compression and faulting, and sediments were eroded and washed out of the mountains by streams and deposited in the low-lying depressions on the Perris Block. These sediments are today's groundwater

reservoirs. The area underlies the northwestern corner of the Chino Plain between the San Gabriel Mountains and the San Jose Hills to the south and southwest. A major fault in this area - the San Jose Fault - is a known barrier to groundwater flow. Faulting and folding within the region have uplifted bedrock or created low permeability zones within the sediments to create groundwater subbasins from which groundwater is produced.

The project site and surrounding area are located in an urbanized area in the City of Claremont. Due to its proximity to major faults and heavily wooded foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, the region has experienced earthquakes, floods and wildland fires.

The Sierra Madre Fault and Cucamonga faults run along the southern margin of the San Gabriel Mountains and meet under the northern part of the City. These have the potential to create earthquakes with a magnitude of 7.2 for the Sierra Madre fault and 8.9 for the Cucamonga fault. In addition to these faults, several other faults are located within the region that could have an impact on the City including the San Andreas Fault to the north, and the smaller-scale San Jose Fault that traverses the City. The San Andreas Fault is approximately 15 miles northeast of the City and is considered the most seismically active fault in the southern California region.

Earthquakes that could affect the City would most likely originate from the Sierra Madre, Whittier, San Jose or San Andreas Fault Zones. These faults are close enough in proximity or expected to generate strong enough shaking that could affect the City. The level of seismicity in Claremont, both as to maximum credible earthquake intensity and likely earthquake occurrences, is considered to be approximately the same as for the Los Angeles Basin.

Although the project site is located in the seismically active Southern California region, the project site is not located in an Alquist-Priolo Special Studies Zone, and no known active faults are mapped as crossing or projecting toward the project site area. Due to the absence of active faults near the project site, the risk of damage due to fault rupture during an earthquake is limited. In addition, no faults within or near the City of Claremont have been placed within State of California established Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones, which are subject to special land use controls and building standards. Therefore, no impact would occur related to location within an active fault zone.

- ii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.**

In the City of Claremont, the groundwater table (used to determine the risk of liquefaction) is mostly over 100 feet below the surface, except in a few areas where clay lenses exist. This results in a lack of groundwater near the surface, leaving much of the City at low risk for liquefaction. There are two areas within Claremont that are identified as Liquefaction zones; Area 1 starts just north of Foothill Boulevard, going down to just south of Harrison Avenue. It lies east of Baughman Drive and west of College Avenue. Area 2 is located in the southern portion of the city between Foothill Boulevard and 6<sup>th</sup> Street in the vicinity of Indian Hill

Boulevard. The project site is located north of the 210 Freeway well north of either of these zones. Therefore, a less than significant impact would occur related to liquefaction.

iii. Landslides? **Determination: No Impact.**

The project site is located in an area of the City that is gently sloping and there are no hills located nearby. Therefore, there is no risk of landslides on or in the vicinity of the project site.

7(b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated.**

The project site is routinely disked (graded), removing vegetation from the site to reduce the risk of a brush fire in the neighborhood. As part of the construction activities, the area proposed for well side development – the approximately 10,000 square feet in the southerly portion of the approximately one-acre site – would be graded to provide an area needed to develop the well, construct a wall, pave the site, and construct a well pump house. In addition, the remaining  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the site will be improved with landscape /hardscape. These activities could expose site soils to erosion due to wind or water (storms). In addition, trenching for the pipeline and underground utilities would result in the temporary stockpile of soil adjacent to the trenches. TVMWD has estimated that the length of pipeline between the well site and the connection to the Grand Avenue pipeline is approximately 150 feet.

Because the project site is approximately one acre, the contractor will develop and implement a Stormwater pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to control erosion of soil from the site during construction. The SWPPP will include implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to control runoff and erosion, such as the placement of sandbags and straw wattles around the well drilling site and any soil stockpiles; and around that portion of the site being improved with landscape/hardscape. The development and implementation of a SWPPP would ensure impacts resulting from construction would remain less than significant levels. The development of the well site includes paving the site, putting in sidewalks at the front of the site along Miramar Avenue and Grand Avenue, and maintaining landscaping between the site wall and the sidewalk. This would eliminate opportunities for wind or water to erode exposed topsoil post-construction. The intent in improving the remaining portion of the project site is to control growth of ruderal (weeds) vegetation and minimize erosion by installing groundcover. As such, a less than significant impact on soil erosion or loss of topsoil is expected as a result of construction and operation of the proposed project with implementation of the SWPPP (mitigation measure GEO-1).

7(c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in onsite or offsite landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.**

See response to 7(a)ii, regarding ground failure, including liquefaction.

- 7(d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.**

According to the City of Claremont General Plan, most of the city is underlain by soils that have a low potential for expansion, and the groundwater is greater than 100 feet deep. The proposed project would be constructed to meet applicable California and Uniform Building Code standards. Therefore, a there is no impact anticipated as a result of construction and operation of the proposed Project.

- 7(e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater? **Determination: No Impact.**

No septic tanks or other wastewater disposal system are proposed. The proposed project will be connected to the new sewer main being extended along Remington Avenue (see discussion in Section 18, *Utilities and Service Systems*).

- 7(f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? **Determination: Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated.**

Paleontological resources consist of fossils and trace fossils, such as imprints or outlines, that are preserved in sedimentary rock layers; including fine-to medium-grained marine, lake, and stream deposits such as limestone, siltstone, sandstone, or shale, and in ancient soils (paleosols). They are less likely to be found in alluvial material of recent (Holocene) geology such as is located at the project site. Excavation and trenching, other than well drilling, may reach depths of five feet or greater. Should paleontological resources be uncovered, all work within a 50-foot radius of the area shall stop and a qualified paleontologist shall be consulted to determine the significance of the find and if necessary, develop a plan to retrieve and curate the resources at an accredited museum. This is set forth in mitigation measure GEO-2.

Well drilling proposed for the Miragrand Well project would occur at depth in sedimentary deposits that may contain paleontological resources. However, the possibility of identification of paleontological resources is not feasible due to the nature of well drilling. If any paleontological resources are encountered during well drilling, a qualified paleontologist shall be contacted to assess the significance of the paleontological resource. Therefore, mitigation measure GEO-2 would also apply to the well drilling component of the project.



**Mitigation Measures**

GEO-1 Prior to commencement of construction, the construction contractor shall prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for review by TVMWD; and submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) who will issue a Waste Discharge Identification Number (WDID) for the project. A copy of the SWPP must be available for review at the construction on-site and modified (if necessary) to address on-site issues, such as heavy storm events that y may require additional measures should they arise.

GEO-2 During well drilling, or excavation/trenching associated with other construction activities at the project site or as part of trenching for the new pipeline, should paleontological resources be uncovered, all work within a 50-foot radius shall cease and a qualified paleontologist shall be consulted to determine the significance of the find and if necessary, develop a plan to retrieve and curate the resources at an accredited museum.

**Impact Conclusions**

Less than significant impact with implementation of mitigation measures GEO-1 and GEO-2.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>3.8 Greenhouse Gas Emissions:</b> Would the project:				
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?			✓	
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?			✓	

**Discussion**

8(a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment? Or

8(b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases? **Determination: Less Than Significant impact.**

Climate change is the observed increase in the average temperature of the earth's atmosphere and oceans along with other substantial changes in climate (such as wind patterns, precipitation, and storms) over an extended period of time. The baseline against which these changes are measured originates in historical records identifying temperature changes that have occurred in the past, such as during previous ice ages. The global climate is continuously changing, as evidenced by repeated episodes of substantial warming and cooling documented in the geologic record. The rate of change has typically been incremental, with warming or cooling trends occurring over the course of thousands of years. The past 10,000 years have been marked by a period of incremental warming, as glaciers have steadily retreated across the globe. However, scientists have observed acceleration in the rate of warming during the past 150 years. Per the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the understanding of anthropogenic warming and cooling influences on climate has led to a high confidence (95 percent or greater chance) that the global average net effect of human activities has been the dominant cause of warming since the mid-twentieth century.

Gases that absorb and re-emit infrared radiation in the atmosphere are called greenhouse gases (GHGs). The gases widely seen as the principal contributors to human-induced climate change include carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), fluorinated gases such as hydrofluorocarbons (HFC) and perfluorocarbons (PFC), and sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>). Water vapor is excluded from the list of GHGs as it is short-lived in the atmosphere and its atmospheric concentrations are largely determined by natural processes, such as oceanic evaporation.

GHGs are emitted by both natural processes and human activities. Of these gases, CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> are emitted in the greatest quantities from human activities. Emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> are largely by-products of fossil fuel combustion, whereas CH<sub>4</sub> results from off-gassing associated with agricultural practices and landfills. Man-made GHGs, many of which have greater heat-absorption potential than CO<sub>2</sub>, include fluorinated gases and SF<sub>6</sub>. Different types of GHGs have varying global warming potentials (GWPs). The GWP of a GHG is the potential of a gas or aerosol to trap heat in the atmosphere over a specified timescale (generally, 100 years). As GHGs absorb different amounts of heat, a common reference gas (CO<sub>2</sub>) is used to relate the amount of heat absorbed to the amount of gas emitted, referred to as "carbon dioxide equivalent" (CO<sub>2</sub>e), and is the amount of a GHG emitted multiplied by its GWP. CO<sub>2</sub> has a 100-year GWP of one. By contrast, CH<sub>4</sub> has a GWP of 25, meaning its global warming effect is 25 times greater than CO<sub>2</sub> on a molecule per molecule basis.

Project implementation would generate GHG emissions through the burning of fossil fuels and other emission sources, thus potentially contributing to cumulative impacts related to

climate change. In response to an increase in man-made GHG concentrations over the past 150 years, California implemented Assembly Bill (AB) 32, the “California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.” AB 32 codified the statewide goal of reducing emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 (essentially a 15 percent reduction below 2005 emission levels) and adopted regulations to require reporting and verification of statewide GHG emissions.

On September 8, 2016, the governor signed Senate Bill (SB) 32 into law, which requires the State to further reduce GHGs to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. SB 32 extends AB 32, directing CARB to reduce GHGs to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. In response, on December 14, 2017, CARB adopted the 2017 Scoping Plan, which provides a framework for achieving the 2030 target. The 2017 Scoping Plan does not provide project-level thresholds for land use development. Instead, it recommends that local governments adopt policies and locally appropriate quantitative thresholds consistent with a statewide per capita goal of six metric tons (MT) CO<sub>2</sub>e by 2030. As stated in the 2017 Scoping Plan, these goals may be appropriate for plan-level analyses (city, county, subregional, or regional level), but not for specific individual projects as they include all emissions sectors in the state.

The vast majority of individual projects do not generate sufficient GHG emissions to directly influence climate change. However, physical changes caused by a project can contribute incrementally to cumulative effects that are significant, even if individual changes resulting from a project are limited. The issue of climate change typically involves an analysis of whether a project’s contribution towards an impact would be cumulatively considerable. “Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of an individual project are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, other current projects, and probable future projects (CEQA Guidelines Section 15064[h][1]).

### Significance Thresholds for GHG

The CEQA Guidelines provide regulatory direction for the analysis and mitigation of GHG emissions appearing in CEQA documents, while giving lead agencies the discretion to set quantitative or qualitative thresholds for the assessment and mitigation of GHGs and climate change impacts.

In guidance provided by SCAQMD’s GHG CEQA Significance Threshold Working Group in September 2010, SCAQMD considered a tiered approach to determine the significance of residential, commercial, and mixed-use projects.

- *Tier 1.* If the project is exempt from further environmental analysis under existing statutory or categorical exemptions, there is a presumption of less than significant impacts with respect to climate change. If not, then the Tier 2 threshold should be considered.
- *Tier 2.* Consists of determining whether or not the project is consistent with a GHG reduction plan that may be part of a local general plan, for example. The concept embodied in this tier is equivalent to the existing concept of consistency in CEQA

Guidelines section 15064(h)(3), 15125(d) or 15152(a). Under this Tier, if the proposed project is consistent with the qualifying local GHG reduction plan, it is not significant for GHG emissions. If there is not an adopted plan, then a Tier 3 approach would be appropriate.

- *Tier 3.* Establishes a screening significance threshold level to determine significance. The Working Group has provided a recommendation of 3,000 MT of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year for residential, commercial, and mixed-use projects. 10,000 MT of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year for Industrial Projects.
- *Tier 4.* Establishes a service population threshold to determine significance. The Working Group has provided a recommendation of 4.8 MT of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year for land use projects.

Under Tier 2, project impacts would be less than significant if a project is consistent with an approved local or regional plan. TVMWD has not adopted a plan for the reduction of GHG emissions; therefore, Tier 2 does not apply, and the GHG analysis of the project cannot be streamlined via CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5. As TVMWD does not have a “qualified” GHG reduction plan, this analysis relies on SCAQMD’s Tier 3 screening significance threshold of 3,000 MT of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year to evaluate the project’s GHG emissions.

Project emissions were estimated using CalEEMod. Emission estimates are based on the assumptions outlined above in Section 3.3, *Air Quality*. Calculations of CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions are provided to identify the magnitude of potential project effects. The analysis focuses on CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>O as these make up 98.9 percent of all GHG emissions by volume and are the GHG emissions that the project would emit in the largest quantities. Calculations are based on the methodologies discussed in the *California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) CEQA and Climate Change* white paper and included the use of the *California Climate Action Registry 2009 General Reporting Protocol*. CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions were quantified in CalEEMod (see Appendix A for calculations). It was assumed that all operational vehicle trips to the site would be gasoline vehicles and approximately one maintenance trip per week.

#### *Construction Emissions*

Project construction would generate GHG emissions from the operation of heavy equipment, motor vehicles, and worker trips to and from the site. As shown in Table 7, *GHG Construction Emissions – Well and Pump Station (MT Per Year)* and Table 8, *GHG Construction Emissions – Pipeline (MT Per Year)* emissions from project construction would be approximately 225.4 MT of CO<sub>2</sub>e total over the entire construction period, or approximately 7.5 MT of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year when amortized over a 30-year period in accordance with SCAQMD recommendations.

**Table 7 GHG Construction Emissions – Well and Pump Station (MT Per Year)**

Source/Phase <sup>1</sup>	CO <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O
Site Preparation	0.8	0.0	0.0
Grading	1.7	0.0	0.0
Building Construction	96.3	0.0	0.0
Paving	6.7	0.0	0.0
Architectural Coating	0.7	0.0	0.0
<b>Total (CO<sub>2</sub>e)</b>	<b>99.5</b>		
<b>Amortized over 30 years</b>	<b>3.3</b>		
SCAQMD Threshold	3,000		
<b>Significant</b>	<b>No</b>		

Source: CalEEMod 2016.3.2, Annual Emissions

Notes:

1. Additional pieces of construction equipment were added in the model to allow flexibility to the contractor and present a worst case assumption (i.e. Forklifts, Cranes, Industrial Saws, etc.).

**Table 8 GHG Construction Emissions – Pipeline (MT Per Year)**

Source/Phase	CO <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O
Building Construction	122.0	0.0	0.0
Paving	3.2	0.0	0.0
<b>Total (CO<sub>2</sub>e)</b>	<b>125.9</b>		
<b>Amortized over 30 years</b>	<b>4.2</b>		
SCAQMD Threshold	3,000		
<b>Significant</b>	<b>No</b>		

Source: CalEEMod 2016.3.2, Annual Emissions for the Proposed Miragrand Well Project.

Notes:

1. Additional pieces of construction equipment were added in the model to allow flexibility to the contractor and present a worst case assumption (i.e. Forklifts, Cranes, Industrial Saws, etc.).

### Operational Emissions

In addition to project construction emissions, operation of the proposed Miragrand well site would generate GHG emissions from electricity usage and maintenance activities. As discussed above in Section 3.6, *Energy*, the well pump would require approximately 602,250 kWh of electricity per year for operation.

The pipeline itself would not generate new demand for electricity. The well pump would be served by existing SCE infrastructure. In 2017, SCE’s energy portfolio, including utility-owned generation and purchased power, yielded a GHG emissions factor of 0.25 MT of CO<sub>2</sub>e

per megawatt-hour (MWh) (SCE 2018). With an annual electricity demand of 602,250 kWh (or 602.25 MWh), operation of the pump station would generate approximately 150.6 MT of CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions per year.

Maintenance activities would occur on an as-needed basis, modeled at one vehicle maintenance trip per week. Table 9, *Greenhouse Gas Operational Emissions (MT Per Year)*, summarizes the combined annual emissions of GHGs, including construction and operation of the well, pump station, and pipeline. Combined construction and operational GHG emissions would be approximately 162 MT of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year (see Appendix A for CalEEMod worksheets).

As discussed, the proposed project would have a significant impact related to GHG emissions if project-related emissions would exceed 3,000 MT of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year. The project's combined construction and operational GHG emissions would be approximately 160 MT of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year; therefore, the proposed project would not exceed the threshold and impacts would be less than significant.

**Table 9 Greenhouse Gas Operational Emissions (MT Per Year)**

Source	CO <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O
Area	0.0	0.0	0.0
Energy	1.1	0.0	0.0
Mobile	0.4	0.0	0.0
Waste	0.0	0.0	0.0
Water	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	1.5		
Pump	150.6		
Amortized Construction	7.5		
<b>Total (MTCO<sub>2</sub>e)</b>	<b>160</b>		
SCAQMD Threshold	3,000		
<b>Significant</b>	<b>No</b>		

*Source: CalEEMod 2016.3.2, Annual Emissions for the Proposed Miragrand Well Project*

Development of the MiraGrand well site and related pipeline is in direct response to the growth of the local community/communities. Therefore, the project is consistent with the local Sustainability Plan adopted by the City of Clermont in October of 2013 and is consistent with SCAQMD's 2017 Scoping Plan as it would not exceed the established significance threshold. Therefore, the project would not conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing GHG emissions less than significant is anticipated.

### Mitigation Measures

No potentially significant impacts to Greenhouse Gas emissions have been identified, therefore no mitigation measures are required.

### Impact Conclusions

No potentially significant impacts to Greenhouse Gas emissions have been identified.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>3.9 Hazards and Hazardous Materials:</b> Would the project:				
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?			✓	
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?			✓	
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				✓
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				✓
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?			✓	
f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?			✓	
g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?				✓

## DISCUSSION

- 9(a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.**

Construction activities associated with development and operation include drilling, trenching, excavation or other ground disturbing activities to develop the well site and related pipeline. Construction activities would require the transport, use, and disposal of hazardous materials including gasoline, diesel fuel, hydraulic fluids, and other similarly related materials; generally in support of heavy equipment (e.g., drilling rig, dozers) operation. In addition, other materials such as paints, adhesives, solvents, and other substances typically used in construction may also be used on-site during construction. Improper use, storage, or transportation of hazardous materials can result in accidental releases or spills, potentially posing health risks to workers, the public, and the environment. This is a standard risk on all construction projects, and there would be no greater risk for improper handling, transportation, or spills associated with the project than would occur on any other similar well construction site. As such, the proposed project must comply with the requirements of the California Code of Regulations Title 22, Division 4.5 regarding the transport, use, generation and disposal of hazardous materials. Any hazardous material to be used on site would be routinely transported, used, and disposed of in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations intended to protect people and the environment.

There are no water treatment activities associated with the proposed project, only the pumping of groundwater and conveyance of that water to the TVMWD Miramar Water Treatment Plant through the Grand Avenue pipeline. Compliance with all applicable laws and regulations would reduce the potential impact associated with the routine transport, use, storage, or disposal of hazardous materials to a less than significant level.

- 9(b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.**

See response to 9A above.

- 9(c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? **Determination: No Impact.**

The project site is located in a residential neighborhood. However, the Western Christian School site is located approximately ¼ mile southeast of the project site on Padua Avenue. During project construction limited amounts of hazardous materials such as gasoline, diesel fuel, oils, and solvents associated with standard construction vehicles and equipment would be used. All materials would be routinely transported, used, and disposed of in accordance



with any applicable regulations. During long-term operation, the uses of hazardous materials would be limited to routine maintenance, including solvents, cleaning products and oils; and for the landscaped areas, the use of typical gardening products. There is no backup generator proposed for the project, therefore, no diesel fuel would be used or stored on site. Therefore, the proposed project would have less than significant impacts on the existing school site.

9(d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? **Determination: No Impact.**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) EnviroStor website was accessed on August 12, 2019. The project site does not appear on a list of hazardous materials sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. Therefore, there is no impact.

9(e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.**

The project site is located approximately 4.5 miles northeast of Brackett Field Airport, a Los Angeles County-owned/operated general aviation airport located at 1615 McKinley Avenue, within the City of La Verne. The project site is located approximately 6.75 miles northwest of the Ontario International Airport. Both airports are well outside the two-mile radius of the project site, therefore there are no impacts associated with proximity of the project site to either airport.

The project site is located approximately 1.5 miles northwest of the Cable Airport runway. Cable Airport is a private general aviation airport located at 1749 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Upland. The *Cable Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP)* was prepared in 2014 in conjunction with efforts by the City of Upland to update its general plan. Guidance contained in the plan was incorporated into the general plan to help ensure that future land use development around the airport is compatible with airport activity. The project site is located in Zone E of the airport's Airport Influence Area (AIA). This designation requires further review for this Initial Study as follows: 1) the Cable Airport ALUCP Map 3C, *Future Airspace Protection Surfaces*, shows that the project site is well outside the Critical Airspace Protection Zone. In addition, ALUCP Map 3D, *Allowable Object Heights*, shows that the project site is located in an area where object heights may be in excess of 150. Finally, because the proposed project does not include the presence of residents or employees, only occasional TVMWD staff performing routine maintenance, the proposed use is not limited by the proximity to the airport. Therefore, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact on public health and safety, including a safety hazard or noise hazard.

A Google Earth search of the project vicinity shows that there is no private airstrip located in the vicinity of the project site. Therefore, there is no impact.

9(f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated.**

The proposed project would not impair or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or a local, State or federal agency's emergency evacuation plan. The project site is located on a vacant lot and public right-of-way at or near the northwest corner of Miramar Avenue and Grand Avenue. Temporary lane closures would be required during construction of the temporary storm drain and the new 8-inch pipeline to connect the well site to the 12-inch Grand Avenue pipeline. These activities would be coordinated with the City's Public Works, Police and Fire Departments to ensure that the intersection of Miramar Avenue and Grand Avenue would be accessible to emergency response vehicles, including ingress and egress to the surrounding properties. As applicable, any traffic detour plans during construction would address emergency response or emergency evacuation for implementation during construction. This is discussed further in Section 3.17, *Transportation*, and in the *Project Description* where it outlined how the construction contractor will prepare and implement a traffic control plan (TCP) during construction. Therefore, this impact would be less than significant and no mitigation is required.

9(g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires? **Determination: No Impact.**

Wildland fires generally occur in areas of natural vegetation such as forests or foothills covered in brush and scrub type vegetation such as is found along the front of the San Gabriel Mountains. Major factors that contribute to wildland fire behavior are slope and topography, vegetation acting as fuel, and weather. The project site is located in an area of the City that is relatively flat and surrounded by single family residences. The site is routinely disked to control vegetation on site and was recently disked (mid-2019). Therefore, there would be no impact.

### Mitigation Measures

Mitigation measure TR-1 in Section 3.17, *Transportation*, has been identified that requires the construction contractor to prepare and implement a traffic control plan (TCP) during construction.

### Impact Conclusions

Impacts associated with the construction of the new production well, related site improvements and new pipeline on emergency evacuation planning would be less than significant with implementation of the traffic control plan as described in the Project Description. Therefore, no mitigation measure are required.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>3.10 Hydrology and Water Quality:</b> Would the project:				
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?			✓	
b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?			✓	
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or through the addition of impervious surfaces in a manner which would:				
i. result in substantial erosion or siltation onsite or offsite;			✓	
ii. substantially increase the create or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site;			✓	
iii. create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or			✓	
iv. impede or redirect flood flows?			✓	
d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk of release of pollutants due to project inundation?				✓
e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?			✓	

## DISCUSSION

10(a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.**

### Construction Impacts

Equipment to be used in the drilling process would consist of a drilling rig, pipe truck, driller's trailer (doghouse), and settling tanks for the discharge water. During drilling and testing of the well, water used in the drilling process will be pumped into two settling tanks. A minimum of two 20,000-gallon discharge water settling tanks would be used for clarification of water prior to discharge; and would be removed upon completion of construction. Although settling times will vary depending on the nature of suspended sediment in the discharge water (e.g. fine-grained sand and silt require more time to settle), previous drilling projects have shown that two tanks are adequate to clarify water such that the suspended sediment in the discharge meets regulatory criteria (in this case, 100 NTU). However, to be proactive, TVMWD may use a third tank. When settlement of soil particles is complete and the water reaches clarity (100 NTU), the water can be released into a storm drain. NTU stands for nephelometric turbidity units. Turbidity is caused by particles in the water that can cause it to be cloudy or opaque. Once the water has reached the requisite NTU rating, it can be released. TVMWD is considering two options for the release of water once it reaches clarity: (1) recharge onsite in an earthen catch basin and/or 2) directing water towards an existing catch basin on Grand Avenue. If directed towards existing catch basin, TVMWD will convey the water into the Baker tanks and then into the newly constructed 8-inch discharge pipeline and fire hydrant.

Handling of the start-up water after completion of well construction (i.e. after drilling and well equipping construction) will be recharged onsite by directing it into an "earthen catch basin" to percolate into the groundwater basin. A portion of the water may be directed towards the existing catch basin on Grand Avenue, via the discharge pipeline, after the confirming the turbidity is less than 100 NTU. Sediment accumulating at the bottom of the tanks may be spread in the on-site area to be maintained in landscape/hardscape; or hauled to an offsite location for disposal.

If the drilling process requires the use of an approved drilling fluid as the circulation medium, liquid (water or drilling fluid) generated from well development and pumping tests would be transferred into trucks and hauled off-site to an approved disposal site. Likewise, the sediment that settles to the bottom of the settling tanks may be spread around that portion of the site to be maintained with landscaping; or removed and transferred to an approved disposal site.

In addition, as part of the construction activities, the area proposed for well side development – the approximately 10,000 square feet in the southerly portion of the approximately one-acre site – would be graded to provide an area needed to develop the well, construct a wall, pave the site, and construct a well pump house. The remaining  $\frac{3}{4}$  of

the site will be improved with landscape /hardscape. These activities could expose site soils to erosion due to wind or water (storms). In addition, trenching for the pipeline and underground utilities would result in the temporary stockpile of soil adjacent to the trenches. TVMWD has estimated that the length of pipeline between the well site and the connection to the Grand Avenue pipeline is approximately 150 feet.

Because the project site is approximately one acre, the contractor will develop and implement a Stormwater pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to control erosion of soil from the site during construction. The SWPPP will include implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to control runoff and erosion, such as the placement of sandbags and straw wattles around the well drilling site and any soil stockpiles; and around that portion of the site being improved with landscape/hardscape. The development and implementation of a SWPPP would ensure impacts resulting from construction would remain less than significant levels. The development of the well site includes paving the site, putting in sidewalks at the front of the site along Miramar Avenue and Grand Avenue, and maintaining landscaping between the site wall and the sidewalk. This would eliminate opportunities for wind or water to erode exposed topsoil post-construction. The intent in improving the remaining portion of the project site is to control growth of ruderal (weeds) vegetation and minimize erosion by installing groundcover. As such, a less than significant impact on soil erosion or loss of topsoil is expected as a result of construction and operation of the proposed project with implementation of the SWPPP (mitigation measure GEO-1).

### Operational Impacts

The City requires that each site also be responsible for controlling its own hydrology and drainage on its site in compliance with the County's MS4 permit for which the City is a co-permittee. All sites must retain stormwater flows on site and treat stormwater in accordance with an approved Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) that incorporates Low Impact Development (LID) BMPs.

According to the project engineer designing the site, increased storm water runoff associated with the creation of impervious surfaces (parking lot and/or building) will be mitigated by installation of a new catch basin designed to have a storage capacity based on the BMP Design Capture Volume established through the project's Hydrology Study that will be completed as part of project design. The *Preliminary Design Report* for the project states that for well start-up discharge, the site will require a storm drain inlet for disposal of the first flush water from the well. Storm water will also be routed to the storm drain inlet. Therefore, a new on-site storm drain system will be required not only for construction of the proposed Miragrand well but also for project operation.

The new storm drain system will include catch basin inlets, underground piping on site, and a storm drain collection pipe along Grand Avenue. The storm drain design must be reviewed and approved by the City of Claremont. The City as a co-permittee on the County's MS4 permit will require non-structural and structural source control BMP to be incorporated into

project design. Therefore, compliance with these requirements would ensure that impacts associated with on-site drainage would be less than significant.

10(b)(e) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin; or conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

**Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.**

The project site is located in the Six Basins groundwater management area that is under the control of the Six Basins Watermaster, a group of water districts, water companies and municipalities that together manage the groundwater resource for production and distribution to its users. The project site is located in the Upper Claremont Heights Basin. The Six Basins Strategic Plan identified that this basin has good groundwater production associated with the large volumes of recharge, due, in part, to its close proximity to the San Gabriel Mountains. According to the *Strategic Plan for the Six Basins*, there does not appear to be a long-term trend of decline in groundwater levels that would suggest overdraft. These observations suggest that recharge and production have an immediate influence on groundwater levels in the Upper Claremont Heights Basin, and that the groundwater pumpers in this area have the capacity and desire to increase production when groundwater levels are high and reduce production when groundwater levels are lower.

Therefore, as part of the overall strategy for groundwater production and replenishment through natural runoff from the mountains and stormwater, as well as water purchased from the State Water Project, and to a lesser extent, through future recycling efforts that may occur at water reclamation plants, the Miragrand groundwater production well would not substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge as it is part of a larger concerted effort by all parties to manage groundwater resources. This includes coordination between all Watermaster parties pumping in the Upper Claremont Heights Basin to monitor the water levels in wells during extraction. Should pumping at the Miragrand well site be found to substantially adversely affect the basin water levels, TVMWD will work with the other parties to implement acceptable measures for the well owners and/or purchase replenishment water to be delivered to the San Antonio Spreading Grounds (located approximately 2,000 feet northeast of the project site) or as directed by the Watermaster. This is part of the larger strategy outlined in the *Strategic Plan for the Six Basins* that all parties have agreed to. Therefore, continued cooperation between parties pumping groundwater in the Upper Claremont Heights Basin, would ensure that pumping at the MiraGrand well site would not result in a substantially adverse effect to the basin.

10(c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or through the addition of impervious surfaces in a manner which would: i) result in substantial erosion or siltation onsite

or offsite; ii) substantially increase the create or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site; iii) create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or iv) impede or redirect flood flows? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.**

The project site is located in an established residential neighborhood in the City of Claremont. The entire site is approximately one acre and the area where the well will be developed is approximately 10,000 square feet (less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre). The site is undeveloped, s routinely disked for weed abatement, and is currently being used to stage construction equipment and materials for the development of the Grand Avenue groundwater production well project located south of the Miragrand site. Therefore, there is no established drainage pattern on the site as the site under normal conditions is pervious.

Regarding the project resulting in substantial erosion or siltation, see discussion in Section 3.7, *Geology and Soils*, including mitigation measure GEO-1 that requires the construction contractor to prepare an Erosion Control Plan for review and approval by the City of Claremont Public Works Department.

Regarding the project resulting in the creation or contribution of runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff, the project site is a vacant lot located in an established residential neighborhood. The proposed project would result in an increase in impervious surface by approximately 10,000 square feet, the rough equivalent of a new home with related impervious surfaces (driveway, patio, roof, etc.) in the neighborhood. Therefore, the creation of impervious surfaces would be negligible. The remaining approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre will be maintained with landscaping and hard groundcover. This may consist of gravel, mulch or other cover to reduce the prevalence of weeds and control dust from this undeveloped portion of the site. Construction of the proposed project would not alter the course of a stream or river nor would it change the rate or amount of surface runoff that would result in substantial erosion or flooding. Operation of the project would occur at grade or below ground and would not alter the existing grade, drainage pattern of the area, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff. Therefore, no impact is anticipated as a result of construction and operation of the proposed project.

10(d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk of release of pollutants due to project inundation?? **Determination: No Impact.**

The project site is not located near any large inland bodies of water or the Pacific Ocean. Due to the distance from the project site to any major body of water, inundation by seiche or tsunami are unlikely. Further, the project site is located in an area that is relatively flat with no nearby hills or steep slopes where erosion could trigger mudflows. Therefore, no impact would occur. Likewise, the project site is not located near a levee or dam.

### Mitigation Measures

Regarding water quality standards, mitigation measure GEO-1 in Section 3.7, *Geology and Soils*, requires the development and implementation - during all phases of construction - of a SWPPP for review by TVMWD. In addition, TVMWD is also responsible for maintaining the site -post-construction - to control runoff, in compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit (NPDES) requirements. Therefore, no additional mitigation measures are required.

Regarding the potential to impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response/ evacuation plan, the Project Description includes the preparation of a traffic control plan (TCP) to be implemented during construction. Therefore, no mitigation is required.

### Impact Conclusion

Implementation of a SWPPP during all phases of construction would ensure that impacts associated with runoff from the project site would be less than significant. Likewise, implementation of a TCP would ensure that emergency vehicles will have continuous access through the project area.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>3.11 Land Use and Planning:</b> Would the project:				
a) Physically divide an established community?				✓
b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?			✓	

### Discussion

11(a) Physically divide an established community? **Determination: No Impact.**

The proposed well will be developed on the southern approximately 10,000 square feet of an approximately one-acre site located at the northwest corner of Miramar Avenue and Grand Avenue in the Northeast Claremont neighborhood, an area characterized by larger lots (one-plus acres) with mature trees along street frontages and between properties, giving the area a rural feel. The remainder of the project site will be maintained with a combination of landscape and hardscape behind the perimeter fencing.



As the project site is located on a corner lot, and the well and pipeline would be located underground, development of the proposed well site and related pipeline would not physically divide an established community. Therefore, there would be no impact.

11(b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.**

In addition to the City’ General Plan, other land use plans include the Airport Land Use Plans for the Brackett Field (city of La Verne) and Cable Airport (City of Upland), and the Southern California Association of Government’s (SCAG) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies (RTP/SCS) Plan. In addition, operation of the proposed well must be consistent with the SCAQMD Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP). Consistency with Airport Land Use Plans is evaluated in Section 3.8, *Hazards and Hazardous Materials*, and consistency with the AQMP is evaluated in Section 3.3, *Air Quality*.

### SCAG Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies

SCAG’s 2016 Final RTP/SCS is the applicable SCAG planning document that applies to the proposed project. The RTP/SCS goals are meant to provide guidance for considering a proposed project within the context of regional goals and policies. As shown in Table 10, *Project Consistency with SCAG’s RTP/SCS*, implementation of the project implementation would be consistent with the adopted RTP/SCS. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

**Table 10 Project Consistency with SCAG’s RTP/SCS**

Goal	Goal Statement	Project’s Consistency with Goals
G1	Align the plan investments and policies with improving regional economic development and competitiveness.	<i>No inconsistency identified.</i> The policy is implemented by cities and the counties within the SCAG region as part of comprehensive local and regional planning efforts.
G2	Maximize mobility and accessibility for all people and goods in the region.	<i>No inconsistency identified.</i> The proposed project would not generate peak hour trips that
G3	Ensure travel safety and reliability for all people and goods in the region.	<i>No inconsistency identified.</i> The proposed project does not include elements that would result in a substantial safety hazard to motorists. The project area is transitioning from agricultural to light industrial uses and as these projects develop, infrastructure including road improvements will be completed.

**Table 10 Project Consistency with SCAG’s RTP/SCS**

Goal	Goal Statement	Project’s Consistency with Goals
G4	Preserve and ensure a sustainable regional transportation system.	<i>No inconsistency identified.</i> The policy is implemented by cities and the counties within the SCAG region as part of the overall planning and maintenance of the regional transportation system. The project would have no adverse effect on this planning effort
G5	Maximize the productivity of our transportation system.	<i>No inconsistency identified.</i> The policy would be implemented by cities and the counties within the SCAG region as part of comprehensive transportation planning efforts. The project will be consistent with the City’s Transportation Element that meets this goal.
G6	Protect the environment and health for our residents by improving air quality and encouraging active transportation/non-motorized transportation.	<i>No inconsistency identified.</i> See other sections of the Initial Study including Air Quality, Greenhouse Gasses, Hazards/Hazardous Materials, Noise, etc., and discussions of the project’s less than significant impact on the environment.
G7	Actively encourage and create incentives for energy efficiency, where possible.	<i>No inconsistency identified.</i> See other sections of the Initial Study including Aesthetics and Air Quality for a discussion of the project’s compliance with applicable standard conditions and requirements.
G8	Encourage land use and growth patterns that facilitate transit and non-motorized transportation.	<i>No inconsistency identified.</i> The policy provides guidance to the City to establish a local land use plan that facilitates the use of transit and non-motorized forms of transportation. The Project includes a GPA and SPA to change the land use from Agriculture to Light Industrial. Other sites surrounding the project site are planned for similar land uses. The proposed project is a logical extension of the City’s planned growth in The Preserve project area and would facilitate a more efficient transportation system than if the land use remained in Agricultural use with its unimproved roads.
G9	Maximize the security of the regional transportation system through improved system monitoring, rapid recovery planning, and coordination with other security agencies.	<i>No inconsistency identified.</i> The policy provides guidance to the City of Chino to monitor the transportation network and to coordinate with other agencies as appropriate.

Source: SCAG 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.  
<http://scagrtpscs.net/Pages/FINAL2016RTPSCS.aspx>

### Mitigation Measures

No potentially significant impacts were identified. Therefore, no mitigation measures are required.

### Impact Conclusions

No impacts to land use or existing communities are associated with the proposed project.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>3.12 Mineral Resources:</b> Would the project:				
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?			✓	
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?			✓	

### Discussion

12(a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.**

12(b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.**

The City of Claremont General Plan identifies the project area as being within a Mineral Resource Zone 2 (MRZ-2), areas where available geologic information indicates that significant measured or indicated resources are present or where adequate information indicates that significant mineral deposits are present or where it is judged that a high likelihood for their presence exists. This is a State designation that applies to a large area along the front of the San Gabriel Mountains where construction aggregate material, associated with alluvial fans is common.

The project site is located in an established single-family neighborhood surrounded by similar land uses. Therefore, there is no opportunity to recover aggregate resources which were lost when the area was developed with residential neighborhoods. However, there are

areas nearby such as the San Antonio Wash area located east of the project site where this resource has been mined for several decades. It is the City's intent that these areas be protected from incompatible development that would prevent access to the aggregate material should access to these deposits be necessary in the future. Therefore, because the project area is already developed with residential neighborhoods, and there are know aggregate resources being mined nearby in San Antonio Creek wash, the project would have less than significant impact to aggregate resources.

### Mitigation Measures

There is no impact to mineral resources therefore no mitigation measures have been identified.

### Impact Conclusions

Not applicable.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>3.13 Noise:</b> Would the project:				
a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?		✓		
b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?		✓		
c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?			✓	

## Discussion

- 13(a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated.**

### *Fundamentals of Noise*

Sound is a disturbance created by a moving or vibrating source that is capable of being detected by the hearing organs. Sound may be thought of as mechanical energy of a moving object transmitted by pressure waves through a medium to a human ear. For traffic or stationary noise, the medium of concern is air. Noise is defined as sound that is loud, unpleasant, unexpected, or unwanted.

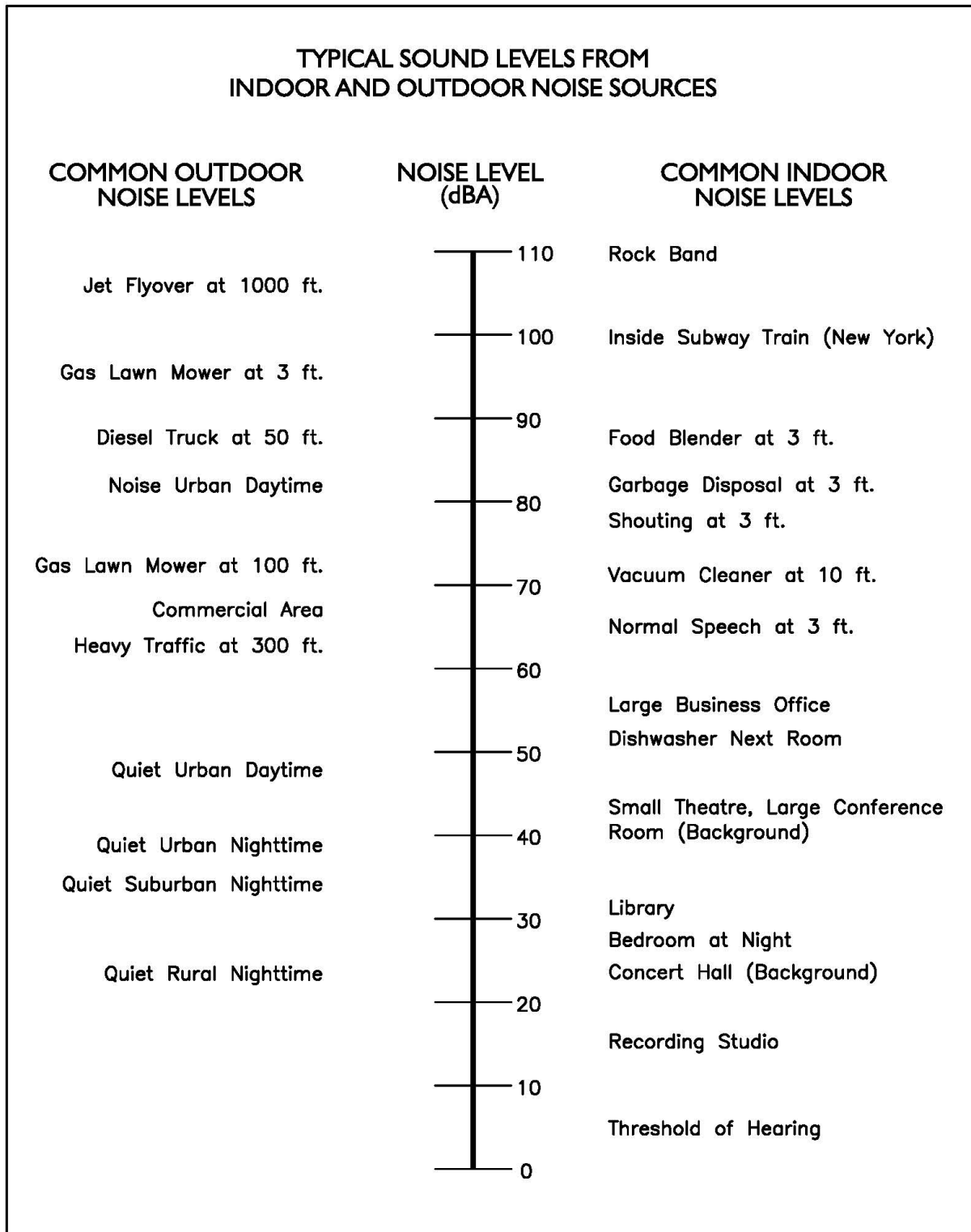
A continuous sound is described by its frequency (pitch) and its amplitude (loudness). Frequency relates to the number of pressure oscillations per second. Low-frequency sounds are low in pitch (bass sounding) and high-frequency sounds are high in pitch (squeak). These oscillations per second (cycles) are commonly referred to as Hertz (Hz). The human ear can hear from the bass pitch starting out at 20 Hz all the way to the high pitch of 20,000 Hz. The amplitude of a sound determines its loudness; with loudness increasing or decreasing as the amplitude increases or decreases.

Sound pressure amplitude is measured in units of micro-Newton per square meter (N/m<sup>2</sup>), also called micro-Pascal ( $\mu$ Pa). One  $\mu$ Pa is approximately one hundred billionths (0.0000000001) of normal atmospheric pressure. Sound pressure level is used to describe in logarithmic units the ratio of actual sound pressures to a reference pressure squared. These units are called decibels (dB).

Table 11, *Typical A-Weighted Noise Levels*, shows typical sound levels from common indoor and outdoor noise sources. Because decibels are on a logarithmic scale, sound pressure levels cannot be added or subtracted by a simple plus or minus addition. When two sounds of equal sound pressure level are combined, they will produce a sound pressure level of 3 dB greater than the original single sound pressure level. In other words, sound energy must be doubled to produce a 3 dB increase. If two sounds differ by approximately 10 dB, the higher sound level is the predominant sound.

In general, the healthy human ear is most sensitive to sounds between 1,000 Hz and 5,000 Hz, (A-weighted scale) and it perceives a sound within that range as being more intense than a sound with a higher or lower frequency with the same magnitude. For purposes of this report as well as with most environmental documents, the A-scale weighting is typically reported in terms of A-weighted decibel (dBA). Typically, the human ear can barely perceive a change in noise level of 3 dB. A change in 5 dB is readily perceptible, and a change in 10 dB is perceived as being twice or half as loud.

**Table 11 Typical A-Weighted Noise Levels**



Source: MD Acoustics, Miragrand Groundwater Well Noise Impact Study, August 2019.

As previously discussed, a doubling of sound energy results in a 3 dB increase in sound, which means that a doubling of sound energy (e.g. doubling the volume of traffic on a highway) would result in a barely perceptible change in sound level.

### *Noise Descriptors*

Noise in our daily environment fluctuates over time. Some noise levels occur in regular patterns, others are random. Some noise levels are constant while others are sporadic. Noise descriptors were created to describe the different time-varying noise levels.

*A-Weighted Sound Level:* The sound pressure level in decibels as measured on a sound level meter using the A-weighted filter network. The A-weighting filter de-emphasizes the very low and very high-frequency components of the sound in a manner similar to the response of the human ear. A numerical method of rating human judgment of loudness.

*Ambient or Background Noise Level:* The composite of noise from all sources, near and far. In this context, the ambient noise level constitutes the normal or existing level of environmental noise at a given location.

*Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL):* The average equivalent A-weighted sound level during a 24-hour day, obtained after addition of five (5) decibels to sound levels in the evening from 7:00 to 10:00 PM and after addition of ten (10) decibels to sound levels in the night before 7:00 AM and after 10:00 PM.

*dB(A):* A-weighted sound level (see definition below).

*Decibel (dB):* A unit for measuring the amplitude of a sound, equal to 20 times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the pressure of the sound measured to the reference pressure, which is 20 micro-pascals.

*Equivalent Sound Level (LEQ):* The sound level corresponding to a steady noise level over a given sample period with the same amount of acoustic energy as the actual time-varying noise level. The energy average noise level during the sample period.

*Field Sound Transmission Class (FSTC):* The field sound transmission class (FSTC) rating is used for in situ walls and floor/ceiling sound isolation performance assessment. The standard requires the measurement of sound transmission loss and includes the required procedure to show that the FSTC rating, as it has been determined by the test procedure, was not influenced by flanking of sound around the partition intended to be tested. Sound transmission class and FSTC ratings are intended by standard to be equivalent; however, practical experience indicates that FSTC ratings tend to be up to five ratings points less than laboratory-measured STC ratings.

*L(n):* The A-weighted sound level exceeded during a certain percentage of the sample time. For example, L10 in the sound level exceeded 10 percent of the sample time. Similarly L50, L90, and L99, etc.

*Percent Noise Levels:* See L(n).

*Sound Level (Noise Level):* The weighted sound pressure level obtained by use of a sound level meter having a standard frequency-filter for attenuating part of the sound spectrum.

*Single Event Noise Exposure Level (SENEL):* The dB(A) level which, if it lasted for one second, would the same A-weighted sound energy as the actual event.

### *Traffic Noise Prediction*

Noise levels associated with traffic depends on a variety of factors: (1) volume of traffic, (2) speed of traffic, (3) auto, medium truck (2–3 axle) and heavy truck percentage (4 axle and greater), and sound propagation. The greater the volume of traffic, higher speeds, and truck percentages equate to a louder volume in noise.

### *Sound Propagation*

As sound propagates from a source it spreads geometrically. Sound from a small, localized source (i.e., a point source) radiates uniformly outward as it travels away from the source in a spherical pattern. The sound level attenuates at a rate of 6 dB per doubling of distance. The movement of vehicles down a roadway makes the source of the sound appear to propagate from a line (i.e., line source) rather than a point source. This line source results in the noise propagating from a roadway in a cylindrical spreading versus a spherical spreading that results from a point source. The sound level attenuates for a line source at a rate of 3 dB per doubling of distance.

As noise propagates from the source, it is affected by the ground and atmosphere. Noise models use hard site (reflective surfaces) and soft site (absorptive surfaces) to help calculate predicted noise levels. Hard site conditions (e.g. paved sites) assume no excessive ground absorption between the noise source and the receiver. Soft site conditions such as grass, soft dirt or landscaping attenuate noise at a rate of 1.5 dB per doubling of distance. When added to the geometric spreading, the excess ground attenuation results in an overall noise attenuation of 4.5 dB per doubling of distance for a line source and 7.5 dB per doubling of distance for a point source.

Research has demonstrated that atmospheric conditions can have a significant effect on noise levels when noise receivers are located 200 feet from a noise source. Wind, temperature, air humidity, and turbulence can further impact how far sound can travel.

### **Regulatory Setting**

The proposed project is located in the City of Claremont and noise regulations are addressed through the efforts of various federal, state and local government agencies. The agencies responsible for regulating noise are discussed herein.



### *Federal Regulations*

The adverse impact of noise was officially recognized by the federal government in the Noise Control Act of 1972, which serves three purposes:

- Publicize noise emission standards for interstate commerce
- Assist state and local abatement efforts
- Promote noise education and research

The Federal Office of Noise Abatement and Control (ONAC) originally was tasked with implementing the Noise Control Act. However, it was eventually eliminated leaving other federal agencies and committees to develop noise policies and programs. Some examples of these agencies are as follows:

- The Department of Transportation (DOT) assumed a significant role in noise control through its various agencies.
- The Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) is responsible for regulating noise from aircraft and airports.
- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is responsible for regulating noise from the interstate highway system.
- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is responsible for the prohibition of excessive noise exposure to workers.

The federal government advocates that local jurisdictions use their land use regulatory authority to arrange new development in such a way that “noise sensitive” uses are either prohibited from being constructed adjacent to a highway or, alternatively that the developments are planned and constructed in such a manner that potential noise impacts are minimized.

Since the federal government has preempted the setting of standards for noise levels that can be emitted by the transportation source, the City is restricted to regulating the noise generated by the transportation system through nuisance abatement ordinances and land use planning.

### *State Regulations*

Established in 1973, the California Department of Health Services Office of Noise Control (ONC) was instrumental in developing regularity tools to control and abate noise for use by local agencies. One significant model is the “Land Use Compatibility for Community Noise Environments Matrix.” The matrix allows the local jurisdiction to clearly delineate compatibility of sensitive uses with various incremental levels of noise.

In addition, the State has established noise insulation standards as outlined in Title 24 and the Uniform Building Code (UBC) which in some cases requires acoustical analyses to outline exterior noise levels and to ensure interior noise levels do not exceed the interior threshold. The State mandates that the legislative body of each county and city adopt a noise element as part of its comprehensive general plan. The local noise element must recognize the land use compatibility guidelines published by the State Department of Health Services. The City of Claremont's compliance with the State regarding noise is discussed below.

### *City of Claremont Noise Regulations*

The City of Claremont outlines their noise regulations and standards within the Public Safety and Noise Element from the General Plan and the Noise Ordinance from the Municipal Code.

### *City of Claremont General Plan*

Applicable policies and standards governing environmental noise in the City are set forth in the General Plan *Public Safety and Noise Element*. The City of Claremont has published their version of these guidelines as illustrated in Table 12, *Land Use Compatibility Guidelines*.

Section 16.154.020 of the Claremont Municipal Code outlines the acceptable noise standards as 60 dBA / 55 dBA, respectively, for residential use. Therefore, because the project site is located in a residential neighborhood, the project must demonstrate compliance to the City's noise standards.

In addition to the noise standards, the City has outlined goals, policies and implementation measures to reduce potential noise impacts and are presented below:

### *Goals, Policies, and Implementation Measures*

Policies and goals from the Public Safety and Noise Element that would mitigate potential impacts on noise include the following:

#### Non-Transportation Noise Sources

*Goal 6-12* Minimize the impact of excessive noise levels throughout the community and adopt appropriate noise level requirements for all land uses.

*Policy 6-12.1* Use noise contour maps and noise/land use compatibility criteria in planning and development decisions.

*Policy 6-12.2* Develop standards and encourage private property owners to locate, screen, and/or buffer equipment in order to reduce noise impacts on surrounding areas.

*Policy 6-12.3* Minimize noise from property maintenance equipment, construction activities and other non- transportation noise sources by enforcing designated construction and maintenance hours.

**Table 12 Land Use Compatibility Guidelines**

Property Receiving Noise		Maximum Noise Level (Ldn or CNEL, dBA)	
Type of Use	Zoning Designation	Interior	Exterior <sup>1</sup>
Residential	Hillside	45	65
	Rural		
	Very Low		
	Low		
	Low Medium	45	65/70 <sup>2</sup>
	Medium	45	70 <sup>2</sup>
	High		
Commercial and Office	Professional/Commercial Neighborhood Limited Major Highway Freeway	--	70
	Professional Office	50	70
Business Park	Business Park	55	75
Public/Institution	Schools	50	65
	All Others	50	70
Open Space	Active Open Space	50	70
	Passive Open Space	50	70/65 <sup>3</sup>

Source: City of Claremont, General Plan Public Safety and Noise Guidelines, Table 6-5, Claremont Land Use/Compatibility Guidelines, 2009.

Notes:

1. Regarding aircraft-related noise, the maximum acceptable exposure for new residential development is 6 dB CNEL (note: does not apply to this project)
2. Maximum exterior noise levels up to 70 dBA CNEL are allowed for multiple family housing.
3. Where quiet is a basis required for the land use.

*Policy 6-12.4* Require mitigation of any potential noise impacts before allowing mining of aggregate resources.

*City of Claremont – Noise Ordinance*

D. Exterior Noise Standards

1. The Base Noise Level is the ambient noise level or the Ambient Base Noise Level, whichever is higher. The Ambient Base Noise Levels are shown below. Each of the noise limits shall be reduced 5 dBA for noise consisting of impulse or simple tone noise.

Noise Zone	Type of Land Use	Allowed Equivalent Noise Level, Leq	
		7:00 am to 10:00 pm	10:00 pm to 7:00 am
I	Residential - Exterior Noise	60 dBA	55 dBA
II	Commercial - Exterior Noise	65 dBA	60 dBA
III	Industrial - Exterior	70 dBA	70 dBA

1. If the ambient noise exceeds the resulting standard, the ambient noise level shall be the standard.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person at any location within the incorporated area of the City to create any noise or allow the creation of any noise on the property owned, leased, occupied, or otherwise controlled by such person, which causes the noise level when measured on the property line of any other property to exceed the basic noise level as adjusted below:
  - Basic Noise Level for a cumulative period of more than 15 minutes in any one hour; or
  - Basic Noise Level plus 5 dBA for a cumulative period of more than 10 minutes in any one hour; or
  - Basic Noise Level plus 14 dBA for a cumulative period of more than 5 minutes in any one hour; or
  - Basic Noise Level plus 15 dBA at any time.
3. If the measurement location is a boundary between two different noise zones, the lower noise level standard shall apply.
4. If the intruding noise source is continuous and cannot reasonably be discontinued or stopped for a time period whereby the ambient noise level can be determined, the measured noise level obtained while the noise is in operation shall be compared directly to the allowable noise level standards as specified respective to the measurement location's designated land use and for the time of day the noise level is measured. The reasonableness of temporarily discontinuing the noise generation by an intruding noise source shall be determined by the Director or his/her duly authorized deputy for the purpose of establishing the existing ambient noise level at the measurement location.

*Construction Noise Regulations*

F. Exemptions

The following activities shall be exempted from the provisions of this chapter:

4. Noise sources associated with or vibration created by construction, repair, remodeling or grading of any real property, or during authorized seismic surveys, provided:
  - a. Activities take place between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM weekdays and Saturdays, excluding national holidays; and

- b. Noise levels, as measured on residential properties, do not exceed 65 dBA for a cumulative period of more than 15 minutes in any one hour, 70 dBA for a cumulative period of more than 10 minutes in any one hour, 79 dBA for a cumulative period of more than 5 minutes in any one hour or 80 dBA at any time; and
- c. Any vibration created does not endanger the public health, welfare, and safety. Only that construction, repair, remodeling and grading activity that does not exceed the noise levels set by Section 16.154.020.D may occur on Sundays and national holidays.

### *Thresholds Applied to the Project*

1. The project's operation must demonstrate compliance to the residential exterior standard of 65 dBA DNL and 60 dBA Leq(h) during the day and 55 dBA, Leq(h) at night.
2. Any construction activity which occurs between the hours of 7PM and 8PM must follow these standards as well. Construction during the day should not exceed 80 dBA at any time.

A twenty-four (24) hour ambient noise measurement was taken at the project site approximately 99 feet from the center of Miramar Avenue and 133 feet from the centerline of Grand Avenue. The measurement measured the 1-hour Leq, Lmin, Lmax and other statistical data (e.g. L2, L8). These represent the average, minimum and maximum A weighted sound levels, as well as measurements of the percentage of time certain sound levels were recorded. The noise measurement was taken to determine the existing baseline noise conditions.

Table 13, *Long Term Noise Measurement Data*, shows the results of the 24-hour noise measurements. The data indicates that ambient noise data at the southwest portion of the project site ranged between 43.0 to 61.8 dBA Leq(h), representing the average noise level spread over an hour. The existing daytime 60 dBA Leq(h) and nighttime 55 dBA Leq(h) conditions are exceeded at various times as indicated in the highlighted areas of Table 13. The exceedances are as a result of existing traffic conditions along the subject roadways.

The measured daily noise level is 58.5 dBA and is within the normally acceptable range when comparing the level to the City's Noise Compatibility Matrix and Municipal Code.

### *Construction Noise Impacts*

The degree of construction noise may vary for different areas of the project site and also vary depending on the construction activities and types of equipment. Noise levels associated with construction will vary with the different phases of construction. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has compiled data regarding the noise generated characteristics of typical construction activities. The data is shown in Table 14, *C/T Equipment Noise Emissions and Acoustical Usage Factor Database*.

**Table 13 Long Term Noise Measurement Data**

Date <sup>1</sup>	Time	dB(A)							
		L <sub>EQ</sub>	L <sub>MAX</sub>	L <sub>MIN</sub>	L <sub>2</sub>	L <sub>8</sub>	L <sub>25</sub>	L <sub>50</sub>	L <sub>90</sub>
7/11/2019	6AM-7AM	55.8	83.2	44.0	63.1	50.9	49.3	48.6	47.7
7/11/2019	7AM-8AM	57.4	72.1	40.3	68.1	59.8	57.1	56.7	53.1
7/11/2019	8AM-9AM	56.6	64.3	55.9	57.3	56.9	56.7	56.7	56.5
7/11/2019	9AM-10AM	52.2	71.4	37.0	60.1	56.5	56.1	48.8	44.2
7/11/2019	10AM-11AM	46.9	65.7	35.4	57.6	50.0	46.8	44.7	40.6
7/11/2019	11AM-12PM	49.3	68.4	35.5	60.7	52.1	48.5	45.8	40.8
7/11/2019	12PM-1PM	53.1	76.0	36.7	64.5	53.6	49.0	46.3	41.7
7/11/2019	1PM-2PM	50.2	70.8	36.6	59.1	52.3	49.6	47.8	44.3
7/11/2019	2PM-3PM	48.2	71.0	36.8	57.2	48.1	45.6	44.2	41.8
7/11/2019	3PM-4PM	62.6	77.5	38.8	70.9	68.4	66.9	63.0	44.5
7/11/2019	4PM-5PM	47.2	65.4	38.5	58.7	49.7	46.3	44.7	42.5
7/11/2019	5PM-6PM	46.8	70.2	39.1	54.8	48.7	46.6	45.4	43.2
7/11/2019	6PM-7PM	45.1	59.7	39.0	52.8	48.2	46.1	44.8	42.8
7/11/2019	7PM-8PM	43.7	56.5	38.3	51.0	46.4	44.4	43.5	41.9
7/11/2019	8PM-9PM	44.6	57.1	39.4	51.4	47.1	45.3	44.5	43.1
7/11/2019	9PM-10PM	45.5	62.4	37.0	53.2	46.6	45.5	44.9	43.5
7/11/2019	10PM-11PM	57.2	85.0	37.6	60.2	44.8	43.4	42.9	41.9
7/11/2019	11PM-12AM	43.0	55.4	39.2	47.0	45.1	44.0	43.3	42.3
7/12/2019	12AM-1AM	48.2	58.9	41.1	53.4	51.1	49.7	48.8	47.3
7/12/2019	1AM-2AM	46.6	54.1	41.3	51.2	49.0	48.1	47.5	45.9
7/12/2019	2AM-3AM	46.9	54.0	42.1	51.9	49.4	47.7	46.9	45.6
7/12/2019	3AM-4AM	49.1	55.9	44.1	50.0	48.6	48.0	47.6	46.6
7/12/2019	4AM-5AM	50.7	69.9	45.6	52.2	51.1	50.4	49.8	48.7
7/12/2019	5AM-6AM	61.8	81.8	47.1	54.6	52.7	51.7	51.1	50.0
<b>Day/Night Level</b>		<b>58.5</b>							

Source: MD Acoustics, Miragrand Groundwater Well Noise Impact Study, Table 2, August 2019.

Notes:

1. Long-term noise monitoring location is shown in Figure X.
2. Saw cutting will not be continuous. In addition, saw cutting will only occur between 7AM to 6PM. Therefore, the noise from cutting is temporary and considered a short-term impact.

**Table 14 C/T Equipment Noise Emissions and Acoustical Usage Factor Database**

Equipment Description	Impact Device?	Acoustical use Factor (%)	Spec. 721.560 Lmax @ 50ft (dBA, slow)	Actual Measured Lmax @ 50ft (dBA, slow)	No. of Actual Data Samples (Count)
All Other Equipment > 5 HP	No	50	85	-N/A-	0
Auger Drill Rig	No	20	85	84	36
Backhoe	No	40	80	78	372
Bar Bender	No	20	80	-N/A-	0
Blasting	Yes	-N/A-	94	-N/A-	0
Boring Jack Power Unit	No	50	80	83	1
Chain Saw	No	20	85	84	46
Clam Shovel (dropping)	Yes	20	93	87	4
Compactor (ground)	No	20	80	83	57
Compressor (air)	No	40	80	78	18
Concrete Batch Plant	No	15	83	-N/A-	0
Concrete Mixer Truck	No	40	85	79	40
Concrete Pump Truck	No	20	82	81	30
Concrete Saw	No	20	90	90	55
Crane	No	16	85	81	405
Dozer	No	40	85	82	55
Drill Rig Truck	No	20	84	79	22
Drum Mixer	No	50	80	80	1
Dump Truck	No	40	84	76	31
Excavator	No	40	85	81	170
Flat Bed Truck	No	40	84	74	4
Front End Loader	No	40	80	79	96
Generator	No	50	82	81	19
Generator (<25KVA, VMS signs)	No	50	70	73	74
Gradall	No	40	85	83	70
Grader	No	40	85	-N/A-	0
Grapple (on backhoe)	No	40	85	87	1
Horizontal Boring Hydr. Jack	No	25	80	82	6
Hydra Break Ram	Yes	10	90	-N/A-	0
Impact Pile Driver	Yes	20	95	101	11
Jackhammer	Yes	20	85	89	133
Man Lift	No	20	85	75	23
Mounted Impact hammer (hoe ram)	Yes	20	90	90	212
Pavement Scarafier	No	20	85	90	2
Paver	No	50	85	77	9
Pickup Truck	No	40	55	75	1

**Table 14 C/T Equipment Noise Emissions and Acoustical Usage Factor Database (continued)**

Equipment Description	Impact Device?	Acoustical use Factor (%)	Spec. 721.560 Lmax @ 50ft (dBA, slow)	Actual Measured Lmax @ 50ft (dBA, slow)	No. of Actual Data Samples (Count)
Pneumatic Tools	No	50	85	85	90
Pumps	No	50	77	81	17
Refrigerator Unit	No	100	82	73	3
Rivit Buster/chipping gun	Yes	20	85	79	19
Rock Drill	No	20	85	81	3
Roller	No	20	85	80	16
Sand Blasting (Single Nozzle)	No	20	85	96	9
Scraper	No	40	85	84	12
Shears (on backhoe)	No	40	85	96	5
Slurry Plant	No	100	78	78	1
Slurry Trenching Machine	No	50	82	80	75
Soil Mix Drill Rig	No	50	80	-N/A-	0
Tractor	No	40	84	-N/A-	0
Vacuum Excavator (Vac-truck)	No	40	85	85	149
Vacuum Street Sweeper	No	10	80	82	19
Ventilation Fan	No	100	85	79	13
Vibrating Hopper	No	50	85	87	1
Vibratory Concrete Mixer	No	20	80	80	1
Vibratory Pile Driver	No	20	95	101	44
Warning Horn	No	5	85	83	12
Welder/Torch	No	40	73	74	5

Source: MD Acoustics, Miragrand Groundwater Well Noise Impact Study, Table 3, August 2019.

Table 15, *Construction Noise Levels - dBA,Leq(h)*, provides the construction noise level projections during the various phases of construction. As shown in Table 15, the noise level during the various phases of construction will vary between 47.1 to 73.8 dBA. The noise level projections include the reduced noise as a result of mufflers and the 24-foot tall noise barrier surrounding the project construction site.

Noise from pavement/concrete cutting will be intermittent and short-term in nature such that while the cutting occurs the noise will reach 73.8 dBA at the nearest sensitive receptor but when cutting does not occur the noise will fall back down to the ambient condition. Cutting of pavement was assumed to occur over a 3 to 5-day period with intermittent saw cutting That would not be continuous.



**Table 15 Construction Noise Levels (dBA, Leq(h))**

Location	Phase	Construction Noise Level <sup>1</sup>	Reduction with Mufflers	Reduction with Wall	Abated Noise Level	Ambient Level <sup>2</sup>	Final Projected Noise Level
Residences	Cutting	88.8	-15.0	N/A	73.8	46.8	73.8
	Laying	87.4	-15.0	N/A	72.4	46.8	72.4
	Paving	88.2	-15.0	N/A	73.2	46.8	73.2
	Drilling	59.0		-14.0	45.0	43.0	47.1
	Building	78.6	-15.0	-14.0	49.6	46.8	51.4

Source: MD Acoustics, Miragrand Groundwater Well Noise Impact Study, Table 4, August 2019.

Notes:

1. Distance projected from center of the well site to the nearest home.
2. Lowest ambient level during operational hours.

This may occur when contractors are putting in the temporary drain between the project site and the existing swale on the east side of Grand Avenue that may be used to convey water used in the well drilling process to the existing storm drain approximately 600 feet south of the project site. Or, when the proposed new 8-inch pipeline between the new well and the 12-inch pipeline in Grand Avenue is constructed.

In addition, saw cutting will only occur between the hours of 7AM to 6PM. Therefore, the noise from cutting would be temporary and considered a short-term impact. Likewise, laying of pipe in the trench along Miramar Avenue will last approximately 2 to 3 days and is short-term in nature. Noise will reach up to 74.4 dBA. The noise from this construction activity is short-term and temporary in nature, and would only occur between 7AM to 6PM and therefore the impact is considered less than significant.

The 24-hour drilling for the new well will last approximately 10 to 14 days. The projected noise level to the nearest sensitive receptor is 47.1 dBA which is below the City's 55 dBA nighttime noise requirement. Noise from drilling will be mitigated using 24-foot tall barriers and mufflers on drilling equipment engines. In addition, contact information will be posted on site to allow local residents to call if nighttime noise is annoying. TVMWD will then consult with the project noise consultant to determine if additional attenuation measures can be taken. Therefore, the impact is less than significant with mitigation.

The repaving of the roadway for either the temporary stormdrain or the permanent pipeline trench is estimated to last approximately 3-days each. The projected noise level to the nearest sensitive receptor is 73.2 dBA. Paving will only occur between 7AM to 6PM and therefore the impact is considered less than significant as the noise will be intermittent and not continuous during paving.

Noise during the construction of the proposed enclosure (building) is projected to be 51.4 dBA and is below the City's noise limit. Construction is anticipated to occur only during the hours of 7AM to 6PM and therefore the impact is considered less than significant.

Construction is anticipated to occur during the permissible hours according the City's Municipal Code except for the 24-hour drilling which should not exceed the nighttime residential noise limit. Construction noise will have a temporary or periodic increase in the ambient noise level above the existing within the project vicinity.

Furthermore, construction design noise reduction measures are provided to further reduce construction noise. These are found in the Mitigation Measures section below.

### *Operational Noise Impacts*

Once construction has been completed it is anticipated that noise associated with the operation of the well would be limited to the well motor. Water passing through the underground pipeline would not generate any audible noise.

The project site is located on the northwest corner of Miragrand Avenue and Grand Avenue within an established residential neighborhood. The main source of operational noise from the well will be the 125-horsepower pump motor that would be enclosed by a concrete masonry unit block building as shown in Figure 9 of Chapter 2, *Project Description*. The room that would house the well and motor will be lined with acoustic panels to further reduce impact to the surrounding residences. To evaluate a worst-case noise scenario for operational noise, the Noise Impact Study was based on noise data for a 400-horsepower well motor.

Based on the referenced data, noise from a 400-horsepower motor is projected to be approximately 90 dBA, Leq at 3 feet from the motor. When projecting the noise level to the nearest sensitive receptor (100 feet from the motor), the noise would measure 59.5 dBA, Leq.

As previously mentioned, the TVMWD is proposing to enclose the motor in a concrete masonry unit block building with a room lined with acoustic panels which will provide at least 30 dB reduction. The noise at the closest sensitive receptor would be approximately 30 dBA, Leq, which is below the City's noise ordinance and will not increase the ambient noise level. Therefore, the project's operations will meet the City's noise limit and will not have a significant impact. Furthermore, the operational noise will not exceed the City's 65 CNEL (day/night level) land use compatibility noise matrix for residential uses.

Mitigation measure NOI-1 requires all contractors to comply with the City's Noise Ordinance regarding construction hours/days as well as erecting a 24-foot high noise barrier around the well during well construction.

During operation, noise associated with pumping would not result in a significant noise impact. Therefore, no mitigation is required.

13(b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?

**Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated.**

### Vibration Descriptors

Ground-borne vibrations consist of rapidly fluctuating motions within the ground that have an average motion of zero. The effects of ground-borne vibrations typically only cause a nuisance to people, but at extreme vibration levels, damage to buildings may occur. Although ground-borne vibration can be felt outdoors, it is typically only an annoyance to people indoors where the associated effects of the shaking of a building can be notable. Ground-borne noise is an effect of ground-borne vibration and only exists indoors since it is produced from noise radiated from the motion of the walls and floors of a room and may also consist of the rattling of windows or dishes on shelves.

Methods used to quantify vibration amplitude are as follows:

*PPV* – Known as the peak particle velocity (PPV) which is the maximum instantaneous peak in vibration velocity, typically given in inches per second.

*RMS* – Known as root mean squared (RMS) can be used to denote vibration amplitude

*VdB* – A commonly used abbreviation to describe the vibration level (VdB) for a vibration source.

### Vibration Perception

Typically, developed areas are continuously affected by vibration velocities of 50 VdB or lower. These continuous vibrations are not noticeable to humans whose threshold of perception is around 65 VdB. Outdoor sources that may produce perceptible vibrations are usually caused by construction equipment, steel-wheeled trains, and traffic on rough roads, while smooth roads rarely produce perceptible ground-borne noise or vibration. To counter the effects of ground-borne vibration, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has published guidance relative to vibration impacts. According to the FTA, fragile buildings can be exposed to ground-borne vibration levels of 0.3 inches per second without experiencing structural damage.

### Vibration Propagation

There are three main types of vibration propagation: surface, compression, and shear waves. Surface waves, or Rayleigh waves, travel along the ground's surface. These waves carry most of their energy along an expanding circular wave front, similar to ripples produced by throwing a rock into a pool of water. P-waves, or compression waves, are body waves that carry their energy along an expanding spherical wavefront. The particle motion in these waves is longitudinal (i.e., in a "push-pull" fashion). P-waves are analogous to airborne

sound waves. S-waves, or shear waves, are also body waves that carry energy along an expanding spherical wavefront. However, unlike P-waves, the particle motion is transverse, or side-to-side and perpendicular to the direction of propagation.

As vibration waves propagate from a source, the vibration energy decreases in a logarithmic nature and the vibration levels typically decrease by 6 VdB per doubling of the distance from the vibration source. As stated above, this drop-off rate can vary greatly depending on the soil but has been shown to be effective enough for screening purposes, in order to identify potential vibration impacts that may need to be studied through actual field tests.

## Regulatory Setting

### *City of Claremont*

Section 16.154.020 of the Claremont Municipal Code also addresses vibration as follows:

- J. Notwithstanding other sections of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person to create, maintain or cause any ground vibration which is perceptible without instruments at any point on any affected property adjoining the property on which the vibration source is located. For the purpose of this chapter, the perception threshold shall be presumed to be more than 0.05 inches per second RMS vertical velocity.

### Construction Vibration

Construction activities can produce vibration that may be felt by adjacent land uses. The construction of the proposed project would not require the use of equipment such as pile drivers, which are known to generate substantial construction vibration levels. According to the FTA Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment manual, a loaded truck has a PPV of 0.076 in/sec (86 VdB) at 25 feet. At 40 feet from the truck the maximum PPV is 0.045 in/sec and is below any threshold of damage. Appendix D of the Noise Study (see Initial Study Appendix C) provides the vibration calculations. This is within the Claremont Municipal Code guidelines for perception of vibration. Therefore, the impact is considered to be short-term and less than significant. No additional mitigation measures are needed.

- 13(c) For a project located within an the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? **Determination: No Impact.**

The project site is located approximately 1.5 miles northwest of the Cable Airport, a private general aviation airport located at 1749 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Upland. Brackett Field Airport, a Los Angeles County-owned/operated general aviation airport located at 1615 McKinley Avenue, is located approximately 4.5 miles southwest of the project site in the City of La Verne. The proposed project is a new groundwater production well and would not

generate any permanent residents or employees on site that would be exposed to excessive noise levels. Therefore, there is no impact.

## Mitigation Measures

### *Construction*

NOI-1 Construction activities must follow the City's General Plan and the Noise Ordinance, which states that construction, repair or excavation work performed must occur within the permissible hours. To further ensure that construction activities do not disrupt the adjacent land uses, the following measures will be taken:

1. Typical construction will occur between the hours of 7AM and 5PM. Monday through Friday except during holidays.
2. During construction, the contractor will ensure all construction equipment is equipped with appropriate noise attenuating devices.
3. The contractor will locate equipment staging areas that will create the greatest distance between construction-related noise/vibration sources and sensitive receptors nearest the project site during all project construction.
4. Idling equipment will be turned off when not in use.
5. Equipment will be maintained so that vehicles and their loads are secured from rattling and banging.
6. A 24-foot high noise barrier will be placed around the well where noted during well construction (see Noise Study Exhibit G).
7. Nearby residences will be notified before 24-hour drilling and well development activities.
8. Contact information will be posted on site to allow local residents to call. TVMWD may consult with the project noise consultant to determine if additional attenuation measures are needed.

### *Operation*

The Noise Study concluded that constructing the well pump building with masonry block and interior acoustical tiles, noise attenuation of the well pump will ensure that noise levels are below the City's Standards set forth in the Municipal Code. Therefore, no mitigation for operation is required.

## Impact Conclusions

As set forth in mitigation measure NOI-1 will ensure that construction noise would remain below the City's Noise Standards. During operation, the use of masonry construction and interior acoustical tile would attenuate noise from the well pump, ensuring that noise generated by the pump motor would be less than significant. Finally, no significant vibration impacts are associated with construction or operation of the proposed project.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>3.14 Population and Housing:</b> Would the project:				
a) Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				✓
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				✓

### Discussion

14(a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)? **Determination: No Impact.**

14(b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? **Determination: No Impact.**

The project site is located in a single-family neighborhood in an area characterized by similar neighborhoods. The purpose of the proposed project is to enhance local water supplies and enhance water supply reliability. There are no new homes or businesses associated with the project that would induce substantial population growth in an area.

The project site is a vacant approximately one-acre site. Therefore, the proposed project would not displace any housing or residents.

### Mitigation Measures

No significant impacts regarding population and housing are associated with implementation of the proposed project.

### Impact Conclusions

Not Applicable.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>3.14 Public Services:</b> 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:				
a. Fire protection?			✓	
b. Police protection?			✓	
c. Schools?				✓
d. Recreation/Parks?				✓
e. Other public facilities?				✓

**Discussion**

15 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:

a) Fire protection? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.**

Fire protection services are provided to the project area by the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The closest fire station is Station 62 located at 3701 North Mills Avenue at the northwest corner of North Mills Avenue and Pomello Avenue, approximately ½ mile northwest of the project site.

During construction of the proposed well and pipeline, temporary lane closures may be required on Miramar Avenue or Grand Avenue. Construction activities would be carried out in accordance in coordination with the City of Claremont Public Works Departments and Los

Angeles County Fire Department emergency access standards in order to maintain access for local residents. Operation of the well site is passive and it would not require additional fire protection. Less than significant physical impacts would occur to fire protection services as result of construction and operation of the proposed Miragrand well site.

b) Police protection? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.**

Police projection services are provided by the Claremont Police Department. The Police Department is located at 570 W Bonita Avenue, Claremont, approximately 2.5 miles southwest of the project site. Most project operations (well pumping and water conveyance through pipeline) would occur underground and would not require additional police protection. In addition, the project would not result in substantial changes to population, housing or traffic that would increase demand on police protection services. Therefore, construction and operation of the Miragrand well site would not result in the need for construction of additional police protection facilities nor would it adversely affect service ratios. During construction interference with the flows of traffic on Grand and/or Miramar avenues may occur. However, construction activities would be carried out in compliance with City of Claremont Public Works Department and Claremont Police Department emergency access standards and access for local residents would be maintained during construction. Less than significant physical impacts would occur to police protection services as result of construction and operation of the proposed MiraGrand well site.

c) Schools? **Determination: No Impact.**

The proposed project does not involve the use, or need for, schools. Construction personnel are anticipated to be from the local area where their school-aged children are already utilizing the existing schools. Therefore, there will be no impact to schools.

d) Recreation/Parks? **Determination: No Impact.**

The construction and operation of the proposed project would not generate additional population that would increase demand for neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities. There are no parks located immediately adjacent to the project site. The nearest park is June Vail Park, located approximately 350 feet south of the project site. No impacts to parks would result from the construction and operation of the proposed Miragrand well site.

e) Other Public Facilities? **Determination: No Impact.**

No other public facilities such as public buildings, recreation centers, parks, public utilities, etc., are located adjacent to the project site. Therefore, construction of the proposed project would not have the potential to temporarily impact access to public facilities. Therefore, there would be no impact to other public facilities



Mitigation Measures

No mitigation measures have been identified.

Impact Conclusions

Not applicable.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>3.16 Recreation:</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?				✓
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?				✓

Discussion

16(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? **Determination: No Impact.**

16(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?? **Determination: No Impact.**

Neither the construction nor operation of the Miragrand groundwater production well and pipeline would generate additional population that would increase the use of existing neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities. Therefore, no impacts to existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational centers are anticipated from construction and operation of the proposed Project.

In addition, the proposed project is a groundwater well and pipeline with appurtenant structures necessary for the operation and maintenance of the well. Construction and operation would not include recreational facilities or require construction or expansion of

recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment. Therefore, there would be no impact.

**Mitigation Measures**

No mitigation measures have been identified.

**Impact Conclusions**

Not applicable.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>3.17 Transportation:</b> Would the project:				
a) Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?				✓
b) Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?		✓		
c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				✓
d) Result in inadequate emergency access?			✓	

**Discussion**

17(a) Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities? **Determination: No Impact.**

The proposed project would not conflict with an applicable congestion management program, plan ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system because the project consists of the construction of a new well site and approximately 150 feet of new underground pipeline. Construction staging would occur on site so that most drilling equipment will be brought to the site at the beginning of well drilling construction and removed at the end of drilling. Other material for the pipeline, perimeter wall and fence, landscaping and new sidewalks will be delivered and stored on site or will be delivered at

the actual time of construction of each site element. During operation, vehicle trips would be intermittent and limited to one or two vehicles for maintenance of the well site. Therefore, the project would not conflict with any traffic/circulation program, etc.

17(b) Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?  
**Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated.**

CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3(b) sets forth the criteria for analyzing transportation impacts. Specifically, this section of the Guidelines focuses on land use projects and associated vehicle miles traveled. Subsection (b)(4) describes a lead agency's discretion in choosing the most appropriate methodology to evaluate a project's vehicle miles traveled.

The maximum amount of construction laborers and traffic anticipated to work on the site at any point is 10 laborers during the installation of the pipeline, inclusive of equipment operators. The existing vacant lot located at the northwest corner of Miramar Avenue and Grand Avenue will be utilized as the staging yard for the project, limiting the transport of construction equipment to and from the project, once the equipment is brought to the site. All equipment, with the exception of delivery trucks, will be stored on-site in the staging area.

Table 16, *Estimated Peak Hour Project Trips*, gives an estimate of project trips assuming that laborers commute to and from the site, in individual vehicles, during both morning and evening peak hours. These values represent the number of laborers commuting to and from the site (10) as well as 2 delivery trucks entering and exiting the site during the peak hour period. Due to the lack of on-street parking, all construction personnel will need to park within the construction site and staging yard.

**Table 16 Estimated Peak Hour Project Trips**

Morning Peak Hour		Evening Peak Hour	
In	Out	In	Out
12	2	2	12

*Source: Miragrand Well Site Traffic Memo, HKA, August 2019.*

During the construction of the pipeline, work will take place in the travel path at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Miramar Avenue, requiring lane closures to complete these tasks. The construction contractor will be responsible for development of a traffic control plan (TCP) in order to minimize impacts on residents leaving and returning to the neighborhood during construction. The TCP will include consideration of vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians that may need access through the construction zone along Miramar Avenue and Grand Avenue in the vicinity of the project site. The TCP has been identified as an element in the Project Description, therefore, no mitigation is required.

Based on the project description and assumptions above, the amount of construction project trips generated by the site does not create a significant impact on traffic flow in the area or require further analysis.

17(c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?  
**Determination: No Impact.**

There is no roadway design associated with the proposed MiraGrand well and pipeline project. Therefore, the project would have no impact.

17(d) Result in inadequate emergency access? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated.**

See discussion in 17(b) above regarding the requirement for the construction contractor to prepare and implement a traffic control plan.

### Mitigation Measures

### Impact Conclusions

Less than significant impact with the implementation of mitigation measure TR-1.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>3.18 Tribal Cultural Resources:</b> Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:				
a) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or		✓		

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1? In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.		✓		

**Discussion**

18(a) Is the project site listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k). **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated.**

The project site is not listed or eligible for listing as an historical resource as defined in Public Resources Code Section 5020.1(k). The code section is specific to a local register of historical resources”, meaning a list of properties officially designated or recognized as historically significant by a local government pursuant to a local ordinance or resolution. A review of the City of Claremont’s General Plan Land Use, Community Character, and Heritage Preservation Element showed that the project site is located in the Northeast Claremont neighborhood but does not appear to be located within a unique neighborhood as identified in the Element. A search of GoogleEarth images shows that the site was a remnant part of a citrus grove that was being replaced by residential land uses. But 1994, the site was vacant with the exception of a few remaining trees. It does not appear that the site ever contained buildings or other improvements that may be considered historic. Therefore, there is no impact to historical resources per PRC Section 5020.1(k). Regarding other CRHR listings, see discussion under 18(b) below.

18(b) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1? In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe. **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated.**

### *Regulatory Framework*

In addition to the outreach conducted as part of the Cultural Resources Assessment for the project (see Section 3.5, *Cultural Resources*), TVMWD also conducted Tribal Consultation as required under Assembly Bill (AB) 52, when a lead agency prepares a Mitigation Negative Declaration or an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

This section specifically addresses Tribal Cultural Resources as required under CEQA Section 21074 as follows:

- (a) “Tribal cultural resources” are either of the following:
  - (1) Sites, features, places, cultural landscapes, sacred places, and objects with cultural value to a California Native American tribe that are either of the following:
    - (A) Included or determined to be eligible for inclusion in the California Register of Historical Resources.
    - (B) Included in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code Section 5020.1 (k).
  - (2) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1(c). In applying the criteria set forth in Section 5024.1(c) for the purposes of this paragraph, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.
- (b) A cultural landscape that meets the criteria of subdivision (a) is a tribal cultural resource to the extent that the landscape is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape.
- (c) A historical resource described in CEQA Section 21084.1, a unique archaeological resource as defined in CEQA Section 21083.2(g), or a “nonunique archaeological resource” as defined in CEQA Section 21083.2(h) may also be a tribal cultural resource if it conforms with the criteria of subdivision (a).

CEQA Section 21080.3.1(b) requires that prior to the release of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, or environmental impact report for a project, the lead agency shall begin consultation with a California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project if:

- (1) the California Native American tribe requested to the lead agency, in writing, to be informed by the lead agency through formal notification of proposed projects in the geographic area that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the tribe; and
- (2) the California Native American tribe responds, in writing, within 30 days of receipt of the formal notification, and requests the consultation. When responding to the lead

agency, the California Native American tribe shall designate a lead contact person. If the California Native American tribe does not designate a lead contact person, or designates multiple lead contact people, the lead agency shall defer to the individual listed on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission for the purposes of Chapter 905 of the Statutes of 2004. For purposes of this section and Section 21080.3.2, “consultation” shall have the same meaning as provided in Section 65352.4 of the Government Code.

### *AB 52 Consultation*

As part of the Cultural Resources Assessment, the project archaeologist submitted a written request to the State of California NAHC for a records search in the commission’s Sacred Lands File. In response NAHC’s provided a list of representatives of Native American Tribes that may have additional information on the project area (see Section 3.5 for a discussion of the results of this effort). TVMWD also used the list provided by NAHC to solicit input from Tribal representatives pursuant to the requirements of AB 52.

On August 1, 2019, TVMWD sent a request for consultation, via certified mail, to the tribal representatives using the same list used by the project archaeologist to contact tribal representatives as part of the Cultural Resources Assessment.

At the end of the 30-day period in which a Tribal representative may request consultation, TVMWD received one request for consultation from the Chairperson Andy Salas, of the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians–Kizh Nation. Mr. Salas indicated that the project site is within their Ancestral Tribal Territory; therefore, their Tribal Government has requested to schedule a consultation with TVMWD as the lead agency, to discuss the project and the surrounding location in further detail.

In addition, TVMWD received an email from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, Cultural Resources Analyst stating that “the proposed project area exists within Serrano ancestral territory and, therefore, is of interest to the Tribe. However, due to the nature and location of the proposed project, and given the CRM Department’s present state of knowledge, SMBMI does not have any concerns with the project’s implementation, as planned, at this time.” The correspondence included a list of mitigation measures to be incorporated into the Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources sections of the Initial Study, per CEQA Section 21084.3. These measures are included in the Mitigation Measure section below and have been amended to include the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians–Kizh Nation request for construction monitoring. New text is double underlined, and deleted text is stricken through.

There were no responses from the remaining representatives, although TVMWD received confirmation that the letter requesting consultation had been received by all but the representative of the Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians, Chairperson

Anthony Morales. Two attempts were made to deliver the letter via certified mail, but they were returned each time. Therefore, TVWMD has complied with AB 52 regarding notification.

The next step in the process is to provide the two representatives with a copy of the Cultural Resources Assessment for their review. This was done via email on September 4, 2019. The representative of the SMBMI responded stating that she had no further comments on the project and would file the report. Consultation is underway with the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians–Kizh Nation and will be completed prior to the TVMWD Board taking an action on the project and adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration. In the interim, the Cultural Resources Assessment did not identify any resources at the project site. The site has been disturbed over the years by past agricultural uses, and the routine disking for weed abatement. The site was being used as a staging area (i.e., equipment parking, material and stockpiles) for the Grand Avenue well construction project located approximately ½ mile south of the project site. Should such unknown resources be uncovered during construction activities at the project site, mitigation measures as set forth below will be implemented.

On October 23, 2019 consultation between TVWMD and the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians–Kizh Nation began with a conference call followed Mr. Andy Salas providing additional information regarding the Tribe’s cultural/ancestral connection to the San Gabriel Valley, including within the vicinity of the project site.

The information that San Manuel provided regarding the village of Tobipet as a response to the request for information made by the archaeologist preparing the Cultural Resources Report, is incorrect. It is not their ancestral village but the ancestral to the Gabrieleño, and is not located in Claremont but within the old Rancho San Jose are to the south in the City of Pomona. All mainland villages (sans the Gabrieleño island villages) overlapped each other to help facilitate the movement of tribal cultural resources throughout the landscape and also to sister tribes outside of their traditional ancestral territory. Village use areas were usually shared between village areas and were commonly used by two or more adjoining villages depending on the type, quantity, quality, and availability of natural resources in the area. Therefore, human activity can be pronounced within the shared use areas due to the combined use by multiple villages and Tribal Cultural Resources may be present in the soil layers from the thousands of years of human activity within that landscape.

In addition, Mr. Salas provided maps dated 1898 and 1920, that indicated the hydrography or waterways that existed around the project area prior to urbanization. All water sources were used by the Tribe for life sustenance. Along these watercourses and water bodies occurred permanent villages, seasonal or permanent hamlets, seasonal or permanent trade depots, ceremonial and religious prayer sites, and burials and cremation sites of our ancestors. These activities occurred around water, both inland and coastal, because these water areas created unique habitats and riparian corridors that provided an abundance of food and medicine resources along with aesthetically peaceful areas with running water, shade trees, and shelter.



Larger water bodies were high attractants for human activity and the banks and shores of these water bodies have a higher than average potential for encountering Tribal Cultural Resources of artifacts and human remains during ground disturbing activities. Waterways are a “cultural landscape”, as stated in section 21074. (a) and are protected under AB52 as a tribal cultural resource.

Due to the project site being located within and around a sacred village, and adjacent to sacred water courses and trade routes, there is potential to impact Tribal Cultural Resources still present within the soil from the thousands of years of prehistoric activities that occurred within and around these Tribal Cultural landscapes. Therefore, to avoid impacting or destroying Tribal Cultural Resources that may be inadvertently unearthed during the project's ground disturbing activities, the Tribal Government recommended mitigation measures.

### Mitigation Measures

This section has been updated based on the results of the AB 52 consultation with the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians–Kizh Nation which took place subsequent to the publication of the Draft Initial Study and Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

The Cultural Resources Assessment prepared for the proposed Miragrand Well project included a recommendation to halt or divert all work within 50 feet of an area where buried cultural resources have been uncovered. However, as part of TVMWD's AB 52 Tribal Consultation, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Cultural Resources Analyst recommended more specific measures that have been incorporated into this Initial Study. These were made a part of the Draft Initial Study/MND. Subsequently, the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians–Kizh Nation, provided a similar set of measures. The two sets of measures have been combined and are as follows:

#### *Cultural Resources*

CUL-1 Prior to commencement of project ground disturbing activities (e.g., clearing and grubbing, tree removal, pot-holing or augering, boring, grading, excavation, drilling and trenching) TVMWD shall retain a qualified archaeological monitor approved by the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation and is listed under the NAHC's Tribal Contact list for the area of the project location. At the end of monitoring activities, the monitor shall submit a monitoring report that describes construction activities, location, soils, and other pertinent data; and any identified cultural material. Monitoring shall end when the project site grading and excavation activities are completed, or when the monitor concludes that the site has a low potential for impacting Tribal Cultural Resources.

CUL-2 In the event that cultural resources are discovered during project activities, all work in the immediate vicinity of the find (within a 60-foot buffer) shall cease. ~~and a~~

~~qualified archaeologist meeting Secretary of Interior standards shall be hired to assess the find.~~ Work on the other portions of the project outside of the buffered area may continue during this assessment period. Additionally, the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation and the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Cultural Resources Department (SMBMI) shall be contacted, regarding any pre-contact finds and be provided information after the archaeologist makes his/her initial assessment of the nature of the find, so as to provide Tribal input with regards to significance and treatment. (To be implemented in tandem with mitigation measure TCR-1)

CUL-3 If significant pre-contact cultural resources, as defined by CEQA (as amended, 2015), are discovered and avoidance cannot be ensured, the archaeologist shall develop a Monitoring and Treatment Plan, the drafts of which shall be provided to the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation and SMBMI for review and comment, as detailed within TCR-1. The archaeologist shall monitor the remainder of the project and implement the Plan accordingly.

CUL-4 If human remains or funerary objects are encountered during any activities associated with the project, work in the immediate vicinity (within a 100-foot buffer of the find) shall cease and the County Coroner shall be contacted pursuant to State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 and that code enforced for the duration of the project. If the coroner recognizes the human remains to be those of a Native American or has reason to believe that they are those of a Native American, he or she shall contact, by telephone within 24 hours, the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) and PRC 5097.98 shall be followed.

#### *Tribal Cultural Resources*

Because the analyses of Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources are interconnected, mitigation measures specific to the issue of Tribal Cultural Resources are included here.

TCR-1 The Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation and San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Cultural Resources Department (SMBMI) shall be contacted, as detailed in CUL-1, of any pre-contact cultural resources discovered during project implementation, and be provided information regarding the nature of the find, so as to provide Tribal input with regards to significance and treatment. Should the find be deemed significant, as defined by CEQA, a Cultural Resources Monitoring and Treatment Plan (CRMTP) shall be created by the archaeologist, in coordination with SMBMI representatives of each tribe, and all subsequent finds shall be subject to this CRMTP. ~~The CRMTP shall allow for a monitor to be present that represents SMBMI for the remainder of the project should SMBMI elect to place a monitor on site~~ include a continuation of the monitoring activities as outlined in mitigation

~~measure CUL-1. allow for a monitor to be present that represents SMBMI for the remainder of the project, should SMBMI elect to place a monitor on site.~~

TCR-2 Any and all archaeological/cultural documents created as a part of the project (isolate records, site records, survey reports, testing reports, etc.) shall be supplied to ~~the applicant and Lead Agency TVMWD~~ for dissemination to the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation and SMBMI. The Lead Agency and/or applicant shall, in good faith, consult with SMBMI each of the tribal representatives throughout the life of the project.

### Impact Conclusions

Implementation of mitigation measures CUL-1 and CUL-2, and TCR-1 and TCR-2 would ensure that potential impacts associated with the discovery of unknown tribal cultural resources would be less than significant.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>3.19 Utilities and Service Systems:</b> Would the project:				
a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or stormwater, drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				✓
b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?				✓
c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				✓

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?		✓		
e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction regulations related to solid waste?		✓		

### Discussion

19(a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or stormwater, drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? **Determination: No Impact.**

The proposed project is a groundwater well and associated structures or facilities, including approximately 150 foot 8-inch pipeline to connect the new well to the existing 12-inch pipeline in Grand Avenue; and a perimeter wall around the well site, landscaping, and sidewalks.

During construction, electric power is available from local SCE power lines. Equipment that requires additional power will be from diesel generators. Some equipment may also use gasoline. None of these fuels will be stored on site. Once construction is completed, operation of the facility will utilize electric power from the grid. Energy consumption during long-term operation is evaluated in Section 3.6, *Energy*. Regarding energy, the conclusion is that the project would have a less than significant impact on electric power.

19(b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years? **Determination: No Impact.**

The proposed project is a new groundwater production to be developed at the northwest corner of Grand Avenue and Miramar Avenue, that will become a part of TVMWDs groundwater production system intended to increase the reliability of the water supply during normal, dry and multiple dry years.

19(c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments? **Determination: No Impact.**

The project does not include any new residences or businesses that would be occupied, therefore, no water or sewer service is proposed for the site. As such, the proposed project would not contribute any new wastewater to the existing system. Therefore, there is no impact.

19(d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated.**

Small volumes of construction-related waste and inert demolition debris (e.g. asphalt) will require disposal during proposed project construction. Construction and Demolition (C&D) material generated during project construction may include but is not limited to asphalt, concrete, cardboard, plastics, and metal. Per the California Green Building Standards Code (CalGreen) all construction projects in the City of Claremont are required to divert a minimum of 65 percent of C&D waste from landfill disposal. Therefore mitigation measure USS-1 has been identified that requires the construction contractor to submit a C&D disposal plan to the City Public Works Department for review and approval.

19(e) Comply with federal, State, and local management and reduction regulations related to solid waste? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated.**

All solid waste generated during construction activities would be handled in accordance with all applicable federal, State, and local statutes and regulations. Therefore, no impacts would occur under this criterion as a result of future project construction activities. Project operation would consist of routine maintenance and emergency repairs. These activities are not expected to generate solid waste; however, any solid waste generated by the project during operations would be handled in accordance with all applicable federal, State, and local statutes and regulations. Therefore, no impacts from operations would occur under this criterion as a result of the project.

### Mitigation Measures

USS-1 Prior to commencement of construction, the contractor shall prepare a Construction and Demolition disposal plan for review and approval by TVMWD. The plan shall include the name and location of the facility(s) that would accept C&D waste from the project site, thus diverting this waste from a landfill.

### Impact Conclusions

With implementation of mitigation measure USS-1, impacts associated with solid waste would be less than significant.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>3.20 Wildfire:</b> If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:				
a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?			✓	
b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?				✓
c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?				✓
d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?				✓

**Discussion**

20(a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated.**

The proposed project would not impair or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or a local, State or federal agency’s emergency evacuation plan. The project site is located on a vacant lot and public right-of-way at or near the northwest corner of Miramar Avenue and Grand Avenue. Temporary lane closures would be required during construction of the new pipeline to connect the well site to the 12-inch Grand Avenue pipeline. This activity would be coordinated with the City’s Public Works and Police Departments, and the Los Angeles County Fire Departments to ensure that the intersection of Miramar Avenue and Grand Avenue would be accessible to emergency response vehicles, including ingress and egress to the surrounding properties.

The construction contractor will be responsible for development of a traffic control plan (TCP) in order to minimize impacts on residents leaving and returning to the neighborhood during construction. The TCP will include consideration of vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians that may need access through the construction zone along Miramar Avenue and Grand Avenue in the vicinity of the project site. The Project Description includes the preparation of a traffic control plan (TCP) to be implemented during construction. Therefore, no mitigation is required.

20(b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire? **Determination: No Impact.**

There are no occupants associated with the proposed project. The project does not include any new residents or employees. TVMDW employees will visit the site occasionally to perform routine maintenance. Therefore, there is no impact.

20(c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment? **Determination: No Impact.**

The project site is located within an existing residential neighborhood and is readily accessible from Miramar Avenue and Grand Avenue. No new infrastructure is being developed that would exacerbate fire risk or result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment.

20(d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes? **Determination: No Impact.**

The project site is located within a single-family neighborhood in an area with geography that is characterized as a gently sloping alluvial fan. There are no hillsides or other slopes in the area that would be affected by fire resulting in post fire slope instability. Nor is there an opportunity for landslides to occur on or in the vicinity of the project site. The project does not include any changes in drainage features. Therefore, there would be no impact.

### Mitigation Measures

Regarding the potential to impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response/ evacuation plan, the Project Description includes the preparation of a traffic control plan (TCP) to be implemented during construction. Therefore, no mitigation is required.

### Impact Conclusions

With development and implementation of the TCP as described in the Project Description, temporary construction impacts on the flow of local traffic including emergency vehicles, would be less than significant.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>3.21 Mandatory Findings of Significance:</b>				
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, 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?		✓		
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?		✓		
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?		✓		

### Discussion

21(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, 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? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated.**



## Biological Resources

Based on the site conditions and lack of native habitat the proposed project will not impact native sensitive habitat or sensitive species. The project has no potential to impact any federally listed threatened or endangered species or its habitat or any essential fish habitat and would not result in impacts to special status species permanently, temporarily, directly, indirectly or cumulatively. No regulatory permits are required for the proposed project because it will not impact any State or federally protected species, sensitive habitats, streambeds, natural drainages, wetlands, waters of the U.S. or waters of the State. The results demonstrate that relatively few prehistoric archaeological sites or isolates were previously recorded on the level valley floor, in the area of Proposed Project.

## Cultural Resources/Tribal Cultural Resources

### *Cultural Resources*

The Cultural Resources Assessment prepared for the project site found the following:

1. No “historical resources” exist within or adjacent to the project area, and thus the project as currently proposed will not cause a substantial adverse change to any known “historical resources.”
2. No further cultural resources investigation is necessary for the proposed project unless construction plans undergo such changes as to include areas not covered by this study.
3. If buried cultural materials are encountered during any earth-moving operations associated with the project, all work within 50 feet of the discovery should be halted or diverted until a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the nature and significance of the finds.

### *Tribal Cultural Resources*

As required by AB 52, TVMWD reached out to a number of Tribes based on a list provided by the Native American Heritage Commission, to request consultation. Representatives of two tribes responded and the Cultural Resources Assessment for the proposed project were provided. One Tribal representative requested consultation to discuss the project in further detail. The second provided a list of mitigation measures to be incorporated into the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration. These have been slightly modified to indicate that both the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians–Kizh Nation and San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Cultural Resources Departments would be notified in the event that unknown resources are discovered during construction. In addition, during consultation with representatives of the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians–Kizh Nation requested that additional information regarding their traditional ancestral territory in which the project site is located, and that mitigation measures be revised to specifically address their concerns regarding the potential to uncover resources. The mitigation measures are included at the

end of Section 3.5, *Cultural Resources* and 3.18, *Tribal Cultural Resources* have been amended to reflect this request. Compliance with these measures would ensure that impacts to Cultural and/or Tribal Cultural Resources would be less than significant.

21(b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?  
**Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated.**

A significant impact may occur if the project, in conjunction with related projects, would result in impacts that are less than significant when viewed separately but would be significant when viewed together. When considering the proposed project in combination with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects in the vicinity of the project site, the proposed project does not have the potential to cause impacts that are cumulatively considerable. As detailed in Sections 3.1 through 3.20, the proposed project would not result in any significant impacts that cannot be mitigated to less than significant levels. For all issues, impacts associated with the proposed project are limited to the project site or its effect on the environment is negligible and would not result in a significant contribution to any cumulative impacts.

21(c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? **Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated.**

The proposed project would not result in any identifiable substantial adverse effects on humans either directly or indirectly with the mitigation incorporated. The goal of the proposed project is to add a new groundwater production well to increase the reliability of TVMWD's ability to provide a reliable source of drinking water to area residents. The issues for which mitigation has been provided are designed to control potential harm to humans. With implementation of the required mitigation no substantial adverse effect to humans will result from carrying out the proposed project.

## 4 REFERENCES

California Air Pollution Control Officers Association. 2008. *CEQA and Climate Change: Evaluating and Addressing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Projects Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act*. Sacramento, CA.

California Air Resources Board (CARB). 2013. *Mobile Source Emission Inventory – EMFAC2011 Frequently Asked Questions*. Available at:  
<https://www.arb.ca.gov/msei/emfac2011-faq.htm>.

\_\_\_\_\_. November 2017. *California's 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan*.  
[https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/scoping\\_plan\\_2017.pdf](https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/scoping_plan_2017.pdf)

\_\_\_\_\_. December 2017. *California's 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan*.  
[https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/scoping\\_plan\\_2017.pdf](https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/scoping_plan_2017.pdf)

\_\_\_\_\_. 2018. *California Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory - 2018 Edition*.  
<https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/inventory/data/data.htm>

\_\_\_\_\_. 2019. EMFAC 2014 Web Database. <https://www.arb.ca.gov/emfac/2014/>

California Climate Action Registry, 2009. *General Reporting Protocol*. Accessed March 2018, available at <https://sfenvironment.org/download/ccar-general-reporting-protocol-version-31-january-2009>.

California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), EnviroStor website, accessed August 12, 2019. <https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>

California Air Resources Board (CARB), *California Emissions Estimator Model User Guide: Version 2016.3.2*. 2017. <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/defaultsource/caleemod/user's-guide---october-2017.pdf?sfvrsn=6>.

California Energy Commission. 2018. *“Renewables Portfolio Standard.”* Sacramento, CA.  
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/>

City of Claremont, 2009. *City of Claremont General Plan and Land Use Map*.

City of Claremont, 2015. *Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan*.

City of Upland, 2014, *Draft Cable Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan*.

CRM Tech, 2019. *Historical/Archaeological Resources Survey Report, TVMWD Miragrand Well Project, Assessor's Parcel Number 8671-009-019, City of Claremont, Los Angeles County, California*.

Federal Transit Administration (FTA), 2018. *Motor Fuel Use – 2017*,  
<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/statistics/2016/mf21.cfm>

Hernandez Kroone Associates, Inc, 2019. *MiraGrand Well Site Traffic Memo*.

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). 2007. *Summary for Policymakers. In: Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science Basis. Contribution of Working Group I to the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*.

JIG Consultants, 2019. *Preliminary Design Report Construction of Miragrand Groundwater Well*.

MD Acoustics, August 2019. *Miragrand Groundwater Well Noise Impact Study, City of Claremont, California*.

South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). 2008a. *Final Localized Significance Threshold Methodology*.

<http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/defaultsource/ceqa/handbook/localized-significancethresholds/final-lst-methodologydocument.pdf?sfvrsn=2>.

\_\_\_\_\_ October 2008. *Draft Guidance Document – Interim CEQA Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Significance Threshold* [http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/defaultsource/ceqa/handbook/greenhouse-gases-\(ghg\)-ceqa-significancethresholds/ghgattachmente.pdf](http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/defaultsource/ceqa/handbook/greenhouse-gases-(ghg)-ceqa-significancethresholds/ghgattachmente.pdf)

\_\_\_\_\_ October 2009. *Appendix C – Mass Rate LST Look-up Tables*.

\_\_\_\_\_ September 2010. *Minutes for the GHG CEQA Significance Threshold Stakeholder Working Group #15*. [http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/defaultsource/ceqa/handbook/greenhouse-gases-\(ghg\)-ceqa-significance-thresholds/year-2008-2009/ghg-meeting-15/ghg-meeting-15-minutes.pdf?sfvrsn=2](http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/defaultsource/ceqa/handbook/greenhouse-gases-(ghg)-ceqa-significance-thresholds/year-2008-2009/ghg-meeting-15/ghg-meeting-15-minutes.pdf?sfvrsn=2) .

\_\_\_\_\_ March 2015. *SCAQMD Air Quality Significance Thresholds*. <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/handbook/scaqmd-air-qualitysignificance-thresholds.pdf>.

\_\_\_\_\_ June 2017. *2016 Air Quality Management Plan*.

Southern California Edison (SCE), June 2018. *2017 Sustainability Report*.

United States Energy Information Administration (EIA), 2018. “*California - Profile Overview*.” Last modified: November 15, 2018. <https://www.eia.gov/state/?sid=CA> .

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), May 2018. *Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator*. Last modified: May 25, 2018. <https://www.epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gas-equivalencies-calculator>.

Wildermuth Environmental, 2017. *Strategic Plan for the Six Basins*.

## 5 MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

This Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been prepared to comply with Section 21081.6 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Section 21081.6 requires that public agencies adopt a monitoring program for measures that are required to mitigate or avoid significant effects to the environment from the project.

As the lead agency, the Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD) will be responsible for monitoring compliance with all mitigation measures.

The MMRP serves three functions:

1. Assures completion of mitigation measures during project implementation.
2. Provides feedback to designated agencies and decision makers regarding the effectiveness of the mitigation measures.
3. Identifies the need for enforcement action before irreversible environmental damage occurs.

The MMRP includes a list of the mitigation measures to be implemented during construction and operation of the project; indicates the timeframe for completion of the measure and identifies who is responsible for carrying out the measure and who is responsible for monitoring that the measure is carried out.

TVMWD may modify the means by which a mitigation measure will be implemented or substitute a mitigation measure, as long as a modified or alternative measure successfully mitigate the impact to a less than significant level.

Mitigation Measures	Method of Verification	Timing of Verification	Responsible Party
<i>Air Quality</i>			
AQ-1 Construction contractors shall adhere to applicable measures set forth in SCAQMD Rule 403 including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All clearing, grading, earth-moving, or excavation activities shall cease when winds exceed 25 mph per SCAQMD guidelines in order to limit fugitive dust emissions.</li> <li>• The contractor shall ensure that all disturbed unpaved roads and disturbed areas within the project site are watered at least three (3) times daily during dry weather. Watering, with complete coverage of disturbed areas, shall occur at least three times a day, preferably in the mid-morning, afternoon, and after work is done for the day.</li> <li>• The contractor shall ensure that traffic speeds at the project site areas are limited to 15 miles per hour or less.</li> </ul>	Provide notes on all construction plans  Construction general contractor shall be responsible for enforcing compliance by subcontractors through reporting to TVMWD Project Manager	On-going during construction	TVMWD Project Manager
<i>Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources</i>			
<i>Cultural Resources</i> CUL-1 <u>Prior to commencement of project ground disturbing activities (e.g., clearing and grubbing, tree removal, pot-holing or augering, boring, grading, excavation, drilling and trenching) TVMWD shall retain a qualified archaeological monitor approved by the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation and is listed under the NAHC’s Tribal Contact list for the area of the project location. At the end of monitoring activities, the monitor shall submit a monitoring report that describes construction activities, location, soils, and othe</u>	Provide notes on all construction plans  Construction general contractor shall be responsible for enforcing compliance by subcontractors and in notifying the TVMWD Project Manager if resources are uncovered	On-going during earth moving and trenching activities	TVMWD Project Manager

Mitigation Measures	Method of Verification	Timing of Verification	Responsible Party
<p><u>r pertinent data; and any identified cultural material.</u></p> <p><u>Monitoring shall end when the project site grading and excavation activities are completed, or when the monitor concludes that the site has a low potential for impacting Tribal Cultural Resources.</u></p> <p>CUL-2 In the event that cultural resources are discovered during project activities, all work in the immediate vicinity of the find (within a 60-foot buffer) shall cease <del>and a qualified archaeologist meeting Secretary of Interior standards shall be hired to assess the find.</del> Work on the other portions of the project outside of the buffered area may continue during this assessment period. Additionally, the <u>Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation and the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Cultural Resources Department (SMBMI)</u> shall be contacted, regarding any pre-contact finds and be provided information after the archaeologist makes his/her initial assessment of the nature of the find, so as to provide Tribal input with regards to significance and treatment. (To be implemented in tandem with mitigation measure TCR-1)</p> <p>CUL-3 If significant pre-contact cultural resources, as defined by CEQA (as amended, 2015), are discovered and avoidance cannot be ensured, the archaeologist shall develop a Monitoring and Treatment Plan, the drafts of which shall be provided to the <u>Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation and SMBMI</u> for review and comment, as detailed within TCR-1. The archaeologist shall monitor the remainder of the project and implement the Plan accordingly.</p> <p>CUL-4 If human remains or funerary objects are encountered during any activities associated with the project, work in the immediate vicinity (within a 100-foot buffer of the find) shall cease and the County Coroner shall be contacted pursuant to</p>	<p>TVMWD Project Manager will be responsible for notifying tribal representatives</p>		

Mitigation Measures	Method of Verification	Timing of Verification	Responsible Party
<p>State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 and that code enforced for the duration of the project. <u>If the coroner recognizes the human remains to be those of a Native American or has reason to believe that they are those of a Native American, he or she shall contact, by telephone within 24 hours, the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) and PRC 5097.98 shall be followed.</u></p> <p><i>Tribal Cultural Resources</i>                      Because the analyses of Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources are interconnected, mitigation measures specific to the issue of Tribal Cultural Resources are included here.</p> <p>TCR-1 The <u>Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation and San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Cultural Resources Department (SMBMI)</u> shall be contacted, as detailed in CUL-1, of any pre-contact cultural resources discovered during project implementation, and be provided information regarding the nature of the find, so as to provide Tribal input with regards to significance and treatment. Should the find be deemed significant, as defined by CEQA, a Cultural Resources Monitoring and Treatment Plan (CRMTP) shall be created by the archaeologist, in coordination with <u>SMBMI, representatives of each tribe</u>, and all subsequent finds shall be subject to this CRMTP. The CRMTP shall <u>include a continuation of the monitoring activities as outlined in mitigation measure CUL-1.</u> <del>allow for a monitor to be present that represents SMBMI for the remainder of the project, should SMBMI elect to place a monitor on-site.</del></p> <p>TCR-2 Any and all archaeological/cultural documents created as a part of the project (isolate records, site records, survey</p>			



Mitigation Measures	Method of Verification	Timing of Verification	Responsible Party
<p>reports, testing reports, etc.) shall be supplied to TVMWD the applicant and Lead Agency for dissemination to <u>Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation and SMBMI</u>. The Lead Agency and/or applicant shall, in good faith, consult with <u>each of the Tribal representatives SMBMI</u> throughout the life of the project.</p>			
<i>Geology/ Soils/Paleo Resources</i>			
<p><i>Geology/Soils</i></p> <p>GEO-1 Prior to commencement of construction, the construction contractor shall prepare Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for review by TVMWD; and submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) who will issue a Waste Discharge Identification Number (WDID) for the project. A copy of the SWPPP must be available for review at the construction site and modified (if necessary) to address on-site issues, such as heavy storm events that may require additional measures should they arise.</p> <p><i>Paleontological Resources</i></p> <p>GEO-2 During well drilling, or excavation/trenching associated with other construction activities at the project site or as part of trenching for the new pipeline, should paleontological resources be uncovered, all work within a 50-foot radius shall cease and a qualified paleontologist shall be consulted to determine the significance of the find and if necessary, develop a plan to retrieve and curate the resources at an accredited museum.</p>	<p><i>Geology/Soils</i></p> <p>Construction contractor to prepare the SWPPP for review by TVMWD Project Manager and submittal of a Notice of Intent to the SWRCB</p> <p><i>Paleo Resources</i></p> <p>Construction general contractor shall be responsible for enforcing compliance by subcontractors and in notifying the TVMWD Project Manager if resources are uncovered</p>	<p>Prior to commencement of construction activities</p> <p>On-going during earthmoving/trenching activities</p>	<p>TVMWD Project Manager</p> <p>TVMWD Project Manager</p>

Mitigation Measures	Method of Verification	Timing of Verification	Responsible Party
	TVMWD Project Manager will be responsible for notifying tribal representatives		
<i>Hazards and Hazardous Materials</i>			
Regarding the potential to impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response/ evacuation plan, the Project Description includes the preparation of a traffic control plan (TCP) to be implemented during construction. Therefore, no mitigation is required.			
<i>Hydrology and Water Quality</i>			
Regarding water quality standards, mitigation measure GEO-1 in Section 3.7, Geology and Soils, requires the development and implementation - during all phases of construction - of Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for review by TVMWD and submittal to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) who will issue a Waste Discharge Identification Number (WDID) for the project. A copy of the SWPPP must be kept on the project site during all construction activities.	Construction contractor to prepare the TCP for review by TVMWD Project Manager and submittal of a Notice of Intent to the SWRCB	Prior to commencement of construction activities	TVMWD Project Manager
<i>Noise</i>			
<i>Construction</i> NOI-1 Construction activities must follow the City's General Plan and the Noise Ordinance, which states that construction, repair or excavation work performed must occur within the	All measures shall appear on all construction plans	On-going during all phases of construction	TVMWD Project Manager

Mitigation Measures	Method of Verification	Timing of Verification	Responsible Party
<p>permissible hours. To further ensure that construction activities do not disrupt the adjacent land uses, the following measures will be taken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Typical construction activities will occur between the hours of 7AM and 5PM. Monday through Friday except during holidays.</li> <li>2. During construction, the contractor will ensure all construction equipment is equipped with appropriate noise attenuating devices.</li> <li>3. The contractor will locate equipment staging areas that will create the greatest distance between construction-related noise/vibration sources and sensitive receptors nearest the project site during all project construction.</li> <li>4. Idling equipment will be turned off when not in use.</li> <li>5. Equipment will be maintained so that vehicles and their loads are secured from rattling and banging.</li> <li>6. A 24-foot high noise barrier will be placed around the well where noted during well construction (see Noise Study Exhibit G).</li> <li>7. Nearby residences will be notified before 24-hour drilling and well development activities.</li> <li>8. Contact information will be posted on site to allow local residents to call. TVMWD may consult with the project noise consultant to determine if additional sound attenuation measures are needed.</li> </ol>	<p>for review and implementation by all contractors</p> <p>TVMWD Project Manager to conduct period site visits to ensure compliance</p> <p>Notification of nearby residents shall be done by the construction contractor under supervision of the TVMWD project manager</p>		
<p><i>Operation</i>                      The Noise Study concluded that constructing the well pump building with masonry block and interior acoustical tiles, noise attenuation of the well pump will ensure that noise levels are below the City's Standards set forth in the Municipal Code. Therefore, no mitigation for operation is required.</p>			

Mitigation Measures	Method of Verification	Timing of Verification	Responsible Party
<i>Transportation</i>			
Regarding the potential to impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response/ evacuation plan, the Project Description includes the preparation of a traffic control plan (TCP) to be implemented during construction. Therefore, no mitigation is required.			
<i>Utilities and Service Systems</i>			
USS-1 Prior to commencement of construction, the contractor shall prepare a Construction and Demolition disposal plan to the TVMWD. The plan shall include the name and location of the facility(s) that would accept C&D waste from the project site, thus diverting this waste from a landfill.	Construction contractor shall prepare the C&D Plan for review and approval of TVMWD	Prior to commencement of construction activities	TVMWD Project Manager
<i>Wildfire</i>			
Regarding the potential to impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response/ evacuation plan, the Project Description includes the preparation of a traffic control plan (TCP) to be implemented during construction. Therefore, no mitigation is required.			