

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: City Manager- Adopt Resolution to support the expansion of the Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ).

Expenditure: N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Resolution to support the expansion of the Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone as designated by the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

Funding

N/A

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) program is an economic and technical assistance program that is dedicated to establishing, sustaining, and expanding recycling-based manufacturing businesses. Currently the Los Angeles County RMDZ encompasses all the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles and the cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance and Vernon. The Los Angeles County RMDZ program seeks to expand to include the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier

Through its current and proposed waste management practices and conditions, the Los Angeles County RMDZ program assists local jurisdictions in meeting the established landfill reduction goals (cities and counties must meet a 50% reduction in landfill waste disposal as mandated in the California Integrated Waste Management Act). The program also includes a low interest loan for targeted businesses located in the RMDZ that either manufacture products using recycled materials or process materials that are difficult to recycle, such as construction and demolition debris. The RMDZ program thus stimulates a market for recyclables that includes post-consumer (products recycled by the public after use, such as water bottles) and secondary (by-products of production) materials.

The Economic Development Office of the City Manager's Office has determined that the expansion of the Los Angeles County RMDZ has facilitated local and regional planning,

coordination, and support of existing recycling-based manufacturing businesses in Torrance. That being said, the City of Torrance completely supports the expansion of the RMDZ to include the aforementioned cities, being that such a move would benefit Los Angeles County as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

LeROY J. JACKSON
CITY MANAGER

By 
Fran Fulton
Economic Development Manager

CONCUR:


LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachment A: Resolution

Attachment B: Negative Declaration for the Expansion of the Los Angeles County Recycling
Market Development Zone

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-____**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT
ZONE TO INCLUDE THE CITIES OF AZUSA, BALDWIN PARK, COVINA, CULVER CITY, EL
SEGUNDO, HUNTINGTON PARK, MONROVIA, SANTA FE SPRINGS, AND WHITTIER.**

WHEREAS, the California Public Resources Code Section 42010 provides for the establishment of the Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) program throughout the State to provide incentives to stimulate development of post-consumer and secondary materials markets for recyclables; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County RMDZ includes the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles and the Cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance, and Vernon ; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties must meet a 50 percent reduction in landfill waste disposal as mandated in the California Integrated Waste Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County RMDZ is dedicated to establishing, sustaining and expanding recycling-based manufacturing businesses, which is essential for market development and to assist local jurisdictions to meeting the established landfill reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance wants existing and new recycling-based manufacturing businesses locating within the Cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier to be eligible for the technical and financial incentives associated with the RMDZ program; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the Los Angeles County RMDZ is still necessary to facilitate local and regional planning, coordination, support of existing recycling-based manufacturing businesses, as well as attract private sector recycling business investments to the region; and

WHEREAS, the current and proposed waste management practices and conditions are favorable to the development of post-consumer and secondary waste materials markets; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has defined environmental justice as "the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies" [Government Code section 65040.12(e)], and the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery has determined that it will conduct its programs,

policies, and activities that substantially affect human health or the environment in a manner that ensures the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and income levels, including minority populations and low-income populations of the State; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, has prepared, or caused to be prepared, and adopted a Negative Declaration for this zone expansion project that finds that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance has reviewed and considered the information in the Negative Declaration adopted by the County of Los Angeles that finds that the zone expansion project will not have a significant impact on the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HEREBY

1. Approves the submittal of a Recycling market Development Zone expansion application to include the Cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier.
2. Agrees to administer the RMDZ program in a manner that seeks to ensure the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes, including but not limited to soliciting public participation in all communities within the RMDZ.

Introduced, approved and adopted this 10th day of August 2010.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mayor Frank Scotto

John Fellows III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan, Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, City Clerk



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR
EXPANSION OF THE LOS ANGELES
COUNTY RECYCLING MARKET
DEVELOPMENT ZONE**

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR
LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE**

I Location and Brief Description

The project is the expansion of the Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) to include the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier. Currently, the Los Angeles County RMDZ encompasses all the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and the cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance, and Vernon.

The RMDZ program is an economic and technical assistance program that includes a low interest loan, which assists targeted businesses located in the RMDZ. The businesses must manufacture products using recycled materials as a feedstock or process difficult to recycle materials, such as construction and demolition debris.

In June 1994, the Board of Supervisors authorized an application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board for the establishment of the Los Angeles County RMDZ, which encompassed the unincorporated area of Florence-Firestone. The following year, the RMDZ was expanded to include several member cities and the unincorporated area of Altadena. Expansions have been authorized several times since to include all the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and the current member cities. Since 1994, the RMDZ has assisted 20 companies and funded loans which totaled more than 12 million dollars.

II Mitigation Measures Included in the Project to Avoid Potentially Significant Effects

No significant effects are identified.

III Finding of No Significant Effect

Based on the attached Initial Study and Attachment A – Discussion of Environmental Factors, it has been determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

INITIAL STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

1. **Project Title:** Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ)
2. **Lead Agency Name and Address:** County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331
3. **Contact Person and Phone Number:** Mr Hossein Torabzadeh (626) 458-3564
4. **Project Location:** The unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County; current member cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance, and Vernon, and proposed new member cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier
5. **Project Sponsor's Name and Address:** County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331
6. **General Plan Designation:** The Los Angeles County General Plan and the General Plans of the current member cities and the General Plans of the proposed new member cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier
7. **Zoning:** The project area is zoned for community commercial, commercial manufacturing, commercial residential, industrial, low density residential, low/medium density residential, major commercial, medium density residential, public use, residential parking, and transportation corridor
8. **Description of Project:** The Project is the expansion of the Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone as designated by the California Integrated Waste Management Board. The RMDZ program is an economic and technical assistance program which includes a low interest loan program available to manufacturers within the RMDZ that make products from recycled materials. Currently, the Los Angeles County RMDZ encompasses the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and the cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance, and Vernon. The RMDZ seeks to expand the zone by including the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier
9. **Surrounding Land Uses and Settings:**
 - A. **Project Site** – The project is located within the Los Angeles County RMDZ, which will encompass all the unincorporated areas of the County and the cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance, Vernon, Azusa, Baldwin Park,

Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier. For the most part, the area consists of single family residences, multi-family dwelling units, businesses, and commercial and industrial establishments. Some undeveloped land exists in the northern portions of the County in the areas known as the Antelope Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley.

- B. Surrounding Properties** – Los Angeles County RMDZ is surrounded by the Counties of Kern, Orange, San Bernardino, and Ventura. Within the boundaries of the County of Los Angeles, separate RMDZs are administered by the cities of Long Beach, Los Angeles, and Santa Clarita.
- 10. Other agencies whose approval is required (and permits needed):** California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery; Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance, Vernon, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" or "Potentially Significant Unless Mitigated," as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that 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 MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a potentially significant impact or potentially significant unless mitigated impact on the environment, but at least one effect a) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and b) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed project would have a significant effect on the environment because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Hossein Torabzadeh
Signature

5/13/2010
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Hossein Torabzadeh
Printed Name

County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works
For

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- 1 A brief explanation is required for all answers, except "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 will 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 "Potential Significant Impact" is appropriate if an effect is significant or potentially significant, or if the lead agency lacks information to make a finding of insignificance. If there are one or more "Potential Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required.
- 4 "Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potential 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 Section XVIII, "Earlier Analysis," may be cross-referenced)
- 5 Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR or other California Environmental Quality Act process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or Negative Declaration Section 15063(c)(3)(D). Earlier analyses are discussed in Section XVIII at the end of the checklist.
- 6 Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references, information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans and zoning ordinances). See the sample question below. A source list should be attached and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.

**ATTACHMENT A
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE

The expansion of the Los Angeles County RMDZ will have no significant impact on the environment. This finding includes no significant impact on the air quality, traffic conditions, and land use impacts in the RMDZ program area. The RMDZ program is an incentive program, which offers the possibility of financial, technical, and marketing assistance to businesses that undertake projects that will add market value to waste materials that would otherwise be disposed of in a landfill. Businesses which operate in the Los Angeles County RMDZ must still meet the same zoning standards and obtain the same environmental permits and clearance as businesses that are not in the Los Angeles County RMDZ. The Los Angeles County RMDZ is not relaxing any permitting or environmental regulations. Projects that may qualify for the RMDZ program are activities or projects that would be permitted, regardless of the RMDZ program. The adoption of this Negative Declaration does not alleviate the need to perform necessary CEQA review on future projects that receive RMDZ program assistance.

The Los Angeles County RMDZ has been in operation since July of 1994 without a significant negative environmental impact and in fact may have possible positive impacts on the environment. One of the primary goals of the program is to assist businesses that are increasing the amount of waste diverted from area landfills. To this end, the program is actually creating a positive environmental impact by diverting waste that would normally be disposed of in a landfill and instead utilizing it for a beneficial use.

The expansion of the Los Angeles County RMDZ will not have significant land use impacts. The RMDZ program does not supersede any current land use policies or regulations. Therefore, it will be consistent with existing zoning, plans, and other applicable land use controls. Projects that apply for assistance through the RMDZ are required to be in compliance with all land use policies and regulations in order to qualify for assistance.

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I. AESTHETICS - Would the project:

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?

Scenic vistas may generally be characterized as a view that provides visual access to a large geographic area or provides visual access to a particular object, scene setting or feature of interest. The proposed project consists of expanding the Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ). The RMDZ is an economic and technical assistance program which assists manufacturers and processors within the RMDZ. The expanded Los Angeles County RMDZ will encompass the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and the cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance, Vernon, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier. The proposed project is not within proximity of any scenic vistas and is consistent with the existing land use. Therefore, the proposed project would not have a

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substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista. There will be no impact.

- b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a State scenic highway?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) designates roadways that provide scenic views as official Scenic Highways or Corridors. The project is not located near a designated State scenic highway, nor is it adjacent to local freeways or roadways that are designated or eligible scenic roadways. The proposed project would not damage scenic resources. No construction or development is proposed. Therefore, there will be no impact.

- c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?

The proposed project would not degrade nor change the visual quality throughout the Los Angeles County RMDZ. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. Therefore, the proposed project has no impact on visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings.

- d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

The proposed project would not create any new sources of light or glare. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. This will not provide a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area. Therefore, there will be no impact.

II. **AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES** - 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 Department 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:

- 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 of the California Resources Agency, to nonagricultural use?

The project location is not used for agricultural purposes or as a farmland. Therefore, the project will have no impact on farmland.

- b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act contract?

The proposed project will not conflict with any zoning for agricultural use and will have no impact on a Williamson Act contract. The only Williamson Act parcels in Los Angeles County are on Santa Catalina Island. There will be no impact.

- 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

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section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?

The proposed project will not conflict with existing zoning or cause rezoning of forest land, timber land or timberland zoned Timberland Production. The proposed project consists of expanding the Los Angeles County RMDZ. The RMDZ is an economic and technical assistance program which assists manufacturers and processors within the RMDZ. Therefore, the project will not have an impact.

- d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

The proposed project will not result in the loss of forest land or the conversion of forest land to non-forest use. There will be no impact.

- e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to nonagricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

No construction or change in use is proposed and the proposed project would not involve any changes in the existing environment that could result in the conversion of farmland to nonagricultural use. There will be no impact.

III. **AIR QUALITY** 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?

The proposed project is located in the South Coast Air Basin, which is under the jurisdiction of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). The South Coast Air Basin is classified as an area of non-attainment for Particulate Matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}), and Ozone. The governing air quality management plan is the 2007 Air Quality Management Plan. Public Works currently complies with emission reduction measures enforced by the SCAQMD. The proposed project would not conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?

The proposed project would not violate any air quality standards or contribute to an existing or projected air quality violation. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. No construction or development is proposed. Any construction or development would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is nonattainment under an applicable Federal or State ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for zone precursors)?

The proposed project would not 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. There will be no impact.

- d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

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The proposed project consists of expanding the Los Angeles County RMDZ. The RMDZ is an economic and technical assistance program which assists manufacturers and processors within the RMDZ. The proposed project would not expose sensitive receptors to pollutant concentrations. Therefore, there will be no impact.

- e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

The proposed project would not create objectionable odors. Any RMDZ activity that may create objectionable odors would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

IV. **BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES** - 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 Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

The proposed project would not have an 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 Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- 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 Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

The proposed project would not have an adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Los Angeles County RMDZ substantially consists of densely developed urban areas. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- 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?

The proposed project would not have an adverse effect on any Federally protected wetlands through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident, migratory fish, or wildlife species; or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors; or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

The proposed project would not interfere 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. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a

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tree preservation policy or ordinance?

The proposed project would not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- 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?

The proposed project would not conflict with the provisions of any applicable Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other applicable local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES - Would the project:

- a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?

The proposed project would not cause an adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. No physical demolition, destruction, relocation, or alteration of any historical resource or its immediate surroundings is proposed. There will be no impact.

- b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?

The proposed project would not cause an adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource, directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature, or disturb any human remains. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

See V. b) above.

- d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

See V. b) above.

VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS - Would the project:

- 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.

The proposed project would not expose people or structures to potential adverse effects involving rupture of a known earthquake fault. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ

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activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.				
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The proposed project would not expose people or structures to potential adverse effects involving strong seismic ground shaking. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.				
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The proposed project would not expose people or structures to potential adverse effects involving seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.				
iv) Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The proposed project would not expose people or structures to potential adverse effects involving landslides. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.				
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The proposed project would not result in soil erosion or loss of topsoil. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.				
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 on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The proposed project would not result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse due to soil instability. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.				
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The proposed project would not create risks to life or property due to expansive soil. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.				
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The proposed project would not generate waste water or involve the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.				

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VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS - Would the project:

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

On September 27, 2006, Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32), the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, was enacted by the State of California in order to address global climate change by reducing greenhouse gases. Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32) limits California's Greenhouse Gases (GHG) emissions for 2020 based on 1990 emission levels and directs California Air Resources Board to develop significance thresholds. Gases known to contribute to the Greenhouse Effect are carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), ozone, nitrous oxide (N₂O), water vapor, hydrofluorocarbons, chlorofluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride. According to the report "California's Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990 to 2004", the principal greenhouse gas in California is carbon dioxide accounting for over 80 percent of the GHG emissions.

The proposed project consists of expanding the Los Angeles County RMDZ. No construction or development is proposed. The RMDZ is an incentive program, which offers the possibility of financial, technical and marketing assistance to businesses that undertake projects that will add market value to waste materials that would otherwise be disposed of in a landfill. Any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. The proposed project would not introduce new sources of greenhouse gas emitters, nor would the proposed project create a new use that would attract vehicle trips that otherwise would not occur. The proposed project will not generate greenhouse gas emission that may have a significant impact on the environment. Therefore, there is no impact.

- b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

The proposed project will not conflict with any applicable plans, policies or regulations adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases. No construction or development is proposed. Any construction or development would be subject to environmental review. Therefore; the proposed project will have no impact.

VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Would the project:

- a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?

The proposed project would not involve the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials. Any RMDZ projects which require the routine transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- 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?

The proposed project would not 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 or emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous materials, substances or wastes within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school. Any RMDZ project that may release hazardous materials or emit hazardous emissions or

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- handle hazardous materials, substances or wastes within one quarter mile of an existing or proposed school would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.
- c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?
- See VIII b) above.
- 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?
- The proposed project would not be located on a site which was included a list of hazardous materials shites compiled pursuant to Government Code, Section 65962.5. In addition, the proposed ptoject woul not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.
- 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 for people residing or working in the project area?
- Los Angeles County RMDZ currently encompasses all the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County as well as the cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance, and Vernon. The proposed expanded RMDZ will also include the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier. Several small public airports and several large commercial airports are in and near these areas. The RMDZ would not result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area. No construction or development is proposed. Any construction or development would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.
- f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?
- Los Angeles County RMDZ currently encompasses all the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County as well as the cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance, and Vernon. The proposed expanded RMDZ will also include the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier. Several small private airports and several large commercial airports are in and near these areas. No construction or development is proposed. Any construction or development would be subject to environmental review. The RMDZ would not result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area. There will be no impact.
- g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?
- The expansion of the Los Angeles County RMDZ would not impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. No construction or development is proposed. Any construction or development would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.
- h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?

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The proposed project would not expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

IX. **HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY** - Would the project:

- a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?

The proposed project would not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements. No construction or development is proposed and any RMDZ projects would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of preexisting nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?

The proposed project would not deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level, since the project would not involve the use of any substantial amounts of water. Any RMDZ projects that would require water in substantial amounts would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?

The proposed project would not result in erosion or siltation on- or off-site since the project would not include activities that would change existing drainage patterns. Any RMDZ project that required construction or development would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?

The proposed project would not alter the existing drainage pattern or increase the rate of runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site on any property. Any RMDZ project that would require construction or development would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- e) 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?

The proposed project would not 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. No construction or development is proposed, and any RMDZ project that may impact stormwater or runoff would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?

The proposed project would not otherwise degrade water quality. No construction or development is proposed, and any RMDZ project that may degrade water quality would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

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| g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a Federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?

The proposed project does not involve any construction or placement of any housing within a 100-year flood hazard area. No impact would occur. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?

The proposed project does not involve any construction or placement of structures that would impede or redirect flood flows. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?

The proposed project would not include activities that could expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| j) Would the project cause or expose people and structures to inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?

The proposed project would not include activities that could expose people or structures to inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

X. **LAND USE AND PLANNING** - Would the project:

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| a) Physically divide an established community?

The proposed project would not physically divide an established community. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of any agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to, the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

The proposed project would not conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect. No construction or change in use is proposed, and any RMDZ project would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?

The proposed project would not conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan. No construction or change in use is proposed, and any RMDZ project would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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XI. **MINERAL RESOURCES** - 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?

The proposed project would not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region or the residents of the state. No construction or development is proposed. Any construction or development would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- 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?

The proposed project would not 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. No construction or development is proposed. Any construction or development would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

XII. **NOISE** - Would the project result in:

- a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or ordinance or applicable standards of other agencies?

The proposed project would not expose persons to or generate noise levels in excess of standards established in the County general plan, the County noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies. No construction or change in use is proposed, and any RMDZ project that may expose persons to or generation of such noise levels would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?

The proposed project would not expose persons to or generate excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels. No construction or change in use is proposed, and any RMDZ project that may expose persons to or generate excessive groundborne vibration would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

The proposed project would not result in permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project. Any RMDZ project that may lead to increase in the ambient noise levels would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

The proposed project would not result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project. Any RMDZ project that may lead to increase in the ambient noise levels would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- 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 expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

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- f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

Los Angeles County RMDZ currently encompasses the unincorporated areas of the County along with the cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance, and Vernon. The proposed expanded zone will also include the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier. There are private airstrips in the area. Any RMDZ project that may expose people to excessive noise levels would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING - Would the project:

- a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (e.g. by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (e.g. through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

The proposed project would not induce substantial population growth, either directly or indirectly. No construction or development is proposed and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

The proposed project would not displace existing housing. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

The proposed project would not displace substantial numbers of people. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

XIV PUBLIC SERVICES

- a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the public services.
- i) Fire protection?

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The proposed project would not result in the provision of or need for any new or physically altered fire protection facilities. No construction or change in use is proposed, and any RMDZ project which may require additional public facilities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- ii) Police protection?

The proposed project would not result in the provision of or need for any new or physically altered police protection or other public facilities. No construction or change in use is proposed, and any RMDZ project which may require additional public facilities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- iii) Schools?

The proposed project would not result in the provision of or need for any new or physically altered school facilities. No construction or change in use is proposed, and any RMDZ project which may require additional public facilities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- iv) Parks?

The proposed project would not result in the provision of or need for any new or physically altered park facilities. No construction or change in use is proposed, and any RMDZ project which may require additional public facilities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- v) Other public facilities?

The proposed project would not result in the provision of or need for any new or physically altered public facilities. No construction or change in use is proposed, and any RMDZ project which may require additional public facilities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

XV RECREATION -

- 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?

The proposed project would not increase the use of existing parks or other recreational facilities. No construction or development is proposed. Any construction or development would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- 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?

The proposed project does not include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of any recreational facilities. There will be no impact.

XVI TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC - Would the project:

- a) Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components

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of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?

The proposed project would not result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections. Any RMDZ project that may result in increased traffic loads would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?

The proposed project would not exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the County Congestion Management Agency for designated roads or highways. The County's Congestion Management Program (CMP) applies to projects that have the potential to generate a minimum of 50 vehicle trips through a CMP intersection. The proposed project does not have the potential to generate 50 or more trips through a CMP intersection. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?

The proposed project would not result in a change in air traffic patterns. No construction or development is proposed. Any construction or development would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?

The proposed project would not substantially increase hazards due to a design feature or incompatible uses. Any construction or development resulting from an RMDZ project that may result in such hazards would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- e) Result in inadequate emergency access?

The proposed project would not result in inadequate emergency access since no changes in emergency access would occur as a result of the project. Any construction or development resulting from an RMDZ project that may result in inadequate emergency access would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- f) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?

The proposed project would not conflict with any adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities. No construction or development is proposed. Any construction or development would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS - Would the project:

- a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of then applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?

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The proposed project would not exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board since the project would not result in contamination of, or increase in, discharge of wastewater. No construction or development is proposed, and any RMDZ project that may exceed wastewater treatment requirements would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

The proposed project would not require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities. Any RMDZ project that may cause increased water usage or discharge of wastewater would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

The proposed project would not result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities. The proposed project would not increase any storm water runoff that would affect existing or planned storm water drainage systems. No construction or development is proposed, and any RMDZ project that may require the construction or expansion of existing facilities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?

The proposed project would not necessitate any water supplies to serve the project from any existing entitlements and resources, nor necessitate any new or expanded entitlements. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- e) 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?

The proposed project would not result in any capacity determinations made by any wastewater treatment provider since the project would not increase any waste water discharges. Any RMDZ project that may cause increased demand would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?

The proposed project would be served by landfills with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- g) Comply with Federal, State, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

The proposed project would comply with Federal, State, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

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XVIII MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

- 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?

The proposed project would not 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.)

The proposed project would not have impacts that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable.

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

The proposed project would not have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly. No construction is proposed, and any RMDZ project that could potentially have substantial adverse effects would be subject to environmental review.

XVIII. DISCUSSION OF WAYS TO MITIGATE SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS

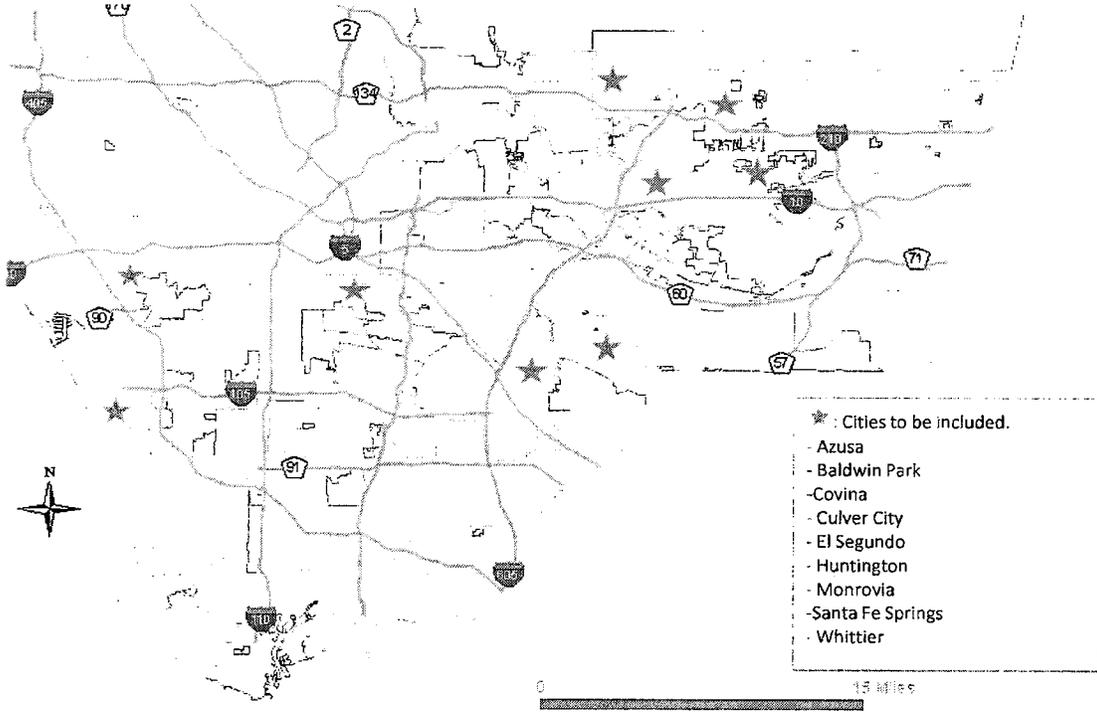
Section 15041 (a) of the State CEQA guidelines states that a lead agency for a project has authority to require changes in any or all activities involved in the project in order to lessen or avoid significant effects on the environment. No significant effects have been identified. However, the following standard best management practices will be in place for construction:

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except "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 will 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) "Potential Significant Impact" is appropriate if an effect is significant or potentially significant, or if the lead agency lacks information to make a finding of insignificance. If there are one or more "Potential Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required.
- 4) "Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potential 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 Section XVIII, "Earlier Analysis," may be cross-referenced).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR or other California Environmental Quality Act process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or Negative Declaration Section 15063(c) (3) (D). Earlier analyses are discussed in Section XVIII at the end of the checklist.
- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances) See the sample question below. A source list should be attached and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.



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Notes: