

2.0 SUMMARY

This section has been prepared in accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines and is divided into two components. The first summarizes the characteristics of the project and identifies any areas of controversy known to the TSD. The second section identifies in summary, the environmental impacts, mitigation measures and residual impacts that would be associated with implementation of the proposed project. Additionally, the project alternatives are summarized.

2.1 PROJECT SYNOPSIS

2.1.1 Project Proponent

The Project Proponent is:

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2.1.2 Proposed Action and Project Description

2.1.2.1 Proposed Action

The following discretionary approvals are associated with the proposed project:

- The project proponent/lead agency, TSD, will need to certify the CEQA environmental document (EIR); and
- The TSD will need to approve the proposed tank replacement project.

2.1.2.2 Project Description

TSD proposes to construct and operate a single 2 to 2.4 MG tank at either the proposed A7 site or the A8 site as shown on Figure 2 (Figures are located at the end of each respective EIR section and Figure 2 is located at the end of the Project Description, Section 3.0). Tank access road improvements and pipeline construction are also proposed. The existing 1.0 MG tank located at the western terminus of Conifer Street would be demolished. The project is described fully in Section 3.0 of this EIR.

2.1.3 Location

The proposed project is located in the unincorporated community of Oak Park. Oak Park is located in southeastern Ventura County, California. The project's regional location is shown on Figure 1 (Figure 1 is located at the end of the Project Description, Section 3.0). The

existing and proposed alternative replacement tank sites are located within Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD) land. Two alternative new tank sites are currently proposed and are identified as A7 and A8. Alternative tank site A7 is located nearly due north of the intersection of Kanan Road and Churchwood Street on the side of the ridge facing into Oak Canyon Community Park above the archery range. Alternative tank site A8 is located east of Doubletree Road/Sunnycrest Drive toward Palo Comado Canyon with tentative street address is 6900 ½ Doubletree Road, Oak Park, Ventura County, California. Figure 2 (found at the end of Section 3.0) shows the locations of the proposed alternative tank sites, alternative pipeline routes and related infrastructure.

The existing tank which will be demolished as part of the proposed project, is located at the western terminus of Conifer Street in Oak Park. The street address of the site is 101 ½ Conifer Circle, Oak Park, Ventura County, California.

There are five alternative routes for proposed pipelines associated with the two alternate tank locations. The potential pipeline routes are identified as A, B, C, D, and E as shown on Figure 2.

2.1.4 Existing Environmental Setting

The existing tank site, located at the western terminus of Conifer Street, is adjacent to residential uses also located on Conifer Street to the north and east. The site is fenced and has a paved access road to the site and around the tank. The closest residential structure is approximately 200 feet from the tank site. The area to the south and west is undeveloped open space.

The proposed A7 tank site location is within public open space under the jurisdiction of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD) and is located north of Churchwood Drive and east of the intersection of Lindero Canyon and Kanan Roads. The site is situated in a saddle area within a range of hills that separates the Oak Canyon Community Park from the residential areas to the west. The Kilburn tank is located in the same range of hills, about 2,000 feet to the north of the proposed site. The area is largely undisturbed with the exception of hiking trails and fire roads.

The proposed A8 tank site is located within open space that is in the jurisdiction of the RSRPD. This park area is accessed from the west off Doubletree Road which is a residential street. Immediately north, south and east of the tank site is RSRPD open space. However, further east by approximately 100 feet is the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Much of the area was disturbed within the past 50 years with fill (mostly earth) dumped during construction of the nearby residences.

The proposed alternative pipeline routes are located in either RSRPD open space (mainly under existing trails) or within public street rights-of-way.

2.1.5 Areas of Controversy

The primary area of controversy pertains to the introduction of the proposed tank into an existing undeveloped open space area used for recreational purposes and the corresponding effect on recreation and visual resources. This issue is a particular concern with respect to the A8 tank site. Additionally, members of the public would like the tank site to be located in the same water zone as it will be directly serving (i.e., the Conifer Zone). Please see letters in response to the Notice of Preparation provided as Appendix B of this EIR which present other issues of concern.

2.2 SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, MITIGATION MEASURES AND ALTERNATIVES

Four types of impacts are potentially associated with the implementation of discretionary projects. They are described as follows:

- **Class I** - Significant, unavoidable, adverse impacts for which "specific economic, social or other considerations make infeasible the mitigation measures or project alternatives identified in the Final EIR." If the lead agency decides to approve the project, a Statement of Overriding Considerations must be adopted for any such impacts identified, as required by the CEQA Guidelines Section 15093 (b).
- **Class II** - Significant, adverse impacts that can be feasibly mitigated to a less than significant level. CEQA Guidelines Section 15091(a)(1) requires that "findings" be made indicating that changes to or alterations have been required in the project to substantially lessen these impacts.
- **Class III** - Adverse impacts that have been found to be less than significant.
- **Class IV** - Beneficial impacts.

The EIR is focused on two tank alternatives (A7B and A8B) and five associated pipeline alternatives (A through E). No Class I impacts are associated with these alternatives. Additionally, because mitigation measures developed through the Initial Study process have been identified and incorporated into the project, none of the alternatives identified above would result in significant impacts for any issue areas. All adverse impacts identified would be less than significant. Additionally, The project would result in a beneficial potable water quality impact and would eliminate the existing geotechnical/safety risk associated with continued operation of the existing Conifer Water Storage Tank.

Several alternatives were considered including the following:

- Aboveground Tanks at Sites A7 and A8 (addressed in the Initial Study)
- No Project Alternative
- Non-tank Options

- Alternative Sites
- Replacement at existing tank site
- Mitigated Project (A7B and A8B)
- Environmentally Superior Alternative

These alternatives are fully addressed in either the Initial Study (Appendix A of the EIR) or Section 6.0, Alternatives of the EIR

The alternatives analysis determined that the Mitigated A7B and A8B alternatives are environmentally superior to all of the other alternatives identified as the other alternatives would result in more or increased severity of impacts or were considered not to be feasible. Neither the Mitigated A7B Alternative, nor the Mitigated A8B Alternative would result in any significant environmental impacts. However, the Mitigated A8B Alternative would have less adverse effects for a number of issues (e.g., short-term air quality, short-term surface water quality, mineral resources, short-term biological habitat) over the Mitigated A7B Alternative mainly because of the smaller area of impact and required cut and fill. However, the issues with the highest level of controversy, aesthetics and recreation impacts would be more severe for the Mitigated A8B Alternative than the Mitigated A7B Alternative. Additionally, the endangered Braunton's milkvetch is located at the A8 site, thus the tank must be sited to avoid the plants. (See Figure BIO1 in Appendix A, Revised Initial Study.) For the A7 site the pipeline alternative with the least environmental impact is Pipeline A. For the A8 site, the pipeline with the least environmental impact is Pipeline D.