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LIST OF ACRONYMS

| ADA | Americans with Disabilities Act |
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| BFE | base flood elevation |
| BMPs | Best Management Practices |
| BRT | Bus-Rapid Transit |
| CEQA | California Environmental Quality Act |
| CDFW | California Department of Fish & Wildlife |
| CFG | California Fish and Game |
| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations |
| CLOMR | Conditional Letter of Map Revision |
| CNG | compressed natural gas |
| CWA | Clean Water Act |
| EO | Executive Order |
| EPA | United States Environmental Protection Agency |
| EVVMF | East Valley Vehicle Maintenance Facility |
| FEMA | Federal Emergency Management Agency |
| FHWA | Federal Highway Administration |
| FIRM | Flood Insurance Rate Map |
| FIS | Flood Insurance Study |
| FTA | Federal Transit Administration |
| LOMR | Letter of Map Revision |
| MOU | Memorandum of Understanding |
| mph | miles per hour |
| NEPA | National Environmental Policy Act |
| NFIP | National Flood Insurance Program |



| NPDES | National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System |
|--------|---|
| O&M | Operations and Maintenance |
| REAP | Rain Event Action Plan |
| ROW | right-of-way |
| RTP | Regional Transportation Plan |
| RWQCB | Regional Water Quality Control Board |
| SBCFCD | San Bernardino County Flood Control District |
| sbX | San Bernardino Valley Express |
| SCAG | Southern California Association of Governments |
| SCS | Sustainable Communities Strategy |
| SR | State Route |
| SWPP | Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan |
| SWRCB | State Water Resources Control Board |
| TSP | transit signal priority |
| USACE | United States Army Corps of Engineers |
| WDRs | Waste Discharge Requirements |
| WVC | West Valley Connector |
| WVVMF | West Valley Vehicle Maintenance Facility |



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Floodplain Evaluation Report was prepared in support of the West Valley Connector Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project. The project has a 35-mile-long alignment that utilizes public right-of-way (ROW) and existing streets to connect the cities of Pomona, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Fontana in the counties of Los Angeles and San Bernardino, California. Within the project area, the project alignment crosses five flood channels that are under the jurisdiction of the San Bernardino County Flood Control District (SBCFCD). At these five locations, a potential transverse or longitudinal floodplain encroachment may exist. The purpose of this report is to evaluate locations where the project may impact a floodplain and make preliminary recommendations for mitigation and further study.

This report provides data and analysis in support of the Environmental Assessment (EA)/ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed project prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

In accordance with the guidance of compliance for floodplain studies as established by CEQA, this report addresses the following:

- Risk Assessment: Includes an overview of the regulatory floodplain within the project area.
- Impacts of the Project: Includes an assessment of direct impacts, impacts to natural floodplain values, support of incompatible floodplain development, and the potential for interruption or termination of the transportation facility in the event of flooding.
- Measures to Minimize Impacts: Recommends minimization measures to decrease potential impacts on the regulatory floodplain.



1.0 INTRODUCTION

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA), in cooperation with the cities of Pomona, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Fontana, proposes construction of the West Valley Connector (WVC) Project, a 35-mile-long Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project that will decrease travel times and improve the existing public transit system within the corridor.

In January 2017, SBCTA entered into a cooperative agreement with Omnitrans designating SBCTA as the lead agency for the proposed WVC Project. SBCTA intends to construct the WVC, which will then be operated by Omnitrans. SBCTA has the authority to allocate Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds; however, it does not have the ability to receive funds directly from FTA. Omnitrans is the direct FTA grantee for the San Bernardino Valley. As a result, SBCTA and Omnitrans have developed a successful direct recipient/ subrecipient working relationship to deliver projects with FTA funds. The current relationship allows the delivery of FTA-funded projects that meet FTA requirements without duplicating staff, assuring the best use of limited public funds available. Omnitrans and SBCTA executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 15-1001289 in October 2015, setting forth the roles and responsibilities of the recipient/subrecipient relationship.

The project is subject to State and federal environmental review requirements because it involves the use of federal funds from FTA. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/ Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for the proposed project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). SBCTA is the CEQA lead agency, and FTA is the NEPA lead agency. This Floodplain Evaluation Report has been prepared as part of the technical analysis required to support the EIR/EA.

1.1 Project Location and Setting

The proposed project is located primarily along Holt Avenue/Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard, which would connect the cities of Pomona, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Fontana in the counties of Los Angeles and San Bernardino, California. The project limits extend from Main Street in the City of Pomona on the west side to Sierra Avenue in the City of Fontana on the east side and Church Street in the City of Rancho Cucamonga on the north side to Ontario International Airport on the south side (see Figures 1-1 and 1-2). The proposed project area is primarily urban, and generalized land uses include low-, medium-, and medium-high-density residential, commercial, industrial, open space and recreation, transportation and utilities, agriculture, vacant, public facilities, airport, educational facilities, and offices.



1.2 Purpose and Need

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve corridor mobility and transit efficiency in the western San Bernardino Valley from the City of Pomona, in Los Angeles County, to the City of Fontana, in San Bernardino County, with an enhanced, state-of-the-art BRT system (i.e., the system that includes off-board fare vending, all-door boarding, transit signal priority [TSP], optimized operating plans, and stations that consist of a branded shelter/canopy, security cameras, benches, lighting, and variable message signs).

The proposed project would address the growing traffic congestion and travel demands of the nearly one million people that would be added to Los Angeles and San Bernardino County by 2040 per Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) 2016 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) growth forecast. Improved rapid transit along the project corridor would help Omnitrans/SBCTA achieve its long-range goals to cost effectively enhance lifeline mobility and accessibility, improve transit operations, increase ridership, support economic growth and redevelopment, conserve nonrenewable resources, and improve corridor safety.

Recognizing the importance of the WVC transit corridor, SBCTA is proposing a project that is designed to achieve the following objectives:

- Improve transit service by better accommodating high existing bus ridership.
- Improve ridership by providing a viable and competitive transit alternative to the automobile.
- Improve efficiency of transit service delivery while lowering Omnitrans' operating costs per rider.
- Support local and regional planning goals to organize development along transit corridors and around transit stations.

The project purpose and objectives stated above would respond to the following needs:

- Current and future population and employment conditions establish a need for higherquality transit service.
- Current and future transportation conditions establish a need for an improved transit system.
- Transit-related opportunities exist in the project area.





Figure 1-1: Project Location Map







Figure 1-2: Project Vicinity Map



2.0 **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

2.1 Proposed Project

The WVC Project is a 35-mile-long BRT corridor project located primarily along Holt Avenue/ Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard that would connect the cities of Pomona, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Fontana in the counties of Los Angeles and San Bernardino, California. The project proposes limited stops, providing speed and quality improvements to the public transit system within the corridor. The project includes BRT stations at up to 33 locations/major intersections and associated improvements, premium transit service, TSP and queue jump lanes, dedicated lanes, and integration with other bus routes.

The project alignment consists of two phases. Phase I of the project would construct the "Milliken Alignment," from the Pomona Regional Transit Center (downtown Pomona Metrolink Station) to Victoria Gardens in Rancho Cucamonga. Phase II of the project would construct the "Haven Alignment," from Ontario International Airport to Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Fontana. The Phase I/Milliken Alignment would begin construction in 2020 and is proposed to have 10-minute peak and 15-minute off-peak headways. Phase II is intended to be constructed immediately following completion of Phase I, depending on the availability of funding.

Phase I/Milliken Alignment

Phase I of the project would construct the Milliken Alignment from the eastern city boundary limit of Pomona to Victoria Gardens in Rancho Cucamonga. In Pomona, the alignment starts from the Pomona Regional Transit Center station, travels along Holt Avenue and into Montclair.

In Montclair, the alignment runs on Holt Boulevard between Mills Avenue and Benson Avenue and into Ontario.

In Ontario, the alignment continues on Holt Boulevard, starting from Benson Avenue, and then continues to Vineyard Avenue and into Ontario International Airport (loop through Terminal Way). From the airport, it heads north on Archibald Avenue to Inland Empire Boulevard and turns right to go east on Inland Empire Boulevard.

On Inland Empire Boulevard, the alignment goes straight into Ontario Mills (loop through Mills Circle) and then heads north on Milliken Avenue into Rancho Cucamonga.

In Rancho Cucamonga, the alignment makes a loop into the Rancho Cucamonga Metrolink Station off Milliken Avenue and then continues up Milliken Avenue and turns east onto Foothill Boulevard.



The alignment continues east on Foothill Boulevard, turns north onto Day Creek Boulevard, and then terminates with a layover at Victoria Gardens at Main Street. From Victoria Gardens, the bus line begins a return route by continuing north on Day Creek Boulevard, turns west onto Church Street, turns south onto Rochester Avenue, and then turns west back onto Foothill Boulevard.

Phase II/Haven Alignment

Phase II of the project would construct the Haven Alignment, from Ontario International Airport to Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Fontana. In Ontario, the alignment makes a loop through Terminal Way at Ontario International Airport. From the airport, it heads north on Archibald Avenue to Inland Empire Boulevard and turns right and travels east on Inland Empire Boulevard.

From Inland Empire Boulevard, the alignment turns left to go north up Haven Avenue into Rancho Cucamonga, then turns right to go east onto Foothill Boulevard and into Fontana.

In Fontana, the alignment continues east on Foothill Boulevard until turning south onto Sierra Avenue. The alignment follows Sierra Avenue, including a stop at the Fontana Metrolink Station, and then continues until turning west onto Marygold Avenue, where the bus line would begin a turn-around movement by heading south onto Juniper Avenue, east onto Valley Boulevard, and north back onto Sierra Avenue to Kaiser Permanente Medical Center before heading northward for the return trip.

2.2 **Project Alternatives**

Many alternatives were considered during the project development phase of the project. A No Build Alternative and two build alternatives (Alternatives A and B) are being analyzed in the EIR/EA.

2.2.1 No Build Alternative

The No Build Alternative proposes no improvements to the existing local bus services. Under the No Build Alternative, the existing local bus service on Routes 61 and 66 would maintain current service of 15-minute headways (total of four buses per hour in each direction).

2.2.2 Build Alternatives

Figure 2-1 presents the map of both build alternatives. All design features of both build alternatives are the same, as described in more details in Section 2.3, with the exception of the following:



Alternative A – Full BRT with no Dedicated Bus-only Lanes

Alternative A would include the 35-mile-long BRT corridor, which is comprised of the Phase I/ Milliken Alignment, Phase II/ Haven Alignment, and 60 side-running stations at up to 33 locations/major intersections. The BRT buses will operate entirely in the mixed-flow lanes. The right-of-way (ROW) limits and travel lane width vary in other segments of the corridor. Implementation of Build Alternative A will not require permanent or temporary ROW acquisition.

Alternative B – Full BRT with 3.5 miles of Dedicated Bus-only Lanes in Ontario

Alternative B would include the full 35-mile-long BRT corridor, which is comprised of the Phase I/Milliken Alignment, Phase II/Haven Alignment, 3.5 miles of dedicated bus-only lanes, and five center-running stations and 50 side-running stations at up to 33 locations/ major intersections. The dedicated lanes segment would include two mixed-flow lanes and one transit lane in each direction and five center-running stations. To accommodate the dedicated lanes, roadway widening and additional utilities, such as electrical and fiber-optic lines, would require permanent and temporary ROW acquisition. In addition, some areas of the project corridor would require reconfiguration, relocation, or extension of adjacent driveways, curbs, medians, sidewalks, parking lots, and local bus stops.

2.3 Design Features of Build Alternatives

2.3.1 Bus Rapid Transit Stations

BRT stations at 33 locations/major intersections and associated improvements are proposed to be located approximately 0.5 to 1 mile apart to facilitate higher operating speeds by reducing dwell time (see Figures 1-2 and 2-1 for station locations). Table 2-1 lists the BRT stations to be constructed as part of Phase I/Milliken Alignment. Note that under Alternative A, all 21 stations will be side-running stations. Under Alternative B, five center platform stations are proposed as follows:

- Holt Boulevard/Mountain Avenue
- Holt Boulevard/San Antonio Avenue
- Holt Boulevard/Euclid Avenue
- Holt Boulevard/Campus Avenue
- Holt Boulevard/Grove Avenue

As part of Phase II/Haven Alignment, an additional 12 side-running stations will be constructed for both build alternatives as list in Table 2-2.





Figure 2-1: Build Alternatives Map



| City | Stations |
|----------------------------|--|
| Pomona | Pomona Regional Transit Center Station |
| | Holt Avenue/Garey Avenue |
| | Holt Avenue/Towne Avenue |
| | Holt Avenue/Clark Avenue |
| | Holt Avenue/Indian Hill Boulevard |
| Montclair | Holt Boulevard/Ramona Avenue |
| | Holt Boulevard/Central Avenue |
| Ontario | Holt Boulevard/Mountain Avenue* |
| | Holt Boulevard/San Antonio Avenue* |
| | Holt Boulevard/Euclid Avenue* |
| | Holt Boulevard/Campus Avenue* |
| | Holt Boulevard/Grove Avenue* |
| | Holt Boulevard/Vineyard Avenue |
| | Ontario International Airport |
| | Inland Empire Boulevard/Archibald Way |
| | Inland Empire Boulevard/Porsche Way |
| | Ontario Mills |
| Rancho Cucamonga | Rancho Cucamonga Metrolink Station |
| | Foothill Boulevard/Milliken Avenue |
| | Foothill Boulevard/Rochester Avenue |
| | Victoria Gardens between North and South Main Street |
| Note: * denotes the center | er-running stations to be constructed under Alternative B. |

| Table 2-1: | Stations along | Phase I/Milliken | Alignment |
|------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|
| | | | |

Source: Parsons, 2017

Table 2-2: Additional Stations to be Constructed as Part of Phase II/Haven Alignment

| City | Stations |
|------------------|--|
| Rancho Cucamonga | Haven Avenue/6 th Street |
| | Haven Avenue/Arrow Route |
| | Haven Avenue/Foothill Boulevard |
| | Foothill Boulevard/Spruce Avenue |
| | Foothill Boulevard/Day Creek Boulevard |
| Fontana | Foothill Boulevard/Mulberry Avenue |
| | Foothill Boulevard/Cherry Avenue |
| | Foothill Boulevard/Citrus Avenue |
| | Foothill Boulevard/Sierra Avenue |
| | Fontana Metrolink Station |
| | Sierra Avenue/Randall Avenue |
| | Sierra Avenue/Kaiser Permanente |

Source: Parsons, 2017



Side-Running Stations

Side-running stations would typically be located on the far side of an intersection to facilitate transit priority and to avoid a stopped bus from blocking those turning right from the corridor. Where curb cuts for driveways and other conditions do not provide enough space along the curbside for both the San Bernardino Valley Express (sbX) and the local bus on the far side of the intersection, the local buses would be located on the near side of the intersection.

In the side-running condition, stations may include new or improved shelters with passenger amenities, or only an sbX-branded pylon with signature light. Proposed shelters would be approximately 18 feet in length and a width that would fit a 10-foot-wide-minimum sidewalk. Passenger amenities at the side platform stations would include benches, bicycle racks, trash receptacles, variable message signs, security cameras, and lighting integrated with the shelter. There would be no fare collection equipment on the sidewalks or shelters when the available ROW is less than 10 feet, and the passengers may pay the fee on the bus. Side-running stations would also include various amenities.

For all stations in Rancho Cucamonga, only an sbX-branded pylon with signature light is proposed. Should shelters be implemented in the future, coordination between the City of Rancho Cucamonga and SBCTA would be required to environmentally clear the shelters at a later time.

Center Platform Stations

As indicated in Section 2.3.1, five center-running platform stations are proposed to be constructed as part of the Phase I/Milliken Alignment (in Ontario) under Alternative B.

The center-running platform stations would be in the center of the street ROW on a raised platform with an end-block crossing. Access would be provided by crosswalks at intersections and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant ramps to the station platforms. Center-running platforms would be placed as close to the intersection as possible while still maintaining left-turn pockets, where required.

In the optimum center-running platform configuration, the platform would accommodate a canopy with its seating area, passenger amenities, fare equipment, and a ramp to comply with relevant accessibility requirements and provide clearance in front of ticket vending machines. Stations would include amenities that can be assembled and laid out to suit the functionality of the station and fit with the surrounding land uses.

2.3.2 sbX Bus Operations

The proposed project would require 18 buses during the Phase I operation and increase to 27 buses for the Phase I and Phase II operation to serve the designed headways and have sufficient spare vehicles.



Under Alternative A, sbX buses would operate entirely in mixed-flow lanes along the proposed 35 miles of the Phase I and Phase II alignments. For Alternative B, sbX buses would operate in mixed-flow lanes similar to Alternative A, except where dedicated bus-only lanes (3.5 miles) are proposed along Holt Boulevard, between Benson Avenue and Vine Avenue and between Euclid Avenue and Vineyard Avenue, in Ontario.

Roadway sections where the sbX would operate in mixed-flow lanes would generally be kept as existing conditions, although some modifications, such as relocated curb and gutter, may be necessary near the stations to provide sufficient room for bus stopping and loading. Reconstruction of curb and gutters would only be required for the segment where dedicated bus-only lanes are proposed. Vehicular lanes where the sbX buses would operate in dedicated bus-only lanes would feature concrete roadways, painted or striped to visually separate the exclusive lanes from mixed-flow lanes. Transition areas from mixed-flow to exclusive lanes would be provided at each end of an exclusive lane location. Such transitions would be clearly marked to separate bus movements from other vehicular traffic. Reinforced concrete bus pad in the pavement would be placed at all station locations for the sbX buses.

sbX buses would operate from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with peak headways for 4 hours and off-peak headways for 10 hours per day for a total span of service of 14 hours per day, Monday through Friday. From the Pomona Metrolink Transit Center station to Inland Empire Boulevard, the sbX buses would operate on 10-minute peak headways and 15-minute off-peak headways. Additional service hours, including weekend service, may be added if additional operating funds become available in the future.

2.3.3 Operations and Maintenance

Fleet Composition

The proposed project's fleet would be comprised of 60-foot-long articulated compressed natural gas (CNG) propulsion buses. sbX buses would hold approximately 96 passengers at maximum capacity with up to 8 bicycles on board. Today, the average local bus operating speeds are only 12 to 15 miles per hour (mph), and they are getting slower as corridor congestion worsens. In calculating run times, it was assumed that the average dwell time at stations would be 30 seconds (peak service), and average overall speed would be 20 mph.

Maintenance Requirements and Associated Facilities

Omnitrans operates and maintains its existing bus fleets from two major Operations and Maintenance (O&M) facilities: East Valley Vehicle Maintenance Facility (EVVMF), located at 1700 W. 5th Street in the City of San Bernardino and West Valley Vehicle Maintenance Facility (WVVMF), located at 4748 E. Arrow Highway in the City of Montclair. EVVMF is a Level III facility capable of full maintenance of buses and WVVMF is a Level II facility suitable for light maintenance. Neither facility has sufficient capacity to accommodate the



additional maintenance and storage requirements of the bus fleet associated with the proposed WVC Project.

The purpose of the new O&M facility is to provide operations and maintenance support to the existing full-service EVVMF. The new facility would be designed and constructed to provide Level I service maintenance with a capacity to be upgraded to provide Level II service maintenance. Heavy repair functions and administrative functions would remain exclusively with the EVVMF in San Bernardino.

Facility Components

Conceptually, the new O&M facility would be built on an approximate 5-acre site. The Level I facility would include a parking area, bus washing area, fueling area, and a personnel and storage building. As needs arise, the facility could be upgraded to provide Level II service, which will include the addition of a maintenance shop and a larger administrative building. Landscaping and irrigation would be provided to enhance the comfort of employees and the appearance of the facility, and to help screen maintenance facilities and operations from offsite viewpoints within the community. Figure 2-2 shows the conceptual site plan of the Level II facility.



Figure 2-2: O&M Facility Conceptual Site Plan

Depending on the service level to be performed, approximately 50-100 staff would be using this facility including bus operators and O&M staff.



Potential Sites

Three sites are being considered for the placement of the new O&M facility (see Figure 2-3). All are owned by the City of Ontario and are located in the industrial zoned area, slightly more than a mile from the proposed BRT corridor alignment on Holt Boulevard:

- Site 1: 1516 S. Cucamonga Avenue, Ontario (APN 1050-131-03-0000 and APN 1050-131-02-0000). The current use of this property is public works storage yard. If selected, the O&M facility will be built at the bottom portion of the parcel encompassing an area of approximately 6.0 acres.
- Site 2: 1440 S. Cucamonga Avenue, Ontario (APN 1050-141-07-0000). The current use of this property is compressed natural gas fueling station. If selected, the O&M facility will utilize the entire parcel encompassing an area of approximately 4.8 acres.

Site 3: 1333 S. Bon View Avenue, Ontario (APN 1049-421-01-0000 and APN 1049-421-02-0000). The current use of this property is municipal utility and customer service center. If selected, the O&M facility will be built at the bottom portion of the parcel encompassing an area of approximately 6.6 acres.

Buses coming to and from the new facility could use nearby access roads that directly connect to the BRT corridor such as South Campus Avenue, South Bon View Avenue, and South Grove Avenue.

The O&M facility will be constructed during the same period as the Phase I/Milliken Alignment and would be open for operation at the same time as the Phase I alignment. Construction duration is estimated at 12 months.

2.4 Implementation Schedule

Implementation of the proposed project is planned over the next 5 years and would entail many activities, including:

- Completion of the environmental compliance phase (March 2020)
- Completion of Preliminary Engineering (March 2020)
- Completion of Final Design (May 2021) and begin construction in early 2022.
- Completion of O&M facility (December 2023)
- Completion of Construction of Phase I/Milliken Alignment and testing (December 2023)
- System operation (begin revenue operation in December 2023)
- Construction of Phase II/Haven Alignment is scheduled to occur after completion of the Phase I/Milliken Alignment pending funding availability





Figure 2-3: Potential Operations and Maintenance Facility Sites



3.0 FLOODPLAIN DETERMINATION

Flood hazard areas were determined based on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). Sources, including topographic mapping, aerial photos, City of Ontario's Master Plan of Drainage and West Cucamonga Channel Hydrology and Hydraulic Report for Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), were utilized to determine drainage tributary areas and potential flooding risk.

Although five flood channels have been identified within the project area, only one floodplain location will be studied within the project area. More information on the floodplain locations identified within the study area is provided in Chapter 6. The FIRM maps are located in Appendix A.

3.1 Floodplain and Floodway Description

Floodplains are areas of land inundated by the river during the 100-year flood. Floodplains are a natural feature of rivers that may also occur in portions of a watershed on land depressions or wetlands. They are the mostly flat land adjacent to the river and are formed due to the actions of a river. Designated Floodway refers to the channel of the stream and that portion of the adjoining floodplain reasonably required providing for the passage of a design flood. Developments are prohibited in the floodway. Figure 3-1 depicts floodplain and floodway areas.



Figure 3-1: Typical Floodplain and Floodway Location with Respect to the Main Stream

Rivers erode their own banks and redeposit the eroded material downstream. Material is added to the floodplain during floods, a process called overbank deposition. Rivers are



constantly trying to reach an equilibrium state where there is a balance of water and soil material. The material that underlies floodplains is a mixture of thick layers of sand and thin layers of mud. Undisturbed floodplains provide a natural buffer by reducing the number and severity of floods, minimizing nonpoint source water pollution, filtering stormwater, providing habitat for plants and animals, and creating aesthetic beauty and outdoor recreation benefits.

When the flow in the river overtops its banks, the overflow spreads over the floodplain, which slows the flow of the water. Reduced water velocity can help prevent severe erosion and flooding downstream. In addition, during high water events, some of the water is absorbed by the floodplain, reducing the extent of the flooding. The absorbed water can then be returned to the stream during times of low water.

Floodplains support plants and animals and may have forests and wetlands on or adjacent to them. These river edges provide habitat for insects, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals. The vegetation filters contaminants in water that flow into the river. In addition, vegetated floodplains provide shade for the adjacent rivers and streams, increasing dissolved oxygen levels, and consequently improving habitat for aquatic plants and animals.

In general, a floodplain cannot be altered in any way until it has been shown that alteration will pass the base flood without significant damage to either the floodplain or surrounding areas. No bridge abutment or embankment shall encroach on a regulatory floodway.

Because encroachments are activities or construction within the floodway, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, and other development, there would be no floodway encroachment within the project area except for the West Cucamonga Channel's floodway at a single point located east of North Grove Avenue along Holt Boulevard (see Appendix B).

The proposed project would have to adhere to all federal, State, and local regulatory policies for floodplain management. Some of the basic guidelines are:

- To minimize impacts of highway agency actions that adversely affect base floodplains;
- To restore and preserve the natural and beneficial floodplain values that are adversely impacted by highway agency actions;
- To avoid support of incompatible floodplain development; and
- To be consistent with the intent of the Standards and Criteria of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

3.2 **FEMA Designations**

FEMA designates Special Flood Hazard Areas according to zones. The base flood elevation (BFE) is the water surface elevation of the 1 percent annual chance of flood. The zones are described as:



Zone A – Corresponds to the 100-year floodplains that are determined in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) by approximate methods. No BFEs or depths have been determined.

Zone AE – Corresponds to the areas of 100-year floodplains that are determined in the FIS by detailed methods. In most instances, BFEs have been derived from detailed hydraulic analyses and are shown within this zone.

Zone AH – Corresponds to the areas of 100-year shallow flooding with a constant water surface elevation. Flood depths are 1 to 3 feet (usually areas of ponding); BFEs are derived from detailed hydraulic analyses and are shown at selected intervals within this zone.

Zone AO – Corresponds to the areas of 100-year shallow flooding. Flood depths are 1 to 3 feet (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain); average depths determined. For areas of alluvial fan flooding, velocities are also determined.

Zone AR – Depicts areas protected from flood hazards by flood control structures such as levees that are being restored.

Zone X (dotted) – Other flood areas. Areas of 0.2 percent annual chance flood; areas of 1 percent annual chance flood with average depths of less than 1 foot or with drainage areas less than 1 square mile; and areas protected by levees from 1 percent annual chance flood.

Zone X – Areas determined to be outside the 0.2 percent annual chance floodplain.



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4.0 FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS

4.1 National Flood Insurance Program

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) developed the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to assist communities across the country with floodplain management. The NFIP provides federally backed flood insurance to homeowners, renters, and business owners in participating communities. In addition to providing flood insurance and reducing flood damage through floodplain management regulations, the NFIP identifies and maps the nation's floodplains. Mapping flood hazards creates a broad-based awareness of the flood hazards and provides the data needed for floodplain management programs and to actuarially rate new construction for flood insurance.

Executive Order (EO) 11988 directs all federal agencies to refrain, to the extent practicable and feasible, all short-term and long-term adverse impacts associated with floodplain modification and to refrain from direct and indirect support of development within 100-year floodplains wherever a practicable alternative is available and to restore and preserve the natural and beneficial values served by floodplains. Projects that encroach upon 100-year floodplains must be supported with additional specific information. The U.S. Department of Transportation Order 5650.2, Floodplain Management and Protection, prescribes "policies and procedures for ensuring that proper consideration is given to the avoidance and mitigation of adverse floodplain impacts in agency actions, planning programs, and budget requests." The Order does not apply to areas with Zone C (areas of minimal flooding as shown on FEMA FIRMs).

A Floodplain Evaluation is required as described under the NFIP (23 *Code of Federal Regulations* [CFR] 650, Subpart A Section 650). Section 650.111 of the regulations calls for location hydraulic studies to be performed, which includes detailed engineering design drawings. Hydraulic modeling would be required, along with a hydraulic report summarizing the results (to be submitted for review by the local agencies listed in the FIRMs). A Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) and an LOMR may be required by FEMA for work within a floodway or for work resulting in significant impacts to the 100-year floodplain.

4.2 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.)*

The purpose of the Clean Water Act (CWA) is restoration and maintenance of the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters through prevention and elimination of pollution. The CWA applies to discharges of pollutants into Waters of the United States. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was granted authority to implement pollution control programs, such as setting wastewater standards for industry and establishing a permit system for the discharge of any pollutant into Waters of the United States States. California's State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is the State agency with



primary responsibility for implementation of State and federally established regulations relating to hydrology and water quality issues. Typically, all regulatory requirements are implemented by the SWRCB through the nine different Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCBs) established throughout California. The CWA operates on the principle that any discharge of pollutants into the nation's waters is prohibited unless specifically authorized by a permit; permit review is the CWA's primary regulatory tool.



5.0 PERMITS AND APPROVALS

The following permits may be required for water bodies impacted by the project.

5.1 Section 404 Permit

CWA Section 404 establishes a program to regulate the discharge of dredge and fill material into Waters of the United States, including wetlands. The responsibility for administering and enforcing a Section 404 Permit is shared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and EPA. USACE administers the day-to-day program, including individual permit decisions and jurisdictional determinations; develops policy and guidance; and enforces Section 404 provisions.

5.2 Section 401 Certification

A Section 401 Certification certifies that the Section 404 mitigation plan conforms to State water quality standards. The Section 401 Certification for this project would be administered by the Santa Ana River RWQCB.

5.3 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit

The CWA created the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program to regulate the discharge of any pollutant from a point source into navigable waters by requiring those point sources to obtain a permit if their discharges go directly to surface waters. The NPDES permit documents that completed projects meet applicable water quality standards for drainage and runoff. An NPDES permit and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) are required by SWRCB under the Federal CWA (Section 402).

The project area is within the jurisdiction of the Santa Ana RWQCB. The areawide Permit (Order No. R8-2010-0036, NPDES No. CAS 618036) is administered by the Santa Ana RWQCB. This permit sets out guidelines and regulates waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for the discharge of stormwater from areas of San Bernardino County. The principal permittee of this permit is SBCFCD, and there are 17 other co-permittees, including City of Ontario.

5.4 NPDES Permit Requirements for Dewatering Discharges

Care is required for the removal of nuisance water from a construction site (known as dewatering) because of the high turbidity and other pollutants associated with this activity. The Santa Ana RWQCB's Dewatering Permit Order is identified as R8-2009-0003 (NPDES NO. CAG998001). This permit covers the General WDRs for Discharges to Surface Water which Pose an Insignificant (*De Minimis*) Threat to Water Quality from dewatering activities.



5.5 California Department of Fish and Wildlife Section 1602 Lake & Streambed Alteration Agreement

Section 1602 of the California Fish and Game (CFG) Code requires a Streambed Alteration Agreement for any alteration to the bank or bed of a stream or lake or for any activity that substantially diverts or obstructs the natural flow of any river, stream, or lake. Further coordination with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) regarding potential project impacts is required, and a Section 1602 Lake & Streambed Alteration Agreement may be necessary for this project. As applicable, a Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement would be obtained for the project prior to construction.



6.0 FLOODPLAIN LOCATIONS

There are five existing channels located along the 35-mile-long corridor alignment (see Figure 6-1), including:

- San Antonio Channel (within City of Montclair)
- West Cucamonga Channel (within City of Ontario)
- Cucamonga Channel combines with Deer Creek Channel (within City of Ontario)
- Day Creek Channel (within City of Rancho Cucamonga)
- Etiwanda Creek Channel (within City of Rancho Cucamonga)

Based on the FEMA's FIRM, the project corridor is only encroached in the West Cucamonga Channel's designated flood hazard area. The exhibit in Appendix B shows the proposed improvements adjacent to channel. As a requirement of the CEQA, Location Hydraulic Study and Summary Floodplain Encroachment forms have been prepared for the project (Appendices C and D).

The remaining water bodies within the project limits that are not affected by project improvements because the improvements at these locations do not include widening operations and/or are only minor, such as restriping efforts. FIRM maps for each of these locations can be found in Appendix A.

6.1 West Cucamonga Channel – FIRM Nos. 06071C8609J and 06071C8628J

The existing West Cucamonga Channel carries flows from Ontario. The upstream end of the channel is located north of 16th Street, from where it continues in a southerly direction through 8th Street Basins, Princeton Basin, and eventually to the Ely infiltration basin system north of State Route (SR) 60. The Ely basin system outfall is Cucamonga Creek.

The proposed improvements include roadway widening, grading, and culverts. There is only one location of floodplain encroachment where the existing culvert crosses under Holt Boulevard. This culvert would be extended to accommodate the proposed roadway widening (see Appendix B).

A Zone X (dotted) flood area designation is shown encompassing the entire project area. As shown in the FIRM map, West Cucamonga Channel has a 1 percent annual chance flood capacity within the project area. Floodplain encroachment at West Cucamonga Channel would occur where the existing culvert crosses under Holt Boulevard. This culvert would be extended to accommodate the proposed roadway widening. The proposed work would not substantially alter the floodplain because the culvert crossing would only be extended by approximately 30 feet total (15 feet on each side). Furthermore, the 100-year flood event would still be contained in the channel under the proposed conditions. No detailed study is

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required to determine the BFR because encroachments by the proposed project are not greater than 50 lots or 5 acres.

No natural or beneficial uses for this floodplain have been identified in the Santa Ana RWQCB's Basin Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin; therefore, West Cucamonga Channel's only use is for drainage conveyance.





Figure 6-1: Regional Hydrology and Surface Water Body Map



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7.0 ALTERNATIVES TO FLOODPLAIN ENCROACHMENT

Because the proposed work is located on an existing roadway, a new roadway alignment is not a feasible alternative to floodplain encroachment. The only variable to the impacts is the degree of encroachment. Therefore, during the design and construction stages, disturbance to the floodplain shall be minimized where possible.





8.0 **RISK ASSESSMENT**

Geometrically, the WVC Project would encroach the West Cucamonga Channel and its floodplain at a single point east of North Grove Avenue along Holt Boulevard; however, it is not anticipated that there would be any impact to the West Cucamonga Channel and its floodplain because these culvert crossings would be extended to accommodate the roadway widening. Furthermore, the 100-year flood event would still be contained in the channel under the proposed conditions. Table 8-1 summarizes the risks associated with encroaching and developing on a flood hazard area. The FEMA FIRM maps, proposed project work, Location Hydraulic Study Forms, and Summary Floodplain Encroachment Report found in the appendices are supporting documents used to evaluate the risk.

| | Q 100 year | | Effects | Effects on Incompatible Development | Risk | |
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| Flooding Source | along Holt Boulevard Corridor | Type of Encroachment | Natural Beneficial Values | | No Build | Build |
| West Cucamonga Channel | 2,244 ¹ | Transverse | None | None | None | Low |
| Notes: cfs – cubic feet per s ¹ West Cucamonga | second Channel Hydrol | logy and Hydraulic R | eport for LOM | ۲. | | |

Table 8-1: Risk Assessment Summary





9.0 BENEFICIAL FLOODPLAIN VALUES

As described earlier, no beneficial uses except for drainage conveyance have been identified for the receiving water body within the project area.





10.0 PROBABLE INCOMPATABLE FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT

The proposed project would not alter the aforementioned regulatory floodplain and floodway areas. The proposed project is consistent with existing watershed and floodplain management programs set forth by local, State, and federal agencies.

Every effort during the design and construction phases, including the measures outlined in Chapter 12, would be made such that the project remains compatible with the NFIP set forth by FEMA.





11.0 POTENTIAL FOR INTERRUPTION OR TERMINATION OF A TRANSPORTATION FACILITY IN THE EVENT OF FLOODING

The entire road surface would be above the 100-year floodplain. The project would not alter water surface elevations of the 100-year flood; therefore, it would not affect the potential for interruption or termination of a transportation facility in the event of flooding.





12.0 MEASURES TO MINIMIZE IMPACTS

The proposed project would be designed to minimize impacts, where possible, by limiting the grading and structural encroachments at designated floodplain and floodways areas. The following measures would be incorporated into the design and construction phases to minimize potential floodplain impact:

- 1. Provide positive drainage during construction and refrain from filling designated floodplains.
- Implement recommended best management practices (BMPs) as identified in the Storm Water Data Report.
- 3. Include erosion control and water quality protection during in-river construction and postconstruction as identified in the Storm Water Data Report.
- 4. Develop a contingency plan for unforeseen discovery of underground contaminants in the SWPPP.
- Limit construction activities between October and May to those actions that can adequately withstand high flows and entrainment of construction materials. The Contractor shall prepare a Rain Event Action Plan (REAP) and discuss high flows mitigation.
- Provide adequate conveyance capacity at bridge crossings to ensure no net increase in velocity. A more detailed hydraulic analysis shall be completed to assess existing and post-hydraulic conditions.





13.0 FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

To comply with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Section 650.115 Design Standards Guidelines, design of roadways must consider:

- 1. The design selected for an encroachment shall be supported by analyses of design alternatives with consideration given to capital cost and risk, risk analysis, or assessment.
- 2. Freeboard shall be provided, where practicable, to protect bridge structures from debrisand scour-related failure.





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APPENDIX A – FEMA FIRM MAPS





















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| West Cucamonga Channel | 06071C8609J | Holt and Grove Ave |
| | 06071C8628J | |
| Other Non-Affected Channels | Firm Map | Nearest Intersection |
| San Antonio Channel | 06037C1750F | Holt and Mills Ave |
| | 06071C8615H | |
| Cucamonga Channel | 06071C8628J | Holt and N Vineyard |
| | 06071C8630J | |
| Deer Creek Channel | 06071C8628J | Combines with Cucamonga |
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| Day Creek | 06071C8635J | Foothill Blvd and Day Creek Blvd |
| Etiwanda Creek Channel | 06071C8635J | Foothill Blvd and East Ave |



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| | SPECIAL FLO | OOD HAZARD AREAS SUBJECT TO INUNDATION |
| The 1% annual flo | od (100-year floc | annoal chance flood, is the flood that has a 1% |
| chance of being ed area subject to floo | qualed or exceed oding by the 1% | led in any given year. The Special Flood Hazard Area is the annual chance flood. Areas of Special Flood Hazard include |
| elevation of the 1% | 6 annual chance f | r, and ve. The base flood elevation is the water-surface |
| ZONE A ZONE AE | No Base Flood Base Flood El | d Elevations determined. levations determined. |
| ZONE AH | Flood depths | s of 1 to 3 feet (usually areas of ponding); Base Flood |
| ZONE AO | Flood depths | of 1 to 3 feet (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain); average |
| | determined. | |
| ZONE AR | flood by a flo indicates that | od control system that was subsequently decertified. Zone AR t the former flood control system is being restored to provide |
| ZONE 499 | protection fro | om the 1% annual chance or greater flood. |
| LONE AU | protection s determined. | system under construction; no Base Flood Elevations |
| ZONE V | Coastal flood Elevations de | d zone with velocity hazard (wave action); no Base Flood etermined. |
| ZONE VE | Coastal flood Flevations de | d zone with velocity hazard (wave action); Base Flood |
| | FLOODWAY | AREAS IN ZONE AE |
| The floodway is the | e channel of a str | ream plus any adjacent floodplain areas that must be kept free |
| in flood heights. | | |
| | Areas of 0.2% | DD AREAS |
| ZONEX | average dep 1 square mile; | ths of less than 1 foot or with drainage areas less than ; and areas protected by levees from 1% annual chance flood. |
| | OTHER AREA | AS |
| ZONE X | Areas determ | nined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain. |
| | | RRIER RESOLIRCES SYSTEM (CBRS) AREAS |
| | OTHERWISE | PROTECTED AREAS (OPAs) |
| CBRS areas and OP | As are normally I | located within or adjacent to Special Flood Hazard Areas. |
| | 1% | 6 annual chance floodplain boundary |
| | 0.2 Flo | odway boundary |
| | Zor | ne D boundary |
| ••••• | Boi | RS and OPA boundary undary dividing Special Flood Hazard Area Zones and |
| | ← bou Flo | undary dividing Special Flood Hazard Areas of different Base od Elevations, flood depths or flood velocities. |
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| (EL 987) | in f North American | feet* |
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| | | AND INCORPORATED AREAS |
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| | | COMMUNITY NUMBER PANEL SUFFIX CHINO HILLS, CITY OF 060754 8615 H |
| | B | CHINO, CITY OF 060272 8615 H MONTCLAIR, CITY OF 060276 8615 H SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY 060270 8615 H |
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FLOOD HAZARD INFORMATION

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| SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS | | Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A, V, A99 With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR Regulatory Floodway | Communitie as the curre above. For commur To determine Flood Insura |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|
| OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD | | 0.2% Annual Change Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile <i>Zone X</i> Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard <i>Zone X</i> Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee See Notes <i>Zone X</i> | Base map in Department meter groun |
| OTHER AREAS | NO SCREEN | Areas of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone D | |
| GENERAL STRUCTURES | | Channel, Culvert or Storm Sewer Accredited or Provisionally Accredited Levee, Dike or Floodwall Non-accredited Levee, Dike or Floodwall | |
| | (E) 10.2 17.5 (8) | Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation (BFE) Coastal Transect Coastal Transect Baseline Profile Baseline | |
| OTHER FEATURES | ~~ 513 ~~ | Hydrographic Feature Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE) Limit of Study Jurisdiction Boundary | |

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| | SPECIAL BY THE 19 | FLOOD HAZARD AREAS SUBJECT TO INUNDATION % ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD |
| The 1% annual floor chance of being equ | l (100-year aled or exc | flood), also known as the base flood, is the flood that has a 1% eeded in any given year. The Special Flood Hazard Area is the |
| area subject to flood Zones A, AE, AH, A elevation of the 1% a | ling by the O, AR, A99 annual chan | 1% annual chance flood. Areas of Special Flood Hazard include 9, V, and VE. The Base Flood Elevation is the water-surface ce flood. |
| ZONE A ZONE AE | No Base F Base Floo | lood Elevations determined. d Elevations determined. |
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| ZONE AR | Special Fl | o. ood Hazard Area formerly protected from the 1% annual chance flood control system that was subsequently decertified. Zone AR |
| | indicates protection | from the 1% annual chance or greater flood. |
| ZONE A99 | Area to to protection determine | e protected from 1% annual chance flood by a Federal flood system under construction; no Base Flood Elevations d. |
| ZONE V | Coastal fl Elevations | ood zone with velocity hazard (wave action); no Base Flood ; determined. |
| ZONE VE | Coastal f Elevations | lood zone with velocity hazard (wave action); Base Flood ; determined. |
| The fleedway is the | | AY AREAS IN ZONE AE |
| of encroachment so t in flood heights. | that the 1% | annual chance flood can be carried without substantial increases |
| | OTHER FL | OOD AREAS |
| ZONE X | Areas of 0 average 0 1 square n | 2% annual chance flood; areas of 1% annual chance flood with lepths of less than 1 foot or with drainage areas less than nile; and areas protected by levees from 1% annual chance flood. |
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| ZONE X ZONE D | Areas det Areas in v | ermined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain. hich flood hazards are undetermined, but possible. |
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| | | 1% annual chance floodplain boundary |
| | | 0.2% annual chance floodplain boundary Floodway boundary |
| | — | Zone D boundary CBRS and OPA boundary |
| | | Boundary dividing Special Flood Hazard Area Zones and boundary dividing Special Flood Hazard Areas of different Base |
| ~~~ 513 ~~ | ~ | Base Flood Elevation line and value; elevation in feet* |
| (EL 987) | | Base Flood Elevation value where uniform within zone; elevation in feet* |
| * Referenced to the | North Amer -{A | ican Vertical Datum of 1988 Cross section line |
| 23 87°07'45", 32°22 | -23) '30'' | Transect line Geographic coordinates referenced to the North American |
| ²⁴ 76 ^{000m} N | | Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), Western Hemisphere 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid values, zone |
| 600000 FT | | 5000-foot grid ticks: California State Plane coordinate system, zone V (FIPSZONE 0405), Lambert Conformal Conic |
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APPENDIX B – PROPOSED ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ADJACENT TO FLOODPLAINS

WEST VALLEY CONNECTOR CORRIDOR

CENTER RUNNING STATION

sb

RELOCATED LOCAL BUS STOP

FRELOCATED LOCAL BUS STOP

APPENDIX C – LOCATION HYDRAULIC STUDY FORM

LOCATION HYDRAULIC STUDY FORM *

| Dist. | 8 | Co. <u>SB</u> | Rte | P.M | |
|-------|-------|---------------|-----|------------|--|
| EA | | | | Bridge No. | |
| Flood | plain | Description: | | | |
| West | Cuca | monga Channe | | | |
| | | | | | |

1. Description of Proposal (include any physical barriers i.e. concrete barriers, soundwalls, etc. and design elements to minimize floodplain impacts)

Local street improvements along Holt Boulevard including roadway widening, grading, and culverts.

| 2. ADT: Current <u>1,880</u> | Projec | ted | 2,523 | _ | | | | |
|---|---|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 3. Hydraulic Data: Base Flood Q ₁₀₀₌ WSE ₁₀₀₌ 972.55' The flood of r Q= <u>unknown</u> CFS WSE= <u>unknown</u> Overtopping flood Q=unknown CFS | <u>2,244</u> ecord, i <u>wn</u> WSE= | _CFS f great | er than (own | Q 100: | | | | |
| Are NFIP maps and studies available? | YES | Χ | | NO | | | | |
| 4. Is the highway location alternative within YES NOX | a regul | atory | floodway | 7? | | | | |
| 5. Attach map with flood limits outlined sho within the base floodplain. | owing al | ll build | lings or o | other improvements | | | | |
| Potential Q100 backwater damages: | | | | | | | | |
| A. Residences? | | NO | Х | YES | | | | |
| B. Other Bldgs? | | NO | Х | YES | | | | |
| C. Crops? | | NO_ | Х | YES | | | | |
| D. Natural and beneficial Floodplain va | lues? | NO_ | Х | _YES | | | | |
| 6. Type of Traffic: | | | | | | | | |
| A. Emergency supply or evacuation route? | NO | | _YES_ | X | | | | |
| B. Emergency vehicle access? | NO YES X | | Χ | | | | | |
| C. Practicable detour available? | NO | | _YES_ | X | | | | |
| D. School bus or mail route? | NO | | _YES _ | X | | | | |
| 7. Estimated duration of traffic interruption for 100-year event hours: 0 | | | | | | | | |

8. Estimated value of Q100 flood damages (if any) – moderate risk level.

| A. | Roadway | \$ 0 | |
|----|----------|---------|--|
| В | Property | \$ 0 | |
| | Total | \$ 0 | |

| 9. | Assessment of Level of Risk | Low X |
|----|-----------------------------|----------|
| | | Moderate |
| | | High |

For High Risk projects, during design phase, additional Design Study Risk Analysis May be necessary to determine design alternative.

Signature – Dist. Hydraulic Engineer _____ Date_____ (Item numbers 3,4,5,7,9)

Is there any longitudinal encroachment, significant encroachment, or any support of incompatible Floodplain development? NO X YES_____

If yes, provide evaluation and discussion of practicability of alternatives in accordance with 23 CFR 650.113

Information developed to comply with the Federal requirement for the Location Hydraulic Study shall be retained in the project files.

| Signature - Dist. Project Engineer_ | Date |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| (Item numbers 1,2,6,8) | |

* Same as Figure 804.7A Technical Information for Location Hydraulic Study located in Chapter 804 of the Highway Design Manual

APPENDIX D – SUMMARY FLOODPLAIN ENCROACHMENT REPORT FEMA FIRM MAPS

SUMMARY FLOODPLAIN ENCROACHMENT REPORT*

| Dist | 8 | Co | SBD | Rte | | _ P.M | | |
|-----------|------|----------|-----|-----|--------|-------|------|------|
| Project 1 | No.: | <u>-</u> | | | Bridge | No | | |
| Limits: | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | - |

Floodplain Description: <u>West Cucamonga Channel, Zone X (Dotted)</u>

| | | No | Yes |
|----|--|-------------|----------|
| 1. | Is the proposed action a longitudinal encroachment of the base floodplain? | <u>X</u> | |
| 2. | Are the risks associated with the implementation of the proposed action significant? | <u>X</u> | |
| 3. | Will the proposed action support probable incompatible floodplain development? | <u>_X</u> _ | |
| 4. | Are there any significant impacts on natural and beneficial floodplain values? | <u>X</u> | |
| 5. | Routine construction procedures are required to minimize impacts on the floodplain. Are there any special mitigation measures necessary to minimize impacts or restore and preserve natural and beneficial floodplain values? If | <u>X</u> | |
| 6. | Does the proposed action constitute a significant floodplain encroachment as | х | |
| | defined in 23 CFR, Section 650.105(q). | | |
| 7. | Are Location Hydraulic Studies that document the above answers on file? If | | <u>X</u> |
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PREPARED BY:

Signature - Dist. Hydraulic Engineer

Signature - Dist. Environmental Branch Chief

Signature - Dist. Project Engineer

* Same as Figure 804.7B Floodplain Evaluation Report Summary located in Chapter 804 of the Highway Design Manual

Date

Date

Date