

9. **located in Walker Canyon, between the West Walker River and Highway 395. It is approximately 1/2 mile south from the town of Walker. Steep canyon walls rise up on both sides of the project. The project hopes to acquire the seven privately owned residential parcels immediately to the north and east of the site. The land directly to the west of the site is owned by the Bureau of Land Management and zoned Resource Management. The land further east and south of the site is part of the Toiyabe National Forest and is also zoned Resource Management.**
10. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.)
California Department of Fish and Game, Lahontan Regional Water Control Board, CalTrans

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" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.


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| <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"/> 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 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.



 Signature *COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR* Date

 Signature Date

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) Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4) "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and

briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section XVII, "Earlier Analyses," may be cross-referenced).

- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.

- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.

- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.

- 8) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.

- 9) The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a) the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b) the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance

Issues:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
I. AESTHETICS -- Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

II. AGRICULTURE 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 Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. 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 non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?

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

d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

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

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?

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 US Fish and Wildlife Service?

c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

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

e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?

f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

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V. CULTURAL RESOURCES -- Would the project:

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

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

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

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

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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:

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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.

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ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?

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iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

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iv) Landslides?

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b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?

d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?

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?

VII. 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?

b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?

c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?

d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

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?

g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

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?

VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

-- Would the project:

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

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 pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?

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?

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?

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?

f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?

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?

h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?

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?

j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?

IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING - Would the project:

a) Physically divide an established community?

b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an 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?

c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?

X. 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?

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?

XI. 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 noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?

- b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?
- c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?
- d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?
- 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?
- 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?

XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING -- Would the project:

- a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?
- b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?
- c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

XIII. 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:

Fire protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Police protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

XIV. 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

XV. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC -- Would the project:

a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- e) Result in inadequate emergency access?
- f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?
- g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?

XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS B
Would the project:

- a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?
- 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?
- 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?
- d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?
- 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?
- f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?
- g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE --

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| <p>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?</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>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)?</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

BRIEF EXPLANATIONS FOR ALL ANSWERS EXCEPT "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?

One of the main goals of the project is to *improve* habitat for species that live along the West Walker River Corridor. There are currently no species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species within the project site or anywhere in its immediate vicinity. Source: Mono County Master Environmental Assessment.

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 US Fish and Wildlife Service?

Another purpose of the project is to improve the riparian vegetation at the site, in order to encourage bird, butterfly, fish, and other wildlife habitat. To that end, volunteers will be planting riparian vegetation along the armored banks of the West Walker River and throughout the site. In addition, the project will include a constructed wetland and a side channel restoration. At present, there is no sensitive natural community identified at the

site. All riparian habitat that is currently on site will be maintained and enhanced.

VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS -- Would the project:

b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

There is some potential for soil erosion on the site during initial construction, but it will be less than significant because the Mono County Department of Public Works will use best management practices in building the project.

VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY -- Would the project:

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 project would not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area. A side channel restoration project is planned for the site, but its construction would not alter the course the river in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation because water will constantly be flowing through.

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?

A compacted granular base parking lot with asphalt concrete only at accessible parking spaces and for restroom access will be added to the site, resulting in some sheet flow runoff, but this will differ only slightly from the sheet flow and amount of pollutants that already run off from Highway 395.

h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?

The only structures that will be placed within the 100-year flood plane would be the restrooms, kiosk, and picnic tables. These structures are all of a small enough size that they would not impede or redirect flood flows.

XI. NOISE B Would the project result in:

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

Noise levels are likely to increase, but will still be well below ambient noise levels for this pristine setting.

XV. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC -- Would the project:

a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?

While it is anticipated that there will be minimally increased traffic as a result of the project, the amount of traffic will still be below levels that road capacity and design configurations can handle.

XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS B Would the project:

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?

There will be sheet flow of water from the parking lot, but it is not anticipated to have a significant impact. No new drainage facilities will need to be constructed.

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 project includes a pit toilet that will be serviced by a local waste disposal contractor.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)
Compliance Certification Form

Grantee/Applicant: Mono County Dept of Public Works
Project Name: Mountain Gate Fishing Access Project

Project Address: APNs 02-140-30, 31, 32, and 39, US 395, Walker, California, 96107

When was CEQA analysis completed for this project? Date 12/26/2006

What document(s) was filed for this project's CEQA analysis: (check all that apply)

Initial Study Notice of Exemption Negative Declaration Mitigated Negative Declaration

Environmental Impact Report Other: _____

Please attach the Notice of Exemption or the Notice of Determination as appropriate. If these forms were not completed please attach a letter from the Lead Agency explaining why, certifying the project has complied with CEQA and noting the date that the project was approved by the Lead Agency.

Lead Agency Contact Information:

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Certification:

I hereby certify that the Lead Agency listed above has determined that it has complied with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project identified above and that the project is described in adequate and sufficient detail to allow the project's construction or acquisition.

I certify that the CEQA analysis for this project encompasses all aspects of the work to be completed with grant funds.


Authorized Representative _____ Date _____
(Signature)

LARRY K. JOHNSTON, AST. COM. DEV. DIR.
Authorized Representative _____
(Printed Name and Title)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Mountain Gate Fishing Access Project

Project Location: Walker, CA

Lead Agency: County of Mono

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In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.) and the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.), an Initial Study for the above-named project was prepared that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the project.

Project Description

The Mountain Gate Fishing Project will consist of an ADA accessible boardwalk and fishing platform, along with upgrades to the unpaved parking area and a flood resistant and ADA accessible vault toilet. An ADA accessible nature trail along the West Walker River is also anticipated to be constructed. Other potential amenities include picnic and resting spots, day use areas, therapeutic exercise stations (a "par course") for senior citizens and disabled persons, a side channel restoration, and an interpretive kiosk.

Environmental Review and Comment

We expect the State & public review period will extend for a 30 day period from October 12, 2006 through November 10, 2006.

A Negative Declaration has been deemed appropriate for this project. This proposed Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment. Public comment on the Draft Initial

Study/Negative Declaration can be provided by mail, facsimile, or e-mail during the 30 day period. Comments should be sent to Haven Kiers, Assistant Planner, P.O. Box 347, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546; fax number (760) 924-1801; email – hkiers@mono.ca.gov. For further information call (760) 924-1800.

The Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration is available for review at the following locations: Mono County Community Development Department located at 437 Old Mammoth Rd, Suite P, Mammoth Lakes, California, on the county website - <http://monocounty.ca.gov/>, and at the County Clerk's Office at 74 North School Street in Bridgeport, CA.

The proposed Negative Declaration along with any comments will be considered by Mono County in conjunction with consideration of the project for approval. The Negative Declaration will become Final if adopted by County.

Enclosures: Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal Form
15 copies of Draft Initial Study

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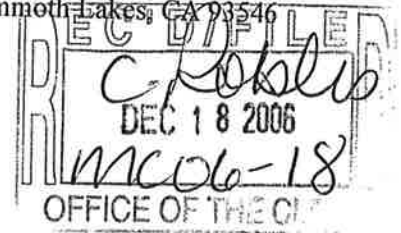
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Annex I & II, 100 Bryant Street,
Bridgeport, CA 93517



SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF DETERMINATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 21108 OR 21152 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE.

Project Title: Mountain Gate Fishing Access Project

SCH Number(s): #2006102041

Date Certified: November 15, 2006

Contact Person: Haven Kiers

Telephone Number: (760) 924-1809

Project Location(s): Mountain Gate Site off Highway 395, Walker, CA (Mono County)

Project Description: The Mountain Gate Fishing Project will consist of an ADA accessible boardwalk and fishing platform, along with upgrades to the unpaved parking area and a flood resistant and ADA accessible vault toilet. An ADA accessible nature trail along the West Walker River is also anticipated to be constructed. Other potential amenities include picnic and resting spots, day use areas, therapeutic exercise stations (a "par course") for senior citizens and disabled persons, a side channel restoration, and an interpretive kiosk.

This is to advise that the Mono County Community Development Department as the Responsible Agency has approved the above described project on November 15, 2006 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [will will not]) have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of approval of the project.
4. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.

This is to certify that the Negative Declaration, supporting documentation, and record of project approval are available to the general public at: Mono County Community Development Department, 437 Old Mammoth Rd, Suite P, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

12/18/06
Date Received for filing

Signature: Larry Johnston
Larry Johnston,
Certifying Officer

Posted thru 2/18/07
Mono County Clerk-Recorder

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

Project Title: Mountain Gate Fishing Access Project

SCH#

Lead Agency: County of Mono

Contact Person: Kelly Garcia

Street Address: 437 Old Mammoth Rd, Suite P

Phone: (760) 932-5446

City: Mammoth Lakes, CA **Zip:** 93546

County: Mono

Project Location: ½ mile south of Walker California, of Highway 395

County: Mono County (CA)

City/Nearest Community: Walker, CA

Cross Streets: Hwy 395

Total Acres: 15 ac

Assessor's Parcel #'s: 0214039, 0214030- 0214032

Section: Range: Base:

Within 2 Miles-

State Hwy#: Hwy. 395 **Waterways:** West Walker River **Airports:** None **Railways:** None **Schools:** None

Document Type

CEQA: NOP Supplement/Subsequent NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons EIR (Prior SCH No.: _____) EA Final Document
 Neg Dec Other _____ Draft EIS Other Draft EIR/EIS
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Local Action Type

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision Other _____
Parcel Map, Tract Map, etc.)

Development Type

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
 Office: Sq.Ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Commercial: Sq.Ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Industrial: Sq.Ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ Watts
 Educational _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____
 Recreational Creation of river parkway and ADA fishing pier Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document

Aesthetic/Visual Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Agricultural Land Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Air Quality Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Archeological/Historical Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grade Wildlife
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Growth Inducing
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Land Use
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Cumulative Effects
 Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation Other _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Use

Unincorporated area of Mono County; Zoning: 3 parcels are Mixed Use/1 ac. min.; 1 parcel is Rural Residential/10 ac. min. The parcels are located in a flood zone and were purchased by the county after the 1997 floods. They are currently vacant.

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Reviewing Agencies Checklist

- Resources Agency**
- Boating & Waterways
- Coastal Commission
- Coastal Conservancy
- Colorado River Board
- Conservation
- Fish & Game (Region 6)
- USDA Forest Service (Humboldt-Toiyabe)
- Office of Historic Preservation
- Parks & Recreation
- Reclamation
- S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
- Water Resources (DWR)
- Business, Transportation & Housing**
- Aeronautics
- California Highway Patrol
- CALTRANS Districts# 9
- Dept of Transportation Planning (Headquarters)
- Housing & Community Development
- Food & Agriculture**
- Health & Welfare**
- Health Services _____
- State & Consumer Services**
- General Services
- OLA (Schools)

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- S = Document sent by Lead Agency
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Environmental Affairs

- Air Resources Board
- APCD/AQMD (South Coast)
- California Waste Management
- SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
- SWRCB: Delta Unit
- SWRCB: Water Quality
- SWRCB: Water Rights
- Regional WQCB # (6 – Lahontan)

Youth & Adult Corrections

- Corrections

Independent Commissions

- Energy Commission
- Native American Heritage Commission
- Public Utilities Commission
- Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- State Lands Commission
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
- Other: Fish & Game (Marine Region)
- Other: Toxic Substances Control
- Other

Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date: October 12, 2006

Ending Date: November 10, 2006

Signature _____

Date: October 4, 2006

Lead Agency: County of Mono

Consulting Firm: N/A

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Contact:

Phone:

Applicant: County of Mono

Address: P.O. Box 347

City/State/Zip: Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Contact: Kelly Garcia (760) 932-5446

Haven Kiers (760) 924-1809

For SCH Use Only:

Date Received at SCH:

Date Review Starts:

Date to Agencies:

Date to SCH:

Clearance Date:

Notes:



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State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit



Sean Walsh
Director

November 9, 2006

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Kelly Garcia
Mono County
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Bridgeport, Ca 93517

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MONO COUNTY
DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Subject: Mountain Gate Fishing Access Project
SCH#: 2006102041

Dear Kelly Garcia:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Negative Declaration to selected state agencies for review. On the enclosed Document Details Report please note that the Clearinghouse has listed the state agencies that reviewed your document. The review period closed on November 8, 2006, and the comments from the responding agency (ies) is (are) enclosed. If this comment package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Please refer to the project's ten-digit State Clearinghouse number in future correspondence so that we may respond promptly.

Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:

"A responsible or other public agency shall only make substantive comments regarding those activities involved in a project which are within an area of expertise of the agency or which are required to be carried out or approved by the agency. Those comments shall be supported by specific documentation."

These comments are forwarded for use in preparing your final environmental document. Should you need more information or clarification of the enclosed comments, we recommend that you contact the commenting agency directly.

This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

Terry Roberts

Terry Roberts
Director, State Clearinghouse

Enclosures
cc: Resources Agency



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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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Cynthia Bryant
Director

January 16, 2007

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Bridgeport, CA 93517

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MONO COUNTY
DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Subject: Mountain Gate Fishing Access Project
SCH#: 2006102041

Dear Kelly Garcia:

The enclosed comment (s) on your Negative Declaration was (were) received by the State Clearinghouse after the end of the state review period, which closed on November 8, 2006. We are forwarding these comments to you because they provide information or raise issues that should be addressed in your final environmental document.

The California Environmental Quality Act does not require Lead Agencies to respond to late comments. However, we encourage you to incorporate these additional comments into your final environmental document and to consider them prior to taking final action on the proposed project.

Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions concerning the environmental review process. If you have a question regarding the above-named project, please refer to the ten-digit State Clearinghouse number (2006102041) when contacting this office.

Sincerely,

Terry Roberts
Director, State Clearinghouse

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October 24, 2006

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STATE CLEARING HOUSE

Ms. Kelly Garcia

County of Mono

74 North School Street, 2nd Floor – Courthouse Annex
 Bridgeport, CA 93517

Re: SCH#2006102041; CEQA Notice of Completion; Negative Declaration; for Mountain Gate Fishing Access Project; Walker Community; Mono County, California

Dear Kelly Garcia:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced document. The Native American Heritage Commission is the state's Trustee Agency for Native American Cultural Resources. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that any project that causes a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource, that includes archeological resources, is a 'significant effect' requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR per CEQA guidelines § 15064.5(b)(c). In order to comply with this provision, the lead agency is required to assess whether the project will have an adverse impact on these resources within the 'area of potential effect (APE)', and if so, to mitigate that effect. To adequately assess the project-related impacts on historical resources, the Commission recommends the following action:

- √ Contact the appropriate California Historic Resources Information Center (CHRIS). The record search will determine:
 - If a part or the entire APE has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
 - If any known cultural resources have already been recorded in or adjacent to the APE.
 - If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
 - If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
- √ If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
 - The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure.
 - The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional archaeological information center.
- √ Contact the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for:
 - * A Sacred Lands File (SLF) search of the project area and information on tribal contacts in the project vicinity who may have additional cultural resource information. Please provide this office with the following citation format to assist with the Sacred Lands File search request: USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle citation with name, township, range and section.
 - The NAHC advises the use of Native American Monitors to ensure proper identification and care given cultural resources that may be discovered. The NAHC recommends that contact be made with Native American Contacts on the attached list to get their input on potential project impact, particularly the contacts of the on the list.
- √ Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude their subsurface existence.
 - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of accidentally discovered archeological resources, per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §15064.5 (f). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American, with knowledge in cultural resources, should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
 - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the disposition of recovered artifacts, in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.
- √ Lead agencies should include provisions for discovery of Native American human remains or unmarked cemeteries in their mitigation plans.
 - * CEQA Guidelines, Section 15064.5(d) requires the lead agency to work with the Native Americans identified by this Commission if the initial Study identifies the presence or likely presence of Native American human

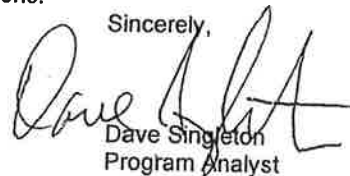
remains within the APE. CEQA Guidelines provide for agreements with Native American, identified by the NAHC, to assure the appropriate and dignified treatment of Native American human remains and any associated grave liens.

√ Health and Safety Code §7050.5, Public Resources Code §5097.98 and Sec. §15064.5 (d) of the CEQA Guidelines mandate procedures to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

√ Lead agencies should consider avoidance, as defined in § 15370 of the CEQA Guidelines, when significant cultural resources are discovered during the course of project planning.

Please feel free to contact me at (916) 653-6251 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Singleton". The signature is stylized and written over the printed name and title.

Dave Singleton
Program Analyst

Cc: State Clearinghouse
Attachment: List of Native American Contacts

California Department of Fish and Game
Certificate of Fee Exemption
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Project Title: Mountain Gate Fishing Access Project

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Project Location (including County): Mountain Gate Site off Highway 395,
Walker, CA (Mono County)

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Name and Address of Project Proponent: County of Mono
Attn: Haven Kiers
Community Development Department
P.O. Box 347
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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Findings of Exemption:

1. An Initial Study has been conducted by Mono County to evaluate the potential for adverse environmental impacts.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared by Mono County.
3. The lead agency has no evidence before it, including the information in the Initial Study, the Mitigated Negative Declaration, to indicate that the proposed project could have any potential for an adverse effect on fish and wildlife resources or the habitat upon which the fish and wildlife depends.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the lead agency has made the above findings and that based upon the record, the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on fish or wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.


Signature of Planning Official

Certifying Officer
Title

County of Mono
Lead Agency Name

12/19/06
Date