

# **Chapter 3** Affected Environment, Environmental Consequences, and Avoidance, Minimization, and/or Mitigation Measures

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Technical studies were prepared for the Proposed Project and were used in the development of this Supplemental EIR/EIS. A full list of the technical studies is included in Appendix G.

As part of the scoping and environmental analysis carried out for the project, the following environmental issues were considered; however, no adverse project impacts were identified. As a result, there is no further discussion about these issues in this document.

## ***Human Environment***

- **Coastal Zone:** The Proposed Project is not in or in the immediate vicinity of a designated Coastal Zone. As a result, the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), the primary federal law enacted to preserve and protect coastal resources, is not applicable to the Proposed Project.
- **National Wild and Scenic Rivers:** The Proposed Project does not cross and is not in the vicinity of any designated National Wild and Scenic Rivers. As a result, the Proposed Project is not subject to the requirements of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 [United States Code] USC 1271) and the California Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Public Resources Code [PRC] Section 5093.50 et seq.).
- **Farmlands/Timberlands:** The Proposed Project does not have any farmlands present in the project limits that would be subject to the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA, 7 USC 4201-4209; and its regulations). In addition, the Proposed Project does not have any timberlands within the project limits and, therefore, is not subject to the California Timberland Productivity Act of 1982 (CA Government Code Sections 51100 et seq.).

## ***Physical Environment***

- **Hydrology and Floodplain:** Hydrology and floodplain analysis were not included because there will be no encroachment onto a floodplain and an engineered drainage system is already in place for the existing facility. Therefore,

no findings pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 11988 (Floodplain Management) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements outlined in 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 650 Subpart A would be required.

This chapter analyzes only the impacts of the SR-241/SR-91 median-to-median connector (Proposed Project) as revised after the ETC project was approved, the ETC Final EIR was certified, and the ETC Final EIS and Record of Decision were approved. This Supplemental EIR/EIS does not change the findings of the ETC Final EIR and Final EIS. Some of the avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures are carried through to the Proposed Project and are clearly identified.