

FINAL
**Environmental Impact Statement/
Environmental Impact Report**


**For the
MATILIJA DAM ECOSYSTEM
RESTORATION PROJECT**

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The Environmental Report Review Committee recommends that the Ventura County Watershed Protection District Board of Supervisors find that this document has been prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.



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Heavy construction haul truck trips would affect roadway level of service levels in the project area.	III	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	T-1: Transportation Management Plan.
Construction activities could physically damage public roads, sidewalks, medians, etc.	III	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	T-2: Road repair from construction activities.
LAND USE										
Purchase of the Matilija Hot Springs retreat center and 11 residences along Camino Cielo and the relocation of the occupants.	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	None
Divisions or disruptions to communities caused by project construction or improvements of the levees and floodwalls.	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	None
Conversion of farmland (orchard) at one of the possible desilting basin sites to a non-agricultural use.	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	III	None
RECREATION										
Increase recreation opportunities and value at Matilija Canyon and coastal beaches	III	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	None
Degrade or displace existing recreational facilities.	III	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	R-2: Parks agency coordination, notification, and signage. AE-2: Screen levees and floodwalls with vegetation planting. AE-3: Create trails over the Rice Road slurry disposal site following re-vegetation of site.
Impair the safety of recreational users.	III	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	R-2: Parks agency coordination, notification, and signage.
Close a public recreational facility for an extended period of time. Class I for periods over 1 year.	III	I, II	I, II	I, II	I, II	I, II	I, II	I, II	I, II	R-1: Construct a ramp to provide access over the Meiners Oaks flood protection. R-2 R-3: Casitas Municipal Water District Recreation Agreement.
Reduce recreation use within the Lake Casitas Recreation Area from slurry intake installation	III	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	R-3
Notes:										
Class I: significant unavoidable impact										
Class II: significant but mitigable impact										
Class III: less-than-significant impact										
Class IV: beneficial impact										

1. INTRODUCTION

This document, in combination with the Draft EIS/EIR (dated July 2004), constitutes the Final EIS/EIR for the proposed Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project. This Final EIS/EIR includes the following items:

- Section 2: Changes to the Draft EIS/EIR
- Section 3: Comments on the Draft EIS/EIR
- Section 4: Responses to comments on the Draft EIS/EIR.
- Section 5: Comments and Responses per Ventura County's Environmental Report Review Committee (ERRC) Process

The selection of Alternative 4b (Full Dam Removal/On-Site Sediment Stabilization: Short-Term Transport Period) as the Recommended and Environmentally Preferable Alternative under NEPA and the Environmentally Superior Alternative under CEQA, as discussed in the Draft EIS/EIR, is confirmed in this document.