

Section 3: Revisions and Errata

3.1 Introduction

This section summarizes text revisions and errata to the Draft Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). Revisions reflect changes identified in the preparation of the responses to comments on the Draft IS/EA and MND. Specific changes are listed in page order with reference to the relevant sections and pages in the Draft IS/EA and MND. Text added to the Draft IS or MND is underlined; and deleted text is ~~stricken~~.

The comments received and the responses to those comments did not introduce significant new information that was not addressed or evaluated in the Draft IS/EA. No substantial revisions that would merit recirculation of the Draft IS/EA were made to the project or analyses after public comment.

3.2 IS/EA and MND Text Edits

3.2.1 OVERVIEW

This section includes specific edits to text found in the Draft IS/EA and new text added in the Final IS/MND. The section, page number, and location of the text edit (by first full paragraph) are provided, followed by the text changes.

3.2.2 IS/EA TEXT EDITS

Section 3, Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences

Page 3-24, Paragraph 1

The shoreline, cliffs, and beaches of Santa Barbara Island are closed to landing and public access except at the landing cove below the ranger station. The shoreline of Santa Barbara Island serves as a rookery and haul-out for seals and sea lions. Public access could cause disturbance, abandonment, and mortality. Sections of trail may be temporarily closed on a seasonal basis to protect nesting seabirds. California brown pelicans nest in areas near some sections of trail. This bird is delisted from the federal endangered species list and is fully protected in California ~~on the endangered species list~~. To assure nesting success, some trail sections must be closed seasonally.

Page 3-29, Paragraph 1

Brown Pelican. The ~~FESA listed endangered~~ California fully-protected brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) is found on Santa Cruz, San Miguel, and Santa Barbara Islands. Brown pelicans live in oceanic or brackish water habitats and prefer nesting in undisturbed areas. On Santa Barbara Island, brown pelicans are prolific and nest across the island except in areas frequented by people. They are not currently nesting at location 1, but have been known to nest within 500 feet of the

site. Brown pelicans may nest from the beginning of November to the end of September depending on the availability of food and the success of early season broods.

Page 3-38, Paragraph 1

Mitigation Measure RTE Species-2: ~~A member of the construction crew~~ qualified biologist shall check for any active bird nests on the areas of installation (within 10 feet of installation areas) prior to commencing installation activities at all locations. If no active nests are found, work can commence. If nests are found work shall be delayed and the NPS biologist contacted. Work shall commence when the NPS biologist deems that nestlings have fledged.

3.2.3 MND TEXT EDITS

Applicant Proposed Measures and Mitigation Measures

Page MND-3, Mitigation Measure RTE Species-2

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3.3 IS/EA and MND Appendix Edits and Additions

This section includes specific edits to text found in the Appendices to the Draft IS/EA. The section, page number, and location of the text edit are provided, followed by the specific text changes.

3.3.1 APPENDIX D

Page D-6, Table D-2, Row 8

Table D-2 (Continued): Sensitive Animals, Plants, and Habitats Identified as Having the Potential to Occur in the Project Area

Common Name (Scientific Name) or Habitat Name	Federal/State/Other Status	Island Location(s) and Preferred Habitat	Potential to Occur and Habitat at Various Project Locations
Brown pelican (<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>)	Nesting Colony and Communal Roosts FE , <u>Delisted</u> , MBTA/ Delisted <u>FP/None</u>	Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara Oceanic or brackish water habitats; nests in undisturbed areas.	May occur within 500 feet of location no. 1; on an unnamed islet 3,000 feet east of location no. 6; and on Prince Island, 1 mile northeast of San Miguel Island.

3.4 IS/EA and MND Graphics Edits

No edits have been made to the graphics in the Draft IS/EA, and no new graphics have been added to the Final IS/MND.

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