

**NEPA/CEQA RE-VALIDATION FORM**

DIST./CO./RTE.	08-SBd-Town of Apple Valley
PM/PM	N/A
E.A. or Fed-Aid Project No.	STPL 5453 (011)
Other Project No. (specify)	N/A
PROJECT TITLE	Yucca Loma Road/Yates Road/Green Tree Boulevard Transportation Improvement Project
ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL TYPE	IS/EA
DATE APPROVED	January 7, 2011
REASON FOR CONSULTATION (23 CFR 771.129)	<i>Check reason for consultation:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Project proceeding to next major federal approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change in scope, setting, effects, mitigation measures, requirements <input type="checkbox"/> 3-year timeline (EIS only) <input type="checkbox"/> NA (Re-Validation for CEQA only)
DESCRIPTION OF CHANGED CONDITIONS	<i>During the ROW acquisition phase of the project, it was determined that the Mojave Narrows Park had been partially funded using a federal grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. As such, additional coordination through the Office of Grants and Local Services and the National Park Service was necessary.</i>

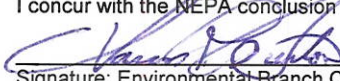
**NEPA CONCLUSION - VALIDITY**

Based on an examination of the changed conditions and supporting information: [Check ONE of the three statements below, regarding the validity of the original document/determination (23 CFR 771.129). If document is no longer valid, indicate whether additional public review is warranted and whether the type of environmental document will be elevated.]

- The original environmental document or CE remains valid. No further documentation will be prepared.
- The original environmental document or CE is in need of updating; further documentation has been prepared and  is included on the continuation sheet(s) or  is attached. With this additional documentation, the original ED or CE remains valid.  
 Additional public review is warranted (23 CFR 771.111(h)(3)) Yes  No
- The original document or CE is no longer valid.  
 Additional public review is warranted (23 CFR 771.111(h)(3)) Yes  No   
 Supplemental environmental document is needed. Yes  No   
 New environmental document is needed. Yes  No  (If "Yes," specify type: \_\_\_\_\_)

**CONCURRENCE WITH NEPA CONCLUSION**

I concur with the NEPA conclusion above.


 Signature: Environmental Branch Chief     
 5-13-13     
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 Date      Signature: Project Manager/DLAE/Acting      Date

**CEQA CONCLUSION** : (Only mandated for projects on the State Highway System.)

Based on an examination of the changed conditions and supporting information, the following conclusion has been reached regarding appropriate CEQA documentation: (Check ONE of the five statements below, indicating whether any additional documentation will be prepared, and if so, what kind. If additional documentation is prepared, attach a copy of this signed form and any continuation sheets.)

- Original document remains valid. No further documentation is necessary.
- Only minor technical changes or additions to the previous document are necessary. An addendum has been or will be  prepared and is  included on the continuation sheets or  will be attached. It need not be circulated for public review. (CEQA Guidelines, §15164)
- Changes are substantial, but only minor additions or changes are necessary to make the previous document adequate. A Supplemental environmental document will be prepared, and it will be circulated for public review. (CEQA Guidelines, §15163)
- Changes are substantial, and major revisions to the current document are necessary. A Subsequent environmental document will be prepared, and it will be circulated for public review. (CEQA Guidelines, §15162) (Specify type of subsequent document, e.g., Subsequent FEIR.)
- The CE is no longer valid. New CE is needed. Yes  No

**CONCURRENCE WITH CEQA CONCLUSION**

I concur with the CEQA conclusion above.

NA     
 Signature: Environmental Branch Chief     
 Date     
 NA     
 Signature: Project Manager     
 Date



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CONTINUATION SHEET(S)

Address only substantial changes or substantial new information since approval of the original document and only those areas that are applicable. Use the list below as section headings as they apply to the project change(s). Use as much or as little space as needed to adequately address the project change(s) and the associated impacts, minimization, avoidance and/or mitigation measures, if any.

**Changes in project design, e.g., substantial scope change; a new alternative; change in project alignment.**

During procedures to obtain right-of-way from the Mojave Narrows Regional Park (Mojave Park), it was discovered that the Mojave Park had been partially funded using a federal grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The LWCF is administered by the National Park Service (NPS) and includes special protections to recreational resources that have been developed using this funding. As such, the Mojave Park, and all of its associated recreational facilities, is protected under Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Act and is under the jurisdiction of the NPS. In California, the Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) (a branch of California Parks and Recreation Department), has been delegated by NPS management of Section 6(f) resources in the State. In order to comply with Section 6(f), additional coordination through OGALS and NPS was necessary. The NPS federal undertaking includes conversion of 7.32 acres of parkland into road right-of-way, and acquisition of 7.32 acres of private property to be used as replacement parkland. No development activities are proposed on this replacement parkland, as the undertaking will be a transfer in title ownership only. A Proposal Description/Environmental Screening Form (PDESf) which provides a description of the NPS federal undertaking and reviews any potential environmental effects caused by the undertaking was approved by NPS on May 1, 2013.

Based on review of the LWCF State Assistance Program Manual Chapter 8 Section E(3), the replacement properties must provide reasonably equivalent recreational usefulness as well as be of equal or greater market value when compared with the areas that are being converted. Three areas are proposed as suitable replacement property and include: portions of Assessor's Parcel Number (APN 480-021-32 and 479-131-07, located at the southwest corner of the park; portions of APN 473-183-22 and 473-183-21, located adjacent the northern limit of the park; and a portion of APN 480-031-03, located south of the park and north of Yates Road. None of the areas proposed for conversion or replacement have any developed recreational facilities, therefore the project proponents determined that a replacement of natural land would satisfy the reasonably equivalent recreational usefulness requirement. Appraisals have determined that the replacement land is of substantially greater monetary value as well. The three southern parcels (APNs 480-031-03, 479-131-07, 480-021-32) were ultimately selected as they offered the most suitable replacement parkland. Since the replacement land would only undergo a transfer of title, no environmental impacts are expected and none of the potential parcels would be a superior option environmentally.

**Changes in environmental setting, e.g., new development affecting traffic or air quality.**

No changes in environmental setting.

**Changes in environmental circumstances, e.g., a new law or regulation; change in the status of a listed species.**

No changes in environmental circumstances.

**Changes to environmental impacts of the project, e.g., a new type of impact, or a change in the magnitude of an existing impact.**

**Cultural:** The Supplemental Historic Property Survey Report, approved January 24, 2013, documented that no properties requiring evaluation are present within the project's additional Area of Potential Effects (APE) and, as assigned by FHWA, Caltrans has determined a Finding of No Historic Properties Affected according to Section 106 PA Stipulation IX.A and 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1), is appropriate for this undertaking.



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**Biological:** A Natural Environment Study Revalidation Memo was prepared to evaluate the properties that are proposed for use as replacement parkland. Survey efforts found that the replacement parcels contain critical habitat for the southwestern willow flycatcher, the potential for special status species, and sensitive vegetative communities. Since no development of these areas is to occur, there are no impacts to these resources. The study further stated the replacement parcels contain relatively undisturbed habitat of high biological resource value, any of which is suitable for replacement parkland.

**Noise:** The Noise Study Report Supplemental Memorandum, found that the original Noise Study Report adequately addressed all noise impact concerns, and no new analysis or measures are needed to address noise impacts.

**Air Quality:** The Air Quality Report Supplemental Memorandum determined that no new air quality impacts were anticipated as a result of the project and that the findings in the original Air Quality Report still adequately address all noise impact concerns and no new analysis or measures are needed to address noise impacts.

**Visual/Aesthetics:** The Visual Impact Assessment Addendum found that the conclusions of the previous approved VIA remain applicable and that no additional analysis with regard to visual impacts is required due to the project.

**Hazardous Waste Initial Site Assessment (ISA):** The ISA Supplemental Memorandum documented that an updated field survey, Government Database search, and review of historic aerial photographs, detected two potential hazardous waste sites located 1000 feet and 4750 feet from the proposed parkland conversion lands. As the potential sites were located outside the project area and as no construction will take place during the proposed parkland conversion, these sites did not pose a threat. As no construction will take place during the proposed parkland conversion, the memorandum concluded that no potential hazardous waste impacts are expected due to the parkland conversion.

**Section 4(f)/6(f) Evaluation:** The Section 4(f)/6(f) Evaluation has been updated to include the full Section 6(f) coordination process that took place with OGALS and NPS. The updated study determined that no new major impacts to recreational resources would occur, but documented the additional coordination efforts needed to ensure no impacts to the Park as a Section 6(f) resource would occur as a result of the transportation improvement project. Acquisition of replacement parkland would ensure that these impacts would not be substantial.

### ***Changes to avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures since the environmental document was approved.***

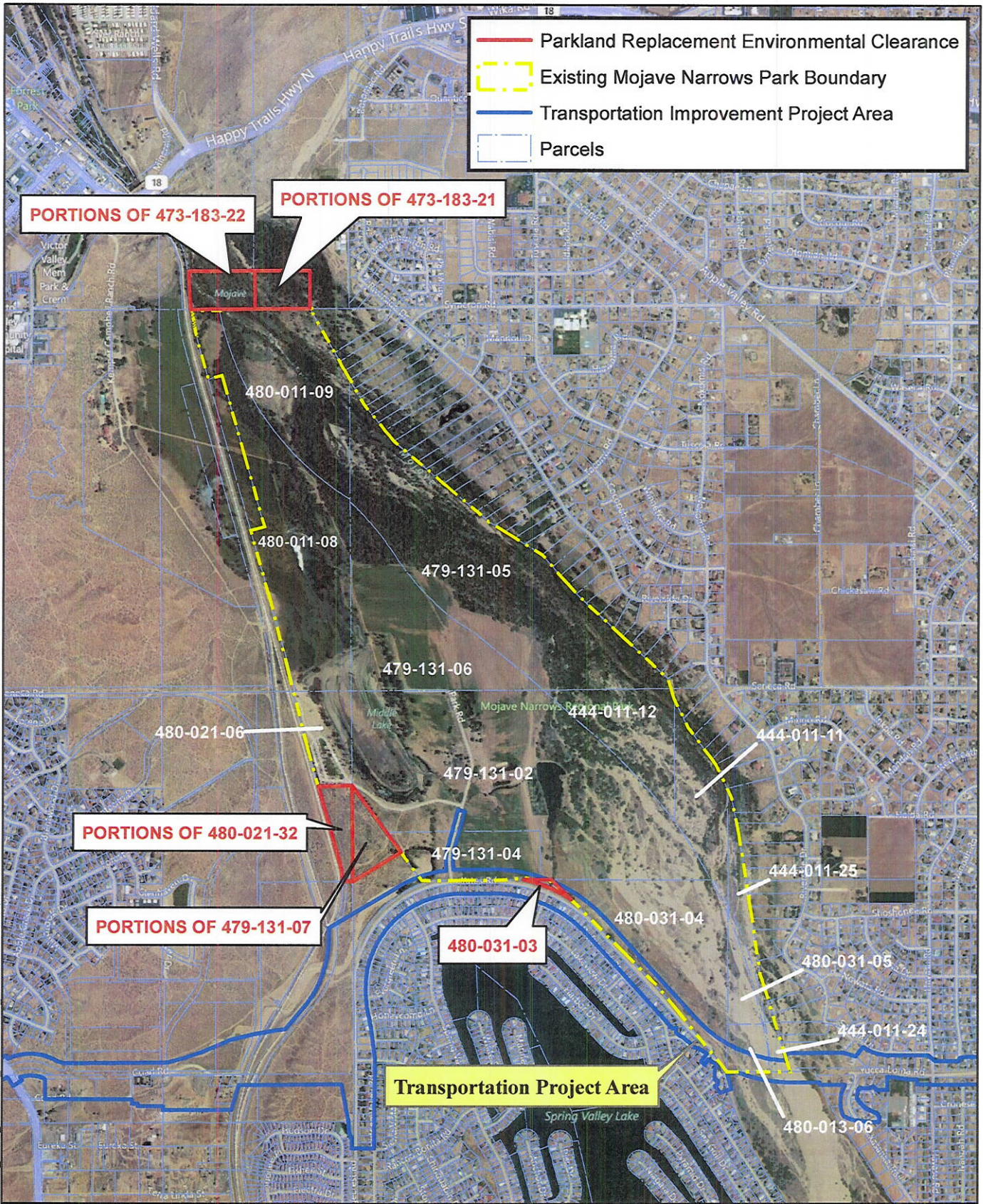
In accordance to the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, an Amendment to the Project proposes and agrees to the following:

- Approximately 7.32 acres of land shall be converted in accordance with Land and Water Conservation Fund Act 6(f)(3) and conversion regulations in 36 CFR 59.3. The resulting LWCF boundary of Mojave Narrows Regional Park is as depicted in the 6(f)(3) map submitted by the Wildlife Conservation Board dated February 13, 2013.
- The replacement property must have viable outdoor public recreation and will be used as open space. The Wildlife Conservation Board will provide quarterly updates until final completion of the conversion. In turn, the State will send National Park Service quarterly updates. This provision will also be contained in the State/Local amended contract.

### ***Changes to environmental commitments since the environmental document was approved, e.g., the addition of new conditions in permits or approvals. When this applies, append a revised Environmental Commitments Record (ECR) as one of the Continuation Sheets.***

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- Parkland Replacement Environmental Clearance
- - - Existing Mojave Narrows Park Boundary
- Transportation Improvement Project Area
- Parcels

**PORTIONS OF 473-183-22**

**PORTIONS OF 473-183-21**

**PORTIONS OF 480-021-32**

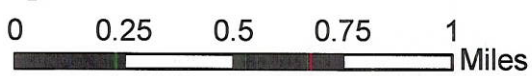
**PORTIONS OF 479-131-07**

**480-031-03**

**Transportation Project Area**

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Source: Bing Maps Hybrid 2011; Dokken Engineering 11/16/2011; Created by: T. Chamberlain



**Figure 2 - Section 6(f) Environmental Clearance**  
 Yucca Loma Road/Yates Road/Green Tree Boulevard Transportation Improvement Project Parkland Conversion  
 National Park Service  
 Town of Apple Valley, County of San Bernardino, California