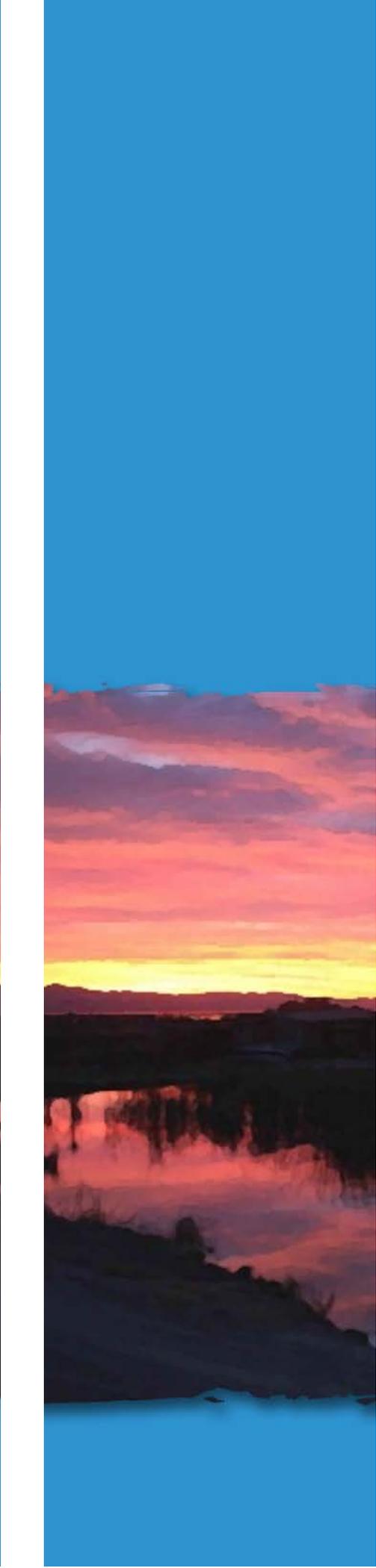


**Section I**  
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# I. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting

CEQA requires public agencies to adopt a reporting or monitoring program whenever a project or program is approved that includes mitigation measures identified in an environmental document. When making findings, an agency is required to adopt a program for reporting on, or monitoring the changes, which it has either required in the project, or made a condition of approval, to avoid or substantially lessen significant environmental effects (CEQA Guidelines, Section 15091 (3)d). These measures must be fully enforceable through permit conditions, agreements, or other measures.

Many of the mitigation measures proposed by the DBW are outcomes of consulting with the USFWS and NOAA-Fisheries, and are enforceable through conditions identified in their respective biological opinions. The WHCP also operates under an NPDES Statewide General Permit, issued by the State Water Resources Control Board and administered by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. Many of the mitigation measures described in the Final PEIR are also enforceable as NPDES permit conditions. As part of the permit and biological opinions, the DBW has developed an extensive monitoring program and reporting schedule to evaluate the effects of the WHCP on water quality and federally listed threatened and endangered species. The WHCP Annual Report, completed by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, helps fulfill reporting requirements for these permits.

In addition to the above mentioned permit requirements, the DBW has adopted a program for reporting and monitoring mitigation measures described in the Final PEIR. The DBW prepared a checklist that corresponds to all twenty-two (22) mitigation measures, provided in Volume II, Appendix E, of the Final PEIR. The DBW will utilize this checklist to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during implementation of the WHCP. The DBW will report progress in meeting mitigation measures in the WHCP Annual Report.

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