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comments

Please preserve the sensitive flood plain area of the Santa Clara River in Northern L.A. County. Cheryl KohrRedondo Beach CA

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Response 1

The comment requests that the sensitive floodplain areas of the Project site be preserved. The Project's impacts to floodplain areas received extensive analysis in the Draft EIS/EIR, including **Section 4.1**, Surface Water Hydrology and Flood Control; **Section 4.2**, Geomorphology and Riparian Resources; and **Section 4.6**, Jurisdictional Waters and Streams. In addition, the Draft EIS/EIR provided extensive analysis regarding the Project's effects on floodplain areas and associated resources located on and off the Project site. This analysis is included in **Section 4.1**, Surface Water Hydrology and Flood Control; **Section 4.2**, Geomorphology and Riparian Resources; and **Section 4.6**, Jurisdictional Waters and Streams. The analysis provided in those sections indicates that Project-related impacts to the floodplain and its associated resources can be feasibly reduced to a less-than-significant level with the implementation of proposed mitigation measures. In addition, the Draft EIS/EIR evaluated an alternative to the proposed Project (Alternative 7) that substantially minimizes development within the 100-year floodplain as it is delineated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This is one of the alternatives the Corps and CDFG will consider before taking action on the proposed Project. (In addition, for further responsive information, please see revised **Sections 4.1, 4.2**, and **4.6** of the Final EIS/EIR.)

The comment does not raise any specific issues regarding the analysis provided by the EIS/EIR; therefore, no additional response is provided. However, the comment will be included as part of the record and made available to the decision makers prior to a final decision on the proposed Project.