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### 7.9.1 INTRODUCTION

#### 7.9.1.1 Content

*The proposed project analyzed in the Monterey Plus EIR was the Monterey Amendment and the Settlement Agreement. The Monterey Plus EIR considered five “elements” of the Monterey Amendment as follows:*

- *Changes in the procedures for allocation of Table A water and surplus water among the SWP contractors;*
- *Approval to permanent transfers of 130,000 acre feet and retirement of 45,000 acre-feet of SWP long-term water supply contracts’ Table A amounts;*
- *Transfer of property known as the “Kern Fan Element property” in Kern County;*
- *Water supply management practices; and*
- *Restructured water rates.*

*This REIR has changed the description of the Kern Fan Element property transfer to be:*

- *Transfer of property known as the “Kern Fan Element property” in Kern County and its development and continued use and operation as a locally owned and operated groundwater banking and recovery project.*

*There are no revisions to the other elements of the Monterey Amendment or of the Settlement Agreement, and no changes have been made relating to them in this REIR. (See discussion in Introduction/Executive Summary.)*

*This REIR does not supersede the analysis of the Monterey Plus EIR but supplements the Monterey Plus EIR. The Monterey Plus EIR focused on the transfer of the KFE property, which was fully analyzed in the Monterey Plus EIR. This REIR did not identify any new impacts or changes to impacts caused by the transfer of the KFE property. Therefore, this REIR focuses on the development and continued use and operation of the KWB as a locally owned and operated groundwater banking and recovery project (“KWB activities”).*

*The Monterey Plus DEIR Section 7.9 identified potential impacts to recreation as a result of the transfer of the Kern Fan Element. Text from DEIR Section 7.9 that discusses KWB activities is copied below and shows revisions to this section. All other text in DEIR Section 7.9 remains unchanged.*

Table 7.9-1A identifies the potentially affected environmental resources from impacts of KWB activities on recreation.

TABLE 7.9-1A

**IMPACTS OF KWB ACTIVITIES ~~PROPOSED PROJECT ELEMENTS~~ ON RECREATIONAL RESOURCES**

Proposed Project Element	Potentially Affected Environmental Resources	Impact Number
Transfer of Kern Fan Element lands, and KWB activities	<del>KWB Element could potentially affect</del> <u>Changes in recreational resources within KWB Lands and KWB recharge operations could potentially affect</u> and waterfowl and related recreational resources. NA	7.9-3NA

During public review of the NOP for ~~this the Monterey Plus~~ EIR, interested parties submitted comments regarding issues that should be evaluated in the EIR. One comment was received concerning recreational issues but no comments dealt with KWB activities.

### 7.9.1.2 Analytical Method

The assessment of impacts on recreational resources was conducted in accordance with standard professional practices for CEQA evaluations. A professional consultant ~~with substantial experience in recreational resource assessment conducted site visits to areas with recreational resources that could be affected. and~~ reviewed project information, Kern Water Bank Authority (KWBA) annual reports, recreation information for nearby areas, and county and local plans. Information considered in the recreation resource analysis included past recreation use, current recreation use/facilities, recreation use/facilities on adjacent areas, and potential future recreation use and facilities.

The analysis included a review of the environmental setting, impacts, and mitigation measures related to recreation, to the extent they apply, presented in the 1997 Monterey Initial Study and Addendum (see Appendix 7-6a).

### 7.9.1.3 Standards of Significance

The following standards of significance are based on Appendix G of the CEQA ~~g~~ Guidelines. For the purposes of the REIR, impacts on recreational resources would be considered significant if the KWB activities~~proposed project~~ would:

- substantially damage recreational resources or facilities; or
- result in a substantial reduction in recreational use or activities.

## 7.9.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

### 7.9.2.1 Physical Setting in 1995

Prior to the California Department of Water Resources' (Department's) purchase of the KFE property in 1988, approximately 17,068 acres of the property was under extensive cultivation (see Revised Appendix E). The remaining property contained 1,515 acres of isolated sensitive native plant communities and 1,317 acres of non-native grassland, which had been leased for oil recovery facilities. Most of the land was used previously for agriculture, and irrigation water was provided by surface water deliveries by the former James-Pioneer Improvement District of North Kern Water District and by groundwater pumping.

The KFE property included a number of agricultural wells and conveyance facilities that had been constructed primarily to deliver irrigation water for the agricultural activity occurring then and historically

on the property. These facilities were not constructed for water bank operations of recharge and recovery, and many were not suitable for these purposes. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Department and the Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) on March 25, 1987, that provided for the phase-out of all agricultural production on the KFE property by the end of 1993. In fact, one of the tenants' leases was terminated in 1989. Then in 1991, at the peak of the drought, all the remaining tenant leases were terminated, and thereafter all agricultural lands owned by the Department were fallowed and introduced annual grasses and forbs colonized the KFE property.

Several tenants with active oil and gas extraction wells, brine disposal wells, and oil storage tanks were also on the property. One oil and gas lease tenant, Grayson Services Inc., had a residence with an equipment repair and storage yard on the property. The Kern County Fire Department operated a firefighting training facility on a portion of the KFE property. The KFE property was not available for public recreation use, although some minor and informal recreation activities may have occurred, including birdwatching and picnicking.<sup>1</sup>

### **7.9.2.2 Changes in Physical Setting between 1996 and 2014<sup>03</sup>**

Since 1995, KWB Lands have been used for public and private hunting activities, birdwatching, water education, and organized nature hikes.<sup>2</sup>

In 1998, an amendment to the KWB Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (KWB HCP/NCCP) was executed to allow public and private hunting on KWB Lands. From 1997 to 2006, safflower was farmed on 45–60 acres of KWB Lands for dove habitat improvement. During these years, KWBA cooperated with CDFG to use KWB Lands as part of the Game Bird Heritage Dove Hunt for approximately 100 hunters per season.<sup>3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10</sup> The safflower crop became stressed as a result of reduced soil fertility, and since 2007, KWB Lands have not been a location for the dove hunt. Since 1997, KWBA also cooperated with CDFG to allow a limited waterfowl hunt, although this occurred only a few times because unpredictable aspects of winter recharge made it difficult to identify when sufficient recharge water would be available to hold birds at the site.<sup>11</sup> In 1997, KWBA also cooperated with CDFG to allow a family pheasant hunt to occur on KWB Lands. KWBA has offered limited private hunting of dove, quail, and waterfowl since 1998 for generally 20 or fewer hunters who obtain permits from KWBA.<sup>12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19</sup> Some illegal hunting has occurred at the KWB, including poaching on non-hunt days and hunting in no-hunt zones. KWBA staff, CDFG (now the California Department of Fish and Wildlife) wardens, and security officers monitor activities and cooperate to eliminate any illegal hunting identified.<sup>20,21,22,23,24,25</sup>

The Kern Audubon Society regularly conducts guided birdwatching outings on KWB Lands and includes KWB Lands in its popular Christmas Bird Count.<sup>26</sup>

KWB Lands are popular for tours, with KWBA hosting a variety of groups including state and federal agencies, water districts, high school and university students, financial organizations, water-related organizations and agencies, environmental and educational groups, elected officials, foreign and other state (non-California) government officials, agricultural organizations, utility companies, engineering organizations, SWP contractors, and private groups and individuals.<sup>27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36</sup> The KWB is also a stop on the Central Valley Water Tour given by the Water Education Foundation.<sup>37</sup> Generally, 100–300 people a year tour KWB Lands.<sup>38</sup> KWBA has also cooperated with the Tinoqui-Chalola Council of Kitanemuk & Yowlumne Tejon Indians to allow the annual spirit walk to include walking across KWB Lands as part of the route from Beach Park to the Tule Elk State Natural Reserve.<sup>39</sup>

Recreation activities also take place on surrounding lands, including the Buena Vista Aquatic Recreational Area, Tule Elk State Natural Reserve, and Kern River Parkway. The Buena Vista Aquatic Recreational Area is south of KWB Lands and provides opportunities for camping, fishing, picnicking,

boating, and golfing.<sup>40</sup> Also located south of KWB Lands is the Tule Elk State Natural Reserve, which provides opportunities for picnicking, interpretation and education, wildlife viewing, and geocaching.<sup>41</sup> Located between the KWB parcels and farther upstream on the Kern River is the Kern River Parkway. The parkway is a 20-mile native riparian area that encompasses 6,000 acres of trails, parks, and waterways. A popular facility within the parkway is the Kern River Parkway Trail, which extends through the City of Bakersfield's 2,800-acre Recharge Project area, located between the two KWB parcels. The parkway provides opportunities for walking/hiking, biking, horseback riding, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, photography, sightseeing, and attending special events.<sup>42,43</sup> Surrounded by KWB Lands is Kern County Raceway Park, a 0.5-mile oval speedway located on Enos Lane just off Interstate 5. The racetrack opened to the public on May 4, 2013. The track has 5,000 seats for fans, and room to expand to 17,000 seats for various events. It also contains 21 suites in the grandstand along with 18 concession stands.

### **7.9.2.3 Regulatory Setting in 1995**

Metropolitan Bakersfield General Plan and Kern County General Plan, Kern River Plan Element

The Kern River Plan Element of the *Metropolitan Bakersfield General Plan and Kern County General Plan* (adopted by the City of Bakersfield in August 1985 and Kern County in July 1985) include goals and policies related to access, open space, floodplain management, and private property and public use, among other topics. Specific policies that are applicable to KWB Lands are listed below.

#### Section 3.4, "Floodplain Management"

- **Policy 7:** Recreational activities, both active and passive, shall be allowed in the area of the secondary floodway. Improvements for access, such as trails and parking areas, and for facilities such as parks and picnic areas, shall be allowed as long as adverse effects on riparian vegetation and wildlife habitat are minimized.
- **Policy 8:** Recreational uses which require minimum physical development shall be encouraged as long as public health and safety are not put at risk. Such uses would include riding and hiking trails, fishing access, view areas, and beaches.
- **Policy 13:** Design riding and hiking trails, nature study areas, and other nonintensive forms of recreation to be compatible with water recharge facilities, structures, and uses.

#### Section 3.5, "Private Property and Public Use"

- **Policy 2:** Open space qualities of the Kern River primary and secondary floodway shall be protected consistent with policies of this plan, regardless of whether the land is in public or private ownership.
- **Policy 7:** Public and private organizations and individuals shall be encouraged to seek suitable means of protecting and enhancing areas of riparian habitat, resolving environmental conflicts in the River area, and developing a cooperative system of riding, hiking, bicycle, and foot access trails in the River corridor

#### Section 4.11, "Recreation"

- **Policy 7:** Privately developed public recreation areas shall be encouraged in the plan areas as consistent with all other goals and policies of this plan.<sup>44</sup>

### 7.9.2.4 Changes in Regulatory Setting between 1996 and 2014~~03~~

#### Kern County General Plan, Land Use, Open Space, and Conservation Element

The Public Facilities and Services section of the *Kern County General Plan's* Land Use, Open Space, and Conservation Element (adopted in 2004 and amended in 2009) describes goals, policies, and implementation measures for recreation in the county, including providing recreation opportunities, parks, and recreation facilities and programs for all Kern County residents. There are no specific goals or policies related to recreation along the Kern River.<sup>45</sup> Land uses in the *Kern County General Plan* within KWB Lands include agriculture, mineral and petroleum, shallow groundwater, and flood hazard. There are no public facilities and services uses within KWB Lands.<sup>46,47</sup>

#### Metropolitan Bakersfield General Plan, Parks Element

The *Metropolitan Bakersfield General Plan* also includes a Parks Element (adopted in 2002 and amended in 2007) that describes goals for the provision of recreation facilities in the larger Bakersfield planning area, as well as policies related to recreation along the Kern River, including:

- **Policy 13:** Evaluate the feasibility of including new regional parks as a component of proposed groundwater recharge areas.
- **Policy 14:** Plan for and expand regional recreation opportunity in connection with the development and conservation of appropriate areas along the Kern River.
- **Policy 15:** Designate multiple purpose areas for recreation and park use within the Kern River Plan area and in accordance with the goals and policies in the Kern River Plan Element.<sup>48</sup>

#### Bakersfield Recreation and Parks Master Plan

The *Bakersfield Recreation and Parks Master Plan* (2007) contains general policies and guidelines, as well as implementation strategies, for parks and recreation within the Bakersfield planning area, which includes lands in the Kern River Parkway that are surrounded by KWB Lands. Three specific implementation strategies pertain to the Kern River Parkway, of which the City of Bakersfield's 2,800-acre Recharge Project area is a part. These implementation strategies focus on creating an urban forest within the parkway and expanding trails to and within the parkway. The specific Kern River Parkway implementation strategies are as follows:

- Action Item 6.1.2: Continue to expand multi-purpose trails for walking and jogging along the Kern River Parkway. Consider using a sponsorship program to add quarter-mile markers. Try pursuing health grants from the Tobacco Fund Grant Program to purchase and install par courses and fitness stations along the multi-purpose trails.
- Action Item 6.7.3: In cooperation with the Kern River Parkway Committee, consider designating the Kern River Parkway an urban forest and pursue programs for community organizations to donate trees, plant trees and/or conduct fund raising activities to purchase trees for the parkway to provide more shade along the trail; try introducing more native tree species; and remove non-native, intrusive plant material to create a major native tree urban forest. This program would enhance the visual appearance of the Kern River Parkway, act as a destination attraction and draw tourist, and position the City for a number of environmental improvement grant opportunities.
- Action Item 6.10.2: Think about working with the railroads to establish a multi-purpose loop trail connecting the upper and lower segments of the Kern River Parkway by providing a dedicated separate trail along the active railroad right of way.

The 2,800-acre City of Bakersfield Recharge Project area is outside of the Kern River Parkway master plan area.<sup>49</sup>

### **7.9.3 IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES**

#### **7.9-3 KWB activities could potentially affect recreational resources within KWB Lands.**

##### **1996 — 2014**

After the transfer of the KFE property, these previously publicly inaccessible lands became open for limited public recreation use, resulting in increased recreation opportunities for hunting, interpretation, education, birdwatching, and hiking. Much of the increased recreational opportunities was related to recharge of recharge ponds and the resulting increase in waterfowl populations and related recreation.

Therefore, the impact from KWB activities from 1996 to 2014 on recreational resources was ***less than significant***.

In addition, KWB activities from 1996 to 2014 have resulted in benefits to recreational resources on KWB Lands.

##### Mitigation Measures

*None required.*

##### **2015 — 2030**

It is expected that existing limited public recreation use for hunting, interpretation, education, birdwatching, and hiking would continue in 2015–2030, and possibly increase, as it has over time since 1995. KWB recharge operations would not change substantially such that any of these recreation activities would be significantly affected. Moreover, KWBA is planning to develop an additional 190 acres (near-term) and up to 862 acres (long-term) of recharge ponds at full build-out that could increase the extent, quality, and availability of recreation opportunities, especially related to waterfowl.

Therefore, the impact of KWB activities from 2015 to 2030 on recreational resources would be ***less than significant***.

In addition, KWB activities from 2015 to 2030 are likely to result in benefits to recreational resources on KWB Lands.

##### Mitigation Measures

*None required.*

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