

**APPENDIX IV**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is hereby included as part of the Kings County Association of Governments 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) by reference.

The following pages are provided as a summary discussion of the mitigation measures proposed by the Final EIR.

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## Environmental Mitigation Strategy

As a regional planning document, the RTP, and its associated EIR, allow for early consideration of broad mitigation strategies. The EIR serves as the first tier of environmental review for identified transportation improvement projects. It programmatically evaluates the environmental impacts of the 2014 RTP. The 2014 Kings County Regional Transportation Plan EIR identified several potential environmental impacts that require implementation of mitigation measures to reduce impacts below threshold levels. The mitigation measures identified in the EIR programmatically apply to individual transportation projects based on a review of general project parameters and locations. Transportation project sponsors are responsible for more in-depth project-level environmental analysis and mitigation. However, where applicable, the RTP can provide a framework for mitigation at a regional level.

Appendix E of the 2014 Kings County Regional Transportation Plan EIR contains a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) that is intended to ensure that the mitigation measures identified in the EIR are effectively implemented by the applicable jurisdictions. For each required mitigation measure, the MMRP identifies the specific action or actions required, when monitoring of the measure is required, how often implementation of the measure should occur, and the entity responsible for monitoring implementation.

Table ES-1 of the EIR includes a brief description of the identified environmental impacts, proposed mitigation measures, and the level of significance after mitigation. Specific RTP projects that may contribute to the impacts described below are listed in the tables at the end of individual impact sections (4.1 through 4.13 of the EIR).

Impacts are categorized by classes. Class I impacts are defined as significant, unavoidable adverse impacts which require a statement of overriding considerations to be issued per Section 15093 of the *State CEQA Guidelines* if the project is approved. Class II impacts are significant adverse impacts that can be feasibly mitigated to less than significant levels and which require findings to be made under Section 15091 of the *State CEQA Guidelines*. Class III impacts are less than significant impacts.

Projects that involve relatively large amounts of ground disturbance, such as new roads, road widenings and extensions, may result in environmental impacts related to aesthetics, agricultural resources, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use conflicts, and noise. Accordingly, the local jurisdictions in which such projects are located would be required to implement and monitor several mitigation measures to reduce these impacts below threshold levels. The following summarizes impacts and mitigation measures for such projects. The mitigation measures are contained in full in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) which is contained in Appendix B of the Final EIR.

The significant impacts and the mitigation measures that will reduce them to a less than significant level are as follows:

- Impact AQ-1; Mitigation Measures AQ-1(a)-(d)
- Impact AQ-3; Mitigation Measure AQ-3(a)
- Impact B-1; Mitigation Measures B-1(a)-(j)
- Impact B-2; Mitigation Measures B-2(a)-(d)
- Impact CR-1 (for archeological and paleontological resources); Mitigation Measures CR-1(a)-(d)
- Impact G-1; Mitigation Measure G-1
- Impact G-2; Mitigation Measures G-2(a)-(c)

- Impact GHG-1; Mitigation Measure GHG-1
- Impact W-1; Mitigation Measures W-1(a)-(e)
- Impact W-2; Mitigation Measures W-2(a)-(c)
- Impact W-3; Mitigation Measure W-3
- Impact LU-1; Mitigation Measures LU-1 and Mitigation Measures for Impacts AES-2, AQ-1, AQ-3, and N-1 to N-3
- Impact LU-2; Mitigation Measures LU-2(a)-(c)
- Impact N-1; Mitigation Measures N-1(a)-(e)
- Impact N-2; Mitigation Measures N-2(a)-(b)

For the following impacts, mitigation measures have been identified in the EIR that will reduce the proposed project's impacts, but not to a less than significant level. The significant impacts and the mitigation are as follows:

- Impact AES-2; Mitigation Measures AES-2(a)-(e)
- Impact B-3; Mitigation Measures B-3(a)-(b)
- Impact CR-1 (for historic structures); Mitigation Measures CR-1(a)-(d)
- Impact LU-5; Mitigation Measures LU-5(a)-(c)