Chapter 1 Environmental Checklist Form

1. Project Title: Morris Dam Water Supply Enhancement Project

2. Lead Agency Name and Address: Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

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4. Project Location: The project would be located in Azusa in the County

of Los Angeles

5. Project Sponsor's Name: Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

6. General Plan Designation: N/A

7. Zoning: N/A

- **8. Description of Project:** The Project entails physical modifications to the Morris Dam Valves and Control Systems to facilitate a lower operational reservoir pool and the reliable conjunctive management of the resulting increased conserved native water. These modifications consist of constructing a new inlet location to take water from the reservoir at a different location (higher elevation) and replacing the river outlet valves with a more robust type of valve that is not as susceptible to damage and operational failure if some sediment gets in the outflow. Modifications to the control system include the electrical upgrades needed to power the new valves electric motor operators and other systems, and intelligent controls so that the valves and gate will be able to control outflows to match capacity of water conservation systems downstream.
- 9. Surrounding Land Uses and Setting. Angeles National Forest
- 10. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.)

Calfornia Department of Fish and Game 1602 Agreement, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board 401 Water Quality Certification, United States Army Corp of Engineer Nationwide Permit.

Environmental Factors Potentially Affected

The key environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by the Project. However, as described in the checklist below, the Project would not cause significant impacts in any of these areas and would have beneficial impacts.

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	☐ Agriculture Resources	☐ Air Quality
⊠ Biological Resources	☐ Cultural Resources	Geology / Soils
☐ Hazards & Hazardous Materials	☐ Hydrology / Water Quality	☐ Land Use / Planning
☐ Mineral Resources	Noise Noise	☐ Population / Housing

☐ Mandatory Findings of Significance

☐ Recreation

□ Public Services

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☐ Transportation / Traffic

1.1 Aesthetics

			Potentially Significant <u>Impact</u>	Less Than Significant With Mitigation <u>Incorporation</u>	Less Than Significant <u>Impact</u>	No <u>Impact</u>
Wou	ıld 1	the Project:				
	a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	□ Tem _l	oorary due to	⊠ o draining o	☐ of reservoir
	b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				\boxtimes
	c)	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?				\boxtimes
	d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				\boxtimes
		griculture Resources	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
wou	a)	convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California				
		Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				
	b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				\boxtimes
	c)	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?				\boxtimes

1.3 Air Quality

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant _Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
Would	the Project:				
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				\boxtimes
b)	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?				\boxtimes
c)	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the Project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone				abla
	precursors)?		Ш		\bowtie
d)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?				\boxtimes
e)	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	П			\bowtie

1.4 Biological Resources

		Potentially Significant <u>Impact</u>	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant <u>Impact</u>	No <u>Impact</u>
Vould	the Project:				
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?			\boxtimes	
b)	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				\boxtimes
c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				\boxtimes
d)	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?			\boxtimes	
e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				\boxtimes
f)	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), Natural Conservation Community Plan (NCCP), or other approved local, regional, or state HCP?				

1.5 Cultural Resources

Wο	uld 1	the Pro	oiect·	Potentially Significant <u>Impact</u>	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
,,,,,		Cause signif	e a substantial adverse change in the ficance of a historical resource as defined 5064.5?			\boxtimes	
	b)	signif	e a substantial adverse change in the ficance of a unique archaeological arce pursuant to \$15064.5?				\boxtimes
	c)	paleo	etly or indirectly destroy a unique ontological resource or site or unique ogic feature?				\boxtimes
	d)		rb any human remains, including those red outside of formal cemeteries?				\boxtimes
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Wo	uld (a)	Expos	oject: se people or structures to potential antial adverse effects, including the risk ss, injury, or death involving:	Significant	Significant With Mitigation	Significant	
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Wo		Expossubstate of loss i) He is a second of loss in the interpolar	se people or structures to potential antial adverse effects, including the risk as, injury, or death involving: Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map assued by the State Geologist for the area for based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special	Significant	Significant With Mitigation	Significant	Impact
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c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion of siltation on- or off-site?		\boxtimes
d)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?		\boxtimes
e)	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?		\boxtimes
f)	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality? (erosion potential)		\boxtimes
g)	Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?		\boxtimes
h)	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?		\boxtimes
i)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?		\boxtimes
j)	Inundation of seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?		\boxtimes

1.9 Land Use and Planning

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	the Project:				
a)	Physically divide an established community?				\boxtimes
b)	Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the Project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or				
	mitigating an environmental effect?				
c)	Conflict with any applicable HCP or NCCP?				
1.10 I	Mineral Resources				
		Potentially Significant _Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	the Project:	•	·	·	•
a)	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				\boxtimes
b)	Result in the loss of availability of a locally- important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?	П			\bowtie
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1.11 Noise

Would 1	the Project result in:	Potentially Significant <u>Impact</u>	Less Inan Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
	Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or				∇
b)	applicable standards of other agencies? Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or				
c)	groundborne noise levels? A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the Project vicinity above				
d)	levels existing without the Project? A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the Project vicinity				
e)	above levels existing without the Project? For a project located within an airport land use				
	plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the Project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				\boxtimes
f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the Project expose people residing or working in the Project area to excessive noise levels?				\boxtimes

1.12 Population and Housing

Would	d the Project:	Potentially Significant <u>Impact</u>	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
	a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of				
	roads or other infrastructure)?				
t	b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				\boxtimes
C	e) Displace substantial numbers of people necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				\boxtimes
1.13	Public Services				
		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
Would	d the Project:				
r r f s r	Would the Project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
	Fire protection?				\boxtimes
	Police protection?				\boxtimes
	Schools?				\boxtimes
	Parks?				
	Other public facilities?				

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1.14 Recreation

Would	the Project:	Potentially Significant <u>Impact</u>	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
a)	Would the Project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				\boxtimes
b)	Does the Project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				\boxtimes
	Transportation/Traffic	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
	the Project:				
a)	Cause an increase in traffic, which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume-to-capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?			\boxtimes	
b)	Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?				\boxtimes
c)	Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?				\boxtimes
d)	Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous				

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	intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				
e)	Result in inadequate emergency access?				\boxtimes
f)	Result in inadequate parking capacity?				\boxtimes
g)	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?				\boxtimes
1.16	Jtilities and Service Systems	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No <u>Impact</u>
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a)	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				\boxtimes
b)	Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				\boxtimes
c)	Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?			\boxtimes	
d)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the Project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				\boxtimes
e)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the Project that it has adequate capacity to serve the Project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	П		П	M
	communicates:				