

**Appendix C-1.
Summary of Written Comments Received from Government Agencies and Special Districts**

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State Agencies		
June 5, 2014	CA Department of Water Resources David M. Samson, Chief State Water Project Operations Support Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project could impact lands in close proximity to the California Aqueduct Santa Ana Pipeline. • Project will cross DWR’s right-a-way near Barton Road along West Devers, MP 1 in Grand Terrace. • Any improvements that encroach on DWR ROW will require review and possible permitting from DWR. • Refers future project-related documents to the SWP Encroachments Section of DWR and provides contact information and address.
June 12, 2014	CA Department of Fish and Wildlife Ali Aghili Senior Environmental Scientist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIR/EIS should include sufficient, specific, and current biological information on existing habitat and species on the project site, and mitigation measures to reduce impacts. • Department recommends contacting the Department’s CA Natural Diversity Database for previously reported sensitive species and habitats. • The document should not defer impact analysis or mitigation to future regulatory discretionary action. • If state or federal endangered or threatened species have the potential to occur on the project site, species specific surveys should be conducted using methods approved by the department or assume presence throughout project site. • Also address species of special concern and federal critical habitat. • Department administers Natural Community Conservation Plan Program. The project occurs within the Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) and the Coachella Valley MSHCP areas. To be considered a covered activity, permittee must demonstrate proposed action/project is consistent with the MSHCPs. • Document should include analysis of these plans and how the project will affect reserve assembly as well as the plan goals and objectives. • CPUC is not signatory to either plan and to participate in either plan, CPUC will need to act a Participating Special Entity. • If project is not processed through the MSCHPs for covered species then the project may be subject to Federal Endangered Species Act and /or CA Endangered Species Act. • EIR/EIS should fully identify potential impacts to lake, stream, or riparian resources and address adequate avoidance/mitigation to determine need for Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement. • Document should address direct and indirect cumulative impacts. • Document should analyze a range of fully considered and evaluated alternatives to the project. Analysis should include alternatives that avoid or reduce impacts to sensitive biological resources. • Document should address off-site compensation for unavoidable impacts through acquisition and protection of high-quality habitat.

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July 28, 2014	CALFIRE Henry Herrera Forester I, RPF #2936	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project area has history of frequent wildfires, therefore, request notification during the construction phase of the project, towers should be lit and visible, and notify CALFIRE if helicopters will be used for tower placement. • Request a plan that lays out coordination with CALFIRE and US Forest Service aviation staff in the event of a wildfire in or near the project area and where firefighting aircraft may be needed. • Letter provides CALFIRE point of contact.
Special Districts		
June 11, 2014	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Deirdre West Manager, Environmental Planning Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of MWD’s major water supplies is the Colorado River conveyed via MWD’s Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA). • In the project area, the CRA is a 16-foot cut and cover conduit, which extends in an east-west direction and is bisected by project at MP 38 and MP 42. Letter provides map showing location of these MPs. • MWD also has a fee property in this same area. • Project has the potential to impact CRA and could interfere with ongoing operation, maintenance, and repair activities. MWD needs unrestricted and unobstructed access to CRA facilities. • EIR/EIS must evaluate impacts to MWD facilities and ensure impacts are fully mitigated. • Submit design plans to MWD’s Substructures Team for review and written approval. Loading restrictions will be required in areas that cross CRA. • Letter includes “Guidelines for Developments in the Area of Facilities, Fee Properties, and/or Easements of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California ” for review.