

B.3.15 Recreation

RECREATION

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Significance criteria established by CEQA Guidelines, Appendix G.

B.3.15.1 Setting

The proposed substation expansion site would be located on an open space, sparsely vegetated parcel adjacent to the existing Downs Substation. Immediately south of the site is the Kerr McGee Youth Sports Complex, totaling 11.7 acres including five baseball fields and one football field (City of Ridgecrest, 2011). The city of Ridgecrest maintains ten parks and recreational facilities, including Freedom Park, two proposed park sites, and five school athletic facilities and playgrounds within one mile of the proposed substation expansion site (City of Ridgecrest, 2008a; 2011).

B.3.15.2 Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures

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?*

NO IMPACT. In general, an increase in use of existing recreational facilities could be spurred by population growth, which increases use of existing recreational resources. Such a demand on these resources could result in the physical deterioration of the facilities. However, as demonstrated in Section B.3.12, Population and Housing, the Proposed Project is not expected to induce either short-term or long-term population growth, either during project construction or operation. As such, there would be no impact to recreational facilities because there would be no increased need for recreational resources.

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?*

NO IMPACT. The Proposed Project does not include recreational facilities, nor does it require the construction of new facilities or the expansion of existing facilities recreational facilities. As such, no adverse physical effects on the environment would be generated by recreational facilities resulting from the Proposed Project.