

Appendix A

Supporting Documentation and
Statutory Worksheets



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Air Quality (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/air-quality>

- 1. Does your project include new construction or conversion of land use facilitating the development of public, commercial, or industrial facilities OR five or more dwelling units?**

Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*

No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Provide any documents used to make your determination.*

- 2. Is your project’s air quality management district or county in non-attainment or maintenance status for any criteria pollutants?**

Follow the link below to determine compliance status of project county or air quality management district:

<https://www.epa.gov/green-book>

No, project’s county or air quality management district is in attainment status for all criteria pollutants

→ *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.*

Yes, project’s management district or county is in non-attainment or maintenance status for one or more criteria pollutants. → *Continue to Question 3.*

- 3. Determine the estimated emissions levels of your project for each of those criteria pollutants that are in non-attainment or maintenance status on your project area. Will your project exceed any of the *de minimis* or *threshold* emissions levels of non-attainment and maintenance level pollutants or exceed the screening levels established by the state or air quality management district?**

No, the project will not exceed *de minimis* or threshold emissions levels or screening levels

→ *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Explain how you determined that the project would not exceed de minimis or threshold emissions.*

Yes, the project exceeds *de minimis* emissions levels or screening levels.

→ *Continue to Question 4. Explain how you determined that the project would not exceed de minimis or threshold emissions in the Worksheet Summary.*

4. For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the exact measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.

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Worksheet Summary

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See attached Air Quality Study and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Study.



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Airport Hazards (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/airport-hazards>

- 1. To ensure compatible land use development, you must determine your site’s proximity to civil and military airports. Is your project within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport?**

No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing that the site iNeas not within the applicable distances to a military or civilian airport.*

Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*

- 2. Is your project located within a Runway Potential Zone/Clear Zone (RPZ/CZ) or Accident Potential Zone (APZ)?**

Yes, project is in an APZ → *Continue to Question 3.*

Yes, project is an RPZ/CZ → *Project cannot proceed at this location.*

No, project is not within an APZ or RPZ/CZ

→ *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing that the site is not within either zone.*

- 3. Is the project in conformance with DOD guidelines for APZ?**

Yes, project is consistent with DOD guidelines without further action.

→ *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documentation supporting this determination.*

No, the project cannot be brought into conformance with DOD guidelines and has not been approved. → *Project cannot proceed at this location.*

If mitigation measures have been or will be taken, explain in detail the proposed measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.

Click here to enter text.

→ *Work with the RE/HUD to develop mitigation measures. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documentation supporting this determination.*

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The nearest airport to the project, Columbia Airport, is located approximately 7 miles northwest of the project site (see attached map). A helipad supporting the Sonora Regional Medical Center Emergency Room is located approximately 3.3 miles northwest of the project site (see attached map). The project would be located at a distance far enough from the airstrip that it does not encroach in any airport Runway Clear or Accident Potential Zones and would not create a unique safety hazard for people working within the project site.



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Airport Runway Clear Zones (CENST) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/airport-hazards>

1. Does the project involve the sale or acquisition of developed property?

- No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*
- Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*

2. Is the project in the Runway Protection Zone/Clear Zone (RPZ/CZ)¹?

- No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing that the site is not within either zone.*
- Yes → *Written notice must be provided to prospective buyers to inform them of the potential hazards from airplane accidents as well as the potential for the property to be purchased as part of an airport expansion project. [A sample notice is available through the HUD Exchange.](#)*

Provide a map showing that the site within RPZ/CZ. Work with the RE/HUD to provide written notice to the prospective buyers. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

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¹ Runway Protection Zone/Clear Zones are defined as areas immediately beyond the ends of runways. The standards are established by FAA regulations. The term in 24 CFR Part 51, Runway Clear Zones, was redefined in FAA’s Airport Design Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5300-13 to refer to Runway Protection Zones for civil airports. See link above for additional information.

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Coastal Barrier Resources (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/coastal-barrier-resources>

Projects located in the following states must complete this form.

Alabama	Georgia	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Puerto Rico	Virgin Islands
Connecticut	Louisiana	Michigan	New York	Rhode Island	Virginia
Delaware	Maine	Minnesota	North Carolina	South Carolina	Wisconsin
Florida	Maryland	Mississippi	Ohio	Texas	

1. Is the project located in a CBRS Unit?

No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing that the site is not within a CBRS Unit.*

Yes → *Continue to 2.*

Federal assistance for most activities may not be used at this location. You must either choose an alternate site or cancel the project. In very rare cases, federal monies can be spent within CBRS units for certain exempted activities (e.g., a nature trail), after consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) (see [16 USC 3505](#) for exceptions to limitations on expenditures).

2. Indicate your recommended course of action for the RE/HUD

Consultation with the FWS

Cancel the project

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This project is located in California, a state that does not contain CBRS units and is not located in proximity to any coastal area (see attached map). The project would not conflict with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act.



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Coastal Zone Management Act (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/coastal-zone-managementh>

Projects located in the following states must complete this form.

Alabama	Florida	Louisiana	Mississippi	Ohio	Texas
Alaska	Georgia	Maine	New Hampshire	Oregon	Virgin Islands
American Samoa	Guam	Maryland	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Virginia
California	Hawaii	Massachusetts	New York	Puerto Rico	Washington
Connecticut	Illinois	Michigan	North Carolina	Rhode Island	Wisconsin
Delaware	Indiana	Minnesota	Northern Mariana Islands	South Carolina	

1. Is the project located in, or does it affect, a Coastal Zone as defined in your state Coastal Management Plan?

- Yes → Continue to Question 2.
- No → If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing that the site is not within a Coastal Zone.

2. Does this project include activities that are subject to state review?

- Yes → Continue to Question 3.
- No → If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation used to make your determination.

3. Has this project been determined to be consistent with the State Coastal Management Program?

- Yes, with mitigation. → The RE/HUD must work with the State Coastal Management Program to develop mitigation measures to mitigate the impact or effect of the project.
- Yes, without mitigation. → If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation used to make your determination.

No → Project cannot proceed at this location.

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The project site is located over 100 miles from the nearest Coastal Zone (see attached map) and would therefore have no impact related to Coastal Zones.



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Contamination and Toxic Substances (Single Family Properties) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/site-contamination>

- 1. Evaluate the site for contamination. Were any on-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances found that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property?**

Provide a map or other documentation of absence or presence of contamination¹ and explain evaluation of site contamination in the Worksheet below.

No → **Explain below.**

NEPAAssist was used to conduct an initial search of potential hazardous waste sites in proximity to the project. The tool searches inventories that contain sites regulated by Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); air pollution data (ICIS-AIR); water dischargers covered by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES); the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI), which contains information on toxic chemical releases and waste management reported by industries; and Superfund sites covered by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) (see attached documentation).

Two sites known to handle hazardous waste were located within 0.25 mile of the proposed project. One facility is a Waste Management recycling center and business office with an NPDES discharge permit. The site is located at 14959 Camage Avenue. No record of specific effluents or site violations were found, and no violations were recorded. Potential for contamination of the project site from this facility is anticipated to be low. A paint and supply store known to handle hazardous materials is located at 18484 Striker Ct. No record of violations, spills, or soil contamination are recorded for this site (see attached documentation). Potential for contamination from is anticipated to be low.

The Envirostar database maintained by California’s Department of Toxic Substance was consulted to identify hazardous waste and contaminated sites within 0.25 mile of the project site. Envirostar draws data from DTS’ regulatory database, as well as on the information contained in the State Water Resources Control Board’s GeoTracker, and the California Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment’s CalEnviroScreen tool. No sites were identified within 0.25 mile of the project site using this tool (see attached documentation).

¹ Utilize EPA’s EnviroMapper and state/tribal databases to identify nearby dumps, junk yards, landfills, hazardous waste sites, and industrial sites, including EPA National Priorities List Sites (Superfund sites), CERCLA or state-equivalent sites, RCRA Corrective Action sites with release(s) or suspected release(s) requiring clean-up action and/or further investigation. Additional supporting documentation may include other inspections and reports.

→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

Yes → Describe the findings, including any recognized environmental conditions (RECs), in Worksheet Summary below. Continue to Question 2.

Check here if an ASTM Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) report was utilized.
[Note: HUD regulations does not require an ASTM Phase I ESA report for single family homes]

2. Can adverse environmental impacts be mitigated?

Adverse environmental impacts cannot feasibly be mitigated → HUD assistance may not be used for the project at this site. Project cannot proceed at this location.

Yes, adverse environmental impacts can be eliminated through mitigation.
→ Provide all mitigation requirements² and documents. Continue to Question 3.

3. Describe how compliance was achieved. Include any of the following that apply: State Voluntary Clean-up Program, a No Further Action letter, use of engineering controls³, or use of institutional controls⁴.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

If a remediation plan or clean-up program was necessary, which standard does it follow?

- Complete removal
- Risk-based corrective action (RBCA)

→ Continue to the Worksheet Summary.

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² Mitigation requirements include all clean-up actions required by applicable federal, state, tribal, or local law. Additionally, provide, as applicable, the long-term operations and maintenance plan, Remedial Action Work Plan, and other equivalent documents.

³ Engineering controls are any physical mechanism used to contain or stabilize contamination or ensure the effectiveness of a remedial action. Engineering controls may include, without limitation, caps, covers, dikes, trenches, leachate collection systems, signs, fences, physical access controls, ground water monitoring systems and ground water containment systems including, without limitation, slurry walls and ground water pumping systems.

⁴ Institutional controls are mechanisms used to limit human activities at or near a contaminated site, or to ensure the effectiveness of the remedial action over time, when contaminants remain at a site at levels above the applicable remediation standard which would allow for unrestricted use of the property. Institutional controls may include structure, land, and natural resource use restrictions, well restriction areas, classification exception areas, deed notices, and declarations of environmental restrictions.

- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
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Endangered Species Act (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/endangered-species>

1. Does the project involve any activities that have the potential to affect species or habitats?

No, the project will have No Effect due to the nature of the activities involved in the project.

→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.

No, the project will have No Effect based on a letter of understanding, memorandum of agreement, programmatic agreement, or checklist provided by local HUD office.

Explain your determination:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.

Yes, the activities involved in the project have the potential to affect species and/or habitats.

→ Continue to Question 2.

2. Are federally listed species or designated critical habitats present in the action area?

Obtain a list of protected species from the Services. This information is available on the [FWS Website](#).

No, the project will have No Effect due to the absence of federally listed species and designated critical habitat.

→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination. Documentation may include letters from the Services, species lists from the Services’ websites, surveys or other documents and analysis showing that there are no species in the action area.

Yes, there are federally listed species or designated critical habitats present in the action area.

→ Continue to Question 3.

3. Recommend one of the following effects that the project will have on federally listed species or designated critical habitat:

No Effect: Based on the specifics of both the project and any federally listed species in the action area, you have determined that the project will have absolutely no effect on listed species or critical habitat.

→ *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination. Documentation should include a species list and explanation of your conclusion, and may require maps, photographs, and surveys as appropriate.*

May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect: Any effects that the project may have on federally listed species or critical habitats would be beneficial, discountable, or insignificant.

→ **Partner entities should not contact the Services directly.** *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, they will have to complete Informal Consultation. Provide the RE/HUD with a biological evaluation or equivalent document. They may request additional information, including surveys and professional analysis, to complete their consultation.*

Likely to Adversely Affect: The project may have negative effects on one or more listed species or critical habitat.

→ **Partner entities should not contact the Services directly.** *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, they will have to complete Formal Consultation. Provide the RE/HUD with a biological evaluation or equivalent document. They may request additional information, including surveys and professional analysis, to complete their consultation.*

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The full analysis of impacts on biological resources is provided in the project Biological Resources Report (see attached). A summary of the results of the analysis that pertain to federally listed species and designated critical habitat is provided below.

Several resources pertaining to biological resources (i.e., sensitive habitats, sensitive species) were reviewed for this project, including records searches of the California Natural Diversity Database, the California Native Plant Society Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) database. Sensitive species lists, including those species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, were compiled using the results of these

records searches. Presence of designated critical habitat was also determined through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service IPaC database query results. No designated critical habitat is present in the action area.

A reconnaissance-level survey of the action area for biological resources was conducted by a qualified biologist on May 27, 2021. The biologist verified land cover types within the action area as well as the suitability of habitats in the action area for sensitive species. The action area is predominately developed and disturbed. The natural habitat in the action area, which includes a portion of Curtis Creek and associated riparian habitat, will be completely avoided during project implementation. No habitat suitable for species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act is present in the action area.



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Environmental Justice (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/environmental-justice>

HUD strongly encourages starting the Environmental Justice analysis only after all other laws and authorities, including Environmental Assessment factors if necessary, have been completed.

1. Were any adverse environmental impacts identified in any other compliance review portion of this project’s total environmental review?

Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*

No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

2. Were these adverse environmental impacts disproportionately high for low-income and/or minority communities?

Yes

Explain:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

→ *The RE/HUD must work with the affected low-income or minority community to decide what mitigation actions, if any, will be taken. Provide any supporting documentation.*

No

Explain:

Communities may be considered “minority” under Executive Order (EO) 12898 if any of the following characteristics apply:

- the cumulative percentage of minorities within the affected community is greater than 50 percent (this is the primary method of determining whether a community is a minority community), or
- the cumulative percentage of minorities within the affected community is meaningfully greater than the minority population percentage in the general population or other appropriate unit of geographic analysis (this is a secondary method of determining whether a community is a minority community).

According to EPA, either the county or state percentages can be used when considering the scope of the “general population.” A definition of “meaningfully greater” is not given by CEQ or EPA. EPA notes,

however, that any affected area with a percentage of minorities greater than the state's percentage is potentially a minority community, and any affected area with a minority percentage at least double that of the state is definitely a minority community under EO 12898.

The project area is within Census Tract 003100, which is 14.48 percent minority population (i.e., individuals reporting races as black, Hispanic, Asian, Native America, other, and two or more races), while California as a whole is 76.05 percent minority (Census Tract data available from: www.usa.com/CA109003100.html). Therefore, the project area does not qualify a minority community under either criterion under EO 12898.

Communities may be considered "low income" under EO 12898 if the community's median household income is at or below the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services poverty guidelines. The median household income in Census Tract 003100 is \$46,512 (Census Tract data available from: www.usa.com/CA109003100.html), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 2021 poverty guideline for a family of four is \$26,500, well below the median income in the census tract containing the project area. Thus, the project area is not within a low-income community.

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The project property is located in a light-industrial area with no nearby housing. The project area is located in a census tract that does not meet the definition of a low-income or minority community pursuant to Executive Order 12898. No adverse environmental impacts were identified in the project's environmental review that could expose existing communities to adverse environmental conditions (e.g., pollution, hazards). The project would comply with Executive Order 12898.



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Explosive and Flammable Hazards (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/explosive-and-flammable-facilities>

1. Is the proposed HUD-assisted project itself the development of a hazardous facility (a facility that mainly stores, handles or processes flammable or combustible chemicals such as bulk fuel storage facilities and refineries)?

No

→ Continue to Question 2.

Yes

Explain:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

→ Go directly to Question 5.

2. Does this project include any of the following activities: development, construction, rehabilitation that will increase residential densities, or conversion?

No → If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

Yes → Continue to Question 3.

3. Within 1 mile of the project site, are there any current *or planned* stationary aboveground storage containers that are covered by 24 CFR 51C? Containers that are NOT covered under the regulation include:

- Containers 100 gallons or less in capacity, containing common liquid industrial fuels OR
- Containers of liquified petroleum gas (LPG) or propane with a water volume capacity of 1,000 gallons or less that meet the requirements of the 2017 version of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Code 58.

If all containers within the search area fit the above criteria, answer “no.” For any other type of aboveground storage container within the search area that holds one of the flammable or explosive materials listed in Appendix I of 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C, answer “yes.”

No

→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide all documents used to make your determination.

Yes

→ Continue to Question 4.

4. Visit HUD's website to identify the appropriate tank or tanks to assess and to calculate the required separation distance using the [electronic assessment tool](#). To document this step in the analysis, please attach the following supporting documents to this screen:

- Map identifying the tank selected for assessment, and showing the distance from the tank to the proposed HUD-assisted project site; and
- Electronic assessment tool calculation of the required separation distance.

Based on the analysis, is the proposed HUD-assisted project site located at or beyond the required separation distance from all covered tanks?

Yes

→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

No

→ Go directly to Question 6.

5. Is the hazardous facility located at an acceptable separation distance from residences and any other facility or area where people may congregate or be present?

Please visit HUD's website for information on calculating Acceptable Separation Distance.

Yes

→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

Provide map(s) showing the location of the project site relative to residences and any other facility or area where people congregate or are present and your separation distance calculations.

No

→ Continue to Question 6.

Provide map(s) showing the location of the project site relative to residences and any other facility or area where people congregate or are present and your separation distance calculations.

6. For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Mitigation measures may include both natural and manmade barriers, modification of the project design, burial or removal of the hazard, or other engineered solutions. Describe selected mitigation measures, including the timeline for implementation, and attach an implementation plan. If negative effects cannot be mitigated, cancel the project at this location.

Note that only licensed professional engineers should design and implement blast barriers. If a barrier will be used or the project will be modified to compensate for an unacceptable separation distance, provide approval from a licensed professional engineer.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

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The project site consists of two vacant parcels within an industrially zoned area that are not currently developed. Adjacent land uses include offices for an energy and flooring company, and storage space. There are no residential land uses, schools, or hospitals within 1,000 feet of the project area. Nearby land uses include an outdoor baseball park facility (Standard Park) and a community service facility, Interfaith Community Social Services.

Proposed project construction and operations would involve use, transport, and storage of flammable solid materials, but would not involve the handling, storage, manufacture, or processing of flammable or combustible liquid or gaseous chemicals; as such, it is not a defined hazardous facility under this subpart.

The facility would involve storage of dry biomass chips, which are small wood fragments generated by the chipping of woody forest material and are a combustible material. The project would generate a combustible product, woody biomass pellets, for market. The project would also involve operation of heat-generating components including a battery, a biomass dryer, an explosion-proof heater (HEX), and a furnace. No fuel tanks, other flammable liquids, or explosive materials would be stored on site. Project implementation would place office buildings and other facility components on the project site, adjacent to potentially flammable hazards, and within 1,000 feet of the abovementioned sensitive land uses. Potential hazards relating to construction and project operation activities would be addressed through compliance with the 2019 California Fire Code and Chapter 15.20 of the Tuolumne County Ordinance, "Fire Safety Standards," including requirements for fire hydrant locations, defensible space, fire flow and other water supply standards, and building fire safety requirements. Buildings would also meet county requirements for fire sprinkler and fire alarm systems.

Maintenance of operational equipment on site would be carried according to manufacturer requirements, and handling of flammable materials would be consistent with existing regulations to reduce the risk of fire. Furthermore, project activities would be subject to California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.5, Division 20; California Administration Code, Title 22, relating to Handling, Storage, and Treatment of Hazardous Materials; and 29 Code of Federal Regulation 1910.120 relating to Hazardous Waste Operation Safety Training. Safety training includes hazards related to flammable substances.



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Farmlands Protection (CEST and EA) - PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/farmlands-protection>

1. Does your project include any activities, including new construction, acquisition of undeveloped land or conversion, that could convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural use?

Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*

No

→ *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

2. Does “important farmland,” including prime farmland, unique farmland, or farmland of statewide or local importance regulated under the Farmland Protection Policy Act, occur on the project site?

You may use the links below to determine important farmland occurs on the project site:

- Utilize USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service’s (NRCS) Web Soil Survey <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm>
- Check with your city or county’s planning department and ask them to document if the project is on land regulated by the FPPA (zoning important farmland as non-agricultural does not exempt it from FPPA requirements)
- Contact NRCS at the local USDA service center <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs> or your NRCS state soil scientist https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/?cid=nrcs142p2_053951 for assistance

No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.*

Yes → *Continue to Question 3.*

3. Consider alternatives to completing the project on important farmland and means of avoiding impacts to important farmland.

- Complete form [AD-1006, “Farmland Conversion Impact Rating”](#) and contact the state soil scientist before sending it to the local NRCS District Conservationist.

- Work with NRCS to minimize the impact of the project on the protected farmland. When you have finished with your analysis, return a copy of form AD-1006 to the USDA-NRCS State Soil Scientist or his/her designee informing them of your determination.

Work with the RE/HUD to determine how the project will proceed. Document the conclusion:

Project will proceed with mitigation.

Explain in detail the proposed measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.

Click here to enter text.

→ *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide form AD-1006 and all other documents used to make your determination.*

Project will proceed without mitigation.

Explain why mitigation will not be made here:

Click here to enter text.

→ *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide form AD-1006 and all other documents used to make your determination.*

Worksheet Summary

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- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
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Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

Available data for designated Important Farmland is provided by the California Department of Conservation. There is no designated farmland located east of Sonora within the town of Standard in Tuolumne County, California, including within the vicinity of the project site (see attached map). Therefore, there are no areas designated as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance within the project site or project vicinity. Further, the project site is not currently designated or zoned for farmland uses. No farmland is located adjacent to the project site. The project would not convert farmland to a nonagricultural use.



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Flood Insurance (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/flood-insurance>

1. Does this project involve mortgage insurance, refinance, acquisition, repairs, rehabilitation, or construction of a structure, mobile home, or insurable personal property?

No. This project does not require flood insurance or is excepted from flood insurance.
→ Continue to the Worksheet Summary.

Yes → Continue to Question 2.

2. Provide a FEMA/FIRM map showing the site.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designates floodplains. The [FEMA Map Service Center](#) provides this information in the form of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs).

Is the structure, part of the structure, or insurable property located in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area?

No → Continue to the Worksheet Summary.

Yes → Continue to Question 3.

3. Is the community participating in the National Flood Insurance Program or has less than one year passed since FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards?

Yes, the community is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program.
Flood insurance is required. Provide a copy of the flood insurance policy declaration or a paid receipt for the current annual flood insurance premium and a copy of the application for flood insurance.
→ Continue to the Worksheet Summary.

Yes, less than one year has passed since FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards.
If less than one year has passed since notification of Special Flood Hazards, no flood insurance is required.
→ Continue to the Worksheet Summary.

- No. The community is not participating, or its participation has been suspended.
Federal assistance may not be used at this location. Cancel the project at this location.

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Most of the project site, including areas where new structures would be sited and grading would occur is located in an area identified on the FEMA FIRM Panel Number 06109C0854C (dated April 16, 2009; see attached maps) in "Zone X," an area of very low flood hazard. Therefore, there would be no impact to floodplain management in these areas.

The project would connect to an existing sewer line within areas on the parcels identified to be within the "Zone A" 100-year flood risk area (one percent annual chance of flooding) of Curtis Creek (see attached map).

HUD is required, under 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to carry out an Eight Step Process for a proposed activity in a 100-year floodplain (see Appendix B). Connection to the sewer line would not alter existing impervious area or flood flows in that area. Work activities required to be carried out to connect to the sewer line would consist of temporary excavation for access and subsequent replacement of excavated materials. Work would be carried out during dry conditions; therefore, it is not expected that the temporary excavation would impact flood conditions or floodplain characteristics.

The project would not affect habitable structures, nor locate any people or habitable structures within any areas prone to flood. The project would not result in increased flood risk to people or property for these reasons and because it would not alter pervious coverage in a manner that would lead to increased flood flows or alter the existing floodplain.



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Floodplain Management (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/floodplain-management>

1. Does [24 CFR 55.12\(c\)](#) exempt this project from compliance with HUD’s floodplain management regulations in Part 55?

Yes

Provide the applicable citation at 24 CFR 55.12(c) here. If project is exempt under 55.12(c)(6) or (8), provide supporting documentation.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Continue to the Worksheet Summary.

No → Continue to Question 2.

2. Provide a FEMA/FIRM map showing the site.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designates floodplains. The [FEMA Map Service Center](#) provides this information in the form of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs).

Does your project occur in a floodplain?

No → Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

Yes

Select the applicable floodplain using the FEMA map or the best available information:

Floodway → Continue to Question 3, Floodways

Coastal High Hazard Area (V Zone) → Continue to Question 4, Coastal High Hazard Areas

500-year floodplain (B Zone or shaded X Zone) → Continue to Question 5, 500-year Floodplains

100-year floodplain (A Zone) → The 8-Step Process is required. Continue to Question 6, 8-Step Process

3. **Floodways**

Is this a functionally dependent use?

Yes

The 8-Step Process is required. Work with HUD or the RE to assist with the 8-Step Process.
→ Continue to Worksheet Summary.

No → *Federal assistance may not be used at this location unless an exception in 55.12(c) applies. You must either choose an alternate site or cancel the project.*

4. **Coastal High Hazard Area**

Is this a critical action such as a hospital, nursing home, fire station, or police station?

Yes → *Critical actions are prohibited in coastal high hazard areas unless an exception in 55.12(c) applies. You must either choose an alternate site or cancel the project.*

No

Does this action include new construction that is not a functionally dependent use, existing construction (including improvements), or reconstruction following destruction caused by a disaster?

Yes, there is new construction of something that is not a functionally dependent use. New construction must be designed to FEMA standards for V Zones at 44 CFR 60.3(e) (24 CFR 55.1(c)(3)(i)).

→ Continue to Question 6, 8-Step Process

No, this action concerns only existing construction.

Existing construction must have met FEMA elevation and construction standards for a coastal high hazard area or other standards applicable at the time of construction.

→ Continue to Question 6, 8-Step Process

5. **500-year Floodplain**

Is this a critical action?

No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

Yes → Continue to Question 6, 8-Step Process

6. **8-Step Process.**

Is this 8-Step Process required? Select one of the following options:

8-Step Process applies.

This project will require mitigation and may require elevating structure or structures. See the link to the HUD Exchange above for information on HUD's elevation requirements.

→ Work with the RE/HUD to assist with the 8-Step Process. Continue to Worksheet Summary.

5-Step Process is applicable per 55.12(a)(1-3).

Provide the applicable citation at 24 CFR 55.12(a) here.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

→ Work with the RE/HUD to assist with the 5-Step Process. Continue to Worksheet Summary.

8-Step Process is inapplicable per 55.12(b)(1-4).

Provide the applicable citation at 24 CFR 55.12(b) here.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

→ *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

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The proposed project would involve activity within the 100-year floodplain; therefore, an Eight-Step Decision Making Process for activities within the 100-year floodplain was carried out pursuant to Executive Order 11988 as provided by 24 Code of Federal Regulations Section 55.20. A summary of the process findings is provided below.

Most of the project site, including areas where new structures would be sited and grading would occur is located in an area identified on the FEMA FIRM Panel Number 06109C0854C (dated April 16, 2009; see attached maps) in "Zone X," an area of very low flood hazard. Therefore, there would be no impact to floodplain management in these areas.

The project would connect to an existing sewer line within areas on the parcels identified to be within the "Zone A" 100-year flood risk area (one percent annual chance of flooding) of Curtis Creek (see attached map).

HUD is required, under 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to carry out an Eight Step Process for a proposed activity in a 100-year floodplain (see Appendix B). Connection to the sewer line would not alter existing impervious area or flood flows in that area. Work activities required to be carried out to connect to the sewer line would consist of temporary excavation for access and subsequent replacement of excavated materials. Work would be carried out during dry conditions; therefore, it is not expected that the temporary excavation would impact flood conditions or floodplain characteristics.

The project would not affect habitable structures, nor locate any people or habitable structures within any areas prone to flood. The project would not result in increased flood risk to people or property for these reasons and because it would not alter pervious coverage in a manner that would lead to increased flood flows or alter the existing floodplain.



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Historic Preservation (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/historic-preservation>

Threshold

Is Section 106 review required for your project?

- No, because a Programmatic Agreement states that all activities included in this project are exempt. (See the [PA Database](#) to find applicable PAs.)

Either provide the PA itself or a link to it here. Mark the applicable exemptions or include the text here:

Click here to enter text.

→ *Continue to the Worksheet Summary.*

- No, because the project consists solely of activities included in a No Potential to Cause Effects memo or other determination [36 CFR 800.3(a)(1)].

Either provide the memo itself or a link to it here. Explain and justify the other determination here:

Click here to enter text.

→ *Continue to the Worksheet Summary.*

- Yes, because the project includes activities with potential to cause effects (direct or indirect). → *Continue to Step 1.*

The Section 106 Process

After determining the need to do a Section 106 review, HUD or the RE will initiate consultation with regulatory and other interested parties, identify and evaluate historic properties, assess effects of the project on properties listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and resolve any adverse effects through project design modifications or mitigation.

Step 1: Initiate consultation

Step 2: Identify and evaluate historic properties

Step 3: Assess effects of the project on historic properties

Step 4: Resolve any adverse effects

Only RE or HUD staff may initiate the Section 106 consultation process. Partner entities may gather information, including from SHPO records, identify and evaluate historic properties, and make initial

assessments of effects of the project on properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Place. Partners should then provide their RE or HUD with all of their analysis and documentation so that they may initiate consultation.

Step 1 - Initiate Consultation

The following parties are entitled to participate in Section 106 reviews: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs); federally recognized Indian tribes/Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs); Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs); local governments; and project grantees. The general public and individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in a project may participate as consulting parties at the discretion of the RE or HUD official. Participation varies with the nature and scope of a project. Refer to HUD's website for guidance on consultation, including the required timeframes for response. Consultation should begin early to enable full consideration of preservation options.

Use the [When To Consult With Tribes checklist](#) within [Notice CPD-12-006: Process for Tribal Consultation](#) to determine if the RE or HUD should invite tribes to consult on a particular project. Use the [Tribal Directory Assessment Tool \(TDAT\)](#) to identify tribes that may have an interest in the area where the project is located. Note that only HUD or the RE may initiate consultation with Tribes. Partner entities may prepare a draft letter for the RE or HUD to use to initiate consultation with tribes, but may not send the letter themselves.

List all organizations and individuals that you believe may have an interest in the project here:

Telephone calls were made on April 29, 2021, to the following tribal contacts in follow up to mailings distributed April 21, 2021. None of these contacts identified concerns or potential impacts to cultural resources in response to either method of contact.

- Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians, Lloyd Mathiesen.
- Nashville Enterprise Miwok-Maidu-Nishinam Tribe, Cosme Valdez.
- Tule River Indian Tribe, Kerri Vera, Environmental Department.
- Tule River Indian Tribe, Joey Garfield, Tribal Archaeologist.
- Tule River Indian Tribe, Neil Peyron, Chairperson.
- Tuolumne Band of Me-wuk Indians, Stanley Cox, Cultural Resources Director.
- Tuolumne Band of Me-wuk Indians, Kevin Day, Chairperson.

→ *Continue to Step 2.*

Step 2 - Identify and Evaluate Historic Properties

Provide a preliminary definition of the Area of Potential Effect (APE), either by entering the address(es) or providing a map depicting the APE. Attach an additional page if necessary.

The APE within which the direct and indirect impacts of the proposed project may have an effect on cultural resources totals approximately 3.27 acres. The maximum vertical APE for the facility will be 3 feet. The APE is located in Section 10 of Township 1 North, Range 15 East, as shown on the 1948 Standard (Photorevised 1987) USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle (see attached map).

Gather information about known historic properties in the APE. Historic buildings, districts and archeological sites may have been identified in local, state, and national surveys and registers, local historic districts, municipal plans, town and county histories, and local history websites. If not already listed on the National Register of Historic Places, identified properties are then evaluated to see if they are eligible for the National Register. Refer to HUD's website for guidance on identifying and evaluating historic properties.

In the space below, list historic properties identified and evaluated in the APE.

There are no historic properties identified within the APE (see Appendix E).

Provide the documentation (survey forms, Register nominations, concurrence(s) and/or objection(s), notes, and photos) that justify your National Register Status determination.

Was a survey of historic buildings and/or archeological sites done as part of the project?

If the APE contains previously unsurveyed buildings or structures over 50 years old, or there is a likely presence of previously unsurveyed archeological sites, a survey may be necessary. For Archeological surveys, refer to HP Fact Sheet #6, Guidance on Archeological Investigations in HUD Projects.

Yes → Provide survey(s) and report(s) and continue to Step 3.

Additional notes:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

No → Continue to Step 3.

Step 3 - Assess Effects of the Project on Historic Properties

Only properties that are listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places receive further consideration under Section 106. Assess the effect(s) of the project by applying the Criteria of Adverse Effect. (36 CFR 800.5) Consider direct and indirect effects as applicable as per HUD guidance.

Choose one of the findings below to recommend to the RE or HUD.

Please note: this is a recommendation only. It is **not** the official finding, which will be made by the RE or HUD, but only your suggestion as a Partner entity.

No Historic Properties Affected

Document reason for finding:

No historic properties present.

Historic properties present, but project will have no effect upon them.

No Adverse Effect

Document reason for finding and provide any comments below.

Comments may include recommendations for mitigation, monitoring, a plan for unanticipated discoveries, etc.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

Adverse Effect

Document reason for finding:

Copy and paste applicable Criteria into text box with summary and justification.

Criteria of Adverse Effect: [36 CFR 800.5](#)]

[Click here to enter text.](#)

Provide any comments below:

Comments may include recommendations for avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

Remember to provide all documentation that justifies your National Register Status determination and recommendations along with this worksheet.

Noise (EA Level Reviews)

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
HUD's noise regulations protect residential properties from excessive noise exposure. HUD encourages mitigation as appropriate.	Noise Control Act of 1972 General Services Administration Federal Management Circular 75-2: "Compatible Land Uses at Federal Airfields"	

References

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/noise-abatement-and-control>

1. What activities does your project involve? Check all that apply:

- New construction for residential use

NOTE: HUD assistance to new construction projects is generally prohibited if they are located in an Unacceptable zone, and HUD discourages assistance for new construction projects in Normally Unacceptable zones. See 24 CFR 51.101(a)(3) for further details.

→ *Continue to Question 2.*

- Rehabilitation of an existing residential property

NOTE: For major or substantial rehabilitation in Normally Unacceptable zones, HUD encourages mitigation to reduce levels to acceptable compliance standards. For major rehabilitation in Unacceptable zones, HUD strongly encourages mitigation to reduce levels to acceptable compliance standards. See 24 CFR 51 Subpart B for further details.

→ *Continue to Question 2.*

- A research demonstration project which does not result in new construction or reconstruction, interstate, land sales registration, or any timely emergency assistance under disaster assistance provisions or appropriations which are provided to save lives, protect property, protect public health and safety, remove debris and wreckage, or assistance that has the effect of restoring facilities substantially as they existed prior to the disaster

→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

- None of the above

→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

2. Complete the Preliminary Screening to identify potential noise generators in the vicinity (1000' from a major road, 3000' from a railroad, or 15 miles from an airport).

Indicate the findings of the Preliminary Screening below:

- There are no noise generators found within the threshold distances above.
→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing the location of the project relative to any noise generators.*
- Noise generators were found within the threshold distances.
→ *Continue to Question 3.*

3. Complete the Noise Assessment Guidelines to quantify the noise exposure. Indicate the findings of the Noise Assessment below:

- Acceptable: (65 decibels or less; the ceiling may be shifted to 70 decibels in circumstances described in §24 CFR 51.105(a))

Indicate noise level here:

→ *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis.*

- Normally Unacceptable: (Above 65 decibels but not exceeding 75 decibels; the floor may be shifted to 70 decibels in circumstances described in 24 CFR 51.105(a))

Indicate noise level here:

If project is rehabilitation:

→ *Continue to Question 4. Provide noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis.*

If project is new construction:

Is the project in a largely undeveloped area¹?

- No

→ *Continue to Question 4. Provide noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis, and any other relevant information.*

- Yes

¹ A largely undeveloped area means the area within 2 miles of the project site is less than 50 percent developed with urban uses or does not have water and sewer capacity to serve the project.

→Your project requires completion of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to 51.104(b)(1)(i). Elevate this review to an EIS-level review.

Unacceptable: (Above 75 decibels)

Indicate noise level here:

If project is rehabilitation:

HUD strongly encourages conversion of noise-exposed sites to land uses compatible with high noise levels. Consider converting this property to a non-residential use compatible with high noise levels.

→ Continue to Question 4. Provide noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis, and any other relevant information.

If project is new construction:

Your project requires completion of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to 51.104(b)(1)(i). You may either complete an EIS or provide a waiver signed by the appropriate authority. Indicate your choice:

Convert to an EIS

→ Provide noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis.

Continue to Question 4.

Provide waiver

→ Provide an Environmental Impact Statement waiver from the Certifying Officer or the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development per 24 CFR 51.104(b)(2) and noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis.

Continue to Question 4.

- 4. HUD strongly encourages mitigation be used to eliminate adverse noise impacts. Explain in detail the exact measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation. This information will be automatically included in the Mitigation summary for the environmental review.**

Mitigation as follows will be implemented:

→ Provide drawings, specifications, and other materials as needed to describe the project's noise mitigation measures. Continue to the Worksheet Summary.

No mitigation is necessary.

Explain why mitigation will not be made here:

→ Continue to the Worksheet Summary.

Worksheet Summary

Compliance Determination

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- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

Title 24 CFR 51 Subpart B does not apply to the proposed project. The project would not result in construction or rehabilitation of new or existing residential structures. The project consists of industrial land use within compatible zoning and land use areas. No residences were found to be located within 1000 feet of the proposed project site. The nearest residence is located approximately 1600 feet southwest of the proposed project, adjacent to the intersection of Standard Road and Tuolumne Road.

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No



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Sole Source Aquifers (CEST and EA) - PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/sole-source-aquifers>

1. Is the project located on a sole source aquifer (SSA)¹?

No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation used to make your determination, such as a map of your project or jurisdiction in relation to the nearest SSA.*

Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*

2. Does the project consist solely of acquisition, leasing, or rehabilitation of an existing building(s)?

Yes → *The review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

No → *Continue to Question 3.*

3. Does your region have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or other working agreement with EPA for HUD projects impacting a sole source aquifer?

Contact your Field or Regional Environmental Officer or visit the HUD webpage at the link above to determine if an MOU or agreement exists in your area.

Yes → *Continue to Question 4.*

No → *Continue to Question 5.*

4. Does your MOU or working agreement exclude your project from further review?

Yes → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation used to make your determination and document where your project fits within the MOU or agreement.*

No → *Continue to Question 5.*

¹ A sole source aquifer is defined as an aquifer that supplies at least 50 percent of the drinking water consumed in the area overlying the aquifer. This includes streamflow source areas, which are upstream areas of losing streams that flow into the recharge area.

5. Will the proposed project contaminate the aquifer and create a significant hazard to public health?

Consult with your Regional EPA Office. Your consultation request should include detailed information about your proposed project and its relationship to the aquifer and associated streamflow source area. EPA will also want to know about water, storm water and waste water at the proposed project. Follow your MOU or working agreement or contact your Regional EPA office for specific information you may need to provide. EPA may request additional information if impacts to the aquifer are questionable after this information is submitted for review.

No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide your correspondence with the EPA and all documents used to make your determination.*

Yes → *The RE/HUD will work with EPA to develop mitigation measures. If mitigation measures are approved, attach correspondence with EPA and include the mitigation measures in your environmental review documents and project contracts. If EPA determines that the project continues to pose a significant risk to the aquifer, federal financial assistance must be denied. Continue to Question 6.*

Worksheet Summary

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- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
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There are no sole source aquifers located in Tuolumne County (see attached map).



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Wetlands (CEST and EA) – Partner

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/wetlands-protection>

1. Does this project involve new construction as defined in Executive Order 11990, expansion of a building’s footprint, or ground disturbance?

The term "new construction" includes draining, dredging, channelizing, filling, diking, impounding, and related activities and construction of any structures or facilities.

No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*

2. Will the new construction or other ground disturbance impact a wetland as defined in E.O. 11990?

No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map or any other relevant documentation to explain your determination.*

Yes → *Work with HUD or the RE to assist with the 8-Step Process.* *Continue to Question 3.*

3. Does Section 55.12 state that the 8-Step Process is not required?

No, the 8-Step Process applies.

This project will require mitigation and may require elevating structure or structures. See the link to the HUD Exchange above for information on HUD’s elevation requirements.

→ *Work with the RE/HUD to assist with the 8-Step Process. Continue to Worksheet Summary.*

5-Step Process is applicable per 55.12(a).

Provide the applicable citation at 24 CFR 55.12(a) here.

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→ *Work with the RE/HUD to assist with the 5-Step Process. This project may require mitigation or alternations. Continue to Worksheet Summary.*

8-Step Process is inapplicable per 55.12(b).

Provide the applicable citation at 24 CFR 55.12(b) here.

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→ *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to Worksheet Summary.*

8-Step Process is inapplicable per 55.12(c).

Provide the applicable citation at 24 CFR 55.12(c) here.

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→ *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to Worksheet Summary.*

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The project site is located adjacent to Curtis Creek; however, no in-water activities would occur, and all project components would occur at least 50 feet from Curtis Creek. Based on U.S Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory data and a reconnaissance-level survey conducted on May 27, 2021, by a qualified biologist, wetlands are not present on the project site (see attached report). One drainage ditch was identified on the project site and is exempt from federal jurisdiction according to the Navigable Waters Protection Rule and no federal permits would be required for filling the ditch. The ditch is not a water of the state pursuant to the State Procedures so no State discharge or fill permit is required.



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Wild and Scenic Rivers (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/wild-and-scenic-rivers>

1. Is your project within proximity of a Wild and Scenic River, Study River, or Nationwide Rivers Inventory River?

No → If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Provide documentation used to make your determination.

Yes → Continue to Question 2.

2. Could the project do *any* of the following?

- Have a direct and adverse effect within Wild and Scenic River Boundaries,
- Invade the area or unreasonably diminish the river outside Wild and Scenic River Boundaries, or
- Have an adverse effect on the natural, cultural, and/or recreational values of a NRI segment.

Consult with the appropriate federal/state/local/tribal Managing Agency(s), pursuant to Section 7 of the Act, to determine if the proposed project may have an adverse effect on a Wild & Scenic River or a Study River and, if so, to determine the appropriate avoidance or mitigation measures.

Select one:

The Managing Agency has concurred that the proposed project will not alter, directly, or indirectly, any of the characteristics that qualifies or potentially qualifies the river for inclusion in the NWSRS.

→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Provide documentation of the consultation (including the Managing Agency’s concurrence) and any other documentation used to make your determination.

The Managing Agency was consulted and the proposed project may alter, directly, or indirectly, any of the characteristics that qualifies or potentially qualifies the river for inclusion in the NWSRS.

→ The RE/HUD must work with the Managing Agency to identify mitigation measures to mitigate the impact or effect of the project on the river.

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Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

The project site is located approximately 5 miles northwest of the Tuolumne River. The Tuolumne River is designated as a Wild and Scenic River per the Wild and Scenic River Act of 1968 (see attached). The project consists of a development of a woody biomass pellet manufacturing facility and associated storage space within an industrial and commercial zoned property within an area of preexisting industrial development. As stated above, the project site is located approximately 5 miles from the nearest Wild and Scenic River and would not disturb existing river resources or obscure sights of the rivers in any way.