## **ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**

# 1. Facility Title:

Level 3 Communications Infrastructure Project, Santa Barbara ILA

## 2. Lead Agency Name and Address:

California Public Utilities Commission Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102 (415) 703-2782

## 3. Contact Person and Phone Number:

Gary Finni, Level 3 Communications, LLC 6689 Owens Drive, Suite A, Pleasanton, CA 94588 (925) 398-3000

# 4. Facility Location:

The project site is located at 122 Helena Avenue in the City of Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County, California. It is an irregularly-shaped lot, approximately 17,000 square feet in size, and has an estimated 15,900 square feet warehouse within it. The project site fronts on Helena Avenue to the west, and has loading facilities at the east end of the building along Anacapa Street. The site is adjacent to the Union Pacific Railroad (UPPR) Right-of-Way (ROW); a narrow alley runs along the southern property line between the building and the ROW. A small parking area is located at the front of the building along Helena Avenue. A portion of the ROW adjacent to the project is also used for parking. A site location map is provided as Figure 14-1; a plot plan of the site is provided as Figure 14-2. Additional maps and detail are provided in the PEA (PEA, 2000, following p. 14-45)

## 5. Proponent's Name and Address:

Level 3 Communications, LLC ("Level 3") 1450 Infinite Drive, Louisville, CO 80027 (303) 926-3000

- **6. General Plan Designation:** Hotel/Retail/Commercial (HRC)
- **Zoning:** HRC-2 (Hotel and Related Commerce 2)/S-D-3 (Coastal Zone)

## 8. Description of Facility:

This checklist evaluates the design, construction, and operation of the Santa Barbara ILA. This facility will be located outside of existing utility corridors.

The Santa Barbara In-line Amplification Facility (ILA) will be constructed within an existing building located on a developed 0.39-acre site at 122 Helena Avenue. The existing building encompasses approximately 15,900 square feet of the parcel. The building shell will remain intact with the new facility electronics installed within. An elevated generator structure will be constructed at the southeast corner of this property adjacent to the building.

An ILA station is required to receive signals and amplify the light power that comes into it before transmitting the signal along the fiber optic cable. Signal amplification capabilities are required approximately every 60 miles or less along the network.

Vicinity Map

Plot Plan

The proposed ILA station will be engineered for the utilization of the available square footage. No prefabricated ILA huts will be used at this location.

One 300-kilowatt, 449-horsepower (hp) diesel-powered generator will provide emergency power to the building. The separate pre-cast concrete generator housing or shelter will be approximately 12 feet wide, 24 feet long (288 square feet), and 10 feet high. It will arrive pre-fabricated and will be installed on an improved concrete foundation. Insulation will be provided as needed for noise abatement. The generator will be mounted on a 1,000-gallon, double-walled, aboveground storage tank that is 13 feet long by 8 feet wide by 1 foot 9 inches high.—The double-walled storage tank on which the engine/generator set is mounted is designed to support the weight of the engine/generator set and this mounting is a common design for emergency engine/generators. For engine/generator sets that are operated more frequently, the fuel tank is mounted separate from the engine/generator since greater fuel storage capability is required and the storage tank would be too large to be located beneath the engine/generator (PEA, 2000, p. 14-2). The tank system design incorporates a high fuel alarm (local) and a tank rupture alarm (remote).

All structures will arrive pre-assembled. No additional buildings will be constructed. Control and maintenance functions will occur within the proposed facilities. Parking spaces to support maintenance activities are available in front of the building facing Helena Avenue.

The Santa Barbara ILA will require electricity and telephone lines. Utility lines supporting these capabilities are present. Normal electrical power will be provided, consisting of 400-amp, 480-volt, three-phase service. Existing water or sewer hookups will be retained. However, the site will be unmanned. Site grading is not anticipated nor will there be any net change in impervious surfaces. Thus, no changes in storm water drainage characteristics are anticipated. Fire protection equipment will be installed per local codes.

Figure 14-2 is a conceptual plot plan of the Santa Barbara ILA site showing required setbacks and locations of utility and vehicle access. The area bounded by the setbacks is the "development window" within which the present building is situated. The precise location of the ILA interior electronics will be determined during the engineering design phase of the project.

A concrete slab footing, of sufficient size will be excavated to enable a generator and its fuel supply to be elevated above the 100-year floodplain. Upgrading of the generator foundation will be engineered and completed prior to delivery of prefabricated components (i.e., shelter placement), placement of the fiber optic cable line, and installation of utility connections.

The fiber optic cable feed to the ILA will be from the ROW along the south side of the site. The connection to the ILA facility will be installed at a depth of approximately 42 inches either by plowing in the conduit (which does not require a trench) or by digging a trench, laying the conduit, and back-filling. The estimated volume of demolition debris requiring disposal is 120 cubic yards. During no offsite areas will be required for mobilization or parking of construction or worker vehicles.

During operation at 100-percent load, the 449-hp generator consumes approximately 22 gallons of diesel fuel per hour (gph). At 75 percent load, fuel consumption rate is 16.5 gph. During most of the 30 minutes of testing and maintenance run time each week, the generators will run at 50-percent load. However, for the purpose of this "worst-case" calculation, a 75-percent load and 30 hours of run time each year (i.e., 1/2-hour/week times 52 weeks, plus four hours contingency) is assumed. Therefore, 30 hours per year multiplied by 16.5 gph equals 495 gallons of diesel

fuel consumption per year for testing and maintenance. Testing of the emergency generator will be controlled remotely, and will not be part of site maintenance activities.

Each generator will be equipped with a spill tray beneath the filling port and a spill emergency response kit. The kit will consist of a 55-gallon drum containing oil-absorbing booms and pads, tarps, duct tape, and shovels. These materials will be placed near the filling port for immediate access should a release occur. A laminated placard listing the number of an emergency response contractor and appropriate spill-reporting procedures will be contained in the drum and will also be displayed near the filling port. Should a release occur that Level 3 personnel could not manage, the emergency response contractor will be called.

Technical staff will be trained in safety and spill-response procedures that should be implemented during diesel fuel deliveries. These written procedures will define the necessary steps for use and disposal of spill containment equipment located at the site. A Level 3 technician will accompany any third party contractor delivering fuel. Because the facilities are kept locked, the Level 3 technician will unlock/lock the security gate during ingress and egress. The technician will advise the contractor as to the location of the filling port for the fuel tank, describe the site safety requirements, observe the fueling process, and listen for the high fuel alarm. Should a release occur, the Level 3 technician will immediately initiate containment and cleanup procedures.

The ILA site will not be permanently staffed. Each will be visited approximately once a week for routine maintenance, data downloading, and fuel tank filling (assumed for analysis purposes to be 60 trips per year).

Current and potential cumulative projects in the vicinity of the proposed Santa Barbara ILA site are provided in Table 14-1 of the PEA (PEA, 2000, follows p. 14-45). Criteria for inclusion of a project in the cumulative impact assessment are as follows:

- Projects that are within two miles of the site. In some cases these projects are in more than one jurisdiction
- Projects that are scheduled for construction from one year before to one year after the "construction window" for the project facilities, or between March 1999 to March 2003
- Current projects that include those which have been approved by the lead agency and have had their environmental document signed, approved, and/or certified
- Potential projects that have been formally submitted to the lead agency and which are defined well
  enough to discern where they are, what they are (type of land use), and how big they are (acres,
  dwelling units, square footage, etc.). Although these submitted, but not approved projects are
  considered "speculative" under CEQA, they give an indication of potential future development around
  the facility site.

# 9. Surrounding Land Uses and Environmental Setting:

The surrounding vicinity is characterized by commercial and industrial development and is densely developed. Adjacent uses to the north are a warehouse and a restaurant. To the south, across the railroad ROW, are industrial uses, including a large warehouse building and an equipment rental yard. To the east, across Anacapa Street are industrial land uses. To the west, across Helena Street are industrial and commercial uses, including warehouses and retail stores. Resource-specific baseline settings are provided in Section I – XVI of this checklist.

## 10. Other Agencies Whose Approval is Required:

The site is located within the jurisdiction of the City of Santa Barbara. The City of Santa Barbara has indicated that the land use permitting process for this site is unclear (PEA, 2000, p. 14-3). It is possible that the proposed project would be prohibited on the proposed site because of its inconsistency with existing zoning. It is also possible that the proposed project may be allowed under a provision in the City of Santa Barbara Zoning Ordinance which allows the changing of a non-conforming use to another non-conforming use, either through an administrative permitting process or a discretionary Conditional Use Permit. A discretionary Coastal Development Permit, approved by the City's Local Coastal Commission, would be required for development of the proposed project.

Specific local policies relevant to each of the sixteen environmental impact issue areas are provided in Table 14-2 of the PEA (PEA, 2000, follows p. 14-45). When there are no relevant and applicable policies, this fact is stated with an explanation. Sources for the policies are provided at the end of the listing.

#### 11. Determination:

On the basis of the analysis in this Initial Study, the proposed facility would not have a significant effect on the environment because all potential impacts have been mitigated to a level of less than significant through either (1) the additional mitigation measures recommended in this Checklist, or (2) the Environmental Commitments described below.

The proposed facility is an element of the project addressed in a Petition to Modify an existing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) (Decision No. 98-03-066). That CPCN was supported by a Mitigated Negative Declaration that included mitigation measures to be implemented in the design, construction, and operation of the previously approved telecommunications facilities within existing utility rights-of-way. The project will incorporate all of the mitigation measures outlined in the previous Decision, as well as those of this environmental review, into its design and construction of the project. Therefore, the actions previously imposed as mitigation measures in the CPCN Decision are now Environmental Commitments for the facility addressed herein. In summary, these Environmental Commitments include:

- Measures to mitigate potential impacts to various resources
- All required local, regional, state and federal approvals and permits required for construction and operation of the project
- Coordination with local and resource management agencies
- Notifications of adjacent property owners
- Coordination with other utility projects in the area
- Documentation and reporting of compliance.

A complete list of mitigation measures from the previous Negative Declaration is provided in Appendix B of the PEA (PEA, 2000, Volume 3).

## I. AESTHETICS

# Setting

The site is located in an urban landscape dominated by built structures and infrastructure. Existing visual quality is rated low to moderate, viewer sensitivity is rated moderate given the site's close proximity to downtown, and viewer exposure is rated moderate. Visual absorption capability is rated high since the proposed project will be installed in an existing building (see the Visual Analysis Data Sheet at the end of this Initial Study). The proposed project will minimally alter the existing building exterior appearance and visual features. Based on a field study of the site and vicinity, analysis of PEA data and conclusions, a review of applicable local planning policy and guidance, and/or planning agency confirmation of PEA accuracy, no visual contrast is expected, no significant visual impacts are anticipated, and no mitigation measures are recommended. Figure 14-I-1 shows the location of the Key Viewpoint from which the Visual Analysis Data Sheet was developed. Figure 14-I-2 shows the view from the Key Viewpoint. These figures are found at the end of this Initial Study. Also, see PEA Photos 14-A through D for additional views.

#### **Evaluation**

| a) | Would the project have a substantial adverse effect on | Potentially<br>Significant | Less than Significant with Mitigation | Less than<br>Significant | No          |
|----|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| a) | a scenic vista?  | Impact                     | Incorporation                         | Impact                   | Impact      |
|    |  |                            |                                       |                          | $\boxtimes$ |

a) No Impact. The project site is not located within the viewshed of a scenic vista. The project will result in only minor changes to the existing building's exterior appearance and visual character as viewed from State Street, Anacapa street, and Helena Avenue.

| b) | Would the project substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|----|---|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
|    | scenic highway?   |                                      |   |                                    | $\boxtimes$  |

b) No Impact. The site is not located on, or in close proximity to, scenic resources such as trees or rock outcroppings. The project is not visible from a scenic highway. See also a) above.

| c) | Would the project substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings? | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|----|--|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
|    |  |                                      |   |                                    | $\boxtimes$  |

c) No Impact. Existing views of the site encompass an urban setting of industrial, commercial, and office development; paved surfaces; and infrastructure. Since project construction will only involve interior renovation of an existing building, visual absorption capability is considered high. The proposed project would not significantly change the existing visual character or quality of the site or surroundings.

| م ۱۸/مریاط ۱  |  |   |  |  |   |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| light or  | the project create a new source of substantial glare which would adversely affect day or ne views in the area?   | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact  | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation                                    | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact                           | No<br>Impact                            |
|   |  |   |  |  | $\boxtimes$                             |
|   | act. No new sources of exterior l<br>ffect day or nighttime views in the   |   |  | e, the project v   | would not                               |
| II. AGRI  | CULTURAL RESOURCES   |   |  |  |   |
| Setting   |  |   |  |  |   |
| "Hotel/Ret<br>does not ho<br>The site cu<br>vicinity, an<br>guidance, a   | is located in a developed ail/Commercial" and the Zoning dold any special agricultural designaturently contains a 15,900 squarenalysis of PEA data and conclusted or planning agency confirmation as a result of project implementation  | esignation is<br>tions and is a<br>foot warehou<br>ions, a revi<br>n of PEA acc | "Hotel and Related<br>not currently used for<br>use. Based on a fight<br>ew of applicable lo | d Commerce." or agricultural eld study of the cal planning p | The site purposes. e site and olicy and |
| Evaluation  |  |   |  |  |   |
|   | the project convert Prime Farmland, Unique<br>nd, or Farmland of Statewide Importance  | Potentially<br>Significant  | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation   | Less than<br>Significant                                     | No                                      |
| (Farmla<br>to the F<br>the Cali   | nd), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant armland Mapping and Monitoring Program of armland Resources Agency, to non-agricultural  | Impact  | Incorporation  | Impact   | Impact                                  |
| (Farmla to the F the Cali use?  | and), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of ifornia Resources Agency, to non-agricultural act. The site is not located on lar  | □ □   | □ l as Prime Farmlan   | d, Unique Far  | mland, or                               |
| (Farmla to the F the Cali use?  a) No Imp Farmland (  | and), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of ifornia Resources Agency, to non-agricultural  | nd designated Therefore,  | □ l as Prime Farmlan   | d, Unique Far  | mland, or                               |
| (Farmla to the F the Cali use?  a) No Imp Farmland conversion  b) Would the total to the Farmland of the conversion                 | and), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of ifornia Resources Agency, to non-agricultural act. The site is not located on lart of Local or Statewide Importance.   | nd designated Therefore,  | □ l as Prime Farmlan   | d, Unique Far  | mland, or                               |
| (Farmla to the F the Cali use?  a) No Imp Farmland conversion  b) Would the total to the Farmland of the conversion                 | and), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of ifornia Resources Agency, to non-agricultural act. The site is not located on lar of Local or Statewide Importance. of such farmland to non-agricultural the project conflict with existing zoning for   | nd designated Therefore, al uses.  Potentially Significant                      | d as Prime Farmlan the proposed project  Less than Significant with Mitigation               | d, Unique Fart would not res                                 | mland, or sult in the                   |
| (Farmla to the F the Cali use?  a) No Imp Farmland conversion  b) Would tagriculture  | and), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of ifornia Resources Agency, to non-agricultural act. The site is not located on lar of Local or Statewide Importance. of such farmland to non-agricultural the project conflict with existing zoning for ural use, or a Williamson Act contract? | nd designated Therefore, al uses.  Potentially Significant Impact               | d as Prime Farmlan the proposed project  Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation | d, Unique Far<br>t would not res                             | mland, or sult in the                   |
| (Farmla to the F the Cali use?  a) No Imp Farmland conversion  b) Would tagricult  b) No Imp contract.  c) Would tenviron could re- | and), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of ifornia Resources Agency, to non-agricultural act. The site is not located on lar of Local or Statewide Importance. of such farmland to non-agricultural the project conflict with existing zoning for ural use, or a Williamson Act contract? | nd designated Therefore, al uses.  Potentially Significant Impact               | d as Prime Farmlan the proposed project  Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation | d, Unique Far<br>t would not res                             | mland, or sult in the                   |

c) No Impact. The site is a developed urban parcel and does not retain properties of significant agricultural value (see [a] and [b] above). Project construction would result in the continuation of a developed site, and would not result in the conversion of farmland or significant agricultural potential to a non-agricultural use.

# III. AIR QUALITY

# **Setting**

The project site is located in the City of Santa Barbara in Santa Barbara County. The County is within the South Central Coast Air Basin, which is currently designated as a non-attainment area for state and national one-hour average ozone standards and for state and national particulate matter (PM10) standards. There are a number of industrial and commercial establishments located adjacent to and within 105 feet of the site. The distance of the closest sensitive receptor to the boundary of the site is 650 feet.

The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (SBCAPCD) is the consulting agency responsible for determining thresholds of significance for air quality impacts at the proposed Santa Barbara ILA location. For evaluating construction-phase impacts under CEQA, SBCAPCD recommends that significance should be based on a consideration of the control measures to be implemented. If appropriate mitigation measures are implemented, then the impact may be considered less than significant. No quantitative thresholds of significance apply to construction projects. SBCAPCD does provide quantitative thresholds of significance for operational-phase impacts. Operation of a project would trigger a significant impact if associated emissions from all project sources (both stationary and mobile) are equal to or over 240 lbs/day for ROC or NOx, or equal to or above 80 lb/day for PM10. There are no daily operational thresholds for CO (CO is an attainment pollutant). In addition, a significant impact would be triggered if 25 lbs/day or more of NOx or ROC are generated form motor vehicle trips only. SBCAPCD Rule 201 and Rule 333 address the permitting, operation, and emission requirements for internal combustion engines. SBCAPCD Rule 202 exempts emergency generators operated less than 200 hours per year from the permit Rule 201. SBCAPCD Rule 333 exempts emergency generators operated less than 200 hours per year from all aspects of the Rule, including emission limits, except for the notification and record keeping requirements.

# **Evaluation**

| a) | Would the project conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|----|--|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
|    |  |                                      |   |                                    |              |

a) Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation. Given the small scale of the construction and its temporary nature, project construction would not significantly affect regional ozone concentrations. Because there are no quantitative thresholds of significance for construction-related engine or fugitive dust emissions, it is assumed that through the proper implementation of the required SBCAPCD mitigation measures for construction activities, the project would not conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan.

Level 3 will implement the following dust control measures during construction:

- Dust emissions from all disturbed areas, including storage piles that are not being actively utilized for construction purposes, will be effectively stabilized using water, chemical stabilizer, suppressant, or vegetative cover.
- Dust emissions from all on-site unpaved roads and off-site unpaved access roads will be effectively stabilized using water, chemical stabilizer, or suppressant.

- Fugitive dust emissions from all excavation, land-leveling, grading, and demolition activities will be effectively controlled by watering during these activities or presoaking.
- When materials are transported off-site, all material will be covered, effectively wetted to limit visible dust emissions, or kept below at least six inches of freeboard space from the top of the container.
- All operations will limit or expeditiously remove the accumulation of mud or dirt from adjacent public streets
  at least once every 24 hours when operations are occurring. Dry rotary brushes will not be used except when
  preceded or accompanied by sufficient wetting to limit the visible dust emissions. Blower devices will not be
  used.
- Following the addition of materials to, or the removal of materials from, the surface of outdoor storage piles, fugitive dust emissions from the piles will be effectively stabilized utilizing sufficient water, chemical stabilizer, or suppressant.

Although these measures would reduce potential impacts to Air Quality, more specific mitigation measures as outlined in Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District's *Scope and Content of Air Quality Sections in Environmental Documents* are recommended. As such, the following additional mitigation measures are recommended for implementation.

## Mitigation Measure 14-III-1 (PM10):

- Trucks transporting fill material to and from the site shall be tarped from the point of origin.
- The contractor or builder shall designate a person or persons to monitor the dust control program and to order increased watering, as necessary, to prevent transport of duct off site. Their duties shall include holiday and weekend periods when work may not be in progress. The name and telephone number of such persons shall be provided to the Air Pollution Control District prior to land use clearance for map recordation and land use clearance for finish grading for the structure.

# Mitigation Measure 14-III-2 [Ozone Precursor (NOx and ROC)]:

- Heavy-duty diesel-powered construction equipment manufactured after 1996 (with federally mandated "clean" diesel engines) should be utilized wherever feasible.
- The engine size of construction equipment shall be the minimum practical size.
- The number of construction equipment operating simultaneously shall be minimized through efficient management practices to ensure that the smallest practical number are operating at any one time.
- Construction equipment shall be maintained in tune per the manufacturer's specifications.
- Construction equipment operating on site shall be equipped with two to four degree engine timing retard or precombustion chamber engines.
- Catalytic converters shall be installed on gasoline-powered equipment, if feasible.
- Diesel catalytic converters shall be installed, if available.
- Diesel powered equipment should be replaced by electric equipment whenever feasible.
- Construction worker trips should be minimized by requiring carpooling and by providing for lunch on site.

With regard to operations, generator testing and the visiting technician vehicle would contribute operational air emissions as shown in Table 14-III-1 (PEA, 2000, Table 14-3). The generator would be constructed and operated in a manner consistent with existing air quality plans by complying with the requirements of Rule 333. Operation of the emergency standby generator would be in compliance with the requirements of Rule 333 because it would be operated less than 200 hours per year, will not be used in conjunction with any utility voluntary demand reduction program, and would be fully documented with regard to duration of use.

PLACEHOLDER FOR 11X17 TABLE

PLACEHOLDER FOR 11X17 TABLE



| d) | Would the project expose sensitive receptors to | Potentially | Less than Significant | Less than   |        |
|----|---|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------|
|    | substantial pollutant concentrations?           | Significant | with Mitigation       | Significant | No     |
|    |   | Impact      | Incorporation         | Impact      | Impact |
|    |   | -           | •                     | -           | -      |
|    |   |             |                       | $\boxtimes$ |        |

d) Less Than Significant Impact. Sensitive receptors are defined as facilities that house children, elderly, and ill members of the population, such as schools, day-care centers, hospitals, retirement homes, hospices, and residences. The nearest neighbors to the ILA site are a number of industrial establishments located adjacent to the site, but which do not qualify as sensitive receptors. The distance of the closest sensitive receptor to the (closest edge of the) site is approximately 650 feet.

Project construction except for trenching and limited grading activities would take place primarily within an existing building. Therefore, receptors associated with surrounding uses would be buffered from the effects of project construction. This buffer, along with the low levels of construction emissions, would prevent substantial pollutant concentrations from reaching sensitive receptors. Through application of fugitive dust control measures described above, these emissions would be kept below a level of significance.

With regard to operations, the emergency generator would produce operation emissions during testing and power outages. Two factors prevent these emissions from significantly affecting sensitive receptors. First, the generator would not be located in close proximity to sensitive receptors due to the establishment of buffer zones where development would be excluded. Second, generator usage would be restricted to approximately 30 minutes per week.

| e) Would the project create objectionable odors | Potentially | Less than Significant | Less than   |        |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------|
| affecting a substantial number of people?       | Significant | with Mitigation       | Significant | No     |
|   | Impact      | Incorporation         | Impact      | Impact |
|   | •           | •                     | •           | •      |
|   |             |                       |             |        |

e) No Impact. The project would not include activities that create objectionable odors.

#### IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

## **Setting**

The conditions for supporting biological resources on the project site are poor. The site consists of a concrete commercial structure located within completely developed commercial setting. The perimeter and surrounding areas are paved. The site itself is a concrete structure with tile roof. Nooks of the tile roof may provide nesting habitat for some bird species other than raptors. Wildlife species observed during included rock dove (*Columba livia*) and hummingbird (*Calypte* sp.). Plant species observed were tree tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*), fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*), and California date palm (*Phoenix* sp.).

Surrounding the project site in all directions lie commercial and industrial facilities. The UPRR is roughly 70 feet from the site. Invasive, ruderal plant species dominate the UPRR ROW in this region. Biological resource conditions are poor. The only wildlife species observed during the survey was the California gull (*Glaucus californica*).—Plant species observed were fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*), wild oats (*Avena* sp.), and fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*).

## **Evaluation**

| a) | Would the project have a substantial adverse effect,     | Potentially | Less than Significant | Less than   |        |
|----|--|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------|
|    | either directly or through habitat modifications, on any | Significant | with Mitigation       | Significant | No     |
|    | species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special | Impact      | Incorporation         | Ĭmpact      | Impact |
|    | 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?                  |             |                       |             |        |

a) No Impact. No habitat occurs on site for 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 (the site exhibits poor habitat for nesting or foraging raptor species). It is highly unlikely that the site is utilized by any species as mentioned above, therefore the project is not expected to result in any impacts to such species. A list of sensitive species that could potentially occur on the project site was created based upon a California Natural Diversity Database search of the Santa Barbara Quadrangle (California Department of Fish and Game, March 2000) and knowledge of the project area. Table 14-IV-1 includes these species and their potential for occurrence on site.

| b) Would the project have a substantial adverse effect on  | Potentially | Less than Significant | Less than   |        | ı |
|--|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------|---|
| any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural            | Significant | with Mitigation       | Significant | No     | l |
| community identified in local or regional plans, policies, | Impact      | Incorporation         | Impact      | Impact |   |
| regulations or by the California Department of Fish and    | i '         | ·                     | ·           | ·      | l |
| Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?                    |             |                       |             |        | l |

b) No Impact. One tree tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*) tree, three date palms (*Phoenix*-sp.), and fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*) are located at the edge of the building and the paved perimeter, growing from the seam in the pavement. Tree tobacco is considered to be a facultative (FAC) wetland species and is sometimes an invasive component of riparian systems. However, no watercourse exists on site, therefore the plant species is not considered riparian. No 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 exists on site or in the immediate vicinity. Therefore, the project is not expected to have any impact on the above resources.

| c) | Would the project have a substantial adverse effect on | Potentially | Less than Significant | Less than   |        |
|----|--|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------|
|    | federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 | Significant | With Mitigation       | Significant | No     |
|    | of the Člean Water Act (including, but not limited to, | Impact      | Incorporation         | Impact      | Impact |
|    | marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct      |             | <u> </u>              |             |        |
|    | removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other  |             |                       |             |        |
|    | means?   |             |                       |             |        |

c) No Impact. One tree tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*) tree, three date palms (*Phoenix*-sp.), and fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*) are located at the edge of the building and the paved perimeter or growing from the seam in the pavement. Tree tobacco is considered to be a facultative (FAC) wetland species. However, hydrophytic vegetation is not dominant, hydrological indicators were not evident, and the area had been paved. Therefore, no federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) were observed on site. No impact to wetlands will result from the proposed project.

# Table 14-IV-1 Potential for Habitat at the Santa Barbara ILA Site to Support Sensitive Species Occurring in the Vicinity

The Santa Ynez false-lupine (*Thermopsis macrophylla*) is a federal species of concern and California state rare species with a CNPS listing of 1B. This species is a perennial herb that blooms between the months of April and June. The Santa Ynez false-lupine generally occurs within chaparral communities and in disturbed open areas such as fuel breaks. Studies have shown that it seems to germinate well after fire disturbance.

This site is entirely developed and lacks suitable habitat for Santa Ynez false-lupine.

The Santa Barbara morning-glory (Calystegia sepium ssp. binghamiae) has a CNPS listing of 1B and is a perennial herb blooming between the months of April and May. This herb is generally found at low elevations in coastal marshes. However, the subspecies may be extinct.

This site is entirely developed and lacks suitable habitat for Santa Barbara morning-glory.

The Sonoran maiden fern (Thelypteris puberula var. sonorensis) is a CNPS list 2 species perennial herb. It blooms from January to September and is usually found along streams and seepage areas located in and around meadows and riparian forests.

This site is entirely developed and lacks suitable habitat for Sonoran maiden fern.

The Late-flowered mariposa lily (*Calochortus weedii* var. *vestus*) is a federal species of concern with a CNPS listing of 1B. This species is a perennial herb generally occurring in dry, open coastal woodland and chaparral communities within serpentine soils. It typically blooms between the months of June and August.

This site is entirely developed and lacks suitable habitat for late-flowered mariposa lily.

Coulter's saltbush (*Atriplex coulteri*) has a CNPS listing of 1B. This species is a generally occurs in coastal bluff scrub, coastal dunes, coastal scrub, valley and foothill grassland communities.

This site is entirely developed and lacks suitable habitat for Coulter's saltbush.

Davidson's saltscale (*Atriplex serenana var. Davidsonii*) has a CNPS listing of 1B. This species is a generally occurs in coastal bluff scrub and coastal scrub communities.

This site is entirely developed and lacks suitable habitat for Davidson's saltscale.

Monarch butterfly *Danaus plexippus*) has no listing but its winter roost sites are considered sensitive habitat by the CDFG. These roost sites include groves of eucalyptus, Monterey pine, and cypress trees.

The site does not include stands of trees necessary for monarch butterfly roosting habitat.

The tidewater goby (Eucyclogobius newberryi) is a federally proposed for delisting north of Orange county and a is California state species of concern found in brackish water habitats along the southern California coast. The tidewater goby is found in shallow lagoons and lower stream reaches.

This site has no aquatic habitat for the tidewater goby.

Source: California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG). Santa Barbara Quadrangle, California Natural Diversity Database. March 2000.

| d) Would the proposal interfere substantially with the    | Potentially | Less than Significant | Less than   |        |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------|
| movement of any native resident or migratory fish or      | Significant | With Mitigation       | Significant | No     |
| wildlife species or with established native resident or   | Impact      | Incorporation         | Impact      | Impact |
| migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native | ,           | ·                     | ·           |        |
| wildlife nursery sites?                                   |             |                       |             |        |

d) No Impact. It is possible that bird species, other than raptors, could utilize the tile roof as nesting habitat. However, the proposed project is not expected to impact such nesting habitat. It is highly unlikely that the site provides any habitat for migratory wildlife or is a component of any wildlife corridor because of the development of the surrounding vicinity. Because the site and the immediate surroundings are paved and developed, and the site is void of natural habitat, it is not expected to serve as any component of a migratory wildlife corridor or native wildlife nursery. Therefore, the proposed project is not expected to interfere with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites.

| e) | Would the proposal conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance? | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>With Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|----|---|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
|    |   |                                      |   |                                    |              |

e) No Impact. The City of Santa Barbara requires a permit for tree removal from the City Arborist for all trees planned to be removed within the city. However, no trees are expected to be removed as a result of the proposed project; therefore the project is expected to have no conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance (PEA, 2000, p. 14-5).

| f) Would the project conflict with the provisions of an  | Potentially | Less than Significant | Less than   |        | l |
|--|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------|---|
| adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community     | Significant | With Mitigation       | Significant | No     | l |
| Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or | Impact      | Incorporation         | Impact      | Impact |   |
| state habitat conservation plan?                         |             |                       |             |        | l |
| ·  |             |                       |             |        | l |

f) No Impact. Neither the City nor the County of Santa Barbara have adopted a Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plans. Due to the absence of applicable local and regional conservation plans, and the urban setting in which the site is located, the project is not expected to conflict with any conservation plan mentioned above (PEA, 2000, p. 14-5).

#### V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

#### **Setting**

The property is located at 122 Helena Avenue adjacent to the Union Pacific Railroad in central Santa Barbara. A reinforced concrete warehouse occupies most of the property, while the rest of the property is paved. The project area is located in the region occupied by the Chumash when the first Spanish land expedition passed through the area in A.D. 1769.

#### **Evaluation**

| a) | Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?    | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|----|--|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
|    |  |                                      |   | $\boxtimes$                        |              |
|    |  |                                      |   |                                    |              |
| b) | Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5? | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|    |  |                                      |   | $\boxtimes$                        |              |

a) and b) Less Than Significant Impact. An archival record search was completed for the site and area within a one-mile radius by the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS), Central Coastal Center, UC Santa Barbara. The search also included a check of the California Office of Historic Preservation Historic Property Data File for Santa Barbara County, the National Register of Historic Places (listings and eligibility determinations), California Points of Historical Interest, California Register of Historical Resources, and California Historical Landmarks. The records search reported that the property had not been previously surveyed (File No. Not Provided) and that there are 15 previously recorded prehistoric and historic archaeological sites within one mile of the project. All of the sites are unevaluated for inclusion on the California Register of Historical Resources. Twenty-six historical properties are within a one-quarter mile of the project. Ten of these properties are National Register eligible; five appear eligible; and, three "may become" eligible. Eight do not appear eligible.

The State of California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) completed a search of the NAHC Sacred Lands file with negative results and identified locally knowledgeable Native Americans for follow-on contact/consultation. These individuals were contacted, and no response has been sent to Level 3 as of March 14, 2000.

The field inventory noted no exposed ground surface on the parcel and a structure more than 50 years old is present on the property. The facility will be installed inside this existing building.

The building is a Spanish Colonial Revival style warehouse constructed in 1920 that appears to meet the criteria for the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historical Resources. The building is included in the *Architectural and Historic Resources Survey of the City of Santa-Barbara*. The building was also considered eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as part of a 1983 tax certification application prepared for the Bekins Warehouse complex. The building would be used by the proposed Level 3 project to house signal amplification equipment. This proposed use is consistent with the building's historical function, given that it was previously a warehouse, aircraft assembly plant, and storage facility for recording and electronic equipment.

Installation of the ILA facility in the building will not result in changes to exterior or load-bearing interior walls, to windows, or to roof trusses. Removal of non-load bearing interior walls to accommodate ILA electronics will comply with historic resources guidelines and will not have a substantial adverse effect on the structure. The generator will be placed on the side of the building adjacent to the railroad tracks on a concrete pad, and surrounded by a sound-dampening wall constructed of blocks and covered with stucco. The enclosed pad will be architecturally detached from

the historical resource. Because the generator enclosure will be detached from the historic building, it will not have a significant effect on the historic fabric of the building.

Level 3 has committed to following the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings or the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (36 CFR § 67.7) to ensure that any alterations to the property required for the proposed project would not compromise the eligibility of the resource for the California Register of Historical Resources. Level 3 will follow any additional recommendations from the City's Historic Landmarks Commission, if required.

| c) Would the project directly or indirectly destroy a unic<br>paleontological resource or site or unique geological<br>feature? | <br>Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|---|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
|   |   | $\boxtimes$                        |              |

c) Less Than Significant Impact. The project site is underlain by Quaternary alluvium (unit Qal). No fossil sites are located within this geologic unit on the project or it's vicinity. However, there is a potential for late Pleistocene and early Holocene continental vertebrate and land plant fossils and marine vertebrate and invertebrate remains occurring in the subsurface of the site. It is unlikely that the preconstruction-related earth moving activities will extend to a great enough depth to encounter remains old enough to be considered fossilized (PEA, 2000, p, 14-19).

Level (3) has committed to the following mitigation measure to minimize potential impacts:

Paleontological monitoring will be initiated when earth-moving activities extend 5 feet below current grade. Paleontological monitoring will be conducted by a qualified vertebrate paleontologist to allow for recovery of larger fossil remains and rock samples will be processed to allow for the recovery of smaller fossil remains. All recovered fossil remains will be fully treated (prepared, identified by knowledgeable paleontologists, curated, catalogued) and, along with associated specimen data and corresponding geologic and geographic site data, placed in a recognized museum repository. The paleontologist will prepare a final report of findings that includes an inventory of recovered fossil remains. These measures would be in compliance with the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Guidelines for the management of paleontologic resources and for the museum's acceptance of a monitoring program for fossil collection.

| d) | Would the project disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|----|---|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
|    |   |                                      |   |                                    |              |

d) No Impact. The CHRIS records search and field survey provided no evidence of the presence of human remains. If suspected human remains are encountered during construction, operations will stop until the proper official is notified, the find evaluated, any mitigation recommendations implemented, and Level 3 has been cleared to resume construction in the area of the find (see *Level 3 Long Haul Fiber Optics Project Cultural Resources Procedures* (PBNS, 1999:25-39)).

## VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

# **Setting**

The site is on an alluvial plain south of the east-west trending Santa Ynez Mountains. The plain is essentially flat and slopes southeast toward the Pacific Ocean at a gradient of approximately 100 feet per mile. The project site is within a seismically active region. Principal faults that may generate significant seismic shaking include the Santa Ynez fault, the Mission Ridge Fault System, the Mesa fault, the Red Mountain fault, the Ventura-Pitas Point fault, and the San Andreas fault. The Santa Ynez, Red Mountain, Ventura-Pitas Point, and San Andreas faults have demonstrated Holocene activity (last 11,000 years). Although the Mission Ridge is only classified as potentially active (movement within the last 700,000 years).

The site is not located within an Alquist-Priolo zone, or an area susceptible to landslides and/or erosion. Previous studies in the area (GTC, 1986), suggest that liquefiable materials consisting of saturated, fine-grained sands may underlie the site. The project area is mapped as having highly expansive soil (CDMG, 1973).

## **Issue Area Analysis**

| a) | Wou   | uld the project expose people or structures to        | Potentially | Less than Significant | Less than   |        |
|----|-------|---|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------|
|    | pote  | ntial substantial adverse effects, including the risk | Significant | with Mitigation       | Significant | No     |
|    | of lo | ss, injury, or death involving:                       | Impact      | Incorporation         | Impact      | Impact |
|    | i)    | Rupture of known earthquake fault, as delineated      |             | ·                     | ·           |        |
|    |       | on the most recent Alquist-Priolo                     |             |                       | $\boxtimes$ |        |
|    |       | Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the             |             |                       |             |        |
|    |       | State Geologist for the area or based on              |             |                       |             |        |
|    |       | other substantial evidence of a known fault?          |             |                       |             |        |
|    |       | Refer to Mines and Geology Special                    |             |                       |             |        |
|    |       | Publication 42.                                       |             |                       |             |        |
|    | ii)   | Strong seismic-related groundshaking?                 |             |                       |             |        |
|    | iii)  | Seismic-related ground failure, including             |             |                       |             |        |
|    |       | liquefaction?   |             |                       |             |        |
|    | iv)   | Landslides?   |             |                       |             |        |

- a) Less than Significant Impact. The project site is not located within or near an Alquist-Priolo zone (CDMG, 1999). Previous studies in the area (GTC, 1986), suggest that liquefiable materials consisting of saturated, fine-grained sands may underlie the site. The project area is susceptible to severe to moderate magnitude groundshaking (Blake, 1998; CDMG, 1973). The major active faults in the vicinity of the project site and their approximate distance from the project site are as follows:
  - Mission Ridge, 2 miles;
  - Red Mountain, 4 miles;
  - Santa Ynez, 6 miles;
  - Ventura-Pitas Point; 11 miles and
  - the San Andreas, 40 miles (Blake, 1998).

Accordingly, building and structural design should meet Uniform Building Code-Zone 4 Seismic Standards, and any and all local building and seismic codes to minimize potential seismic hazards. The site is located in an area with little to no landslide hazard (CDMG, 1973).

| b) Would the project result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?  | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact           |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|------------------------|
|  |                                      |   |                                    | $\boxtimes$            |
| b) No Impact. The project area is relatively the erosion activity (CDMG, 1973).  | flat and pave                        | ed. It is in an area o                                    | lesignated as ha                   | ving low               |
| c) Would the project be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact           |
| liquefaction or collapse?  |                                      |   |                                    |                        |
| c) No Impact. The project site is relatively geologic units.  d) Would the project be located on expansive soil, as  | flat and is                          | not located in an a                                       | rea with unstabl                   | e soil or              |
| defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?   | Significant<br>Impact                | with Mitigation Incorporation                             | Significant<br>Impact              | No<br>Impact           |
|  |                                      |   |                                    |                        |
| e) Would the project have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?                     |                                      |   | Less than Significant Impact       | No Impact              |
| e) No Impact. Although the facility would not for disposal of wastewater.  VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MA   | •                                    |   | sewer would be                     | retained               |
| VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MA  | AIEKIALS                             |   |                                    |                        |
| Setting  |                                      |   |                                    |                        |
| Review of a database of regulatory agency recontaminated sites at or within one mile of the would be stored in an aboveground tank. The site. There are no airports located in the vicin any airport safety zone.          | project site<br>ere are no sc        | (Vista, 1999). Fuel hools located within                  | for the backup g<br>one-quarter mi | generator<br>le of the |
| Evaluation   |                                      |   |                                    |                        |
| a) Would the project create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?  | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact           |
|  |                                      |   |                                    | $\boxtimes$            |

|              | To Impact. The Proponent will handle an icable federal, state, and local regulations   |                                      |   | •                                  | nce with     |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
| b)           | Would the project create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?                   | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|              | release of flazardous filaterials lifto the environment?   |                                      |   |                                    | $\boxtimes$  |
| stora        | o Impact. Leak monitoring and spill contage tank minimize the risk of hazardous litions.   | substance re                         | elease through fores                                      | seeable upset or                   |              |
| c)           | Would the project emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?   | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|              |  |                                      |   |                                    |              |
| c) N         | o Impact. No schools or proposed schools   | are located                          | within one-quarter i                                      | mile of the proj                   | ect site.    |
| d)           | Would the project be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|              | would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?   |                                      |   |                                    |              |
|              | To Impact. The project site is not includerials sites (Vista, 1999).   | ed on a list                         |   | cy recognized h                    | nazardous    |
| e)           | 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 result in a safety hazard for people residing or | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|              | working in the project area?   |                                      |   |                                    | $\boxtimes$  |
| e) N<br>plan | o Impact. The project site is not located v  | within 2 mil                         | es of an airport or v                                     | vithin an airpor                   | t land use   |
| f)           | For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?   | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|              |  |                                      |   |                                    | $\boxtimes$  |
| f) N         | o Impact. There are no private airstrips w   | ithin the vic                        | inity of the project s                                    | ite.                               |              |
| g)           | Would the project impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?   | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|              |  |                                      |   |                                    | $\boxtimes$  |
|              |  |                                      |   |                                    |              |

g) No Impact. Redevelopment of this site for use as an ILA facility would not alter, impair, or interfere with adopted emergency response and evacuation plans.

| h) Would the project expose people or structures to a        | Potentially | Less than Significant | Less than   |             |
|--|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland | Significant | with Mitigation       | Significant | No          |
| fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to             | Impact      | Incorporation         | Impact      | Impact      |
| urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed           | •           | ·                     | ,           |             |
| with wildlands?  |             |                       |             | $\boxtimes$ |

h) No Impact. The site is not located in the vicinity of any wildland areas, and would not be subject to wildland fires.

Level 3 has already committed to equip generators with spark arrestors.

# VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

## **Setting**

The facility is to be constructed within an existing building. The existing building is located within a 100-year floodplain (PEA, 2000, Figure 14-9).

Level 3 has already committed to taking the following actions to ensure that hydrology/water quality impacts are minimized during construction and operation of this site. The actions will be applied as appropriate. Details regarding these actions have been provided (PEA, 2000, Appendix E, Volume 3).

- Bore under sensitive habitats when practicable;
- Implement erosion control measures during construction;
- Remove cover vegetation as close to the time of construction as practicable;
- Confine construction equipment and associated activities to the construction corridor;
- No refueling of construction equipment will take place within 100 feet of an aquatic environment;
- Comply with state, federal, and local permits;
- Perform proper sediment control:
- Prepare and implement a spill prevention and response plan;
- Remove all installation debris, construction spoils, and miscellaneous litter for proper offsite disposal; and
- Complete post-construction vegetation monitoring and supplemental revegetation where needed.

Level 3 has already committed to submit a Notification of Intent (NOI) to the applicable RWQCB and the State Water Resources Control Board for construction of the site under the General Storm Water Permit to Discharge Storm Water Associated With Construction Activity. The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will include the following: 1) Project Description; 2) Best Management Practices for Storm Water Pollution Prevention; 3) Inspection, Maintenance, and Record Keeping; and 4) Training.

#### **Evaluation**

| a) | Would the project violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements? | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|----|--|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
|    |  |                                      |   |                                    |              |

a) No Impact. Proposed construction, operation, and waste disposal activities are to be performed in accordance with all applicable regulations.

| b)              | Would the project substantially deplete groundwater  | Potentially           | Less than Significant | Less than        |             |  |  |  |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------|--|--|--|
|                 | supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater   | Significant           | with Mitigation       | Significant      | No          |  |  |  |
|                 | recharge such that there would be a net deficit in   | Impact                | Incorporation         | Impact           | Impact      |  |  |  |
|                 | aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater  | _                     |                       |                  |             |  |  |  |
|                 | table (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support  |                       |                       |                  |             |  |  |  |
|                 | existing land uses or planned uses for which permits   |                       |                       |                  |             |  |  |  |
|                 | have been granted)?  |                       |                       |                  |             |  |  |  |
|                 | nave been grantea).  | <u> </u>              |                       |                  |             |  |  |  |
|                 | o Impact. The project will not involve greased on the site, so groundwater recharge  | will not be           | impacted.             | ermeable area w  | ill not be  |  |  |  |
| c)              | Would the project substantially alter the existing   | Potentially           | Less than Significant | Less than        |             |  |  |  |
|                 | drainage pattern of the site or area, including through  | Significant           | with Mitigation       | Significant      | No          |  |  |  |
|                 | the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a  | Impact                | Incorporation         | Impact           | Impact      |  |  |  |
|                 | manner which would result in substantial erosion or  |                       |                       |                  | <b>1</b>    |  |  |  |
|                 | siltation on or off site?  |                       | Ш                     |                  | $\boxtimes$ |  |  |  |
| antic<br>siltat | o Impact. The project involves construction ipated nor will there be any net change in ion characteristics on or off site are expe   | impervious :<br>cted. | surfaces. Thus, no    | changes in erosi |             |  |  |  |
| d)              | Would the project substantially alter the existing   | Potentially           | Less than Significant | Less than        |             |  |  |  |
|                 | drainage pattern of the site or area, including through  | Significant           | with Mitigation       | Significant      | No          |  |  |  |
|                 | the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or  | Impact                | Incorporation         | Impact           | Impact      |  |  |  |
|                 | substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner that would result in flooding on or off  |                       |                       |                  | $\boxtimes$ |  |  |  |
|                 | site?  |                       |                       |                  |             |  |  |  |
| antic           | To Impact. The project involves construing in the construing in th |                       |                       |                  |             |  |  |  |
| e)              | Would the project create or contribute runoff water  | Potentially           | Less than Significant | Less than        |             |  |  |  |
|                 | which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned   | Significant           | with Mitigation       | Significant      | No          |  |  |  |
|                 | stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial   | Impact                | Incorporation         | Impact           | Impact      |  |  |  |
|                 | additional sources of polluted runoff?   | _                     |                       |                  | ⋈           |  |  |  |
|                 |  |                       |                       |                  | $\square$   |  |  |  |
| The             | e) No Impact. No site grading is anticipated nor will there be any net change in impervious surfaces. The project involves construction within an existing building, so no net change in the amount and characteristics of runoff is expected.   |                       |                       |                  |             |  |  |  |
| f)              | Would the project otherwise substantially degrade  | Potentially           | Less than Significant | Less than        |             |  |  |  |
|                 | water quality?   | Significant           | with Mitigation       | Significant      | No          |  |  |  |
|                 |  | Impact                | Incorporation         | Impact           | Impact      |  |  |  |
|                 |  |                       |                       |                  |             |  |  |  |
|                 |  |                       |                       | <u>KZ</u>        |             |  |  |  |
| A M             | ) No Impact. The facility will be placed in an existing building within a developed commercial area.   |                       |                       |                  |             |  |  |  |

1) No Impact. The facility will be placed in an existing building within a developed commercial area. Proposed construction practices are expected to minimize impacts to water quality to the less than significant level.

| g)                             | Would the project 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?  | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
|                                |  |                                      |   |                                    |              |  |  |  |
| g) N                           | o Impact. The project does not include ho  | using.                               |   |                                    |              |  |  |  |
| h)                             | Would the project place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?   | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |  |  |  |
|                                |  |                                      |   | $\boxtimes$                        |              |  |  |  |
| Figu<br>not r<br>Leve<br>desig | h) Less Than Significant Impact. The project is located within a 100-year floodplain (PEA, 2000, Figure 14-9). However, the project will be constructed within an existing structure, so the project will not result in a significant change to the existing situation.  Level 3 has already committed to the following mitigation measures to minimize potential impacts. The design will incorporate all flood-protection measures deemed necessary for the site by Santa Barbara County, taking into consideration the type of use and risk level at this location. |                                      |   |                                    |              |  |  |  |
| i)                             | Would the project 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?  | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |  |  |  |
|                                | uaiii:   |                                      |   | $\boxtimes$                        |              |  |  |  |
| preso                          | i) Less Than Significant Impact. Some risk of flooding is present at the project, but people would be present only during project construction and maintenance, and therefore the risk of injury or death is considered less than significant.   |                                      |   |                                    |              |  |  |  |
| j)                             | Would the project expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death due to inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?   | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |  |  |  |
|                                |  |                                      |   | $\boxtimes$                        |              |  |  |  |
| j) Le                          | ess Than Significant Impact. Inundation by   | y seiche or n                        | nudflow is not consid                                     | dered likely at th                 | ne project   |  |  |  |

j) Less Than Significant Impact. Inundation by seiche or mudflow is not considered likely at the project site (PEA, 2000, p. 14-28). The project would be constructed within an existing building, at a location where inundation due to tsunami is possible (PEA, 2000, p. 14-28). However, people would be present only during project construction and maintenance, and therefore the risk of injury or death is considered less than significant.

#### IX. LAND USE PLANNING

# Setting

The proposed site is located at 122 Helena Avenue in the City of Santa Barbara. The general project vicinity is urban with a mix of industrial, commercial, and office development. The 17,000 square-foot site is presently occupied by a 15,900 square-foot warehouse that is proposed to be renovated for occupancy by the ILA. The site is bordered by Helena Avenue on the southwest with commercial uses across the street, a warehouse and restaurant on the northwest, and industrial uses on the northeast and

southeast. See Figure 14-1 in this Initial Study and PEA Figures 14-1 through 8 for locator and vicinity maps.

The General Plan land use designation for the project site is "Hotel/Retail/Commercial (HRC)" while the Zoning designation is "Hotel and Related Commerce-2/S-D-3 (Coastal Zone)." The existing warehouse is a non-conforming use in the HRC-2 zoning district. However, the Zoning Ordinance (section 28.87.030(E)) allows for the changing of a non-conforming use to another non-conforming use provided the new use is similar in intensity of development. The proposed use change would also qualify for a Coastal Development Permit Exclusion. Therefore, the project is not anticipated to conflict with any adjacent uses and is considered consistent with the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. Based on a field study of the site and vicinity, analysis of PEA data and conclusions, a review of applicable local planning policy and guidance, and/or planning agency confirmation of PEA accuracy, no significant land use impacts are anticipated. See Figure 14-1 in this Initial Study and PEA Figures 14-5, 7, and 8 for locations of adjacent uses.

#### **Evaluation**

| a) | Would the project physically divide an established community? | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|----|---|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
|    |   |                                      |   |                                    |              |

a) No Impact. The project site is already developed. The proposed project would reuse the existing building and its location would not divide elements of the local community.

| b) | Would the project conflict with any applicable land use   | Potentially | Less than Significant | Less than   |        |
|----|---|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------|
|    | plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction  | Significant | with Mitigation       | Significant | No     |
|    | over the project (including, but not limited to the general   | Impact      | Incorporation         | Impact      | Impact |
|    | plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or |             |                       |             |        |
|    | mitigating an environmental effect?   |             |                       |             |        |

b) No Impact. The General Plan land use designation for the project site is "Hotel/Retail/Commercial (HRC)" while the Zoning designation is "Hotel and Related Commerce-2/S-D-3 (Coastal Zone)." The project could be allowed as a change from one non-conforming use to another non-conforming use under the City's Zoning Ordinance (section 28.87.030(E)) and would qualify for a Coastal Development Permit Exclusion. Therefore, the proposed project is not expected to conflict with any applicable land use plans, policies, or regulations.

| c) Would the project conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation | Potentially<br>Significant | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation | Less than<br>Significant | No     |
|---|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------|
| plan?   | Impact                     | Incorporation                            | Impact                   | Impact |
|   |                            |  |                          |        |

c) No Impact. The proposed ILA site is an existing developed site. The proposed project would not conflict with the provisions of any adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.

## X. MINERAL RESOURCES

# **Setting**

The project site is not located within an area designated by the state or Santa Barbara County for mineral resources (PEA, 2000, p. 14-8).

#### **Evaluation**

| a) | Would the project result in the loss of availability of a | Potentially | Less than Significant | Less than   |             |
|----|---|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
|    | known mineral resource that would be of value to the      | Significant | with Mitigation       | Significant | No          |
|    | region and the residents of the state?                    | Impact      | Incorporation         | Impact      | Impact      |
|    | •   | ·           | ·                     | ·           | ·           |
|    |   |             |                       |             | $\boxtimes$ |

a) No Impact. There are no known mineral resources within the project area.

| b | ) Would the project result in the loss of availability of a | Potentially | Less than Significant | Less than   |             |
|---|---|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | locally important mineral resource recovery site            | Significant | with Mitigation       | Significant | No          |
|   | delineated on a local general plan, specific plan other     | Impact      | Incorporation         | Impact      | Impact      |
|   | land use plan?  | •           |                       |             | •           |
|   | ·   |             |                       |             | $\boxtimes$ |

b) No Impact. There are no known mineral resources within the project area.

#### XI. NOISE

## **Setting**

A number of industrial establishments are located adjacent to the site. The site is designated as "Hotel and Related Commerce" and is zoned as HRC-2/SD3. Public receptors of operational and construction noise border the property to the northwest, and an industrial facility is directly opposite the railroad right-of-way along the southeast side of the ILA site (see Figure 14-2).

The City of Santa Barbara restricts construction activities to the period 7 AM to 8 PM. Review of the Municipal Code, Section 9.16, revised December 31, 1997, indicates that neither construction nor operational noise at the property line of any adjacent parcel shall exceed 60 dBA CNEL.

#### **Evaluation**

| a) | Would the project result in exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|----|--|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
|    | ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?  |                                      |   | $\boxtimes$                        |              |

a) Less Than Significant Impact. The project would not generate noise levels in excess of local standards at the closest receptor during construction because specially-muffled construction equipment

and a portable sound wall would be used as necessary for compliance with the City of Santa Barbara Municipal Code. In addition, Level 3 would comply with local construction-related noise ordinances by restricting construction activities to the period of 7 AM to 8 PM. Because, the construction period would be brief, approximately two months, and noise thresholds will not be exceeded, potential impacts associated with project construction are less than significant.

To reduce operations noise to less than 60 dBA CNEL, the generator location would be located at least 60 feet from the nearest receptor (see Figure 14-2), and the generator would be housed in a specially designed enclosure that reduces noise levels to 75 dBA at 5 feet. These measures would result in an operational noise level of 55 dBA CNEL and will comply with the City of Santa Barbara threshold limit.

Level 3 would comply with local construction-related noise ordinances by restricting construction activities to the period 7 AM to 8 PM, and by providing special equipment and sound walls to keep construction noise to below 60 dBA CNEL at nearby receptors.

Per SBCAPD Rule 201, the standby generator engine is exempt from permitting requirements because it would be used solely as a source of standby power and would be operated less than 100 hours per year.

The SLOAPACD Rule 601 requires that the generator satisfy Best Available Control Technology (BACT) because its daily emissions would exceed 25 lb/day. BACT would be satisfied because the engine is the latest available technology for a 1,750 kW generator and it would be used only 30 hours per year.

Level 3 would comply with the local operation noise ordinance by providing a noise-insulating generator shelter that reduces noise levels to 75 dBA at a distance of 5 feet from the enclosure, and by locating the generator at least 60 feet from the receptor to the southeast.

| b) | Would the proposal result in exposure of persons to or generation of excessive ground borne vibration or ground borne noise levels? | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|----|---|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
|    |   |                                      |   | $\bowtie$                          |              |

b) Less Than Significant Impact. Neither project construction or project operations would generate excessive groundborne noise or vibration. The low level of groundborne vibration and noise generated during construction would be short term in nature, and would generally not extend more than a few feet from the active construction area. The construction area would be set back 60 feet from the nearest receptor (to the southeast). Because of the setback and the limited scope of construction activities, potential impacts associated with groundborne vibrations during construction are less than significant.

With regard to operations, the emergency generator would be the only potential source of groundborne vibration. However, the generator would be mounted on a concrete pad and would have a minimum of 4 vibration isolators that reduce groundborne vibration by more than 95 percent. The 60-foot setback from the nearest receptor provides additional assurance that excessive groundborne noise or vibration would not be perceived by off site receptors. The buried fiber optic cable would not generate any perceptible vibrations or noise. Consequently, potential impacts associated with groundborne vibration or noise during operation of the project is less than significant.

| c) Would the proposal result in a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?   | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |  |  |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| c) No Impact. There would be no permanent no impacts.   | noise source:                        | s at the facility. The                                    | herefore, there                    | would be     |  |  |  |
| d) Would the proposal result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?   | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |  |  |  |
|   |                                      |   | $\boxtimes$                        |              |  |  |  |
| d) Less Than Significant Impact. Temporary increases in ambient noise levels would occur during the approximate two months of construction, but these levels would not be significant and would comply with the local construction noise ordinance.  With regard to project operations, the emergency generator would operate during weekly test for periods of approximately 30 minutes and during power outages, and some minor maintenance activities would generate periodic noise. This periodic noise would not be a substantial increase in ambient noise levels because the distance from the site boundary to the nearest public receptor would create a buffer area around the generator and the generator would be enclosed in a special noise-insulating enclosure. |                                      |   |                                    |              |  |  |  |
| where such a plan has not been adopted, within two<br>miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the  | Significant<br>Impact                | with Mitigation<br>Incorporation                          | Significant<br>Impact              | No<br>Impact |  |  |  |
| project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?  |                                      |   |                                    | $\boxtimes$  |  |  |  |
| e) No Impact. The site is not located within an airport land use plan. The site is located approximately 8.5 miles from the Santa Barbara Municipal Airport. Therefore, it would not expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels.   |                                      |   |                                    |              |  |  |  |
| 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?  | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |  |  |  |
|   |                                      |   |                                    | $\boxtimes$  |  |  |  |
| f) No Impact. The site is not located within tw   | o miles of a                         | private airstrip.   |                                    |              |  |  |  |

# XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING

# **Setting**

The project site is located in the City of Santa Barbara, with a population of 91,900 as of June 1999 (PEA, 2000, p. 14-32). The project site is developed with one commercial/industrial building and is located in a developed Hotel/Retail/Commercial-area. The nearest housing is located approximately one-quarter mile away, south of Chapala Street. There are no local policies for population and housing that apply to the project site.

#### **Evaluation**

| a) | Would the project induce substantial population growth | Potentially | Less than Significant | Less than   |             |
|----|--|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
|    | in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing | Significant | with Mitigation       | Significant | No          |
|    | new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example,  | Impact      | Incorporation         | Impact      | Impact      |
|    | through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?   |             |                       |             |             |
|    | ,  |             |                       |             | $\boxtimes$ |

a) No impact. The proposed project would not directly or indirectly induce population growth. The project would consist of the reuse of an existing industrial building as an unmanned ILA facility. No full-time employees would be present at the project site upon completion. The proposed ILA facility would be visited approximately weekly by one or two employees for maintenance. No new housing or extension of major infrastructure would result.

| existing housing units, necessitating the construction of | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
|   |                                      |   |                                    | $\boxtimes$  |

b) No impact. No displacement of existing housing units would result from implementation of the proposed project. The project would involve the reuse of an existing industrial building in a developed industrial area. Replacement housing would not be necessary.

| people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? | Impact | with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|--|--------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
|  | $\neg$ |                                  |                       | $\bowtie$    |

c) No impact. The project would consist of the reuse of an existing warehouse building and would not displace any people or structures. No replacement housing would be necessary.

# XIII. PUBLIC SERVICES

## Setting

The project is located within the City of Santa Barbara. Fire and police protection are provided by the City of Santa Barbara. The nearest fire station is located at 121 W. Carrillo Street, approximately 0.7 mile from the project site. The police department is located at 215 E. Figueroa Street, approximately 0.9 mile from the project site. Public facilities within one mile of the project include Santa Barbara City College, West Beach, and several parks (Ambassador Park, Chase Palm Park, Pershing Park, and Plaza Del Mar Park).

#### **Evaluation**

| impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new   | 0 | Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|--|---|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 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 or the public services:  Fire protection?  Police protection?  Schools?  Parks?  Other public facilities? |   |   |                                    | $\boxtimes$  |

a) No Impact. Construction and operation of the unmanned ILA facility would have no impact on the local school, parks or other public facilities. The site would not have a significant impact on police services. A 1,000-gallon, double-walled, aboveground diesel fuel storage tank would be located on the facility grounds. Tank system design incorporates a high fuel alarm (local) and a tank rupture alarm (remote). Fire protection equipment would be installed per local codes. Although public facilities are in the general vicinity, the Santa Barbara ILA would not have a physical effect on the public facilities or increase the need for additional public facilities.

#### XIV. RECREATION

#### **Setting**

There are several parks located in the vicinity of the proposed project site including: Pershing and Plaza Del Mar Parks (within 0.5 miles south of the site), and Ambassador Park and Chase Palm Park (approximately 0.3 and 0.25 miles, respectively, south of the site). There are also a number of visitor-serving uses including hotels and restaurants throughout the project area (PEA, 2000, p. 14-33). However, due to the un-staffed nature of the ILA facility, the proposed project will not result in additional use of existing recreation facilities or require construction of additional recreational facilities. Based on a field study of the site and vicinity, analysis of PEA data and conclusions, a review of applicable local planning policy and guidance, and/or planning agency confirmation of PEA accuracy, no significant recreation impacts are anticipated with project implementation.

#### **Evaluation**

| a) | Would the project increase the use of existing             | Potentially | Less than Significant | Less than   |             |
|----|--|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
|    | neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational      | Significant | With Mitigation       | Significant | No          |
|    | facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of | Impact      | Incorporation         | Impact      | Impact      |
|    | the facility would occur or be accelerated?                |             |                       |             |             |
|    | •  |             |                       |             | $\boxtimes$ |

a) No Impact. The proposed project will not be permanently staffed. Therefore, the proposed project will not contribute additional use of any recreation facilities.

| b) | Would the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse effect on the | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>With Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|----|---|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
|    | environment?  |                                      |   |                                    |              |

b) No Impact. The project would not include recreation facilities nor require the construction of new recreation facilities that might have an adverse effect on the environment.

#### XV. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

## **Setting**

The proposed site would be bordered on the east by Anacapa Street, which is designated by the City of Santa Barbara General Plan (1998) as a Collector Street. The project would be bordered to the west by Helena Avenue which is designated by the City of Santa Barbara General Plan as a Minor Collector. The Southern Pacific Railroad ROW borders the project site to the south.

Anacapa Street is a two-lane street with sidewalks in the project area. A two-way stop is located at the intersection of Anacapa Street and Yanonali Street, north of the project site. A railroad crossing with gates and signals is located at the intersection of the railroad ROW and Anacapa Street, just south of the project site.

#### **Evaluation**

| a) | Would the project cause an increase in traffic which is      | Potentially | Less than Significant | Less than   |        |
|----|--|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------|
|    | substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and     | Significant | with Mitigation       | Significant | No     |
|    | capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial | Impact      | Incorporation         | Impact      | Impact |
|    | increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the          |             |                       |             |        |
|    | volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at          |             |                       | $\boxtimes$ |        |
|    | intersections)?  |             |                       |             |        |

a) Less Than Significant Impact. During construction of the proposed project, approximately 7 workers would be commuting to the site for approximately three months. Occasionally, trucks would deliver equipment and materials to the site as well as haul construction debris from the site to recycling centers or landfills. During the operational phase of the project, one or two service persons would visit the site approximately once a week. The project would cause a negligible increase in traffic. Therefore, potential impacts are less than significant.

| b) | Would the project exceed, either individually or         | Potentially | Less than Significant | Less than   |             |
|----|--|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
|    | cumulatively, a level of service standard established by | Significant | with Mitigation       | Significant | No          |
|    | the county congestion management agency for              | Impact      | Incorporation         | Impact      | Impact      |
|    | designated roads or highways?                            | ·           | ·                     | ·           |             |
|    |  |             |                       |             | $\boxtimes$ |

b) No Impact. The limited project traffic would not result in a measurable increase in traffic congestion.

|              | Would the project result in a change in air traffic   | Potentially  | Less than Significant   | Less than   |                         |  |  |  |
|--------------|---|--|---|---|-------------------------|--|--|--|
|              | patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or   | Significant  | with Mitigation   | Significant   | No                      |  |  |  |
|              | a change in location that results in substantial safety   | Impact   | Incorporation   | Impact  | Impact                  |  |  |  |
|              | risks?  |  |   |   | $\boxtimes$             |  |  |  |
| c) N         | o Impact. The project would not affect air  | r traffic patt   | erns.   |   |                         |  |  |  |
| _            | 1 1 3   | 1  |   |   |                         |  |  |  |
| d)           | Would the project substantially increase hazards due to   | Potentially  | Less than Significant   | Less than   |                         |  |  |  |
| ,            | a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous   | Significant  | with Mitigation   | Significant   | No                      |  |  |  |
|              | intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm   | Impact   | Incorporation   | Impact  | Impact                  |  |  |  |
|              | equipment)?   | <u> </u>   | <u> </u>  | <u>.</u>  |                         |  |  |  |
|              |   |  |   |   |                         |  |  |  |
|              | To Impact. Access to the proposed site wgn are proposed.  | ould be via  | existing driveways.   | No changes to   | o the site              |  |  |  |
| e)           | Would the project result in inadequate emergency  | Potentially  | Less than Significant   | Less than   |                         |  |  |  |
|              | access?   | Significant  | with Mitigation   | Significant   | No                      |  |  |  |
|              |   | Impact   | Incorporation   | Impact  | Impact                  |  |  |  |
|              |   |  |   | П   |                         |  |  |  |
|              | e) No Impact. The project would not affect emergency access routes during construction or operation.  |  |   |   |                         |  |  |  |
| e) N         |   | o v  | G   |   |                         |  |  |  |
| e) N         | Would the project result in inadequate parking  | Potentially  | Less than Significant   | Less than   | peration.               |  |  |  |
|              |   | Potentially<br>Significant   | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation  | Less than<br>Significant  | peration.               |  |  |  |
|              | Would the project result in inadequate parking  | Potentially  | Less than Significant   | Less than   | peration.               |  |  |  |
|              | Would the project result in inadequate parking  | Potentially<br>Significant   | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation  | Less than<br>Significant  | peration.               |  |  |  |
| f) N         | Would the project result in inadequate parking  | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact                                   | Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation   | Less than Significant Impact  | No Impact               |  |  |  |
| f) N         | Would the project result in inadequate parking capacity?  To Impact. Parking spaces would be provintenance visits.  Would the project conflict with adopted policies, plans,  | Potentially Significant Impact  /ided on site                          | Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation  to accommodate values that Less than Significant           | Less than Significant Impact  rehicles used in  Less than             | No Impact               |  |  |  |
| f) N<br>mair | Would the project result in inadequate parking capacity?  To Impact. Parking spaces would be provintenance visits.  Would the project conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., | Potentially Significant Impact  rided on site  Potentially Significant | Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation  to accommodate values that the significant with Mitigation | Less than Significant Impact  rehicles used in  Less than Significant | No Impact               |  |  |  |
| f) N<br>mair | Would the project result in inadequate parking capacity?  To Impact. Parking spaces would be provintenance visits.  Would the project conflict with adopted policies, plans,  | Potentially Significant Impact  /ided on site                          | Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation  to accommodate values that Less than Significant           | Less than Significant Impact  rehicles used in  Less than             | No Impact  Periodic     |  |  |  |
| f) N<br>mair | Would the project result in inadequate parking capacity?  To Impact. Parking spaces would be provintenance visits.  Would the project conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., | Potentially Significant Impact  rided on site  Potentially Significant | Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation  to accommodate values that the significant with Mitigation | Less than Significant Impact  rehicles used in  Less than Significant | No Impact  periodic  No |  |  |  |

g) No Impact. The City of Santa Barbara Circulation Element contains policies supporting pedestrian and bicycle transportation. These policies do not apply to the proposed project (PEA, 2000, p. 14-36).

## XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

# **Setting**

The project site would be developed with an industrial building and would be located in a developed industrial area. The project would involve the reuse of the existing building as an unmanned ILA facility. All utilities and service systems are available on site.

Southern California Edison (SCE) provides electricity to the City of Santa Barbara. The Southern California Gas Company (SCG) provides natural gas to the City. SCG has indicated that it can meet future demands for natural gas in the City.

The City of Santa Barbara Department of Public Works provides solid waste disposal, water supply, and wastewater treatment services. Solid waste is disposed of at the Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill in unincorporated Goleta. El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant (EEWTP) provides wastewater treatment services to the City of Santa Barbara.

| treat | ment services to the City of Santa Barbara  | 1.                                   |   |                                    |              |
|-------|---|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Eval  | luation   |                                      |   |                                    |              |
| a)    | Would the project exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?  | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|       |   |                                      |   | $\boxtimes$                        |              |
| prop  | tewater generation would be less than si<br>cosed site would not exceed the wastewate<br>trol Board.  | 0                                    | · ·   |                                    |              |
| b)    | Would the project 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? | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|       | Whon could cause significant environmental disease.   |                                      |   |                                    | $\boxtimes$  |
| syste | No Impact. The proposed facility would the ems available on site. There would be a require the construction or expansion of w   | ninimal amo                          | ount of wastewater p<br>ewater treatment fac              | roduced. The s                     |              |
| c)    | Would the project require or result in the construction of<br>new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of<br>existing facilities, the construction of which could cause<br>significant environmental effects? | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact | No<br>Impact |
|       | •   |                                      |   |                                    | $\boxtimes$  |
| a) N  | a Impact. The proposed site would rouge   | an axiating                          | facility magniting in a                                   | ninimal aanatmi                    | ation and    |

c) No Impact. The proposed site would reuse an existing facility resulting in minimal construction and water use. The facility would not require construction or expansion of storm water drainage facilities.

| d) | Would the project have sufficient water supplies          | Potentially | Less than Significant | Less than   |        |
|----|---|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------|
|    | available to serve the project from existing entitlements | Significant | with Mitigation       | Significant | No     |
|    | and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements        | Impact      | Incorporation         | Impact      | Impact |
|    | needed?   | ·           | ·                     | ,           |        |
|    |   |             |                       | $\boxtimes$ |        |

d) Less Than Significant Impact. The proposed site would reuse an existing facility with all utilities and service systems on site. There would be sufficient water supplies for the minimal water use occurring on site.

| e) Would the project result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider that 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?             | Potentially Significant Impact                                | Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation                                 | Less than Significant Impact         | No<br>Impact     |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| e) Less Than Significant Impact. The proposed service systems available on site. The local with minimal amount of wastewater that would be g   | astewater tr  | reatment provider co  | ding with all utili                  |                  |
| f) Would the project be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?   | Potentially<br>Significant<br>Impact                          | Less than Significant<br>with Mitigation<br>Incorporation                           | Less than<br>Significant<br>Impact   | No<br>Impact     |
|  |   |   | $\boxtimes$                          |                  |
| f) Less Than Significant Impact. The proposed Minimal solid waste generation would occur facility. The site's solid waste disposal needs is permitted by the State of California.  | during facil<br>could be ser                                  | ity operation since i<br>ved by the Tajiguas  | t would be an un<br>Sanitary Landfil | manned           |
| g) Would the project comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?  | Potentially<br>Significant                                    | Less than Significant with Mitigation   | Less than<br>Significant             | No<br>Impact     |
|  | Impact  | Incorporation   | Impact                               | Impact           |
|  | ППрасс  | Incorporation   | Impact                               |                  |
| g) No Impact. The project would not general waste would be deposited would be in compliant comply with applicable solid waste laws.  | □ □ te a signific   | ant amount of solid   | waste. Landfill                      | s where          |
| waste would be deposited would be in complia   | □ □ te a signific   | ant amount of solid   | waste. Landfill                      | s where          |
| waste would be deposited would be in complia comply with applicable solid waste laws.  | te a signific nce with app                                    | ant amount of solid plicable solid waste am for the Determin                        | waste. Landfill<br>laws. The projec  | s where          |
| waste would be deposited would be in complia comply with applicable solid waste laws. <b>REFERENCES</b> Blake, Thomas F. 1998. EQFAULT – A Com   | te a signific<br>nce with app<br>puter Progra                 | ant amount of solid plicable solid waste am for the Determinants.                   | waste. Landfill laws. The project    | s where ct would |
| waste would be deposited would be in complia comply with applicable solid waste laws. <b>REFERENCES</b> Blake, Thomas F. 1998. EQFAULT – A Communication Horizontal Acceleration from Digitized CDMG (California Division of Mines and Geo                     | te a signific<br>nce with app<br>puter Progra<br>California F | ant amount of solid plicable solid waste am for the Determinants.  Urban Geology, M | waste. Landfill laws. The project    | s where ct would |
| waste would be deposited would be in complia comply with applicable solid waste laws. <b>REFERENCES</b> Blake, Thomas F. 1998. EQFAULT – A Communication Horizontal Acceleration from Digitized COMG (California Division of Mines and Geometric Bulletin 198. | te a signific<br>nce with app<br>puter Progra<br>California F | ant amount of solid plicable solid waste am for the Determinants.  Urban Geology, M | waste. Landfill laws. The project    | s where ct would |

14-35

Henon, Betty. 2000. Senior Planner, City of Santa Barbara Community Development Department.

2000. Assistant Planner, City of Santa Barbara Community Development

Gudgeon, Marina.

Department. Personal communication on February 2.

Personal communication on February 7.

Kato, Daniel. 2000. Associate Planner, City of Santa Barbara Community Development Department. Personal communication on February 7.

Level 3 Communications, LLC. 2000. PEA, 2000, Volume 2.

PEA 2000, Level 3 Communication's Proponent's Environmental Assessment. Modifications of LLC's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, January.

Santa Barbara, City of. 1998. Architectural Board of Review Guidelines.

\_\_\_\_\_\_. Zoning Ordinance.

\_\_\_\_\_\_. 1994. Coastal Plan.

\_\_\_\_\_\_. 1964. General Plan Land Use Element.

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, 1999. Scope and Content of Air Quality Sections in Environmental Documents, January

Vista Information Solutions, Inc. 1999. California Site Assessment Plus Report: Santa Barbara, August 11, 1999.