

5.15 Recreation

RECREATION

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Significance criteria established by CEQA Guidelines, Appendix G.

5.15.1 Setting

The nearest park to the proposed substation site is Los Robles Park, 0.75 mile south of the proposed substation site and approximately 400 from the transmission line reconductoring on Old Redwood Highway and 600 feet from pole replacement on the Fulton No. 1 60 kV line. The Windsor Town Green is within 225 feet of the reconductoring on Old Redwood Highway and 1.5 miles from the proposed substation site.

5.15.2 Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures

a. *Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?*

NO IMPACT. As described in Section 5.12, Population and Housing, the proposed project is not expected to induce short-term or long-term population growth during project construction or operation. There would be no permanent on-site employees. As such, there would be no increased use of recreational resources.

The proposed project is in close proximity to the proposed Class I and Class II bicycle routes (Sonoma County Transit Authority 2008). These have not yet been developed and thus are outside the scope of this analysis. However, construction of the substation and distribution infrastructure would not limit the use of these routes. Los Robles Park, 0.75 miles from the proposed substation site, is currently situated amid a mixture of residential and industrial land uses (Town of Windsor 2005); the proposed project would not change the existing landscape surrounding this park. Reconductoring on Old Redwood Highway, 225 feet from the Windsor Town Green, would not change the existing landscape surrounding this park. Any lane closures along Old Redwood Highway would be brief, and multiple routes to access the park exist; therefore, access to the park would not be interrupted by construction. The park is far enough from the substation site and transmission lines that recreational opportunities in the park would not be impacted by the proposed construction or operations, and notifying park users of the proposed project would not be required.

Overall there would be no impacts to recreational opportunities or facilities in the project area.

b. *Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?*

NO IMPACT. The proposed project does not include recreational facilities and would not require the construction of new facilities or the expansion of existing recreational facilities. As such, the proposed project would have no adverse physical effects on the environment resulting from recreational facilities.

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