

SECTION 3.0

DESCRIPTION OF AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

3.1 INTRODUCTION

This section describes the existing environment of the area affected by the Proposed Action or alternatives as required by Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Guidelines (40 CFR Section 1502.15) and Section 15125 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Handbook (59IAM3), and the City of Richmond's Guidelines and Procedures for the Implementation of CEQA (Resolution No. 125-03, adopted September 23, 2003).

Resource areas or issues that are described in this section include:

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