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SSMP LOP General Condition	Connection to EA
1. Avoidance and Minimization	Effects Analysis Sections 5.3 (Aquatic Resources) and 5.4 (Biological Resources) of the EA discusses avoidance of sensitive habitats, riparian habitats, managed wetland areas, and sensitive plant locations to the extent possible (MM BIO-1 and MM BIO-3), respectively. Effects to nesting birds and sensitive species would be avoided and minimized (MM BIO-5 and MM BIO-6). Section 5.7 (Cultural Resources) Section 5.14 (Paleontological Resources) address avoidance of cultural and paleontological resources.
2. Ineligible Activities	Table 3-5 in the EA (Section 3.12) identifies project features and activities that may occur under the Proposed Project and alternatives. Ineligible activities are not discussed in the EA but are addressed in the LOP Procedures.
3. Mitigation Policy (for Compensatory Mitigation)	Table 3-5 in the EA (Section 3.12) and the LOP Procedures identify compensatory mitigation as a covered activity for aquatic habitat projects.
4. Soil Erosion and Sediment Controls	Control of soil erosion, including the use of best management practices (BMPs) is described as part of the Proposed Project and in Effects Analysis Sections of the EA as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.3.3.2 – Dust Suppression Techniques • 3.12 – Design Considerations (Table 3-5) • 3.15.2 – Maintenance and Emergency Repairs • 5.9 – Geology, Soils, Seismic and Minerals • 5.16 – Water
5. Equipment (Use of Construction Equipment in Wetland Areas)	Use of specialized equipment for construction is discussed in Effects Analysis Section 5.9 (Geology, Soils, Seismic and Minerals) as part of Effect GEO-2. Additional measures would be required through the LOP Procedures process to address working in wetland areas.
6. Suitable Material	Use of construction materials suitable for use in the aquatic environment is part of the Proposed Project (Section 3.5) and BMPs. Effects Analysis Section 5.10 addresses the handling of hazardous waste and materials.

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7. Management of Water Flows	Effects Analysis Sections 5.3.1 (Aquatic Resources), 5.4.1 (Biological Resources), 5.16.1 (Water) of the EA indicates that the Proposed Project and alternatives would not include changes in streambeds or water flows in streams in the Salton Sea watershed that would cause erosion, siltation, flooding, or flows that would impact drainage facilities on the shoreline, and is not discussed further in the EA.
8. Removal of Temporary Structures and Fills	Table 3-5 in the EA (Section 3.12) states that temporary construction features and structures and temporary fill must be removed from areas identified as Waters of the U.S. Monitoring of the reestablishment of vegetation would be required as part of project permits. Effects Analysis Sections 5.3.1 (Aquatic Resources) and 5.4.1 (Biological Resources) refers to the need for removal of temporary structures and fills.
9. Proper Maintenance	Project operations and maintenance is discussed in Section 3.15 of the EA, and is a covered activity identified in Table 3-5 in the EA (Section 3.12). Effects Analysis Sections 5.3.1 (Aquatic Resources) and 5.4.1 (Biological Resources) refers to the need for proper maintenance.
10. Preventive Measures	Measures to prevent potential pollutants from entering the watercourse would be addressed in a project-specific Stormwater Pollution and Prevention Plan (SWPPP), which is discussed in Effects Analysis Section 5.10 (Hazardous Waste and Materials) and Section 5.16 (Water) of the EA. Sections 5.3.1 (Aquatic Resources) and 5.4.1 (Biological Resources) reference preventive measures.
11. Staging of Equipment	Specific requirements to stage equipment outside Waters of the U.S. would be required as part of the LOP Procedures process. Equipment staging is discussed briefly in the following sections of the EA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 3.12 – Design Considerations • Section 5.10 – Hazardous Waste and Materials • Section 5.16.2 – Hydrology and Water Quality
12. Work Limits	Work limits would be defined in approved permit plans for each SSMP project.
13. Avoidance of Breeding Season (Avian Species)	Effects Analysis Section 5.4 (Biological Resources) includes Mitigation Measure MM BIO-5: Prepare and Implement a Program-Level Nesting Bird Management Plan.
14. Exotic Species Management	Effects Analysis Section 5.4 (Biological Resources) includes Mitigation Measure MM BIO-1: Prepare and implement a Habitat Protection, Mitigation, and Restoration Plan for each Project, which would include details on weed control.

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15. Site Inspections	Corps access for site inspection at any time would be required as part of the LOP Procedures process.
16. Posting of Conditions	Including the SSMP LOP General Conditions in all bid packages and posting on each project site would be required as part of the LOP Procedures process.
17. Pre-Project Operations and Maintenance Plan	Developing a written operations and maintenance (O&M) plan would be required as part of the LOP Procedures process. Operations and Maintenance is discussed in Section 3.15 of the EA.
18. Post-Project Report	A Post-Project Report would be required as part of the LOP Procedures process.
19. Annual Reporting	Annual reporting to be submitted to the Corps would be required as part of the LOP Procedures process.
20. Water Quality	Section 7.1 (Clean Water Act of 1972) and Section 8.4 (California Regional Water Quality Control Board) of the EA discuss the requirement for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (or waiver) before any Federal permit can be issued.
21. Endangered Species	Potential effects to endangered species are discussed in the EA in Effects Analysis Section 5.4 (Biological Resources). Mitigations are provided for sensitive and endangered species. Additional requirements would be required as part of the LOP Procedures process, including compliance with measures identified in the Biological Opinion for the Project.
22. Historic Properties	Potential effects to historic properties are discussed in the EA in the Effects Analysis Section 5.7 (Cultural Resources). Mitigation is provided in Mitigation Measure MM CUL-1: Prepare and Implement a Programmatic Agreement. Additional requirements would be required as part of the LOP Procedures process, including compliance with measures identified in the Programmatic Agreement for the Project.
23. Discovery of Previously Unknown Remains and Artifacts	Potential effects to previously unknown remains and artifacts are addressed in Mitigation Measure MM CUL-1 (Prepare and Implement a Programmatic Agreement).
24. Air Quality	Air quality effects and mitigation measures are discussed in Effects Analysis Section 5.2 (Air Resources).
25. Transfer of SSMP LOPs	Transfer of SSMP LOPs to a new owner would be addressed as part of the LOP Procedures process.
26. Compliance Certification	Compliance certification requirements would be addressed as part of the LOP Procedures process.
27. Activities Affecting Structures or Works Built by the United States	Activities affecting structures of works built by the U.S. would be addressed as part of the LOP Procedures process.

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28. Unauthorized Dredge and/or Fill	<p>The requirement for Department of Army permits for discharges of dredged or fill material into Waters of the U.S. are discussed in the following sections of the EA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 3.12 – Design Considerations• Section 4.3.3 – Aquatic Resources, Existing Conditions• Section 4.16.2 – Water, Regulatory Requirements• Section 7.1 – Clean Water Act of 1972