

4.16 RECREATION

4.16.1 INTRODUCTION

This section provides an overview of the recreational resources in the vicinity of the project sites and evaluates the potential impacts of construction and operation of the project on these recreational resources. The analysis in this section is based on review of the General Plans and recreation websites of the six cities and communities within which project facilities would be located.

4.16.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

4.16.2.1 Description of Recreational Resources

The following describes recreational resources within each city and community located within the proposed project boundaries.

City of Desert Hot Springs

The City of Desert Hot Springs operates seven parks, a skate park, two community centers, a Community Health and Wellness Center/Boys and Girls Club, Senior Center and museum. Maintenance of park facilities is carried out by the Public Works Department.

City of Palm Desert

There are approximately 19 parks within the City of Palm Desert. Three types of parks serve the Palm Desert planning area, including regional, community, and neighborhood parks. All parks are comprised of both passive and active facilities. Golf courses and hiking trails are other valuable recreational resources that offer many benefits to the City of Palm Desert.

City of Rancho Mirage

There are currently five parks within the City of Rancho Mirage that include a mix of mini- and local parks. Mini-parks are generally less than one acre in size and are intended to serve adjacent uses. Local parks are intended to provide for the active and passive recreation needs of the nearby residents in the vicinity of the park. Three trails have been developed to connect the parks with other open spaces in the City. A network of non-paved trails located in the wash areas and the mountains are also part of the City's recreational resources. The existing General Plan Land Use Element provides 48 acres of parkland within the City (excluding mini-parks), and allows for expansion of up to 128 acres.

City of La Quinta

The City of La Quinta currently operates 11 city parks, the Civic Center Campus, and three nature preserve areas. All city parks, with the exception of the Civic Center Campus, provide a children's playground facility. La Quinta's three nature preserves are also available for public recreation, including trails for hiking and bicycling. La Quinta is also home to one public and 22 privately owned and operated golf courses.

Two regional parks located within the City of La Quinta are managed by other agencies. The Desert Recreational District (DRD) manages the 6.5-acre La Quinta Community Park, and the Riverside County

Parks Department manages the 845-acre Lake Cahuilla Regional Park. La Quinta's designated recreational open space totals approximately 5,259 acres.

City of Indio

The City of Indio currently operates 11 parks located throughout the City. In addition, the DRD provides recreational services to the City.

Community of Thermal

The DRD provides recreational services in the unincorporated community of Thermal. DRD is responsible for over 30 recreational facilities that include community and fitness centers, sports fields, swimming pools, a golf course and driving range, and various parks and open spaces. In addition, DRD creates and delivers quality programs, services and classes; and, facilitates leisure opportunities through partnerships that encourage residents to engage in healthy lifestyles and wellness activities.

4.16.2.2 Proximity of Project Facilities to Recreational Resources

The proximity of project facilities to a recreational resource are described in Table 4.16-1. Proximity is defined as being within 300 feet. Because there are no recreational resources within that distance of project facilities in Desert Hot Springs, Indio, and Thermal, they are not included in the table.

4.16-1: RECREATIONAL RESOURCES NEAR PROJECT FACILITY SITES		
Jurisdiction	Recreational Resource	Proximity to Project Facility Site (within 300 feet)
La Quinta	PGA West Greg Norman Golf Course	The proposed La Quinta WBA Water Treatment Facility site is located outside the bounds of play and immediately south of Hole 7 (Boomerang), within the property boundary wall. The site is located on the perimeter of the course and planned improvements and operations would not impact access, configuration or function of the course.
La Quinta	Monticello Park	SBA Well 5718-1 is located on the northwest corner of the Monticello Park. Park landscaping, walking paths. Open fields are located immediately adjacent to the Well's six-foot boundary wall. The site is located on the perimeter of the park and neither planned well construction or future operations would impact access to, or configuration or function of the park.
La Quinta	La Quinta Resort Dunes Golf Course	SBA Well 6701-1 is located approximately 100 feet west of playable course and cart paths and immediately north of and IID substation. The well site is accessed via Avenida Ultimo. The site is located on the perimeter of the course, and planned improvements and operations would not impact access, configuration or function of the course.
La Quinta	PGA West Nicklaus Tournament Resort Course	WBA Well 6724-1 is located adjacent to Madison Street and an internal street. It is approximately 250 feet east of and perpendicular to the golf course fairway. A row of single-family homes also separate the golf course from the well site.

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Jurisdiction	Recreational Resource	Proximity to Project Facility Site (within 300 feet)
La Quinta	Private Golf Course	WBA Well 6725-1 is bound on two of three sides by Madison Street and Airport Boulevard. It is located approximately 250 feet northwest of the golf course. A row of single-family homes and a private street separate the golf course from the well site. The site and planned improvements and operations would not impact access, configuration or function of the course.
La Quinta	PGA West TPC Stadium Golf Course	WBA Well 6723-1 is located adjacent to Madison Street and is approximately 300 feet east of the golf course. A row of single-family homes and a private street separate the golf course from the well site. The site is and planned improvements and operations would not impact access, configuration or function of the course.
La Quinta	Rancho La Quinta Country Club Golf Course	SBA Well 5711-1 is bounded on the north and east by Avenue 48 and the club entry, respectively. It is located approximately 100 feet north of the golf course. A row of single-family homes and a private street separate the golf course from the well site. The planned improvements and operations would not impact access, configuration or function of the course.
La Quinta	Trilogy Golf Course	SBA Well 6728-1 bounded on the east by Monroe Street and is located approximately 250 feet east of the course. A row of single-family homes and a private street separate the golf course from the well site. Planned improvements and operations would not impact access, configuration or function of the course.
Palm Desert	Palm Valley Country Club Golf Course	SBA Well 5632-2 is bounded on the northeast by Tamarisk Row Drive. It located within 50 feet east of the golf course. The site is located on the perimeter of the course and planned improvements and operations would not impact access, configuration or function of the course.
Palm Desert	Sun City Golf Course	SBA Well 5720-1 is located between the golf course cart barn and approximately 50 feet from the golf course. Access is via an internal road serving clubhouse parking and the cart barn. The site is located on the perimeter of the course and planned improvements and operations would not impact access, configuration or function of the course.
Palm Desert	Sun City Golf Course	SBA Well 4722-1 is a lens-shaped lot bounded by Adams Street on the east and an internal roadway on the west. Access is via Adams Street. It is located approximately 180 feet east of the golf course. A row of single-family homes and a private street separate the golf course from the well site. The site and planned improvements and operations would not impact access, configuration or function of the course.

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Jurisdiction	Recreational Resource	Proximity to Project Facility Site (within 300 feet)
Palm Desert	Sun City, Mountain Vista Golf Course	SBA Well 4721-1 is bounded by and takes access from Adams Street to the east, and is bounded to the north and northwest by the club cart barn and parking. It is located adjacent to and 50 feet east of the golf course. The site is located on the perimeter of a non-paly area of the course and does not impact access, configuration or function of the course.
Palm Desert	Palm Valley Country Club Golf Course	SBA Well 5664-1 is bounded on the northeast by and takes access from Tamarisk Row Drive. It is located approximately 220 feet east of the golf course. A row of multi-family homes and a private street separate the golf course from the well site. The site improvements and operations would not impact access, configuration or function of the course.
Palm Desert	Desert Willow Golf Course	SBA Well 5676-2 is bounded on the west and takes access from Portola Avenue. It is located approximately 100 feet west of the golf course. The site is located on the perimeter of the course and planned improvements and operations would not impact access, configuration or function of the course.
Palm Desert	Desert Willow Golf Course	SBA Well 5677-1 is a triangular site that takes access from Cook Street and a dedicated access drive that turns north to parallel golf tees on the west. It is located approximately 50 feet east from the golf course. The site is located on the perimeter of the course and planned improvements and operations would not impact access, configuration or function of the course.
Palm Desert	Desert Willow Golf Course	SBA Well 5678-1 is bounded on the north and takes access from Frank Sinatra Drive. It is located approximately 50 feet east from the golf course. The site is located on the perimeter of the course and planned improvements and operations would not impact access, configuration or function of the course.
Palm Desert	Sun City Shadow Hills Golf Course	SBA Well 5719-1 is bounded on the north and takes access from Avenue 40. It is adjacent to landscaped stormwater facilities approximately 1,500 feet north of the golf course. The site is located bound by single-family homes and does not impact access, configuration or function of the course.
Rancho Mirage	Mission Hills Resort and Golf Course	SBA Well 4510-1 is bounded on the north and east by Dinah Shore Drive and Bob Hope Drive, respectively. Access to the well site is through an internal street. The site is located approximately 150 feet northeast of the course. Multi-family homes and a private street separate the golf course from the well site. Planned improvements and operations would not impact access, configuration or function of the course.

4.16.3 REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

There are no federal, State, or local regulations governing recreational resources that apply to the proposed project.

4.16.4 IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

4.16.4.1 Significance Criteria

In accordance with Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines, a project would have a significant impact on recreation if it were to:

- a. 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.
- b. Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment.

4.16.4.2 Approach to Analysis

Impacts to recreational resources were assessed using the significance criteria above, and analysis of potential impacts from construction (if applicable) and operation of the proposed facilities. Because the project is a water treatment facilities project, it would not result in an increase to use of existing recreational facilities, nor does it include the construction of any recreational facilities. Therefore, no impacts would occur from the project under the two significance criteria above, for the reasons presented below:

- a. 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.

The project would not directly or indirectly induce population growth that would increase the demand for recreational facilities or result in substantial physical deterioration of a recreational facility. As shown in Table 4.16-1, above, no proposed facilities located in proximity to an existing recreational resource would alter or disturb the existing resource configuration or access. Impacts during construction would be contained within the project site and minimized through best management practices to avoid potential annoyances related to air quality, noise, or odor. Operational activities would be screened via barrier walls or be located within enclosures to ensure noise levels are reduced to the greatest extent practical and do not significantly impact individuals using the recreational resources.

- b. Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment.

The project is limited to water treatment facilities and would not require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities.

4.16.4.3 Construction and Operational Impacts and Mitigation Measures

As discussed above, there would be no significant impact to recreational resources related to construction or operation of the project.

4.16.5 SIGNIFICANCE AFTER MITIGATION

No mitigation program is required.

4.16.6 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

The geographic scope for the analysis of potential cumulative recreational impacts includes the immediate vicinity around each of the project facility sites. The cumulative impact analysis was performed using the summary of projections approach. However, because the project would not result in project-specific impacts related to recreational resources, implementation of the project would not contribute to cumulative impacts.

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