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Project Title: Land Management Plan for the Carrizo Plain Ecological Reserve

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Project Location: California Valley   San Luis Obispo
                              City   County

Project Decription (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

California Fish and Game Code Section 1019 requires the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) to prepare land management plans for ecological reserves. Accordingly, the Department intends to adopt a Lands Management Plan (LMP) for the Carrizo Plain Ecological Reserve (CPER). The primary objective of the LMP is to protect the natural habitats that contribute to, and help sustain, the overall ecosystem health of the region. The specific purposes of the CPER LMP are to guide the adaptive management of habitats, species, and programs to protect and enhance wildlife diversity values, as well as to guide appropriate public uses of the property. The LMP will also provide an overview of the property's operation and maintenance as well as the personnel requirements needed to implement management goals.

The CPER is located within and immediately west of the Carrizo Plain - a large inland valley within the Inner Coast Range Mountains in southeastern San Luis Obispo County, central California. The approximately 50-mile-long, 15-mile-wide Carrizo Plain is bounded by the Temblor Range to the east and the Caliente Range to the west, while the Transverse Range separates the Carrizo Plain region from southern California. Approximately one half of the CPER is located within the Carrizo Plain and adjacent Caliente Range. The other half of the reserve is located to the west along the eastern boundary of the La Panza Range and Cuyama Valley.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The DEIR identified and analyzed potentially significant effects in the following catagories.

• Aesthetic and Visual Resources;
• Air Quality;
• Biological Resources;
• Cultural Resources;
• Geology and Soils;
• Hazards and Hazardous Materials;
• Hydrology and Water Resources; and
• Public Services – Fire Protection

A number of best management practices were detailed in the DEIR which reduced the potential impacts to these resources to less than significant.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Vegetation management, especially through the use of livestock and prescribed fire, was a consistent area of controversy amongst persons commenting on NOP. Increasing public access was also an area of controversy as was protection of biological resources. The agencies and public also expressed concern about protection of cultural resources.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Caltrans
Calfire
Native American Heritage Commission
San Luis Obispo County
San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control Board
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Regional Water Quality Control Board