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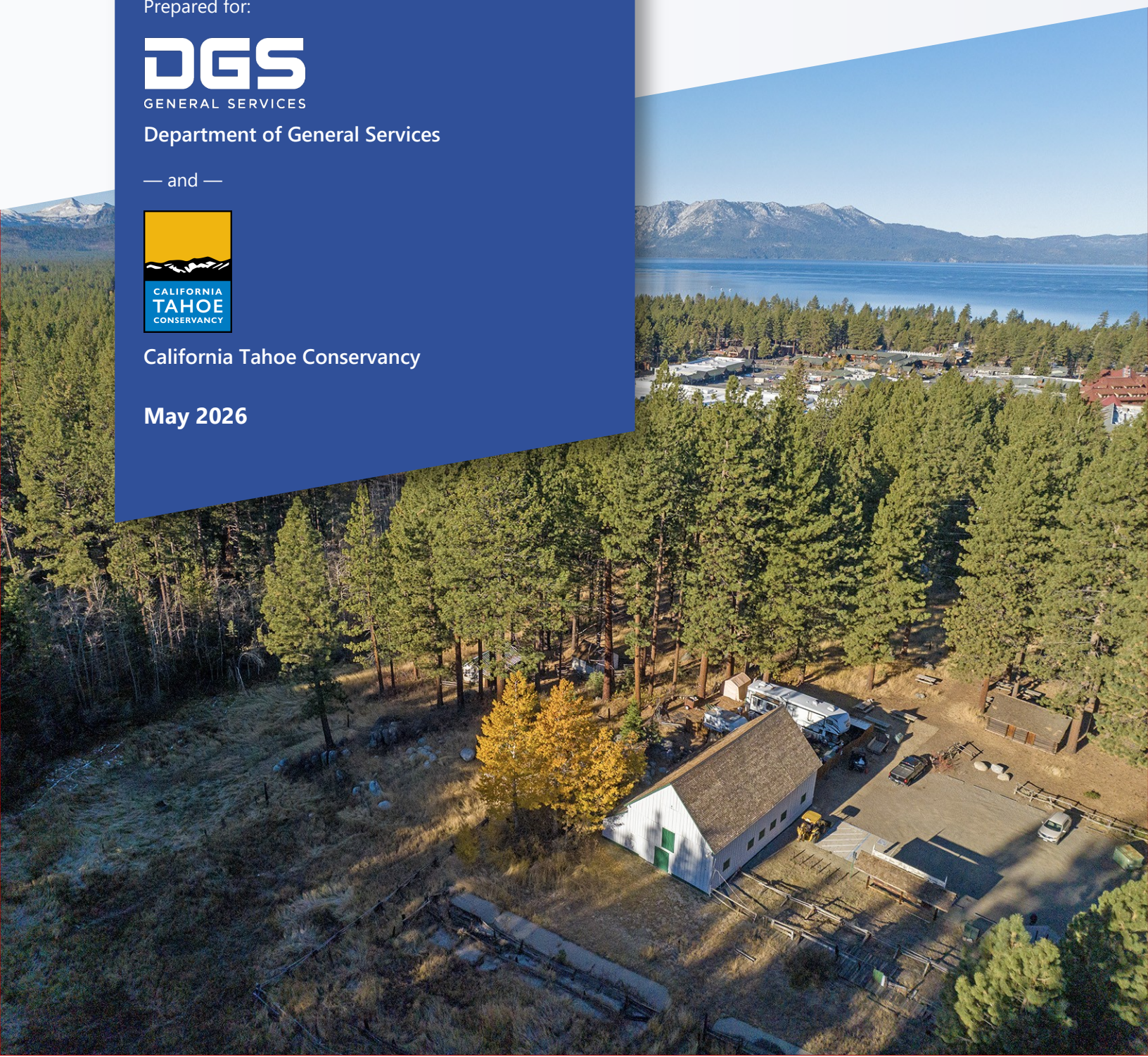

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# LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|---|---|
| CEQA | California Environmental Quality Act |
| Conservancy | California Tahoe Conservancy |
| IS/MND/IEC | Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Environmental Checklist |
| MMRP | Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program |

# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code [PRC] Section 21000 et seq.), the California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy) prepared a Supplemental Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Environmental Checklist (Supplemental IS/MND/IEC) for the Van Sickle Bi-State Park Safety and Equitable Access Improvements Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2009 042033) that identified significant impacts and mitigation measures that would reduce the identified impacts to less-than-significant levels, where feasible.

CEQA (PRC Section 21081.6) and the State CEQA Guidelines and State CEQA Guidelines (Sections 15074(d)) require public agencies to "adopt a reporting and monitoring program for changes to the project which it has adopted or made a condition of project approval to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment." The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been prepared for the Modified Project because the Supplemental IS/MND/IEC identifies potential significant adverse impacts related to the project implementation, and mitigation measure have been identified to reduce those impacts. Adoption of the MMRP would occur along with approval of the project

## 1.2 PURPOSE OF MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

This MMRP has been prepared to ensure that all required mitigation measures are implemented and completed in a satisfactory manner before and during project construction and operation, as applicable. The MMRP table provided below has been prepared to assist the responsible parties in implementing the mitigation measures. The table identifies the mitigation measures, the entities responsible for implementing the mitigation measures, and the timeframe for implementation of the mitigation measures. The table also includes a column for the Conservancy to confirm implementation of the mitigation measures after project approval. The numbering of mitigation measures follows the numbering sequence found in the Supplemental IS/MND/IEC. Mitigation measures that are referenced more than once in the Supplemental IS/MND/IEC are not duplicated in the MMRP table.

## 1.3 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Conservancy is responsible for overall administration of the MMRP and for verifying that the construction contractor, or other designated party has completed the necessary actions for each measure. The party responsible for implementing each item will identify the staff members responsible for coordinating with the Conservancy on the MMRP.

## 1.4 MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM TABLE

The categories identified in the attached MMRP table are described below.

- Mitigation Measure: This column provides the verbatim text of the adopted mitigation measure.
- Implementation Responsibility: This column identifies the party responsible for implementing the mitigation measure.
- Timing: Implementation of the action must occur before or during some part of project approval, project design, or project construction or on an ongoing basis. This column identifies the time frame in which the mitigation will be implemented.
- Verification: The Conservancy is responsible for ensuring that mitigation measures are successfully implemented. The "Completion of Implementation" column is to be used by the Conservancy to indicate when implementation of a mitigation measure has been completed. The Conservancy, at its discretion, may delegate implementation responsibility or portions thereof to qualified consultants or contractors.

**Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Van Sickle Bi-State Park Safety and Equitable Access Improvements Project**

| Mitigation Measures | Implementation Responsibility | Timing | Verification |
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| **Biological Resources** | | | |
| **MM-BIO-1. Nesting Bird Surveys**<br>For vegetation removal and other ground-disturbing activities scheduled to occur during the nesting season (defined as March 1 to August 31), a qualified biologist will conduct a preconstruction survey for nesting birds within seven days prior to the start of project activities that may disturb nests. If an active nest is located during pre-construction surveys, a non-disturbance buffer shall be established around the nest by a qualified biologist in consultation with CDFW and US Fish and Wildlife Service to comply with California Fish & Game Code Sections 3503 and 3503.5 and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, based on species- and site-specific factors such as the species nesting biology and sensitivity to disturbance, nest location in proximity to construction activities, and ambient noise and other disturbance levels. | California Tahoe Conservancy, Qualified Biologist | Prior to ground-disturbing construction activities, which should ideally be conducted during the nonbreeding season (approximately September 1-February 28/29, as determined by a qualified biologist). If project activities are to be implemented during the breeding season (approximately March 1 through August 31, as determined by a qualified biologist), nesting bird surveys will be undertaken within 7 days before the onset of any project activities. | |
| **MM-BIO-2: Special Status Plant Surveys**<br>A qualified botanist will conduct protocol-level surveys for special-status plant species with the potential to occur in the Modified Project area. The survey will follow the methods in the current version of CDFW's Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Sensitive Natural Communities (CDFW 2018). Surveys to determine the presence or absence of special-status plant species will be conducted in suitable habitat that could be affected by the Modified Project and timed to coincide with the blooming or other appropriate phenological period of the target species (as determined by a qualified botanist).<br>If a special-status plant is found, the area occupied by the plant shall be avoided completely, if avoidance can be achieved in light of project layout, design, engineering considerations, and utility alignments. This may include establishing a no-disturbance buffer around the plant population and demarcation of this buffer by a qualified biologist or botanist using high-visibility flagging. The size of the buffer shall be determined by the qualified biologist or botanist and shall be large enough to avoid direct or indirect impacts on the special-status plant species. | California Tahoe Conservancy, Qualified Biologist | Prior to ground-disturbing construction activities, surveys should typically be undertaken when the eight special-status plant species observed within the Modified Project area will be both evident and identifiable, i.e. the surveys should be timed to coincide with the blooming or other appropriate phenological period of the target species (as determined by a qualified botanist). | |
| **Cultural Resources** | | | |
| **MM-CR-1 Conduct Archaeological Resources Surveys and Avoid Archaeological Resources**<br>Prior to the start of construction, a member of the Washoe Tribe, or their designee, and a qualified archeologist who meets the U.S. Secretary of the Interior Professional Qualifications Standards for Archaeology shall perform archeological resources surveys for any portion of the | California Tahoe Conservancy, Member of the Washoe Tribe or their designee and Qualified Archaeologist | Prior to ground-disturbing construction activities in any portion of the Modified Project site not yet surveyed (e.g., areas | |

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| Modified Project site not yet surveyed (e.g., areas previously covered in snow at the time of 2025 pedestrian surveys). The Conservancy shall be responsible for ensuring that archeological resources surveys have been conducted for the entire Modified Project area. For the purposes of this mitigation measure, any archaeological resources discovered during such surveys shall be assumed to be unique archaeological resources or historical resources as defined by State CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5 and will be recorded by a qualified archaeologist on a California Department of Parks and Recreation DPR 523 primary form or equivalent documentation. Each such resource will be indicated, such as via a GPS device, through Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) mapping, with flagging tape, safety fencing, and/or signage designating it as an ESA to ensure that construction crews and heavy equipment will not intrude on these sites during construction. If an archaeological resource is determined by the Washoe Tribe to be a Washoe Tribe cultural resource, the Tribe shall determine appropriate actions necessary to protect the resource. At the discretion of the Conservancy, or of the Washoe Tribe if the resource is a tribal cultural resource, monitoring may be done in lieu of or in addition to marking. If it is determined that the Modified Project cannot avoid impacts on one or more of the sites, then the Conservancy shall work with a qualified archaeologist, or the Washoe Tribe if the resource is a tribal cultural resource, to identify appropriate actions which may include avoidance by preservation-in-place, interpretation, or an excavation plan. | | previously covered in snow at the time of 2025 pedestrian surveys). | |
| **MM-CR-2 Establish a No-Disturbance Buffer for Known Archeological Resources**<br>Prior to the initiation of ground-disturbing activities, an ESA shall be established around Site VS-4 using fencing, staking, or other appropriate markers as determined by the Washoe Tribe or a qualified archaeologist. Once installed, the fencing or markers shall be periodically inspected by the Conservancy and/or the Washoe Tribe to ensure they remain intact and undisturbed. These measures will ensure continued avoidance of Site VS-4 during all Modified Project-related activities. The fencing or markers shall remain in place until project work in the vicinity of the resource is complete, and removal shall be overseen by the Conservancy and/or the Washoe Tribe. | California Tahoe Conservancy, Member of the Washoe Tribe or their designee and Qualified Archaeologist | Prior to ground-disturbing construction activities adjacent to Site VS-4. | |
| **M-CR-3 Halt Ground Disturbance Upon Discovery of Subsurface Archaeological Features**<br>If archaeological materials (e.g., locally darkened soils [i.e., midden], stone tools, chipped stone, baked clay, or concentrations of shell, bone, charcoal, glass, metal, or ceramics) are inadvertently discovered during ground-disturbing activities, the contractor shall cease all work within 100 feet (30.5 meters) of the find and the Conservancy shall immediately retain the services of a qualified professional archaeologist. Because the archaeological materials may also be tribal cultural resources, the Conservancy will also implement MM-TCR-3 upon discovery. At that time, the Conservancy shall coordinate any necessary investigation of the site with the archaeologist as needed to evaluate the significance of the resource per PRC Sections 5024.1 and 21083.2(g) and provide proper management recommendations. Possible management recommendations for significant resources could include resource avoidance or data recovery excavations. The Conservancy shall implement any measures deemed necessary by the | California Tahoe Conservancy, Member of the Washoe Tribe or their designee and Qualified Archaeologist | During ground-disturbing construction activities | |

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| archeologist and/or the Washoe Tribe for the protection of the cultural resources. The Conservancy shall instruct the contractor to not to resume work in the area of the discovery until directed to do so. | | | |
| **Tribal Cultural Resources** | | | |
| **MM-TCR-1: Install Interpretative Panel(s)**<br>Prior to project operation, the Conservancy shall develop and install an interpretive panel(s) to convey information about the cultural, historical, and/or archaeological context of the project area. The interpretive panel(s) shall be designed in consultation with the Washoe Tribe. Panel content shall acknowledge the Washoe Tribe's history and affirm the park as part of the Tribe's ancestral and present-day homelands. The location, design, and installation of the interpretive panel(s) shall be coordinated with the Conservancy and Washoe Tribe to ensure protection and respectful interpretation of Tribal cultural resources and raise awareness through the inclusion of the Washoe language. | California Tahoe Conservancy, Member of the Washoe Tribe or their designee | Prior to project operation. | |
| **MM-TCR-2: Retain a Tribal Monitor for Ground Disturbance Activities**<br>The Conservancy shall contact the Washoe Tribe at least one month prior to project ground-disturbing activities to retain the services of the Washoe Tribe, or its designee, for Tribal monitoring during ground-disturbing activities. The duration of the construction schedule and Tribal Monitoring shall be determined at this time. The Conservancy shall contact the tribal representative a minimum of 7 days before beginning earthwork or other ground-disturbing activities. The tribal monitor will be invited to be present on-site during all construction phases that involve ground-disturbing activities, including tree removal, boring, excavation, drilling, and trenching. In the event the Tribal Monitor does not report to the job site at the scheduled time after receiving proper notice, activities may proceed without monitoring, and construction workers shall comply with MM-CR-3 and MM-TCR-3 if any potential resources are observed.<br>Should the tribal monitor be present the Conservancy may request copies of complete daily monitoring logs from the Tribal Historical Preservation Office that provide details on each day's activities, including construction activities, locations, soil, and any cultural materials identified. However, it will be at the discretion of the Tribal Historic Preservation Office to determine what information related to cultural materials from the daily logs may be shared. The on-site monitoring shall end when the site grading and excavation activities are completed or when the Washoe Tribe has indicated, in writing, that the site has a low potential for affecting Tribal cultural resources. | California Tahoe Conservancy, Member of the Washoe Tribe or their designee | At least one month prior to ground-disturbing construction activities, the Conservancy shall contact the Washoe Tribe to retain the services of the Washoe Tribe, or its designee, for Tribal monitoring during ground-disturbing activities.<br>The Conservancy shall contact the tribal representative a minimum of 7 days before beginning earthwork or other ground-disturbing activities. | |
| **MM-TCR-3: Unanticipated Discovery of Tribal Cultural Resources**<br>During ground-disturbing construction activities, if any suspected Tribal Cultural resources or resources of cultural significance to the Washoe Tribe, including but not limited to features, anthropogenic/cultural soils, cultural belongings or objects (artifacts), shell, bone, shaped stones or bone, or ash/charcoal deposits are discovered by any person during construction activities | California Tahoe Conservancy, Member of the Washoe Tribe or their designee | During ground-disturbing construction activities | |

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| including ground disturbing activities, all work shall pause immediately within 100 feet of the find, or an agreed-upon distance based on the project area and nature of the find. Work shall cease in and within the immediate vicinity of the find regardless of whether the construction is being actively monitored by a Tribal Monitor, cultural resources specialist, or professional archaeologist who meets the secretary of the Interior's professional qualifications. The Conservancy shall implement any measures deemed necessary by the Washoe Tribe for the protection of the tribal cultural resource, with preservation in place being the preferred treatment. The contractor shall not resume work in the area of the discovery until directed to do so by the Conservancy, in coordination with the Washoe Tribe. | | | |
| **Project Design Features** | **Implementation Responsibility** | **Timing** | **Verification** |
| **PDF-BIO-1: Noxious Weed Control.** An Invasive Species Prevention and Management Plan will be developed by the Conservancy or the contractor and approved by TRPA to include pre-construction mapping, clean-equipment protocols, weed-free materials and any proposed noxious weed treatment. In addition, the following measures will be required:<br>▶ Hand removal of identified noxious weeds within the Modified Project area and their proper disposal;<br>▶ Monitoring of Modified Project site for two years following any abatement activities to ensure removal;<br>▶ Perform pre- and post-equipment inspection and cleaning to avoid the spread of noxious weeds.<br>If treating noxious weeds or invasive species includes applying pesticides:<br>▶ Avoid using pesticides marked with the US Environmental Protection Agency's bee hazard icon and use pesticides with a short residual toxicity to bees, which can be checked via the Bee Precaution Pesticide Ratings database, at https://ipm.ucanr.edu/bee-precaution-pesticide-ratings (University of California 2026).<br>▶ Avoid spraying pesticides onto any flowering plant.<br>▶ Use targeted application instead of broadcast spraying whenever possible.<br>▶ Avoid mixtures of pesticides as they are only evaluated in scenarios in which they are not mixed; thus, potentially harmful synergies are unknown.<br>All pesticide applications must be conducted by a Licensed and Certified Pesticide Applicator and should be used as directed by the manufacturer. | California Tahoe Conservancy, or their Appointed Consultant | Prior to ground-disturbing construction activities, or as determined by TRPA | |
| **PDF-TR-1: Construction Management and Traffic Plan.** A Construction Management and Traffic Plan (CMTP) in accordance with Caltrans Transportation Management Plan (TMP) Guidelines will be developed by the contractor and approved by the City of South Lake Tahoe/TRPA to alleviate potential construction period transportation impacts. The Plan would include but not necessarily be limited to: | California Tahoe Conservancy, or their Appointed Contractor | Prior to construction activities, or as determined by City of South Lake Tahoe/TRPA | |

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| ▶ name and telephone number of a contact person regarding traffic complaints or emergency situations;<br>▶ community notification procedures and contact information for local police, fire, and emergency response organizations and procedures for the continuous coordination of construction activity;<br>▶ procedures for training the flag person(s) used in implementing the plan;<br>▶ the location, times, and estimated duration of any temporary lane closures;<br>▶ developing, and once approved, managing the haul route plan and construction parking management plan;<br>▶ timing of disruptive construction activities; scheduling of deliveries, pick-ups and hauling of material during non-peak travel periods to the extent possible;<br>▶ the contractor will provide an estimate of truck volume and schedule. Areas will be designated by the City/TRPA for the staging of all trucks. All earth-moving and ready-mix trucks will be equipped with two-way radios so that the drivers at the staging areas are linked to a person controlling traffic at the project site. Trucks will follow a City-approved route to the project site. | | | |