

# CHAPTER 3

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## Master Responses

### 3.0 Overview of Master Responses

Chapter 3 contains master responses. These master responses are intended to provide comprehensive discussions in response to select sets of issues that received multiple comments. As required by Section 15132 of the CEQA Guidelines, the responses in this volume address environmental issues raised by commenters during the Draft EIR public review period. They are intended to provide clarification and refinement of information presented in the Draft EIR and, in some cases, to correct or update information in the Draft EIR. In some instances, the text of the Draft EIR has been revised in response to a comment, and the revised text is included as part of the response.

Many comments received on the Draft EIR did not address the adequacy or accuracy of the environmental analysis or did not identify any other significant environmental issue requiring a response; rather, these comments were directed toward the perceived merits or demerits of the proposed Project, provided information, or expressed an opinion without specifying why the Draft EIR analysis was inadequate. SMWD, as the CEQA lead agency, acknowledges the receipt of these types of comments; however, limited responses are provided to these comments as they do not relate to the adequacy or accuracy of the Draft EIR or otherwise raise significant environmental issues.

The 15 master responses included in this Chapter are listed below. For some master responses a shortened reference title is shown in parenthesis and is used throughout the document to refer the reader back to that master response.

- 3.1 Groundwater Recharge Estimates and Evaporation Estimates (Groundwater Recharge and Evaporation)
- 3.2 Groundwater Modeling
- 3.3 Groundwater Pumping Impacts
- 3.4 Springs
- 3.5 Potential for Generation of Dry Lake Dust (Dry Lakes and Dust)
- 3.6 Vegetation Effects of Drawdown (Vegetation)
- 3.7 Water Rights Law (Water Rights)
- 3.8 Groundwater Management, Monitoring, and Mitigation Plan (GMMMP)
- 3.9 Biological Resources
- 3.10 SMWD as CEQA Lead Agency (CEQA Lead Agency)
- 3.11 CEQA Public Process
- 3.12 Project vs. Program- Level Analysis
- 3.13 Railroad Right-of-Way and NEPA Analysis (Right-of-Way and NEPA)
- 3.14 Alternatives
- 3.15 Terminology