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## 17.0 GLOSSARY AND ABBREVIATIONS

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Action Plan – A plan prepared by Ecosystem Sciences in 1999 describing the implementation of the Lower Owens River Plan, which they also prepared.

APE – Area of Potential Effect (APE is defined under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) as the geographic area or areas within which an undertaking (i.e., a project activity) may directly or indirectly cause changes in the character or use of historic properties, if any such properties exist.)

BLM – U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management

CDFG – California Department of Fish and Game

CEQA - California Environmental Quality Act

CEQA mitigation – Measures to reduce or avoid impacts identified through the environmental impact analyses performed for an EIR or Negative Declaration

cfs – cubic feet per second

CHRIS – California Historical Resources Information System

Class I impact - Unavoidable significant impact that cannot be avoided if the project is implemented, and cannot be mitigated to a less than significant level

Class II impacts - Significant environmental impacts that can be mitigated to a less than significant level

Class III impacts - Other environmental impacts that are considered adverse but not significant. Mitigation measures are recommended to minimize adverse impacts but the lead agencies are not required to adopt them.

Class IV impacts - Beneficial impacts

Delta conditions - The amount of water and vegetated wetland within the Delta Habitat Area boundary existing at the time of the commencement of flows to the Delta under the LORP

EPA – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

ESA – Federal Endangered Species Act

fps – feet per second

GBUAPCD – Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District

Historic properties – Any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places maintained by the Secretary of the Interior. This term includes artifacts, records, and remains that are related to and located within such properties. The term includes properties of traditional religious and cultural

importance to an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization and that meet the National Register criteria. (30 CFR Sec. 800.16 (l)(1))

HEC-2 – Hydraulic model developed by the Corps of Engineers to predict water surface elevations and flow velocities in channels and rivers

HEP – Habitat Evaluation Procedures, an analytic model developed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service to predict how wildlife would respond to habitat changes

Lead Agencies – The agencies with responsibilities under either CEQA or NEPA to prepare environmental documents.

LORP Plan – The plan prepared by Ecosystem Sciences that describes the objectives and major element of the Lower Owens River Project. The most recent version is dated August 2002.

Lower Owens River Rewatering Project - Releases are currently made from the Aqueduct at the Independence, Locust, and Georges spillgates to provide water to the river for fish and habitat purposes under an “Enhancement/Mitigation Project” called the “Lower Owens River Rewatering Project” that was initiated by the LADWP and the County in 1986. The releases under that project will be replaced by the releases under the LORP.

MOU – Memorandum of Understanding amongst LADWP, the County, California Department of Fish and Game, State Lands Commission, Sierra Club, the Owens Valley Committee, and Carla Scheidlinger. The MOU specifies goals for the LORP, a timeframe for the development and implementation of the project, specific project actions, and requires that a LORP ecosystem management plan be prepared to guide the implementation and management of the project. It also provides certain minimum requirements for the LORP related to flows, locations of facilities, habitat and species.

NEPA mitigation - Measures to reduce or avoid impacts identified through the environmental impact analyses performed for an EIS or Environmental Assessment

NHPA – National Historic Preservation Act

NRHP – National Register of Historic Places

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units

OHP – California Office of Historic Preservation

Responsible Agency – State or local agency that can only approve a project after a lead agency has already completed the CEQA environmental review and taken action on the project.

Regional Board – Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

ROD – Record of Decision

RWQCB – Regional Water Quality Control Board

SIP – State Implementation Plan

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TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load. Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act requires states to identify surface water bodies which are not attaining water quality. For each listed water body/pollutant combination, states must develop a TMDL, which is a plan to limit pollutants from various sources in the watershed to ensure attainment of standards.

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