

## 5.0 Updates to Final EIR

The following document makes minor textual changes or additions to portions of the Errata, either in response to requests for clarity at the City Planning Commission hearing (May 16, 2026), or for consistency with the remainder of the Final EIR. None of these changes constitutes “significant new information” under CEQA (State CEQA Guidelines 15088.5(a)). All edits are shown in red text (red underline denotes additions, and ~~red strikethroughs~~ note deletions). In general, all edits are minor consistency edits between responses to comments, Errata, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. An explanation is provided for each change so the decisionmakers and the public are aware of why the change is made.

### 5.1 Updates to Section 2.0: Responses to Comments

Page i of the Final EIR has been revised as follows:

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Appendix 3.0-1: Emissions Errata

Appendix 3.0-2: ~~Emissions~~Thrasher Errata

**Explanation for errata to Final EIR:** This change to the Introduction section of the Final EIR is to ensure consistency with the title of Appendix 3.0-2., which is a Thrasher Errata, rather than an Emissions Errata.

Footnote to Table 2-1 on Page 2-3 of the Final EIR has been revised as follows:

| Table 2-1: List of Commenting Public Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |             |             |              |                        |
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| No. <sup>1</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Letter Date | Author Name | Author Title | Agency or Organization |
| Public Agencies (Federal (“F”), State (“S”), Local (“L”))                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |             |              |                        |
| Organizations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |             |             |              |                        |
| Individuals                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |             |             |              |                        |
| <p>I1 through I1996 comment letters from Individuals are listed in numeric order and alphabetical order (by Last Name) <del>in</del> <u>Final EIR Appendix 2.0-1: List of Individual Comment Letters</u> due to the volume of individual comments received. <u>and included as separate attachments due to the volume of individual comments received. Public Comments on the Draft EIR can be found here: <a href="https://www.barstowca.org/departments/community-development-department/planning/barstowgeneralplanupdate-com/documents-for-public-review-download-ver1">https://www.barstowca.org/departments/community-development-department/planning/barstowgeneralplanupdate-com/documents-for-public-review-download-ver1</a></u></p> |             |             |              |                        |
| <p>1) For ease of reference, each comment letter has been uniquely labeled/numbered, as indicated in this table. The responses are also labeled/numbered and correlate to each comment letter.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |             |             |              |                        |

**Explanation for errata to Final EIR:** This change to the footnote of **Table 2-1**, found in the Introduction section of the Final EIR is to provide an accurate reference link to the individual comment letters received.

**Page 2-4 of the Final EIR has been revised as follows:**

- Consolidated Response 05: Feasible and Enforceable Mitigation, as follows:
  - Consolidated Response 05-01: Requirements for Mitigation Measures
  - Consolidated Response 05-02: Feasibility
  - Consolidated Response 05-03: Reasonable Period of Time
  - Consolidated Response 05-04: Economic Infeasibility
  - Consolidated Response 05-05: Mitigation Enforceability
  - Consolidated Response 05-06: Feasibility of Specific Technologies and Other Mitigation Measures
  - Consolidated Response 05-07: Use of Performance Standards

**Explanation for errata to Final EIR:** This change to the Comment and Responses Part 1 section of the Final EIR is intended to clarify in the Table of Contents that there is a Consolidated Response 05-07, which addresses use of performance standards in the context of feasible and enforceable mitigation. Although the response itself was included in the Consolidated Responses document, it was missing from the Table of Contents.

**Page 2-56 of the Final EIR has been revised as follows:**

**Consolidated Response 10-07 Potential Impacts on the Silver Lakes/Helendale Community**

Some comments assert that the Draft EIR did not, or did not sufficiently, address BIG's potential effects on the Silver Lakes/Helendale Community. See **Consolidated Response ~~0406~~** concerning potential impacts on communities.

**Consolidated Response 10-08 Potential Impacts on the Silver Lakes/Helendale Community Concerning Hazardous Materials**

Some comments assert that the Draft EIR did not, or did not sufficiently, address BIG's potential hazardous materials-related impacts on the Silver Lakes/Helendale Community. See **Consolidated Response ~~0807~~** regarding potential impacts concerning hazardous materials.

**Explanation for errata to Final EIR:** These changes to Consolidated Responses 10-07 and 10-08 are to guide the reader to the other responses that might be useful. The numbering was mixed up, and these changes clear up any confusion.

**Page 2-266 of the Final EIR has been revised as follows:**

**MM BIG BIO-34 Permanent Security Fencing.**

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The designated biologists shall confirm that the selected apron material and climber barrier do not cause harm, injury, entanglement, or entrapment to wildlife species. The

implementing entity shall provide quarterly inspection and repair of the fencing during construction.

The specific design and method for installation method of an apron or barrier may vary as required by regulatory permits issued under the FESA or CESA. Prior to start of operations then quarterly, staff under the direction of biological monitors shall field-inspect the fencing that is adjacent to natural habitats and confirm appropriate installation and the implementing entity shall carry out repair of the fencing, as needed. Fencing plan review and field inspection shall be documented in a memorandum from the designated biologists and provided to CDFW and the City.

**Explanation for errata to Final EIR:** This change to the Comments and Responses Part 1 section of the Final EIR was made to match the wording of **MM BIG BIO-34** in the MMRP. It was made to ensure consistency between documents.

**Page 2-927 of the Final EIR has been revised as follows:**

**MM BIG BIO-17** (Draft EIR pages 5.4-~~18280~~ and 5.4-~~18381~~) is revised in the **Final EIR Section 3.0: Errata to the Draft EIR**, as follows:

**Explanation for errata to Final EIR:** This change to the Comments and Responses Part 1 section of the Final EIR was made to correct the page numbers of the Draft EIR pages being referenced. The change was made to ensure that the reader is able to properly navigate the Draft EIR document.

**Pages 2-938 through 2-940 of the Final EIR has been revised as follows:**

~~**O25-1** — This is a general comment that includes introductory remarks and serves to introduce more specific comments, which are responded to in detail below. As a result, no specific response is provided here.~~

**O25-21** This is a general comment that includes introductory remarks and serves to introduce more specific comments, which are responded to in detail below. To the extent commenter raises concerns about the Draft EIR's analysis that are best addressed by sharing technical and scientific information, this is also provided below. As a result, no specific response is provided here.

**O25-32** As stated by the commentor, the statutory provisions enacted through Assembly Bill 1889 (AB1889) (Friedman, 2024), were approved by the Governor on September 27, 2024, and become mandatory upon an update of the Conservation Element that is required to take place on or after January 1, 2028. The comment summarizes the provisions of AB 1889, which do not require a specific response. See **Consolidated Response 04** concerning general non-CEQA issues.

**O25-43** As stated by the commentor, the statutory provisions enacted through Assembly Bill 1889 (Friedman, 2024), which was approved by the Governor on

September 27, 2024, are required upon an update of the Conservation Element that takes place on or after January 1, 2028. The City issued the Notice of Preparation for the EIR for the GPU Update on February 15, 2024. As a result, the City was already working on the GPU update before the adoption of the bill and was not trying to “push through” the GPU update before the law went into effect. The Draft General Plan is anticipated to be adopted in 2026. The City will address the requirements of state law upon the next update of its Open Space and Conservation Element that takes place on or after January 1, 2028.

**O25-54**

The 2015 General Plan contains and applies two open space (OS) designations to the General Plan area: ROS and IOS, defined below.

- "Interim Open Space" (IOS/ROS or IOS/RC) is actually a placeholder designation where the City determined that development was unlikely to occur by 2020 but would be appropriate at some point after 2020. The 2015 General Plan explicitly states: "It is anticipated that subsequent revisions to the General Plan will result in gradual, planned conversion of these lands to urban uses at such time as is warranted by market demand and economic viability."
- As stated in the 2015 General Plan, "Resource Conservation Open Space" (ROS or OS/C) was applied to "high environmental resource value, such as habitat for threatened or endangered species, scenic vistas or archaeological significance. The majority of these lands fall under public (e.g., BLM) or quasi-public (e.g., PG&E) ownership."
- Within the incorporated boundaries, the lands designated for IOS in the 2015 General Plan are proposed to become either Business Park or Industrial in the Draft General Plan. This is consistent with the intent expressed in the 2015 General Plan for conversion to urban uses. While the 2015 General Plan only considered development potential through 2020, the Draft General Plan considers development potential through 2048. As such, the use of an "interim" designation was no longer deemed appropriate.
- Roughly half of the lands designated for ROS in the incorporated boundaries in the 2015 General Plan (around the interchange of Interstate 15 and State Highway 58) are proposed for Public/Quasi-Public use, enabling that area to be designated for public uses, which includes the current use as a freeway interchange and the potential for open space. In general, the City views areas around freeway-to-freeway interchanges to be less desirable for an open space designation. The area currently designated ROS to the south is currently owned by the federal government and is proposed to be an extension of a future master planned area to the south to be designated for Diverse Use, contingent upon a potential land swap or other land disposition by the federal government. The area currently designated ROS to the west was determined to be a logical extension of the proposed Business Park designation.

- Nearly all of the IOS and ROS designated lands are in the unincorporated portion of the City's SOI, which is governed by the County of San Bernardino. While the 2015 General Plan symbolizes the unincorporated SOI with City symbology, the County always had and continues to retain land use authority in the unincorporated SOI. Accordingly, the Draft General Plan opted to reflect the actual legal land use designations for the unincorporated SOI as determined by the County of San Bernardino. Even with this proposed adjustment, the fundamental land use patterns of open space remain largely consistent between the 2015 and Draft General Plans. Moreover, the City's 2015 General Plan IOS designation, even if it could be applied to the unincorporated SOI, allows for future urban development, while the Draft General Plan proposes most of the IOS-designated lands to be mapped as Resource/Land Management, which is more closely aligned with resource conservation.
- Finally, of the lands within the boundaries of the proposed BIG Specific Plan (currently incorporated and currently unincorporated), the 2015 General Plan designates essentially all (99.9%) as either Industrial, Diverse Use, or Estate Residential.

The General Plan planning horizon is 2048, as noted on page 2-1 of the Draft EIR, which is typical for general plans. However, there are methods for updating and changing the General Plan during this 20-year-period. Government Code § 65358(b) allows the City to make four general plan amendments by April 1 of each year, and Government Code § 65400(2) requires an annual report on the General Plan, and it is common practice for cities to review their general plans every 5 – 7 years for compliance with new state laws, court decisions, or changing development patterns.

~~O25-5~~ — See Response ~~O25-4~~.

~~O25-6~~ — This comment will be shared with decision makers. As it does not address any inadequacies of the Draft EIR, no further response or revisions are warranted.

O25-75 See **Responses S8-57 through S8-66** concerning the analysis provided in the Draft EIR regarding potential wildlife movement impacts and mitigation requirements that allow for the conclusion of a less than significant impact on this resource. **Response S8-61** provides a summary of the overall compensatory mitigation framework that would offset BIG's habitat impacts, as required by the Draft EIR and consistent with CEQA requirements.

O25-86 This comment expresses concern about the ecological importance of the Mojave River corridor and regional connectivity, citing CDFW-identified barriers, California Missing Linkages data, and Terrestrial Connectivity and ACE Irreplaceability rankings. **Draft EIR Section 5.4: Biological Resources** and supporting **Appendix 5.4 BIG-1** evaluates the project site in both a local and regional context, as noted in **Response S8-57 through S8-60 and S8-62. Draft**

**EIR Appendix 5.4 BIG-1** also maps the project site's intersection with regional connectivity zones mentioned in this comment, including the Terrestrial Connectivity Area of Conservation Emphasis (ACE), California Desert Linkage Network, CEHC Potential Riparian Connection, CEHC Essential Connectivity Area, and the Mojave River – Barstow/Camp Cody Linkage identified in the Missing Linkages project (see **Draft EIR Appendix 5.4 BIG-1 Figure 3.5-1**). Mitigation measures described in the Draft EIR, including **MM BIG BIO-32** and **MM BIG BIO-34**, address wildlife connectivity through and adjacent to the project site and these mitigation measures have been updated with additional details per **Response S8-66** and **S8-67**. The Draft EIR provides a regional context for connectivity impacts and identifies feasible, enforceable measures to address wildlife movement, in accordance with CEQA requirements.

**O25-97** The commenter expresses support for the No Project Alternative and urges a more protective evaluation of habitat connectivity, wildlife movement, and imperiled species. The Draft EIR analyzes a reasonable range of alternatives, including a No Project Alternative, as required under CEQA, and evaluates implications of the various alternatives for biological resources, including wildlife connectivity and habitat for special-status species. Comments regarding the merits of the Project or alternatives to the Project do not raise a significant environmental issue or specific questions about the analyses or information in the Draft EIR that would require response pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines § 15088. A No Project Alternative would not impact biological resources; however, a No Project Alternative does not meet the Project objectives. The Draft EIR and supporting **Draft EIR Appendix 5.4 BIG-1** provide a site-specific and regional assessment of wildlife movement, connectivity, and habitat impacts for BIG, and identify mitigation measures that are feasible, enforceable, and designed to reduce impacts to less-than-significant levels.

**O25-108** See Consolidated **Response 04** concerning general non-CEQA issues.

**Explanation for errata to Final EIR:** These changes were made to the Comments and Responses Part 2 section of the Final EIR to better align each comment to each response. Comment letter is divided into eight sections, not ten. This helped to ensure that each comment was being properly addressed with the information available.

**Page 1192 of the Final EIR has been revised as follows:**

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| <b>I1177-1 through 32</b> | While the comment does not raise questions concerning the adequacy or conclusions in the Draft EIR, the information has been provided in this Final EIR for consideration by the decision makers; see <b>Consolidated Response 04</b> concerning non-CEQA issues. |
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**Explanation for errata to Final EIR:** These changes were made to the Comments and Responses Part 1 section of the Final EIR to better align the response to each comment. Comment letter I1177 is divided into two sections (I1177-1 and I1177-2). In response to this comment letter, there are only two comments that need to be addressed, not three.

**Pages 1349 through 1352 of the Final EIR have been revised as follows:**

**I1678-1** This comment identifies the attached comment letter. See responses below.

**I1678-2** The commenter states that the Draft EIR discussed BIG's biological impacts by analyzing species in isolation and not within the greater ecosystem. While **Draft EIR Impact 5.4-1** (pages 5.4-62 through 5.4-95.) analyzes BIG's impacts on specific species, consistent with Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Draft EIR also addresses BIG's impacts on loss of "habitat or other sensitive natural communities" under **Draft EIR Impact 5.4-2** (pages 5.4-96), thus addressing not only potential impacts to individual species, but also habitat as well. As explained in the Draft EIR and Biological Resources Technical Reports, numerous field assessments and focused surveys for special-status plants and wildlife and aquatic resources, as well as special-status natural communities and habitats of concern, have been conducted and documented for BIG to support the analyses and findings in the Draft EIR. When a commenter asserts additional analysis or review must be conducted, the lead agency looks at the evidence submitted to support that claim. Here, the commenter has not pointed to any facts, data or other substantial evidence to support their assertion that the Draft EIR only analyzes impacts to species in isolation and does not address impacts on the wider ecosystem. As a result, no further response is required.

**I1678-3** The commenter states that the Draft EIR does not analyze the removal of habitat or the fragmentation of wildlife corridors, both of which could result in impacts on the Mojave Desert ecosystem. The Draft EIR addresses BIG's impacts on loss of habitat under **Draft EIR Impact 5.4-2** (pages 5.4-96 through 5.4-98) and addresses wildlife movement corridor impacts in **Draft EIR Impact 5.4-4** (pages 5.4-102 through 5.4-105). Extensive technical studies and analyses were completed by Qualified Biologists to support the Draft EIR analysis, and these reports are available as **Draft EIR Appendix 5.4 BIG-1**. See also **Responses S8-57 through S8-68** BIG's potential impacts concerning wildlife corridors. Numerous species-specific analyses, habitat modification analyses, wildlife movement analyses, and others are available as Attachments A through HH to **Draft EIR Appendix 5.4 BIG-1**.

To address potential impacts to these issue areas, BIG would be required to implement Mitigation Measure (MM) BIG BIO-32. This mitigation measure would reduce potential impacts respective of wildlife corridor impacts to less than significant levels.

**I1678-4** The commentor states that some biological surveys were conducted under less-than-ideal conditions, outside the recommended survey windows or without full site access. The commentator, however, does not indicate which surveys were not conducted in conformance with established protocols and methodologies. All biological surveys for BIG



were conducted according to the appropriate methodologies and were completed by Qualified Biologists. All methodologies are detailed in the respective reports and appropriate pre-survey notification letters were sent to CDFW and/or USFWS (as applicable). Survey results are available in **Draft EIR Appendix 5.4 BIG BIO-1**. State CEQA Guidelines § 15125 provides for the establishment of the environmental baseline. CEQA requires that when evaluating the potential impacts of a project, the EIR must examine those impacts against the physical environmental conditions existing at the time the environmental analysis commenced (i.e., the environmental baseline). The commencement of the environmental analysis is when the Notice of Preparation (NOP) is released. The NOP was released on February 14, 2025, and biological surveys for specific species continued to be conducted through July 2025, see **Draft EIR Section 5.4**. The Draft EIR is adequate and no revisions are required.

**I1678-5** The commenter states they have observed species in the area that the Draft EIR states are unlikely or marginal but does not identify the species or provide evidence of presence in the area. As noted in **Consolidated Response 04-01** concerning the scope of CEQA, commenters are advised to support assertions that the lead agency should conduct additional analysis or review with data or other factual references. This is because the lead agency's CEQA conclusion must be based on substantial evidence in the record and not speculation. Here, the commenter has not pointed to any facts, data, or other substantial evidence that support its contention that the DEIR's analysis is flawed. Nonetheless, when a commenter asserts additional analysis or review must be conducted, the lead agency looks at the evidence submitted to support that claim. Here, the commenter does not provide substantial evidence to support their assertion that the Draft EIR did not accurately describe the likelihood of certain species on the site. The comment does not present any new information that any of the special status species a potential to occur in the study area at a rate greater than what was analyzed in the Draft EIR. Therefore, the comment's assertion that such species may be present within the BIG footprint is speculative. Any further study of the species would not be consistent with CEQA because such impacts are speculative given the lack of any evidence that such species are present or have ever occurred within the BIG footprint (State CEQA Guidelines § 15064). No further response is required. Please also see **Response I1678-4**.

**I1678-6** BIG operational impacts on biological resources are evaluated for each threshold (identified in **Response I1678-3**) starting on Draft EIR pages 5.4-91, 5.4-97, 5.4-99, 5.4-104, 5.4-106, and 5.4-108. See **Response I1678-3**.

**I1678-7** The Draft EIR analyzes BIG operational impacts on biological resources, including nocturnal species. See **Response I1678-6**. To address potential impacts, BIG would be required to implement **MM BIG BIO-36**, Nighttime Lighting During Operations, which includes restrictions on nighttime lighting. This mitigation measure would reduce potential impacts respective of wildlife corridor impacts to less than significant levels. See also **Consolidated Response 09-05** concerning consideration of the Sylvan Community in



the lighting analysis and **Consolidated Response 09-08** concerning consideration of Sylvan Community biological resources.

**I1678-8** The comment asserts that the Draft EIR's discussion of wildlife movement is inadequate and not supported by substantial evidence. As noted in **Consolidated Response 04-01** concerning the scope of CEQA, commenters are advised to support assertions that the lead agency should conduct additional analysis or review with data or other factual references. This is because the lead agency's CEQA conclusion must be based on substantial evidence in the record and not speculation. Here, the commenter has not pointed to any facts or data that support its contention that the DEIR's analysis is flawed. Nonetheless, in addressing commenter's concerns, BIG prepared a Biological Resources Technical Report which was made available as **Draft EIR Appendix 5.4 BIG-1**, see Section 4.5 of the appendix concerning wildlife corridors. See **Response S8-57** through **Response S8-68** regarding BIG's potential impacts concerning wildlife corridors. BIG's impacts on wildlife movement and wildlife corridors were evaluated in **Draft EIR Impact 5.4-4** (pages 5.4-102 through 5.4-105). See also **Consolidated Response 09-08** concerning consideration of Sylvan Community biological resources. The Draft EIR determined that existing barriers to movement, such as existing roadways, railways, and developments, limit the ability for many species to move through the BIG footprint to surrounding areas of natural habitat. BIG would implement **MM BIG BIO-32**, which would require the construction of a wildlife crossing at Mile Post 12.5 to facilitate wildlife movement through the BIG footprint, and existing culverts and vehicular crossings underneath the railway may also facilitate the movement of wildlife (Draft EIR page 5.4-103). Of the many existing culverts and vehicular crossings underneath the railway, only five existing culverts and crossings along the railway at Mile Posts 10.9, 10.06, 8.9, 8.2, and 7.0 occur in areas where development would severely limit their function as wildlife crossings. However, to limit these impacts **MM BIG BIO-32** would be implemented. See **Response I1678-3**.

**I1678-9** See **Response I1678-8**.

**I1678-10** The commentor asserts that the cumulative impacts analysis is unsupported. As noted in **Consolidated Response 04-01** concerning the scope of CEQA, commenters are advised to support assertions that the lead agency should conduct additional analysis or review with data or other factual references. This is because the lead agency's CEQA conclusion must be based on substantial evidence in the record and not speculation. Here, the commenter has not pointed to facts, data, or other substantial evidence that support its contention that the DEIR's analysis is flawed. Nonetheless, in addressing commenter's concerns, the methodology for the cumulative impacts analysis is provided in **Draft EIR Section 6.3: Cumulative Impacts** and with respect to biological resources, in **Draft EIR Section 6.6.4**. The Draft EIR determined that cumulative impacts concerning biological resources would be less than significant with the implementation of mitigation measures.

**I1678-11** See **Responses I1678-2** through **I1678-10**. Predation avoidance would be prevented and/or minimized through the implementation of a Raven Management Plan as described

in **MM BIG BIO-15**, which includes raven subsidy prevention, raven surveys, and participation in the interagency Raven Monitoring and Management Program to avoid attracting common ravens to BIG by creating food or water subsidies, perch sites, roost sites, or nest sites. Barns Owls are not specifically evaluated and addressed by the Draft EIR as they are not species of special concern nor are they candidate, sensitive, or special status species. Nonetheless, these species would be covered by the protections provided within the Migratory Bird Treaty Act which prohibits the take of any migratory bird or any part, nest, or eggs of any such bird.

**I1678-12** The commentor expresses concern that indirect impacts were not discussed and analyzed in the Draft EIR. Indirect impacts on numerous species were evaluated in the Draft EIR, see **Draft EIR Section 5.4: Biological Resources**. Additionally, **Draft EIR Appendix BIG BIO-1 Section 4.6** describes that both direct and indirect impacts were analyzed. See **Responses I1678-2 through I1678-10**.

**I1678-13** See Responses **I1678-2 through I1678-10**.

**I1678-14** See Responses **I1678-2 through I1678-10**.

**I1678-15** The commenter asserts that their “lived experience” is substantial evidence to support their claims made within their comment letter. State CEQA Guidelines § 15384 provides a definition for substantial evidence. The State CEQA Guidelines state that “substantial evidence shall include facts, reasonable assumptions predicated upon facts, and expert opinion supported by facts.” A “lived experience” does not constitute documented facts or an expert opinion. Further, the State CEQA Guidelines state that “unsubstantiated opinion or narrative” does not constitute substantial evidence. The commenter has solely provided unsubstantiated opinion or narrative and has not provided substantial evidence to support their assertions. The commenter’s opinions are noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-making bodies as part of the Final EIR for their consideration in reviewing the Project and EIR.

**Explanation for errata to Final EIR:** These changes were made to the Comments and Responses Part 1 section of the Final EIR to better align each comment to each response. In Response to Comment Letter I1678, it was originally unclear which response corresponded to which comment. Now, each response is numbered to clearly indicate which part of the comment is being responded to.

### **Errata to Response to Comment O21-33**

BIG’s operational diesel use within California is estimated to be approximately ~~10.9~~ 16.3 million gallons in 2028, ~~11.8~~ 19 million gallons in 2033, and ~~14.5~~ 22.7 million gallons in 2048. However, reductions in statewide truck trips, as identified in Draft EIR Table 5.6-15: Annual Net Truck Miles Traveled Removed from National Network by BIG (page 5.6-42), would decrease diesel consumption by approximately 9.4 million in 2028, 12.3 million gallons in 2033, and 14.4 million gallons in 2048 compared to the No-BIG Alternative (Draft EIR Section 5.6: Energy pages 5.6-36 to 37). When these

reductions are considered, total net operational diesel consumption results in an increase of approximately ~~1.5~~ 6.9 million gallons in 2028, an ~~reduction~~ increase of approximately ~~0.5~~ 6.6 million gallons in 2033, and an increase of approximately ~~0.1~~ 8.3 million gallons in 2048 as shown in Draft EIR Table 5.6-13: Projected Annual BIG Energy Consumption During Operations (pages 5.6-36 and 37), excluding mitigation. With mitigation, BIG's annual diesel consumption within California would be approximately 11.4 million gallons in 2028, 14 million gallons in 2033, and 17.8 million gallons in 2048. After incorporating the reduction in TMT within California, BIG would result in a net ~~reductions~~ increase in annual diesel fuel consumption during operations of approximately ~~3.4~~ 2 million gallons in 2028, ~~5.4~~ 1.8 million gallons in 2033, and ~~4.8~~ 3.4 million gallons in 2048 (see Draft EIR Table 5.6-13). BIG's operational diesel fuel consumption is considered low compared to annual Countywide use. The County's annual diesel fuel use in 2025 is assumed to be approximately 281,400,000 gallons.<sup>28</sup> BIG's estimated mitigated diesel fuel consumption during operations would constitute less than one percent of diesel fuel consumption within San Bernardino County and less than 0.2 percent of statewide diesel fuel consumption ~~result in net reductions~~. BIG operations would account for relatively low operational diesel fuel use proportional to County use and would not significantly affect existing diesel fuel supplies or resources, and new capacity or additional sources of diesel fuel are not anticipated to be required. (Draft EIR Section 5.6: Energy page 5.6-43). Therefore, no mitigation is required. Additionally, for informational purposes only, BIG would result in a substantial net reduction of diesel fuel consumption (14 million gallons in 2028, 18.5 million gallons in 2033, and 20.6 million gallons in 2048) upon taking credit for the net reduction of TMT and mitigation nationwide. BIG's estimated unmitigated diesel fuel consumption during construction would total approximately 22.1 million gallons and average approximately 7.8 gallons annually (Draft EIR Section 5.6: Energy pages 5.6-40 and 41). The County's annual diesel fuel use in 2025 is assumed to be approximately 281,400,000 gallons.<sup>29</sup> BIG's estimated average annual diesel fuel consumption during construction would represent approximately 2.8 percent of the County's current diesel fuel consumption. Therefore, BIG would result in relatively low construction fuel use proportional to annual County use and would not significantly affect existing energy fuel supplies or resources, and new capacity or additional sources of construction diesel fuel are not anticipated to be required. As noted in the calculations above, BIG would reduce TMT (refer to Draft EIR Appendix 5.15 BIG-1, Section 8.1 Truck Miles Traveled (page 130-145)). Additionally, refer to Consolidated Response 15, concerning truck miles traveled analysis.

**Explanation for errata to the Final EIR:** This change to response to comments is made due to the commenter noting that the response inadvertently did not reflect the change to Draft EIR Section 5.6 resulting a net increase in diesel fuel consumption, when measured only statewide. Additionally, this change notes that BIG would result in a substantial net reduction in diesel fuel consumption upon taking credit for the national TMT reduction that would occur with BIG.

**Pages 2-752 through 2-755 of the Final EIR have been revised as follows:**

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| <b>O21-46</b> | As noted by the commenter, the Draft EIR consistently states that BIG would utilize Tier 4 switcher locomotives. Utilization of Tier 4 switcher locomotives is not a mitigation measure, but included as a part of BIG. See also <b>Consolidated Response 12-03</b> concerning |
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enforceability of the Project components and mitigation measures for the Project. The table that the commenter refers to (**Draft EIR Appendix 5.3 BIG-1 Table 17: Locomotive Fleet Mix Forecast** (page 71) includes the fleet mix for BNSF's nationwide fleet, and has been updated in the ~~Final EIR Section 3.0 Errata to the Draft EIR~~ **Final EIR Appendix 3-1: Emissions Errata** as it pertains to showing the improvement to the overall fleet mix by BIG: 1) utilizing Tier 4 switcher locomotives onsite and 2) replacing the existing switcher locomotives at the unrelated Barstow Classification Yard with Tier 4 locomotives. With these two improvements, emissions from BNSF's national switcher fleet mix would improve. BIG switcher emissions were modeled using only Tier 4 emissions factors, consistent with the above.

**Draft EIR Appendix 5.3 BIG-1 Table 17: Locomotive Fleet Mix Forecast** (page 71) has been revised in **Final EIR Appendix 3-1: Emissions Errata**.

This change clarifies analyses included in the Draft EIR, and the conclusions of the Draft EIR remain valid. Regarding the references in **Draft EIR Table 5.3-26: Mitigated Operational Emissions within MDAB (pounds per day)** (page 5.3-96) to mitigation measures, this is a typo and has been corrected below and in the **Final EIR Section 3.0: Errata to the Draft EIR**.

**Table 5.3-26: Mitigated Operational Emissions within MDAB (pounds per day)**

| Source                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Pollutant (Maximum Pounds per Day) <sup>1,2</sup> |                 |    |                 |                  |                   |
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| <b>2028 Operations</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                   |                 |    |                 |                  |                   |
| <b>2033 Operations</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                   |                 |    |                 |                  |                   |
| <b>2048 Operations</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                   |                 |    |                 |                  |                   |
| <sup>1</sup> Totals may not add up due to rounding.<br><sup>2</sup> Mitigation measures include <b>MM BIG AQ-7</b> (sweeping paved areas), <b>MM BIG AQ-8</b> (Tier 4 Switchers), <b>MM BIG AQ-9</b> (Replace Tier 1+ locomotives), and <b>MM BIG AQ-10</b> (renewable diesel RTG cranes).<br><sup>3</sup> Includes fugitive dust, break wear, and tire wear from fleet vehicles, on-site passenger cars, heavy-duty trucks, and cargo-handling equipment.<br><sup>4</sup> BIG would improve goods movement and supply chain efficiency by transporting more containers with trains to reduce approximately 40,3 TMT per day in 2028, approximately 49,500 TMT per day in 2033, and approximately 59,305 TMT per day in 2048 from regional roadways; See <b>Draft EIR Appendix 5.15 BIG-1: Barstow International Gateway CEQA Assessment – Transportation Analysis</b> .<br><sup>5</sup> MDAB only Corridor emissions per EnSafe, BNSF Barstow International Gateway Corridor Emissions Analysis, October 2025 ( <b>Draft EIR Appendix 5.3 BIG-1, Appendix B</b> ). |                                                   |                 |    |                 |                  |                   |
| Source: Refer to <b>Draft EIR Appendix 5.3 BIG-1: Air Quality Technical Report</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                   |                 |    |                 |                  |                   |

**Explanation for errata to Final EIR:** The first change was made to **Response O21-46** to accurately show where the fleet mix for BNSF's nationwide fleet can be found. An additional change was made to the title of **Table 5.3-26**, as it was improperly labeled as **Table 5.3-1**. Both these changes were made to ensure consistency across documents and are only minor typographical edits.

**Page 2-769 of the Final EIR has been revised as follows:**

**MM GP GHG-1**     **Climate Action Plan.** The City of Barstow shall prepare a qualified Climate Action Plan (CAP) to align GHG emissions targets in the City with the GHG reduction targets of Assembly Bill (AB) 1279. The qualified CAP shall be completed within 36 months of certification of the General Plan EIR. The qualified CAP shall be updated every five years to ensure the City is monitoring the plan's progress toward achieving the City's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target and to require amendment if the plan is not achieving specified level. The update shall consider a trajectory consistent with the GHG emissions reduction goal established under AB 1279 for year 2045, and the latest applicable statewide legislative GHG emission reduction that may be in effect at the time of the CAP. The qualified CAP shall include the following:

...

**Explanation for errata to Final EIR:** These changes were made to match the Errata's wording of **MM GP GHG-1** on **page 3-100**. The changes were made to ensure consistency across all documents.

## 5.2 Updates to Section 3.0: Errata

Table 1-2 on Pages 3-43 through 3-44 of the Final EIR has been revised as follows:

| Table 1-2: Summary of Environmental Impacts, Mitigation Measures, and Levels of Significance After Mitigation – BIG |                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                        |
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| Environmental Impact                                                                                                | Level of Significance Before Mitigation | Mitigation Measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Level of Significance After Mitigation |
|                                                                                                                     |                                         | <p><b>MM BIG BIO-26: Ringtail, American Badger and Desert Kit Fox Construction Requirements.</b> Prior to start of construction mobilization activities within suitable habitat, biological monitors familiar with ringtail, American badger, and desert kit fox shall conduct surveys within the limits of the BIG construction footprint for occupied <del>nest</del> dens. The survey(s) shall occur no more than 48 hours prior to start of ground-disturbing activities in suitable habitat for ringtail, American badger, and desert kit fox within the potential impact footprint. Survey results shall be provided to CDFW and the City.</p> <p>...</p> |                                        |

**Explanation for errata to the Final EIR:** This change was made to ensure consistency with **pages 2-268 to 2-269** of the Comments and Responses Part 1 document.

Table 1-2 on Pages 3-47 through 3-48 of the Final EIR has been revised as follows:

| Table 1-2: Summary of Environmental Impacts, Mitigation Measures, and Levels of Significance After Mitigation – BIG |                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                        |
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| Environmental Impact                                                                                                | Level of Significance Before Mitigation | Mitigation Measures                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Level of Significance After Mitigation |
|                                                                                                                     |                                         | <p><b>MM BIG BIO-34: Permanent Security Fencing.</b></p> <p>...</p> <p><u>The designated biologists shall confirm that the selected apron material and climber barrier do not cause harm, injury, entanglement, or</u></p> |                                        |

**Table 1-2: Summary of Environmental Impacts, Mitigation Measures, and Levels of Significance After Mitigation – BIG**

| Environmental Impact | Level of Significance Before Mitigation | Mitigation Measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Level of Significance After Mitigation |
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|                      |                                         | <p><u>entrapment to wildlife species. The implementing entity shall provide quarterly inspection and repair of the fencing <b>during construction</b>.</u></p> <p><u>The specific design and method for installation method of an apron or barrier may vary as required by regulatory permits issued under the FESA or CESA. Prior to start of operations then quarterly, <b>staff under the direction of</b> biological monitors shall field-inspect the fencing that is adjacent to natural habitats and confirm appropriate installation and the implementing entity shall carry out repair of the fencing, as needed. Fencing plan review and field inspection shall be documented in a memorandum from the designated biologists and provided to CDFW and the City.</u></p> |                                        |

**Explanation for errata to the Final EIR:** This change was made to ensure consistency with **page 4-57** of the MMRP, and throughout all the documents.



**Pages 3-85 through 3-86 of the Final EIR have been revised as follows:**

**MM BIG BIO-34 Permanent Security Fencing.** Prior to final construction design and upon securing a CESA ITP for CESA species and a USFWS BO for federally listed species, the designated biologist shall review and approve/submit the fencing plans for portions of the BIG Specific Plan Area to CDFW for review and consultation that are adjacent to natural habitats to confirm the fences provide a sufficient barrier to restrict wildlife from entering the BIG Specific Plan area.

The permanent security fencing shall be enhanced with a barrier (e.g., fine-mesh fencing) that extends at least 12 inches below ground and 12 inches above ground to prevent special status reptile and mammal species, including desert tortoise, from moving through or underneath the fencing and gaining access to the BIG Specific Plan area. Where fencing is proposed between natural habitats and roadway right-of-way, at the 12-inch depth of the below-grade portion fence apron, the barrier shall extend or be bent at an approximately 90-degree angle and oriented outward from the roadway right-of-way a minimum of 12 inches to prevent fossorial (burrowing) mammals and reptiles from digging or tunneling below the security fence and gaining access to BIG. A climber barrier (e.g., rigid curved or bent overhang) shall be installed at the top of the apron to prevent reptiles and mammals from climbing over the apron.

The designated biologists shall confirm that the selected apron material and climber barrier do not cause harm, injury, entanglement, or entrapment to wildlife species. The implementing entity shall provide quarterly inspection and repair of the fencing during construction.

The specific design and method for installation method of an apron or barrier may vary as required by regulatory permits issued under the FESA or CESA. Prior to start of operations then quarterly, staff under the direction of biological monitors shall field-inspect the fencing that is adjacent to natural habitats and confirm appropriate installation and the implementing entity shall carry out repair of the fencing, as needed. Fencing plan review and field inspection shall be documented in a memorandum from the designated biologists and provided to CDFW and the City.

**Explanation for errata to the Final EIR:** This change was made to ensure consistency with **page 4-57** of the MMRP, and throughout all the documents.

**Pages 3-91 through 3-92 of the Final EIR have been revised as follows:**

**MM BIG BIO-34 Permanent Security Fencing.**

...

The designated biologists shall confirm that the selected apron material and climber barrier do not cause harm, injury, entanglement, or entrapment to wildlife species. The implementing entity shall provide quarterly inspection and repair of the fencing during construction.

The specific design and method for installation method of an apron or barrier may vary as required by regulatory permits issued under the FESA or CESA. Prior to start of operations then quarterly, staff under the direction of biological monitors shall field-inspect the fencing that is adjacent to natural habitats and confirm appropriate installation and the implementing entity shall carry out repair of the fencing, as needed. Fencing plan review and field inspection shall be documented in a memorandum from the designated biologists and provided to CDFW and the City.

**Explanation for errata to the Final EIR:** This change was made to ensure consistency with the page 4-57 of the MMRP, and throughout all the documents.

**Errata, Final EIR page 3-97 has been revised as follows:**

While BIG would consume a considerable amount of diesel fuel, it is noted that BIG's objective is to convert existing heavy-duty truck trips to rail trips, ~~thereby reducing overall nationwide diesel fuel consumption~~ thereby reducing overall nationwide diesel fuel consumption. As discussed in Section 5.17 Table 5.6-15, BIG would remove approximately 58,130,956 annual truck miles in Opening Year 2028, approximately 76,365,405 annual truck miles in Interim Year 2033, and approximately 89,381,289 annual truck miles in Horizon Year 2048 from the California network. BIG would include mitigation measures to minimize diesel fuel (e.g., use of renewable diesel rubber-tired gantry cranes [MM BIG AQ-8]). As noted above, the use of renewable diesel would improve fuel economy and would not increase demand for conventional non-renewable diesel fuel. BIG's estimated net mitigated annual diesel fuel consumption during operations would result in net ~~decreases~~ increases of approximately ~~3.42.0~~ million gallons in 2028, ~~5.41.8~~ million gallons in 2033, and ~~4.83.4~~ million gallons in 2048 (accounting for the reduction in truck miles within California, but not accounting for the reduction in truck miles nationally). BIG's estimated mitigated diesel fuel consumption during operations would constitute less than one percent of diesel fuel consumption within San Bernardino County and less than 0.2 percent of statewide diesel fuel consumption ~~result in net reductions,~~ and, if the national truck mile reduction were accounted, would result in a substantial net reduction of diesel fuel consumption. As discussed in Section 3.0: Project Description, BNSF locomotives refuel at the Ports or at Belen, New Mexico and would not require refueling at BIG. Additionally, BIG would result in a net reduction of greenhouse gas emissions with air quality and energy mitigation applied, substantially reduce port and highway congestion, and expedite the transportation of goods from the Ports via rail, the most environmentally efficient way to move freight. Therefore, BIG operations would account for relatively low operational diesel fuel use proportional to County use and would not significantly affect existing diesel fuel supplies or resources, and new capacity or additional sources of diesel fuel are not anticipated to be required.

BIG operations would reduce non-renewable diesel fuel usage by the following:

- Use of renewable diesel
- Use of electric cargo-handling equipment
- Use of zero-emission TRUs
- Convert existing heavy-duty truck trips to rail trips, resulting in a more fuel efficient way to transport goods reducing overall (i.e., regional, statewide, and nationwide) diesel consumption. This would result in an incremental increase in diesel fuel usage within California, but a substantial net reduction nationwide.

BIG would serve an important role in the movement of goods throughout the state, increase the use of renewable diesel fuel, and reduce ~~on-road diesel~~ fuel consumption by on-road heavy-duty trucks on a regional, statewide, and nationwide basis. The County would not require additional capacity to serve BIG operations. Additionally, as stated above, BIG would help facilitate the conversion of heavy-duty truck trips to train trips, which are more fuel efficient. As such, BIG operations would not result in wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary electricity consumption, and would result in a less than significant environmental impact.

**Explanation for the Above Errata to the Final EIR:** This errata to the Final EIR notes that BIG would result in a substantial net reduction in diesel fuel consumption upon taking credit for the national TMT reduction that would occur with BIG.

**Page 3-165 of the Final EIR have been revised as follows:**

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| <b>MM BIG NOI-2</b> | <p><b>Noise Barriers.</b> The implementing entity shall construct <del>three</del> <u>two</u> noise barriers as listed below to mitigate BIG's <u>operational</u> noise impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><del>▪ A 10-foot-high, approximately 700-foot-long absorptive noise barrier surrounding the BESS equipment in the northeastern portion of the solar farm (BAR-2);</del></li><li>▪ A 10-foot-high, approximately 470-foot-long absorptive noise barrier surrounding the substation in the northeastern portion of the solar farm (BAR-3); and</li><li>▪ A 14-foot-high, approximately 150-foot-long absorptive noise barrier along the eastern and southern boundary of the emergency generators in the northeastern portion of the intermodal facility (BAR-5).</li></ul> <p>...</p> |
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**Explanation for errata to Final EIR:** This change was made to ensure consistency with the wording for **MM BIG NOI-2** found in the MMRP and on **page 2-790**, and given BESS is not a part of BIG.

### 5.3 Updates to Section 4.0: Errata

Table 4-1 on Page 4-40 of the Final EIR has been revised as follows:

**TABLE 4-1: MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM**

| MITIGATION MEASURES (MM)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | IMPLEMENTATION<br>TIMING | MONITORING/<br>REPORTING<br>METHODS | RESPONSIBLE<br>FOR APPROVAL/<br>MONITORING | VERIFICATION |          |
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| BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |                                     |                                            |              |          |
| MM BIG BIO-21: Western Burrowing Owl Construction Requirements.<br><br>...<br><br>If full avoidance is not possible, either directly or indirectly, an ITP under CESA shall be obtained from CDFW and a Burrowing Owl Plan shall be prepared and submitted for <u>review and</u> approval by CDFW. The plan shall also be submitted to the City. Once approved by CDFW, the plan shall be implemented in conjunction with the CESA ITP to relocate non-breeding burrowing owls from BIG. The plan shall detail methods for relocation of burrowing owls and provide guidance for the monitoring and management of the replacement burrow sites and associated reporting requirements. Details of the Burrowing Owl Plan shall be determined in consultation with CDFW, and is anticipated to include, but may not be limited to, the following:<br><br>... | ...                      | ...                                 | ...                                        |              |          |

**Explanation for errata to Final EIR:** This change to the wording of **MM BIG BIO-21** was made to ensure consistency with the Errata and the Comments and Responses Part 1 section of the Final EIR.

Table 4-1 on Pages 4-41 of the Final EIR has been revised as follows:

**TABLE 4-1: MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM**

| MITIGATION MEASURES (MM)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | IMPLEMENTATION<br>TIMING | MONITORING/<br>REPORTING<br>METHODS | RESPONSIBLE<br>FOR APPROVAL/<br>MONITORING | VERIFICATION |          |
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| BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                          |                                     |                                            |              |          |
| <b>MM BIG BIO-22: Western Burrowing Owl Compensatory Mitigation.</b><br>Prior to start of construction mobilization activities, the implementing entity shall prepare a Compensatory Mitigation Plan (CMP) in consultation with CDFW that describes the compensatory mitigation that shall be provided at a minimum 1:1 ratio to offset permanent and temporary impacts on burrowing owl habitat. The CMP shall describe the following:<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A description of burrowing owl and habitat types for which compensatory mitigation is being <del>provided</del><u>proposed</u>.</li><li>A description of the methods used to identify and evaluate mitigation options. Options may include one or more of the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Purchase of mitigation credits from an<del>agency</del>-<u>CDFW</u> approved mitigation bank (<del>e.g., Mojave Desert Tortoise Conservation Bank or other CDFW approved mitigation bank</del>)-<u>CDFW approved mitigation bank</u>.</li></ul></li></ul><br>... | ...                      | ...                                 | ...                                        |              |          |

**Explanation for errata to Final EIR:** This change to the wording of **MM BIG BIO-22** was made to ensure consistency with the Errata and the Comments and Responses Part 1 section of the Final EIR.

Table 4-1 on Pages 4-44 through 4-45 of the Final EIR has been revised as follows:

**TABLE 4-1: MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM**

| MITIGATION MEASURES (MM)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | IMPLEMENTATION TIMING | MONITORING/ REPORTING METHODS | RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROVAL/ MONITORING | VERIFICATION |          |
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| BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |                               |                                      |              |          |
| <p><b>MM BIG BIO-26: Ringtail, American Badger and Desert Kit Fox Construction Requirements.</b> Prior to start of construction mobilization activities within suitable habitat, biological monitors familiar with ringtail, American badger, and desert kit fox shall conduct surveys within the limits of the BIG construction footprint for occupied <del>natal</del> dens. The survey(s) shall occur no more than 48 hours prior to start of ground-disturbing activities in suitable habitat for ringtail, American badger and desert kit fox within the potential impact footprint. Survey results shall be provided to CDFW and the City.</p> <p>If ringtail, American badger or desert kit fox <del>natal</del> dens are documented within the survey area, a biological monitor shall establish a no-work exclusion buffer around the den and dens shall not be disturbed until a biological monitor verifies through non-invasive methods that either the den is no longer occupied, or that juveniles from <del>the</del> natal den are foraging independently and capable of independent survival and not dependent on the den.</p> <p>...</p> | ...                   | ...                           | ...                                  |              |          |

**Explanation for errata to Final EIR:** This change to the wording of **MM BIG BIO-26** was made to ensure consistency with the Errata and the Comments and Responses Part 1 section of the Final EIR.

Table 4-1 on Pages 4-52 through 4-53 of the Final EIR has been revised as follows:

**TABLE 4-1: MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM**

| MITIGATION MEASURES (MM)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | IMPLEMENTATION TIMING | MONITORING/ REPORTING METHODS | RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROVAL/ MONITORING | VERIFICATION |          |
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| BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |                               |                                      |              |          |
| MM BIO-32: Wildlife Crossings. With BIG implementation, a wildlife crossing shall be constructed at the Unnamed Stream (Milepost 12.5) below the BNSF tracks <del>and Main Street</del> to facilitate wildlife movement between areas of natural habitat on either side of the railway <del>and road</del> . This rail <del>way crossing</del> feature shall be placed alongside four smaller culverts constructed to convey water: three 36-inch and one 48-inch diameter culverts. The wildlife crossing shall be an 84-inch diameter culvert designed to facilitate passage beneath the rail right of-way, which would connect open space east of the railway to the Mojave River, thereby maintaining access to existing linkages (i.e., the Rank 4/5 ACE, California Desert Linkage Network, and CEHC Potential Riparian Connection). The wildlife crossing shall also include a dedicated underpass beneath National Trails Highway to facilitate movement of wildlife from habitat south of the roadway to the culvert under the BNSF tracks, situated just south of the Mojave River Corridor. | ...                   | ...                           | ...                                  |              |          |

**Explanation for errata to Final EIR:** This change to the wording of **MM BIG BIO-32** was made to ensure consistency with the Errata.