

# SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

## ***Purpose of checklist:***

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

## ***Instructions for applicants:***

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

## ***Instructions for Lead Agencies:***

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

## ***Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:***

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

## ***A. Background*** [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Update 2022

2. Name of applicant:

Moses Lake Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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4. Date checklist prepared:

February 2, 2022

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Moses Lake

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

PROS approved by April 12, 2022

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

The department is preparing a Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan by April 12, 2022. In the future implementation of the plan would involve capital investments, maintenance practices and other action that fulfill the plan.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

A SEPA checklist and Determination of Non-Significance is the only items being prepared for this proposal.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

Not applicable. This is a non-project proposal.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

Park, Recreation & Cultural Services Board review and recommendations and City Council review and approval.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this

page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

The Moses Lake 2022 PROS Plan guides the City's parks system. It updates and replaces the 2016 PROS Plan. The PROS Plan allows the City to maintain eligibility for Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grants.

Key strategies in this PROS include:

- Prioritize access to parks and programs for all Moses Lake residents.
- Prioritize sustainability and climate resiliency as core values for the department.
- Provide enhanced healthy recreation opportunities and services.
- Improve existing park sites.
- Maintain organizational resilience, effectiveness and position the organization for continuous improvement and change.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

The proposal primarily applies in the Moses Lake city limits. The plan would also guide future parks in the municipal urban growth area upon annexation.

## **B. Environmental Elements** [\[HELP\]](#)

### **1. Earth** [\[help\]](#)

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other \_\_\_\_\_

Variable across park systems. Not applicable to this non-project action.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

Variable across park systems. Not applicable to this non-project action.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Variable across park systems. Not applicable to this non-project action.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

This is a non-project action. Not applicable – no site is associated with this proposal.

- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Not applicable to this non-project action. Future capital projects on parkland will be subject to City regulations and filling and grading permits, as well as SEPA review.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

This is a non-project action. Not applicable – no site is associated with this proposal. Any development-related land use action will be required to comply with MLMC development regulations.

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

Non applicable to this non-project. Future capital projects on parkland will be subject to City zoning standards.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

This is a non-project action. Not applicable – no site is associated with this proposal. Any development-related land use action will be required to comply with MLMC development regulations.

## 2. Air [\[help\]](#)

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

Dust could be generated during construction.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

Park sites are in proximity to transportation sources of emissions (e.g. roads, etc.). The proposal is meant to increase the miles of trails that could promote non-motorized travel and reduce transportation emissions that would otherwise occur.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

This is a non-project action. Not applicable – no site is associated with this proposal. Any development-related land use action will be required to comply with MLMC development regulations for any construction and ongoing emissions.

## 3. Water [\[help\]](#)

- a. Surface Water: [\[help\]](#)

1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

The City of Moses Lake is located on a lake of the same name in the middle of Eastern Washington. Wetland assessments, delineations, watercourse analyses and habitat assessments will be conducted within these areas prior to site-specific planning as appropriate. Shoreline and critical area permits will be required for projects that are non exempt.

2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

b. Ground Water: [\[help\]](#)

1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the

number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

Future development on parks and trails may add impervious areas (e.g. parking lots, trails). All development will be subject to stormwater standards.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

This is a non-project action. Not applicable – no site is associated with this proposal. Any development-related land use action will be required to comply with MLMC development regulations.

#### 4. **Plants** [\[help\]](#)

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this proposal. There are a variety of types of vegetation in Moses Lake.

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

Proposed park policies promote sustainable environmentally sensitive design and use of best management practices for maintenance. City standards for landscaping (e.g. parking lots) would also apply where applicable. Critical area regulations would protect any listed plant species, if present.

- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

## 5. **Animals** [\[help\]](#)

- a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other \_\_\_\_\_

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project. A range of birds and fish may be present at different parkland where there is suitable habitat.

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project. The identification of threatened or endangered plant species will occur through site-specific development proposals.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

Implementation of the PROS Plan will have positive long-term beneficial effects on wildlife. The plan proposes the ongoing management and maintenance of city-owned open space areas. The designation and ongoing stewardship of such areas will protect and conserve environmentally sensitive areas, including habitat for sensitive plant, fish, and terrestrial wildlife species, along with removal of invasive species.

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

## **6. Energy and Natural Resources** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project. Electrical service will typically be provided to neighborhood and community parks, trailheads, and trail corridors where restrooms and safety lighting may be required.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

This is a non-project action. Not applicable – no site is associated with this proposal. Any development-related action that required a building permit will be required to comply with the applicable provisions of the Washington Energy Code.

## **7. Environmental Health** [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project. Any future development will be subject to appropriate controls to avoid, mitigate and/or abate environmental health hazards.

#### *b. Noise*

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

During construction of future park and trail capital projects, there may be temporary noise.

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

This non-project action does not include proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts. Any project that results from the plan will be required to comply with MLC development regulations.

### **8. Land and Shoreline Use** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project. Proposed projects in the PROS Plan are distributed widely throughout the city. Current use within project areas also varies. Proposed neighborhood and community parks are, by design, located in residential areas. Trails and open space are within or near a wide range of land uses, including residential, commercial, and institutional.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project. The park system properties are in the City of Moses Lake and may have been used as farmland in the past but are not currently used as such and are not designed as lands of long-term commercial significance.

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project. Since the parks projects have not been designed, specific on-site structures are not known at this time.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

This is a non-project action. No specific site is associated with this project.

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

This is a non-project action. Not applicable – no site is associated with this proposal. Parks, open spaces, and trail corridors and recreation facilities proposed in the PROS Plan are located within a wide range of comprehensive plan designations. The most common designation is residential for neighborhood and community parks.

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

This is a non-project action. Not applicable – no site is associated with this proposal. Any development-related land use action will be required to comply with the city's Shoreline Master Plan.

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

This is a non-project action. Not applicable – no site is associated with this proposal. Any development-related land use action will be required to comply with MLMC development regulations.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

Not applicable to this non-project action.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

Not applicable to this non-project action.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

Not applicable to this non-project action.

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

The proposed plan is consistent with provisions of the existing Moses Lake Comprehensive Plan. The proposed PROS Plan also supports goals, objectives and programs that have been identified in preceding updates. Any development-related land use action will be required to comply with the applicable zoning standards.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

Not applicable.

## **9. Housing** [\[help\]](#)

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

This plan will not result in new housing units.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Not applicable to this non-project action.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

Not applicable to this non-project action.

## **10. Aesthetics** [\[help\]](#)

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

Not applicable to this non-project action.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

Not applicable to this non-project action.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

Not applicable to this non-project action.

**11. Light and Glare** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

Not applicable to this non-project action.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

Not applicable to this non-project action.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

Not applicable to this non-project action.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

Not applicable – no light or glare impact will come about as a result of this non-project action. Any development-related land use actions will be required to comply with MLMC development regulations.

**12. Recreation** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

The PROS Plan identifies expansion and/or development of neighborhood parks, community parks, trails, and natural areas adequate to serve the urban growth area at the standard established in the plan.

- c. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

This non-project action is not associated with any site. The proposed park system will enhance and create additional recreational opportunities and provide connection to those opportunities via a trail system.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

This non-project action is not associated with any site. The proposed PROS Plan provides park facilities and recreation opportunities that help address community needs and priorities as identified in the Plan. Focusing recreation activities in appropriate area reduces the use of and potential threat to sensitive wildlife habitat.

### **13. Historic and cultural preservation** [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers ? If so, specifically describe.

Not applicable – the non-project actions is not associated with any site.

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

Not applicable – the non-project actions is not associated with any site.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

Not applicable – the non-project actions is not associated with any site.

- e. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

Potential park and trail development would be subject to project-level SEPA review where review of potential resources can be determined.

### **14. Transportation** [\[help\]](#)

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

Not applicable – this non-project action is not associated with any site.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

Not applicable – this non-project action is not associated with any site.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

Non applicable – this non-project action is not associated with any site. Future park development would be required to meet parking standards in the Development Code.

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

Not applicable – this non-project action is not associated with any site.

e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable – this non-project action is not associated with any site.

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

Not applicable – this non-project action is not associated with any site.

g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable – this non-project action is not associated with any site.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

Not applicable – this non-project action is not associated with any site Transportation impacts of individual project actions will be analyzed and mitigated by compliance with the Transportation Plan.

## 15. Public Services [\[help\]](#)

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

While this non-project action is not associated with any single site, developing new parks and special facilities with active recreational uses will attract patrons. This will increase the likelihood that fire, police and emergency medical services may be needed/

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

The greatest sense of safety comes from the presence of public patrons utilizing the parks and trails, and from public stewardship of the parks and trails. Several measures will be considered in the planning stages of an individual project that may reduce or control perceived or potential impacts such as: hours of operation, access gates, emergency service access requirements and environmental designs utilized for crime prevention.

## 16. Utilities [\[help\]](#)

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:  
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,  
other \_\_\_\_\_

Not applicable – this non-project action is not associated with any site.

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

Not applicable – this non-project action is not associated with any site.

### **C. Signature** [\[HELP\]](#)

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of signee Susan Schwiesow

Position and Agency/Organization Director, Moses Lake Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

### **D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions** [\[HELP\]](#)

**(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)**

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

Future park and trail development could create dust during construction, and add impervious area for parking or trails. Recreation facilities may be used for events that create spectator noise (e.g. sports complexes).

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

Application of stormwater and grading standards, vegetation retention, and use of pervious materials. Design of facilities with large gathering areas to be away from sensitive receptors.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

Construction of parks or trails in natural corridors which include areas that provide important habitat for a variety of plants, animals, and fish, would increase public access and use. Without proper facility design and management, public use and overuse can impact the value of wildlife habitat.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

Future park and trail development may require power and water.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

Energy conservation and use of alternative power sources, drought resistant vegetation, and use of alternative irrigation sources.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

Not applicable – this non-project action is not associated with any site.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

Not applicable – this non-project action is not associated with any site.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The PROS plan supports continued public utilization of shoreline areas for appropriate recreational uses and development of these sites in a manner that will support the natural characteristics of the shoreline.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

Projects proposed and implemented under the PROS Plan will be subject to further environmental and land use review, as appropriate, to ensure consistency with all local, state and federal laws and regulations.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

Not applicable – this non-project action is not associated with any site.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

Not applicable – this non-project action is not associated with any site.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment

The proposal is in compliance with local, state and federal regulations, and all development of future parks and trail segments shall also comply with all local, state, and federal regulations.