

### 3.13 PUBLIC SERVICES

This section describes the existing public services in the Project Area as well as applicable plans and policies. It then assesses the potential effects of the proposed Project restoration activities (both construction and post-construction) on these services. Mitigation measures are identified as applicable.

#### 3.13.1 Setting

##### Environmental Setting

###### *General Setting*

Areas of the creek accessible to the public (see Section 3.8, *Land Use*) generate occasional demand for police and fire services. This demand is low due to the minimal use of the creek (except in creekside parks and other accessible recreation areas) (see Section 3.10, *Recreation*). Police and fire agencies serving this region are listed below.

###### Police Services

Portions of the Project alignment are served by Yolo County Sheriff's Office (140 Tony Diaz Drive, Woodland), Solano County Sheriff's Office (Fairfield), City of Davis Police Department (2600 Fifth Street), City of Winters Police Department (702 Main Street), and the University of California, Davis (UC Davis) Police Department (2600 Fifth Street).

###### Fire Services

Portions of the Project alignment are served by Yolo County Fire Department, Solano County Fire Department, West Plainfield Fire Department, and City of Winters Fire Department. The nearest fire stations to the alignment are in Winters (700 Main Street), West Plainfield Fire Department, 24901 County Road 95, Davis; City of Davis Fire Department, 530 Fifth Street, Davis and 425 Mace Boulevard, Davis), and at UC Davis, (625 Kleiber Hall Drive). The nearest Solano County station is in Dixon (205 Ford Way).

The uppermost Solano County portion (south bank) of the Project alignment is mapped as being in a high wildland fire area (Solano County General Plan, Public Health and Safety Element, Figure HS-9). Most of the remaining Solano County portion of the channel area is mapped as low or no fire hazards, with a few small areas of moderate wildland fire hazard. Similarly, the upper portion of the north bank (Yolo County) west of Winters, is designated as a Very High Fire Severity Zone (VHFSZ) (Yolo County, 2009, p. HS-24).

## **Regulatory Setting**

### *Federal Regulations*

There are no federal regulations applicable to public services on this stretch of Putah Creek.

### *State Regulations*

There are no State regulations applicable to public services on this stretch of Putah Creek.

### *Local Regulations*

#### Solano County

The Solano County General Plan, Public Health and Safety Element (Solano County, 2008) includes the following policies and implementation strategies regarding police and fire services:

Policy HS-P-38: Promoting wildfire prevention measures such as grazing, disking, or plowing of agricultural lands.

Policy HS-P-23: Work with fire districts or other agencies and property owners to coordinate efforts to prevent wildfires and grassfires through fire protection measures such as consolidation of efforts to abate fuel buildup, access to firefighting equipment, and provision of water service.

Policy HS-P-24: Seek an appropriate balance between preventing and fighting fires and retaining the County's valuable visual and natural resources.

Implementation Strategy HS.I-30: Identify areas of overlap between important visual and natural resources and fire hazard areas. The County will work with federal and state agencies and local fire districts to develop management plans for these lands that protect these resources while still allowing for appropriate fire maintenance.

Implementation Strategy HS.I-32: Increase cooperative efforts among fire districts, public agencies, and landowners. The County will continue to collaborate with the U.S. Forest Service, CAL FIRE, fire departments of adjacent counties, city fire departments, fire districts, and property owners to prevent and manage wildland

fires. Efforts may include monitoring regional fuel buildup, maintaining fuel breaks, sharing firefighting equipment, and providing necessary water supplies.

### *Yolo County*

The Solano County General Plan, Health and Safety Element (Yolo County, 2009) includes the following policies and implementation strategies regarding police and fire services:

Goal HS-3 – Wildland Fires: Protect the public and reduce damage to property from wildfire hazard.

Policy HS-3.1: Manage the development review process to protect people, structures, and personal property from unreasonable risk from wildland fires.

Policy HS-3.2: Encourage well-organized and efficient coordination between fire agencies and the County.

Policy HS-3.3: Clearly communicate the risks, requirements, and options available to those who own land and live in wildfire hazard areas.

### **3.13.2 Significance Criteria**

#### **CEQA Guidelines Criteria**

The following thresholds for measuring a project’s environmental impacts are based on CEQA Guidelines Appendix G (OPR, 2013). For the purposes of this PEIR, impacts are considered significant if the following would result from implementation of the proposed Project:

- Substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the public services:
  - Fire protection
  - Police protection
  - Schools
  - Parks
  - Other public facilities

Because the Project would have no potential to affect schools that issue is not addressed further in this analysis. Project impacts to parks are addressed in Section 3.10, *Recreation*. Potential Project impacts to public utility infrastructure are addressed in Section 3.14, *Public Utilities*.

### **3.13.3 Impacts and Mitigation Measures**

#### **General Impacts and Mitigation Measures**

##### **Impact 3.13-1: Increased Demand for Police Services.**

The proposed creek restoration would not provide new public access or otherwise substantially increase public use of the creek so no substantial new demand on police services would occur. It is possible that additional boaters may use the creek and existing recreation areas, but overall increased numbers would be low and conditions for boaters would be safer than at present, so any increase in emergency calls would be minimal. Therefore this impact would be **less than significant** and no mitigation is required.

##### **Impact 3.13-2: Increased Demand for Fire Services.**

The proposed creek restoration would not provide new public access or otherwise substantially increase public use of the creek so no substantial new demand on police services would occur. It is possible that additional boaters may use the creek and existing recreation areas, but overall increased numbers would be low and conditions for boaters would be safer than at present, so any increase in emergency calls would be minimal. Additionally, the Project's removal of weedy and non-native vegetation would reduce fire risks compared with existing conditions, therefore, this impact would be **less than significant** and no mitigation is required.

#### **Site-Specific Impacts and Mitigation Measures**

All public services impacts of the Project would be minimal, therefore, site-specific impacts are not addressed in this section. Impacts and mitigations are summarized by reach in **Table 3.13-1**.

**Table 3.13-1 Summary of Recreation Impacts and Mitigation Measures**

<b>Sites</b>	<b>Impact 3.13-1 Increased Demand for Police Services</b>	<b>Impact 3.13-2 Increased Demand for Fire Services</b>	<b>Applicable Mitigation Measures</b>
NAWCA/Mariani	LTS	LTS	n/a
Duncan-Giovannoni	LTS	LTS	n/a
Winters Putah Creek Nature Park	LTS	LTS	n/a
East of 505	LTS	LTS	n/a
Warren	LTS	LTS	n/a
Upper McNamara	LTS	LTS	n/a
Lower McNamara	LTS	LTS	n/a
MacQuiddy (Lester)	LTS	LTS	n/a
Russell Ranch	LTS	LTS	n/a
Stevenson Bridge	LTS	LTS	n/a
Glide Ranch	LTS	LTS	n/a
Nishikawa	LTS	LTS	n/a
Olmo-Hammond-UCD	LTS	LTS	n/a
I-80 to Old Davis Road	LTS	LTS	n/a
Old Davis Road to Mace	LTS	LTS	n/a
Mace to Road 106A	LTS	LTS	n/a
Road 106A to YBWA	LTS	LTS	n/a

LTS = Less than Significant Impact.

