



# **National Park Service Community Involvement Plan**

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### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CIP	Community Involvement Plan
DTSC	California Department of Toxic Substances Control
EE/CA	Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
NCP	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan
NPS	National Park Service



## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The National Park Service (NPS) is issuing this *Community Involvement Plan* (CIP) as a resource to enable meaningful community involvement throughout its investigation, selection, and implementation of cleanup activities at the Mather Former Waste Disposal Area Site (referred to in this document as “the Site”). The NPS is conducting these cleanup activities at the Site pursuant to the *Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act* (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601, *et seq.* and its implementing regulations under the *National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan* (NCP), 40 C.F.R. Part 300. NPS is committed to encouraging public participation and providing opportunities for communication between the NPS and the affected community, interested stakeholders, and community residents during the environmental investigation and cleanup activities at the Site.

CERCLA-related terms are defined in Appendix A, Glossary.

### 1.1 Purpose and Objectives of the CIP

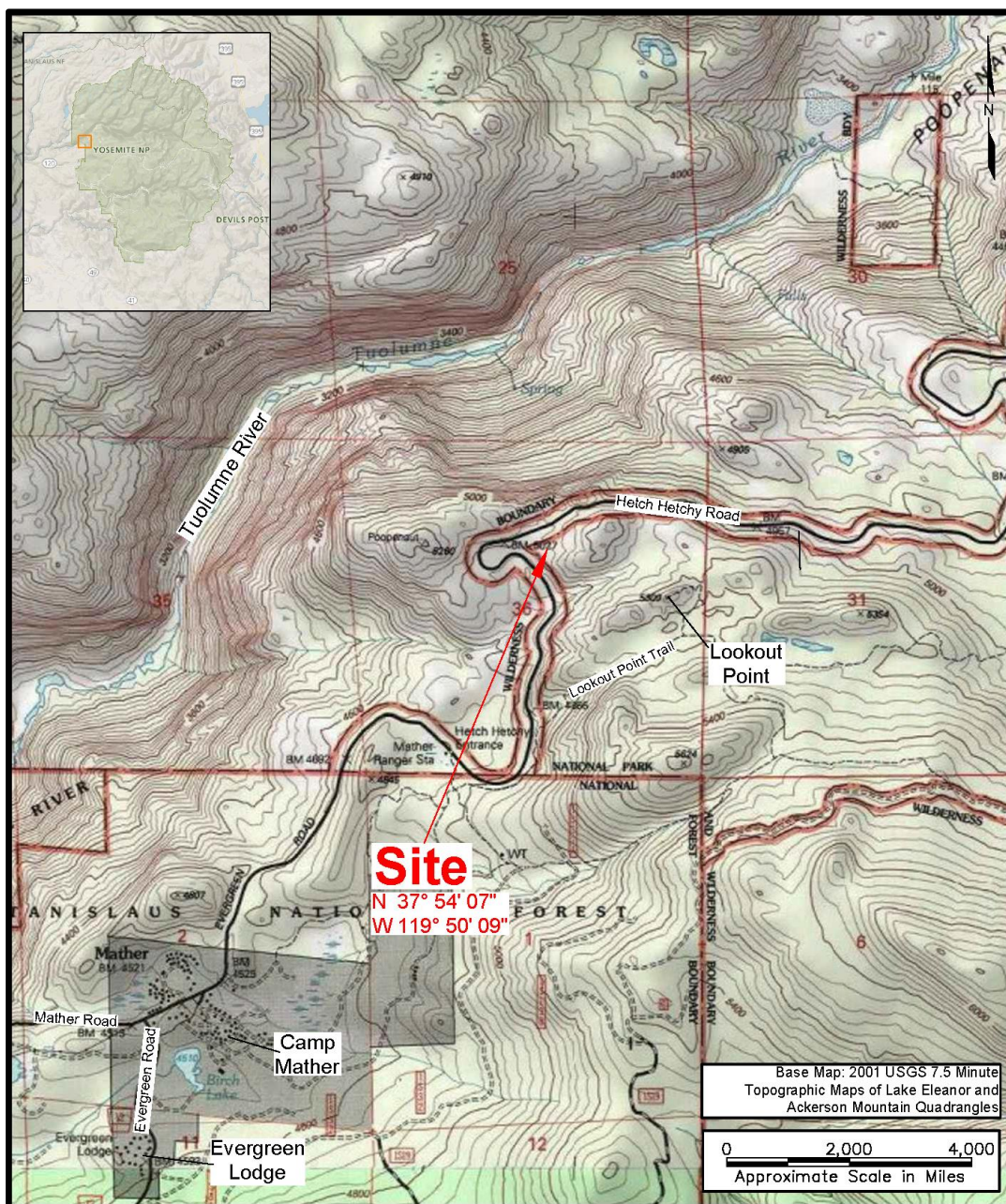
The CIP has been prepared in accordance with CERCLA and the NCP. The CIP serves as a guide for the NPS to engage and inform community members, environmental groups, government officials, the media, and other interested parties in the environmental investigation and cleanup activities at the Site. The CIP is a “living” document and will be updated or revised, as appropriate, as Site conditions change.

The CIP has two key objectives. The first key objective is to provide for the dissemination of information to the public in a timely, accurate, meaningful, and understandable manner. The second objective is to create opportunities—and ensure the community understands those opportunities—for active public participation, enabling interested persons to provide valuable comments that can be used by the NPS project team for planning and decision making.

The strategies to accomplish these objectives take into consideration the location of the Site and surrounding community. The Site is located in Yosemite National Park (referred to in this document as “the Park”), Tuolumne County, California (Figure 1). The Site is located in the northwestern part of the Park, near the Hetch Hetchy Road. Within the Park, Hetch Hetchy Road is a paved two-lane road which leads approximately 7.4 miles from the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station to the NPS backpackers campground established at the end of the road, near the southwest end of the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. The Site is located approximately 1.25 road miles beyond the entrance station. The Site is located approximately 200-300 feet south of the road.



Figure 1. Site Map



## 1.2 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)

The NPS is investigating and cleaning up the Site pursuant to CERCLA and the NCP. Congress enacted CERCLA, also known as Superfund, in 1980 to address releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances into the environment. CERCLA gives the President broad powers to respond to hazardous substance releases and threatened releases as the President



deems necessary to protect the public health or welfare or the environment, including enforcement authority with respect to parties responsible for the releases. The President has delegated this authority to a number of federal departments and agencies, including the Department of the Interior. The NPS, an agency within the Department of the Interior, is the CERCLA lead agency for the Site.

To implement CERCLA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) created the NCP, which is a set of regulations that detail how CERCLA cleanups are to be conducted, including requirements for community involvement activities. Different requirements apply to different types of response actions. The NPS has determined that a non-time-critical removal action is appropriate for the Site.

A non-time-critical removal action is being conducted at the Site based on NPS's determination that a planning period of six months or more is available prior to the start of removal activities at the Site because no immediate threat to public health or welfare or the environment is present at the Site. As part of the non-time-critical removal action, NPS is conducting an engineering evaluation and cost analysis (EE/CA) to fully characterize the nature and extent of Site contamination, evaluate associated potential risks to human health and safety and the environment, identify relevant cleanup requirements, develop a range of cleanup alternatives, and identify a recommended removal action alternative for the Site. As the lead agency for the Site, NPS must involve the community during the EE/CA process in the manner detailed in the NCP, and this CIP is part of that community involvement process.

### 1.3 Overview of the CIP

The CIP specifies the community involvement activities that the NPS expects to undertake as investigation and cleanup of the Site proceeds. This CIP is organized as follows:

- Section 1.0: Introduction – A description of the purpose of the CIP.
- Section 2.0: Site Background – An overview of Site description and history, previous Site investigations, and current and future Site activities.
- Section 3.0: Community Background – A community profile, history of community involvement at the Site, and summary of community concerns and questions.
- Section 4.0: Community Involvement Activities – A description of planned methods and activities for communicating with the public concerning Site activities, and a general schedule of anticipated community involvement activities.
- Section 5.0: References – A list of references used in developing this CIP.



The appendices include a glossary (Appendix A), administrative record file and information repository details (Appendix B), community fact sheets and community updates (Appendix C), community interview questionnaire (Appendix D), contact information (Appendix E), and tables of minimum community involvement requirements (Appendix F).





## 2.0 PROJECT BACKGROUND

### 2.1 Site Description and History

The Site is located in the northwest portion of Yosemite National Park, approximately 200 feet south of Hetch Hetchy Road, 1.25 road miles northeast of the Hetch Hetchy Entrance. The Site is approximately 0.75 acres in size, and is located at an elevation of approximately 5,000 feet above mean sea level.

The Site is located in an area of pine, black oak, and cedar woodland. Manzanita plants are also prevalent in the understory at the Site and in the vicinity. The Site itself is for the most part sparsely vegetated, with sandy and gravelly soils present at the ground surface, along with numerous granitic boulders. Pieces of refuse, such as glass, metal, and ceramic fragments, are visible at the Site surface. The Site is centered in a local low area, with a vegetated slope leading down from Hetch Hetchy Road to the north, and sparsely vegetated rock outcrop highlands to the east and south. The site slopes gently downward to the west. An apparently abandoned dirt road or trail, now partially overgrown with low vegetation, leads from Hetch Hetchy Road to the Site.

The Site was originally used as a quarry which supplied granite blocks for Park construction projects. The quarry was subsequently used as a waste accumulation area. During environmental sampling activities conducted in 2001 and 2008 at the Site, debris such as porcelain, metal, glass, rusted cans, and was discovered, batteries, and evidence of burned debris was noted on the Site (Shaw Environmental, Inc., 2010). An NPS archeological report from 2003 described a detailed investigation of the nature of the refuse present at the Site. This investigation indicated that the refuse fragments present at the Site were dominated by food and beverage containers and other types of domestic refuse. Age determination of these materials indicated that the site was likely used for waste disposal between approximately 1941 and 1970 (NPS, 2003).

Previous environmental investigations of the Site involved collection of soil samples from test pits advanced using a backhoe or other heavy equipment. Test pits revealed the presence of buried debris and layers of ash that suggest burning of refuse or other debris was conducted at the Site, as well as an isolated area of soil that appeared to contain oil or other petroleum contaminants. The dumping and burning of refuse and other waste materials is associated with soil contamination present at the Site, described in Section 2.2 below.

### 2.2 Previous Environmental Studies and Response Actions

The Site was identified as a potential hazardous material site in a *RCRA Facility Assessment* conducted by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) in June 1999 (DTSC, 1999). In 2001, NPS entered into a Consent Agreement with the Department of Toxic Substance Control and agreed to determine the nature and extent of contamination at various waste disposal area sites and other sites within Yosemite, including this Site.



At the Site, NPS contractors have conducted investigation of the nature and extent of contamination. Two investigations of environmental contamination have been conducted at the Site, a Focused Site Inspection conducted by IT Corporation in 2001, and a Facility Investigation conducted by Shaw Environmental in 2008. Results of sampling conducted during these investigations are summarized in the *Final Facility Investigation Report* for the Site prepared by Shaw Environmental (2010).

Results of the sampling conducted during these investigations determined the presence of several contaminants above human health risk-based screening levels in soil samples collected from the test pits excavated at the Site. These included metals such as arsenic and lead and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, which are often associated with petroleum contamination. Elevated concentrations of dioxins and furans, contaminants which may be associated with burning of refuse, were found in a sample of ash collected during this investigation.

As part of their evaluation of contamination at the Site, Shaw Environmental completed human and ecological risk assessments to provide a Site-specific assessment of the hazards presented by the Site to humans and ecological receptors (plants and animals). This assessment was intended to provide a more refined assessment of risk than comparison to generic screening levels. These risk assessments considered likely exposure scenarios at the Site for humans and ecological receptors, and developed estimates of the hazards to these receptors based on these scenarios. Shaw Environmental concluded that contamination present at the Site posed minimal risk to human and ecological receptors. To further reduce the low risks posed by the Site, Shaw recommended limited removal of contaminated soils that had been discovered at the Site, followed by confirmation soil sampling (Shaw Environmental, 2010). The Department of Toxic Substances Control reviewed Shaw Environmental's findings, and indicated their concurrence with Shaw's conclusions and recommendations in a letter to NPS (DTSC, 2010).

### 2.3 Current and Future Site Activities

To move forward with addressing contamination at the Site, NPS is conducting an engineering evaluation and cost analysis (EE/CA). The EE/CA will use information from previous environmental investigations to fully characterize the nature and extent of Site contamination and evaluate associated potential risks to human health and safety and the environment. The EE/CA will identify relevant cleanup requirements, develop a range of cleanup alternatives and assess them against the identified cleanup requirements, and identify a recommended removal action alternative for the Site.



## 3.0 COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

### 3.1 Community Profile

The community profile is intended to help the NPS and its contractors understand local issues and people, which is key to developing a communication strategy tailored to needs and interests of the community near the Site. The focus is on identifying communication opportunities and constraints. This includes identifying languages spoken and whether there is a need for translation; unique cultural patterns, customs, or values reflected in the use of park; and attributes that might inform the selection of methods to facilitate community involvement in site cleanup, and those that could be important in the conduct of the removal action.

#### 3.1.1 Local Development and Communities

The area surrounding the Site's location in the northern portion of the Park is remote. Few large communities are located near the Site, and no park amenities are located at the Site. The following paragraphs summarize the Park features near the Site, and the nearest population centers.

Within the Park, Hetch Hetchy Road is a paved two-lane road which leads approximately 7.4 miles from the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station to the NPS backpackers campground established at the end of the road, near the southwest end of the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. The Site is located approximately 1.25 road miles beyond the entrance station. The Hetch Hetchy reservoir is managed by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. It serves as a public water supply for millions of residents of the San Francisco Bay Area (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, 2021). The reservoir is created by the presence of the O'Shaughnessy Dam on its west end, which drains into the Tuolumne River. Several trailheads may be accessed from Hetch Hetchy Road, including the Mather Ranger Station Trailhead, the Poopenaut Valley Trailhead, the Smith Peak Trailhead, and the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir Trailhead.

Beyond the Park boundaries, the nearest community use area is Camp Mather, a family summer camp owned and operated by the City of San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (Figure 1). Camp Mather is located approximately 2.3 miles southwest of the Site along Hetch Hetchy Road. This camp is operated in the summer and fall months and hosts up to 500 campers and 70 employees each week during its open season. Guests enjoy outdoor recreation activities including visits to the Park (San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, 2021). Evergreen Lodge, a privately owned accommodation area, is located approximately 3.2 miles southwest of the Site (Figure 1). Dimond O Campground, a US Forest Service campground, is located approximately 4.5 miles southwest of the Site.

The nearest communities to the Site with reported populations of greater than 100 people are Groveland and El Portal. Groveland is a Census-Designated Place located on California State Route 120, approximately 29 road miles west of the Site. According to the 2010 US Census, Groveland has a population of 601 people. Of these, the self-reported racial makeup is 90 percent white, 3 percent white-American Indian or Alaska Native, and 1.5 percent American Indian and Alaska Native alone, with the balance identifying as Black, Asian, or other races (US Census



Bureau, 2021). According to 2019 American Community Survey data (5-Year Estimates), it is estimated that 91.9 percent of residents speak English only at home, and all residents speak English “very well” (US Census Bureau, 2021b). Businesses in Groveland are primarily within the service industries, including hospitality, restaurant, and retail operations. Two schools, Tenaya Elementary School and Tioga High School, are located in Groveland.

El Portal is a Census Designated Place located on California State Route 140, approximately 37 road miles south of the Site. El Portal is located within the El Portal Administrative Site of NPS, and with municipal services and community rules partially administered by NPS. According to the 2010 US Census, El Portal had a population of 474 people. The self-reported racial makeup was 92 percent white, 2 percent American Indian and Alaska Native, 1 percent Asian, 4 percent identifying as white and another race, and one percent as Black or some other race alone. According to 2019 American Community Survey data (5-Year Estimates), it is estimated that all residents speak English at home (US Census Bureau, 2021a). Park administrative offices and support operation facilities are located in El Portal, along with private hospitality and customer service businesses. NatureBridge and the Yosemite Conservancy, two non-profit conservation and education groups, maintain locations in El Portal. El Portal Elementary School is located in El Portal.

A number of Indian nations or tribes are stakeholders in the natural resources of Yosemite National Park and the surrounding area. These include: Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, Mono Lake Kutzadikaa, North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California, Bridgeport Indian Colony, Bishop Paiute Tribe, Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians, and the American Indian Council of Mariposa (the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation). With assistance from Park tribal liaison staff, these groups are being contacted to solicit their participation in the community involvement process.

### 3.1.2 Park Visitors and Site Vicinity Use

Due to the remote nature of the Park, the demographics of the park visitors and the ways that visitors may access and use the Site vicinity are also important considerations in understanding the potential impacts of the Site. In 2019, a reported 4,422,861 people visited Yosemite National Park (NPS, 2021a). According to a 2009 survey of park visitors, 75 percent of park visitors surveyed were from the United States, and 25 percent of visitors were international visitors. Of the domestic park visitors, 62 percent were from the State of California. During the 2009 survey, 92 percent of respondents stated that they obtained information about the park prior to visiting, with 51 percent obtaining information from the Park website. 92 percent of the respondents stated that English was their preferred language of written communication, with German, Spanish, and French being the three most popular languages preferred other than English (NPS, 2009).

Transportation information suggests that access to and use of the Site vicinity is lower than that for other areas of the Park. The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System, a public transit system that provides bus transportation to the Park, does not maintain stops near the Hetch Hetchy Road area. Therefore, access to the Site vicinity is available primarily by



private vehicle. Park traffic count data demonstrate that the Hetch Hetchy area is, relative to other areas of the Park, one of the less-visited locales. In each of the years between 2015 and 2019, approximately 300,000 to 600,000 vehicles were documented to enter the Park via each of the Arch Rock, South, and Big Oak Flat Entrances. The annual traffic counts passing through the Hetch Hetchy Entrance between 2015 and 2019 ranged from 20,000 to 28,000 vehicles, or five to ten percent of the total number of vehicles passing the other major Park entrances (NPS, 2021b).

The nearest trail to the Site, the Lookout Point Trail, runs approximately four-tenths of a mile south of the Site, and the Lookout Point overlook is located approximately the same distance southeast of the Site. The Lookout Point trail is most easily accessed from the Mather Ranger Station Trailhead and the Smith Peak Trailhead, located along Hetch Hetchy Road (NPS, 2007). There are no amenities or apparent informal trails located at the Site. During visits to the Site, no sign of recent human use or visitation was observed, nor was any such use of the Site identified by Park staff.

### 3.2 Community Involvement History

The NPS has established an information repository in El Portal that houses the administrative record file (see Section 4.1 below for further detail). An information repository is a location open to members of the general public where they may review and make copies of documents (including the administrative record file) relevant to the Site. The administrative record is a file that contains all information used by the lead agency to make its decision on the selection of a response action. The address, contact information, and operating hours for the information repository are provided in Appendix B.

### 3.3 Community Concerns and Needs

Identifying community concerns and issues is a vital step in the CIP's development, and it is important that the public be asked for recommendations on how NPS can most effectively involve and communicate with the community. To identify community concerns and needs and to identify how and when citizens would like to be involved in the cleanup process, in January 2021, NPS conducted community interviews with local officials, community residents, and various environmental and special interest groups who represent a range of opinions and backgrounds. NPS asked interviewees for suggestions of additional groups or individuals the NPS should interview, and NPS contacted those suggested additional groups and individuals before developing this CIP as well. An interview response summary is provided below, and the list of interview questions is provided in Appendix D, [Community Interview Questionnaire](#).

NPS conducted a total of four community interviews with one representative from the following stakeholder groups:

- The Yosemite Committee of Sierra Club California Conservation Committee
- The Tehipite Chapter of the California Sierra Club
- The Merced Group of the Tehipite Chapter of the California Sierra Club
- The Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center



In addition, the Yosemite Conservancy, The Mariposa County Environmental Health Department, and The Hetch Hetchy Regional Water Commission replied to NPS indicating a desire to remain included in the Site cleanup process, but declined to participate in an interview. The NPS obtained much of the information in Section 3.0, Community Background, from the community interviews.

### 3.3.1 Community Awareness of the Site

None of the interviewees were aware of the location of the Mather FWDA Site, the Site's history, or any of the environmental investigation activities that had been conducted there to date. Many interviewees expressed interest in receiving information on what has been done at the Site to date. All interviewees expressed moderately high to high interest in the Site going forward. On a scale of one to ten, with ten representing highest interest, the interviewees rated their interest in the Site ranged between six and eight, with an average of seven.

### 3.3.2 Community Concerns and Needs

Interviewees expressed moderate to high concern regarding the Site. On a scale of one to ten, with ten representing highest concern, the interviewees rated their concern regarding the Site ranged between five and eight, with an average of 6.5. Specific concerns of each group are expressed in subsections below. Some interviewees indicated that they did not think it was likely that the members of their groups had been affected by environmental issues or activities at these sites, others indicated that they did not know if they or other members had been affected.

Only one interviewee, the Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center, expressed significant experience working with NPS on cleanup sites similar to the Mather FWDA Site. The Merced Group indicated that they had worked closely with NPS on other major Park-related conservation projects, including the Merced and Tuolumne River Plans. Both of these groups indicated that on these projects, NPS generally communicated well with interested parties in the community regarding project activities. None of the interviewees expressed concern about potential barriers to communication with NPS regarding the cleanup process.

#### 3.3.2.1 The Yosemite Committee Sierra Club California Conservation Committee

The Yosemite Committee of the Sierra Club California Conservation Committee rated their level of concern regarding the Site to be seven out of ten. Their specific concerns regarding this Site were related to the potential for contamination at this Site leaching to groundwater and spreading. The Yosemite Committee did not indicate particular concern regarding cleanup activities that may take place at the Site; they expressed the belief that any contamination should be cleaned up properly in order to return the Site to a natural state. They indicated that their group needed information about what cleanup activities were being considered for the Site, and how they may be confident that the activities chosen by NPS would be effective.



### 3.3.2.2 Tehipite Chapter of the California Sierra Club

The Tehipite Chapter of the California Sierra Club rated their level of concern regarding the Site to be five out of ten. They indicated no specific concerns regarding the potential contamination at the Site or cleanup activities that may take place. They hoped that removal of contaminants could be achieved with minimal impact to the surrounding area. They noted that their group needed information about what methods would be used to remediate the contamination at the Site.

### 3.3.2.3 Merced Group of the Tehipite Chapter of the California Sierra Club

The Merced Group of the Tehipite Chapter of the California Sierra Club rated their level of concern regarding the Site to be six out of ten. Their specific concerns regarding this Site were related to the moderate proximity of the Site to roads and trails. They expressed a low level of concern regarding potential cleanup activities at the Site; their concerns were allayed by the proximity of the Site to the Hetch Hetchy Road, which makes it more accessible for cleanup purposes. They desired the cleanup of the Site to ensure the health and safety of humans (including visitors and staff) as well as the animals and plants in the area. The Merced Group indicated a need for access to the previous studies documenting contamination at the Site, and going forward, they expressed a need to receive information on any further investigations, industry or NPS standards regarding cleanup of sites similar to the Site, and consideration of cleanup approaches.

### 3.3.2.4 Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center

The Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center rated their level of concern regarding the Site to be eight out of ten. Their specific concerns regarding this Site were twofold: they expressed concerns related to both human and wildlife exposure to contaminants, and to water that may carry Site contamination spreading via runoff or groundwater infiltration. They expressed no concerns at present regarding potential cleanup activities at the Site, and indicated their hope that contamination might be fully contained in-place, or that the contamination be removed if containment was judged to not be feasible. The Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center expressed their interest in reviewing existing information regarding the Site. Going forward, they identified their information needs to include communication regarding environmental testing results, the manner in which the cleanup alternatives considered for the Site are identified, the range of costs that are projected to be feasible for Site cleanup, and the rationale used by NPS to select the preferred cleanup alternative.

## **3.3.3 Community Preferences for Receiving Site Information**

Most interviewees expressed an interest in receiving email updates regarding developments at the Site. The Yosemite Committee of the Sierra Club California Conservation Committee expressed an interest in an NPS website where documents and other information regarding the Site would be made available. Most interviewees indicated that they would like to receive updates regarding the Site when something significant was planned, and/or when public comment was being requested on Site issues. The interviewees suggested a wide variety of print



media publications for dissemination of Site information, including the *Merced County Times* (suggested by one interviewee), the *Sonora Union Democrat* (suggested by one interviewee), and the *Fresno Bee* (suggested by one interviewee). NPS Public and Legislative Affairs staff at Yosemite indicated that the *Mariposa Gazette and Miner* will be the newspaper of record for this project.

All interviewees expressed interest in attending community meetings regarding the Site. Most interviewees acknowledged that community meetings held in the near future would be held virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Should in-person meetings become a safe option in the future, interviewees suggested a variety of meeting locations (including Groveland, Merced, Mariposa, or Fresno, California), but the location shared among most interviewees was at the Park itself. No preferences were expressed for meeting dates or times.





## 4.0 PLANNED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

As noted earlier, the key objectives of the community involvement program are to establish and encourage communication between NPS and the community and provide opportunities for the public to provide input throughout the course of CERCLA response activities at the Site. The following methods and techniques, which are selected based in part on community interview responses, will be used to promote public participation and establish steps to provide timely information to interested citizens, agency staff, government officials, the media, and the community at large. The first part of this section describes each community involvement activity and the second part provides a schedule for when those activities will occur.

*Important: Upon request, NPS will endeavor to meet identified needs for translation, access to electronic communications, disability access, or other accommodations for people with special needs.*

### 4.1 Communication Methods and Community Involvement Activities

- **Site Spokesperson**

Mr. Scott Gediman, Chief of Public & Legislative Affairs, Yosemite National Park, is the designated NPS spokesperson who will inform the community of actions taken, respond to inquiries, provide information concerning the Site, and act as liaison between the NPS and community members, environmental groups, government officials, the media, and other interested parties. See Appendix E for contact information.

- **Administrative Record File and Information Repository**

The administrative record file is housed in both information repositories and contains Site environmental investigations and reports and other information that NPS considers or relies upon in the response action selection process. NPS will update the administrative record file at key points during the response action process, such as when important investigations and reports are completed. See Appendix B for administrative record file and information repository details.

- **Interested Parties Mailing List**

NPS maintains an interested-parties mailing list that includes federal, state, and local elected officials; local school district officials; selected agency staff; community groups; media contacts; and interested community members. This list includes parties listed in Appendix E. NPS notifies the parties on the list whenever key documents are published or the status of the Site changes. In accordance with NPS's sustainability efforts, whenever possible mailings will be sent electronically by email, with hyperlinks to documents posted on the website. However, interested parties can request conventional mail delivery if access to electronic communication is not available. In such cases, the NPS will send a letter informing interested parties of the availability of documents at the information repositories.



Efforts are ongoing to expand the mailing list. Individuals can be added to the mailing list by contacting the Site spokesperson (See Appendix E for contact information). NPS also offers sign-up opportunities at public meetings. The NPS updates the mailing list as appropriate to reflect changes in government representatives and other contacts. Note that contact information for private individuals on the list will be kept confidential to protect the personal information of those individuals.

- **Public Comment Periods**

While NPS accepts comments on ongoing response activities from the public at any time, there will be a 30-day public comment period when the Draft Final EE/CA Report is issued, which will propose specific actions or decisions concerning cleanup of the Site. A public comment period is a formal time period during which the NPS accepts comments from the public on specific proposed actions or decisions. Generally, public comment periods last for 30 days, although they may be longer. Upon timely request (preferably to the Site spokesperson and in writing) during any public comment period, the NPS will extend the public comment period by a minimum of 15 days. In addition, upon request, the NPS will meet identified needs for translation, access to electronic communications, or other accommodations for persons with special needs. (See [Public Notices](#), below).

The NPS will formally notify the community of public comment periods through several means:

- The NPS will publish notice of public comment periods in the *Merced Sun-Star* and the *Sonora Union Democrat*.
- The NPS will place notice of public comment periods on the Site website.
- The NPS will notify individuals listed on the Interested Parties Mailing List.

The public comment period for the Draft Final EE/CA Report for the Site is anticipated to take place in the summer of 2021.

Following the close of a formal public comment period, the NPS will prepare written responses to significant public comments *received during the public comment period* (called a “responsiveness summary”); the responsiveness summary will be added to the administrative record file.

- **Public Notices**

The NPS will issue public notices to inform the community and the general public of public events, publication of key documents, and major Site milestones.

Based on identified community preferences and the subject of the announcement, NPS will select from the following methods to distribute public notices about the Site:

- News release.
- The *Mariposa Gazette and Miner*. To reach as many people as possible, the NPS publishes public notices in main sections of newspapers, not in legal notices sections.



- Site website.
- Notice sent to the Interested Parties Mailing List.
- Park postings as described in Park Visitor Communication.

Upcoming public notices will include the EE/CA Draft Final Report public comment period (summer, 2021). The notice will provide a brief description of the EE/CA report; announce its availability for review; list dates of the 30-day public comment period; identify a contact person; list the locations where the document can be reviewed; and identify where written comments should be sent.

- **Public Meetings**

Public meetings may be scheduled to communicate directly with the public about key Site milestones. Public meetings are usually fairly structured forums that are open to the general public, including both affected and unaffected parties. Public meetings typically include an NPS staff presentation followed by a question, answer, and comment session. Based on identified community preferences, public meetings will likely be held at a location within Yosemite National Park or in the nearby communities of El Portal or Groveland. Any public meetings that are scheduled will be announced as described in the Public Notices section above.

Public meetings held during formal public comment periods or for other purposes will be recorded and transcribed, and the transcript will be made available in the administrative record file. As noted above in the Public Comment Period section, NPS responses to significant oral or written comments made during a public meeting (“responsiveness summary”) will be compiled and placed in the administrative record file.

In addition to the structured public meetings, as appropriate NPS may hold public briefings prior to field work to inform the public of the nature, scheduling, and likely impacts of the upcoming activities, as well as to receive any suggestions on alleviating such impacts.

To date, no requests have been made to provide a translator; however, NPS will take steps to accommodate such requests as well as those for individuals with special needs, as appropriate. Community interviews identified Spanish and Hmong as other languages that may be spoken in the communities near the Site, however, demographic data for these communities indicate that English is widely spoken and understood.

- **Newspaper Contacts/News Releases**

NPS Public and Legislative Affairs staff have identified the *Mariposa Gazette and Miner* as the newspaper of record for this project. This newspaper was chosen because it is widely read and residents generally trust its contents. Because of this, efforts will be



made to maintain regular contact with the appropriate reporter to ensure that factual and consistent project information is available to the newspaper when needed.

Other newspapers identified in the community interviews were the *Merced County Times*, the *Sonora Union Democrat*, and the *Fresno Bee*. Generally, all media outlets regularly contacted by Park staff will be included when news releases are issued. News releases will also be posted on the Park's web page.

News releases will be issued at key milestones to ensure the distribution of accurate and timely information.

- **Community Organization Presentations**

If requested, the NPS will meet with interested community organizations or provide information for community organizations to include in their newsletters. Interested community organizations can discuss community organization presentations by calling or emailing the Site spokesperson at the contact information provided in Appendix E, Contact Information.

- **Park Visitor Communication**

Based on discussions held during the community interviews, the NPS has determined that the most effective ways to provide Site information to Park visitors will be to use the following methods:

- Posted notices may include the following: At the Hetch Hetchy Entrance/Ranger Station, the Mather Ranger Station Trailhead and Cottonwood Creek Trailhead, and a sign posted along Hetch Hetchy Road near the Site.
- Brief article in the *Yosemite Guide*, the newspaper that is distributed to visitors as they enter the Park
- Park website
- Informed Park staff (with sufficient information to address visitor questions)
- Community Updates

Posted items will briefly explain the purpose of the project, what visitors may see or hear in the area, safety concerns, and sources for additional information. The NPS will also post the following information:

- The Site website address
- Site spokesperson and contact information
- Public notices
- Notices of public meetings
- Site access restrictions



- **Community Updates**

Community Updates are brief documents to inform the community about the Site and the environmental investigation and cleanup process. Community Updates present information about Site history; the nature and extent of Site contamination; public health and safety issues; investigation and/or cleanup plans, processes, and schedules; and local impacts during cleanup activities. Community Updates also provide contact information for public inquiries.

The NPS will prepare a Community Update upon completion of the Draft Final EE/CA Report, and at other key milestones in the cleanup process. No updates have been prepared to date.

As noted in the Public Meetings section above, there have been no requests for translation services for community updates to date, and demographic data suggest that English is widely spoken at the Site. However, the NPS shall make accommodations provide translation services or other accommodations that allow interested parties to access Site information, should they be requested.

NPS will distribute Community Updates to the public using one or more of the following means:

- Posting Community Updates on the Site website
- Sending a notice to persons on the Interested Parties Mailing List with either a hyperlink to (for email notices) or a copy (for regular mail notices) of the Community Update
- Posting Community Updates at or near the Site as described in the Park Visitor Communication section above
- Making Community Updates available at various Park locations

- **Site Website**

NPS will post general Site information as well as key cleanup and community involvement documents on a page dedicated to the Site on the Park website ([www.nps.gov/yose](http://www.nps.gov/yose)).

- **Contact Information**

NPS contact information will be included in Community Updates, public notices, news releases, and on the Site website. Contact information for NPS representatives as well as for other key individuals is provided in Appendix E, Contact Information.

- **Community Involvement Plan Revision**

To remain flexible and able to respond to the evolving needs of the community and changes to the Site, the CIP will be reviewed and revised as needed, and posted on the website. As the response action progresses, NPS staff may identify and use additional means or activities to inform and engage the community.



## 4.2 Community Involvement Activity Schedule

The NPS selected the above methods and activities to engage and inform the community regarding the Site and Site activities. This section provides a schedule for when those activities will occur.

Upon completion of the Draft Final EE/CA Report (projected to occur in the summer of 2021), the report will be posted on the NPS website and a public comment period on the findings of the EE/CA report will be conducted. A public meeting may be held during the comment period. A Community Update regarding this report and the public comment period will be prepared and disseminated. The Draft Final EE/CA Report, the public comment period, and any scheduled public meetings will be announced by Public Notice.

Other ongoing activities include the following:

- Respond to citizen inquiries and requests
- Maintain the administrative record file and information repositories
- Maintain the Interested Parties Mailing List
- Maintain park visitor communications
- Create and maintain a page with information about the Site on the Park website



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## APPENDIX A: GLOSSARY

**Definitions for CERCLA-related words found throughout the CIP are provided below.**

**Administrative Record File:** A file that contains all information considered or relied upon by the lead agency to make its decision on the selection of a response action under CERCLA. See Appendix B, Administrative Record File and Information Repository Details, for further information on the Site administrative record file.

**CERCLA (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act):** A federal law, commonly known as “Superfund,” which Congress enacted in 1980 and amended in 1986 and 2002. The law provides broad federal authority to respond directly to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances that may endanger public health or welfare or the environment; establishes the categories of persons who are liable for such releases; and outlines a framework for investigating and responding to releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances where the lead agency determines it is necessary. CERCLA generally authorizes three types of cleanup actions: emergency response actions, removal actions, and remedial actions.

**Cleanup:** Used in this document to describe actions taken to address a release or threat of a release of hazardous substances, pursuant to CERCLA, that could affect public health or welfare or the environment. The word “cleanup” is sometimes used interchangeably with the terms remedial action, removal action, response action, remedy, remediation, or corrective action.

**Community Interview:** Interviews conducted by the lead agency as part of the process of preparing a Community Involvement Plan. For most response actions, the NCP requires the lead agency to conduct community interviews to determine appropriate activities to ensure public involvement in Site-related decisions.

**Community Involvement Plan (CIP):** A plan that explains how NPS intends to enable meaningful community involvement throughout the cleanup process by specifying planned community involvement activities to address community needs, concerns, and expectations identified through community interviews and other means.

**Hazardous Substance:** Any one of the more than 800 substances defined under CERCLA and the NCP as potentially posing a threat to human health or the environment. Hazardous substances include materials defined as ignitable, corrosive, reactive, or toxic under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as well as additional substances listed under the Clean Water Act and hazardous air pollutants listed under the Clean Air Act.

**Information Repository:** A location open to members of the general public where a collection of documents (including the administrative record file) relevant to a particular CERCLA Site is made available for public review and copying. See Appendix B, Administrative Record File and Information Repository Details, for the locations and addresses of the Mather Former Waste Disposal Area Site information repositories.



**Lead Agency:** The government agency with the primary authority to investigate, plan and implement a response action under CERCLA and the NCP at a particular site.

**National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP):** More commonly called the National Contingency Plan or NCP, it is the federal government's regulatory blueprint for responding to both oil spills and releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances. The NCP is the result of our country's efforts to develop a national response capability and promote overall coordination among the hierarchy of responders and contingency plans. The regulations, published at 40 C.F.R. Part 300, detail how CERCLA is to be implemented.

**Non-Time-Critical Removal Action:** A removal action conducted when the lead agency determines that there is a planning period of at least six months before on-site activities must be initiated.

**Proposed Plan:** A document summarizing the cleanup alternatives analyzed in the feasibility study that also describes the lead agency's preferred alternative. This document is made available for public review and comment.

**Public Comment Period:** A period during which the public can formally review and comment on various documents and proposed response actions.

**Removal Action:** A type of CERCLA response action with a streamlined planning process. A removal action is conducted to address all or a part of a release or threatened release of hazardous substances when the release requires an expedited, time-critical response, or when the release is of limited size and complexity such that streamlined response planning is appropriate. There are two types of removal actions – time-critical and non-time-critical; sometimes emergency response actions (undertaken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) are referred to as removal actions. The term refers both to the entire removal response action, as well as just the cleanup phase of such an action.

**Response Action:** The most general CERCLA term used to describe any action taken to respond to a release or threatened release of hazardous substances to protect the public health or welfare or the environment. The term includes all phases of the response, from investigation through monitoring and even enforcement activities. There are generally three types of CERCLA response actions that may be undertaken by NPS as the lead agency: time-critical removal actions, non-time-critical removal actions, and remedial actions. The response action at the Mather Former Waste Disposal Area Site is a non-time-critical removal action.

**Responsiveness Summary:** Document summarizing the significant comments received during a public comment period and documenting the lead agency's responses to the comments.

**Site:** The Mather Former Waste Disposal Area Site, which comprises the area contaminated or potentially contaminated by a release or threatened release of hazardous substances.



**Time-Critical Removal Action:** A removal action conducted when the lead agency determines that there is not a planning period of at least six months before on-site activities must be initiated.



## APPENDIX B: ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD FILE AND INFORMATION REPOSITORY DETAILS

The Site administrative record file is maintained in the information repository in El Portal, which may be reviewed at the following information repositories during the hours indicated:

Location	
<b>Location Name:</b>	Project Management Division
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**APPENDIX C: COMMUNITY FACT SHEETS AND COMMUNITY UPDATES**

**No fact sheets or community updates have been prepared for this Site to date.**



## APPENDIX D: COMMUNITY INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

### Introductory Questions

1. Were you aware of the environmental issues at these Sites prior to receiving the information provided with this questionnaire? If so, when did you first become aware?
2. On a scale from 1 (lowest interest) to 10 (highest interest), please rate your level of interest in each Site. Why is each Site important (or not important) to you?
3. What is your understanding of the previous investigation activities and environmental issues at these Sites?
4. Do you feel that you, members of your organization, or your community, have been affected by environmental issues or activities at these Sites? If so, please describe how you have been affected.
5. On a scale from 1 (lowest concern) to 10 (highest concern), please rate your level of concern regarding each Site. What are you most concerned about regarding these Sites right now?

### Cleanup-Related Questions

6. What are your concerns about the potential cleanup activities at the Sites going forward?
7. What do you hope that potential cleanup activities at these Sites will achieve?

### Community Characteristics Questions

8. What organizations or individuals do you consider to be the most credible on environmental issues in your community?
9. Who do you consider to be the leaders in the community that may be concerned with the cleanup of each Site? What are your current concerns about the Site?
10. Is English widely understood in the groups or communities that may be concerned with cleanup of each Site? What other languages will need to be used to communicate with these communities?

### Community Involvement Questions

11. Have you or your organization participated in community involvement activities regarding these Sites in the past? If so, what kind of activities?
12. Would you and your organization like to be involved in future community involvement activities regarding these Sites?



13. Have you been engaged with NPS regarding these Sites or similar Park cleanup sites in the past? If so, how effective has communication from NPS been?
14. Do you feel you have been kept adequately informed about these Sites or other similar Park cleanup Sites? If not, what can be done to change this??
15. What kind of information about each Site do you want or need?
16. Where would you look to find information regarding these Sites?
17. Whom would you contact with questions about these Sites?
18. How can we best provide you and your organization with information about the cleanup of each Site? Potential methods that NPS can use to provide information include: mailing lists or email lists, NPS website postings, news media releases, public notices, and community meetings. Which of these would be most effective? Are there other ways that you would like to receive information about each Site? If so, what are they?
19. Would you attend community meetings regarding cleanup activities at these Sites? If so, do you or your organization have a preference for community meeting locations and times?
20. How often do you want to get information about what is going on at these Sites? (Weekly? Monthly? Quarterly? Only when something significant happens?)
21. What local newspapers and other local news media sources would best provide you and other individuals in the community with information about these Sites?
22. Do you think that there are individuals or groups in the community who would not be reached or have their concerns addressed by using the methods of communication that are discussed in the questions above? If so, please identify these individuals/groups, and suggest ways that we might communicate with them.
23. What other individuals or groups should we contact to discuss how best to involve the community in the cleanup process for these Sites?

### Questions Regarding Perception of the Cleanup Process

24. What is your opinion of the government's commitment to cleaning up contamination at these Sites or other similar Park cleanup sites?
25. Have you had any interactions with NPS, the state, or any other government agencies or officials regarding the cleanup of these Sites or other similar park cleanup sites? If so, what government groups did you interact with, and how would you describe your experiences?



**APPENDIX E: CONTACT INFORMATION**

The NPS will update contact information as necessary.

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## Media

### Online News

	MyMotherLode.com	Sierra News Online
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### Newspapers

	Mariposa Gazette and Miner	Merced County Times
<b>Title:</b>	Mariposa Gazette and Miner	Merced County Times
<b>Link:</b>	<a href="http://www.mariposagazette.com">www.mariposagazette.com</a>	<a href="http://www.mercedcountytimes.com">www.mercedcountytimes.com</a>
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	Capital Public Radio	KVML
<b>Title:</b>	National Public Radio – Capital Public Radio 91.3 FM Stockton/Modesto	KVML News Talk AM 1450 / FM 102.7
<b>Link:</b>	<a href="http://www.capradio.org">www.capradio.org</a>	<a href="http://www.kvml.com">www.kvml.com</a>
<b>Contact Name:</b>		KVML News Line
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<b>Contact Phone:</b>	916-278-8900	(209) 532-6397
<b>Contact Email or Webform:</b>	<a href="https://www.capradio.org/about/contact/contact-form-info">https://www.capradio.org/about/contact/contact-form-info</a>	<a href="http://www.kvml.com/contact">http://www.kvml.com/contact</a>

### Television Stations

	ABC 30	KCRA
<b>Title:</b>	ABC 30 News – Fresno and the Central Valley	KCRA 3 NBC News – Sacramento, Stockton, and Modesto
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**APPENDIX F: NCP COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

The NCP specifies the following community involvement requirements for the non-time-critical removal action at this Site:

**Removal Actions**

**Non-Time-Critical Removal Action**

Required When	Requirement	Citation– 40 C.F.R.
	Designate a Site spokesperson.	§ 300.415(n)(1)
No later than when the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis Approval Memorandum is signed	Establish two information repositories (one at a central location and one at or near the Site), and establish an administrative record file and place in the information repositories.	§ 300.415(n)(4)(i); § 300.800(a); § 300.805(a)
	Publish notice of availability of the information repositories and the administrative record file in a major local newspaper of general circulation.	§ 300.415(n)(4)(i); § 300.820(a)(1)
Prior to completion of the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis	Conduct community interviews.	§ 300.415(n)(4)(i)
	Prepare and issue a Community Involvement Plan.	§ 300.415(n)(4)(i)
Upon completion of Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis and publication of the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis Report	Publish notice of availability and brief description of the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis Report in a major local newspaper of general circulation.	§ 300.415(n)(4)(ii); § 300.820(a)(1)
	Provide a public comment period of at least 30 days for submission of written and oral comments. Upon timely request during the public comment period, extend the public comment period by a minimum of 15 additional days.	§ 300.415(n)(4)(iii); § 300.820(a)(2)
	After the close of the public comment period, prepare a written response to significant comments received during the public comment period; consider and respond to significant comments submitted before the public comment period, as appropriate; place any such responses into the administrative record file.	§ 300.415(n)(4)(iv); § 300.820(a)(2)