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1 INTRODUCTION

This Technical Background Report discusses the existing environmental conditions in Mariposa County for each environmental topic. This report will serve as both a technical appendix to the General Plan and as settings sections for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This document was submitted for public use during the planning process and is structured to facilitate ongoing County updates.

The data presented in this report was compiled from existing sources, including County documents, state and federal reports, and personal communications with agencies and organizations. Relevant agencies were contacted through various forms of personal communication, including written letters, faxes, emails, and phone calls. Additional data has been added to this document over time as part of the on-going planning and environmental review process. May 1, 2005 is established as the “baseline” date for the Technical Background Data Report.

Each section of this report discusses the existing characteristics for each of the topics. Topics include land use, community design and character, environmental justice, the economy, arts and culture, population and housing, transportation and circulation, public services and facilities, utilities, agriculture, biological resources, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, minerals, air quality, water rights, parks and recreation facilities, regional tourism, historic and cultural resources, noise, safety and hazards, and fiscal analysis and models.