4.9 PUBLIC SERVICES

4.9.1 ALTERNATIVE A – PROPOSED PROJECT

WATER SUPPLY

A water and wastewater feasibility study was prepared by HydroScience Engineers, Inc., which analyzes the water and wastewater demands of the Proposed Project, and is included in this report as **Appendix D**. Additionally a groundwater study was conducted by WorleyParsons Komex, Inc. and is included as **Appendix G**.

The water supply system is described in **Section 2.2.8**. All on-site water demands (including fire flow) would be met by on-site wells and storage, except for recycled water, which could be supplied from the regional wastewater treatment plant if it is utilized for wastewater treatment. Alternative A would utilize recycled water from an on-site wastewater treatment plant or from existing recycled water pipelines located adjacent to the site. Should the project connect to the Subregional sewer system, the volume of sewage provided to the Laguna WWTP would exceed the required recycled water deliveries for the project and thus would be a less than significant demand on recycled water.

An analytical drawdown model was developed for predicting water-level impacts due to pumping in the Wilfred Site vicinity. Hydrographs and time-drawdown graphs for wells in the City of Rohnert Park's well field indicate that drawdown tends to stabilize at a new level about four months after a change in pumping. Therefore, it is assumed that groundwater levels near the Wilfred Site would adjust to the proposed pumping rate and that stable, though lower, groundwater levels would be reached after a period of approximately four months (KOMEX, 2007a). Additionally, the City of Rohnert Park plans to decrease reliance on groundwater wells as discussed in **Section 3.9.1**. **Section 4.3** provides further discussion of project effects to groundwater. Given that the City's water system would not be utilized and that a stable local groundwater level is expected after use of on-site wells, a less than significant impact to public water systems would occur.

WASTEWATER

Facility components were used to calculate the wastewater flows for Alternative A. The facility program provided for Alternative A (**Table 2-1** in **Section 2.0**) describes what type of restaurants are proposed, the respective number of seats where applicable, the number of hotel rooms, square footage of facility areas, etc. Average and peak wastewater flows were obtained from analysis of similar gaming facilities. **Table 4.9-1** summarizes the projections of wastewater volumes generated by Alternative A (HydroScience, 2006). Wastewater flows at gaming facilities are

typically higher on the weekday evenings and on weekends. This assumption is based on the higher utilization of facilities outside of normal business hours. For example, showrooms and nightclubs typically operate during weekday evenings and weekends.

| | | | | | Wastewater Flow | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------|------------|-----------------|---------|---------|
| | Estimated Occupancy | | | Factor (%) | | (gpd) | |
| Area Description | Number | Units | gpd/Unit | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend |
| Casino Gaming and Support Areas | 226 | 1,000 ft ² | 425 | 80% | 100% | 77,000 | 97,000 |
| Buffet | 500 | Seats | 40 | 80% | 100% | 16,000 | 20,000 |
| Coffee Shop | 225 | Seats | 40 | 80% | 100% | 8,000 | 9,000 |
| Food Court | 210 | Seats | 40 | 80% | 100% | 7,000 | 9,000 |
| Leased Restaurants | 680 | Seats | 60 | 80% | 100% | 33,000 | 41,000 |
| Nightclub | 6.5 | 1,000 ft ² | 500 | 50% | 100% | 2,000 | 4,000 |
| Bars (7) | 350 | Seats | 35 | 80% | 100% | 10,000 | 13,000 |
| Lounges (2) | 400 | Seats | 35 | 80% | 100% | 12,000 | 14,000 |
| Event Center | 1,500 | Seats | 35 | 0% | 100% | 0 | 53,000 |
| Banquet Room | 1,000 | Seats | 30 | 0% | 100% | 0 | 30,000 |
| Spa | 20 | 1,000 ft ² | 750 | 66% | 100% | 10,000 | 15,000 |
| Pool Concessions | 50 | Seats | 35 | 50% | 100% | 1,000 | 2,000 |
| Pool Grill | 50 | Seats | 40 | 50% | 100% | 1,000 | 2,000 |
| Hotel | 300 | Rooms | 150 | 90% | 100% | 41,000 | 45,000 |
| Total Wastewater Ge | Total Wastewater Generated | | | | | | 354,000 |

 TABLE 4.9-1

 ALTERNATIVE A – PROJECTED WASTEWATER FLOWS

NOTES: Gaming area flows include flows associated with patrons' use of casino slot machines, tables, high limit slots, Asian games, and the employees required to serve these patrons. gpd = gallons per day

All flow values were rounded to the nearest 1,000 gpd.

SOURCE: HydroScience Engineers, Inc., 2006; AES, 2006.

Average weekend demand would be approximately 354,000 gpd. The design flows are higher than the projected flows to provide a safety factor for design and to account for the lack of flow equalization. Alternative A would either convey wastewater to the Laguna Subregional Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) or construct a new wastewater treatment facility on site.

Off-Site Option

The Laguna WWTP has an average daily dry weather flow of 17.5 mgd (City of Santa Rosa, 2006) and an average daily dry weather capacity of 21.3 mgd (**Appendix D**). This is sufficient

capacity to accept project flows of 0.35 mgd. The ability of the Laguna WWTP to accept flows at projected growth and buildout of member cities is analyzed in **Section 4.12**, Cumulative Effects.

Connection of Alternative A to the Laguna WWTP could occur by connection to the City of Rohnert Park gravity sewer system, connection to the City's new force main, or construction of a force main directly to the Laguna WWTP (Figure 2-5). The first scenario involves routing wastewater through new sanitary sewers and the existing sanitary sewer on Redwood Drive to the Rohnert Park effluent pump station as envisioned in the Northwest Specific Plan. From the pump station wastewater would flow through a new 30-inch force main, to an existing 24-inch force main, and finally to the Laguna WWTP. Available capacity of this trunk sewer varies between 650 and 1,800 gpm. There is available capacity for projected average flows of Alternative A (151 gpm) and peak diurnal flows (500 gpm). Variations in capacity due to peak periods could be met by routing wastewater from the site during low flow periods. The second conveyance scenario would be to pump directly to the City's sewer force main. Although possible, the City has indicated that this would not be permitted. The third scenario would include the development of a new pump station and force main conveying wastewater directly to the Laguna WWTP. For all three scenarios, treatment and conveyance to the Laguna WWTP is subject to political, environmental, and other external factors, including conditions of approval from the City of Rohnert Park (conveyance) and City of Santa Rosa (treatment). As the WWTP and existing lines currently have capacity to convey flows from Alternative A, this impact is considered less than significant.

On-Site Option

If treatment at the Laguna WWTP is infeasible, wastewater would be treated on-site with an Immersed Membrane Bioreactor System (MBR). The wastewater treatment facilities for Alternative A would be built with the recommended capacity of 400,000 gpd (**Appendix D**). Description of MBR components and the on-site wastewater system are described in **Section 2.2.7** and **Appendix D**. On-site recycled water use would be maximized. Wastewater effluent would be disposed of using seasonal storage ponds/sprayfields and discharge to the Laguna de Santa Rosa (Laguna). Tertiary treated effluent would be stored in seasonal storage ponds (typically during the dry season) and then applied to sprayfields year-round at agronomic rates (**Figure 2-6**). Discharge to the Laguna would occur during the wet season through the Bellevue-Wilfred Channel. If discharge to the Laguna were infeasible the seasonal storage and sprayfield requirements would be increased (**Figure 2-7**).

The amount of wastewater generated by the Tribe's project is a small fraction of the wastewater processed at the Laguna Sub-regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. Both the Tribe and the Laguna Sub-regional Wastewater Treatment Plant would be restricted by the terms of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit from discharging wastewater into the

Laguna when Russian River flows fall below 1,000 cfs, as measured at the Hacienda Bridge. High flows in the Russian River typically mean high flows in the Laguna de Santa Rosa, a tributary to the Russian River. Finally, the proposed on-site wastewater treatment plant would treat project wastewater to an extremely high level (see Sections 2.2.7, 4.3.1, and Appendix D). Given the relatively minimal discharge proposed by Alternative A and the high receiving water flows, which would dilute the discharge and minimize the effect to water quality (see Section 4.3.1), the development of an on-site wastewater facility would result in a less than significant impact to the regional wastewater treatment system. In addition, the regional wastewater discharge to the Laguna has recently decreased due to diversion to the Geysers Recharge Project, as described in Section 3.9.

Solid Waste

Construction

Construction of Alternative A would result in a temporary increase in waste generation. Potential solid waste streams from construction are expected to include the following:

- Paper, wood, glass, and plastics from packing materials, waste lumber, insulation, and empty non-hazardous chemical containers;
- Excess concrete from construction practices;
- Excess metal, including steel from welding/cutting operations, packing materials, and empty non-hazardous chemical containers, and aluminum from packing materials and electrical wiring.

Waste that cannot be recycled would be disposed of at the Redwood Landfill or another disposal site, which accepts construction/demolition materials. This impact would be temporary and not significant. Nonetheless, additional mitigation measures are included in **Section 5.2.8** that would reduce the amount of construction/demolition materials disposed of at the Redwood Landfill.

Operation

The California Integrated Waste Management Board has established waste generation rates for the operation of different business types and residences. The rate is expressed as tons per employee per year. The waste generation resulting from Alternative A's various components is estimated to be 12.1 tons per day (**Table 4.9-2**).

| Employment Category | Estimated Number of Jobs | Business Type | Rate (Tons/employee/year) | Tons per year | Tons per day |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Gaming | 995 | 38 ^a | 0.9 | 896 | 2.5 |
| Hotel | 225 | 32 ^b | 2.1 | 473 | 1.3 |
| Food and Beverage | 830 | 29 ^c | 3.1 | 2573 | 7.0 |
| Other Dept | 10 | 33 ^d | 1.7 | 17 | 0.1 |
| Administrative | 50 | 33 | 1.7 | 85 | 0.2 |
| Marketing | 50 | 33 | 1.7 | 85 | 0.2 |
| Maintenance | 105 | 33 | 1.7 | 179 | 0.5 |
| Security | 135 | 38 | 0.9 | 122 | 0.3 |
| Total | 2400 | | | 4430 | 12.1 |

 TABLE 4.9-2

 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ESTIMATE – ALTERNATIVE A

NOTES:

^a Includes SIC code 79 Amusement and Recreation Services

^b Includes SIC code 70 Hotels

^c Includes SIC code 58 Eating and Drinking Places

^d Includes SIC code 73 Business Services

SOURCE: AES, 2006; CIWMB, 2004.

The Tribe would contract with Rohnert Park Disposal or Sonoma County disposal services to dispose of solid waste generated by Alternative A. Waste would be outhauled to one of five landfills in the region. Most waste from the County is transferred to the Redwood Landfill.

If an on-site wastewater treatment plant were built it would produce sludge (biosolids) that would periodically need to be disposed of, either on site through reuse or off site at a landfill. The biosolids produced by the on-site wastewater treatment plant would be stored on site in a solids stabilization basin. Every few years, as biosolids accumulate in the solids stabilization basin, biosolids would be trucked off-site for disposal at the Redwood Landfill. All biosolids dewatering and storage facilities would be contained indoors and the air scrubbed to minimize odors.

The project would not affect County diversion goals as Tribal land is classified as out-of-state waste and is not calculated in local waste diversion statistics (CIWMB, 2006). Alternative A is expected to generate 12.1 tons per day, which would be disposed at one of five landfills in the region. Most waste would be transferred to the Redwood Landfill, which is permitted to receive a maximum of 2,300 tons per day. Project generated waste represents approximately 0.5% of the Redwood Landfill's permitted daily intake (CIWMB, 2006b). Alternative A's projected solid waste generation is considered an insignificant contribution to the waste stream and is not expected to significantly decrease the life expectancy of the landfill. Additionally, the Tribe's MOU with Sonoma County provides that one or more intergovernmental agreements may be

negotiated by parties to address any significant effects that occur within the County. However, mitigation is included in **Section 5.2.8** to further reduce the amount of waste transferred to landfill.

ELECTRICITY, NATURAL GAS, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Based on similar gaming facilities, Alternative A would have an approximate connected electrical load of 26.5 watts per square foot. The total connected electrical load would be approximately 20 megawatts. This is a conservative estimate based on National Electricity Code (NEC) calculations, which generally overestimate project demands to assure adequate power is supplied. Additionally, the load estimate assumes that all square footage is used for casino purposes while a hotel and other components of the project would likely have less demand per square foot. Projected electrical load and demand would be prepared by an electrical engineer and submitted upon application for service.

Emergency generators would be provided to service the proposed facilities in the event of a loss of service from the PG&E grid. Use of the generators would be restricted to emergency purposes only. Three 1.5 megawatt diesel generators and one 1.5 megawatt backup generator would provide a total of 6 megawatts for the casino. The generators would be located near the loading dock of the casino building and would have noise attenuating housing. One 500-750 kilowatt emergency diesel generator would potentially serve the wastewater treatment plant.

In order to provide electrical service to the Wilfred Site, trenching and backfilling to the nearest PG&E power pole along Wilfred Avenue or Labath Avenue and installation of a pad-mounted transformer would be required. The transformer would step down the voltage of the 12-kilovolt power lines to accommodate the needs of Alternative A. These are standard improvements that would be required of any new connection to a 12-kilovolt power line. PG&E has sufficient capacity to accommodate the operation of Alternative A (Rivero, pers. comm., 2005). Therefore, implementation of Alternative A is expected to result in a less than significant impact to electricity services provided by PG&E. Nonetheless, mitigation measures have been identified in **Section 5.2.8** to reduce the electrical demand of the project.

The nearest natural gas transmission line is located along Stony Point Road, and the nearest distribution line is located along Wilfred Avenue, adjacent to the Wilfred Site. PG&E has identified that the transmission line along Stony Point Road has the capacity to service the operation of Alternative A (Harris, pers. comm., 2005). It is uncertain whether the 4-inch diameter distribution line would need to be resized to serve the project. Therefore, Alternative A could potentially impact natural gas services provided by PG&E. Mitigation is provided in **Section 5.2.8**, which would reduce the impact to less than significant.

AT&T currently provides telephone service adjacent to the Wilfred Site and extension of phone service would be required for the operation of Alternative A. Installation of a pedestal box on Wilfred Avenue would serve the casino/hotel resort. A pedestal box is a junction point (cabinet) where AT&T connects feeder cables to distribution cables to serve a particular area. The installation of a pedestal box at this location is not a planned extension and the Tribe would be responsible for the cost of installation and extension of services to the Wilfred Site. AT&T has the capacity to service Alternative A and the Tribe would pay for needed improvements. Therefore, a less than significant impact to local phone services would result (Graves, pers. comm., 2005).

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Once land is taken into trust, State and local laws and ordinances pertaining to public health and safety would not be applicable to activities on the Wilfred Site. Therefore, there is a concern that these issues would be neglected, impacting the health and safety of customers and employees. Hazardous materials are discussed in **Section 4.10**. Issues regarding building codes, building inspections, fire inspections, food safety and swimming pools are discussed below.

As discussed in **Section 2.2**, the Tribe would enter into a Tribal-State Compact, as required by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) to govern the conduct of Class III gaming activities, or comply with procedures established by the Secretary of the Interior (pursuant to IGRA and 25 C.F.R. 291) in the event that the State and the Tribe are unable to agree to a compact. All recent (1999 – present) Tribal-State Compacts in California have included regulations regarding building codes and food safety. All compacts have required compliance with either the Uniform Building Code or California Building Code and inspections by a State designated agency. Recent compacts have also required inspections for fire safety and life safety in which a State designated agency must be notified and entitled to attend. Recent compacts have required that tribes adopt and comply with standards no less stringent than State public health standards for food and beverage handling. The Compacts have required further that tribes allow inspection of food and beverage services by State, county or city health inspectors, as applicable, during normal hours of operation, to assess compliance with these standards, unless inspections are routinely made by an agency of the United States government to ensure compliance with equivalent standards of the United States Public Health Service. Violations of these standards are treated as violations of the Compact. It is assumed that similar standards will be included in the Tribal-State Compact (or procedures issued by the Secretary of the Interior in lieu of a Compact) with the Tribe. Additionally, it is anticipated that the existing MOU with Rohnert Park would be renegotiated to apply to the Wilfred Site with similar provisions. The MOU included commitments to building codes and inspection as discussed in Section 2.2. Given that the Tribal-State Compact (or Secretarial procedures) would require compliance with building codes, fire inspections, and food safety, impacts would be less than significant.

Previous compacts have not specifically mentioned public health and safety measures regarding swimming pools. Although it is not in the Tribe's economic interest to operate their pool facilities in a manner that jeopardizes public health, the absence of standards and oversight represents a potentially significant impact to public health. Mitigation is included in **Section 5.2.8** to address swimming pool design and inspection, reducing potential impacts to a less than significant level.

Law Enforcement

Neither the City's Public Safety Department nor the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department would have authority over civil matters on Tribal lands, therefore no impacts from resolving civil disputes would result. Under Public Law 280, the State of California and other local law enforcement agencies have enforcement authority over criminal activities on Tribal land. The majority of the Wilfred Site is located within the unincorporated area of Sonoma County and the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department currently provides services to that area. A small parcel (3.86 acres) of the Wilfred Site is located within the City of Rohnert Park and is within the jurisdiction of the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department. The northeastern portion of the Wilfred site (on which the development of the hotel/casino resort is proposed) is planned for annexation into the City and for commercial/residential development under the City's Northwest Specific Plan. Thus, in the foreseeable future, absent development under Alternative A, this area would be annexed into the City and within the jurisdiction of the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department. Nonetheless, absent an agreement to the contrary, given that the majority of the Wilfred site is currently located within the unincorporated area of Sonoma County, we assume that Sonoma County would have jurisdiction to provide primary services to the hotel/casino resort under Public Law 280. Although specific effects to crime rates are uncertain (see Section 4.7 and Appendix N), an attraction of the size proposed for Alternative A would result in increased law enforcement activity on the Wilfred site due to increased visitors to the site. Without an agreement for primary law enforcement services there would either be significant impacts to County resources to provide primary services to the hotel/casino resort without degrading existing services or there would be a significant degradation of services throughout the County caused by allocating some existing resources to the Wilfred site.

It is anticipated that the Tribe will contract with the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department for the provision of primary law enforcement services to the Wilfred site given the provisions in the City MOU for a fully staffed public safety building near the Wilfred site and the large contributions to public safety provided for in the City MOU. Given the proximity of the of the Wilfred Site to the Stony Point Site, recent informal discussions with the City and the Tribe, and the recent passage of Tribal resolution 05-14 (which affirms the Tribe's commitment to abide by the principle terms and conditions of the existing City MOU on the Wilfred site), it is assumed that the terms of an MOU for the Wilfred Site would be the same or similar to the existing MOU. Under this arrangement, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department may be contacted by the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department for back-up or emergency mutual aid services. These secondary services would be minimal and the City would not be prevented from using funding from the Tribe to compensate the Sheriff's Department for secondary emergency services subject to the current agreement between the City and the County for such services. Emergency mutual aid services are normally not compensated, however.

The Tribe has committed to compensating the City and County for impacts to law enforcement services. The terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Rohnert Park applies to the Stony Point Site but not the Wilfred Site (Appendix E). Details on recurring and non-recurring contributions to the City for law enforcement services are discussed in Section **2.2.10**. The MOU with the City of Rohnert Park states that the Tribe and the City agree that the compensation specified in the MOU is sufficient to offset the cost of equipment, other capital improvements, and other expenditures which the City deems necessary or appropriate to mitigate impacts of a gaming facility on the City's law enforcement services. The projected public safety service costs of \$313,000 confirm this conclusion (Appendix N). The MOU with Sonoma County (Appendix E), provides for an intergovernmental agreement no later than 30 days following the publication of the DEIS, which addresses any significant impacts that occur within the County. The MOU with the County applies to the Wilfred Site. Also, consistent with Section 8.0 of the anticipated Tribal-State Compact, the Tribe would be committed to providing on-site security for casino operations to reduce and prevent criminal and civil incidents. Although it is anticipated that the Tribe will contract with the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department for the provision of primary law enforcement services to the Wilfred Site and the monetary provisions in the existing MOU with the City are sufficient to fund such services, there is currently no specific, formal agreement for the provision of primary services with the City (the current City MOU is primarily a funding mechanism). As there is currently no signed agreement for providing law enforcement services, the impact is considered significant. Mitigation measures have been included in Section 5.2.8 to reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

Section 4.7 discusses fiscal impacts to Sonoma County including services funded through the General Fund. Law enforcement services incorporated into the analysis include dispatch, the District Attorney, the Public Defender, and the court system (**Appendix N**).

Alcoholic Beverages

The facilities under Alternative A would serve alcohol, potentially increasing problems with drunken driving and underage drinking. The risk is similar to that from other businesses serving alcohol such as bars and restaurants and sports venues. These problems lead to increased service calls to the California Highway Patrol and local law enforcement. As discussed in **Section 2**,

patrons would be required to be 21 years old or over and the Tribe proposes to adopt a "Responsible Alcoholic Beverage Policy" that would include, but not be limited to, checking identification of patrons and refusing service to those who appear to have had enough to drink. With these measures incorporated into the project the impact would be less than significant. While impacts are less than significant, additional mitigation measures are recommended in **Section 5.2.8**, to further improve public safety.

Fire Protection Services

Construction

Construction of Alternative A would introduce potential sources of fire to the Wilfred Site. During construction, equipment and vehicles may come in contact with wildland areas and accidentally spark and ignite vegetation. Equipment used during grading and construction activities may also create sparks which could ignite vegetation on the Wilfred Site. This risk, which is similar to those that are found at other construction sites, would be considered potentially significant. Mitigation measures described in **Section 5.2.8** would reduce this risk to a less than significant level.

Operation

Operation of Alternative A would result in increased calls for service and a potential decrease in response time to local fire departments. As discussed above under law enforcement, the existing MOU with the City of Rohnert Park does not apply to the Wilfred Site, though it is assumed that the terms of an MOU for the Wilfred Site would be the same or similar to the existing MOU.

Compliance with building codes and fire inspections are discussed under Public Health and Safety, above. The California Fire Code (CFC) represents the standard for fire code implementation in California, and is based on the Uniform Fire Code (UFC). The CFC requires an access road to within 150 feet of any point of a building's exterior wall, but allows the Fire Chief to allow greater distances for buildings with sprinkler systems. The 150-foot limit would be met for all project facilities. In addition, the buildings would include sprinkler systems. Fire road dimensions and marking would meet the CFC requirements. Vegetation in and around the developed areas would be irrigated, further minimizing the risk of fire. Additionally, the timely detection of fires by individuals working in the proposed facilities, early intervention, and firebreaks created by driveways and roads, would likely reduce the size and duration of fires. Water facilities would be constructed to meet adequate fire flow requirements, including those described in CFC Appendix III-A. Similar to the terms of the existing MOU, the Tribe would construct facilities necessary to assure a fire flow of 2,700 to 3,500 gpm for a two-hour duration. Adequate water would be available for fire fighting by providing an on-site water storage tank, pump system, and emergency backup system. Without an agreement for primary fire protection services there could be significant impacts to County resources, including the Rincon Valley Fire District, which currently provides fire protection services to a majority of the Wilfred Site. For the reasons stated above under Law Enforcement, it is anticipated that the Tribe will contract with the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department for the provision of fire protection services to the Wilfred Site. Under this arrangement, the Rincon Valley Fire District may be contacted by the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department for back-up or emergency mutual aid services. These secondary services would be minimal and the City would not be prevented from using funding from the Tribe to compensate the Rincon Valley Fire District for secondary emergency services subject to the current agreement between the City and the District for such services. Emergency mutual aid services are normally not compensated, however.

The Tribe has committed to compensating the City and County for impacts to fire protection services. It is assumed that a MOU similar to that for the Stony Point Site will be provided for the Wilfred Site, for the reasons stated above under Law Enforcement. Details on recurring and non-recurring contributions to the City for fire protection services in the existing MOU are discussed in **Section 2.2.10**. The City of Rohnert Park and the Tribe state in the existing MOU that the compensation detailed within the MOU is sufficient to cover the cost to the City of constructing and equipping a new public safety building which is of sufficient size and quality to mitigate potential impacts of a gaming facility on fire protection and first responder services. The projected public safety service costs of \$313,000 confirm this conclusion (**Appendix N**). The MOU with Sonoma County (**Appendix E**), provides for an intergovernmental agreement no later than 30 days following the publication of the DEIS, which addresses any significant impacts that occur within the County and applies to the Wilfred Site. As there is currently no signed agreement for providing fire protection services, the impact is considered significant. Mitigation measures have been included in **Section 5.2.8** to reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Operation of Alternative A would result in increased calls for service and a potential decrease in response time to local emergency responders. Local fire departments provide emergency medical services as they are often the first responders and American Medical Response (AMR) provides both emergency medical services and ambulance transport services. The existing City MOU provides that the Tribe would provide emergency medical training to certain members of its security staff and provide emergency medical equipment, including defibrillators, at the gaming facilities. It is assumed that a MOU similar to that for the Stony Point Site will be provided for the Wilfred Site for the reasons stated above.

Impacts to local fire departments are discussed above. AMR would provide ambulance transport service, which is primarily funded by the individual requiring transport. The impact to a private company receiving compensation for services is considered less than significant.

Schools

The nearest schools are approximately 1 mile to the east and are on the other side of Highway 101. Highway 101 serves as barrier preventing conflicts between uses of Alternative A and the nearest schools. Construction and operation of Alternative A would have no direct impact on school services currently provided by Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District, Bellevue Union School District or Santa Rosa High School District. As discussed in **Section 2.1.10**, it is anticipated that an MOU similar to that developed for the Stony Point Site would be developed for the Wilfred Site. The MOU states that the Tribe will contribute \$1 million a year to block grants for the Cotati-Rohnert Park School District.

As discussed in **Section 4.11**, the existing labor pool would fill the jobs created by Alternative A. Alternative A is therefore not anticipated to increase demands on school services as it is neither creating housing nor creating a significant influx of residents. Thus impacts to public school services would be less than significant.

4.9.2 ALTERNATIVE B – NORTHWEST STONY POINT CASINO

WATER SUPPLY

Water demand under Alternative B would be the same as Alternative A. As with Alternative A, all on-site water demands would be met by on-site wells and storage. Unlike Alternative A, Alternative B would not include connection to the regional wastewater treatment plant as an option, thus all recycled water would be supplied by the on-site wastewater treatment plant.

As with Alternative A, an analytical drawdown model was developed for predicting water-level impacts due to pumping in the Stony Point Site vicinity. Hydrographs and time-drawdown graphs for wells in the City of Rohnert Park's well field indicate that drawdown tends to stabilize at a new level about four months after a change in pumping. Therefore, it is assumed that groundwater levels near the Stony Point Site would adjust to the proposed pumping rate and that stable, though lower, groundwater levels would be reached after a period of approximately four months (Komex, 2007a). Given that the City's water system would not be utilized and that a stable local groundwater level is expected after use of on-site wells, a less than significant impact to public water systems would occur. **Section 4.3** provides a discussion of project impacts to groundwater.

WASTEWATER

Alternative B would utilize an on-site wastewater treatment system similar to that described under Alternative A. Facility components and the resulting wastewater generation are identical to those discussed under Alternative A. As with Alternative A, Alternative B would have an average weekday flow of 218,000 and an average weekend flow of 354,000 gpd. Wastewater treatment facilities for Alternative B would include a MBR treatment plant with a designed capacity of 400,000 gpd to allow for peak flows (HydroScience, 2006). Wastewater influent water quality, treatment plant capacity and the methods for wastewater treatment would be the same as previously described in Alternative A due to similarly sized facilities and uses.

Wastewater effluent would be disposed of using seasonal storage ponds, sprayfields and/or discharge to the Laguna. Under the first disposal option, tertiary treated effluent would be stored in seasonal storage ponds (typically during the dry season) and then applied to sprayfields year-round at agronomic rates (**Figure 2-12**). Discharge to the Laguna would occur during the wet season through the Bellevue-Wilfred Channel. As with Alternative A, discharging wastewater into the Laguna would be limited by the terms of a NPDES permit. If discharge to the Laguna were infeasible the seasonal storage and sprayfield requirements would be increased (**Figure 2-13**).

The northern portion of the Stony Point Site is currently used as a sprayfield for reuse of treated effluent from the Laguna Sub-regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. Under Alternative B, this portion of the Stony Point Site would be used for development of the casino/hotel resort and for sprayfields used to discharge project wastewater. Thus, Alternative B would reduce the acreage available for regional wastewater reuse. The implementation of the Geysers Recharge Project reduced the demand on Subregional Reclamation Systems sprayfields from approximately 6,400 to 3,600 acres (Santa Rosa, 2004a). The annual irrigation volume required by the system decreased from 3,700 million gallons to 2,100 million gallons, a reduction of 1,600 million gallons. It is assumed that approximately 180 acres for wastewater disposal could be obtained from other areas including areas which previously were used for sprayfields by the Laguna WWTP before the Geysers Recharge Project. Therefore, the removal of the Stony Point Site from use as sprayfields by the Laguna WWTP would not significantly impact sprayfield discharge options for the Subregional Reclamation System. As an independent wastewater treatment system would be used and impacts to municipal wastewater disposal areas would be less than significant, the overall impact to public wastewater services is less than significant.

Solid Waste

Construction

Construction of Alternative B would result in a temporary increase in waste generation. Potential solid waste streams from construction are similar to those discussed under Alternative A. Waste

that cannot be recycled would be disposed of at the Redwood Landfill or another disposal site, which accepts construction/demolition materials. This impact would be temporary and not significant. Additional mitigation measures are included in **Section 5.2.8** that would reduce the amount of construction/demolition materials disposed of at the Redwood Landfill.

Operation

As Alternative A and B have the same number of employees the predicted waste generation is the same. According to the MOU between the City and the Tribe, the Tribe would either retain Rohnert Park Disposal's services or conduct a competitive bidding process to select the contractor to dispose of solid waste generated by Alternative C (**Appendix E**). Alternative B is expected to generate 12.1 tons per day (**Table 4.9-2**), which represents approximately 0.5% of the Redwood Landfill's permitted daily intake. The on-site wastewater treatment plant will produce sludge (biosolids) that will periodically need to be disposed of, either onsite through reuse or offsite at a landfill as discussed under Alternative A. Waste would be outhauled to one of five landfills in the region. Most waste from the County is transferred to the Redwood Landfill. The amount of waste generated by Alternative B would have a less than significant impact on disposal and landfill facilities. Additionally, the Tribe's MOU with Sonoma County provides that one or more intergovernmental agreements may be negotiated by parties to address any significant effects that occur within the County. Mitigation measures in **Section 5.2.8** are recommended to reduce the amount of solid waste.

ELECTRICITY, NATURAL GAS, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

As with Alternative A, which has the same components as Alternative B, the total connected electrical load would be approximately 20 megawatts. Emergency generators would be provided, as described above under Alternative A. In order to provide electrical service to the Stony Point Site, trenching and backfilling to the nearest PG&E power pole along Stony Point Road (adjacent to the Stony Point Site) and installation of a pad-mounted transformer would be required. The transformer would step down the voltage of the 12-kilovolt power lines to accommodate the needs of Alternative B. PG&E has sufficient capacity to accommodate the operation of Alternative B (Rivero, pers. comm., 2005). Therefore, implementation of Alternative B is expected to result in a less than significant impact to electricity services provided by PG&E. Nonetheless, mitigation measures have been identified in **Section 5.2.8** to reduce the electrical demand of the project.

As with Alternative A, installation of a regulator station would reduce the pressure from the transmission line to enable use of natural gas at the Stony Point Site. This is a standard improvement that would be necessary for any new connection to a gas transmission line. PG&E has an adequate supply of natural gas to service the operation of Alternative B (Harris, pers. comm., 2005). As supply is available and the Tribe would pay its share of development costs,

Alternative B would result in a less than significant impact to natural gas services provided by PG&E.

AT&T currently provides telephone service adjacent to the Stony Point Site and extension of phone service would be required for the operation of Alternative B. Installation of a pedestal box on Wilfred Avenue near the junction of Stony Point Road would serve the development. The installation of a pedestal box at this location is not a planned extension and the Tribe would be responsible for the cost of installation and extension of services to the Stony Point Site. AT&T has the capacity to service Alternative B (Graves, pers. comm., 2005) and the Tribe would pay its share of development costs for service; therefore, a less than significant impact to local phone services would result.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Once land is taken into trust, State and local laws and ordinances pertaining to public health and safety would not be applicable to activities on the Stony Point Site. See the discussion under Alternative A which describes building and food safety standards that would be included in the Tribal-State Compact (or procedures issued by the Secretary of the Interior in lieu of a Compact) with the Tribe. Additionally, the MOU with the City, which applies to Alternative B, includes commitments to building codes and inspection as discussed in **Section 2.2**. Given that the Tribal-State Compact (or Secretarial procedures) and MOU with the City would require compliance with building codes, fire inspections, and/or food safety, impacts would be less than significant.

Previous compacts and the MOU with the City have not specifically mentioned public health and safety measures regarding swimming pools. Although it is not in the Tribe's economic interest to operate their pool facilities in a manner that jeopardizes public health, the absence of standards and oversight represents a potentially significant impact to public health. Mitigation is included in **Section 5.2.8** to address swimming pool design and inspection, reducing potential impacts to a less than significant level.

Law Enforcement

Neither the City's Public Safety Department nor the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department would have authority over civil matters on Tribal lands, therefore no impacts from resolving civil disputes would result. Under Public Law 280, the State of California and other local law enforcement agencies have enforcement authority over criminal activities on Tribal land. The Stony Point Site is located within the unincorporated area of Sonoma County and the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department currently provides services to that area. Given that the Stony Point Site is currently located within the unincorporated area of Sonoma County, we assume that Sonoma County would have jurisdiction to provide primary services to the hotel/casino resort under Public Law 280. Although specific effects to crime rates are uncertain (see Section 4.7 and

Appendix N), an attraction of the size proposed for Alternative B would result in increased law enforcement activity on the Wilfred Site due to increased visitors to the site.

It is anticipated that the Tribe will contract with the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department for the provision of primary law enforcement services to the Stony Point Site given the provisions in the City MOU for a fully staffed public safety building near the Wilfred Site and the large contributions to public safety provided for in the City MOU. Under this arrangement, the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department would be compensated by the City MOU and the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department may be contacted by the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department for back-up or emergency mutual aid services. These secondary services would be minimal and the City would not be prevented from using funding from the Tribe to compensate the Sheriff's Department for secondary emergency services. Emergency mutual aid services are normally not compensated, however.

The Tribe is committed to compensating the City and County for impacts to law enforcement services. Both the MOU with the City of Rohnert Park and the MOU with Sonoma County apply to the Stony Point Site (Appendix E). Details on recurring and non-recurring contributions to the City for law enforcement services are discussed in Section 2.2.10. The MOU with the City of Rohnert Park states that the Tribe and the City agree that the compensation specified in the MOU is sufficient to offset the cost of equipment, other capital improvements, and other expenditures which the City deems necessary or appropriate to mitigate impacts of a gaming facility on the City's law enforcement services. The projected public safety service costs of \$313,000 confirm this conclusion (Appendix N). The MOU with Sonoma County (Appendix E), provides for an intergovernmental agreement no later than 30 days following the publication of the DEIS, which addresses any significant impacts that occur within the County. Also, consistent with Section 8.0 of the anticipated Tribal-State Compact, the Tribe would be committed to providing on-site security for casino operations to reduce and prevent criminal and civil incidents. Although it is anticipated that the Tribe will contract with the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department for the provision of primary law enforcement services to the Wilfred Site and the monetary provisions in the existing MOU with the City are sufficient to fund such services, there is currently no specific, formal agreement for the provision of primary services with the City (the current City MOU is primarily a funding mechanism). As there is currently no signed agreement for providing law enforcement services, the impact is considered significant. Mitigation measures have been included in Section 5.2.8 to reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

Section 4.7 discusses fiscal impacts to Sonoma County including services funded through the General Fund. Law enforcement services incorporated into the analysis include dispatch, the District Attorney, the Public Defender, and the court system (**Appendix N**).

Alcoholic Beverages

Impacts to public safety from serving alcoholic beverages would be similar to Alternative A, given the similar size and scope of facilities under Alternative B. While impacts are less than significant, additional mitigation measures are recommended in **Section 5.2.8**, to further improve public safety.

Fire Protection Services

Construction

Construction of Alternative B would introduce potential sources of fire to the Stony Point Site. This risk is described under Alternative A and would be considered potentially significant. Mitigation measures described in **Section 5.2.8** would reduce this risk to a less than significant level.

Operation

Operation of Alternative B would result in increased calls for service and a potential decrease in response time to local fire departments and emergency responders. As discussed under law enforcement, the existing MOUs with the City and County apply to the Stony Point Site.

Compliance with building codes and fire inspections are discussed under Public Health and Safety, above. The California Fire Code (CFC) represents the standard for fire code implementation in California, and is based on the Uniform Fire Code (UFC). The CFC requires an access road to within 150 feet of any point of a building's exterior wall, but allows the Fire Chief to allow greater distances in buildings with sprinklers. The 150-foot limit would be met for all project facilities. In addition, the buildings would include sprinkler systems. Fire road dimensions and marking would meet the CFC requirements. Vegetation in and around the developed areas would be irrigated, further minimizing the risk of fire. Additionally, the timely detection of fires by individuals working in the proposed facilities, early intervention, and firebreaks created by driveways and roads, would likely reduce the size and duration of fires. Water facilities would be constructed to meet adequate fire flow requirements, including those described in CFC Appendix III-A. As discussed in the existing MOU, the Tribe would construct facilities necessary to assure a fire flow of 2,700 to 3,500 gpm for a two-hour duration. Adequate water would be available for fire fighting by providing an on-site water storage tank, pump system, and emergency backup system.

For the reasons stated above under Law Enforcement, it is anticipated that the Tribe will contract with the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department for the provision of primary fire protection services to the Stony Point Site. Under this arrangement, the Rincon Valley Fire District may be contacted by the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department for back-up or emergency mutual aid services. These secondary services would be minimal and the City would not be prevented from using funding from the Tribe to compensate the Rincon Valley Fire District for secondary emergency services, subject to the current agreement between the City and the District for such services. Emergency mutual aid services are normally not compensated, however.

The Tribe is committed to compensating the City and County for impacts to fire protection services. Details on recurring and non-recurring contributions to the City for fire protection services in the MOU are discussed in **Section 2.2.10**. The City of Rohnert Park and the Tribe state in the MOU that the compensation detailed within the MOU is sufficient to cover the cost to the City of constructing and equipping a new public safety building which is of sufficient size and quality to mitigate potential impacts of a gaming facility on fire protection and first responder services. The projected public safety service costs of \$313,000 confirm this conclusion (**Appendix N**). The MOU with Sonoma County (**Appendix E**), provides for an intergovernmental agreement no later than 30 days following the publication of the DEIS, which addresses any significant impacts that occur within the County. As there is currently no signed agreement for providing fire protection services, the impact is considered significant. Mitigation measures have been included in **Section 5.2.8** to reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Operation of Alternative B would result in increased calls for service and a potential decrease in response time to local emergency responders. The existing MOU provides that the Tribe would provide emergency medical training to certain members of its security staff and provide emergency medical equipment, including defibrillators, at the gaming facilities.

Impacts to local fire departments are discussed above. AMR would provide ambulance transport service, which is primarily funded by the individual requiring transport. The impact to a private company receiving compensation for services is considered less than significant.

Schools

Highway 101 serves as barrier preventing conflicts between uses of Alternative B and the nearest schools. As with Alternative A, Alternative B would have no direct impact on school services provided by Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District, Bellevue Union School District or Santa Rosa High School District. The MOU with the City of Rohnert Park states that the Tribe will contribute \$1 million a year to block grants for the Cotati-Rohnert Park School District.

As discussed in **Section 4.11**, the existing labor pool would fill the jobs created by Alternative B. Alternative B is therefore not anticipated to increase demands on school services as it is neither creating housing nor creating a significant influx of residents. Thus impacts to public school services would be less than significant.

4.9.3 ALTERNATIVE C – NORTHEAST STONY POINT CASINO

WATER SUPPLY

Water demand under Alternative C would be the same as Alternative A. As with Alternative A, all on-site water demands would be met by on-site wells and storage. Unlike Alternative A, Alternative C would not include connection to the regional wastewater treatment plant as an option, thus all recycled water would be supplied by the on-site wastewater treatment plant.

As with Alternative A, an analytical drawdown model was developed for predicting water-level impacts due to pumping in the Stony Point Site vicinity. Hydrographs and time-drawdown graphs for wells in the City of Rohnert Park's well field indicate that drawdown tends to stabilize at a new level about four months after a change in pumping. Therefore, it is assumed that groundwater levels near the Stony Point Site would adjust to the proposed pumping rate and that stable, though lower, groundwater levels would be reached after a period of approximately four months (Komex, 2007a). Given that the City's water system would not be utilized and that a stable local groundwater level is expected after use of on-site wells, a less than significant impact to public water systems would occur. **Section 4.3** provides a discussion of project impacts to groundwater.

WASTEWATER

As described under Alternative B, construction of an on-site WWTP would provide wastewater treatment and disposal service to Alternative C. Wastewater treatment facilities would be constructed to the east of the Bellevue-Wilfred Channel. Wastewater influent water quality, treatment plant capacity and the methods for wastewater treatment would be the same as previously described in Alternatives A and B due to similarly sized facilities and uses. Effluent disposal options for Alternative C would be the same as for Alternative B, except that the location of the sprayfields, and surface water discharge would be modified as described in **Section 2.4.7** (**Figure 2-17** and **Figure 2-18**).

As with Alternative B, Alternative C would reduce the acreage available for regional wastewater disposal. It is assumed that approximately 180 acres for wastewater disposal could be obtained from other areas including the 2,800 acres, which were used for sprayfields before the Geysers Recharge Project. As an independent wastewater treatment system would be used and impacts to municipal wastewater disposal areas would be less than significant, the overall impact to public wastewater services is less than significant.

Solid Waste

Construction

Construction of Alternative C would result in a temporary increase in waste generation. Potential solid waste streams from construction are similar to those discussed under Alternative A. Waste that cannot be recycled would be disposed of at the Redwood Landfill or another disposal site, which accepts construction/demolition materials. This impact would be temporary and not significant. Additional mitigation measures are included in **Section 5.2.8** that would reduce the amount of construction/demolition materials disposed of at the Redwood Landfill.

Operation

As Alternative A and C have the same number of employees the predicted waste generation is the same. According to the MOU between the City and the Tribe, the Tribe would either retain Rohnert Park Disposal's services or conduct a competitive bidding process to select the contractor to dispose of solid waste generated by Alternative C (Appendix E). Waste would be outhauled to one of five landfills in the region. Most waste from the County is transferred to the Redwood Landfill. Alternative C is expected to generate 12.1 tons per day (Table 4.9-2), which represents approximately 0.5% of the Redwood Landfill's permitted daily intake. Alternative C's projected solid waste generation is considered an insignificant contribution to the waste stream and is not expected to significantly decrease the life expectancy of the landfill. The on-site wastewater treatment plant will produce sludge (biosolids) that will periodically need to be disposed of, either onsite through reuse or offsite at a landfill, as discussed under Alternative A. The amount of waste generated by Alternative C would have a less than significant impact on disposal and landfill facilities. Additionally, the Tribe's MOU with Sonoma County provides that one or more intergovernmental agreements may be negotiated by parties to address any significant effects that occur within the County. Mitigation measures in Section 5.2.8 are recommended to reduce the amount of solid waste.

ELECTRICITY, NATURAL GAS, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

As with Alternative A, which has the same components as Alternative C, the total connected electrical load would be approximately 20 megawatts. Emergency generators would be provided, as described above under Alternative A. Improvements required for electrical service are the same as those discussed under Alternative B. PG&E has sufficient capacity to accommodate the operation of Alternative C (Rivero, pers. comm., 2005). Therefore, implementation of Alternative C is expected to result in a less than significant impact to electricity services provided by PG&E. Nonetheless, mitigation measures have been identified in **Section 5.2.8** to reduce the electrical demand of the project.

Improvements needed for natural gas service are the same as those discussed under Alternative B. PG&E has an adequate supply of natural gas to service the operation of Alternative C (Harris, pers. comm., 2005). As supply is available and the Tribe would pay its share of development costs, Alternative C would result in a less than significant impact to natural gas services provided by PG&E.

Improvements for telecommunications service are the same as those discussed under Alternative B. AT&T has the capacity to service Alternative C (Graves, pers. comm., 2005) and the Tribe would pay its share of development costs for service; therefore, a less than significant impact to local phone services would result.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Public health and safety issues are the same as those discussed for Alternative B. Given that the Tribal-State Compact (or Secretarial procedures) and MOU with the City would require compliance with building codes, fire inspections, and/or food safety, impacts regarding these issues would be less than significant. Although it is not in the Tribe's economic interest to operate their pool facilities in a manner that jeopardizes public health, the absence of standards and oversight represents a potentially significant impact to public health. Mitigation is included in **Section 5.2.8** to address swimming pool design and inspection, reducing potential impacts to a less than significant level.

Law Enforcement

The operation of the casino and related facilities is expected to result in law enforcement demands as described under Alternative A. Since Alternative C is similar in size and scope to Alternative A, law enforcement impacts are not expected to differ.

As with Alternative B, the MOU with the City and MOU with the County apply to the development. Although it is anticipated that the Tribe will contract with the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department for the provision of primary law enforcement services to the Wilfred Site and the monetary provisions in the existing MOU with the City are sufficient to fund such services, there is currently no specific, formal agreement for the provision of primary services with the City (the current City MOU is primarily a funding mechanism). As there is currently no signed agreement for providing law enforcement services, the impact is considered significant. Mitigation measures have been included in **Section 5.2.8** to reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

Alcoholic Beverages

Impacts to public safety from serving alcoholic beverages would be similar to Alternative A, given the similar size and scope of facilities under Alternative C. While impacts are less than

significant, additional mitigation measures are recommended in Section 5.2.8, to further improve public safety.

Fire Protection Services

Given that Alternative C is similar in size and scope to Alternative A, fire protection services impacts from construction and operation are expected to be similar.

As discussed under law enforcement the MOU with the City and MOU with the County apply to Alternative C. As there is currently no signed agreement for providing fire protection services, the impact is considered significant. Mitigation measures have been included in **Section 5.2.8** to reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Operation of Alternative C would result in increased calls for service and a potential decrease in response time to local emergency responders. The existing MOU provides that the Tribe would provide emergency medical training to certain members of its security staff and provide emergency medical equipment, including defibrillators, at the gaming facilities. Impacts to local fire departments are discussed above. AMR would provide ambulance transport service, which is primarily funded by the individual requiring transport. The impact to a private company receiving compensation for services is considered less than significant.

Schools

Highway 101 serves as barrier preventing conflicts between uses of Alternative C and the nearest schools. As with Alternative A, Alternative C would have no direct impact on school services provided by Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District, Bellevue Union School District or Santa Rosa High School District. The MOU with the City of Rohnert Park states that the Tribe will contribute \$1 million a year to block grants for the Cotati-Rohnert Park School District.

As discussed in **Section 4.11**, the existing labor pool would fill the jobs created by Alternative C. Alternative C is therefore not anticipated to increase demands on school services as it is neither creating housing nor creating a significant influx of residents. Thus impacts to public school services would be less than significant.

4.9.4 ALTERNATIVE D – REDUCED INTENSITY

WATER SUPPLY

Under Alternative D, on-site water facilities would be of smaller magnitude than those of Alternatives A, because Alternative D would have fewer employees and patrons. As with Alternative A, all on-site water demands would be met by on-site wells and storage. Unlike

Alternative A, Alternative D would not include connection to the regional wastewater treatment plant as an option, thus all recycled water would be supplied by the on-site wastewater treatment plant.

As discussed under Alternative A, an analytical drawdown model was developed for predicting water-level impacts due to pumping in the vicinity of the Stony Point Site. Based on this model, it is assumed that groundwater levels near the Stony Point Site would adjust to the proposed pumping rate and that stable, though lower, groundwater levels would be reached after a period of approximately four months (Komex, 2007a). Given that the City's water system would not be utilized and that a stable local groundwater level is expected after use of on-site wells, a less than significant impact to public water systems would occur. **Section 4.3** provides further discussion of project impacts to groundwater.

WASTEWATER

Alternative D consists of similar but reduced components compared to those of Alternative A. As with Alternative A, facility components were used to calculate the wastewater flows for Alternative D. **Table 4.9-3** summarizes the projections of wastewater volumes generated by Alternative D (HydroScience, 2006).

| | Estimated Occupancy | | | Facto | or (%) | Wastewater Flow | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------|--|
| Area Description | Number Units | | gpd/Unit | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | |
| Casino Gaming and Support Areas | 196 | 1,000 ft ² | 425 | 80% | 100% | 67,000 | 84,000 | |
| Buffet | 500 | Seats | 40 | 80% | 100% | 16,000 | 20,000 | |
| Coffee Shop | 225 | Seats | 40 | 80% | 100% | 8,000 | 9,000 | |
| Food Court | 210 | Seats | 40 | 80% | 100% | 7,000 | 9,000 | |
| Leased Restaurants | 480 | Seats | 60 | 80% | 100% | 24,000 | 29,000 | |
| Nightclub | 0 | 1,000 ft ² | 500 | 50% | 100% | 0 | 0 | |
| Bars (7) | 350 | Seats | 35 | 80% | 100% | 10,000 | 13,000 | |
| Lounges (2) | 400 | Seats | 35 | 80% | 100% | 12,000 | 14,000 | |
| Event Center | 0 | Seats | 35 | 0% | 100% | 0 | 0 | |
| Banquet Room | 1,000 | Seats | 30 | 0% | 100% | 0 | 30,000 | |
| Spa | 0 | 1,000 ft ² | 750 | 66% | 100% | 0 | 0 | |
| Pool Concessions | 50 | Seats | 35 | 50% | 100% | 1,000 | 2,000 | |
| Pool Grill | 50 | Seats | 40 | 50% | 100% | 1,000 | 2,000 | |
| Hotel | 100 | Rooms | 150 | 90% | 100% | 14,000 | 15,000 | |
| Total Wastewater Ge | Total Wastewater Generated | | | | | | 227,000 | |

 TABLE 4.9-3

 ALTERNATIVE D – PROJECTED WASTEWATER FLOWS

NOTES: Gaming area flows include flows associated with patrons' use of casino slot machines, tables, high limit slots, Asian games, and the employees required to serve these patrons.

| gpd = gallons per day |
|--|
| All flow values were rounded to the nearest 1,000 gpd. |
| SOURCE: HydroScience Engineers, Inc., 2006; AES, 2006. |

Average weekend demand would be approximately 227,000 gpd. An onsite MBR wastewater treatment plant would be constructed to service Alternative D with a design capacity of 275,000 gpd. Wastewater influent water quality, and the methods for wastewater treatment would be the same as previously described in Alternative A; however, the treatment plant would be designed for lower flows. Effluent disposal options for Alternative D would be the same as for Alternative B, except that the size of the sprayfields would be modified as described in **Section 2.5.7** (Figure 2-21 and Figure 2-22).

As with Alternative B, Alternative D would reduce the acreage available for regional wastewater disposal. It is assumed that approximately 180 acres for wastewater disposal could be obtained from other areas including the 2,800 acres, which were used for sprayfields before the Geysers Recharge Project. As an independent wastewater treatment system would be used and impacts to municipal wastewater disposal areas would be less than significant, the overall impact to public wastewater services is less than significant.

SOLID WASTE

Construction

Construction of Alternative D would result in a temporary increase in waste generation. Due to smaller square footage, the impact from Alternative D would be less than Alternative A. Since the components of Alternative D would be similar to those of Alternative A (only smaller in scale), potential solid waste streams from construction are expected to be similar to those expected for Alternative A. Waste that cannot be recycled would be disposed of at the Redwood Landfill or another disposal site, which accepts construction/demolition materials. This impact would be temporary and not significant. Nonetheless, additional mitigation measures are included in **Section 5.2.8** that would reduce the amount of construction/demolition materials disposed of at the Redwood Landfill.

Operation

The California Integrated Waste Management Board has established waste generation rates for the operation of different business types and residences. The rate is expressed as tons per employee per year. The waste generation resulting from Alternative D's various components is estimated to be 10.6 tons per day (**Table 4.9-4**).

The Tribe would contract with Rohnert Park Disposal or Sonoma County disposal services to dispose of solid waste generated by Alternative D. Waste would be outhauled to one of five landfills in the region. Most waste from the County is transferred to the Redwood Landfill. The on-site wastewater treatment plant will produce sludge (biosolids) that will periodically need to be disposed of, either onsite through reuse or offsite at a landfill, as discussed under Alternative A.

The project would not affect County diversion goals as Tribal land is classified as out-of-state waste and is not calculated in local waste diversion statistics (CIWMB, 2006). Alternative D is expected to generate 10.6 tons per day, which represents approximately 0.5% of the Redwood Landfill's permitted daily intake. Alternative D's projected solid waste generation is considered an insignificant contribution to the waste stream and is not expected to significantly decrease the life expectancy of the landfill. However, mitigation is included in **Section 5.2.8** to further reduce the amount of waste transferred to landfill.

ELECTRICITY, NATURAL GAS, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Based on similar gaming facilities, Alternative D would have an approximate connected electrical load of 26.5 watts per square foot. The total connected electrical load would be approximately 11 megawatts. As with Alternative A, this is a conservative estimate based on National Electricity Code (NEC) calculations. Emergency generators would be provided, as described above under

| Employment Category | Estimated Number of Jobs | Business Type | Rate (Tons/employee/year) | Tons per year | Tons per day |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Gaming | 905 | 38 ^a | 0.9 | 815 | 2.2 |
| Hotel | 120 | 32 ^b | 2.1 | 252 | 0.7 |
| Food and Beverage | 770 | 29 ^c | 3.1 | 2387 | 6.5 |
| Other Dept. | 10 | 33 ^d | 1.7 | 17 | 0.1 |
| Administrative | 45 | 33 | 1.7 | 77 | 0.2 |
| Marketing | 45 | 33 | 1.7 | 77 | 0.2 |
| Maintenance | 90 | 33 | 1.7 | 153 | 0.4 |
| Security | 115 | 38 | 0.9 | 104 | 0.3 |
| Total | 2100 | | | 3882 | 10.6 |

 TABLE 4.9-4

 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ESTIMATE – ALTERNATIVE D

NOTES:

^a Includes SIC code 79 Amusement and Recreation Services

^b Includes SIC code 70 Hotels

- ^c Includes SIC code 58 Eating and Drinking Places
- ^d Includes SIC code 73 Business Services

SOURCE: AES, 2006; CIWMB, 2004.

Alternative A. Projected electrical load and demand would be prepared by an electrical engineer and submitted upon application for service.

Improvements required for electrical service are the same as those discussed under Alternative B. PG&E has sufficient capacity to accommodate the operation of Alternative C (Rivero, pers. comm., 2005). Therefore, implementation of Alternative C is expected to result in a less than significant impact to electricity services provided by PG&E. Nonetheless, mitigation measures have been identified in **Section 5.2.8** to reduce the electrical demand of the project.

Improvements needed for natural gas service are the same as those discussed under Alternative B. Due to smaller size and scope, it is anticipated that natural gas demands for Alternative D would be less than those discussed for Alternative B. PG&E has an adequate supply of natural gas to service the operation of Alternative D (Harris, pers. comm., 2005). As supply is available and the Tribe would pay its share of development costs, Alternative D would result in a less than significant impact to natural gas services provided by PG&E.

Improvements for telecommunications service are the same as those discussed under Alternative B. Due to smaller size and scope, it is anticipated that telecommunications demands for Alternative D would be less than those discussed for Alternative B. AT&T has the capacity to service Alternative D (Graves, pers. comm., 2005) and the Tribe would pay its share of development costs for service; therefore, a less than significant impact to local phone services would result.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Public health and safety issues are the same as those discussed for Alternative A. Given that the Tribal-State Compact (or Secretarial procedures) would require compliance with building codes, fire inspections, and food safety, impacts would be less than significant. Terms from the City MOU regarding building codes and inspections would also apply, but the Tribe would likely assert the right to renegotiate certain terms of the MOU due to the reduced intensity of development.

Although it is not in the Tribe's economic interest to operate their pool facilities in a manner that jeopardizes public health, the absence of standards and oversight represents a potentially significant impact to public health. Mitigation is included in **Section 5.2.8** to address swimming pool design and inspection, reducing potential impacts to a less than significant level.

Law Enforcement

Neither the City's Public Safety Department nor the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department would have authority over civil matters on Tribal lands, therefore no impacts from resolving civil

disputes would result. Under Public Law 280, the State of California and other local law enforcement agencies have enforcement authority over criminal activities on Tribal land.

As with Alternatives B and C, the Stony Point Site is currently within the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Department. The operation of Alternative D would result in somewhat lessened law enforcement demands when compared with these alternatives. This is due to the smaller facility serving fewer patrons.

The MOU with the City would apply, but given the reduced size and scope of the casino-hotel resort proposed for Alternative D, the Tribe would likely assert the right to renegotiate certain terms due to the reduced intensity of development. Consistent with the terms of the MOU, the Tribe will contract with the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department for the provision of primary law enforcement services to the Stony Point Site. Under this arrangement, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department may be contacted by the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department for backup or emergency mutual aid services. These secondary services would be minimal and the City would not be prevented from using funding from the Tribe to compensate the Sheriff's Department for secondary emergency services subject to the current agreement between the City and the County for such services. Emergency mutual aid services are normally not compensated, however. Also, consistent with Section 8.0 of the anticipated Tribal-State Compact, the Tribe would be committed to providing on-site security for casino operations to reduce and prevent criminal and civil incidents. Although it is anticipated that the Tribe will contract with the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department for the provision of primary law enforcement services to the Wilfred Site and the monetary provisions in the existing MOU with the City are sufficient to fund such services, there is currently no specific, formal agreement for the provision of primary services with the City (the current City MOU is primarily a funding mechanism). As there is currently no signed agreement for providing law enforcement services, the impact is considered significant. Mitigation measures have been included in Section 5.2.8 to reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

Section 4.7 discusses fiscal impacts to Sonoma County including services funded through the General Fund. Law enforcement services incorporated into the analysis include dispatch, the District Attorney, the Public Defender, and the court system (**Appendix N**).

Alcoholic Beverages

Impacts to public safety from serving alcoholic beverages would be similar, but slightly reduced, when compared to Alternative A, given the reduced size and scope of facilities under Alternative D. While impacts are less than significant, additional mitigation measures are recommended in **Section 5.2.8**, to further improve public safety.

Fire Protection Services

Construction of Alternative D would result in similar but reduced potential risks of fire, when compared with Alternative A, due to the reduced size of development. As with Alternative A, operation of Alternative D may increase the calls for services and reduce the response time of the fire department. As discussed under law enforcement, the terms of the MOU with the City would apply, but the Tribe would likely assert the right to renegotiate certain terms due to the reduced intensity of development. Consistent with the terms of the MOU, the Tribe would contract with the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department for the provision of primary fire protection services to the Stony Point Site. The fire prevention commitments in the existing MOU are discussed under Alternative A. As there is currently no signed agreement for providing fire protection services, the impact is considered significant. Mitigation measures have been included in **Section 5.2.8** to reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

As with Alternative A, Alternative D may increase calls for service and potentially decrease response times to local emergency responders; however, impacts would be to a lesser degree due to the reduced size of development. It is anticipated that the Tribe would renegotiate the MOU and provide emergency medical training to certain members of its security staff and provide emergency medical equipment, including defibrillators, at the gaming facilities.

Impacts to local fire departments are discussed above. AMR would provide ambulance transport service, which is primarily funded by the individual requiring transport. The impact to a private company receiving compensation for services is considered less than significant.

Schools

Highway 101 serves as barrier preventing conflicts between uses of Alternative D and the nearest schools. As with Alternative A, Alternative D would have no direct impact on school services provided by Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District, Bellevue Union School District or Santa Rosa High School District.

As discussed in **Section 4.11**, the existing labor pool would fill the jobs created by Alternative D. Alternative D is therefore not anticipated to increase demands on school services as it is neither creating housing nor creating a significant influx of residents. Thus impacts to public school services would be less than significant.

4.9.5 ALTERNATIVE E – BUSINESS PARK

WATER SUPPLY

Under Alternative E, on-site water facilities would be of smaller magnitude than those of the other alternatives, because a business park is not anticipated to result in particularly high water demands. As with Alternative A, all on-site water demands would be met by on-site wells and storage. Unlike Alternative A, Alternative E would not include connection to the regional wastewater treatment plant as an option, thus all recycled water would be supplied by the on-site wastewater treatment plant.

As discussed under Alternative A, an analytical drawdown model was developed for predicting water-level impacts due to pumping in the vicinity of the Stony Point Site. Based on this model, it is assumed that groundwater levels near the Stony Point Site would adjust to the proposed pumping rate and that stable, though lower, groundwater levels would be reached after a period of approximately four months (Komex, 2007a). Given that the City's water system would not be utilized and that a stable local groundwater level is expected after use of on-site wells, a less than significant impact to public water systems would occur. **Section 4.3** provides further discussion of project impacts to groundwater.

WASTEWATER

Wastewater demands for Alternative E were obtained from analysis of similar business park type facilities. In general, flows from a business park development would have a lower strength influent than a gaming facility. **Table 4.9-5** summarizes the projections of wastewater volumes generated by Alternative E (HydroScience, 2006).

| | Estimated Occupancy | | | Factor (%) | | Wastewater Flow | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------|------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| Area Description | Number | Units | gpd/Unit | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend |
| Light Industrial Business | 400 | 1,000 ft ² | 155 | 100% | 50% | 62,000 | 31,000 |
| Commercial Business | 100 | 1,000 ft ² | 155 | 100% | 50% | 16,000 | 8,000 |
| Total Wastewater Generated | | | | | 78,000 | 39,000 | |

 TABLE 4.9-5

 ALTERNATIVE E – PROJECTED WASTEWATER FLOWS

NOTES: Gaming area flows include flows associated with patrons' use of casino slot machines, tables, high limit slots, Asian games, and the employees required to serve these patrons.

gpd = gallons per day

All flow values were rounded to the nearest 1,000 gpd.

SOURCE: HydroScience Engineers, Inc., 2006; AES, 2006.

Average weekday demand would be approximately 78,000 gpd. An onsite MBR wastewater treatment plant would be constructed to service Alternative E with a design capacity of 90,000

gpd. The methods for wastewater treatment would be the same as previously described in Alternative A; however, the treatment plant would be designed for lower flows. Effluent disposal options for Alternative E would be the same as for Alternative B, except that the size of the sprayfields would be modified as described in **Section 2.6.5** (**Figure 2-26** and **Figure 2-27**). As with Alternative B, Alternative E would reduce the acreage available for regional wastewater disposal. It is assumed that approximately 180 acres for wastewater disposal could be obtained from other areas including the 2,800 acres, which were used for sprayfields before the Geysers Recharge Project. As an independent wastewater treatment system would be used and impacts to municipal wastewater disposal areas would be less than significant, the overall impact to public wastewater services is less than significant.

SOLID WASTE

Construction

Construction of Alternative E would result in a temporary increase in waste generation. Due to smaller square footage, the impact from Alternative E would be less than Alternative A. Potential solid waste streams from construction are expected to be similar to those discussed for Alternative A. Waste that cannot be recycled would be disposed of at the Redwood Landfill or another disposal site, which accepts construction/demolition materials. This impact would be temporary and not significant. Nonetheless, additional mitigation measures are included in **Section 5.2.8** that would reduce the amount of construction/demolition materials disposed of at the Redwood Landfill.

Operation

The California Integrated Waste Management Board has established waste generation rates for the operation of different business types and residences. The waste generation resulting from Alternative E's various reduced intensity components would be approximately 10.4 tons per day (**Table 4.9-6**).

| Employment Category | Estimated Number of Jobs | Business | Rate (Tons/employee/year) | Tons per year | Tons per day |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Light Industrial | 1600 | 18 | 1.9 | 3040 | 8.3 |
| Commercial Business | 400 | 30 | 1.9 | 760 | 2.1 |
| Total | 2000 | | | 3800 | 10.4 |

 TABLE 4.9-6

 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ESTIMATE – ALTERNATIVE E

SOURCE: AES, 2006; CIWMB, 2004.

The Tribe would be expected to either retain Rohnert Park Disposal's services or conduct a competitive bidding process to select a contractor to dispose of solid waste generated by Alternative E. Waste would be outhauled to one of five landfills in the region. Most waste from the County is transferred to the Redwood Landfill. The on-site wastewater treatment plant will produce sludge (biosolids) that will periodically need to be disposed of, either onsite through reuse or offsite at a landfill, as discussed under Alternative A.

The project would not affect County diversion goals as Tribal land is classified as out-of-state waste and is not calculated in local waste diversion statistics (CIWMB, 2006). Alternative D is expected to generate 10.4 tons per day, which represents approximately 0.5% of the Redwood Landfill's permitted daily intake. Alternative D's projected solid waste generation is considered an insignificant contribution to the waste stream and is not expected to significantly decrease the life expectancy of the landfill. However, mitigation is included in **Section 5.2.8** to further reduce the amount of waste transferred to landfill.

ELECTRICITY, NATURAL GAS, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Based on a planning standard for similar uses of 30-35 kilowatts per developed acre, it is anticipated that the development of approximately 78 acres under Alternative D would result in an electrical load of 2.3 to 2.7 megawatts. Emergency generators would be provided for the development. Projected electrical load and demand would be prepared by an electrical engineer and submitted upon application for service.

Improvements required for electrical service are the same as those discussed under Alternative B. PG&E has sufficient capacity to accommodate the operation of Alternative E (Rivero, pers. comm., 2005). Therefore, implementation of Alternative E is expected to result in a less than significant impact to electricity services provided by PG&E. Nonetheless, mitigation measures have been identified in **Section 5.2.8** to reduce the electrical demand of the project.

Improvements needed for natural gas service are the same as those discussed under Alternative B. Due to smaller size and scope, it is anticipated that natural gas demands for Alternative E would be less than those discussed for Alternative B. PG&E has an adequate supply of natural gas to service the operation of Alternative E (Harris, pers. comm., 2005). As supply is available and the Tribe would pay its share of development costs, Alternative E would result in a less than significant impact to natural gas services provided by PG&E.

Improvements for telecommunications service are the same as those discussed under Alternative B. Due to smaller size and scope, it is anticipated that telecommunications demands for Alternative E would be less than those discussed for Alternative B. AT&T has the capacity to service Alternative E (Graves, pers. comm., 2005) and the Tribe would pay its share of

development costs for service; therefore, a less than significant impact to local phone services would result.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Once land is taken into trust, State and local laws and ordinances pertaining to public health and safety would not be applicable to activities on the Stony Point Site. Issues of concern include: construction to applicable building standards, inspection of buildings to satisfy building and fire codes, and food safety at commercial facilities. Although it is not in the Tribe's economic interest to construct or operate facilities in a manner that jeopardizes public health, the absence of standards and oversight represents a potentially significant impact to public health. Mitigation is included in **Section 5** to reduce potential impacts to a less than significant level. **Section 5.2.1** recommends that construction of facilities adhere to the Uniform Building Code (UBC). **Section 5.2.8** addresses building and fire inspections and food safety.

Law Enforcement

Neither the City's Public Safety Department nor the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department would have authority over civil matters on Tribal lands, therefore no impacts from resolving civil disputes would result. Under Public Law 280, the State of California and other local law enforcement agencies have enforcement authority over criminal activities on Tribal land. Alternative E would result in fewer calls for service for medical-related and public safety-related incidences than the other alternatives. This reduction is due to the fact that no alcohol would be served in association with Alternative E, fewer visitors would access the facility and the hours of operation would be reduced. The cost to serve the hotel/casino resort for all public safety services (including law enforcement and fire protection) would be approximately \$241,000 per year (**Appendix N**).

The terms of the City MOU would apply, but given that Alternative E does not have a gaming component and would therefore produce much lower revenues, the Tribe would likely assert the right to renegotiate certain terms. Consistent with the terms of the MOU, the Tribe will contract with the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department for the provision of primary law enforcement services to the Stony Point Site. Under this arrangement, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department may be contacted by the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department for back-up or emergency mutual aid services. These secondary services would be minimal and the City would not be prevented from using funding from the Tribe to compensate the Sheriff's Department for secondary emergency services subject to the current agreement between the City and the County for such services. Emergency mutual aid services are normally not compensated, however. Although it is anticipated that the Tribe will contract with the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department for the provision of primary law enforcement services to the Wilfred Site and the monetary provisions in the existing MOU with the City are sufficient to fund such services, there

is currently no specific, formal agreement for the provision of primary services with the City (the current City MOU is primarily a funding mechanism). As there is currently no signed agreement for providing law enforcement services, the impact is considered significant. Mitigation measures have been included in **Section 5.2.8** to reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

Section 4.7 discusses fiscal impacts to Sonoma County including services funded through the General Fund. Law enforcement services incorporated into the analysis include dispatch, the District Attorney, the Public Defender, and the court system (**Appendix N**).

Alcoholic Beverages

Impacts to public safety from serving alcoholic beverages would be less than significant for Alternative E given that any commercial facilities serving alcohol would likely be serving businesses within the business park primarily during lunch when those businesses are most likely to be operating at full capacity. Significant alcohol consumption would not be expected under these circumstances on a regular basis. While impacts are less than significant, additional mitigation measures are recommended in **Section 5.2.8**, to further improve public safety.

Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

Construction of Alternative E would result in similar but reduced potential risks of fire, when compared with Alternative A, due to the reduced size of development. Operation of Alternative E would result in fewer calls for service for medical-related and fire-related incidences than the other alternatives. This reduction is due to fewer visitors to the facility and the reduction of hours of operation. As there is currently no signed agreement for providing fire protection services, the impact is considered significant. Mitigation measures have been included in **Section 5.2.8** to reduce impacts to a less than significant level. Mitigation measures have been included in **Section 5.2.8** to reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

Schools

Highway 101 serves as barrier preventing conflicts between uses of Alternative E and the nearest schools. As with Alternative A, Alternative E would have no direct impact on school services provided by Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District, Bellevue Union School District or Santa Rosa High School District.

As discussed in **Section 4.11**, the existing labor pool would fill the jobs created by Alternative E. Alternative E is therefore not anticipated to increase demands on school services as it is neither creating housing nor creating a significant influx of residents. Thus impacts to public school services would be less than significant.

4.9.6 ALTERNATIVE F – LAKEVILLE CASINO

WATER SUPPLY

Water demand under Alternative F would be the same as Alternative A. As with Alternative A, all on-site water demands would be met by on-site wells and storage. Unlike Alternative A, Alternative F would not include connection to a regional wastewater treatment plant as an option, thus all recycled water would be supplied by the on-site wastewater treatment plant. Also, Alternative F includes development on the Lakeville Site in southern Sonoma County unlike the other alternatives.

The nearest public water supply wells to the Lakeville Site are located in the City of Petaluma, approximately 9 miles northwest of the Lakeville Site. There would be no impact to groundwater levels within City of Petaluma wells. As Alternative F would utilize an independent water system and groundwater impacts would not affect municipal wells, the impact to municipal water services would be less than significant.

WASTEWATER

Alternative F would utilize an on-site wastewater treatment system similar to that described under Alternative A. Facility components and the resulting wastewater generation are identical to those discussed under Alternative A. As with Alternative A, Alternative F would have an average weekday flow of 218,000 and an average weekend flow of 354,000 gpd.

The nearest wastewater treatment systems to Alternative F are operated by the Novato Sanitary District (NSD) and the City of Petaluma. Neither the service area nor infrastructure for these systems extends to the Lakeville Site. As such, Alternative F would likely not be able to obtain sewer service from either NSD or the City of Petaluma without modifying the service area or negotiating an agreement to treat project sewage. Therefore, Alternative F would utilize an on-site MBR treatment plant, with a designed capacity of 400,000 gpd to allow for peak flows (HydroScience, 2006). Wastewater influent water quality, treatment plant capacity and the methods for wastewater treatment would be the same as previously described in Alternative A due to similarly sized facilities and uses.

Wastewater effluent would be disposed of using seasonal storage ponds, sprayfields and/or discharge to surface waters (which flow to the Petaluma River). Under the first disposal option, tertiary treated effluent would be stored in seasonal storage ponds (typically during the dry season) and then applied to sprayfields year-round at agronomic rates (**Figure 2-30**). Discharge to surface waters would occur during the wet season via an existing, unnamed stream on the Lakeville Site. Discharging wastewater into surface waters would be limited by the terms of a NPDES permit. If discharge to surface waters were infeasible, the seasonal storage and sprayfield requirements would be increased (**Figure 2-31**). As an independent wastewater

treatment system and municipal wastewater disposal areas would not be affected, the overall impact to public wastewater services is less than significant.

SOLID WASTE

Construction

Construction of Alternative F would result in a temporary increase in waste generation. Potential solid waste streams from construction are similar to those discussed under Alternative A. Waste that cannot be recycled would be disposed of at the Redwood Landfill or another disposal site, which accepts construction/demolition materials. This impact would be temporary and not significant. Additional mitigation measures are included in **Section 5.2.8** that would reduce the amount of construction/demolition materials disposed of at the Redwood Landfill.

Operation

The California Integrated Waste Management Board has established waste generation rates for the operation of different business types and residences. The rate is expressed as tons per employee per year. As Alternative A and F have the same number of employees the predicted waste generation is the same. Alternative F is expected to generate 12.1 tons per day (**Table 4.9-2**), which represents approximately 0.5% of the Redwood Landfill's permitted daily intake. Alternative F's projected solid waste generation is considered an insignificant contribution to the waste stream and is not expected to significantly decrease the life expectancy of the landfill. The on-site wastewater treatment plant will produce sludge (biosolids) that will periodically need to be disposed of, either onsite through reuse or offsite at a landfill as discussed under Alternative A.

Sonoma County currently provides solid waste collection service to the vicinity of the Lakeville Site. The Tribe would contract with Sonoma County or an independent waste hauler for collection services. Waste would be outhauled to one of five landfills in the region. Most waste from the County is transferred to the Redwood Landfill. The amount of waste generated by Alternative F would have a less than significant impact on disposal and landfill facilities. Mitigation measures in **Section 5.2.8** are recommended to reduce the amount of solid waste.

ELECTRICITY, NATURAL GAS, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

As with Alternative A, which has the same components as Alternative F, the total connected electrical load would be approximately 20 megawatts. Emergency generators would be provided, as described above under Alternative A. To provide electrical service to the Lakeville Site, trenching and backfilling to the nearest PG&E power pole along Lakeville Highway (adjacent to the Lakeville Site) and installation of a pad-mounted transformer would be required. The transformer would step down the voltage of the 12-kilovolt power lines to accommodate the needs of the Lakeville Site. PG&E has sufficient capacity to accommodate the operation of Alternative F (Rivero, pers. comm., 2005). Implementation of Alternative F is expected to result

in a less than significant impact to electric services provided by PG&E. Nonetheless, mitigation measures have been identified in **Section 5.2.8** to reduce the electrical demand of the project.

There are no natural gas lines in the project vicinity (Hogan, pers. comm., 2005). The Tribe would use electrical appliances or pay for infrastructure necessary to connect to the nearest natural gas facilities. Thus, Alternative F would have a less than significant impact on natural gas services.

AT&T currently provides telephone service adjacent to the Lakeville Site and extension of phone service would be required for the operation of Alternative F. Service to the Lakeville Site would be fed along Lakeville Highway from Petaluma and would require the installation of a pedestal box. AT&T may request an easement at the edge of the property to place a new pedestal box that would provide service to the Lakeville Site. AT&T has the capacity to service Alternative F (Graves, pers. comm., 2005) and the Tribe would pay its share of development costs for service; therefore, a less than significant impact to local phone services would result.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Public health and safety issues are the same as those discussed for Alternative A. Given that the Tribal-State Compact (or Secretarial procedures) would require compliance with building codes, fire inspections, and food safety, impacts would be less than significant. Although it is not in the Tribe's economic interest to operate their pool facilities in a manner that jeopardizes public health, the absence of standards and oversight represents a potentially significant impact to public health. Mitigation is included in **Section 5.2.8** to address swimming pool design and inspection, reducing potential impacts to a less than significant level.

Law Enforcement

The operation of the casino, hotel, and events center facilities is expected to result in law enforcement demands as described under Alternative A, except that the Lakeville Site is not located near a city. Demands would be similar to those at other tourist destinations. Increased law enforcement demands would occur primarily to Sonoma County. The existing MOU with Sonoma County would require concurrence from the County to apply to the Lakeville Site. The existing MOU with the City of Rohnert Park does not apply to the Lakeville Site. As there is currently no signed agreement for providing law enforcement services, the impact is considered significant. Mitigation measures have been included in **Section 5.2.8** to reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

Section 4.7 discusses fiscal impacts to Sonoma County including services funded through the General Fund. Law enforcement services incorporated into the analysis include dispatch, the District Attorney, the Public Defender, and the court system (**Appendix N**).

Alcoholic Beverages

Impacts to public safety from serving alcoholic beverages would be similar to Alternative A, given the similar size and scope of facilities under Alternative F. While impacts are less than significant, additional mitigation measures are recommended in **Section 5.2.8**, to further improve public safety.

Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

Given that Alternative F is similar in size and scope to Alternative A, fire protection and emergency medical services demands are not expected to differ substantially. Construction and operation of the casino and hotel may introduce potential sources of fire to the Lakeville Site as described under Alternative A, except that the Lakeville Site is not located near any cities. Additionally, there would be increased calls for service to fire protection and emergency medical services in Sonoma County. As discussed under law enforcement, the existing MOUs with the City and County do not apply to the Lakeville Site. Also, given that the Lakeville site is currently located in a rural setting, existing fire protection services are not equipped to adequately respond to fires at the hotel/casino on the Lakeville site. As there is currently no signed agreement for providing fire protection and emergency medical services, the impact is considered significant. Mitigation measures have been included in **Section 5.2.8** to reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

Schools

The nearest schools are approximately 4 miles to the southwest. As this distance is substantial the uses of Alternative F would not affect nearby schools. Construction and operation of Alternative F would have no direct impact on school services currently provided by Old Adobe Union School District or Petaluma Joint Union High School District.

As discussed in **Section 4.11**, the existing labor pool would fill the jobs created by Alternative F. Alternative F is therefore not anticipated to increase demands on school services as it is neither creating housing nor creating a significant influx of residents. Thus impacts to public school services would be less than significant.

4.9.7 ALTERNATIVE G – NO ACTION

Under the No Action Alternative it is assumed that future development of the Wilfred Site, Stony Point Site, and Lakeville Site would be guided by existing land use plans. For the Stony Point Site and Lakeville Site there are currently no known development plans. The Wilfred Site would be developed with residential and commercial uses, according to the Northwest Specific Plan (Southern Area; City of Rohnert Park, 2004). As stated in the Northwest Specific Plan it is anticipated that developers of the Southern Area will fund the installation of public services and will contribute through City fees to the funding of off-site services. These fees would include but not be limited to school mitigation fees and sewer and water connection fees. The significance determinations for impacts to public services from Alternative G are discussed in the following paragraphs; overall the impacts from Alternative G to public services are less than significant.

WATER SUPPLY

Under the No Action Alternative, there would be no additional water supply demands for the Stony Point Site or Lakeville Site, as there are no development plans for either location. Thus, the impact from these sites to water supply systems would be less than significant.

As discussed in **Section 2.8**, the Wilfred Site would be developed with residential and commercial uses consistent with the Northwest Specific Plan. Water would be supplied by the City of Rohnert Park. The City's water system is described in **Section 3.9.1**. Assuming appropriate water conservations measures are implemented and continued utilization of municipal wells and water from the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA), the Northwest Specific Plan indicates that adequate water supply would be available. However, additional storage facilities would be needed on site or at existing SCWA storage facilities (City of Rohnert Park, 2004). It is also anticipated that the development would pay water connection fees (City of Rohnert Park, 2004). Given that the there is adequate water supply and the development would be required to pay for water storage facilities, the impact is considered less than significant.

WASTEWATER

Under the No Action Alternative, there would be no additional wastewater service demands for the Stony Point Site or Lakeville Site, as there are no development plans for either location. Thus, the impact from these sites to wastewater services would be less than significant.

As discussed above, the Wilfred Site would be developed with residential and commercial uses. The Northwest Specific Plan (Southern Area) indicates that wastewater treatment for the development would occur at the Laguna WWTP, described in **Section 3.9.2**. The City of Rohnert Park currently owns 3.43 mgd of capacity and uses 0.48 mgd of the City of Santa Rosa's allotment. After implementation of the Incremental Recycled Water Program, the City of Rohnert Park's allotment will increase to 5.15 mgd, which meets the estimated wastewater flows at buildout of the General Plan (City of Rohnert Park, 2004). New gravity sewer mains and a new interceptor line to the WWTP are planned if the Wilfred Site is developed according to the Northwest Specific Plan. The approximate location of the new sewer main is at Dowdell Avenue and Business Park Drive, south of an existing pump station (City of Rohnert Park, 2004). The development would be required to pay sewer connection fees (City of Rohnert Park, 2004).

Given that adequate capacity is anticipated and the development would pay for development of sewer infrastructure necessary to serve the site, the impact would be less than significant.

Solid Waste

Under the No Action Alternative, there would be no solid waste generation for the Stony Point Site or Lakeville Site, as there are no development plans for either location. Thus, the impact from these sites to solid waste services would be less than significant.

As discussed above, the Wilfred Site would be developed with residential and commercial uses. There would be a temporary increase in construction waste from the development, which would be taken to the Redwood Landfill or another disposal site which accepts construction/demolition waste. Rohnert Park Disposal would provide collection and hauling services. The generation for this area is expected to be a small percentage of the Redwood Landfill's permitted daily intake and is not expected to significantly decrease the life expectancy of the landfill. In order to maintain or improve the City's current waste diversion rate it is anticipated that recycling and diversion programs would be implemented as for other commercial and residential areas of the City. The expected waste generation impact from the Wilfred Site under this alternative would be less than significant.

ELECTRICITY, NATURAL GAS, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

No development on the Stony Point Site or Lakeville Site would take place under this alternative. Thus, the impacts to electricity, natural gas, and telecommunications providers from these sites would be less than significant.

As discussed above, the Wilfred Site would be developed with residential and commercial uses. PG&E would provide natural gas and electrical services. AT&T would provide telephone services. As discussed for Alternative A, there is infrastructure adjacent to the Wilfred Site. Based on discussions with PG&E for Alternative A, it is anticipated that there is electrical and natural gas capacity. Improvements to service the site would be typical of other residential and commercial developments. As stated in the Northwest Specific Plan it is anticipated that developers will fund the installation of public services. Thus, the impact to electrical, natural gas, and telecommunications service providers would be less than significant.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Law Enforcement

No development on the Stony Point Site or Lakeville Site would take place under this alternative. Thus, the impacts to law enforcement services from these sites would be less than significant. As discussed above, the Wilfred Site would be developed with residential and commercial uses. Development would increase the patrol duties of the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department and increase calls for service to the Department. It is anticipated that development fees or taxes on the development would fund this increased demand. Thus, the impacts to law enforcement services would be less than significant.

Alcoholic Beverages

Impacts to public safety from serving alcoholic beverages would be less than significant given that businesses serving alcohol under Alternative G would be subject to state and local laws preventing the sale of alcohol to minors and given that businesses serving alcohol under Alternative G would mostly be catering to nearby residents, reducing the risk of impacts to drunk driving.

Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

No development on the Stony Point Site or Lakeville Site would take place under this alternative. Thus, the impacts to fire protection and emergency medical services from these sites would be less than significant.

As discussed above, the Wilfred Site would be developed with residential and commercial uses. Development would increase demands on the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department and AMR through increased calls for fire protection and emergency medical services. It is anticipated that development fees or taxes on the development would fund this increased demand. Thus, the impacts to these services would be less than significant.

Schools

No development on the Stony Point Site or Lakeville Site would take place under this alternative. Thus, the impact to schools from these sites would be less than significant.

As discussed above, the Wilfred Site would be developed with residential and commercial uses. The development of residential housing would increase demands for school services by potentially increasing the number of school age children in the Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District, Bellevue Union School District and/or Santa Rosa High School District. It is anticipated that the development would pay school mitigation fees (City of Rohnert Park, 2004). Thus, the impacts to schools would be less than significant.