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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR STUART MESA WEST TRAINING AND CONVERSION AT MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 United States Code (USC) §§ 4321-4370h, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1500-1508, and Marine Corps Order (MCO) P5090.2A, Change 3, Chapter 12, dated 26 August 2013, Environmental Compliance and Protection Manual, an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) have been prepared for Stuart Mesa West Training and Conversion at Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Pendleton, and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

The proposed action is the conversion of the former Stuart Mesa West Agricultural Field into a multipurpose training area on MCB Camp Pendleton that would accommodate combined land, air, and sea training (amphibious landing operations). A multipurpose training area is needed in support of Marine Air Ground Task Forces exercises to meet USMC mission requirements under 10 United States Code § 5063 because MCB Camp Pendleton currently lacks sufficient training area that can accommodate all three types of training operations. Based on the EA analysis, the preferred alternative will have negligible direct, indirect, or cumulative impacts on the quality of the environment and will comply with all regulatory requirements; no significant impacts will occur.

An online copy of the Final EA and FONSI can be found at:

<https://www.pendleton.marines.mil/Staff-Agencies/Environmental-Security/Document-Library/Environmental-Planning-Documents/> Questions or comments on the EA should be submitted to:

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