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LIST OF ACRONYMS

A&N	Arizona & Nevada Switchyard
ACHP	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
AIRFA	American Indian Religious Freedom Act
ARPA	Archaeological Resources Protection Act
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BOR	Bureau of Reclamation
BWQP	Bureau of Water Quality Planning (Nevada Division of Environmental Protection)
CCDAQM	Clark County Department of Air Quality Management
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CWA	Clean Water Act

dB	decibels
dBA	A-weighted decibels
DNL	Day-Night Noise Level
DOE	Department of Energy
DOI	Department of Interior
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EMF	Electrical Magnetic Field
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ESA	Endangered Species Act
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FR	Federal Register
GMP	General Management Plan (Lake Mead)
HABS/HAER	Historic American Building Survey/Historic American Engineering Record
LABPL	Los Angeles Bureau of Power and Light
LADWP	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
LMNRA	Lake Mead National Recreation Area
MSHCP	Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (Clark County)
MWD	Metropolitan Water District
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NAS	National Academy of Sciences
NDOW	Nevada Division of Wildlife
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NPS	National Park Service
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
NRS	Nevada Revised Statute
PSD	Prevention of Significant Deterioration
PVC	Polyvinylchloride
ROW	Right-of-way
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
TCP	Traditional Cultural Places
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Western	Western Area Power Administration