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This section describes the existing environment of the areas that may be affected by the Proposed Project or alternatives as required by CEQ Guidelines (§1502.15). The section is divided into two parts, describing the Yuba Site and the Butte Site. Each site is described by Land Resources, Water Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Socioeconomic Conditions, and Resource Use Patterns; other values include Noise and Hazardous Materials.