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**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE STUDIES
PROPOSED 2007 STUDY PLANS**

**CHAPTER 16.
LAND USE**

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16. LAND USE

Kevin Waring Associates will complete the baseline description of land use for the area potentially affected by project development and operations associated with the Pebble Project.

The objectives, study area, and methods of the land use study are unchanged from those described in the 2005 study plan and 2006 addendum.

The scope of the land use description reflects the latest information on land use and ownership. The information on ongoing land use planning and management activities of federal and state governments will be current as of the time of the report. Most particularly, the 2007 land use study will address the following:

- Any recent revisions to state and local coastal management programs.
- The status of the Bureau of Land Management Rim of Fire and Bay Resource Management Plans.
- Revisions to local governmental comprehensive plans and land use regulations.
- Other ongoing state, local, and federal land use and transportation plans.

Table 16-1 provides a summary of tasks for the land use study in 2005 through 2007.

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TABLE 16-1
Pebble Project Environmental Studies
Study Summary for Land Use, 2005-2007
Consultant: Kevin Waring Associates

Discipline	2005 Data Collected or Tasks	2006 Data Collected or Tasks	2007 Tasks to be Completed
Land Use	2005 Study Plan	2006 Study Plan	2007 Study Plan Summary
	Collect and review data on existing land ownership and use	Update previously compiled data to reflect any changed circumstances, e.g., land ownership or use, coastal management program revisions, new comprehensive plans, BLM resource management plans	Update previously compiled data to reflect any changed circumstances, e.g., land ownership or use, coastal management program revisions, new comprehensive plans, BLM resource management plans
	Review federal, state, and local land use and management plans and regulations		
	Review existing surface transportation plans and access		
	Review local coastal management programs		
	Describe management status of land and water resources		
		Develop maps to display land ownership, use, and management status of land and waters	Complete maps to display land ownership, use, and management status of land and waters
			Coordinate findings of land-use baseline with recreation and regional transportation baselines
		Begin draft land-use baseline description	Complete draft land-use baseline description

BLM = Bureau of Land Management