

## CHAPTER 5 EFFECTS FOUND NOT TO BE SIGNIFICANT

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Section 15128 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines requires that an environmental impact report (EIR) briefly describe potential environmental effects that were determined not to be significant and therefore were not discussed in detail in the EIR. The environmental issues discussed in the following sections are considered less than significant and do not require mitigation. The reasons for the conclusion of less than significant are discussed below.

### 5.1 AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

A significant impact related to agriculture and forestry resources would occur if the project would:

- a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use.
- b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract.
- c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code Section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code Section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g)).
- d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use.
- e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use.

- a) *Would the project convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?*

The proposed project site does not include and is not adjacent to Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (DOC 2016). As such, the proposed project would have **no impact** to Farmland resources.

- b) *Would the project conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?*

The proposed project site consists of 7.3 acres of undeveloped, vacant land in the urbanized area of the City that is zoned for residential uses and is not used for agricultural purposes.

According to the State Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program, the site is designated as Other Land (SDCIF 2016). In addition, the site is not subject to a Williamson Act contract (DOC 2014). Therefore, the proposed project would result in **no impact**.

- c) *Would the project conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?*

The project site does not contain any timber or forest resources and does not meet the criteria for forest land or timberland. The project site is surrounded by residential, open space and commercial uses, in an area that has no timberland zoning. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service Forest finder does not identify any forest lands within the project site or surrounding areas (USDA 2021). Therefore, the proposed project would not conflict with existing zoning for forest land or timberland, and **no impact** would occur.

- d) *Would the project result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?*

Please refer to response to threshold (c) above. There are no designated forest lands within the project vicinity, and therefore **no impact** would occur.

- e) *Would the project involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?*

Please refer to response to thresholds (a) through (d) above. As no agricultural farmland or forest land resources are located on or in the vicinity of the project site, and the project would not involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use, the proposed project would have **no impact** related to the conversion of agricultural or forest land.

## 5.2 MINERAL RESOURCES

A significant impact related to mineral resources would occur if the project would:

- a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state.
- b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan.

- a) *Would the project result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?*

As mandated by the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) of 1975, the California State Mining and Geology Board classifies the state's mineral resources with the Mineral Resource Zone (MRZ) system. This system includes identification of presence/absence conditions for meaningful sand and gravel deposits. The project site is located within MRZ-3, which is designated as areas containing mineral deposits, the significance of which cannot be evaluated from available data.

According to the City's General Plan – Land Use Element, the proposed project is not within a designated mineral resource area (City of Oceanside 1986) and therefore would not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state. Thus, the proposed project would have **no impact** on mineral resources.

- b) *Would the project result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?*

Please refer to the response to threshold (a) above. The proposed project is not within a designated mineral resource area (City of Oceanside 1989) and would not result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan. Therefore, **no impact** would occur.

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