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# 5 Effects Found Not to Be Significant

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 project site does not include and is not adjacent to Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (DOC 2023). 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 project site consists of 14.55 acres of primarily vacant, but previously developed, land in the urbanized area of the City of Oceanside that is not used for agricultural purposes. According to the State Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program, the site is designated as Urban and Built-up Land (DOC 2023). In addition, the City of Oceanside General Plan does not identify any active Williamson Act contracts (City of Oceanside 2002). Therefore, the project would result in **no impact**.

- b) ***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 2023). 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 responses 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 proposed project would not involve other changes in the existing environment that, 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 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 of Oceanside General Plan Land Use Element, the project site is not within a designated mineral resource area (City of Oceanside 2002) 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 project site is not within a designated mineral resource area (City of Oceanside 2002) 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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