

6. Significant Unavoidable Adverse Impacts

At the end of Chapter 1, *Executive Summary*, is a table that summarizes the Countywide Plan's (CWP or Project) impacts, mitigation measures, and levels of significance before and after mitigation. Mitigation measures would reduce the level of impact, but the following impacts would remain significant, unavoidable, and adverse after mitigation measures are applied:

6.1 AIR QUALITY

- **Impact 5.3-1.** Growth associated with CWP buildout would not exceed Southern California Association of Governments' forecasts, but emissions generated by growth have the potential to exceed emission forecasts in the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) Air Quality Management Plans.
- **Impact 5.3-2.** Buildout of the CWP would generate a net increase of 49,680 people and 12,546 jobs, resulting in an increase in criteria air pollutant emissions from transportation, energy, and area sources that would exceed the SCAQMD and MDAQMD significance thresholds and would contribute to the nonattainment designations of the South Coast Air Basin (SoCAB) and Mojave Desert Air Basin (MDAB).
- **Impact 5.3-3.** Short-term construction activities associated with the CWP would exceed the SCAQMD and MDAQMD significance thresholds and would contribute to the nonattainment designations of the SoCAB and MDAB.
- **Impact 5.3-4.** The proposed Project could expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations.

6.2 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- **Impact 5.4-1.** Implementation of the CWP would impact several special-status species.
- **Impact 5.4-2.** Implementation of the CWP would result in the loss of several special-status vegetation communities.

6.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

- **Impact 5.7-1.** The County of San Bernardino would experience a decrease in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from existing conditions but would not achieve the GHG reduction targets established under Senate Bill (SB) 32 or Executive Order B-03-05.

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6.4 HAZARDS (WILDFIRE)

- **Impact 5.8-6.** Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, unincorporated growth in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones could expose occupants to or exacerbate risks from pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or from the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire.
- **Impact 5.8-8.** Unincorporated growth may expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of postfire slope instability.

6.5 MINERAL RESOURCES

- **Impact 5.11-1.** Project implementation would result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource.

6.6 NOISE

- **Impact 5.12-1.** Construction activities would result in temporary noise increases.
- **Impact 5.12-2.** Buildout of the CWP would cause a substantial noise increase related to traffic on highways and local roadways and could locate sensitive receptors in areas that exceed established noise standards.

6.7 TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

- **Impact 5.16-3.** Trip generation related to land use development under the projected 2040 buildout of the CWP would exceed the County's vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction threshold (4 percent reduction in VMT/person (residential) and 4 percent reduction in VMT/employee in comparison to existing VMT/person (or employee).