

8. Impacts Found Not to Be Significant

California Public Resources Code Section 21003 (f) states: "...it is the policy of the state that... [a]ll persons and public agencies involved in the environmental review process be responsible for carrying out the process in the most efficient, expeditious manner in order to conserve the available financial, governmental, physical, and social resources with the objective that those resources may be better applied toward the mitigation of actual significant effects on the environment." This policy is reflected in the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Guidelines) Section 15126.2(a), which states that "[a]n EIR [environmental impact report] shall identify and focus on the significant environmental impacts of the proposed Project" and Section 15143, which states that "[t]he EIR shall focus on the significant effects on the environment." The Guidelines allow use of an Initial Study to document project effects that are less than significant (Guidelines Section 15063[a]). Guidelines Section 15128 requires that an EIR contain a statement briefly indicating the reasons that various possible significant effects of a project were determined not to be significant in the draft program EIR (PEIR).

This chapter includes topics in Chapter 5, *Environmental Analysis*, of this DEIR that were found to have no impact or a less than significant impact.

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AESTHETICS		
Impact 5.1-1	Implementation of the Countywide Plan could alter existing scenic vistas.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.1-2	The Countywide Plan would not alter scenic resources within a state scenic highway.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.1-3	The proposed Project would alter the visual appearance and character of some communities in the County.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.1-4	Implementation of the proposed Project would generate additional light and glare in portions of the County.	Less Than Significant Impact
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES		
Impact 5.2-1	Countywide Plan buildout would convert some California Resource Agency–designated Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance, and Unique Farmland to nonagricultural land use.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.2-2	The Countywide Plan would rezone some areas zoned for agricultural use to zoning districts prohibiting intensive commercial agriculture and would conflict with existing Williamson Act contracts.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.2-3	Countywide Plan buildout would not convert substantial areas of forest land to nonforest uses.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.2-4	Countywide Plan implementation would not cause other changes in the environment which could cause conversion of farmland to nonagricultural uses or forest land to nonforest uses.	Less Than Significant Impact

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BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES		
Impact 5.4-3	Implementation of the Countywide Plan would impact jurisdictional waters.	Less Than Significant Impact
CULTURAL RESOURCES		
Impact 5.5-4	Grading activities could potentially disturb human remains.	Less Than Significant Impact
GEOLOGY AND SOILS		
Impact 5.6-1	Project residents, workers, and visitors would be subject to potential seismic-related hazards.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.6-2	Development of projects under the Countywide Plan could cause substantial soil erosion.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.6-3	Countywide Plan buildout could subject people or structures to landslide hazards.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.6-4	Buildout of the Countywide Plan could subject people or structures to hazards from ground subsidence.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.6-5	Countywide Plan buildout could subject people or structures to hazards from expansive and collapsible soils.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.6-6	Countywide Plan buildout could involve construction of septic tanks on soils inadequate for supporting the tanks.	Less Than Significant Impact
GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS		
Impact 5.7-2	Implementation of the proposed Project would not conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emission of GHGs.	Less Than Significant Impact
HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS		
Impact 5.8-1	Construction and operations of projects built under the Countywide Plan would involve the transport, use, storage, and disposal of hazardous materials.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.8-2	Projected projects associated with the Countywide Plan buildout are in areas that are on a list of hazardous materials sites.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.8-3	The project site is in the vicinity of an airport or within the jurisdiction of an airport land use plan.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.8-4	Unincorporated growth would not impair the implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.8-5	Unincorporated growth per the Countywide Plan would not expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to the urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.8-7	Unincorporated growth may require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment.	Less Than Significant Impact
HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY		
Impact 5.9-1	Development pursuant to the Countywide Plan would not increase surface water flows into drainage systems within the watershed. Development would not provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff.	Less Than Significant Impact

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Impact 5.9-2	Development pursuant to the proposed Countywide Plan increases the amount of impervious surfaces and could therefore impact opportunities for groundwater recharge.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.9-3	Portions of development pursuant to the Countywide Plan are in a 100-year flood hazard area.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.9-4	During the construction phase of proposed development pursuant to the Countywide Plan, there is the potential for short-term unquantifiable increases in flow and in pollutant concentrations. After development, the quality of storm runoff (sediment, nutrients, metals, pesticides, pathogens, and hydrocarbons) may be altered.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.9-5	Countywide Plan buildout would not exacerbate flood hazards arising from dam failure.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.9-6	Countywide Plan buildout would not be subject to inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow.	Less Than Significant Impact
LAND USE AND PLANNING		
Impact 5.10-1	Implementation of the proposed Countywide Plan would not divide an established community.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.10-2	Project implementation would not conflict with applicable plans adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.10-3	The proposed Countywide Plan would not conflict with an adopted habitat conservation plan.	Less Than Significant Impact
NOISE		
Impact 5.12-4	The proximity of the project area to an airport or airstrip would not result in exposure of future residents and/or workers to new airport-related noise.	Less Than Significant Impact
POPULATION AND HOUSING		
Impact 5.13-1	Implementation of the Countywide Plan would directly and indirectly result in population growth in unincorporated San Bernardino County.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.13-2	Implementation of the Countywide Plan would not result in the displacement of people and/or housing.	Less Than Significant Impact
PUBLIC SERVICES		
Impact 5.14-1	The proposed Project would introduce new structures, residents, and workers in the San Bernardino County Fire Department's service boundaries, increasing the need for fire protection facilities and personnel.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.14-2	The proposed Project would introduce new structures, residents, and workers into the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department service boundaries, increasing the need for police protection facilities and personnel.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.14-3	The proposed Project would generate new students in the County and result in the need for new and/or expanded school facilities the construction of which could result in environmental impacts.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.14-4	The proposed Project would generate new residents in the County and result in the need for new and/or expanded library facilities the construction of which could result in environmental impacts.	Less Than Significant Impact
RECREATION		
Impact 5.15-1	The proposed Project would generate additional residents that would increase the use of existing park and recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration may occur or be accelerated.	Less Than Significant Impact

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Impact 5.15-2	Project implementation would not result in environmental impacts to provide new and/or expanded recreational facilities.	Less Than Significant Impact
TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC		
Impact 5.16-1	The Countywide Plan is consistent with adopted programs, plans, and policies addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.16-2	Project-related trip generation in combination with existing and proposed cumulative development would not result in designated road and/or highways exceeding County Congestion Management Agency service standards.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.16-4	Circulation improvements associated with future development that would be accommodated by the Countywide Plan would be designed to adequately address potentially hazardous conditions (sharp curves, etc.), potential conflicting uses, and emergency access.	Less Than Significant Impact
TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES		
Impact 5.17-1	The proposed Countywide Plan would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource.	Less Than Significant Impact
UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS		
Impact 5.18-1	Project-generated wastewater would not result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has inadequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.18-2	Project-generated wastewater would not exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.18-3	Project-generated wastewater would require or result in the construction of new treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which would not cause significant environmental effects.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.18-4	Water supply is adequate to meet project requirements.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.18-5	Additional water demand under Countywide Plan buildout would not require or result in the construction of new treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which would cause significant environmental effects.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.18-6	Existing and/or proposed storm drainage systems are adequate to serve the drainage requirements of the proposed project.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.18-7	Existing and/or proposed facilities could accommodate project-generated solid waste and comply with related solid waste regulations.	Less Than Significant Impact
Impact 5.18-8	Implementation of the Countywide Plan would not result in wasteful, inefficient or unnecessary consumption of energy and would be consistent with the DRECP. Existing and/or proposed facilities would be able to accommodate project-generated utility demands.	Less Than Significant Impact