

SECTION 7: EFFECTS FOUND NOT TO BE SIGNIFICANT

7.1 - Introduction

This section is based on the Notice of Preparation (NOP), dated September 27, 2010, which is contained in Appendix A of this Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The NOP was prepared to identify the potentially significant effects of the proposed projects and was circulated for public review between September 27, 2010 and October 26, 2010. In the course of this evaluation, certain impacts were found to be less than significant because the proposed project's characteristics would not create such impacts. This section provides a brief description of effects found not to be significant or less than significant, based on the NOP comments or more detailed analysis conducted as part of the EIR preparation process. Note that a number of impacts that are found to be less than significant are addressed in the various EIR topical sections (Sections 3.1 through 3.16) to provide more comprehensive discussion of why impacts are less than significant, in order to better inform decision makers and the general public.

7.2 - Effects Found Not To Be Significant

7.2.1 - Agriculture Resources

Forest Land Zoning

The project site does not contain a forest land zoning classification. Furthermore, based on the definition of timberland provided in Public Resources Code Section 4526, no timberland or commercial production of trees or other forest-related resources occurs on the site. Moreover, the Zoning Code does not contain a zoning district for timberland and does not contain statutory definitions for either forest land or timberland. No direct conflicts with forest land zoning or timberland would result from implementation of the Sphere of Influence Amendment (SOIA) project. No impacts would occur.

Forest Lands

Based on the definition of forest land provided in Public Resources Code Section 12220, no timberland or commercial production of trees or other forest-related resources occurs on the site. The Sacramento County Zoning Code does not contain any zoning classifications for forest land and does not contain a statutory definition for this resource. Therefore, no impacts related to conversion of forest land would result from project implementation.

7.2.2 - Geology, Soils, and Seismicity

Septic or Alternative Wastewater Disposal Systems

The proposed project does not include physical development, and no wastewater disposal system is required at this time. Any future development would be served by the Sacramento Area Sewer District (SASD). Any future development or annexation would need to annex into the Sacramento

Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) and SASD service areas, and extend infrastructure and services to fully serve the entire SOIA Area. No impacts would occur.

7.2.3 - Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Airports

The nearest airport to the project site is the Franklin Field Airport, located approximately 2.6 miles to the south. The project site is not within the boundaries of the Franklin Field Airport Influence Area. This condition precludes the possibility of the proposed project increasing aviation safety risks for persons residing or working in the project area. No impacts would occur.

Private Airstrips

There are no private airstrips in the project area vicinity. This condition precludes the possibility of exposing persons residing or working in the project area to aviation hazards associated with private airstrips. No impacts would occur.

7.2.4 - Hydrology and Water Quality

Seiches, Tsunamis, or Mudflows

There are no inland water bodies that could be potentially susceptible to a seiche in the project vicinity. This precludes the possibility of a seiche inundating the project site. The project area is more than 65 miles from the Pacific Ocean, a condition that precludes the possibility of inundation by tsunami. There are no steep slopes that would be susceptible to a mudflow in the project vicinity, nor are there any volcanically active features that could produce a mudflow in the County of Sacramento. This precludes the possibility of a mudflow inundating the project site. No impacts would occur.

7.2.5 - Noise

Aviation Noise

The nearest airport to the project site is the Franklin Field Airport, located approximately 2.6 miles to the south. The project site is not within the boundaries of the Franklin Field Airport Influence Area. This condition precludes the possibility of the proposed project exposing persons residing or working in the project area to excessive aviation noise. No impacts would occur.

7.2.6 - Population and Housing

Displacement of Substantial Numbers of Persons or Housing Units

Although there are scattered rural residence throughout the project area, the proposed SOIA does not include any features that would result in the displacement of substantial numbers of people or housing units and, therefore, would not require the construction of replacement housing elsewhere. No impacts would occur.

7.2.7 - Transportation

Air Traffic Patterns

The nearest airport to the project site is the Franklin Field Airport, located approximately 2.6 miles to the south. The project site is not within the boundaries of the Franklin Field Airport Influence Area. This distance precludes the possibility of the proposed project altering aviation patterns or creating aviation hazards. No impacts would occur.

