

## **CHAPTER SEVEN**

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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.” CEQA 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, and were therefore not discussed in detail in the Draft EIR.

### **7.1 Impacts Found to be Less than Significant**

This section provides a brief description of effects found not to be significant or less than significant, and dismissed from analysis in the EIR. Note that a number of impacts to other subject areas that are found to be less than significant are addressed in the various EIR topical sections (Sections 3.1 through 3.13) to provide more comprehensive discussion of why impacts are less than significant, and in order to better inform decision makers and the general public.

#### **7.1.1 MINERAL RESOURCES**

##### ***Mineral Resources of Statewide or Local Importance***

The project site does not contain any known mineral deposits or active mineral extraction operations. According to the Stanislaus General Plan, there are no historic or current mining operations other than minor excavations for fill material, which is not considered a significant resource within the General Plan study area (which includes the project site). This condition precludes the possibility of the loss of important mineral resources as a result of the development of the proposed project. ***No impacts*** would occur.

#### **7.1.2 POPULATION AND HOUSING**

##### ***Displacement of Persons or Housing***

There is presently no existing housing on the project site; therefore, implementation of the project would not result in the displacement of persons or housing. Accordingly, land use and development activities contemplated by the project would not impact population or housing. ***No impacts*** would occur.

## **7.2 Impacts Found to be Less than Significant in the EIR**

Additional EIR topical sections were found to be less than significant based on analysis contained in Chapter 3. These impacts are summarized in Table 7.2-1.

**Table 7.2-1  
Impacts Found Not to be Significant**

<b>Environmental Issues</b>	<b>Initial Study Determination</b>
<b>Aesthetics</b>	
Impact 3.1-1 – Have a substantial effect on a scenic vista, or substantially damage a scenic resource.	Less Than Significant
Impact 3.1-2 – Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings which are open to public view.	Less Than Significant
<b>Agricultural Resources</b>	
Impact 3.2-1 – Conversion of 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 uses.	No Impact
Impact 3.2-2 – Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract.	No Impact
Impact 3.2-3 – Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use.	Less than Significant
Impact 3.2-4 – Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of forest land, timberland or timberland zoned Timberland Production.	Less than Significant

<b>Environmental Issues</b>	<b>Initial Study Determination</b>
Impact 3.2-5 – 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?	Less than Significant
<b>Air Quality</b>	
Impact 3.3-3a – Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation associated with carbon monoxide hotspots.	No Impact
Impact 3.3-4 – Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations.	Less Than Significant
Impact 3.3-5 – Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people.	Less Than Significant
<b>Biological Resources</b>	
Impact 3.4-2 – Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.	Less Than Significant
Impact 3.4-3 – Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means.	No Impact
Impact 3.4-5 – Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites.	No Impact

<b>Environmental Issues</b>	<b>Initial Study Determination</b>
Impact 3.4-6 – Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance.	No Impact
Impact 3.4-7 – Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.	No Impact
<b>Geology/Soils</b>	
Impact 3.6-1 – Exposure of people and structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving rupture of a known earthquake fault, strong seismic ground shaking, ground failure, or landslides.	Less Than Significant
Impact 3.6-3 – Result in potential hazards due to construction on unstable soils.	Less Than Significant
Impact 3.6-2 – Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil.	Less Than Significant
Impact 3.6-4 – Result in potential hazards due to construction on expansive soils.	Less Than Significant
Impact 3.6-5 – Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater.	Less Than Significant
<b>Hazards/Hazardous Materials</b>	
Impact 3.8-3 – Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school.	Less Than Significant
Impact 3.8-4 – Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it	Less Than Significant

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create a significant hazard to the public or the environment.	
Impact 3.8-7 – Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	Less Than Significant
Impact 3.8-8 – Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?	Less Than Significant
<b>Hydrology/Water Quality</b>	
Impact 3.9-1 – Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements.	Less Than Significant
Impact 3.9-2 – Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted).	Less Than Significant
Impact 3.9-6 – Otherwise substantially degrade water quality.	Less Than Significant
Impact 3.9-7 – Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map.	No Impact
Impact 3.9-8 – Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows.	No Impact

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Impact 3.9-9 – Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam.	No Impact
Impact 3.9-10 – Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow.	No Impact
<b>Land Use and Planning</b>	
Impact 3.10-1 – Physically divide an established community.	Less Than Significant
Impact 3.10-2 – Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect.	Less Than Significant
Impact 3.10-3 – Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?	Less Than Significant
<b>Noise</b>	
Impact 3.11-2 – Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive ground borne vibration or ground borne noise levels.	Less Than Significant
Impact 3.11-3 – A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project.	Less Than Significant
Impact 3.11-4 – A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project.	Less Than Significant

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Impact 3.11-5 – For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels.	No Impact
Impact 3.11-6 – For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels.	No Impact
<b>Public Services and Utilities</b>	
Impact 3.12-2 – Increased Demand for Law Enforcement Services.	No Impact
Impact #3.12-3 – Increased Demand on Public Schools.	No Impact
Impact 3.12-4 – Increased Demand on Parks and Recreation.	No Impact
Impact 3.12-5 – Increased Demand on Library Services.	No Impact
Impact 3.12-6 – Increased Demand on Public Protection Facilities.	No Impact
Impact 3.12-7 – Increased Demand on Paramedic Services.	No Impact
Impact 3.12-8 – Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region.	No Impact
Impact 3.12-9 – Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects.	No Impact



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Impact 3.12-10 – Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects.	Less Than Significant
Impact 3.12-11 – Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed.	Less Than Significant
Impact 3.12-12 – Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project’s projected demand in addition to the provider’s existing commitments.	Less Than Significant
Impact 3.12-13 – Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project’s solid waste disposal needs.	Less Than Significant
Impact 3.12-14 – Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste.	Less Than Significant
<b>Transportation/Traffic</b>	
Impact 3.13-3 – Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks.	No Impact