



## **Chapter 8**

# **Effects Found Not to be Significant**

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15128, this section briefly describes the environmental issue areas that were determined during preliminary project review not to be significant and were therefore not discussed in detail in this report.

During the scoping process for this PEIR, it was determined that the project would have no impact on agricultural and forestry resources, mineral resources, hazards and hazardous materials (airports), and noise (airports).

### **8.1 Agricultural and Forestry Resources**

According to CEQA Guidelines Appendix G, a project would have a significant impact on Agricultural and Forestry Resources if the project:

- Converted Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance to non-agricultural use;
- Conflicted with existing zoning agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract;
- Conflicted with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land timberland or timberland zoned Timberland Production; or
- Resulted in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use.

Agricultural activities occur within the City on a small scale, particularly poinsettia gardens and greenhouses, comprising approximately 3 percent of total land use acreage. Urban agricultural operations occur within the City in the form of private and community gardens. No large-scale, commercial agricultural cultivation occurs within the City, and no land is presently zoned for agriculture. The HEU does not propose to rezone housing sites that are zoned for agricultural use, under a Williamson Act contract or adjacent to active agricultural land.

The City does not include any existing forest land or timberland and implementation of the HEU would not cause rezoning of forest land, timberland, or timberland zoned Timberland Production. Thus, the HEU would not result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use. Therefore, no further analysis on this topic is required in the PEIR.

## 8.2 Mineral Resources

According to CEQA Guidelines Appendix G, a project would have a significant impact on Mineral Resources if the project:

- Resulted in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state; or
- Resulted 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.

The housing sites are not within an area designated by the state for locally important mineral resources and none are utilized for mineral resource production. As such, the HEU would not impact the availability of any known mineral resources and no further analysis of this topic is required in the PEIR.

## 8.3 Hazards and Hazardous Materials

According to CEQA Guidelines Appendix G, a project may have a significant impact relative to airport hazards if the project:

- Is 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, resulting in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area; or
- For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area.

There are no public airports or private airstrips within the project area. Therefore, no impacts would occur in this regard, and no further analysis of this topic is required in the PEIR.

## 8.4 Noise

According to CEQA Guidelines Appendix G, a project may have a significant impact relative to airport noise if the project:

- Is 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, and would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise problems; or
- For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, the project would expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels.

There are no public airports or private airstrips within the project area. Therefore, no impacts would occur in this regard, and no further analysis of this topic is required in the PEIR.