
SECTION 7: EFFECTS FOUND NOT TO BE SIGNIFICANT

7.1 - Introduction

This section is based on the Initial Study-Notice of Preparation (IS-NOP), dated April 4, 2007, contained in Appendix A of this Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR). The IS-NOP was prepared to identify the potentially significant effects of the proposed project and was circulated for public review between April 4 and May 3, 2007. In the course of this evaluation, certain impacts were found to be less than significant because the proposed project's scope could not create such impacts. This section provides a brief description of effects found not to be significant or less than significant based on the IS-NOP comments or more detailed analysis conducted as part of the DSEIR preparation process. Note that a number of impacts that are found to be less than significant are addressed in the various DSEIR topical sections (Sections 4.1 through 4.14), to provide more comprehensive discussion of why impacts are less than significant in order to better inform decision makers and the public.

7.2 - Effects Found Not To Be Significant

7.2.1 - Agriculture Resources

Loss of Important Farmland

The project site does not contain any active farmland or agricultural operations and, therefore, is not eligible for an Important Farmland designation. This condition precludes the possibility of the proposed project converting Important Farmland to non-agricultural use. No impacts would occur.

Conflicts With Williamson Act Contracts or Agricultural Zoning

The project site does not contain agricultural uses and, therefore, is not eligible for a Williamson Act contract. Therefore, no conflicts with a Williamson Act contract would occur. The parcels that constitute the project site are zoned for commercial uses. Therefore, no conflicts with agricultural zoning would occur. No impacts would occur.

Conversion of Neighboring Farmland to Non-Agricultural Use

No farmland is present on any of the parcels surrounding the project site. This precludes the possibility of the proposed project contributing to the conversion of neighboring farmland to non-agricultural use. No impacts would occur.

7.2.2 - Biological Resources

Habitat Conservation Plans

The project site is not located within the boundaries of any adopted Habitat Conservation Plan or Natural Community Conservation Plan. This condition precludes the possibility of adverse impacts resulting from implementation of the proposed project. Therefore, no impacts would occur.

7.2.3 - Geology, Soils, and Seismicity

Septic and Alternative Wastewater Disposal Systems

The proposed project would connect to the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District wastewater system. This condition precludes the use of septic or alternative wastewater systems. Therefore, no impacts would occur.

7.2.4 - Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Aviation Hazards

The nearest airport, Livermore Municipal Airport, is located approximately 9 miles from the project site. There are no private airstrips within the project vicinity. Therefore, the proposed project would not expose persons residing or working in the project area to hazards associated with public airports or private airstrips. No impacts would occur.

Wildland Fires

Figure 9-3 of the City of San Ramon General Plan indicates that the project site is not within in an area susceptible to wildland fires. As such, development of the proposed project would not expose persons or property to wildland fire hazards. Therefore, no impacts would occur.

7.2.5 - Hydrology and Water Quality

Groundwater

The City of San Ramon is served by the East Bay Municipal Utility District, which obtains its supply primarily from the Mokelumne River Basin in the Sierra Nevada range and not from groundwater sources in Contra Costa County. No wells would be drilled as part of the proposed project. The project site does not contain any groundwater recharge basins and is not identified as a prime groundwater recharge area. Therefore, no impacts would occur.

100-Year Flood Hazards

Flood Insurance Rate Maps 0607100001B and 0600250475C indicate that the project site is not within a 100-year flood hazard area. As such, the proposed project would not expose persons or structures to 100-year flood hazards. Therefore, no impacts would occur.

Levee or Dam Failure

The project site is not downstream of any levees or dams. This condition precludes the possibility of the project site being inundated by flooding from levee or dam failure. Therefore, no impacts would occur.

Seiche, Tsunami, or Mudflow Hazards

The project site does not contain nor is located near any large inland bodies of water that may be susceptible to a seiche. The project site is located more than 30 miles from the Pacific Ocean and, therefore, is not prone to tsunami hazards. There are no active volcanoes or other volcanic features

with several hundred miles of San Ramon and, therefore, the project site would not be subject to mudflow inundation. Therefore, no impacts would occur.

7.2.6 - Land Use

Habitat Conservation Plans

The project site is not located within the boundaries of any adopted Habitat Conservation Plan or Natural Community Conservation Plan. This condition precludes the possibility of adverse impacts resulting from implementation of the proposed project. Therefore, no impacts would occur.

7.2.7 - Mineral Resources

Loss of Important Mineral Resources

No mineral extraction activities occur on the project site, nor are any known significant mineral deposits present on the project site. Therefore, no impacts would occur.

7.2.8 - Noise

Aviation Noise

The project site is not within the boundaries of an Airport Land Use Plan, nor is it within 2 miles of a public airport. The nearest airport, Livermore Municipal Airport, is located approximately 9 miles from the project site. This distance precludes the possibility of the proposed project exposing persons to excessive aviation noise levels. In addition, there are no private airstrips within the project vicinity. Therefore, no impacts would occur.

7.2.9 - Population and Housing

Displacement of Housing

There is no housing on the project site; therefore, no housing would be displaced, and no replacement housing would need to be constructed elsewhere. No impacts would occur.

Displacement of People

No people reside on the project site; therefore, no people would be displaced, and no replacement housing would need to be constructed elsewhere. Therefore, no impacts would occur.

7.2.10 - Transportation

Air Traffic Patterns

The nearest airport, Livermore Municipal Airport, is located approximately 9 miles from the project site. This distance precludes the possibility of the proposed project changing air traffic patterns or creating a hazard to aviation. No impacts would occur.

