
CHAPTER 4.0 - ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of Chapter 4.0 (Environmental Analysis) is to describe the existing environmental conditions on the subject property and in the environs and to identify the potential impacts or consequences that may result from implementation of the proposed project. In order to facilitate the analysis of each issue in this EIR, a standard format was developed to analyze each issue thoroughly. This format is presented below with a brief discussion of the information included within each topic.

- **Existing Environmental Setting**

This introductory section describes the existing environmental conditions related to each issue analyzed in the Draft EIR. In accordance with Section 15125 of the State CEQA Guidelines, both the local and regional settings are discussed as they exist prior to implementation of the proposed project.

- **Significance Criteria**

Specific criteria have been identified upon which the significance of project-related potential impacts are determined. The significance criteria which are the basis of the environmental analysis contained in the Draft EIR are derived from the significant effects presented in Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines, adopted local, State, and federal policies and programs which may apply, and other commonly accepted technical and non-technical standards.

- **Analysis of the Proposed Project**

This section of the Draft EIR identifies and describes the potential impacts, both adverse and beneficial, which will result from project implementation. All project-related impacts have been clearly and adequately analyzed in accordance with Section 15126 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Impacts which have been avoided or reduced to a level of insignificance are identified as "insignificant" and analyzed accordingly. In order to facilitate the impact analysis, the following outline has been utilized.

Potential Effects of Project Found to be Insignificant

Short-Term (Construction) Impacts
Long-Term (Operational) Impacts

Potential Effects of Project Found to be Significant

Short-Term (Construction) Impacts
Long-Term (Operational) Impacts

- **Mitigation Measures**

Where a potential significant environmental effect has been identified in the environmental analysis, mitigation measures have been included in this section of the document which ". . . *minimize significant adverse impacts . . . for each significant environmental effect identified in the EIR*", as prescribed in Section 15126 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

- **Unavoidable Significant Adverse Impacts**

Unavoidable significant adverse impacts are those effects which either cannot be mitigated or they remain significant even after mitigation. These significant effects will be identified in this section of the Draft EIR. Prior to approval of the proposed project, the Fullerton City Council will be required to adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations that identifies and describes the public benefit(s) associated with project implementation which offset the significant impacts.