

## 5.0 EFFECTS FOUND NOT TO BE SIGNIFICANT

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 15128 of the *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines* requires a brief statement of the reasons why various possible significant effects of a project have been determined not to be significant and, therefore, are not discussed in detail in the environmental impact report (EIR). The following provides a discussion regarding the effects of the proposed project that were found not to be significant. The following resource areas did not have a significant impact: aesthetics, biological resources, hazardous and hazardous materials, and public services (school facilities).

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Potential impacts for this EIR were analyzed using the *State CEQA Guidelines* thresholds of significance and the City's *Local CEQA Guidelines*.

#### Aesthetics

**Impact 3.6-2                      Implementation of the proposed General Plan would result in a potentially significant impact to scenic resources within a scenic highway.**

There are no designated state scenic highways in the City of Santa Clarita or elsewhere in the Santa Clarita Valley. State Route 126 is designated as an eligible state scenic highway, but is not officially designated. Los Angeles County designates State Route 126 as a "First Priority Scenic Route" which is proposed for further study, but has no regulatory restrictions placed on it. As there are no state scenic highways in the City's Planning Area, no proposed General Plan goals, objectives or policies address scenic resources specifically within a state scenic highway. Since no state scenic highways are located within the City's Planning Area, implementation of the proposed General Plan would not affect scenic resources within a state scenic highway. No impact would occur.

#### Biological Resources

**Impact 3.7-5                      Local protective policies and ordinances**

The City's proposed General Plan would protect oak, sycamore, and other significant indigenous woodlands and would protect biological resources in the designated Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs) through the siting and design of development to account for and be highly compatible with these

resources. Additionally, the proposed General Plan does not incorporate any changes to the City of Santa Clarita's Oak Tree Preservation ordinance or to the Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance. These ordinances are applied on a project-specific basis regardless of underlying land-use regulations. Furthermore, the proposed General Plan incorporates a new set of policies for the protection of biological resources to which new developments would be required to conform. Therefore, the City's proposed General Plan would not conflict with the implementation of local protective policies and ordinances.

**Impact 3.7-6 Conflicts with local, regional, or state conservation plans**

The City's Planning Area contains areas designated or proposed as critical habitat for unarmored threespine stickleback, arroyo toad, California red-legged frog, and coastal California gnatcatcher. Specific development projects would be subject to consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) if impacts on any of these species were to result from project implementation involving a federal action. However, the City's Planning Area does not contain any areas falling within the purview of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or State Habitat Conservation Plan. Implementation of the City's proposed General Plan would therefore not conflict with the provisions of such a conservation plan.

**Hazards and Hazardous Materials**

**Impact 3.11-6 The project is within the vicinity of a private airstrip, which would result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area.**

There are no private airstrips within the boundaries of the City's Planning Area. If a private airstrip is identified or developed, its location should be considered during project-level analysis.

**Public Services**

**Impact 3.15-3 A potentially significant impact to school facilities will occur if buildout of the proposed General Plan will increase demand for school facilities and services beyond the enrollment capacities of school facilities serving the City's Planning Area.**

The proposed General Plan goal, objective, and policy address the need to ensure that school districts are not over capacity and overcrowded. State law limits the power of the City to impose mitigation for development impacts on schools. Because the Government Code states that compliance with Senate Bill 50 will provide full and complete mitigation, no significant impact would occur.