

7.0 EFFECTS NOT FOUND SIGNIFICANT

INTRODUCTION

Section 15128 of the *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines* requires an environmental impact report (EIR) to briefly describe any possible significant effects that were determined not to be significant and were, therefore, not discussed in detail in the EIR. Such statements are contained in an attached copy of the notice of preparation (NOP). The NOP prepared for the project is provided in **Appendix 1.0** of this EIR and satisfies the requirements of *State CEQA Guidelines* Section 15128 for those thresholds not discussed below. Any issues not addressed in this section are addressed in **Section 4.0, Environmental Impact Analysis**.

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

To assist in determining whether a project will have a significant effect on the environment, the *State CEQA Guidelines* identify criteria for conditions that may be deemed to constitute a substantial or potentially substantial adverse change in physical conditions. Specifically, Appendix G of the *State CEQA Guidelines* (Environmental Checklist Form) lists the following items to be considered when determining whether a project may have a significant agricultural resource impact. The NOP determined that the proposed project would not:

- Convert 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 use;¹
- Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act contract;
- Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g));
- Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use;
- Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in the conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use.

¹ The Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program is administered by the California Natural Resources Agency, Department of Conservation.

MINERAL RESOURCES

To assist in determining whether a project will have a significant effect on the environment, the *State CEQA Guidelines* identify criteria for conditions that may be deemed to constitute a substantial or potentially substantial adverse change in physical conditions. Specifically, Appendix G of the *State CEQA Guidelines* (Environmental Checklist Form) lists the following items to be considered when determining whether a project may have a significant mineral resource impact. The NOP determined that the proposed project would not:

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

POPULATION AND HOUSING

To assist in determining whether a project will have a significant effect on the environment, the *State CEQA Guidelines* identify criteria for conditions that may be deemed to constitute a substantial or potentially substantial adverse change in physical conditions. Specifically, Appendix G of the *State CEQA Guidelines* (Environmental Checklist Form) lists the following items to be considered when determining whether a project may have a significant population and housing impact. Given that the proposed project is a roadway extension, public improvement project, the NOP determined that the proposed project would not:

- induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads and other infrastructure);
- displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere; or
- displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere.

The proposed roadway is a connection of an existing roadway, essentially “closing a gap” associated with the Via Princessa roadway. Much of the land in the project area is presently developed.

PUBLIC SERVICES

To assist in determining whether a project will have a significant effect on the environment, the *State CEQA Guidelines* identify criteria for conditions that may be deemed to constitute a substantial or

potentially substantial adverse change in physical conditions. Specifically, Appendix G of the *State CEQA Guidelines* (Environmental Checklist Form) lists the following items to be considered when determining whether a project may have a significant public services impact. Given that the proposed project is a roadway extension, public improvement project, the NOP determined that the proposed project would not:

- create substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:
 - Fire Protection
 - Police Protection
 - Schools
 - Parks
 - Other public facilities

In fact, completion of the roadway could improve acceptable service ratios for fire and police protection.

RECREATION

In order to assist in determining whether a project will have a significant effect on the environment, the *State CEQA Guidelines* identify criteria for conditions that may be deemed to constitute a substantial or potentially substantial adverse change in physical conditions. Specifically, Appendix G of the *State CEQA Guidelines* (Environmental Checklist Form) lists the following items to be considered when determining whether a project may have a significant recreation impact. Given that the proposed project is a roadway extension, public improvement project, the NOP determined that the proposed project would not:

- increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated, or
- include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

In order to assist in determining whether a project will have a significant effect on the environment, the *State CEQA Guidelines* identify criteria for conditions that may be deemed to constitute a substantial or potentially substantial adverse change in physical conditions. Specifically, Appendix G of the *State CEQA Guidelines* (Environmental Checklist Form) lists the following items to be considered when determining

whether a project may have a significant utilities and service systems impact. Given that the proposed project is a roadway extension, public improvement project, the NOP determined that the proposed project would:

- not exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the Central Coast Region of the Regional Water Quality Control Board;
- not 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;
- not 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;
- have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed;
- 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;
- be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs; or
- comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste.