

Section 9.0

EFFECTS FOUND NOT TO BE SIGNIFICANT





9.0 EFFECTS FOUND NOT TO BE SIGNIFICANT

The City of Santa Clarita conducted an Initial Study in July 2006 to determine significant effects of the proposed project. In the course of this evaluation, certain impacts of the proposed project were found to be less than significant due to the inability of a project of this scope to create such impacts or the absence of project characteristics producing effects of this type. The effects determined not to be significant are not required to be included in primary analysis sections of the Draft EIR. In accordance with *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15128, the following section identifies those impacts determined to be less than significant in the Initial Study. A copy of the Initial Study is included in Appendix A, Initial Study/Notice of Preparation. This section also summarizes which impacts were found to be less than significant in the EIR, both with and without the imposition of mitigation measures.

9.1 INITIAL STUDY CONCLUSIONS

LAND USE AND PLANNING

- ◆ Disrupt or divide the physical arrangement of an established community (including a low-income or minority community).
- ◆ Affect a Significant Ecological Area (SEA).

POPULATION AND HOUSING

- ◆ Displace existing housing, especially affordable housing.

GEOLOGIC PROBLEMS

- ◆ Change the topography or ground surface relief features.
- ◆ The destruction, covering or modification of any unique geologic or physical features.
- ◆ Other modification of a wash, channel, creek, or river.
- ◆ Development and/or grading on a slope greater than 25% natural grade.
- ◆ Development within the Alquist-Priolo Special Studies Zone.

WATER

- ◆ Changes in currents, or the course or direction of water movements.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING

- ◆ The proposed project would not cause harm to the biological integrity of drainage systems and water bodies.



TRANSPORTATION/CIRCULATION

- ◆ Hazards to safety from design features (e.g. sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses.
- ◆ Inadequate emergency access or access to nearby uses.
- ◆ Insufficient parking capacity onsite or offsite.
- ◆ Hazards or barriers for pedestrians or bicyclists.
- ◆ Conflicts with adopted policies supporting alternative transportation (e.g. bus stops, bicycle racks).
- ◆ Disjointed pattern of roadway improvements.

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- ◆ Endangered, threatened or rare species or their habitats (including but not limited to plants, fish, insects, animals, and birds).
- ◆ Oak trees.
- ◆ Wetland habitat or blueline stream.
- ◆ Wildlife dispersal or migration corridors.

ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

- ◆ Conflict with adopted energy conservation plans.
- ◆ Use nonrenewable resources in a wasteful and inefficient manner.
- ◆ Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of future value to the region and the residents of the State.

HAZARDS

- ◆ Exposure of people to existing sources of potential health hazards (e.g. electrical transmission lines, gas lines, oil pipelines).
- ◆ Increased fire hazard in areas with flammable brush, grass, or trees.

PUBLIC SERVICES

- ◆ Maintenance of public facilities, including roads.

AESTHETICS

- ◆ Affect a scenic vista open to public view.



CULTURAL RESOURCES

- ◆ Disturb paleontological or archaeological resources.
- ◆ Have the potential to cause a physical change which would affect unique ethnic cultural values.
- ◆ Restrict existing religious or sacred uses within the potential impact area.
- ◆ Affect a recognized historical site.

RECREATION

- ◆ Proposal result in an impact upon the quality or quantity of existing recreation opportunities.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME 'DE MINIMIS' FINDING

- ◆ The project have an adverse effect either individually or cumulatively, on fish and wildlife resources. Wildlife shall be defined for the purpose of this question as “all wild animals, birds, plants, fish, amphibians, and related ecological communities, including the habitat upon which the wildlife depends for its continued viability.”

9.2 EIR CONCLUSIONS

The EIR concluded that impacts were either less than significant or less than significant with the imposition of mitigation measures for the following impact areas.

LAND USE

- ◆ City of Santa Clarita General Plan
- ◆ City of Santa Clarita Master Plan
- ◆ City of Santa Clarita Unified Development Code
- ◆ Cumulative Land Use Impacts

POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT

- ◆ Employment
- ◆ Population
- ◆ Cumulative Population and Employment Impacts

AESTHETICS

- ◆ Short-Term Construction Aesthetic, Light, and Glare Impacts
- ◆ Long-Term Aesthetic Impacts/Visual Character: Building Heights & Building Placement/Setbacks



- ◆ Long-Term Aesthetic Impacts/Visual Character: Architecture & Building Elevations
- ◆ Long-Term Aesthetic Impacts/Visual Character: Landscaping
- ◆ Long-Term Light and Glare Impacts
- ◆ Cumulative Aesthetics, Light, and Glare Impacts

TRAFFIC AND CIRCULATION

- ◆ Interim Year Scenario
- ◆ Los Angeles County CMP Analysis
- ◆ Site Access
- ◆ On-Site Circulation

PARKING

- ◆ Short-Term Construction Parking
- ◆ Long-Term Operational Parking
- ◆ Cumulative Parking Impacts

AIR QUALITY

- ◆ Construction Impacts for CO, ROC, NO_x, SO_x
- ◆ Operational Impacts for CO, ROC, NO_x, SO_x, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}
- ◆ Operational Impacts for CO Hotspots Concentrations
- ◆ Air Quality Management Plan Consistency
- ◆ Long-Term Operational Cumulative Impacts
- ◆ Project-Level Global Change Impacts
- ◆ Cumulative Scope 1 and Scope 2 Emission Impacts

NOISE

- ◆ Operational On- and Off- Site Traffic Noise Impacts
- ◆ Helipad Noise Impacts
- ◆ Operational Stationary Source Noise Impacts
- ◆ Cumulative Operational Impacts
- ◆ Long-Range Cumulative Year Scenario Traffic Noise Impacts



GEOLOGY, SOILS, AND SEISMICITY

- ◆ Site Grading and Excavation During Construction
- ◆ Surface Fault Rupture
- ◆ Seismic Groundshaking
- ◆ Ground Failure
- ◆ Landslides and Slope Stability
- ◆ Expansive Soils
- ◆ Corrosive Soils
- ◆ Soil Erosion
- ◆ Cumulative Geology, Soils, and Seismicity Impacts

HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- ◆ Helipad-Related Hazards
- ◆ Construction-Related Hazardous Materials Impacts
- ◆ Hazardous Materials Use, Storage, and Handling
- ◆ Hazardous Waste Generation
- ◆ Hazardous Materials Exposure
- ◆ Cumulative Hazards and Hazardous Materials Impacts

HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

- ◆ Drainage
- ◆ Hydrology
- ◆ Water Quality
- ◆ Cumulative Drainage, Hydrology, and Water Quality Impacts

FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

- ◆ Construction-Related Fire Impacts
- ◆ Operational-Related Fire Impacts
- ◆ Cumulative Fire Protection Service Impacts



SHERIFF SERVICES

- ◆ Construction-Related Sheriff Impacts
- ◆ Operational-Related Sheriff Impacts
- ◆ Emergency Response/Evacuation Plans
- ◆ California Highway Patrol Services
- ◆ Cumulative Sheriff and California Highway Patrol Services
- ◆ Cumulative Emergency Response/Evacuation Plans

SCHOOLS/EDUCATION

- ◆ Newhall School District
- ◆ William S. Hart Union High School District
- ◆ Cumulative School Impacts

ELECTRICITY

- ◆ Electricity Supplies and Distribution Infrastructure
- ◆ Cumulative Electrical Impacts

NATURAL GAS

- ◆ Natural Gas Supplies and Distribution Infrastructure
- ◆ Cumulative Natural Gas Impacts

WATER SUPPLY

- ◆ Water Demand and Supply, and Groundwater Recharge
- ◆ Cumulative Water Demand and Supply Impacts

WASTEWATER

- ◆ Wastewater Conveyance and Treatment
- ◆ Cumulative Wastewater Conveyance and Treatment Impacts