

9.0 EFFECTS FOUND NOT TO BE SIGNIFICANT

PURPOSE

Section 15128 of the CEQA Guidelines requires an EIR to briefly describe any potential environmental effects that were determined not to be significant during the Initial Study scoping process and were, therefore, not discussed in detail in the EIR.

INITIAL STUDY

The City of Elk Grove Initial Study for the Lent Ranch project eliminated some potential environmental effects from consideration during the Initial Study scoping process. Those effects found not to be significant and therefore not discussed in the EIR are provided below.

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Aesthetics

The project would have a less than significant impact on a scenic vista because the project site is level cropland within a rural agricultural area, and because the project site is not identified in the General Plan as having scenic qualities or being within or near a scenic vista.

Cultural Resources

The Cultural Resources Assessment prepared for the project site indicated that no prehistoric sites were found during the survey of the project area. In addition, the Initial Study concluded that it was unlikely that the materials within the excavation zone contain unique fossils or that unique geologic features are present on the project site.

Geology and Soils

There are no known faults crossing the project site, so no significant impacts would occur with respect to fault rupture. The potential for soil liquefaction is minimal, due to the depth of groundwater beneath the site and the nature of on-site soils. The project site is relatively flat, making the risk of landslides

minimal. The project is proposing to connect to sewer facilities; therefore there will be no project impacts with regards to septic tank connections or alternative wastewater disposal systems.

Hazards

The project site is not listed as a hazardous material site as identified by California Government Code Section 65962.5. Additionally, the project site is not located within an airport land use plan area or in the vicinity of a private airstrip. The airstrip currently located on the site will be removed with project development. The Sunset Sky Ranch Airport is about 1.75 miles northeast of the project site, but the site is not within any airport approach or safety zones. Development of the site will not interfere with implementation or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. The project site is not located adjacent to wildland areas that would subject the site to loss, injury or death involving wildland fires.

Hydrology and Water Quality

The project site is not located in an area that would be subject to inundation by failure of a levee or a dam. Additionally, the site is not located near a large body of water that would be capable of creating a seiche, nor is it located near hilly terrain that could cause a mudflow.

Land Use and Planning

The site contains several residences and agricultural uses, which are not considered to be an established community, and no disruption would occur.

Mineral Resources

There are no known mineral resources on the project site of value to the region or state. The site is not located in a mineral resource zone.

Noise

The project site is not located within an airport land use plan area or private airstrip that would subject people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels.

Population and Housing

There are several residences located on the project site that would be removed with development. Removal of these units would not displace substantial numbers of existing housing, nor displace substantial numbers of people that would require replacement housing.

Recreation

The project does not include recreational facilities. The use of project fees towards the future construction or expansion of recreational facilities is not known at this time, is speculative and is not considered to be an impact.

Transportation and Circulation

The project does not involve aviation-related uses nor is it located near a public airport.