

7. Effects Found Not Significant

CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.2(a) states that “[a]n EIR shall identify and focus on the significant effects on the environment.” During the preparation of this EIR, the Project was determined to have no potential to result in significant impacts under two environmental issue areas: mineral resources and wildfire. Therefore, these issue areas were not required to be analyzed in detail in EIR Section 5, *Environmental Impact Analysis*.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15128 requires that an EIR contain a statement briefly indicating the reasons that various possible effects of a project were determined not to be significant and were therefore not discussed in detail in the EIR. As allowed by CEQA Guidelines Section 15128, statements related to the above listed topic areas are presented below.

7.1 MINERAL RESOURCES

The California Department of Conservation identifies sites to which continuing access is important to satisfying mineral production needs of the region and the State. The relative importance of potential mineral resource sites is indicated by inclusion in one of four Mineral Resource Zones (MRZ):

- MRZ 1: No mineral resources
- MRZ 2: Significant resource area (quality and quantity known)
- MRZ 3: Significant resource area (quality and quantity unknown)
- MRZ 4: No information (applies primarily to high-value ores)

As Discussed within the City of Perris General Plan Environmental Impact Report, there is no land within the City of Perris that is designated as Mineral Resource Zone 2 (MRZ 2), which indicates a presence of mineral resources (City of Perris, 2004). As such, there are no known mineral resources within the City of Perris or Specific Plan Area. Historical uses of the Specific Plan Area have not included mineral extraction, nor does the Project site currently support mineral extraction. In addition, the Project does not propose any mineral extraction activities. The Project proposes the construction of MBU, commercial, and open space uses over an area of 358.28 gross acres with no planned mining operations. Additionally, there are no mineral resource recovery sites on or near the Specific Plan Area. Therefore, 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 residents of the State, nor would it result in the loss of availability of mineral resources, including locally important mineral resource recovery sites. No impact to mineral resources would occur from implementation of the Project.

7.2 WILDFIRE

The Project site is not located in or near a State Responsibility Area or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones (CAL FIRE, 2022). The Project site is located within a developed area, surrounded by commercial and residential uses to the east and I-215 followed by industrial uses to the west. In addition, the proposed Specific Plan would be built in compliance with the California Building and Fire Code, as adopted by the City. Project plans would be reviewed by the City’s Building Department and the Riverside County Fire Department during the permitting process to ensure that the Project meets fire protection requirements. Therefore, implementation of the Project would not exacerbate wildfire hazard risks or expose people or the environment to adverse environmental effects related to wildfires. Therefore, the Project would not result in any impacts related to wildfire.

7.3 REFERENCES

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). (2022). *Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps*. Retrieved February 21, 2023, from <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/fire-hazard-severity-zones-maps-2022/>

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