



Section 8.0:

**Effects Found Not  
To Be Significant**



## **8.0 EFFECTS FOUND NOT TO BE SIGNIFICANT**

Due to the Lead Agency's (City of Murrieta) decision to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), an Initial Study was not prepared to determine significant effects of the proposed General Plan 2035. This option is permitted under California *Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines* Section 15063(a), which states that if the Lead Agency determines an EIR will be required for a project, the Lead Agency may skip further initial review and begin work on the EIR. However, the Initial Study Environmental Checklist form contained in *CEQA Guidelines* Appendix G was utilized to identify the issue areas considered within this EIR. In the course of this evaluation, certain impacts of the proposed General Plan 2035 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 following discussion briefly describes the potential impacts found not to be significant as a result of implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035. In addition, this section summarizes which impacts were found to be less than significant in this EIR, both with and without the imposition of mitigation measures. The wording for each impact statement is the exact wording cited in Section 5.0.

### **8.1 EIR CONCLUSIONS**

#### **8.2.1 LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS WITHOUT MITIGATION**

##### **LAND USE**

The following impacts were identified as less than significant and did not require mitigation.

- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could disrupt or physically divide an established community.
- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in potential inconsistency impacts with Federal and State regulations.
- The proposed General Plan 2035 could result in inconsistencies with the goals of the Southern California Association of Government's Regional Comprehensive Plan, 2008 Regional Transportation Plan and the principles and strategies of the compass Growth Visioning Program.



- The proposed General Plan 2035 could result in inconsistencies with the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.
- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in potential inconsistency impacts with local plans and policies.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 and cumulative development could result in cumulatively considerable land use impacts.

## POPULATION, EMPLOYMENT, AND HOUSING

- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could induce population growth in the City by allowing new homes and businesses.
- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could displace existing housing or persons, necessitating the construction of replacement housing.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 and cumulative development could induce population growth in the Western Riverside Council of Government's SCAG subregion.

## AESTHETICS

- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could have an adverse effect on a scenic vista.
- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could substantially damage scenic resources within a State scenic highway.
- Future development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could permanently degrade the visual character of the respective development site and its immediate surroundings.
- Future development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could create new sources of light/glare that could adversely affect views in the area.
- Future development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could create shade and shadows that could adversely affect adjacent land uses.

## TRAFFIC

- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in conflicts with the Riverside County Congestion Management Program.



- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in inadequate design features or incompatible uses.
- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in inadequate emergency access.
- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could conflict with the performance of existing and/or planned transit systems serving the area and/or conflict with adopted transit, bicycle, or pedestrian policies, plans, or programs.

## **AIR QUALITY**

- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in an overall increase in odors within the City.
- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in an overall increase in carbon monoxide hotspot emissions within the City, which could exceed South Coast Air Quality Management District air quality standards.
- The proposed General Plan 2035 may conflict with or hinder implementation of the Southern California Association of Government's Regional Comprehensive Plan Guidelines and the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Air Quality Management Plan.
- Regional air quality emissions resulting from operational buildout (localized air quality and cumulative odor emissions) of the proposed General Plan 2035 could impact regional air quality levels on a cumulatively considerable basis.

## **GREENHOUSE GASES**

- Greenhouse Gas emissions generated by development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could have a significant impact on the environment.
- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could conflict with an applicable Greenhouse Gas reduction plan, policy, or regulation.
- Greenhouse Gas emissions resulting from development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 and cumulative development could impact Greenhouse Gas emissions on a cumulatively considerable basis.

## **NOISE**

- Construction-related activities associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could generate noise levels in excess of established standards.



## **GEOLOGY AND SEISMIC HAZARDS**

- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in impacts related to soil erosion or loss of topsoil.

## **BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could have an adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species.
- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could have an adverse effect on any riparian habitat or federally protected wetlands.
- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could interfere with migratory birds or an established wildlife corridor.
- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could conflict with a local policy or ordinance protecting biological resources.
- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could conflict with the provisions of the Western Riverside County MSHCP.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 and cumulative development could result in cumulatively considerable impacts to biological resources.

## **AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES**

- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use, including land shown on the 2008 Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program, as Unique Farmland.
- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could conflict with existing zoning for agricultural uses, or a Williamson Act contract.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 and other cumulative development could result in cumulatively considerable impacts to agricultural resources.



## MINERAL RESOURCES

- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in impacts to mineral resources not yet identified.
- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in impacts to mineral resource recovery sites.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 and other cumulative development could result in cumulatively considerable impacts to unknown mineral resources.

## HYDROLOGY, DRAINAGE, AND WATER QUALITY

- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could deplete groundwater supplies.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in alteration of drainage patterns of the site or area, including alteration of a stream or river, resulting in substantial erosion, flooding, or significant risk of loss.
- Future development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in urban uses being located in dam inundation areas of the City.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in impacts related to a 100-year flood event.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in project inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow.

## HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- Future development associated with implementation of the General Plan 2035 could result in interference with an adopted emergency response or evacuation plan.

## WATER SUPPLY

- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in increased demand for water supplies and infrastructure within the City.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 and other cumulative development could result in cumulatively considerable impacts to water resources including increased demand for water supplies and infrastructure.



## **FIRE PROTECTION**

- Buildout of the City in accordance with the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in the need for additional fire facilities or personnel.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 and cumulative development could result in cumulatively considerable impacts to fire protection personnel, services, and facilities.

## **POLICE PROTECTION**

- Buildout of the City in accordance with the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in the need for additional police facilities or personnel.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 and cumulative development could result in cumulatively considerable impacts to police protection personnel, services, and facilities.

## **SOLID WASTE**

- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in demands on local landfills in exceedance of capacity current capacity constraints.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 and other cumulative development could result in cumulatively considerable impacts related to solid waste disposal services and landfill disposal capacity.

## **ELECTRICITY AND NATURAL GAS**

- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in increased demand for electricity provided within the City.
- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in increased demand for natural gas provided within the City.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 and other cumulative development could result in cumulatively considerable impacts to electrical and/or natural gas services and facilities.



## 8.2.1 LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS WITH MITIGATION

### AESTHETICS

- Construction activities for future development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could temporarily degrade the visual character of the respective development site and/or its immediate surroundings.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 and cumulative development could result in cumulatively considerable aesthetics, light, and glare impacts.

### AIR QUALITY

- Regional air quality emissions resulting from operational buildout of the proposed General Plan 2035 (localized air quality and cumulative odor emissions) could impact regional air quality levels on a cumulatively considerable basis.

### NOISE

- Construction-related activities associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could generate or expose persons or structures to excessive groundborne vibration.
- Future noise levels associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could contribute to an exceedance of the City's noise standards resulting in potential noise impacts to sensitive receptors.
- Cumulative short-term construction noise associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in cumulatively considerable impacts.

### GEOLOGY AND SEISMIC HAZARDS

- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could expose people and structures to potentially substantial adverse effects involving fault rupture or strong seismic groundshaking.
- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could expose people and structures to potential substantial adverse effects from seismic-related or other types of ground failures.



- Future development resulting from implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in impacts related to expansive soils, soil strength, or the potential to support septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 and cumulative development could result in cumulatively considerable impacts related to seismic, geologic, and soil conditions.

## CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could impact historical and archaeological resources.
- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could impact unmarked burial sites.
- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could directly or indirectly impact a unique paleontological resource or site.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 and cumulative development could result in cumulatively considerable impacts to cultural resources.

## HYDROLOGY, DRAINAGE, AND WATER QUALITY

- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could violate water quality standards and waste discharge requirements.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could create or contribute to runoff water which could exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems for provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 and cumulative development could result in cumulatively considerable impacts related to hydrology, drainage, and water quality.

## HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- Future development in accordance with the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in an increased risk of upset associated with the routine use, generation, transport, or disposal of hazardous materials, which may potentially pose a health or safety hazard.



- Accidental release of hazardous materials used, stored, or transported in the City as a result of implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in a public health risk.
- Future development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could impact hazardous material sites listed on Government Code Section 65962.5 and create a significant hazard to the public or the environment.
- New structures built within the vicinity of the local airport or private airstrip could result in a safety hazard for people residing or working within the area.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 and cumulative development could result in cumulatively considerable impacts to public health and safety.

## **WASTEWATER**

- Implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in increased demand for wastewater services and infrastructure.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 and other cumulative development could result in cumulatively considerable impacts to wastewater systems due to increased demand and creating the need for additional facilities.

## **FIRE PROTECTION**

- Buildout of the City in accordance with the proposed General Plan 2035 could increase the number of homes or businesses susceptible to wildland fire hazards.

## **SCHOOL FACILITIES**

- Buildout of the City in accordance with the proposed General Plan 2035 could result in adverse physical impacts to facilities within the Murrieta Valley Unified School District, Menifee Unified School District, Perris Unified School District, and Hemet Unified School.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan 2035 and other cumulative development could result in cumulatively considerable impacts to school facilities.

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