

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST AND ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

The environmental resources checked below would be potentially affected by this proposed project, involving at least one impact that would require mitigation to reduce the impact from "Potentially Significant" to "Less Than Significant" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Forestry Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geology and Soils | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gases | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazards and Hazardous Materials |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydrology and Water Quality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Population and Housing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal Cultural Resources |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utilities and Service Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |

Evaluation of Environmental Impacts

This section presents the environmental checklist form presented in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines. The checklist form is used to describe the impacts of the proposed project. A discussion follows each environmental issue identified in the checklist. Included in each discussion are project-specific mitigation measures recommended as appropriate as part of the proposed project.

For this checklist, the following designations are used:

Significant and Unavoidable: An impact that could be significant, and for which mitigation has not been identified. If any significant and unavoidable impacts are identified after applicable mitigation measures have been applied, an EIR must be prepared. An SCEA cannot be used in the case of a project for which this conclusion is reached in any impact category.

Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated: This designation applies where applicable and feasible mitigation measures previously identified in prior applicable EIRs or in the Plan Bay Area EIR have reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact" and pursuant to Section 21155.2 of the PRC, those measures are incorporated into the SCEA.

This designation would also apply where the incorporation of new project-specific mitigation measures not previously identified in prior applicable EIRs or in the Plan Bay Area EIR has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact".

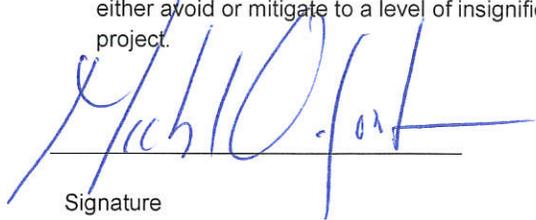
Less Than Significant Impact: Any impact that would not be considered significant under CEQA, relative to existing standards.

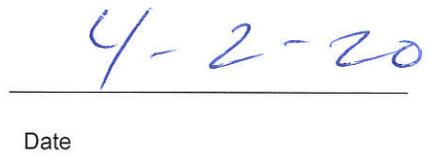
No Impact: The proposed project would not have any impact.

Determination

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the Applicant. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.
- I find that the proposed project is a qualified "transit priority project" that satisfies the requirements of Sections 21155 and 21155.2 of the Public Resources Code (PRC), and/or a qualified "residential or mixed use residential project" that satisfies the requirements of Section 21159.28(d) of the PRC, and although the proposed project could have a potentially significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case, because this Sustainable Communities Environmental Assessment (SCEA) Initial Study identifies measures that either avoid or mitigate to a level of insignificance all potentially significant or significant effects of the proposed project.


Signature


Date