

4.8 PUBLIC SERVICES

Note: After the Draft EIR was released, the applicant chose to remove the car wash facilities from the Project site, and use of the car wash area is no longer part of the proposal. All references to future use of the car wash area have been removed from the project description and the impact analysis.

This section focuses on the provision of fire protection services. The Project would not affect such public services as police protection, schools, parks and recreation, or public facilities because no new population would be added.

4.8.1 Existing Conditions

Fire protection for the Project would be provided by the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District, a special district operating in accordance with Health and Safety Code §§ 13800, *et seq.*: “Fire Department”). Three stations fall within City boundaries; Fire Station 14 would be the primary location to provide service to Rancho ~~Goleta~~Estates. Located at 320 Los Carneros Way, Station 14 is approximately 2 miles away from Rancho Estates~~Goleta~~ and is staffed by three full-time personnel. The station is equipped with one “Type 1” fire engine for urban response (structure fires, vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, etc.) and one “Type III” fire engine for wildfire response (Fire Department 2016). The emergency response time from Fire Station 14 to the Project site would be approximately 4 minutes in regular traffic. Stations 11 and 12, located at 8901 Fey Way and 5330 Calle Real, respectively, are also within City limits and available to provide service to Rancho Estates~~Goleta~~. Additionally, Fire Station 10 is in the planning stages and will be located approximately 1 mile west of the site on Hollister Avenue. Fire Station 10 is anticipated to be operational by 2018/2019.

Two existing substandard fire hydrants are located roughly one-third and two-thirds down the length of the mobile home park (Figure 2-1). The site is currently accessible by the Fire Department from its northern entrance on Hollister Avenue.

4.8.2 Regulatory Framework

4.8.2.1 Federal

No federal regulations relevant to public services apply to this Project.

4.8.2.2 State

Subdivision Map Act – Government Code §§ 66410, et seq.

The Subdivision Map Act gives cities and counties the statutory authority to impose fees or dedications of land for specific uses as conditions of subdivision map approval. The Map Act provides that certain types of exactions may only be imposed if a local subdivision ordinance contains specific enabling language to do so.

Mitigation Fee Act – Government Code §§ 66000, et seq.

The Mitigation Fee Act is a State-enabling statute that permits jurisdictions to impose development impact fees as a precondition for the privilege of developing land subject to specific limitations.

4.8.2.3 Fire

California Fire Code – Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, Part 9

The 2013 edition of the California Fire Code (CFC) contains regulations consistent with nationally recognized accepted practices for safeguarding life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion, dangerous conditions arising from the storage, handling, and use of hazardous materials and devices, and hazardous conditions in the use or occupancy of buildings. The CFC also contains provisions to assist emergency response personnel. Fire safety-related building standards are referenced in other parts of Title 24, such as the California Building Code (Title 24 Part 2). The 2013 CFC became effective January 1, 2014 and is adopted by reference by the City of Goleta.

4.8.2.4 Local

City of Goleta General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan

The GP/CLUP (City of Goleta 2006) contains policies regarding adequacy of public services to serve new developments, including Public Facilities Element policies PF 3.1 Fire Protection Standards, PF 3.2 New Station in Western Goleta, PF 3.3 Impact Fees for Fire Protection Facilities/Equipment, PF 3.4 Fire Safety in New Development, PF 3.5 Periodic Evaluation of Adequacy of Fire Facilities, and PF 9.7 Essential Services for New Development.

City of Goleta Inland Zoning Ordinance

The Inland Zoning Ordinance (IZO Sec. 35-317.7(1)(d)) as adopted in the Goleta Municipal Code includes a requirement for finding adequate public services to serve new developments.

Local Development Impact Fees

The City has implemented Development Impact Fees consistent with state government requirements. The City's fees include those for fire protection.

4.8.3 Project Impacts

4.8.3.1 Thresholds of Significance

Assessment of impacts is based on review of site information and conditions and City information regarding public services. In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, a project would result in a significant impact if it would:

1. Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered fire public services facilities, or need for new or physically altered public services facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable levels of service or performance objectives for any of the following public services: fire protection, police protection, schools, parks, or other public facilities.

As discussed above, this Project would not affect public services other than fire protection.

4.8.3.2 Project Impacts

Impact PS-1. Provision of Fire Protection Services

The Project is being implemented to improve fire protection infrastructure to and on the existing mobile home park development, thereby improving safety for the residents and the area. Impacts from this Project are discussed elsewhere in this EIR. The Project would have a **beneficial (Class IV)** impact associated with the ability for the Fire Department to provide fire

protection services. No other impacts would occur, other than those described in in other sections of this EIR.

4.8.4 Cumulative Impacts

It is not anticipated that other related projects would result in similar impacts associated with the provision of fire protection services, and no cumulative impacts are expected to occur.

4.8.5 Mitigation Measures

No mitigation measures are required because no significant impacts would occur.

4.8.6 Residual Impacts

Impact PS-1 is beneficial, and no mitigation would be required.

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