

CHAPTER 7 OTHER CEQA CONCERNS

7.1 GROWTH-INDUCING IMPACTS

CEQA Guidelines § 15126(d) requires that an EIR “discuss the growth-inducing impact of the proposed project,” including “ways in which the project could foster economic or population growth, or the construction of additional housing, either directly or indirectly, in the surrounding environment.” The Project would not involve any actions that would be growth-inducing. No additional housing would be constructed, and the water lines that would be constructed would be confined to the Project site and would be used only for fire protection purposes. Thus, no new source of water supply for public consumption would be provided. The emergency access road would not extend public access to a new area, nor would it extend or lead to the extension of any existing public roads. Per the City of Goleta GP/CLUP, no planned public street or road improvements are within or in the vicinity of the Project site that would be affected. The proposed road would connect two fully developed areas, and its only purpose would be to allow emergency access by the Fire Department. Thus, no growth-inducing impacts would occur.

7.2 SIGNIFICANT IRREVERSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES

The only significant irreversible environmental changes would result from permitting incompatible uses within the SPA and SPA buffer, which is a cumulatively significant impact in the region. The impact severity of this Project, not only reducing and removing the buffer but removing the SPA itself, would be cumulatively considerable and therefore **significant and unavoidable (Class I)**. Other **significant and unavoidable (Class I)** impacts were identified in the Biological Resources and Land Use sections, but these were a result of policy inconsistencies and not from impacts directly on environmental resources.

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