

5.0 IMPACTS FOUND TO BE LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT

The Initial Study/EIR Scoping Document prepared by the City of Goleta concludes that the proposed project would not result in the potential for significant impacts related to Agricultural and Forest Resources, Mineral Resources, and Population/Housing. The following summarizes the substantiation for these conclusions as provided in the Initial Study/EIR Scoping Document.

Agriculture and Forest Resources. According to the Initial Study/EIR Scoping Document, and historical aerial photograph research dating back to 1928, the project site has not supported agricultural operations. The site has historically been altered by grading, placement of fill soils, vegetation clearing, and development of structures on a portion of the site. The City General Plan designates the site for medium density residential and industrial-office development. The project site is not mapped as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Santa Barbara County Important Farmland 2008 Map, State of California, Department of Conservation, California Resources Agency, August 17, 2009). The project site is not zoned for agricultural use nor is it part of a Williamson Act contract. Conversion of the approximately 22.32-acre undeveloped area to commercial and residential development would not result in the loss of significant, viable, local farmland.

The proposed project site has not been identified as timber or forest land, and there is no timber or forest on the site. Therefore, development of the site would not result in significant impacts from loss of forest land.

Mineral Resources. No known mineral resources have been identified on the project site. The proposed project would not result in the loss of availability of any known mineral resource or identified resource recovery site.

Population/Housing. The proposed project would minimally increase the Citywide population by 2.5 percent and increase the workforce by 1.1 percent. The project site does not currently provide any housing units. Therefore, the proposed project would not displace existing housing units or residents.

Given the above, potential impacts related to these issues were determined to be less than significant and are not further discussed in this EIR.