3.11 NOISE

Section 3.11 of the GP/CLUP Final EIR (City of Goleta 2006) describes the following within the existing City boundary:

- environmental setting (existing conditions and regulatory setting) for noise relating to the proposed project;
- the impacts associated with noise that would result from the proposed project; and
- mitigation measures that would reduce these impacts.

As discussed in Section 3.8, “Population and Housing,” and Section 3.10, “Land Use and Recreation,” Alternative 2a includes proposed policy amendment LU 3.2 that would allow consideration of new areas for regional commercial development as appropriate through project review. Although new development could introduce noise impacts to, or adjacent to, areas currently zoned or developed with residential uses, such impacts are highly project-specific and would be addressed through the project review required under the amended policy. That review would include considering the project’s consistency with overall GP/CLUP goals and policies, as well as the noise reduction and mitigation requirements of applicable permitting agencies. Alternatives 2b and 3 propose the same policy amendments as Alternative 2a.

In sum, the GP/CLUP amendments listed in Table 2-1 of this Supplemental EIR would not result in greater or different noise impacts than those analyzed in the Final EIR, do not have the potential to result in new potentially significant noise impacts, and are not proposed to policies cited as mitigation for potential noise impacts in the Final EIR. Accordingly, the proposed GP/CLUP amendments would not affect the analysis presented in Section 3.11 of the Final EIR, and no further discussion need be presented in this Supplemental EIR.
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