

3.2 AGRICULTURE AND FARMLAND

Section 3.2 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 agriculture and farmland relating to the proposed project;
- the impacts associated with agriculture and farmland that would result from the proposed project; and
- mitigation measures that would reduce these impacts.

The proposed amendment to Policy LU 11 and LU-IA-2 would remove nonresidential growth management policies from the GP/CLUP. The impacts of the removal of Policies LU 11 and LU-1A-2 are analyzed in Sections 3.8.3.3 and 3.8.3.4. In summary, all growth within the City (commercial, industrial, residential, etc.) is currently regulated by GP/CLUP Figure 2-1 (Land Use Plan Map), adopted as part of the GP/CLUP in 2006. Given the small amount of developable vacant land left remaining in the City, GP/CLUP Figure 2-1 is an appropriate growth management tool, and the currently specified land use designations have accounted for an acceptable ratio of development. While removal of the nonresidential growth policies from the GP/CLUP and elimination of the GGMO may affect the pacing of nonresidential growth within the city, removal of those specific regulations would not alter the amount, type, or location of nonresidential growth in the City as previously analyzed in the 2006 Final EIR. The proposed changes would not necessarily result in the conversion of agricultural land, nor decrease the viability of agricultural parcels adjacent to nonresidential development, especially given existing Land Use Element Policy 7. The Policy 7 objective is to preserve existing agricultural lands and reserve vacant lands suitable for agriculture to maintain the option of future agriculture uses.

In sum, the GP/CLUP amendments listed in Table 2-1 of this Supplemental EIR would not result in greater or different impacts to agriculture and farmland than those analyzed in the 2006 Final EIR, do not have the potential to result in new potentially significant impacts to agriculture and farmland, and are not proposed to policies cited as mitigation for potential impacts to agriculture and farmland in the 2006 Final EIR. **Accordingly, the proposed GP/CLUP amendments would not affect the analysis presented in Section 3.2 of the 2006 Final EIR, and no further discussion need be presented in this Supplemental EIR.**

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