

Growth Inducing Impacts

SECTION 7.0

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Section 15126(d) of the CEQA Guidelines requires that an EIR "discuss the growth inducing impact of the project, including "ways in which the proposed project could foster economic or population growth, or the construction of additional housing, either directly or indirectly, in the surrounding environment." For the reasons described below, the project is not expected to result in substantial growth inducement and therefore would not result in significant environmental impacts associated with growth inducement.

Although the development of 100 multi-family residential units would increase the local demand for commercial uses that serve residents, it is not expected to substantially foster economic growth in the project area as it does not represent a substantial increase in the number of housing units in the City of Goleta and general Santa Barbara County South Coast Area. Construction of the project's access road providing future access to adjacent properties and utility line extensions would remove impediments to growth related to development of the Willow Springs North property. However, the Camino Vista Road extension and residential development of the property is provided for in the City's General Plan. In addition, the further extension of these roads and utility services beyond the General Plan area is not considered likely given that the site is bordered to the south and west by existing residential development and to the east by an existing industrial area. The project is not expected to result in significant growth inducing impacts.