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SECTION 5.0

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The Initial Study/EIR Scoping Document prepared by the City of Goleta (City) notes that the project would result in less than significant impacts related to Agricultural and Forest Resources, Mineral Resources, and Population/Housing. The following provides substantiation for these conclusions.

Agriculture and Forest Resources. According to the Initial Study/EIR Scoping Document, until the late 1950's-early 1960's the site was planted in row crops and orchards. Since that time the site has been substantially altered by grading, surrounding urban development including industrial, research park and office development, on-site residential development, and significant stockpiling of fill soils. In 1984, the entire site was designated for urban development as part of the Willow Springs/Los Carneros Community Specific Plan, and in 1985 a Tract Map (No. 13646) for the 49.9-acre property was approved, creating 28 separate lots. The site is no longer designated for agricultural uses, and has not been used for those purposes in over 50 years. The site is not zoned for agricultural use, and its conversion to residential development would not result in the loss of significant, viable, local farmland.

The 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 project would not result in the loss of availability of any known mineral resource or identified resource recovery site.

Population/Housing. The project would not result in any contribution to cumulative housing and population impacts either within the City or the surrounding Goleta Valley. The project's contribution to cumulative population growth as well as impacts on the area's housing supply would be less than significant (employee population growth) or beneficial (housing supply, including rental housing and some affordable housing).

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