

Growth Inducing Impacts

SECTION 7.0

7.0 GROWTH INDUCING IMPACTS

CEQA Guidelines § 15126.2(d) requires that an EIR discuss the growth inducing impacts of the proposed 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 proposed Project is not expected to result in substantial growth inducing effects and would not result in significant environmental impacts associated with growth inducement.

Implementation of the proposed Project would develop residential units uses, public and private open space, recreational amenities, and parkland on a portion of the Project site. The balance of the Project site has already been developed with business park uses with the exception of a single, non-contiguous, commercially zoned lot, which is not a part of the proposed development. Although The proposed development of 465 residential units within the site's residential component would incrementally increase the local demand for resident-serving commercial uses. that serve residents However, 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 beyond what was that anticipated by the City's General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan and assessed in the GP/CLUP FEIR.¹

The Project ~~implements the General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan as adopted by the City in 2006.~~ It is a part of the Central Hollister Residential Area, created by the GP/CLUP to provide a location for ~~of~~ new housing development in the City. The growth that would occur as the result of the Project's implementation was already considered in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report prepared for the General Plan ~~(2009 2006)~~. That analysis The GP/CLUP FEIR is incorporated by reference into this section and into the EIR as a whole.

The Project site is bordered on the north by U.S. Highway 101 and the UPRR right-of-way and is surrounded on all other sides by urban development, major transportation corridors, business parks, and commercial uses. Nearby existing or planned residential uses include a cleared, vacant area that is currently under construction that and providing will add 100 medium density multi-family residential units ~~for~~ to the Willow Springs II residential development to the east. Existing adjacent office and industrial uses are located to the west. All of these uses are currently served by existing public utilities and access roads. Construction of the Project would not facilitate or require the extension of utilities, as these facilities are already present, available to serve the Project, and are adequate in size to provide service. ~~or The Project will not provide future access to undeveloped properties, as these facilities are already present and available to serve the Project.~~ Implementation of Component 2 of the Project (lot line adjustments/zone change) would have no significant impact on either existing or proposed development on the site. Repeal of the Raytheon Specific Plan would not result in any changes ~~increase~~ to the type ~~and~~ or increase in the intensity of development already permitted on the site pursuant to the last amendment of the Raytheon Specific Plan in 2008~~7~~. ~~and may in fact~~ Rather, the proposed development will reduce the total number of units that could be built on the residential component of the site, based on the Specific Plan and current zoning alone. The growth anticipated as a result of the Project's development has already been assessed in the FEIR

¹ Total number of housing units in the City of Goleta in 2009 was 11,559 and 54,890 in the South Coast of Santa Barbara County (Table 10A-3, Housing Element Technical Appendix, City of Goleta General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan, 2006). The 465 unit project would result in a 4.02% increase in the number of housing units in the City and a 0.85% increase in the number of housing units in the South Coast of Santa Barbara County.

certified for the original Village at Los Carneros project in 2008 and in the GP/CLUP FEIR in 2006, both of which documents are incorporated by reference into this EIR. Accordingly, new growth inducing impacts ~~not already reviewed pursuant to CEQA~~ would be less than significant (**Class III**).