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5 Other CEQA Required Discussions

This section discusses growth-inducing impacts, irreversible environmental impacts, and significant unavoidable impacts that would be caused by the proposed project.

5.1 Growth Inducement

Section 15126.2(e) of the *CEQA Guidelines* requires a discussion of a project's potential to foster economic or population growth, including ways in which a project could remove an obstacle to growth. Growth does not necessarily create significant physical changes to the environment. However, depending upon the type, magnitude, and location of growth, it can result in significant adverse environmental effects. The proposed project's growth inducing potential is therefore considered significant if project-induced growth could result in significant physical effects in one or more environmental issue areas.

5.1.1 Population Growth

The proposed project would not construct new housing or extend roads. While the proposed project would extend utility infrastructure to the new clubhouse, new comfort station, and Rio Grande Coffee Shop, these extensions would serve only the proposed project. Accordingly, the proposed project would not lead to direct growth due to residential development or indirect growth due to road or infrastructure extensions into undeveloped portions of Goleta. The proposed project would result in approximately 21 additional employees, which could cause indirect growth; however, given the size of the city workforce and the relatively small number of jobs being created, these jobs would likely come from the local workforce. As such, it is not expected that people would relocate to Goleta because of the project.

However, in a conservative scenario where all projected employees and their families were assumed to relocate to Goleta, there would be a population growth of 55 people,¹ which would raise Goleta's population to approximately 32,570 people.² This population growth would account for approximately 2.5 percent of the total anticipated growth in Goleta by 2050. This growth would not exceed the Santa Barbara County Association of Government's 2050 population forecast of 34,700 (Santa Barbara County Association of Government 2019). Therefore, the proposed project would not induce substantial population growth that could lead to substantial adverse environmental effects.

5.1.2 Economic Growth

The proposed project would generate temporary employment opportunities during construction. Based on the size of the project and scale of construction, construction workers would be expected to be drawn from the existing regional work force. As such, construction of the project would not be growth-inducing from a temporary employment standpoint. However, the proposed project would also provide long-term employment opportunities and generate approximately 21 additional employees in Goleta.

¹ 21 employees x 2.59 persons per household (California Department of Finance 2024) = approximately 55 persons.

² 55 people + 32,515 (population of Goleta; California Department of Finance 2024) = 32,570 people.

Employment in Goleta is forecasted to increase by 3,860 jobs between 2025 and 2050 (Santa Barbara County Association of Government 2019). The 21 permanent jobs anticipated to be generated by the proposed project would be approximately 0.5 percent of the projected job growth between 2025 and 2050, and therefore would be within employment forecasts. These employees would be expected to primarily use existing commercial services in Goleta, creating only a minor need for expanded commercial services. As a result, the proposed project would not be expected to induce economic expansion to the extent that substantial environmental impacts associated with the proposed project would occur.

5.1.3 Removal of Obstacles to Growth

The proposed project would provide improved recreational facilities and associated amenities on a site that is currently developed with existing recreational uses. The project site is adjacent to industrial and recreational/open space uses to the west; residential uses to the north; and residential and recreational/open space uses to the east. The proposed project would rely on Hollister Avenue and existing connecting roadways (such as United States Highway 101 and Cathedral Oaks Road) for site access. No new roads would be required for the proposed project. As described in Section 4.16, *Utilities and Service Systems*, the project would utilize existing water, wastewater, and solid waste facilities that serve Goleta. Utility expansion to serve the new clubhouse, comfort station, and Rio Grande Coffee Shop would be limited to just those uses. No additional infrastructure or facilities beyond those necessary to accommodate the proposed project would be required. In addition, no undeveloped land in the vicinity of the project site would have new potential for development through the extension of utility services to the project site. For these reasons, implementation of the proposed project would not extend infrastructure in a manner that would remove any obstacle to growth.

5.2 Significant Unavoidable Effects

CEQA Guidelines Section 15162.2(c) requires that an EIR identify significant impacts that a project would cause which cannot be reduced to a less than significant with the application of mitigation measures. As discussed throughout Section 4, *Environmental Impact Analysis*, the proposed mitigation measures would reduce potentially significant impacts to less than significant. Implementation of the proposed project would not result in significant, unavoidable impacts.

5.3 Irreversible Environmental Effects

CEQA Guidelines Section 15162.2(d) requires a discussion of any significant irreversible environmental changes which would be caused by implementation of the proposed project. Such significant irreversible environmental changes may include the following:

- Use of non-renewable resources during the initial and continued phases of the project which would be irreversible because a large commitment of such resources makes removal or non-use unlikely.
- Primary impacts and, particularly secondary impacts (such as highway improvement which provides access to a previously inaccessible area) which generally commit future generations to similar uses.
- Irreversible damage which may result from environmental accidents associated with the project.

Construction of the proposed project would require building materials and energy, including non-renewable resources. Consumption of these resources would occur with any development in Goleta and are not unique to the proposed project. Operation of the proposed project would irreversibly increase local demand for non-renewable energy resources such as natural gas and electricity. Any additional vehicle trips associated with the proposed project would incrementally increase local traffic and regional air pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions. However, as discussed in Section 4.2, *Air Quality*, Section 4.5, *Energy*, and Section 4.7, *Greenhouse Gas Emissions*, these impacts would be less than significant.

Development accommodated by the proposed project would require an irreversible commitment of fire protection services, law enforcement, water supply, wastewater treatment, and solid waste disposal services; however, as described in Section 4.13, *Public Services*, and Section 4.16, *Utilities and Service Systems*, these impacts would be less than significant.

5.4 Mandatory Findings

Section 15065 of the *CEQA Guidelines* requires the following specific Mandatory Findings of Significance be addressed as part of the environmental review for the project:

- The potential for the project to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory;
- The project has the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals;
- Project impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable. (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects); and
- Environmental effects of the project which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.

Section 4.3, *Biological Resources*, describes the proposed project’s potential effects of the project on plant and animal species populations, habitats, communities, and migratory patterns. Section 4.4, *Cultural Resources*, and Section 4.15, *Tribal Cultural Resources*, describe the proposed project’s potential effects on important historical and prehistorical cultural and tribal cultural resources on the project site. Potential adverse environmental effects to human beings are discussed in Section 4.2, *Air Quality*, Section 4.6, *Geology and Soils*, Section 4.8, *Hazards and Hazardous Materials*, Section 4.9, *Hydrology and Water Quality*, Section 4.10, *Land Use and Planning*, Section 4.11, *Noise*, and Section 4.17.4, *Wildfire*. Furthermore, as discussed above, each environmental analysis section of the EIR concludes with a discussion of the proposed project’s contribution to cumulative effects.

The Executive Summary of this EIR summarizes all impacts and mitigation measures that apply to the proposed project.

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