

5.0 EFFECTS FOUND NOT TO BE SIGNIFICANT



The almond orchard on the southeast portion of the project site (shown above) is not located on active "farmland."

5.1 INTRODUCTION

This section summarizes the environmental impacts that were determined to be less than significant during the preparation of this EIR. This section includes a discussion of each of these environmental areas, and a basis for the determination that they would not have a potentially significant impact.

5.2 METHODOLOGY

This section discusses the project setting, potential for environmental impact, and conclusion for each of the topic areas. In the process of evaluating the potential significance of environmental impacts, consideration was given to thresholds of significance that may be found

by reference to the City's Draft General Plan, zoning ordinance, or other policies adopted from time to time. In addition, the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Appendix G, provide guidance with regard to the issues that may be considered in each of the issue areas. Finally, certain thresholds have been recognized as reasonable through the process of CEQA litigation and experience with projects throughout the state.

5.3 ENVIRONMENTAL TOPICS FOUND NOT TO BE SIGNIFICANT

5.3.1 AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

The project is located an urbanized area of the City of Citrus Heights. The area surrounding the project site is served with all utilities and urban services. An almond orchard is located on the southeastern portion of the project site.

It is generally considered that a potentially significant impact on agricultural resources is present if a project would convert farmland to non-agricultural uses, or conflict with agricultural zoning.

The project site is not located on active "farmland," as the term is used in the context of environmental analysis. The proposed project, therefore, would not result in the loss of designated important farmland. The project site is zoned for urban uses.

The changes proposed by the project would not have an impact on agricultural resources in the community or region. The project would have **no impact** on agricultural resources in the community.

5.3.2 MINERAL RESOURCES

The project site is located in an urbanized area served by paved streets and public services. No mineral extraction activities are located in or around the project site, nor would any such

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activities be permitted under the existing or proposed zoning of the site. The site has not been identified as a potential site for the extraction of mineral resources.

A potentially significant impact could occur if the proposed project would result in the loss of a known mineral resource of value to the region and the residents of the state, or result in the loss of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site. Neither of these situations is present.

Implementation of the proposed project would have **no impact** on the availability of, or extraction of, mineral resources in the community.