

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING, IMPACTS, AND MITIGATION

The following sections include an analysis, by issue area, of the proposed project's potential effects on the environment. Each environmental issue area includes the following subsections:

- Environmental Setting
- Regulatory Setting
- Environmental Impacts
- Mitigation Measures
- Significance after Mitigation

The mitigation measures provided in Chapter 3.0 are proposed by the Authority, unless otherwise noted. The environmental issue areas analyzed in this section are as follows:

- Aesthetics (Chapter 3.1)
- Air Quality (Chapter 3.2)
- Biological Resources (Chapter 3.3)
- Cultural Resources (Chapter 3.4)
- Hydrology and Water Quality (Chapter 3.5)
- Noise (Chapter 3.6)
- Transportation/Circulation (Chapter 3.7)

As identified in the Initial Study (see Appendix A) prepared in August 2006, the following are the environmental issue areas that were not found to be significantly impacted or potentially impacted by the proposed project:

- Agricultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Utilities and Service Systems

Therefore, no further evaluation of these environmental issue areas is necessary in this chapter. Chapter 4.0 includes a brief discussion of impacts that were not found to be significant.

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