

3.2 Effects Found Not to be Significant During Initial Study

One issue was found to have less than significant effects as detailed in the County Environmental Checklist for the Proposed Project (refer to Appendix A, Notice of Preparation [NOP] and Comments to the NOP), incorporated by reference into this EIR. Issues with effects found not to be significant are briefly discussed below, with an explanation regarding the assessed lack of significance.

3.2.1 Mineral Resources

The Proposed Project site has been classified by the California Department of Conservation – Division of Mines and Geology as an area of “Potential Mineral Resource Significance” (MRZ-3). However, the Project site is adjacent to existing and proposed residential areas which would be incompatible with future extraction of mineral resources on the Project site. A future mining operation at the Project site would likely create a significant impact to neighboring properties for issues such as noise, air quality and traffic. Therefore, implementation of the Project would not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value since the mineral resource has already been lost due to incompatible land uses.

The Proposed Project site is not located in an area that contains MRZ-2 designated lands, nor is it located within 1,300 feet of such lands. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in the loss of availability of locally important mineral resource(s). Therefore, no potentially significant loss of availability of a known mineral resource or locally important mineral resource recovery (extraction) site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan would occur as a result of the Proposed Project.

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