

## 8. Impacts Found Not to Be Significant

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California Public Resources Code Section 21003 (f) states: "...it is the policy of the state that...[a]ll persons and public agencies involved in the environmental review process be responsible for carrying out the process in the most efficient, expeditious manner in order to conserve the available financial, governmental, physical, and social resources with the objective that those resources may be better applied toward the mitigation of actual significant effects on the environment." This policy is reflected in the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Guidelines) Section 15126.2(a), which states that "[a]n EIR [Environmental Impact Report] shall identify and focus on the significant environmental impacts of the proposed project" and Section 15143, which states that "[t]he EIR shall focus on the significant effects on the environment."

This chapter includes a discussion of potential Agricultural Resources, a topic not included in Chapter 5, *Environmental Analysis*.

### 8.1 AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

Would the project:

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**Impact AG-1: The proposed project would not convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use.**

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**No Impact.** CEQA considers impacts to three categories of important farmland: Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance, and Unique Farmland. According to the California Department of Conservation (DOC) Important Farmland Finder, there are no important farmlands in the Specific Plan area (DOC 2017). There are also no existing agricultural uses in the Specific Plan area. The northern portion of the project site along El Rivino Boulevard is designated Farmland of Local Importance by the DOC; however, the current and proposed zoning districts for the project site do not have any areas designated for agriculture. Therefore, development in accordance with the proposed project and any zoning district changes proposed under the Agua Mansa Commerce Park Specific Plan would have no impact on important farmlands nor convert any farmland to nonagricultural use.

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**Impact AG-2: The proposed project would not conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, with a designated Agricultural Opportunity Area, or with a Williamson Act contract.**

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**No Impact.** See Impact AG-1, above.

The California Department of Conservation Division of Land Resource Protection maintains updated maps showing lands bearing Williamson Act contracts. According to the State of California Williamson Act Contract

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Land map (dated 2016) there are no lands within all of Jurupa Valley under Williamson Act contracts (DOC 2016). Additionally, the Specific Plan area is not zoned for agricultural use (Jurupa Valley 2011). Therefore, development in accordance with the proposed project and any zoning district changes proposed under the proposed project would not conflict with existing agricultural zoning or impact any Williamson Act lands.

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**Impact AG-3: The proposed project would not conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g)).**

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**No Impact.** Most of the project site is occupied by the closed cement plant and quarry and the current and proposed zoning for the project site do not include any zoning for forest land, timberland, or timberland production. Thus, no impacts would occur.

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**Impact AG-4: The proposed project would not result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use.**

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**No Impact.** See response to Section AG-3, above.

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**Impact AG-5: The proposed project would not involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use.**

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**No Impact.** See responses to Sections AG-1 through AG-3, above.

## 8.2 REFERENCES

California Department of Conservation (DOC). 2016. Riverside County Williamson Act FY 2015/2016 Sheet 1 of 3. [ftp://ftp.consrv.ca.gov/pub/dlrp/wa/Riverside\\_w\\_15\\_16\\_WA.pdf](ftp://ftp.consrv.ca.gov/pub/dlrp/wa/Riverside_w_15_16_WA.pdf).

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