

6.1 EFFECTS FOUND NOT TO BE SIGNIFICANT

INTRODUCTION

Section 15128 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines requires an environmental impact report (EIR) to briefly describe any possible significant effects of a project that were determined not to be significant and were, therefore, not discussed in detail in the EIR. The items listed below were scoped out of the EIR.

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

Threshold: 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.

The approximately 4,393-acre Plan area is currently in an undeveloped and vacant area of the City. The City does not contain agricultural land under commercial cultivation.¹ Current General Plan designations within the Plan area include conservation, open space, hillside residential, and flood control/ utility corridor as shown in **Figure 3.0-1: Land Use Map in Section 3.0: Environmental Setting**. The Plan would not involve changes that would result in the conversion of Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Important to nonagricultural uses. No impacts would occur.

Threshold: Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act contract.

As previously noted, the Plan area and surrounding development are not currently used for agricultural uses. The Plan area is not designated or zoned for agricultural use, used for agriculture, or subject to a Williamson Act contract. Therefore, the Plan would not conflict with any uses zoned for agricultural uses or subject to any Williamson Act contracts. No impacts would occur.

Threshold: 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)).

As defined by the Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 12220(g), forestland is land that can support 10 percent native tree cover of any species under natural conditions and that allows for management of one

1 City of Rancho Cucamonga, Rancho Cucamonga 2010 *General Plan*, "Managing Land Use, Community Design and Historic Resources" (2010)

or more forest resources. Given that the Plan area is not zoned as forestland, the Plan would not affect any forestlands as defined by the PRC.

A Timberland Production Zone is defined by the Government Code Section 51104(g) as an area that is zoned for the sole purpose of growing and harvesting timber. Because the Plan Area does not contain any timber resources, nor is it zoned as a timberland or timberland production area, the Plan would not conflict with timberland or Timberland Production areas.

No impacts would occur.

Threshold: **Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use.**

The Plan is located in an area not zoned or designated for forest or timberland, nor is it used for forestry operations. Therefore, it would not result in the loss of forestland or result in the conversion of forestland to nonforest uses. No impacts would occur.

Threshold: **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.**

As previously noted, the Plan area does not contain any farmland or forestland. As such, there would be no conversion of any existing farmland. Therefore, the Plan would not result in the loss of Farmland or forestland or the conversion of Farmland or forestland to nonforest uses. No impacts would occur.