

CHAPTER 3 ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The following sections contain an analysis, by issue area, of the potentially significant environmental effects of The Bond Project (project or proposed project). The environmental issue areas analyzed in this chapter are as follows:

- Section 3.1, Aesthetics
- Section 3.2, Air Quality
- Section 3.3, Cultural Resources
- Section 3.4 ,Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Section 3.5, Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Section 3.6, Noise
- Section 3.7, Public Services
- Section 3.8, Transportation
- Section 3.9, Utilities and Service Systems
- Section 3.10, Energy

The discussions of each environmental issue area include the following subsections:

- Environmental Setting
- Regulatory Setting
- Thresholds of Significance
- Methodology
- Impact Analysis
- Mitigation Measures
- Significance after Mitigation

As stated in the Initial Study (Appendix A), which together with the Notice of Preparation, was released in October 2016, it was found that the proposed project would have a less-than-significant impact relative to the following environmental issue areas:

- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Biological Resources

- Geology and Soils
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Population and Housing
- Recreation

For purposes of the analysis included within this EIR, the City is utilizing the thresholds of significance included within Appendix G of the newly revised CEQA Guidelines (December 2018). The Initial Study was prepared and circulated prior to the new 2019 CEQA amendments. However, the City is now using the new thresholds of significance included within Appendix G to comply with the comprehensive CEQA revisions.