

## 5.17 MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) provides that an EIR shall focus on the significant effects on the environment, discussing the effects with emphasis in proportion to their severity and probability of occurrence. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15065, an EIR must be prepared if a project may have a significant effect on the environment where any of the following conditions occur. Because an Initial Study was not prepared for this project, these issues are discussed below:

***“a) The project has the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, . . . or eliminate important examples of major periods of California history or prehistory.”***

Potential impacts related to habitat of fish or wildlife species were discussed in the Biological Resources Section 5.4, and were all found to be less than significant with mitigation. Additionally, potential impacts to cultural, archaeological and paleontological resources related to major periods of California and the City of Riverside’s history or prehistory were discussed in the Cultural Resources Section 5.5, and were also found to be less than significant with mitigation.

***“b) The project has impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considered . . .”***

The cumulative effects of the proposed project are included in Section 6, Other CEQA Topics, within 6.1 Cumulative Impacts. Impacts were found to be cumulatively significant.

***“c) The environmental effects of the project will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.”***

Based on the analysis and conclusions in this Program EIR, implementation of the General Plan may have potential impacts, directly or indirectly to human beings, with respect to agricultural lands, air quality, noise, population and housing, and traffic. Potential direct and indirect impacts that result from the proposed project are discussed in detail in the Environmental Impact Analysis, Section 5, within each issue area, and are summarized throughout the entire EIR document.

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