

2 REPORT SUMMARY

This summary presents an overview of the analysis contained in *Chapter 4: Environmental Evaluation*. CEQA requires that this chapter summarize the following: 1) areas of controversy; 2) significant impacts; 3) unavoidable significant impacts; 4) implementation of mitigation measures; and 5) alternatives to the project.

A. Project Under Review

This Draft EIR provides an assessment of the potential environmental consequences of adoption of the Proposed General Plan, which includes the Focused Growth Plan. The Proposed General Plan is to serve as the principal policy document for guiding future conservation and development in the City of Chino. The Proposed General Plan includes goals, objectives, policies, and actions which have been designed to implement the City's and community's vision for Chino. The policies and actions would be used by the City to guide day-to-day decision-making so there is continuing progress toward the attainment of the Plan's goals. The Proposed General Plan proposes land use designations to implement the overall goals and vision. The Proposed General Plan and Focused Growth Plan are further detailed in Chapter 3 of this Draft EIR.

B. Areas of Controversy

The Proposed General Plan and Focused Growth Plan are self mitigating with regard to environmental impacts. However, there has been controversy in the past regarding several issues related to the Proposed General Plan, including:

- ◆ The location and type of growth.
- ◆ The fiscal health of the City.

- ◆ The sustained economic vitality of the industrial sector of Chino's economy.
- ◆ Traffic and parking impacts of proposed development.

All of these issues were addressed in the Proposed General Plan process. To the extent that these issues have environmental impacts, they have been addressed in this Draft EIR.

C. Significant Impacts

Under CEQA, a significant impact on the environment is defined as a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project, including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic and aesthetic significance.

Implementation of the Proposed General Plan and Focused Growth Plan, in combination with long-term, region-wide growth and development, has the potential to generate environmental impacts in a number of areas. However, the Proposed General Plan and Focused Growth Plan have been developed to be largely self-mitigating, and, as a result, there are very few impacts that would occur solely on the basis of implementation of the plans.

Nonetheless, the implementation of the Proposed General Plan and Focused Growth Plan has the potential to generate three significant environmental impacts in the two areas listed below:

- ◆ Agricultural Resources
- ◆ Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases (GHGs)

As shown in Table 2-1, each of the impacts listed would be considered significant and unavoidable.

D. Mitigation Measures

The Proposed General Plan and Focused Growth Plan are self-mitigating. As a result, the only significant impacts that have been identified in this Draft EIR are those which are significant and unavoidable, and for which no mitigation is available to reduce the level of the impact to a less-than-significant level. As a result, there are no mitigation measures identified in this Draft EIR.

E. Unavoidable Significant Impacts

Section 15126.2(b) of the CEQA Guidelines requires that an EIR describe any significant impacts that cannot be avoided, even with the implementation of feasible mitigation measures. As described in Chapter 4, and shown in Table 2-1, three unavoidable significant impacts were identified: two in the areas of air quality and GHGs, and one in the area of agricultural resources.

F. Alternatives to the Project

This Draft EIR analyzes alternatives to the Proposed General Plan and Focused Growth Plan. Three alternatives to the proposed project are considered and described in detail in Chapter 5:

- ◆ Existing General Plan Alternative (No Project)
- ◆ Mixed-Use Corridors Alternative
- ◆ Neighborhood Centers Alternative

As shown in the alternatives analysis in Chapter 5, the Proposed General Plan has the least environmental impact and is therefore the environmentally superior alternative. This alternative is very similar to the Existing General Plan (No Project) Alternative, but provides policy statements to reduce the impacts associated with air quality, GHGs, and traffic.

G. Summary Table

Table 2-1 presents a summary of impacts and mitigation measures identified in this report. It is organized to correspond with the environmental issues discussed in Chapter 4.

The table is arranged in four columns: 1) environmental impacts; 2) significance prior to mitigation; 3) mitigation measures; and 4) significance after mitigation. For a complete description of potential impacts, please refer to the specific discussions in Chapter 4.

TABLE 2-1 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

Significant Impact	Significance Before Mitigation	Mitigation Measures	Significance With Mitigation
AESTHETICS			
<i>Since there are no significant impacts related to aesthetics as a result of the projects, no mitigation measures are required.</i>			
AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES			
AG-1: The Proposed General Plan and the Focused Growth General Plan would result in the conversion of two parcels that are currently in an active Williamson Act contract, and which are not found within The Preserve Specific Plan Area. Although the City's Right-to-Farm ordinance would remain in effect, this impact cannot be mitigated and would be significant and unavoidable.	PS	<u>This is a significant and unavoidable impact.</u>	SU
AIR QUALITY AND GREENHOUSE GASES			
AQ-1: Because the land uses proposed in the Proposed General Plan and the Focused Growth Plan are inconsistent with the existing General Plan upon which the SCAQMP was based, the Proposed General Plan and the Focused Growth Plan would not conform to the planning assumptions included in the 2007 SCAQMP. The Proposed General Plan and the Focused Growth Plan would both increase the region's VMT and air emissions beyond what was assumed in the 2007 SCAQMP. Consequently, the Proposed General Plan and the Focused Growth Plan would both conflict with the adopted air plan, and would result in cumulative air quality impacts in the SCAB.	PS	<u>This is a significant and unavoidable impact.</u>	SU

TABLE 2-1 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES (CONTINUED)

Significant Impact	Significance Before Mitigation	Mitigation Measures	Significance With Mitigation
AQ-2: While the Proposed General Plan and the Focused Growth Plan contain objectives, policies, and actions that would reduce emissions, implementation would result in emissions that are greater than 85 percent of existing GHG emissions. Impacts would be <i>significant and unavoidable</i> .	PS	AQ-2: Objective OSC-5.1 Action A1 would be included in the Open Space and Conservation Element as follows: Adopt a Climate Action Plan within 18 months of adoption of this General Plan that demonstrates how the City will achieve the needed reductions of GHG emissions. The Climate Action Plan shall be developed in coordination with SANBAG and SCAQMD.	SU
BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES			
<i>Since there are no significant impacts related to biological resources as a result of the projects, no mitigation measures are required.</i>			
CULTURAL AND PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES			
<i>Since there are no significant impacts related to cultural and paleontological resources as a result of the projects, no mitigation measures are required.</i>			
GEOLOGY, SOILS, AND SEISMICITY			
<i>Since there are no significant impacts related to geology, soils, and seismicity as a result of the projects, no mitigation measures are required.</i>			
HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS			
<i>Since there are no significant impacts related to hazards and hazardous materials as a result of the projects, no mitigation measures are required.</i>			
HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY			
<i>Since there are no significant impacts related to hydrology and water quality as a result of the projects, no mitigation measures are required.</i>			
LAND USE			
<i>Since there are no significant impacts related to land use as a result of the projects, no mitigation measures are required.</i>			

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Significant Impact	Significance Before Mitigation	Mitigation Measures	Significance With Mitigation
NOISE			
<i>Since there are no significant impacts related to noise as a result of the projects, no mitigation measures are required.</i>			
POPULATION, EMPLOYMENT, AND HOUSING			
<i>Since there are no significant impacts related to population, employment, and housing as a result of the projects, no mitigation measures are required.</i>			
PUBLIC SERVICES			
<i>Since there are no significant impacts related to public services as a result of the projects, no mitigation measures are required.</i>			
TRAFFIC AND CIRCULATION			
<i>Since there are no significant impacts related to traffic and circulation as a result of the projects, no mitigation measures are required.</i>			
UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE			
<i>Since there are no significant impacts related to utilities and infrastructure as a result of the projects, no mitigation measures are required.</i>			

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