
Other Less than Significant Effect

The Master Plan Update (the Project) would have less than significant impacts or no impacts pertaining to several of the CEQA topics identified in the CEQA Guidelines Appendix G Checklist, based on the characteristics of the Project and its location. This chapter of the EIR provides a brief description of the regulatory framework, significance criteria and reasons for finding no significant impacts. Certain information about the environmental setting is incorporated where necessary to provide context for the impact conclusion. Topics addressed in this chapter of the EIR include:

- Agriculture and Forest Resources
- Minerals

Agriculture and Forest Resources

There are no local, state or federal laws, regulations, plans, or policies related to agricultural and forest resources that are applicable to the Project. Agricultural and forest resources impacts were evaluated based on the California Department of Conservation Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program, the San Mateo County Williamson Act Program map and site visits.

Farmlands, Agricultural Zoning and Williamson Act Contracts

Agriculture 1: The Project would not convert designated farmland under the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program, nor would it conflict with any existing agricultural zoning or a Williamson Act contract, nor would it involve any changes to the environment that would result in the conversion of designated farmland. **(No Impact)**

The California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection maps important farmland, including Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Local Importance and Grazing Land. Agricultural land is rated according to soil quality and irrigation status; the best quality land is called Prime Farmland. The Project site is not identified as any type of farmland, but is instead identified as “Urban and Built-up.”

Zoning of the Project Site is the Genentech Master Plan zoning designation, which is not intended for agricultural use. There are no Williamson Act contracts applicable to any properties within the Project Site, and there are no identified urban agricultural sites on the Project Site or vicinity.

Mitigation Measures

None necessary

Forest Lands

Agriculture 2: The Project would not conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forestland or timberland, nor would it result in the loss of or conversion of forestland to non-forest uses. **(No Impact)**

There is no timberland or Timberland Production zoning applicable to the Project Site. None of the trees on or adjacent to the Project Site are managed for a public benefit, and even though one of the identified habitat types within the Project Area is “Ornamental Woodland”, this habitat type is not considered forestland for purposes of CEQA. The Project would not result in the loss of forestland or the conversion of forestland to non-forest use. There would be no impact with respect to forestland or timberland.

Mitigation Measures

None needed, and no mitigation measures are necessary.

Cumulative Agricultural Effects

The Project would not result in a cumulatively considerable contribution to a significant cumulative impact on agricultural resources or forestland or timberland. No other proposed, reasonably foreseeable or probable cumulative projects in the East of 101 Area are mapped as either Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland or Farmland of Statewide or Local Importance, and there are no parcels under Williamson Act contract. There is no timberland or Timberland Production zoning applicable in the East of 101 Area.

Mineral Resources

There are no local, state or federal ordinances or policies related to mineral resources that are applicable to the Project. Mineral resource impacts are evaluated based on the California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology Mineral Lands Classification system.

Availability of Mineral Resources

Minerals 1: The Project would not have a significant adverse impact on the availability of a known mineral resource or a locally important mineral resource recovery site. **(No Impact)**

The Project Site is urbanized and located in an urbanized, industrial area in the East of 101 portion of South San Francisco. The Project Site is classified under the Mineral Lands Classification system as an area where available information is inadequate for assignment to any other mineral classification zone, and not designated as an area of significant mineral deposits, and the Project Site has not been delineated as a locally important mineral recovery site in the General Plan. There are no mining activities on the Project Site, and no mining activities are known to have occurred there. Portions of the Project Site are located over Bay fill, where no subsurface mineral resources would be expected. There are no designated mineral resource recovery sites in the vicinity, whose operations or accesses would be adversely affected by the Project.

Mitigation Measures

None needed

Cumulative Mineral Resource Effect

The Project would not result in a cumulatively considerable contribution to a significant adverse cumulative impact on mineral resources. No other proposed, reasonably foreseeable or probable cumulative projects in the East of 101 Area are mapped as containing mineral resources or resource recovery sites.