

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

To define the scope of the EIR, the County of Santa Barbara provided the public and applicable local, State, and Federal agencies an opportunity to comment on a proposed EIR Scoping Document (June 5, 2008) at a meeting on June 24, 2008. Agency and public input received during the comment period and those from the scoping meeting resulted in a Revised EIR Scoping Document (July 10, 2008) which forms the basis for this EIR. This EIR discusses all environmental resources potentially impacted by the proposed project as required by CEQA. Through the scoping process, the County has determined that the EIR analysis should focus on the following resource areas:

- Aesthetic/Visual Resources
- Agricultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Fire Protection
- Geologic Processes
- Hazardous Materials
- Land Use
- Recreation
- Transportation/Circulation
- Water Resources/Flooding

The above resources/issue areas potentially affected by the proposed project are discussed in the following sections. In cases where potentially significant adverse environmental effects are identified, mitigation measures are proposed to avoid, minimize, and/or provide compensatory replacement of the resources that would be negatively impacted.

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