

population within the service area by 260¹. Due to the existing deficiency for both community and neighborhood parks, the population increase could potentially impact the parks service area further. However, several parks have been designated within the area for future development under the City's Public Recreation Plan, which should off-set this deficiency. Furthermore, Related Project No. 8 would be required to pay Quimby Fees which can be used to purchase land for the development of these parks, thus reducing population increase related project impacts. Additionally, Related Project No. 11 would be developed on the MPTF campus, which would provide adequate recreational and open-space to accommodate all new residents on the site. Therefore, impacts to parks and recreation due to the cumulative projects in the service area would be less than significant.

Mitigation Measures

None Required.

Impacts After Mitigation

None anticipated.

5. Libraries

Environmental Setting

The project area is serviced by the Woodland Hills Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library, located at 22200 Ventura Boulevard. This branch library currently has the capacity to serve a population of 50,176², and a planned expansion of the existing building will allow it to accommodate a population of 72,000. The current population served by the Woodland Hills Branch Library is 60,769.

Significance Criteria

The determination of significance shall be made considering the net population increase resulting from the Proposed Project; the demand for library services anticipated at the time of project build-out compared to the expected level of service available; and whether the project includes features that would reduce the demand for library services.

¹ Assumes 4 residents per dwelling unit for Project No. 8, and a total of 200 residents for Project No. 11.

² City of Los Angeles. *Draft L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide*. Exhibit J.5-2, LAPL Branch Facilities, pg. J.5-12. May 14, 1998.

Environmental Impacts

The Proposed Project would involve the redevelopment of a hospital facility, resulting in a net increase of 184,540 square feet of medical and service/administration use, and the development of 269 residential units (with 308 residents) and 21,000 square feet of activity/recreational space in an assisted living retirement community. The demand for library services due to this project would not exceed the expected level of services available once the planned addition to the existing library branch building is constructed. The Los Angeles Public Library Director of Branches, Carmen Martinez, has indicated that the Proposed Project would impact the Woodland Hills Branch very little, if at all, and that the Platt Branch Library, in the northern-most section of Woodland Hills, would not be impacted either¹.

Cumulative Impacts

Related Project Nos. 8 and 11 would be served by the same branch library as the Proposed Project. These two projects would increase the population within the service area by 260². The demand for library services due to this project would not exceed the expected level of services available once the planned addition to the existing library branch building is constructed. Therefore, library impacts due to the cumulative projects in the service area would be less than significant.

Mitigation Measures

None Required.

Impacts After Mitigation

None anticipated.

¹ Carmen Martinez, Director of Branches, Los Angeles Public Library. Letter to Hadar Plafkin, Project Coordinator, City of Los Angeles Planning Department. Dated March 3, 1999.

² Assumes 4 residents per dwelling unit for Project No. 8, and a total of 200 residents for Project No. 11.