
CHAPTER 5: OTHER CEQA CONSIDERATIONS

This chapter presents a summary of environmental impacts and the evaluation of other environmental issues required by CEQA that are not covered in the other chapters of this EIR. The other CEQA considerations include environmental effects that were found not to be significant, growth-inducing impacts, and significant and unavoidable adverse impacts.

5.1 Less than Significant Impacts

Based on the conclusions of the IS (see **Appendix A.3**), the proposed project would have less than significant impacts on the following:

- Aesthetic impacts (except as they relate to historic resources);
- Agricultural resources;
- Biological resources;
- Geology and Soils;
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials;
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land use;
- Mineral Resources;
- Noise;
- Population and Housing;
- Public Services;
- Recreation;
- Transportation, Circulation and Parking;
- Utilities and Service Systems.

5.2 Significant and Unavoidable Impacts

CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.2(b) requires a discussion of any significant impacts that cannot be reduced to levels of insignificance. As discussed in Chapter 3 the proposed project would result in an unavoidable significant adverse impact on Swan Hall a recognized historic resource.

5.3 Growth Inducing Impacts and Precedent

Pursuant to Section 15126.2(d) of the *CEQA Guidelines*, an EIR must address whether a project would directly or indirectly foster growth. Section 15126.2(d) reads as follows:

An EIR shall discuss the ways in which the proposed project could foster economic or population growth, or the construction of additional housing, either directly or indirectly, in the surrounding environment. Included in this are projects which would remove obstacles to population growth (a major expansion of a wastewater treatment plant, might, for example, allow for more construction in service areas). Increases in population may further tax existing community service facilities, requiring construction of new facilities that could cause significant environmental effects. Also discuss the characteristic of some projects which may encourage and facilitate other activities that could significantly affect the

environment, either individually or cumulatively. It must not be assumed that growth in any area is necessarily beneficial, detrimental, or of little significance to the environment.

The proposed project would not induce additional growth; rather the project would accommodate existing students and staff. While the project would not induce growth, it could set a precedent both on the campus and elsewhere for how historic resources are treated that could result in further significant adverse impacts to historic resources. However, substantial changes to each historic resource is generally subject to environmental review and thus the Lead Agency for each project would have an opportunity to impose mitigation measures that reduce impacts to less than significance as appropriate on a case by case basis. Therefore this impact is not considered significant.