

5. *Environmental Analysis*

The CEQA Initial Study Checklist identified two categories with potentially significant impacts, cultural resources and noise. These categories are analyzed in Section 5.1 and Section 5.2, respectively, of this Draft EIR. The remaining 14 categories were eliminated from further analysis by the Initial Study. Since that time, the project description of the proposed project has been updated. At the time of the release of the Notice of Preparation (NOP), as seen in Appendix A, the proposed project included the removal of the Michael White Adobe (Adobe)—either through demolition or relocation—and expansion of the swimming pool, either in place or in the area of the existing basketball courts. However, as described in Chapter 3 of this document, the proposed project now consists only of the demolition of the Michael White Adobe and the creation of an open area in its place. The pool and basketball courts would remain in their current locations and conditions. Accordingly, the project site is now only defined as the area around the Adobe, and no longer includes the pool or the area north of the Adobe.

The update to the project description does not result in any new actions or activities, which were not part of the proposed project as originally described in the Initial Study. Rather, the revisions reduced the scope of the proposed project and reduced the size of the project site. The following is a discussion of each of the environmental categories that was eliminated from further analysis by the Initial Study. As described below, the changes to the project description do not require that any of these areas be analyzed in detail in the EIR.

Aesthetics

The proposed project no longer includes the expansion of the pool or reconstruction of the pool and basketball courts. Instead, the proposed project would create an open area where the Adobe is currently located. This area would be aesthetically similar to the surrounding campus. The revised project would not create substantially different aesthetic effects than the originally proposed project. The conclusions of the Initial Study with regard to aesthetics are accurate, and further analysis is not required.

Agricultural Resources

The update to the project description has reduced the size of the project site and scope of the proposed project. Agricultural resources would not be affected. The conclusions of the Initial Study are accurate, and further analysis is not required.

Air Quality

All air quality impacts were identified in the Initial Study as less than significant. The updated project description would not require expansion of athletic facilities and would result in a smaller construction scope. Therefore, the revised project would result in fewer emissions than originally analyzed in the Initial Study. The revisions to the proposed project would not increase traffic or use of the site and would therefore not increase operational emissions. The analysis of the Initial Study therefore overstates the potential for air quality impacts. It is a conservative analysis. No new air quality impacts were introduced by revisions to the project description, and further analysis is not required.



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Biological Resources

The update to the proposed project reduced the scope of the project and size of the project site. It would not result in any activities which were not analyzed in the Initial Study. The changes to the proposed project would not impact any undeveloped land or result in any new impacts to biological resources. The conclusions of the Initial Study are accurate, and further analysis is not required.

Geology and Soils

The revisions to the proposed project reduced the scope of the project and size of the project site. The revised proposed project would not develop any land which was not analyzed in the Initial Study. The revisions would therefore not result in any new exposure to geologic hazards. The conclusions of the Initial Study are accurate, and further analysis is not required.

Hazards and Hazardous Materials

The revisions to the proposed project reduced the size of the project site. Development would not take place on any new land not considered in the initial study. The revisions to the proposed project would therefore not result in exposure of school occupants to any new hazards or hazardous materials. As the updated project description reduced the scope of the proposed project, and reduce the activities required, the hazards and use of hazardous materials required by the proposed project have been reduced as well. The conclusions of the Initial Study are accurate, and further analysis is not required.

Hydrology and Water Quality

The revisions to the proposed project would not create any new hydrology or water quality impacts. The revisions to the proposed project would not develop any land which was not analyzed in the Initial Study, and would therefore not result in any unanalyzed exposure to flooding, inundation, or other hydrology hazards. The reduced scope of the project description would further lessen impacts to water quality. The conclusions of the Initial Study are accurate, and further analysis is not required.

Land Use and Planning

The revisions to the proposed project would not introduce any new planning conflicts and would not physically divide an established community. The updated project description consist only of reductions to the originally proposed actions. The conclusions of the Initial Study are accurate, and further analysis is not required.

Mineral Resources

The updated project description reduced the size of the project site. Development would not take place on any new land not considered in the initial study. The availability of mineral resources would be unaffected by the updated project. The conclusions of the Initial Study are accurate, and further analysis is not required.

Population and Housing

The revisions to the proposed project would not induce growth, or displace houses or people. The reduction in scope of the proposed project would not introduce any new population or housing impacts. The conclusions of the Initial Study are accurate, and further analysis is not required.

Public Services

Impacts to public services are generally caused by population growth, or increased intensity of use at a site. The originally proposed project, as analyzed in the Initial Study, would have made improvements to athletic facilities, which would have been available to the public. In that way, the originally proposed project may have slightly increased the intensity of use of the site. However, the revised project description no longer includes improvements to athletic facilities and would not increase the intensity of use of the site. For this reason, the Initial Study overstates the impacts to public services which would occur. The public services analysis in the Initial Study is conservative. The conclusions of the Initial Study are accurate and further analysis is not required.

Recreation

The reduction of the scope of the proposed project would not increase use of recreation facilities or require the construction of new recreation facilities. The conclusions of the Initial Study are accurate, and further analysis is not required.

Transportation and Traffic

The updated project description would generate new vehicle trips to the project site or require changes to roadways. The traffic analysis in the Initial Study is accurate, and further analysis is not required.

Utilities and Service Systems

The originally proposed project, as analyzed in the Initial Study, would have expanded recreational facilities at the project site, including the pool. This also could have slightly increased the use of the project site, and consequently resulted in an incremental increase in water consumption and demand for wastewater treatment. The revised project description would not expand the pool or make other improvements to athletic facilities, or otherwise increase the use of the site. For this reason, the Initial Study overstates the impacts to utilities which would occur. The utilities analysis in the Initial Study is conservative. The conclusions of the Initial Study are accurate, and further analysis is not required.



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