

10. Growth-Inducing Impacts of the Proposed Project

Pursuant to Sections 15126(d) and 15126.2(d) of the CEQA Guidelines, this section is provided to examine 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. Also required is an assessment of other projects that would foster other activities which could affect the environment, individually or cumulatively. To address this issue, potential growth-inducing effects will be examined through analysis of the following questions:

- Would this project remove obstacles to growth, e.g., through the construction or extension of major infrastructure facilities that do not presently exist in the project area, or through changes in existing regulations pertaining to land development?
- Would this project result in the need to expand one or more public services to maintain desired levels of service?
- Would this project encourage or facilitate economic effects that could result in other activities that could significantly affect the environment?
- Would approval of this project involve some precedent-setting action that could encourage and facilitate other activities that could significantly affect the environment?



Please note that growth-inducing effects are not to be construed as necessarily beneficial, detrimental, or of little significance to the environment. This issue is presented to provide additional information on ways in which this project could contribute to significant changes in the environment.

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The proposed project would not intensify land use and would not involve the construction or extension of infrastructure facilities. The proposed project consists of the removal of a historic building, which would be replaced by an open area. No changes would be made to existing regulations pertaining to land development. As a result, the proposed project would not be growth inducing and would not remove any obstacles to growth.

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As discussed in the Initial Study (Appendix A) and Chapter 5 of this EIR, the proposed project would not have a substantial effect on demand for any public services, including police and fire protection, parks, schools, and libraries. The proposed project consists of the demolition of a historic building. It would not increase the school's enrollment or capacity, or the population of the area. The proposed project would not be growth inducing with respect to the expansion of public services.

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The proposed project would demolish the Michael White Adobe. This would result in a slight increase in jobs associated with the construction efforts required. However, the economic effects would be minor and temporary. As a result, the proposed project would not be growth inducing with respect to economic activities.

Would approval of this project involve some precedent-setting action that could encourage and facilitate other activities that could significantly affect the environment?

The proposed project would not promote growth as it consists of removal of a building on an existing high school campus. Pressures to develop other land in the surrounding area would derive from regional economic conditions and market demands for housing, commercial, and industrial land uses that are not directly or indirectly influenced by the proposed project. Approval of the proposed project would not, therefore, involve a precedent-setting action that could be applied to other properties and thereby encourage or facilitate growth that would not otherwise occur.