

Introduction

Subchapters A–I in this chapter describe the environmental settings and analyze the environmental impacts of the proposed project with regard to the following resource topics:

- land use and planning,
- cultural resources,
- transportation and traffic,
- public services and utilities,
- air quality,
- noise,
- visual quality,
- shadow and wind, and
- hazards and hazardous materials.

Organization of Subchapters

The “Setting” section for each resource topic describes the existing conditions in the project area, thereby providing a point of reference (or baseline) for comparison with the environmental impacts of the proposed project. The regulatory setting is also described in this section, identifying local, state, and federal regulations and policies applicable to each resource topic.

The “Impacts and Mitigation Measures” section for each topic

- describes the basis for determining whether the impacts of the proposed project on resources are significant, less than significant, or beneficial;
- describes the methodology for the impact analysis;

- identifies the direct and indirect impacts associated with implementation of the proposed project; and
- recommends mitigation measures for impacts considered significant.

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