

N. Other Environmental Topics

This section addresses environmental topics under CEQA for which the project would have no impact, and thus are not analyzed in this EIR.

Agricultural Resources

The project would not result in impacts to agricultural resources. (No Impact)

As discussed in Section IV.A (Land Use, Plans, and Policies), the Oakland General Plan Land Use Map designates various residential, institutional, and commercial land use classifications on and surrounding with project site. The project area, as with the majority of developed land in the City of Oakland, is designated by the California Department of Conservation's Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program as Urban and Built-Up Land (Department of Conservation, 1998). Therefore, specifically, the project would not convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance to non-agricultural use; would not conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract; and would not involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of farmland to non-agricultural use. The project would have no impact on agricultural resources.

Mineral Resources

The project would not result in impacts on mineral resources. (No Impact)

According to the City's Open Space, Recreation, and Conservation Element of the General Plan, the project is located in a developed urban area that has no known existing mineral resources.

The California Geological Survey (CGS) has classified lands within the San Francisco Bay Region into Mineral Resource Zones (MRZs) based on guidelines adopted by the California State Mining and Geology Board, as mandated by the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) of 1974 (Stinson et al., 1982). The project area is mapped by the CDMG as MRZ-1, an area where adequate information indicates a low likelihood of significant mineral resources (Stinson, et al., 1982). The intent of designating significant deposits is to identify areas where mineral extraction could occur prior to development. Therefore, the project would not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state; and would not result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan. The project would have no impact on mineral resources.

Mitigation: None Required.

References – Other Environmental Topics

City of Oakland, *Land Use and Transportation Element of the Oakland General Plan*, March 24, 1998, as amended.

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