

8. UNAVOIDABLE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

8.1 Significant Unavoidable Impacts

Section 15126.2(b) of the CEQA Guidelines requires that an EIR describe any significant impacts that cannot be avoided, even with the implementation of feasible mitigation measures.

The environmental effects of the proposed project on various aspects of the environment are discussed in detail in Chapter 5 of this EIR. There were no cumulative significant and unavoidable impacts associated with the proposed project. Significant and unavoidable project impacts include:

Impact Number

- AQ-2 Based on localized emission calculations, the proposed project would result in a significant localized construction impact from PM10 emissions;
- VIS-3: Visual Intrusion of Overhead Contact System Elements.

8.2 Significant Irreversible Environmental Effects

Section 15126.2(c) of the CEQA Guidelines requires a discussion of any significant irreversible environmental changes that would be caused by the proposed project. Generally, a project would result in significant irreversible environmental changes if:

- The primary and secondary impacts would generally commit future generations to similar uses;
- The project would involve uses in which irreversible damage could result from any potential environmental accidents associated with the project;
- The project would involve a large commitment of nonrenewable resources;
- The proposed consumption of resources is not justified (e.g., the project involves the wasteful use of energy).

Development of the proposed project would not result in significant irreversible environmental effects.