

What Is in the Draft EIR?

What is an Environmental Impact Report?

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR):

- Is required by CEQA for projects that may have significant environmental impacts.
- Identifies potential physical environmental impacts of a project.
- Informs the public and public agency decision-makers prior to deciding whether to approve a project.
- Recommends ways to reduce significant environmental impacts.

The Draft EIR analyzes impacts to the following resource areas:

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology, Soils, Seismicity, and Paleontological Resources
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials

- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise and Vibration
- Population and Housing/ Growth-Inducing
- Public Services and Utilities and Service Systems
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Wildfire
- Cumulative

Construction Impacts*

Resource Area	No Impact	Less-than- Significant Impact	Less-than- Significant Impact with Mitigation	Significant and Unavoidable Impact
Aesthetics				
Agricultural Resources				
Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions				
Biological Resources				
Cultural Resources				
Tribal Cultural Resources				
Energy				
Geology, Soils, Seismicity, and Paleontological Resources				
Hazards and Hazardous Materials				
Hydrology and Water Quality				
Land Use and Planning				
Mineral Resources				
Noise and Vibration				
Population and Housing				
Public Services and Utilities and Service Systems				
Recreation				
Safety and Security				
Transportation				
Wildfire				
Cumulative				

^{*} All operational impacts would be less than significant



Agricultural Resource Impacts

Construction of the Project would require temporary and permanent use of agricultural land. Even with implementation of Mitigation Measure AG-1: Restore Important Farmlands and Mitigation Measure AG-2: Conserve Important Farmlands, the impact of conversion of Important Farmland to non-agricultural use could be a significant and unavoidable impact during construction of the Project.

Mitigation measures would incorporate the following:

MM AG-1

- Prepare a restoration plan for temporary impacts.
- Remove and stockpile top 18 inches of soil for replacement onsite.
- Plan will include time-stamped photograph of pre-construction conditions.
- Staging areas will be returned to condition equal to pre-construction staging condition.

MM AG-2

- SJJPA enter agreement with DOC and its California Farmland Conservancy Program.
- Fund purchase of agricultural easements from willing sellers.













