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SECTION 9.0 EFFECTS FOUND NOT TO BE SIGNIFICANT

Due to the Lead Agency's (City of Fullerton) decision to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), an Initial Study was not prepared to determine significant effects of the proposed General Plan Update. This option is permitted under Section 15063(a) of the *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines*, which states that if the Lead Agency determines an EIR will be required for a project, the Lead Agency may skip further initial review and begin work on the EIR. However, the Initial Study Environmental Checklist form contained in Appendix G of the *CEQA Guidelines* was utilized to show the areas considered within the EIR. In the course of this evaluation, certain impacts of The Fullerton Plan 2030 were found to be less than significant due to the inability of a project of this scope to create such impacts or the absence of project characteristics producing effects of this type. The following discussion briefly describes the potential impacts found not to be significant as a result of implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030. In addition, this section summarizes which impacts were found to be less than significant in this EIR, both with and without the imposition of mitigation measures.

9.1 INITIAL STUDY/ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST CONCLUSIONS

The following impacts were identified as no impact or less than significant, and therefore were not address further in the EIR.

AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES

- Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use.
- Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract.
- Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g)).
- Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use.
- Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use.

HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area.

LAND USE AND PLANNING

- Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan.

NOISE

- For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels.

9.2 EIR CONCLUSIONS

LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS WITHOUT MITIGATION

The following impacts were identified as less than significant and did not require additional mitigation beyond the proposed General Plan Update Policies and Actions.

LAND USE AND PLANNING

- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not physically divide an established community.
- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not conflict with applicable Federal or State agency policies and regulations.
- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not conflict with SCAG's Intergovernmental Review policies.
- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would conflict with local plans, policies, and regulations.
- Development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 and cumulative development would not result in cumulatively considerable land use impacts.

POPULATION, HOUSING, AND EMPLOYMENT

- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not induce substantial population growth in the City by proposing new homes and businesses.

- Fullerton Plan 2030 would not induce housing, population, and employment growth resulting in cumulative impacts.

AESTHETICS AND LIGHT/GLARE

- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not have an adverse effect on a scenic vista.
- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not have an adverse effect on a State Scenic Highway/Scenic Corridor/Rural Street.
- Future development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not permanently degrade the visual character of the respective development site and its immediate surroundings.
- Future development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not create new sources of light and glare that could adversely affect views in the area.

TRAFFIC AND CIRCULATION

- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not result in a change in air traffic patterns resulting in substantial safety risks.
- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not result in increased hazards due to a design feature or incompatible uses.
- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not result in inadequate emergency access.
- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities or decrease their performance or safety.

AIR QUALITY

- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 could result in an overall increase in odors within the City.
- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 could result in an overall increase in carbon monoxide hotspot emissions within the City, which could exceed South Coast Air Quality Management District air quality standards.
- The Fullerton Plan 2030 may conflict with or hinder implementation of the Southern California Association of Government's Regional Comprehensive Plan Guidelines and the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Air Quality Management Plan.

GEOLOGY AND SOILS

- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not expose people and structures to potential substantial adverse effects involving fault rupture.
- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not expose people and structures to potential substantial adverse effects involving seismic-related hazards.
- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil.
- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not result in development/ improvements that are located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, resulting in landslides or subsidence.
- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not result in development/ improvements that are located on expansive soils, resulting in risk to life or property.
- Future development resulting from implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not result in cumulative impacts related to seismic, geologic, and soil conditions.

HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

- Development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan would not deplete groundwater supplies.
- Development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan would not result in alteration of drainage patterns of the site or area, including alteration of a stream or river, resulting in substantial erosion, flooding, or significant risk of loss.
- Development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan would not result in the placement of housing or structures within a 100-year flood hazard area.
- Future development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan could result in new uses being located in dam inundation areas of the City.
- Development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan would not result in inundation of new uses by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow.

HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- Future development in the City would not create a significant hazard to the public and the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials.
- Future development within the City would not emit or handle hazardous emissions within one-quarter mile of an existing school.

- Future development in the City would not expose people or structures to significant risk involving wildland fires.

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not interfere with an established wildlife corridor.
- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not conflict with a local policy or ordinance protecting biological resources.
- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not conflict with the provisions of the East Coyote Hills Habitat Conservation Plan.

FIRE PROTECTION

- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not adversely impact fire protection services within the City.
- Future development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not result in cumulative impacts to fire protection services.

POLICE PROTECTION

- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not adversely impact police protection services within the City.
- Future development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not result in cumulative impacts to police protection services.

PARKS AND RECREATION

- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would not result in impacts to the availability of parkland and recreational facilities within the City.
- Future development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 and other cumulative development would not result in cumulatively considerable impacts to parkland and recreational facilities.

WATER SUPPLY

- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would result in increased demand for water supplies and infrastructure within the City.

- Future development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 and other cumulative development would not result in cumulatively considerable impacts to water resources including increased demand for water supplies and infrastructure.

SOLID WASTE

- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would result in increased demands on local landfills in exceedance of current capacity constraints.

- Future development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 and other cumulative development would not result in cumulatively considerable impacts to solid waste disposal services and landfill disposal capacity.

ELECTRICITY

- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would result in increased demand for electricity supply.

- Future development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 and other cumulative development would not result in cumulatively considerable impacts to electrical supply and infrastructure.

NATURAL GAS

- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 would result in increased demand for natural gas supply.

- Future development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 and other cumulative development would not result in cumulatively considerable impacts to natural gas supply and infrastructure.

LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS WITH MITIGATION

The following impacts were identified as potentially significant, but were reduced to less than significant with the imposition of proposed General Plan Update Policies and Implementation Measures, as well as additional mitigation measures.

AESTHETICS AND LIGHT/GLARE

- Construction activities for future development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 could temporarily degrade the visual character of the respective development site and/or its immediate surroundings.

- Future development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 could result in cumulatively considerable aesthetic and light/glare impacts.

TRAFFIC AND CIRCULATION

- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 could exceed standards established by the Orange County Congestion Management Plan.

NOISE

- Construction-related activities resulting from implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 could generate noise levels in excess of established standards.
- Construction-related activities resulting from implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 could generate or expose persons or structures to excessive ground-borne vibration.
- Future noise levels associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 could contribute to an exceedance of the City's noise standards resulting in potential noise impacts to sensitive receptors.
- Cumulative short-term construction noise as a result of implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 could result in cumulatively considerable impacts.

HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan would not violate water quality standards and waste discharge requirements.
- Development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan would create or contribute runoff water which could exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff.
- Future development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan and cumulative development could result in cumulatively considerable impacts related to hydrology, drainage, and water quality.

HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- Short-term construction-related activities associated with future development could create a significant hazard to the public or environment through accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials.
- Long-term operation activities associated with future development could create a significant hazard to the public or environment through accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials.
- Future development within the City could be located on a hazardous materials site creating a significant hazard to the public or the environment.

- Future development within the City could interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or evacuation plan.
- Future development resulting from implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 could result in cumulative impacts related to hazards and hazardous materials.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 could adversely impact the significance of a historical resource.
- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 could adversely impact the significance of an archaeological resource.
- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 could adversely impact the significance of a paleontological resource.
- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 could disturb human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries.
- Future development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 could result in cumulative impacts to cultural resources or human remains.

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 could have an adverse effect either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species.
- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 could have an adverse effect on a sensitive vegetation community, including riparian habitat and federally protected wetlands.
- Development associated with implementation of the proposed project and cumulative development could result in cumulatively considerable impacts to biological resources.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 could result in adverse physical impacts to facilities within the Fullerton School District, Fullerton Joint Union High School District, and Placentia-Yorba Linda School District.
- Future development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 and other cumulative development could result in cumulatively considerable impacts to school facilities.

WASTEWATER

- Implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 could result in increased demand for wastewater services and infrastructure.
- Future development associated with implementation of The Fullerton Plan 2030 and other cumulative development could result in cumulatively considerable impacts to wastewater services and infrastructure.

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