



DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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## **7.1 INTRODUCTION**

This discussion is based on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) dated September 7, 2007, as contained in Appendix A, *Initial Study/NOP*, to this EIR (circulated for public review between September 7, 2007 and October 8, 2007). The San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) prepared an IS/NOP to determine the potentially significant effects of the proposed project and to assist in scoping the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) issues. As discussed in Sections 2 and 3 of this EIR, LAFCO also conducted a public scoping meeting to provide an additional opportunity to receive public input (see Appendix A). In the course of this evaluation, certain impacts of the project were found to be less than significant because of the inability of a project of this limited scope to create such impacts or the absence of project characteristics producing effects of this type. Although *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15128 allows this discussion to incorporate an attached Initial Study by reference (refer to Appendix A, *Initial Study/NOP*), the following section provides a brief description of effects found not to be significant or less than significant, based on the NOP comments and subsequent analyses conducted through the EIR preparation process, which encompasses in its totality, an analysis of the mandatory findings of significance criteria identified as potentially significant in the IS process. Impacts found not to be significant during the IS process are provided below, while impacts identified as potentially significant in the IS are analyzed in the EIR. It should be noted that based on the both the environmental analysis provided in the EIR and the IS, no significant impacts have been identified, including “mandatory findings of significance” noted in Section XVII of the IS.

## **7.2 EFFECTS FOUND NOT TO BE SIGNIFICANT**

Several categories in the CEQA Checklist, including Aesthetics, Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, and Transportation/Traffic, were found to have no impacts that warranted discussion in any of the impact discussion sections contained in this document. A brief description and rationale for the determination of effects found not to be significant for these categories is provided below. For a more detailed analysis, refer to Appendix A, *Initial Study/NOP*, containing the Initial Study Checklist and determination of effects found not to be significant for these categories.

### 7.2.1 AESTHETICS

The proposed project consists of the consolidation of the Conservation District and Valley District with no physical changes to any existing facilities or the environment. As no known physical changes in the environment will occur, the proposed project has no potential to have an impact on any aesthetic characteristic within the project area. Therefore, no impacts to aesthetic resources are anticipated to result from implementation of the proposed project; refer to Appendix A, *NOP*, containing the Initial Study for a more detailed analysis.

### 7.2.2 AIR QUALITY

The proposed project consists of the consolidation of the Conservation District and Valley District with no physical changes to any existing facilities or the environment. As no known physical changes in the environment will occur, the proposed project has no potential to have any direct or indirect impacts on air emissions or air quality within the project area. Therefore, no impacts to air quality are anticipated to result from implementation of the proposed project; refer to Appendix A, *Initial Study/NOP*, containing the Initial Study for a more detailed analysis. As discussed in Section 5.3.8, *Regional Cumulative Impacts*, the Project is not anticipated to result in any significant global climate change impacts.

### 7.2.3 CULTURAL RESOURCES

The proposed project consists of the consolidation of the Conservation District and Valley District with no physical changes to any existing facilities or the environment. As no known physical changes in the environment will occur, the proposed project has no potential to have any direct or indirect activities that would disturb or otherwise damage historical, pre-historical, paleontological, or human remains within the project area. Therefore, no impacts to cultural resources are anticipated to result from implementation of the proposed project; refer to Appendix A, *Initial Study/NOP*, containing the Initial Study for a more detailed analysis.

### 7.2.4 GEOLOGY AND SOILS

The proposed project consists of the consolidation of the Conservation District and Valley District with no physical changes to any existing facilities or the environment. As no known physical changes in the environment will occur, the proposed project has no potential to have any direct or indirect activities that would disturb or otherwise damage the geology and soils within the project area. Therefore, no impacts to geology and soils are anticipated to result from implementation of the proposed project; refer to Appendix A, *Initial Study/NOP*, containing the Initial Study for a more detailed analysis.

### 7.2.5 HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The proposed project consists of the consolidation of the Conservation District and Valley District with no physical changes to any existing facilities or the environment. As no known physical changes in the environment will occur, the proposed project has no potential to have any direct or indirect activities that would create, release, or emit hazards or hazardous materials within the project area. The proposed project will not contain, handle, or store any potential sources of chemicals or compounds that will present a significant risk of accidental explosion or release of hazardous substances. Therefore, no impacts from the creation, release, or emittance of hazards or hazardous wastes are anticipated to result from implementation of

the proposed project; refer to Appendix A, *Initial Study/NOP*, containing the Initial Study for a more detailed analysis.

#### 7.2.6 NOISE

The proposed project consists of the consolidation of the Conservation District and Valley District with no physical changes to any existing facilities or the environment. As no known physical changes in the environment will occur, the proposed project has no potential to have any direct or indirect impact on noise generation or noise levels within the project area. As such, the approval of the proposed consolidation of the two agencies is concluded to have no potential to cause any direct or indirect noise impacts that would have a potential to adversely impact any sensitive noise receptors or expose humans to existing noise levels. Therefore, no impacts related to noise are anticipated to result from implementation of the proposed project; refer to Appendix A, *Initial Study/NOP*, containing the Initial Study for a more detailed analysis.

#### 7.2.7 POPULATION AND HOUSING

The proposed project consists of the consolidation of the Conservation District and Valley District with no physical changes to any existing facilities or the environment. As no known physical changes in the environment will occur, the proposed project has no potential to have any direct or indirect impact on the demand for population and housing within the project area. Therefore, no impacts related to population and housing are anticipated to result from implementation of the proposed project; refer to Appendix A, *Initial Study/NOP*, containing the Initial Study for a more detailed analysis.

#### 7.2.8 PUBLIC SERVICES

The proposed project consists of the consolidation of the Conservation District and Valley District with no physical changes to any existing facilities or the environment. As no known physical changes in the environment will occur, the proposed project has no potential to have any direct or indirect impact on demand for public services (fire protection, police protection, schools, or parks) or the demand for altered governmental facilities with a potential adverse impact from their construction. Therefore, no impacts related to public services are anticipated to result from implementation of the proposed project; refer to Appendix A, *Initial Study/NOP*, containing the Initial Study for a more detailed analysis.

#### 7.2.9 RECREATION

The proposed project consists of the consolidation of the Conservation District and Valley District with no physical changes to any existing facilities or the environment. As no known physical changes in the environment will occur, the proposed project has no potential to have any direct or indirect impact on demand for recreation or the demand for new recreational facilities with a potential for adverse impacts from their construction. Therefore, no impacts related to recreation are anticipated to result from implementation of the proposed project; refer to Appendix A, *Initial Study/NOP*, containing the Initial Study for a more detailed analysis.

#### 7.2.10 TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

The proposed project consists of the consolidation of the Conservation District and Valley District with no physical changes to any existing facilities or the environment. As no known physical changes in the environment will occur, the proposed project has no potential to have

any direct or indirect impact on transportation and traffic. Therefore, no impacts related to transportation and traffic are anticipated to result from implementation of the proposed project; refer to Appendix A, *Initial Study/NOP*, containing the Initial Study for a more detailed analysis.