

## 7.0 EFFECTS FOUND NOT TO BE SIGNIFICANT

Through the Initial Study and scoping process, the City of Cypress determined that there was no substantial evidence that implementation of the proposed General Plan Update would cause or otherwise result in significant environmental effects in the resource areas discussed below. As indicated in the CEQA Guidelines, no further environmental review of these issues is necessary for the reasons summarized in the following discussion. The substantiation for determining that these issues would result in no impact, or a less than significant impact, is described in further detail in Appendix F, *Notice of Preparation*, pursuant to Section 15128 of the CEQA Guidelines.

### AESTHETICS

- *Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista:* No existing land use designations would be significantly modified as a result of implementation of the proposed General Plan Update for the City of Cypress. Additionally, no specific development projects would be included in the proposed General Plan Update. Implementation of the proposed General Plan Update for the City would not affect scenic vistas within the City of Cypress. Any new or additional policies or modifications to existing General Plan policies regarding scenic resources would be intended to strengthen the protection of such resources.
- *Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway:* The proposed General Plan Update for the City of Cypress would not result in any significant impacts to scenic resources within the City as no existing land use designations are being modified in the proposed General Plan Update. Additionally, the City of Cypress does not include, nor is it adjacent to a State Scenic Highway. Any new or additional policies, or modifications to existing General Plan policies, regarding scenic resources would be intended to strengthen the protection of such resources.
- *Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings:* The proposed General Plan Update for the City of Cypress would not result in any significant impacts to scenic resources within the City as no existing land use designations are being modified in the proposed General Plan Update. Any new or additional policies, or modifications to existing General Plan policies, regarding scenic resources would be intended to strengthen the protection of such resources.
- *Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area:* Implementation of the proposed General Plan Update for the City would not result in any new sources of substantial light or glare in the City. No specific development projects are included in the proposed General Plan Update and no existing land use designations are being modified. Any new or additional policies, or modifications to existing General Plan policies, regarding scenic resources would be intended to strengthen the protection of such resources.

### AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

- *Convert Farmland to non-agricultural uses:* No existing land use designations are being modified in the proposed General Plan Update for the City of Cypress. Farmland remaining in the City is located in the Business Park, and is subject to development under the appropriate Specific Plans. The proposed General Plan Update would not involve any changes to the land use designations in the Business Park or to the relevant Specific Plans. No impacts to the conversion of Farmland would occur with implementation of the proposed General Plan Update.

- *Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract:* No existing land use designations are being modified in the proposed General Plan Update for the City of Cypress. Additionally, the City does not contain any land under a Williamson Act contract. The proposed General Plan Update does not involve any changes to policies regarding agricultural resources within the City.
- *Involve other changes in the existing environment which could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use:* No existing land use designations are being modified in the proposed General Plan Update for the City of Cypress. Implementation of the proposed General Plan Update would not convert farmland to non-agricultural uses within the City. Additionally, all farmland within the City is located in the Business Park, and is subject to the Specific Plans guiding development in the area.

**AIR QUALITY**

- *Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people:* Implementation of the proposed General Plan Update for the City of Cypress would not create odors affecting a substantial number of people, as no existing land use designations would be modified. Any new or additional policies, or modifications to existing General Plan policies regarding air resources would be intended to strengthen the protection of such resources, and further eliminate negative impacts on air quality, including objectionable odors.

**BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

- *Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or indirectly through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:* The proposed General Plan Update would not involve any land use modifications. Implementation of the proposed General Plan Update would not adversely affect any candidate, sensitive, or special status species. Any new or additional policies, or modifications to existing General Plan policies, regarding biological resources would be intended to strengthen the protection of such resources.
- *Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:* No existing land use designations are being modified as part of the proposed General Plan Update for the City of Cypress. Implementation of the proposed General Plan Update would not adversely affect any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community. Any new or additional policies, or modifications to existing General Plan policies, regarding biological resources would be intended to strengthen the protection of such resources.
- *Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act:* No existing land use designations are being modified as part of the proposed General Plan Update for the City of Cypress. No known wetlands exist within the City. As such, implementation of the proposed General Plan Cypress would not adversely affect any federally protected wetlands.
- *Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites:* The proposed General Plan Update would not involve any modifications to existing land use designations. Implementation of the proposed General Plan Update would not adversely affect the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife

nursery sites. Any new or additional policies, or modifications to existing General Plan policies, regarding biological resources would be intended to strengthen the protection of such resources.

- *Conflict with any local policies of ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance:* . Implementation of the proposed General Plan Update would not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources. The City of Cypress has adopted a Landmark Tree Ordinance, and the proposed General Plan Update would not result in any conflicts with the ordinance. Any new or additional policies, or modifications to existing General Plan policies, regarding the Landmark Tree Ordinance, or other ordinances protection biological resources would be intended to strengthen the protection of such resources.
- *Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan:* No areas within the City of Cypress are included within any natural community conservation plans or other habitat conservation plans. As such, implementation of the proposed General Plan Update would not conflict with the provisions of any such plans.

## CULTURAL RESOURCES

- *Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in § 15064.5:* No existing land use designations are being modified as part of the proposed General Plan Update for the City of Cypress. Implementation of the proposed General Plan Update would not affect the significance of any historical resources within the City. Any new or additional policies, or modifications to existing General Plan policies, regarding cultural resources would be intended to strengthen the protection of such resources.
- *Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5:* No existing land use designations are being modified as part of the proposed General Plan Update for the City of Cypress. Additionally, no known archaeological resources exist within the City. The proposed General Plan Update would not affect the significance of any archaeological resources within the City. New or additional policies, or modifications to existing General Plan policies, regarding archaeological resources would be intended to strengthen the protection of such resources, should any be discovered in the City.
- *Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature:* There are no known paleontological resources in the City of Cypress. Any new or additional policies, or modifications to existing General Plan policies regarding paleontological resources would be intended to strengthen the protection of these resources, should any be discovered in the City.
- *Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries:* Implementation of the proposed General Plan Update would not disturb any human remains including those interred outside of formal cemeteries within the City of Cypress. Additionally, no existing land use designations are being modified as part of the proposed General Plan Update for the City of Cypress. Any new or additional policies or modifications to existing General Plan policies, regarding cultural resources would be intended to strengthen the protection of such resources.

## GEOLOGY AND SOILS

- *Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water:* Cypress is a fully serviced, urban City. Any new development within the City would connect to the City's sewer and storm drain system. Septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems would not be used.

## 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:* No private airstrips are located within the City of Cypress. The proposed General Plan Update makes no provisions, nor does it include the development of any private airstrips in the City. Therefore, no impacts associated with people residing or working in the vicinity of a private airstrip would result from implementation of the proposed General Plan Update.
- *Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan:* No existing land use designations are being modified as part of the proposed General Plan Update. Therefore, implementation of the proposed General Plan Update would not result in any interference with any emergency response plans or emergency evacuation plans for the City.
- *Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands:* Cypress is a built out, urban City that is surrounded by urban development. No wildlands exist within or around the City. Therefore, implementation of the proposed General Plan Update would not expose people or structures to any impacts related to wildland fires.

## HYDROLOGY AND DRAINAGE

- *Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow:* The proposed General Plan Update would not result in any impacts related to inundation of the City by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow. The City of Cypress has not identified seiche, tsunami, or mudflow as a key safety risk. The proposed General Plan Update project would not create any new hazards, or risks associated with these events. No impacts would occur.

## LAND USE

- *Physically divide an established community:* The City of Cypress is largely built-out, and the proposed General Plan Update does not contain any specific development projects. There are approximately 149 acres of vacant land within the City, making up approximately 3.5 percent of the City's total acreage. Most of the vacant land that could potentially be developed under ultimate City buildout is located in the City's Business Park, and not within existing residential communities. Therefore, implementation of the proposed General Plan Update would not result in the division of an established community within the City of Cypress, and no impacts would occur.

## MINERAL RESOURCES

- *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:* No known mineral resources are located within the City. Therefore, implementation of the proposed General Plan Update would not result in the loss of any known mineral resources.
- *Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site:* No locally-important mineral resource recovery sites are located within the City. Therefore, implementation of the proposed General Plan Update would not result in the loss of any such resources or resource recovery sites.

## NOISE

- For a project within the vicinity of a private strip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels: No private airstrips are located within the City of Cypress. The proposed General Plan Update makes no provisions, nor does it include the development of any private airstrips in the City. Therefore, no noise impacts associated with people residing or working in the vicinity of a private airstrip would result from implementation of the proposed General Plan Update.

## TRANSPORTATION/CIRCULATION

- *Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks:* Existing land use designations are not being significantly modified as part of the proposed General Plan Update, but instead are modified to provide clarification. The land use pattern for the City remains unchanged. Therefore, implementation of the proposed General Plan Update for the City would not result in any changes to air traffic patterns at the JFTC Los Alamitos.
- *Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature or incompatible uses:* No specific developments are included in the proposed General Plan Update. This issue is more appropriately addressed at the project level. No impacts are anticipated at this time.
- *Result in inadequate emergency access:* No specific developments are included in the proposed General Plan Update. This issue is more appropriately addressed at the project level. No impacts are anticipated at this time.
- *Result in inadequate parking capacity:* No specific developments are included in the proposed General Plan Update. This issue is more appropriately addressed at the project level. No impacts are anticipated at this time.