

## CHAPTER 4: EFFECTS FOUND NOT TO BE SIGNIFICANT

### 4.1 - Introduction

This chapter is based on the Del Hombro Apartments Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Notice of Preparation (NOP), dated October 29, 2018, and contained in Appendix A of this EIR. The NOP was prepared to identify the potentially significant effects of the project and was circulated for public review between October 29, 2018 and November 28, 2018. In the course of the NOP evaluation, certain impacts were found to be less than significant, because construction and operation of the project would not result in such impacts. This chapter provides a brief description of effects found not to be significant or less than significant, based on the NOP, NOP public comments received, or more detailed analysis conducted as part of the EIR preparation process. No NOP public comments were received related to Agriculture and Forestry Resources and Mineral Resources. Note that a number of impacts that are found to be less than significant are addressed in the various EIR topical sections (Sections 3.1 through 3.18) to provide more comprehensive discussion of why impacts are less than significant, in order to better inform decision makers and the general public.

### 4.2 - Environmental Effects Found Not To Be Significant

#### 4.2.1 - Agriculture and Forestry Resources

No agricultural land or forestland currently exist on the project site. The project site is currently designated for Multiple-Family Residential-Very High (MV) uses in Contra Costa County General Plan and for Single-Family Residential (R-15) and Planned Unit District (P-1) uses in the Contra Costa County Zoning Map.<sup>1,2</sup> The project site is mapped “Urban and Built-up Land,” a non-agricultural designation, by the California Department of Conservation Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program.<sup>3</sup> As such, construction and operation of the project would not result in the conversion of Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance to non-agricultural uses, would not conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act contract, would not conflict with existing zoning for forestland or timberland, and would not result in loss or conversion of forestland to non-forest uses.<sup>4,5</sup> Therefore, no impact related to agriculture or forestry resources would occur.

#### 4.2.2 - Mineral Resources

There are no mineral resource recovery sites on or in the vicinity of the project site.<sup>6</sup> Therefore, implementation of the project would not result in the loss of a locally important mineral resource

<sup>1</sup> Contra Costa County. 2017. Contra Costa County General Plan, Land Use Element Map. Website: <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/30949/Land-Use-Element-Map?bidId=>. Accessed November 16, 2018.

<sup>2</sup> Contra Costa County. 2018. Contra Costa County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 84-12.402-Uses-Permitted. Website: [https://library.municode.com/ca/contra\\_costa\\_county/codes/ordinance\\_code?nodeId=TIT8ZO\\_DIV84LAUSDI\\_CH84-12R-SIMIREDI](https://library.municode.com/ca/contra_costa_county/codes/ordinance_code?nodeId=TIT8ZO_DIV84LAUSDI_CH84-12R-SIMIREDI). Accessed November 16, 2018.

<sup>3</sup> California Department of Conservation. 2018. Contra Costa County Important Farmland 2016. Website: <ftp://ftp.consrv.ca.gov/pub/dlrp/FMMP/pdf/2016/con16.pdf>. Accessed November 16, 2018.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> California Department of Conservation. 2013. Contra Costa County Williamson Act FY 2012/2013. Website: <ftp://ftp.consrv.ca.gov/pub/dlrp/FMMP/pdf/2016/con16.pdf>. Accessed November 16, 2018.

<sup>6</sup> State of California Division of Mines and Geology. 1983. Mineral Resource Zones and Resource Sectors Contra Costa County.

recovery site delineated by an applicable land use plan. A Mineral Resource Zones and Resources Sectors map prepared by the California Geological Survey indicates that the project site is located in an area not containing any known mineral occurrences of undetermined mineral significance.<sup>7</sup> Furthermore, the project site is currently designated for MV uses in Contra Costa County General Plan.<sup>8</sup> As such, construction and operation of the project would not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource of value to the region and residents of the State. Therefore, no impact related to mineral resources would occur.

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<sup>7</sup> California Department of Conservation. 1987. Mineral Resource Zones and Resource Sectors Contra Costa County.

<sup>8</sup> Contra Costa County. 2017. Contra Costa County General Plan, Land Use Element Map. Website: <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/30949/Land-Use-Element-Map?bidId=>. Accessed November 16, 2018.