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PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

DETERMINATION DATE:	June 5, 2019
PROJECT NUMBER:	2015-03108-(1)
PERMIT NUMBER(S):	ADV 201500010 /ZC 201500010 / ENV 201500225
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:	1
PROJECT LOCATION:	Unincorporated East Los Angeles
OWNER:	N/A
APPLICANT:	Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
CASE PLANNER:	Norman Ornelas Jr., Regional Planner nornelas@planning.lacounty.gov

Los Angeles County ("County") completed an Initial Study to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the above-mentioned project. Based on the information contained in the Initial Study, which are supported by substantial evidence, the project would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the County proposes that a Negative Declaration is the appropriate environmental documentation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Attached: Initial Study – Negative Declaration

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING
320 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project No. 2015-03108-(1)/ ADV RPPL201500010/ ZC RPPL201500010/ ENV RPPL201500225

1. DESCRIPTION:

The project includes the proposed ELA Community Plan Amendment (Plan Amendment) and Zone Change, which would affect a total of 118 parcels located within the project area. Specifically, the zoning of 77 parcels would be changed to be consistent with the existing Community Plan land use category and/or use. The proposed Plan Amendment would change the existing land use category of 41 parcels to be consistent with the existing zoning and/or use.

The project does not propose any development or redevelopment of the parcels associated with the proposed Zone Change or Plan Amendment. Future land uses would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis including any applicable project-level CEQA review.

2. LOCATION:

Unincorporated Community of East Los Angeles. Community-wide. This project does not apply to the area within the East Los Angeles 3rd Street Specific Plan, which is governed by the 3rd Street Plan and Form-Based Code (specific plan) adopted in 2014. Only the properties outside of the specific plan area was considered for zoning consistency.

3. PROPONENT:

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

4. FINDINGS OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT:

BASED ON THE ATTACHED INITIAL STUDY, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

5. LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS:

THE LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS ON WHICH ADOPTION OF THIS NEGATIVE DECLARATION IS BASED IS: DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, 320 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

PREPARED BY: Community Studies East Section, Department of Regional Planning

DATE: June 24, 2019

Environmental Checklist Form (Initial Study)

County of Los Angeles, Department of Regional Planning

Project title: East Los Angeles Zoning Consistency Update Project/ Project No. R2015-03108-(1), Advance Planning No. 201500010, Zone Change No. 201500010, Environmental Assessment No. 201500225

Lead agency name and address: Los Angeles County, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Contact Person and phone number: Norman Ornelas Jr, (213) 974-6425, (nornelas@planning.lacounty.gov)

Project sponsor's name and address: County of Los Angeles, 320 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Project location: The project area is the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles ("ELA"), excluding the 3rd Street Specific Planning area, which is located within the Metro Planning Area of Los Angeles County ("County"). See Figure 1 [insert a vicinity map, i.e. regional location map here.] The ELA community is bounded by the City of Los Angeles to the west, the Cities of Alhambra and Monterey Park to the north, Monterey Park and Montebello to the east, and Commerce to the south. The ELA community is bisected by the Pomona Freeway (SR-60) and Long Beach Freeway (I-710). The San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) traverse the northernmost portion of the community. The Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) traverse the southwestern portion of the ELA community and then runs along the southern edge of the community.

This project does not apply to the area within the East Los Angeles 3rd Street Specific Plan, which is governed by the 3rd Street Plan and Form-Based Code (specific plan) adopted in 2014. Only the properties outside of the specific plan area was considered for zoning consistency. Figure 1 shows the project area versus 3rd Street Specific Plan.

APN: All parcels within the ELA Community Planning Area outside of the 3rd Street Specific Planning Area.
USGS Quad: Los Angeles

Gross Acreage: 2,340 acres

General plan designation: Not applicable as the designations are outlined in the East Los Angeles Community Plan. See below

Community/Area wide Plan designation: East Los Angeles Community Plan land use categories: Low-Density Residential (LD), Low/Medium-Density Residential (LMD), Medium-Density Residential (MD), Community Commercial (CC), Major Commercial (MC), Commercial/Residential (CR), Commercial/Manufacturing (CM), Industrial (I), Public Use (P), Parking (RP)

Zoning: R-2: Single-Family Residence, R-3: Limited Multiple Residence, R-3-P: Limited Multiple Residence - Parking Program, R-4: Unlimited Residence, M-1: Light Manufacturing, M-3: Unclassified, IT: Institutional, O-S: Open Space. (Please see Table 1 below).

Background:
The County Board of Supervisors adopted the East Los Angeles Community Plan on June 23, 1988, which included a zone change precise plan (Ordinance 880153, Zoning Case 88022, September 1988). Since then, zoning has been largely unchanged (except for the 3rd Street Specific Planning Area). In 2014, the Board of Supervisors adopted the 3rd Street Specific Plan to promote transit-oriented development around the four Metro Gold Line Stations in East Los Angeles. As a result, zoning and land use policy was updated for the 3rd Street Specific Planning Area. This zoning consistency project was undertaken to address inconsistent land use issues in the remaining parts of East Los Angeles that were impacted due to mapping technology changes from printed maps to parcel-specific GIS maps. Specifically, inconsistencies between the zoning and land use is restricting the use of many parcels throughout ELA. Bringing zoning and land use into conformance will allow businesses and property owners to upgrade or make changes on their properties without having to go through a zone change or plan amendment process.

A total of 439 parcels were analyzed for consistency but only 118 parcels met the criteria for a zone change or plan amendment. On these parcels no new activity or other changes were possible without first obtaining the appropriate zoning or land use category. The new zoning or plan categories being recommended for these parcels are based on an analysis of the existing use, zoning, and plan category on the properties. Further, the recommendations were analyzed for compatibility with surrounding zoning and land use policy.

Description of project: The project includes the proposed ELA Community Plan Amendment (Plan Amendment) and Zone Change, which would affect a total of 118 parcels located within the project area. Specifically, the zoning of 77 parcels would be changed to be consistent with the existing Community Plan land use category and/or use. The proposed Plan Amendment would change the existing land use category of 41 parcels to be consistent with the existing zoning and/or use. Please see Table 1 (Zone Change) and Table 2 (Plan Amendment) for details on the existing zoning/land use designation, the proposed zoning/land use designation, the existing land use, and the number of parcels involved.

Table 1 (Zone Change)

Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use Category	Existing Use	Proposed Zoning	# of Parcels
R-2: Single-family residence	Commercial/Manufacturing (CM	Commercial	M-1	1
R-3: Limited multiple residence	Commercial/Manufacturing (CM)	Commercial/ Industrial	C-M	19
R-3-P: Limited multiple residence, parking program	Community Commercial (CC)	Commercial/ Government	C-2	2
R-4: Unlimited residence	Industrial (I)	Residential	M-1	1
R-4: Unlimited residence	Transportation Corridor (TC)	Right-of-Way Buffer	B	3
M-1: Light manufacturing	Community Commercial (CC)	Commercial	C-3	4
M-3: Unclassified Zone	Low-Medium Density Residential (LMD)	Residential/ Right-of-Way Buffer	R-2	25
M-3: Unclassified Zone	Transportation Corridor (TC)	Right-of-Way Buffer	B	5
IT: Institutional	Low-Medium Density Residential (LMD)	Residential	R-3	9

IT: Institutional	Commercial/Residential (CR)	Commercial	C-2	2
IT: Institutional	Commercial/Manufacturing (CM)	Industrial	M-1	1
O-S: Open space	Medium-Density (MD)	Institutional	R-3	2
O-S: Open space	Medium-Density (MD)	Institutional	C-3	2
O-S: Open space	Major Commercial (MC)	Institutional	C-3	1
Total # of Parcels				**77**

Table 2 (Plan Amendment)

Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use Category	Existing Use	Proposed Land Use Category	# of Parcels
R-3: Limited multiple residence	Commercial/Manufacturing (CM)	Commercial/ Residential	MD	4
R-3: Limited multiple residence	Medium-Density (MD)	Industrial	CM	1
R-3: Limited multiple residence	Industrial (I)	Commercial/ Industrial/ Residential	MD	19
R-4: Unlimited residence	Transportation Corridor (TC)	Right-of-way buffer	P	3
C-M: Commercial manufacturing	Medium-Density (MD)	Commercial	CM	1
M-1: Light manufacturing	Low-Medium Density Residential (LMD)	Residential	CM	5
M-3: Unclassified Zone	Transportation Corridor (TC)	Right-of-Way Buffer	P	5
O-S: Open space	Medium-Density (MD)	Institutional	P	1
O-S: Open space	Medium-Density (MD)	Institutional	MC	1
O-S: Open space	Major Commercial (MC)	Institutional	P	1
Total # of Parcels				**41**

The proposed Plan Amendment and Zone Change will not result in intensification of land use. The proposed zone changes are consistent with the existing land use plan category or existing use. Similarly, the proposed plan amendments are consistent with existing zoning or existing use. The proposed changes, whether it is a zone change or plan amendment, is no more intense than what is allowed by the existing zoning, land use policy or use.

The project does not propose any development or redevelopment of the parcels associated with the proposed Zone Change or Plan Amendment. Future land uses would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis including any applicable project-level CEQA review.

Surrounding land uses and setting: ELA community is located approximately four miles east of downtown Los Angeles and is bounded by the City of Los Angeles to the west, the Cities of Alhambra and Monterey Park to the north, Monterey Park and Montebello to the east, and Commerce to the south.

The ELA community is predominately urbanized and is generally characterized by a mix of residential, commercial, and industrial uses. Existing commercial are generally local-serving and include a mix of restaurants, automobile-oriented shops, and other retail and office uses. Industrial uses are primarily clustered along the boundaries of the ELA community and include outside storage, manufacturing, and warehousing uses.

The Metro Gold Line runs through the middle of the East Los Angeles 3rd Street Specific Planning Area and has four stations: Indiana, Maravilla, East LA Civic Center and Atlantic. The proposed project is outside the East Los Angeles 3rd Street Specific Planning Area.

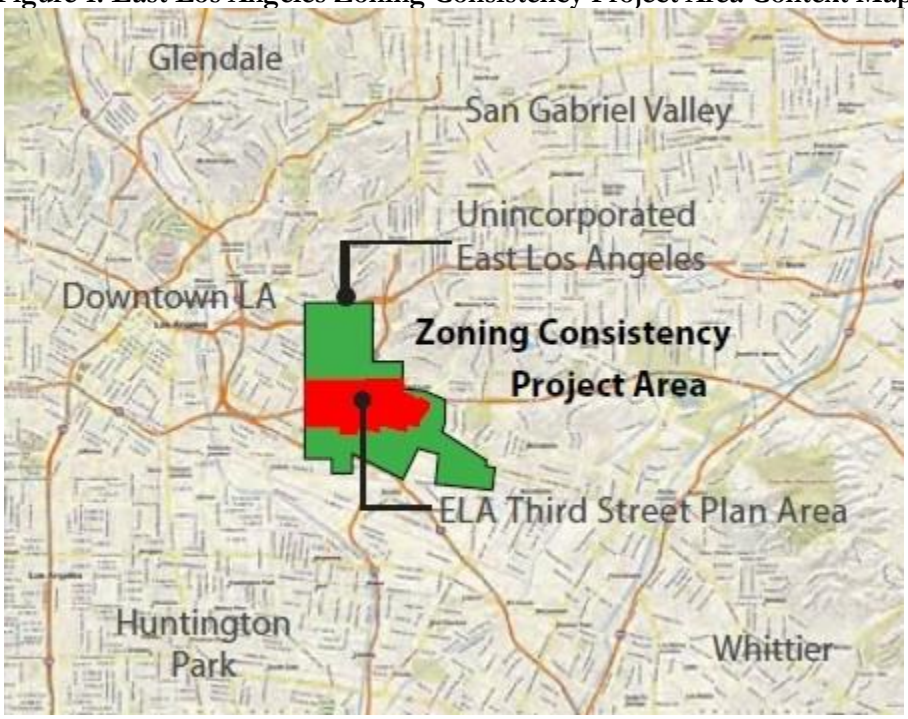
Purpose and Legal Authority: This Initial Study has been prepared to analyze the potential effects resulting from the proposed Zone Changes and Plan Amendments. An action on the project will not directly create an environmental impact, as the project will not directly result in any construction activity. Future development proposals by land owners and their authorized agents will introduce the potential for physical impacts and will be required to have the necessary environmental review.

Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1? If so, has consultation begun? Yes

Other public agencies whose approval may be required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement): None

Major projects in the area: N/A

Figure 1. East Los Angeles Zoning Consistency Project Area Context Map



Reviewing Agencies: [*See* **CEQA Appendix B** *to help determine which agencies should review your project*]

Responsible Agencies

☐ None
Regional Water Quality Control Board:
- ☒ Los Angeles Region
- ☐ Lahontan Region

☐ Coastal Commission
☐ Army Corps of Engineers
☐ LAFCO

Special Reviewing Agencies

☐ None
☐ Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
☐ National Parks
☐ National Forest
☐ Edwards Air Force Base
☐ Resource Conservation District of Santa Monica Mountains Area
☒ Cities of Los Angeles, Alhambra, Montebello, Monterey Park, and Commerce

Regional Significance

☐ None
☐ SCAG Criteria
☒ Air Quality
☐ Water Resources
☐ Santa Monica Mtns. Area
☒ Caltrans

Trustee Agencies

☐ None
☒ State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
☐ State Dept. of Parks and Recreation
☐ State Lands Commission
☐ University of California (Natural Land and Water Reserves System)

County Reviewing Agencies

☒ Department of Public Works
☒ Fire Department
(delete those that don't apply)
- Forestry, Environmental Division
- Planning Division
- Land Development Unit
- Health Hazmat

☐ Sanitation District
☒ Public Health/Environmental Health Division: Land Use Program (OWTS), Drinking Water Program (Private Wells), Toxics Epidemiology Program (Noise)
☒ Sheriff Department
☒ Parks and Recreation
☐ Subdivision Committee
☐

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project.

☐ Aesthetics	☐ Greenhouse Gas Emissions	☐ Public Services
☐ Agriculture/Forestry	☐ Hazards/Hazardous Materials	☐ Recreation
☐ Air Quality	☐ Hydrology/Water Quality	☐ Transportation
☐ Biological Resources	☐ Land Use/Planning	☐ Tribal Cultural Resources
☐ Cultural Resources	☐ Mineral Resources	☐ Utilities/Services
☐ Energy	☐ Noise	☐ Wildfire
☐ Geology/Soils	☐ Population/Housing	☐ Mandatory Findings of Significance

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Department.)
On the basis of this initial evaluation:

☒ I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

(Norman Ornelas Jr) 6/5/19
Signature (Prepared by) Date

for Mikim 6/5/19
Signature (Approved by) Date

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EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources the Lead Department cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).

2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.

3) Once the Lead Department has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.

4) "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level. (Mitigation measures from Section XVII, "Earlier Analyses," may be cross-referenced.)

5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA processes, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. (State CEQA Guidelines § 15063(c)(3)(D).) In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:

   a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.

   b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of, and adequately analyzed in, an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.

   c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.

6) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.

7) The explanation of each issue should identify: the significance threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question, and; mitigation measures identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance. Sources of thresholds include the County General Plan, General Plan EIR, other County planning documents, and County ordinances. Some thresholds are unique to geographical locations.

1. AESTHETICS

Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:	*Potentially Significant Impact*	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) Be visible from or obstruct views from a regional riding, hiking, or multi-use trail?	☐	☐	☐	☒
c) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	☐	☐	☐	☒
d) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings because of height, bulk, pattern, scale, character, or other features or conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point)	☐	☐	☒	☐
e) Create a new source of substantial shadows, light, or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	☐	☐	☒	☐

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

The Project does not propose any changes that would change the aesthetics of the East Los Angeles Community Plan area. This project is a programmatic change to bring zoning, land use policy and existing use into conformance with each other; as such, the impact from the proposed changes would be no more intense then is allowed by either existing land use designations and/or existing uses. When there is a zone change to a higher category, for example from an R-3 to C-M, the change is recommended because either the existing use or land use policy category already allows for the higher category. Therefore the recommended changes would be no more intense than what is allowed or what is existing. In addition, the Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis to evaluate impacts as needed. Therefore, the project would have less than significant impact to the aesthetics of the East Los Angeles Community.

a.– c. No Impact. No scenic vistas or other scenic resources have been identified within the East Los Angeles Community. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) does not list any highways within the community as officially designated scenic highways. The nearest scenic highway is approximately 11 miles away from the project site. Also, no regional riding or hiking trails exist within or adjacent to the East Los Angeles Community. Therefore, the project would not have an impact on scenic resources within any State Scenic Highway or regional riding or hiking trail.

d. Less than Significant Impact. The ELA community is highly urbanized with a mix of buildings that are single-family and multi-family residential, commercial, and industrial. ELA is already built out. Any changes to height, bulk, pattern, scale, and character of each building as a result of zone changes or plan amendments would be less than what exists or is currently allowed. In addition, depending on the intensity of the use, future development will require additional review, which will ensure compatibility with the neighborhood character. An environmental review may also be required.

e. Less than Significant Impact. The ELA community is highly urbanized with significant amount of ambient light from existing urban uses. Similar to other urbanized areas, sources of light and glare include glass building facades, residential/building lighting, security lighting, street lights, parking lot lighting and automobile headlights. The project would not cause any additional impacts than what currently exists or is allowed by existing designations.

2. AGRICULTURE / FOREST

Would the project:	*Potentially Significant Impact*	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
a) 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 (FMMP) of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, with a designated Agricultural Resource Area, or with a Williamson Act contract?	☐	☐	☐	☒
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code § 12220 (g)), timberland (as defined in Public Resources Code § 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined in Government Code § 51104(g))?	☐	☐	☐	☒
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	☐	☐	☐	☒
e) 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?	☐	☐	☐	☒

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

a-b. No Impact. The project area is located within the Metro Gateway Planning Area of Los Angeles County. This area is mostly built-out with residential, commercial, and industrial uses**.** There are no agricultural lands or uses in the project area. The project limits are not identified as containing any farmland resources per the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program.[1] There is no existing zoning for an agricultural use on or near the project limits. No Williamson Act contracts are active for parcels located within the project limits.[2] Therefore, there would be no impact to farmland.

There is no existing zoning for forest land within or near the project limits. All affected and adjacent properties are zoned for public, commercial, industrial, or residential uses. According to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Land Cover Mapping and Monitoring Program, no area within the project limits is designated as forest or timberland;[3] therefore, no impact to these resources would occur.

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[1] County of Los Angeles, Dept. of Regional Planning, GIS-Net FMMP layer. Consulted 6/29/2015.
[2] California Department of Conservation, Williamson Act Program, 2013.
[3] California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Land Cover Mapping and Monitoring Program: Los Angeles County, 2006.

c. **No Impact.** There is no forest land located within or around the project limits; therefore, no impact to these resources would occur.

d, e. No Impact. The project limits and surrounding area is fully urbanized. There are no agriculture or forest land uses in the Project vicinity. Therefore, no conversion of farmland or forest land to non-agricultural or non-forest uses would occur.

3. AIR QUALITY

Would the project:	*Potentially Significant Impact*	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of applicable air quality plans of either the South Coast AQMD (SCAQMD) or the Antelope Valley AQMD (AVAQMD)?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	☐	☐	☒	☐
d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?	☐	☐	☒	☐

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

a. Less than Significant Impact. The Project falls within the area of the South Coast AQMD (SCAQMD), and conforms to the County's General Plan. The environmental impact conclusion is fully discussed starting on page 5.3-28 of Section 5.3, *Air Quality*, of the General Plan Draft EIR. The Project does not propose any changes that would impact or exceed the air quality management plan (AQMP) framework considered in the General Plan. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Forty-one parcels are recommended for land use policy change. This is being proposed to bring land use policy into conformance with the existing land use and/or zoning. The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis to evaluate impacts as needed. Therefore, the project is consistent with the General Plan and its growth assumptions. Impacts would be less than significant.

b. Less than Significant Impact. The Project would not contribute considerably to any potential cumulative air quality impact as the proposed changes would bring land use policy into conformance with existing conditions. In addition, the total project area is 2,340 acres. The zone change or plan amendment applies to only 118 parcels that are dispersed through the project area. Furthermore, projects that are subject to CEQA will be required to implement standard air quality regulations and mitigation pursuant to State CEQA requirements. Therefore, any cumulative impact from this project will be less than significant. Support for this environmental impact conclusion is fully discussed starting on page 5.3-30 of Section 5.3, *Air Quality*, of the General Plan Program EIR.

c.-d. Less than Significant Impact. The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate

review on a project by project basis to evaluate impacts as needed. Therefore, the project is consistent with the General Plan and its growth assumptions. Only 30 out of 118 parcels are being changed to allow for light manufacturing. This change is only recommended to reflect current zoning or land use. On the other 77 parcels, zoning is being updated to be consistent with the land use policy category. Therefore, the potential for exposing sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations would be less than significant. In addition, the potential for the project to create objectionable odors that might affect a substantial number of people would be less than significant.

4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Would the project:	*Potentially Significant Impact*	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or 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 Wildlife (CDFW) or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any sensitive natural communities (e.g., riparian habitat, coastal sage scrub, oak woodlands, non-jurisdictional wetlands) identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by CDFW or USFWS?	☐	☐	☐	☒
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marshes, vernal pools, coastal wetlands, and drainages) or waters of the United States or California, as defined by § 404 of the federal Clean Water Act or California Fish & Game code § 1600, et seq. through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	☐	☐	☐	☒
d) 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?	☐	☐	☐	☒
e) Convert oak woodlands (as defined by the state, oak woodlands are oak stands with greater than 10% canopy cover with oaks at least 5 inch in diameter measured at 4.5 feet above mean natural grade) or other unique native woodlands (juniper, Joshua, southern California black walnut, etc.)?	☐	☐	☐	☒
f) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, including Wildflower Reserve Areas (L.A. County Code, Title 12, Ch. 12.36), the Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance (L.A. County Code, Title 22, Ch. 22.174), the Significant	☐	☐	☐	☒

Ecological Areas (SEAs) (L.A. County Code, Title 22, Ch. 22.102), and Sensitive Environmental Resource Areas (SERAs) (L.A. County Code, Title 22, Ch. 22.44)?				
g) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved state, regional, or local habitat conservation plan?	☐	☐	☐	☒

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

a. No Impact. The ELA community, is highly urbanized and built out, with no areas within the community that have been undisturbed.[4] There are no significant natural habitats or rare/endangered plant or animal species known to occur within the East Los Angeles community. Wildlife species present in the community are typical of any disturbed, highly urbanized setting and are not considered rare, endangered, or threatened.[5] Therefore, the Project would have no impact on sensitive or special status species or their habitats.

b-c. No Impact. The ELA community is highly urbanized and built out with no blueline streams, wetlands, or riparian habitats in the community. Park space includes managed parks and recreational areas. The community's most significant plant resources are imported trees and ornamental plants.[6] Therefore, no impacts to wetlands, riparian or sensitive habitats would occur.

d. No Impact. The ELA community is highly urbanized and is surrounded by urban communities as well. As such, no wildlife dispersal or migration corridors or wildlife nursery sites are known to pass through or exist within East Los Angeles community. Thus, the Project would have no impacts on the movement of any native or wildlife species.

e. No Impact. No oak woodlands (defined by the state as oak stands with greater than 10% canopy cover with oaks at least 5 inch in diameter measured at 4.5 feet above mean natural grade) or other unique native trees (junipers, Joshuas, southern California black walnut, etc.) are known to exist in the East Los Angeles community. Therefore, the project will have no impact on oak woodlands or other unique native trees.

f-g. No Impact. No adopted local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan applies to East Los Angeles community.[7, 8] Therefore, the Project would not conflict with the provisions of any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, including Wildflower Reserve Areas, or an adopted habitat conservation plan and no impacts would occur.

5. CULTURAL RESOURCES

[4] County of Los Angeles General Plan 2035. [pages 129-171]
[5] County of Los Angeles General Plan 2035. [pages 129-171]
[6] County of Los Angeles General Plan 2035. [pages 129-171]
[7] California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Natural Community Conservation Planning. (https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Planning/NCCP/Plans), consulted 6/29/2015.
[8] U.S Fish and Wildlife Services. Habitat Conservation Plans: Regional Summary Report. (http://ecos.fws.gov/conserv_plans/), consulted 6/29/2015.

Would the project:	*Potentially Significant Impact*	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?	☐	☐	☒	☐
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?	☐	☐	☒	☐

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

a-b. Less than Significant Impact. There are no known historical or archaeological resources in the community. Further, adoption of the proposed Zone Change and Plan Amendment would not directly impact historical or archaeological resources since the project does not involve any construction. However, subsequent development may occur within the subject parcels.

c. Less than Significant Impact. The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development that would directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource site or unique geologic feature. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis. No impacts to paleontological resources are anticipated.

d. Less than Significant Impact. The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis. In addition, future land uses that occur as allowed by the proposed zoning or land use policy would be required to conform to CEQA Guidelines 15064.5 relating to the discovery of human remains.

6. ENERGY

Would the project:	*Potentially Significant Impact*	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewal energy or energy efficiency?	☐	☐	☒	☐

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

a. **Less than Significant Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Nor would it conflict with Green Building or CEQA requirements. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to the Los Angeles County Title 31 Green Building Standards. In addition, discretionary projects would be subject to CEQA review and mitigation measures as appropriate. Therefore, the project will have less than significant impact.

b. **Less than Significant Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis to evaluate impacts as needed. Future development would be subject to Los Angeles County Green Building Standards Code, as well as Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen Code) of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations and the State of California Green Code. The project proposes no revisions to these policies. Impacts would be less than significant.

7. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Would the project:	*Potentially Significant Impact*	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known active fault trace? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.	☐	☐	☒	☐
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?	☐	☐	☒	☐
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction and lateral spreading?	☐	☐	☒	☐
iv) Landslides?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	☐	☐	☒	☐
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?	☐	☐	☒	☐
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of onsite wastewater treatment systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?	☐	☐	☐	☒
f) Conflict with the Hillside Management Area Ordinance (L.A. County Code, Title 22, Ch. 22.104)?	☐	☐	☒	☐

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

a. **Less than Significant Impact.** There are no mapped surfaces or subsurface faults that traverse the ELA community and the community is not listed within a State designated Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone.[9] Therefore, surface fault rupture is unlikely to occur in the project limits. However, since the Project is located within the seismically active Southern California region, existing and future structures would be susceptible to ground shaking events. Any future development would be required to comply with the County Building Code, including specific provisions that address geologic risks and building safety. The proposed Project would not make changes to or propose standards/requirements that would conflict with the County's Building Code that address geologic risks and building safety.

   A northern portion of the ELA Community is within a designated landslide area. However, the Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Future land uses that occur pursuant to the proposed East Los Angeles CPU and Zoning Ordinance Update would be required to comply with all applicable Building Code regulations, standards, and requirements that addresses geologic safety, including fault rupture and seismic ground shaking. Building Code compliance would be ensured during plan check review, which would be required for all new development prior to the issuance of any grading or building permit. Therefore, the Project would not expose people or structures to substantial adverse effects due to fault rupture or seismic ground shaking event. Impacts would be less than significant.

b. **Less than Significant Impact.** The East Los Angeles community is highly urbanized and built out with existing buildings, paving, and landscaping. Areas available for new development or redevelopment consist of infill sites currently covered by disturbed vegetation or impermeable surfaces. Therefore, the potential for substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil is considered low due to limited areas of exposed topsoil. The potential for erosion would be highest during earthwork activities for new development. Construction activities such as demolition, excavation, and grading can potentially expose disturbed surfaces to topsoil loss and erosion by wind and stormwater runoff, if the exposed loose soil is not properly stabilized during construction. However, new development or redevelopment projects would be required to comply with the County's Low-Impact Development (LID) Ordinance, which sets requirements that projects must implement to manage stormwater runoff in order to manage short- and long-term erosion. These requirements would be imposed on projects as part of the County's plan check review process. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis to evaluate impacts as needed. Impacts would be less than significant.

c. **Less than Significant Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis. All development projects constructed pursuant to the Plan will be required to adhere to the standards contained in the County's Building Code to prevent hazardous soil conditions that could lead to building failure. The project does not involve any changes to these regulations. Impact would be less than significant.

d. **Less than Significant Impact.** This project would not change or affect expansive soils. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis to be in compliance with applicable regulatory requirements based on a site-

[9]California Department of Conservation. Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone Maps. http://www.quake.ca.gov/gmaps/WH/regulatorymaps.htm).Consulted 06/26/2015.

specific geology investigation of seismic and geotechnical hazards.[10] Therefore, the project would have less than significant impact on expansive soils.

e. **No Impact.** The entire ELA community is served by established wastewater disposal systems, which future development within the Project limits would connect to. As such, septic systems are not necessary or required in ELA community. Therefore, the Project would have no impacts on soils for septic systems.

f. **Less than Significant Impact.**The ELA Community is mostly flat, with an area in the northern portion of the community that contains hills with a 25% or greater slope. Zoning and LUP updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Future land uses that occur pursuant to the proposed project would be required to comply with applicable hillside management requirements in addition to all applicable Building Code regulations, standards, and requirements that addresses geologic safety, including fault rupture and seismic ground shaking. Building Code compliance would be ensured during plan check review, which would be required for all new development prior to the issuance of any grading or building permit. Therefore, impacts to hillside management areas would be less than significant.

[10] County of Los Angles 2035 General Plan Final Program EIR. (page 5.6-24)

8. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Would the project:	*Potentially Significant Impact*	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
a) Generate greenhouse gas (GHGs) emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	☐	☐	☒	☐

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

a-b. Less than Significant Impact. The project consists of adoption of zoning and land use policy changes that will not result directly in the construction of any development. The changes are proposed to bring zoning, land use policy and existing use into conformance. The project does not result in the intensification of land use that is not already existing or allowed by zoning or land use policy.

The proposed project does not authorize any specific development project; review of future projects will continue to be carried out to ensure that the projects are consistent with all General Plan goals, policies, and policy actions including those identified in the County's Community Climate Action Plan, which aim to help the community contribute to improved air quality and regional greenhouse gas reduction efforts. The proposed project would not change or conflict with any General Plan policies that would reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Future development would be subject to Los Angeles County General Plan, which does not conflict with AB 32, or AB 375. Therefore, project impacts would be less than significant.

9. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Would the project:	*Potentially Significant Impact*	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, storage, production, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials or waste into the environment?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of sensitive land uses?	☐	☐	☒	☐
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code § 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	☐	☐	☒	☐
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan, or where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?	☐	☐	☐	☒
f) Substantially impair implementation of, or physically interfere with, an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	☐	☐	☐	☒
g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving fires, because the project is located:				

i) within a high fire hazard area with inadequate access?	☐	☐	☐	☒
ii) within an area with inadequate water and pressure to meet fire flow standards?	☐	☐	☒	☐
iii) within proximity to land uses that have the potential for dangerous fire hazard?	☐	☐	☒	☐
h) Does the proposed use constitute a potentially dangerous fire hazard?	☐	☐	☒	☐

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

a. **Less than Significant Impact.** Typical of other urban areas, ELA community has businesses that regularly use, store, and dispose small quantities of hazardous materials. These businesses include dry cleaners, gas stations, automobile repair shops, and car washes. However, businesses that handle or transport hazardous materials are required to comply with all applicable regulations relating to hazardous materials.

   The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis. This project would not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, storage, production, use, or disposal of hazardous materials. Therefore, the project would have less than significant impact.

b. **Less than Significant Impact.** Existing structures within ELA community built prior to the 1970s may contain lead-based paint or asbestos. Demolition of these structures could accidentally release hazardous materials if they are not properly abated, which could create a public health risk. The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis, including SCAQMD Rule 1403, which regulates asbestos removal, as well as the California Code of Regulations to abate lead based paint. Therefore, the project would have less than significant impact.

c. **Less than Significant Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis. The project itself does not emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous material. Any future proposal for handling such substances will be subject to review for compliance with applicable regulations and permits. Therefore, the project would have less than significant impacts.

d. **Less than Significant Impact.** The Geographic Environmental Information Management System (GEIMS) is a data warehouse that tracks regulatory data about underground fuel tanks, fuel pipelines, and public drinking water supplies using GeoTracker. Since the proposed project involves no physical

ground-disturbing activities or hazardous activities, no impact on a site listed on the database will occur. Zoning and Plan Amendment Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis. Therefore, the project would have less than significant impact.

e. **No Impact.** There are no public airports or public use airports located within 2.0 miles of East Los Angeles community. Additionally, there are no private airstrips within the vicinity of the Project area. The two closest air facilities to the Project area are the Hawthorne Municipal Airport Reserve Center (10.4 miles away), and the Compton/Woodley Airport (9 miles away). Therefore, the Project would not result in safety hazards associated with airports or airstrips for people residing or working in the Project area. Therefore, there would be no impact.

f. **No Impact.** The County Emergency Operations Plan, run by the Office of Emergency Management, outlines emergency response actions in the event of a large-scale disaster, such as a hazardous materials emergency. The proposed project will not directly result in any new construction. All future development in the project area would be subject to compliance with the General Plan Policies and Policy Actions. No change or interference with the emergency response plans noted in the General Plan or related policies will occur as associated with the project. This project does not propose any changes to the primary circulation system that could affect evacuation plans. Therefore, the project would have less than significant impact.

g. **Less than Significant Impact.** The ELA community and surrounding cities are fully urbanized with parks that contain urban landscape and vegetation that is dominated by nonnative ornamentals. The project area is not located within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.[11] It is in an area with adequate access and water supply. There is no known water pressure and fire flow issues. The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Future new developments will be required to show compliance with water pressure and fire flow standards per the fire code. Therefore, the proposed Project would not expose people or structures to hazardous wildland fires and projects impacts would be less significant.

h. **Less than Significant Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis. Therefore, the project would have less than significant effect.

[11] County of Los Angeles 2035 General Plan Final Program EIR. Fire Hazard Severity Zones Policy Map. [Figure 5.14-2]

10. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

Would the project:	*Potentially Significant Impact*	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:				
i) Result in substantial erosion or siltation on-or off-site?	☐	☐	☒	☐
ii) Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite?	☐	☐	☒	☐
iii) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?	☐	☐	☒	☐
iv) Impede or redirect flood flows?	☐	☐	☐	☒

d) Conflict with the Los Angeles County Low Impact Development Ordinance (L.A. County Code, Title 12, Ch. 12.84?	☐	☐	☒	☐
e) Use onsite wastewater treatment systems in areas with known geological limitations (e.g. high groundwater) or in close proximity to surface water (including, but not limited to, streams, lakes, and drainage course)?	☐	☐	☐	☒
f) In flood hazard , tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?	☐	☐	☒	☐
g) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?	☐	☐	☒	☐

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

a. **Less than Significant Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis. Development projects will be required to comply with the County local procedures (County Flood Control District Code, Chapter 21, Storm Water and Runoff Pollution Control), as well as requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program of the Federal Clean Water Act to control storm water runoff and prevent violations of regional water quality standards. No impact on water quality standards or waste discharges would occur. Compliance with these standards, which requires continued participation in the NPDES program, would minimize potential construction-related water quality impacts to a less than significant level.

b. **Less than Significant Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis. Project impacts on groundwater supplies would be less than significant.

c.i-iii. **Less than Significant Impact.** The project limits are urbanized and have existing storm water infrastructure. The project consists of zoning and land use changes and will not result directly in the construction of any development. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis. As the proposed project does not affect any of these policies, impacts on drainage patterns and runoff levels are anticipated to be less than significant.

The proposed project would change the land use designations and zoning classifications on 118 parcels. Although some of these include changes from residential to commercial uses and mixed use, given the already built-out nature of the project limits, new development will consist of infill and the redevelopment of previously developed sites. Any new development activity will be required to comply with NPDES requirements regarding the quality of storm water runoff. Impact would be less than significant.

c.iv. No Impact. The ELA community is not located within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a Federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insureance Rate Map.[12] Therefore, the Project would not place structures or housing within a 100-year flood hazard area. No impacts would occur.

d. **Less than Significant Impact.** The project consists of zoning and land use changes that will not result directly in the construction of any development. The project does not propose to change the Low Impact Development Ordinance. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

e. No Impact. The entire ELA community is served by established wastewater disposal systems, which future development within the Project limits would connect to. As such, septic systems are not necessary or required in ELA community. Therefore, the Project would not result in impacts associated with soils supporting the use of septic systems. Therefore, no impact would occur.

f. Less than Significant Impact. The ELA community is not located near any body of water or water storage facility that would be considered susceptible to seiche.[13] East Los Angeles community is located approximately 15 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean and as such, is not subject to tsunami hazards. Lastly, the Project limits are relatively flat and fully urbanized and therefore not at risk from mudflows.[14] No impact would occur.

g. **Less than Significant Impact.** The proposed project consists of zoning and land use changes that does not propose or authorize any development. Any development project pursuant to these regulations will be required to comply with County and State regulations and will not conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan. Project impacts would be less than significant.

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[12] County of Los Angles 2035 General Plan Final Program EIR. [page 5.9-18]
[13] County of Los Angles 2035 General Plan Final Program EIR. [page 5.9-23, 5.9-38]
[14] County of Los Angles 2035 General Plan Final Program EIR. [page 5.9-39]

11. LAND USE AND PLANNING

Would the project:	*Potentially Significant Impact*	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
a) Physically divide an established community?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any County land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Conflict with the goals and policies of the General Plan related to Hillside Management Areas or Significant Ecological Areas?	☐	☐	☒	☐

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

a. **Less than Significant Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. The project takes into consideration surrounding properties and uses, including existing neighborhoods and other sensitive uses, and is intended to create buffers and transitional areas when necessary. Existing infrastructure, which physically divides the community include highways (60, 10, and 710 freeways), though this Project proposes no changes to these existing conditions. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

b. **Less than Significant Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. The proposed project will not conflict with the General Plan or any applicable land use plan. As indicated in the General Plan Program EIR, the General Plan is consistent with Federal and State plans.[15] With regard to consistency with relevant local plans and policies, the project includes Zoning Map Amendments that are less intensive than the Community Plan Land Use designations. The Plan is consistent with and implements relevant goals and policies of the General Plan. No impact would result.

c. **Less than Significant Impact.** There are no SEA's or Conceptual SEA's in the ELA Community. The ELA Community is mostly flat, with some areas impacted by Hillside Management areas, which are areas with a slope of 25% or greater. Zoning and LUP updates would make corrections to the zoning

[15] County of Los Angles 2035 General Plan Final Program EIR. [page 5.10-44]

and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Future land uses that occur pursuant to the proposed East Los Angeles CPU and Zoning Ordinance Update would be required to comply with all applicable Building Code regulations, standards, and requirements of the LA County Hillside Management Ordinance. Building Code compliance would be ensured during plan check review, which would be required for all new development prior to the issuance of any grading or building permit. Impacts to Hillside Management Areas and Significant Ecological Areas would be less than significant.

12. MINERAL RESOURCES

Would the project:	*Potentially Significant Impact*	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
a) 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?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?	☐	☐	☐	☒

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

a, b. No Impact. The ELA community is fully urbanized and built out with existing residential, commercial, and industrial uses. No mineral resource areas exist within the community or immediate vicinity.[16] Development pursuant to the proposed project would not result in the loss of a known mineral resource. No impact would occur.

[16] County of Los Angles 2035 General Plan Final Program EIR. [page 5.11-4, figure 5.11-3, Mineral Resources Zone-2 Areas]

13. NOISE

Would the project result in:	*Potentially Significant Impact*	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the County General Plan or noise ordinance (Los Angeles County Code,Title 12, Chapter 12.08), or applicable standards of other agencies?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	☐	☐	☐	☒

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

a. **Less than Significant Impact.** The ELA Community is impacted by noise levels from highways within the community, the Pomona Freeway (SR-60) and Long Beach Freeway (I-710), the San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) and the Santa Ana Freeway (I-5). The community is not impacted by airport noise. The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis. Therefore, impact would be less than significant.

b. **Less than Significant Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review on a project by project basis. Therefore, impact would be less than significant.

c. **No Impact.** The East Los Angeles community is not located within an airport land use plan and no public airports are located within two miles of the community. Additionally, no private airstrips are located within the Project vicinity. The two closest airport facilities to the Project site are the Hawthorne Municipal Airport Reserve Center (10.4 miles away), and the Compton/Woodley Airport (9 miles away). The

project limits are not located within the 65 dBA CNEL noise contour of either airport. The proposed updates would not authorize any development. Therefore, the Project would not expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels from airports. No impact would occur.

14. POPULATION AND HOUSING

Would the project:	*Potentially Significant Impact*	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
a) Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, especially affordable housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	☐	☐	☒	☐

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

a. **Less than Significant Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. The proposed Project would not be expected to result in any population growth impacts. The proposed project would not revise any of the population growth and buildout projections from the General Plan. Impact would be less than significant.

b. **Less than Significant Impact.** The proposed project does not propose any development that would indirectly result in displacement or demolition of any permanent or temporary residential structures. The proposed project would not revise any of the population growth and buildout projections from the General Plan and would not be expected to result in any population growth impacts. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis and would be required to be compliant with the requirements of the California Relocation Assistance Act of 1970 (Govt. Code § 7260 *et seq.*), the State Relocation Guidelines (25 Cal. Code Regs § 6000, *et seq.*), and the California Redevelopment Law (Health & Safety Code § 33410 *et seq.*), as applicable. Therefore, impact would be less than significant.

15. PUBLIC SERVICES

a) Would the project create capacity or service level problems, or result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:	*Potentially Significant Impact*	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
Fire protection?	☐	☐	☒	☐
Sheriff protection?	☐	☐	☒	☐
Schools?	☐	☐	☒	☐
Parks?	☐	☐	☒	☐
Libraries?	☐	☐	☒	☐
Other public facilities?	☐	☐	☒	☐

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

a. **Less than Significant Impact.** The ELA Community is within Fire Battalion 3, is served by 3 fire stations, and is not within a Fire Hazzard Responsibility Area. The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis. Therefore, impact would be less than significant.

b. **Less than Significant Impact.** The ELA Community is within the LA County Sheriff East LA Reporting District. The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. The proposed Project would not be expected to result in any population growth impacts that would require additional Sheriff protection. The proposed project would not revise any of the population growth and buildout projections from the General Plan. Impact would be less than significant.

c. **Less than Significant Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. The proposed Project would not be expected to result in any population growth impacts that would require additional schools. The proposed project would not

revise any of the population growth and buildout projections from the General Plan. Impact would be less than significant.

d. **Less than Significant Impact.** The ELA Community contains six local parks and one regional facility, with 75.54 acres of open space. The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. The proposed Project would not be expected to result in any population growth impacts that would require additional park space. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis. Therefore, impact would be less than significant.

e. **Less than Significant Impact.** The ELA Community is served by three public libraries. The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. The proposed Project would not be expected to result in any population growth impacts that would require additional library services. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis. Therefore, impact would be less than significant.

f. **Less than Significant Impact.** See responses a-e.

16. RECREATION

	Potentially Significant Impact	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Does the project include neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of such facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	☐	☐	☐	☒
c) Would the project interfere with regional open space connectivity?	☐	☐	☐	☒

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

a. **Less Than Significant Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. The proposed Project would not be expected to result in any population growth impacts that would impact existing recreational facilities. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis. Therefore, impact would be less than significant.

b. **No Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations and will not make changes to park space, trails, or other recreational facilities. The proposed Project would not be expected to result in any population growth impacts that would impact existing parks space. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis. Therefore, there would be no impact.

c. **No Impact.** The ELA community is highly urbanized and built out. The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development that would interfere with regional open space connectivity. Any new development would be infill. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis. Therefore, impact would be no impact.

17. TRANSPORTATION

Would the project:	*Potentially Significant Impact*	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
a) Conflict with a program plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Would the project conflict with or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	☐	☐	☒	☐
d) Result in inadequate emergency access?	☐	☐	☒	☐

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

a. **Less Than Significant Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis and would need to be consistent with the County General Plan and Mobility Element for unincorporated communities. Therefore, impact would be less than significant.

b. **Less Than Significant Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis. Transportation impacts would be less than significant.

c. **Less Than Significant Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis. Impacts would be less than significant.

d. **Less Than Significant Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the

zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis. New development would be required to comply with all applicable County Fire Code and ordinance requirements for construction and access to the site. Individual projects would be reviewed by the Los Angeles County Fire Department to determine the specific fire requirements applicable to the specific development and to ensure compliance with these requirements. Impacts would be less than significant.

18. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

	Potentially Significant Impact	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
a) Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code §21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:				
i) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code § 5020.1(k), or	☐	☐	☒	☐
ii) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code § 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code § 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.	☐	☐	☒	☐

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

a. i-ii Less than Significant Impact. The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development and would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis and would support policies identified in Conservation and Natural Resources Element of the LA County General Plan. Impacts would be less than significant.

19. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

Would the project:	*Potentially Significant Impact*	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunication facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	☐	☐	☒	☐
d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?	☐	☐	☒	☐
e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?	☐	☐	☒	☐

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

a, b Less than Significant Impact. The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis. New development projects are required to ensure project-specific and countywide wastewater systems have

adequate capacity to accommodate new development upon implementation of regulatory and standard conditions of approval requirements.[17] Impact would be less than significant.

c. **Less Than Significant Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis. Impacts on water supplies or water supply infrastructure would be less than significant.

d, e Less than Significant Impact. The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. The proposed Project would not be expected to result in any population growth impacts that would require additional solid waste facilities. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis and should comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste. Therefore, impact would be less than significant.

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20. Wildfire

	Potentially Significant Impact	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, Would the project:				
a) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?	☐	☐	☒	☐
d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?	☐	☐	☒	☐

a, b. Less Than Significant Impact. The ELA community is highly urbanized and built out and is not located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. The nearest Very High Fire Severity Zone is located approximately 760ft to the north of the community. The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates are proposed to bring zoning, land use policy and existing use into conformance. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis.

c. **Less Than Significant Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project

updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis. Impact would be less than significant.

d. **Less Than Significant Impact.** The Project itself does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land uses that occur pursuant to the proposed East Los Angeles CPU and Zoning Ordinance Update would be required to comply with all applicable Building Code regulations, standards, and requirements. Building Code compliance would be ensured during plan check review, which would be required for all new development prior to the issuance of any grading or building permit. Impact would be less than significant.

21. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

	Potentially Significant Impact	*Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?	☐	☐	☒	☐
d) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	☐	☐	☒	☐

a. **Less than Significant Impact.** The results of the preceding analyses and discussions of responses to the entire Initial Study Checklist have determined that the proposed project would have no effect upon sensitive biological resources, and would not result in significant impacts to historical, archaeological or paleontological resources. The East Los Angeles community and the project limits for the East Los Angeles Community Plan area are fully urbanized and do not contain any forest, river, wildlife, or similar resources, which would preclude impacts to unique, rare, endangered, or threatened species. There are no historic resources identified within the project limits. The proposed project will not affect regulations protecting historical or cultural resources. The proposed zone changes and land use amendments do not authorize any plan for a development or redevelopment on any property within East Los Angeles. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis. Therefore, impact would be less than significant.

b. **Less than Significant Impact.** The proposed project provides consistency between stated General Plan goals and policies aimed at minimizing negative environmental impacts over the long term. No General Plan policies would be changed or modified through adoption of the proposed project. Adoption and implementation of the proposed project would not create any significant impacts. No development projects are associated with the proposed project, and thus the project would not contribute to short-term or long-term cumulative impacts. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis. Therefore, impact would be less than significant.

c. **Less than Significant Impact.** The Project does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis. Therefore, cumulatively considerable impacts would be less than significant.

d. **Less than Significant Impact.** The Project does not propose or authorize any development. Updates would make corrections to the zoning and land use maps to achieve consistency with the zoning and land use policy designations. Future land use that occur pursuant to the proposed Project updates would be subject to appropriate review standards on a project by project basis. Therefore, substantial adverse effects on human beings would be less than significant.