

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

This section provides more detailed information on existing conditions relative to each environmental topic addressed in this section, programmatic-level impact analyses and conclusions, and mitigation measures. Existing conditions discussions define the environmental conditions that currently exist on and near the project site, while impacts are defined as the potential effects of implementing the existing Area Plan on the existing environment. Wherever a project impact is identified as being significant, mitigation measures are recommended that would reduce the level of impact. Technical topics addressed in this environmental impact report (EIR) section were defined by the County of Los Angeles during the scoping process and from comments received on the Notice of Preparation (see **Appendix 1.0** for copies of these documents and the comments received). The purpose of this section is to inform readers of the type and magnitude of the environmental impact and how such impacts would affect the existing environment.

The County's Area Plan EIR addresses the potential impacts of implementing the County's proposed Area Plan policies. Program EIRs do not necessarily address the site-specific impacts that each of the subsequent individual development projects will have. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires each of those subsequent development projects to be evaluated for their particular site-specific impacts. Air quality, global climate change, and water services are analyzed on a regional basis for the OVOV Planning Area. Noise and transportation/circulation also have a more regional analysis. The remaining sections, other than cumulative impacts, focus on potential impacts within the County's OVOV Planning Area.

Each section also includes a "Plan to Plan" analysis comparing the existing Area Plan to the Proposed OVOV Plan. While not required by CEQA, it provides the public with a brief comparison of the two Plans, which has been a concern voiced by the public throughout the preparation of the Area Plan and the EIR.

Documents referred to, referenced or cited are incorporated by reference and are available for review at the County of Los Angeles, Department of Regional Planning, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.