

# MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Issue	Less Than Significant or No Impact	Potential Significant Impact Adequately Addressed in MEIR	Less Than Significant Impact Due to Mitigation Measures in Project Description	New Additional Significant Impact Not Addressed in MEIR	New Additional Mitigation Measures Required
<b>17. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE.</b>					
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, 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 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.)					
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?					

## DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED PROJECT

- 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, 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?*

No special-status species occur on the site because of the past agricultural practices. There is no riparian habitat or sensitive natural community types occurring with the project site. Development will eliminate potential foraging or the limited potential nest habit for nesting raptors. Detailed mitigation measures addressing the potential impacts of development on special-status species and habitat are incorporated in the 1994 MEIR. These mitigation measures were adopted as part of the Findings for Master Plan approval and incorporated into the Master Plan. There is no new information or change in circumstances that would result in new significant environmental effects.

- b) *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.)*

The cumulative impacts of the project have been addressed in the MEIR which addressed full buildout of Mountain House. Cumulative development in the general area and region was also addressed in the MEIR. Some of the projects have been built or have been removed from application. To address the most recent conditions related to cumulative traffic, the traffic analysis for this Initial Study included runs of the Countywide model, adopted by the MHCSO, which addresses growth to the year 2025. The MEIR addressed growth to the year 2010. The MEIR adequately covered the other topics related to cumulative growth.

Based upon the cumulative traffic analysis, no new impacts have been identified. The MEIR did identify significant unavoidable impacts along freeway segments. The required findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations were made for the MEIR and the adoption of the Master Plan and Specific Plan I related to this issue and other impacts that were found to be significant and unavoidable.

- c) *Does the project have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?*

The proposed project will not have an environmental effect that can cause substantial adverse effects on human beings directly or indirectly as discussed throughout Chapter 4.