

CHAPTER 5 ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

This section of the Initial Study includes a discussion of the existing environmental conditions at the site, the potential environmental impacts from the project, and applicable mitigation measures. Each topic (e.g., Land Use, Geology, etc.) has the following four subsections: 1) Setting, and 2) Significant Impacts Identified in 1994 MEIR, 3) Findings Related to Significant Impacts Identified in 1994 MEIR, and 4) Discussion Regarding Neighborhoods I and J. The standard Initial Study Checklist questions are shown with boxes to denote the potential level of impact. If impacts are identified, they are followed by mitigation measures that are numbered and labeled.

The Environmental Checklist covers specific issues by topic (i.e., Aesthetics, Agricultural Resources, etc.) and is taken from Appendix G of the 2006 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. The six categories of potential impact are 1) Less than Significant or No Impact; 2) Potentially Significant Impact Adequately Addressed in MEIR; 3) MEIR Required Additional Review: No Significant Impact; 4) Less than Significant Impact due to Mitigation Measures in Project Description; 5) New Additional Significant Impact Not Addressed in MEIR; and 6) New Additional Mitigation Measures Required. One of the six boxes is checked for each issue.

The Environmental Checklist Explanations follow the checked boxes so that the reader is fully informed as to why a specific box of the checklist was marked. The explanations identify earlier analyses, the source of the information for the conclusion reached, and mitigation measures either required already for the project, included in the project description, or suggested as part of the current analysis to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level.

