4 AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES, AND MITIGATION MEASURES

4.0 APPROACH TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Sections 4.1 through 4.12 of this Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) present a discussion of existing conditions, environmental impacts associated with implementation of the proposed project, mitigation measures to reduce the level of impact, and residual significant impacts (i.e., impacts that would be significant and unavoidable despite the imposition of proposed mitigation measures).

As discussed in Section 1.3 of this DEIR "Purpose and Intended Uses of this DEIR", the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Downtown Roseville Specific Plan prepared by the City of Roseville, dated October 17, 2007 (Appendix A) identified that implementation of the proposed project would result in "no-impact" or "less-than-significant impacts" in the following areas; therefore these areas are not analyzed in this DEIR:

- ► Agricultural Resources:
- Population and Housing;
- Recreation; and
- Mineral Resources.

Sections 4.1 through 4.12 address the following resource areas, which were identified in the NOP to have potentially significant impacts and therefore warranting further analysis in this DEIR:

- ► Land Use and Planning;
- Aesthetics:
- ► Hazards and Hazardous Materials;
- ► Geology and Soils;
- Cultural Resources;
- ► Transportation and Traffic;
- ► Hydrology and Water Quality;
- ▶ Biological Resources;
- Public Services:
- Utilities:
- ► Air Quality; and
- Noise.

Each section in this DEIR that addresses the resource areas listed above (Sections 4.1 through 4.12) includes the following components:

Regulatory Background: This subsection presents information on the laws, regulations, plans, and policies that relate to the issue area being discussed. Regulations originating from local, state, and federal levels are discussed as appropriate.

Existing Conditions: This subsection presents the existing environmental conditions in the project area and in the surrounding area as appropriate, in accordance with Section 15215 of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (State CEQA Guidelines). The discussions of the environmental setting focus on information relevant to the issues under evaluation.

Environmental Impacts: This subsection identifies the impacts of the proposed project on the existing environment, in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15125 and 15143. Before presenting an evaluation of impacts, the section describes the analysis methodology and the thresholds of significance used to identify impacts. Project impacts are identified alphanumerically and sequentially throughout this section. For example, impacts in Section 4.4 are identified as 4.4-a, 4.4-b, etc... An impact statement precedes the discussion of each impact, providing a summary of the impact and its level of significance. The discussion that follows the impact statement includes the analyses and evidence upon which the conclusion is made regarding the level of impact.

The discussions of Cumulative Impacts and Growth-inducing Impacts are presented in Chapter 5 and Chapter 6, respectively.

Mitigation Measures: This subsection identifies feasible mitigation measures intended to avoid or substantially reduce significant impacts of the proposed project, in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15002(a)(3), 15021(a)(2), and 15091(a)(1). Each mitigation measure is identified alphanumerically to correspond with the number of the impact being reduced by the measure. For example, Impact 4.3-a would be mitigated with Mitigation Measure 4.3-a. This subsection also describes whether the mitigation measures would reduce impacts to less-than-significant levels. Significant and unavoidable impacts are identified as appropriate in this subsection, as well as in the "Residual Significant Impacts" subsection described below. Significant and unavoidable impacts are also summarized in Chapter 7.

Residual Significant Impacts: This subsection identifies any significant impacts that would remain significant and unavoidable following implementation of the mitigation measures.