

CHAPTER 8

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared for the TSP pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines. The purpose of the EIR is to determine the potential significant environmental impacts of the proposed TSP. This EIR is a Program EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15168. A Program EIR is an EIR that may be prepared on a series of actions that can be characterized as one project. The program EIR allows subsequent projects to use the document to reduce environmental review for the subsequent projects. Chapter 9 Implementation, Section 9.5 Environmental Review describes the environmental review process for processing projects.

The Initial Study and Notice of Preparation for the TSP determined that the topics of aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, geology and soils, hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, population and housing, public services, transportation and traffic, and utilities were potentially significant and were analyzed in the EIR. The EIR discusses the mitigation measures that could be implemented by the City and/or project sponsors to reduce the impacts to a less-than-significant level. The Mitigation Monitoring Plan has been prepared and is available as a separate appendix document from the City of Modesto.



