



9.0 SIGNIFICANT IRREVERSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES, WHICH WOULD BE INVOLVED IF THE PROPOSED PROJECT WERE IMPLEMENTED

Section 15126.2(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines requires that any environmental impact report (EIR) prepared for a project must disclose any significant irreversible environmental changes that would be caused by a proposed project. Implementation of the Yorba Linda General Plan Update would allow for additional development including commercial, industrial, and residential uses consistent with the General Plan Update's goals and policies. The following changes are considered to be significant and irreversible:

- Future development, regardless of scale or form, would involve some level of construction that would result in the consumption of energy produced by renewable or non-renewable sources. This could include sources such as fossil fuels, electricity, wood, sand and gravel, steel, and water.
- The General Plan Update would lead to growth in the Planning Area's population and land uses, which would require an increased commitment of social services and public maintenance. This would include services such as police, fire, and water services. These are considered to be long-term changes as the possibility of future population reduction in the Planning Area is considered to be low.
- The forecasted population increases that would occur with buildout of the General Plan Update land uses would also result in increased traffic in the Planning Area, primarily by private vehicle but also through public transit. This would result in an increase in the City's contribution to air emissions in the South Coast Air Basin.
- In the event that new development occurs in areas that have not previously been modified, it is not assumed that this land would return to a natural condition.