



**INITIAL STUDY
AND
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR
THE CITY OF YORBA LINDA
HISTORIC RESOURCES ELEMENT UPDATE**

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I. INTRODUCTION

This document is an Initial Study and Negative Declaration (IS/ND) that addresses the potential environmental impacts resulting from the adoption of the updated Historic Resources Element (Element), described in more detail below. The Element includes goals, policies, and implementation measures which serve to protect the City's historic and cultural resources.

1. LEGAL AUTHORITY AND FINDINGS

This IS/ND has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and relevant provisions of CEQA of 1970, as amended.

Initial Study

Section 15063(c) of the CEQA Guidelines defines an Initial Study as the proper preliminary method of analyzing the potential environmental consequences of a project. The purposes of an Initial Study are:

- To provide the Lead Agency with the necessary information to decide whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), a Mitigated Negative Declaration, or a Negative Declaration;
- To enable the Lead Agency to modify a project, mitigating adverse impacts, thus avoiding the need to prepare an EIR; and
- To provide sufficient technical analysis of the environmental effects of a project to permit a judgment based on the record as a whole, that the environmental effects of a project have been adequately mitigated.

Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration

Section 15070 of CEQA Guidelines states that a public agency shall prepare a negative declaration or mitigated negative declaration for a project subject to CEQA when:

- The IS shows that there is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the agency, that the project may have a significant effect on the environment; or
- The IS identifies potentially significant effects but:
 - Revisions in the project plans or proposals made by, or agreed to by the applicant before a proposed mitigated negative declaration and initial study are released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur; and
 - There is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the agency, that the project as revised may have a significant effect on the environment.

An IS/ND may be used to satisfy the requirements of CEQA when a proposed project would have no significant unmitigable effects on the environment. As discussed further in subsequent sections of this document, adoption of the Element would not result in any significant effects on the environment.

Impact Analysis and Significance Classification

The IS/ND provides discussions of the possible environmental effects of the proposed project for specific issue areas that have been identified on the CEQA Initial Study Checklist. For each issue area, potential effects are discussed and evaluated.

A “significant effect” is defined by Section 15382 of the CEQA Guidelines as “a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by a project, including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance.” According to the CEQA Guidelines, “an economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment, but may be considered in determining whether the physical change is significant.”

Following the evaluation of each environmental effect determined to be potentially significant is a discussion of mitigation measures and the residual effects or level of significance remaining after the implementation of the measures. In those cases where a mitigation measure for an impact could have a significant environmental impact in another issue area, this impact is discussed as a residual effect.

Documents Used in the Preparation of this Analysis

The following documents were used in preparation of this analysis. For a complete list of sources, please see Chapter VI.

- City of Yorba Linda General Plan
- Historic Resources Survey Update for the City of Yorba Linda
- Historic Resources Element Update for the City of Yorba Linda

II. PROJECT INFORMATION

The City of Yorba Linda (City) proposes to update their Historic Resources Element (Element) of the City's General Plan (General Plan). The purpose of incorporating a Historic Resources Element into the General Plan is to provide the basis for enabling legislation and policy guidance to preserve, enhance and maintain buildings, sites and areas which have been deemed architecturally and/or historically significant. This is important because the city of Yorba Linda (Yorba Linda) contains many individual properties and several neighborhoods that are associated with Yorba Linda's cultural and architectural values which cannot be replaced if demolished, altered, or neglected.

The authorization to prepare a Historic Resources Element and the scope of such an element are contained in Section 65303 of the California Government Code which states:

The general plan may include any other elements or address any other subjects which, in the judgment of the legislative body, relate to the physical development of the county or city.

The Element outlines goals, objectives, and implementation measures (IMs) that are adopted by the community as priorities within the broader context of the City's community planning and development. This Element is intended to lay the groundwork for a comprehensive historic preservation ordinance. The following goals are included in the Element:

Goal 1: *Enhance the historic Town Center as a focal point for activity and civic identity in Yorba Linda.*

Goal 2: *Protect Yorba Linda's significant historic and cultural resources.*

Goal 3: *Foster economic growth and safeguard property values of historic buildings and neighborhoods.*

Goal 4: *Uphold the rights of the owners of historic properties and those located within historic districts.*

Goal 5: *Conserve energy and materials by rehabilitating and reusing existing historic properties.*

Goal 6: *Increase public awareness of Yorba Linda's historic and cultural character.*

It should be noted that the Element is a policy document that does not propose any specific preservation projects or designations; however, it does encourage certain preservation activities. It is difficult to anticipate the specific projects that the Element

would encourage; however, all future preservation project proposals would be subject to separate environmental review (on a project-by-project basis) in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and the CEQA guidelines.

Project Title

City of Yorba Linda Historic Resources Element Update

Lead Agency Name and Address

City of Yorba Linda
4845 Casa Loma Avenue
Yorba Linda, CA 92885

Contact Person and Phone Number

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(714) 961-7131

Project Location

City of Yorba Linda, Orange County, California

Project Sponsor's Name and Address

City of Yorba Linda Community Development Department
4845 Casa Loma Avenue
Yorba Linda, CA 92885

General Plan Designation

The Element includes all land use designations established by the City's General Plan.

Zoning

The Element includes all zoning districts established by the City.

Surrounding Land Uses and Settings

Yorba Linda is surrounded by Orange County, the City of Anaheim, the City of Placentia, and the City of Brea.

Public Agencies whose Approval is Required

- City of Yorba Linda Planning Commission: Certify the Negative Declaration, provide recommendation to the City Council on the Historic Resources Element.
- City of Yorba Linda City Council: Adopt the Historic Resources Element.

III. ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by the proposed project, involving at least one impact that is a “Potentially Significant Impact” as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

<input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions	<input type="checkbox"/> Population & Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture & Forestry Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology & Water Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use & Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation & Traffic
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities & Service Systems
<input type="checkbox"/> Geology & Soils	<input type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance

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IV. DETERMINATION

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project **COULD NOT** have a significant effect on the environment, and a **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.

- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.

- I find that the proposed project **MAY** have a significant effect on the environment, and an **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required.

- I find that the proposed project **MAY** have a “potentially significant impact” or “potentially significant unless mitigated” impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been address by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or **NEGATIVE DECLARATION**, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

City of Yorba Linda
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V. EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The following list is a guideline as to the method of analysis, provided by CEQA.

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers, except “No Impact” answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A “No Impact” answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A “No Impact” answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factor as well as general standards (e.g., the project would not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis.)
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including offsite as well as onsite, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. “Potentially Significant Impact” is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more “Potentially Significant Impact” entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4) “Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated” applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from “Potentially Significant Impact” to a “Less Than Significant Impact.” The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level.
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiring, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.

- c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are “Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated,” describe the mitigation measures, which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.

- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.

- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.

- 8) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project’s environmental effects in whatever form is selected.

- 9) The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a) The significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b) The mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance.

1. AESTHETICS

Would the project:

a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?

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Yorba Linda is generally situated within the Peninsular Ranges, a group of mountain ranges which stretch 900 miles from Southern California to the tip of Mexico's Baja California Peninsula; these ranges include the San Gabriel Mountains to the north of Yorba Linda and the Santa Ana Mountains to the south of Yorba Linda. The visual character of Yorba Linda is defined primarily by the rolling hills, parks, and open spaces associated with these surrounding mountain ranges. Though scenic vistas do exist within Yorba Linda, the intent of the Element is to establish goals, policies, and implementation measures which protect its visual character, rather than detract from it. This is accomplished by the protection of architecturally significant buildings and neighborhoods, which provide unique visual interest within the community. In addition, the retention, rehabilitation, and enhancement of architectural landmarks and districts are part of the goals and policies included in the Element. These are proposed in order to ensure that Yorba Linda remains an aesthetically attractive place to live, work and visit as it continues to grow and develop.

The Element includes goals and policies to direct future development and/or preservation projects; it does not propose any specific projects or designations. All future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to aesthetics. The Element is intended to protect the visual character of Yorba Linda rather than impair or detract from it. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant with Mitigation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact |
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California State Route 91 (SR 91) is the primary east/west route in Orange County; the portion of SR 91 within Yorba Linda is also an Officially Designated State Scenic Highway. SR 91 runs along the southern border of Yorba Linda and offers views of

cottonwood and oak tree groves along the banks of the Santa Ana River, with distant views of chaparral-covered hillsides.

Though a state scenic highway is located within Yorba Linda, as stated above (1.a.), the Element includes goals, policies, and implementation measures to direct future development and/or preservation projects. The Element does not propose any specific projects or designations. All future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to aesthetics. The Element is intended to protect the visual character of Yorba Linda rather than impair or detract from it; therefore, it would have a less than significant impact.

c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant with Mitigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact |
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Please see Section 1.a. and 1.b. for discussion regarding the visual character of Yorba Linda. The intent of the Element is to establish goals, policies, and implementation measures which protect and/or rehabilitate its visual character, rather than degrade it. Implementation of the following goals and policies within the Element would serve to protect and/or rehabilitate the visual character of local historic resources, thus protecting its overall visual character.

Goal 1: *Enhance the historic Town Center as a focal point for activity and civic identity in Yorba Linda.*

Policy 1.1: *Protect existing buildings and their features that contribute to the unique historic character and architectural styles of the Town Center.*

Policy 1.2: *Ensure that new development within the Town Center complements the area's unique historic and architectural character.*

Policy 1.4: *Promote programs that create, enhance, and strengthen connections between historic/ architectural character and community image.*

Goal 2: *Protect Yorba Linda's significant historic and cultural resources.*

Policy 2.1: *Identify individual buildings and districts that qualify as historic resources.*

Policy 2.2: *Provide tools that facilitate preservation of unique historic/architectural character of buildings and districts.*

Policy 2.3: *Review and make informed decisions regarding proposed changes to historic resources.*

The Element would not degrade the City's existing visual character or quality; implementation of the relevant goals and policies listed above would serve to protect and/or rehabilitate the visual character of visual resources within Yorba Linda. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Element includes goals, policies, and implementation measures to direct future development and/or preservation projects; it does not propose any specific projects or designations. All future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to light and glare. Adoption of the Historic Resources Element would not result in direct or indirect impacts related to light or glare. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

2. AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES

Would the project:

a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP) of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The California Department of Conservation (DOC) established the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP) in 1982. The goal of the FMMP is to provide consistent and impartial data to decision makers for use in assessing present status and planning for the future of California’s agricultural land resources. One of the primary responsibilities of the FMMP is to produce Important Farmlands Maps and statistical data for California’s agricultural resources. Important Farmland Maps identify the location and quality of agricultural land across the state. The 2010 Important Farmland Map for Orange County was the map used for this analysis. A majority of Yorba Linda is identified by the Department of Conservation as “Urban and Built-Up Land” with a small portion of the City’s land identified as “Grazing Land” and “Unique Farmland” near the area formerly occupied by the Yorba Linda Reservoir.

The Element does not propose any specific projects or designations, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to agriculture and forest resources. In addition, future projects would be expected to comply with the Land Use Element of the City’s General Plan. Adoption of the Element would not result in the conversion of farmlands in Yorba Linda. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant with Mitigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact |
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The California Land Conservation Act of 1965, commonly referred to as the Williamson Act, enables local governments to enter into contracts with private landowners for the purpose of restricting specific parcels of land to agricultural or related open space use. In return, landowners receive property tax assessments which are much lower than normal because they are based upon farming and opens space uses as opposed to full market value. The goal of the Williamson Act Program is to encourage the preservation of California’s agricultural land and to prevent its premature conversion to urban uses.

The Element would not conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract. No land within Yorba Linda is designated as agricultural preserve, zoned for commercial agricultural production, or subject to a Williamson Act contract. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

In determining the level of impacts to forest resources, including timberland, information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land was consulted. There are no lands within Yorba Linda that have been identified as forest land, timberland, or timberland production by the respective Government Codes mentioned above. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section 2.c. for discussion regarding the absence of forest land in Yorba Linda. There are no lands within Yorba Linda that have been identified as forest land; therefore, the Element would have no impact.

e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section 2.a. for discussion regarding the presence of farmland in Yorba Linda. The Element does not propose any specific projects or designations, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to agriculture and forest resources. In addition, the Element was prepared to be consistent with the City's General Plan, including the Land Use Element. Adoption of the Element would not result in the conversion of farmlands or forest lands; therefore, it would have no impact.

3. AIR QUALITY

Would the project:

a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

According to the *City of Yorba Linda's Town Center Specific Plan Draft EIR (November 2010)*, Yorba Linda is located within the South Coast Air Basin (SCAB). The SCAB is a 6,600 square mile coastal plain bounded by the Pacific Ocean to the west and the San Gabriel, San Bernardino, and San Jacinto Mountains to the north and east. The SCAB includes all of the non-desert portions of San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Riverside counties, and all of Orange County. Basinwide conditions are characterized as warm summers, mild winters, infrequent rainfall, moderate onshore daytime breezes, and moderate humidity.

All seasons generally exhibit onshore flows during the day and offshore flows at night, after the land cools to below the temperature of the ocean. The likelihood of strong offshore flows, including Santa Ana winds, is greater during winter than summer. The topography and climate of Southern California combine to produce unhealthy air quality in the SCAB. Low temperature inversion, light winds, shallow vertical mixing, moist semi-arid climate, and extensive sunlight, in conjunction with a shallow marine layer that hinders horizontal and vertical dispersion of air pollutants, combine to create degraded quality, especially in inland valleys of the basin, including Yorba Linda. There are five major pollutant types in the SCAB: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, reactive organic gases, sulfur oxides, and particulates. The majority of pollutants found in the SCAB originate from vehicle exhaust.

The Element does not propose any development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to air quality. In addition, the Element was prepared to be consistent with all other elements in the City's General Plan, including the Growth Management Element which sets forth goals and policies intended to improve air quality in Yorba Linda (Growth Management, II.B.). Adoption of the Historic Resources Element would not conflict with air quality plans established by the federal government, the state, regional agencies, or local agencies. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section 3.a. for discussion regarding existing air quality in Yorba Linda. The intent of the goals and policies set forth in the Element are to preserve and/or improve existing conditions through historic preservation; the Element would not result in the increase in population, employment, or housing which would generate emissions, thus violating air quality standards.

Several goals and policies proposed in the Element (outlined below) are likely to prevent the unnecessary demolition of buildings and/or encourage the re-use of existing building materials, thus reducing construction-related dust and emissions caused by demolition.

Goal 5: Conserve energy and materials by rehabilitating and reusing existing historic properties.

Policy 5.1: Promote adaptive reuse and rehabilitation of existing historic buildings as a more sustainable activity than demolition and new construction.

Policy 5.2: Encourage improvements to historic buildings that increase energy efficiency while retaining historic features, materials, and character.

Policy 5.3: Consider preservation alternatives that preserve existing buildings, structures, and materials to the greatest extent feasible.

The Element would be consistent with the City's Growth Management Element which sets forth goals and policies intended to improve air quality in Yorba Linda. In addition, the Element does not propose any development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to air quality. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section 3.a. for discussion regarding existing air quality in Yorba Linda. The Element would be consistent with the City's Growth Management Element which sets forth goals and policies intended to improve air quality in Yorba Linda. In addition, the Element does not propose any development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to air quality. Therefore, the Element's impact to air quality would be less than cumulatively considerable.

d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

According to CEQA, sensitive receptors include children, athletes, and elderly and sick individuals that are more susceptible to the effects of air pollution than the population at large. Areas where sensitive receptors are most likely to spend time include schools, parks and playgrounds, day care centers, nursing homes, hospitals, and residential dwelling units.

The Element includes goals, policies, and implementation measures which would apply to all of Yorba Linda, including areas where sensitive receptors are likely to spend time; however, the Element does not propose any development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to air quality. Sensitive receptor locations for specific historic preservation projects need to be identified during the individual CEQA review processes. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Land uses that produce long-term objectionable odors are typically associated with agricultural uses, wastewater treatment plants, food processing plants, chemical plants,

composting, refineries, landfills, dairies, and fiberglass molding. Construction operations that produce short-term objectionable odors are typically associated with diesel-powered construction equipment and the use of architectural coatings and solvents.

The Element does not propose any development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to air quality. In addition, it is anticipated that construction of future development projects would be subject to standard Best Management Practices (BMPs) related to air quality. Therefore, the project would have no impact.

4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?**

Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Yorba Linda is largely developed, and is bordered by areas of open space including Chino Hills State Park in the north/northeast, and the Santa Ana River in the south. Existing land uses include Residential, Agriculture/Residential/Other, Vacant, Open Space, Commercial, and Light Industrial Business Park. According to the Land Use Element of the City's General Plan, residential developments and open space account for 43.2 percent and 30.8 percent of land use in Yorba Linda, respectively.

Per the Recreation and Resources Element of the City's General Plan, five main native plant communities exist in Yorba Linda, including southern oak woodland, grassland, coastal sage scrub, mixed chaparral, and riparian woodland. These habitats are largely located along the north/northeastern border of the city adjacent to Chino Hills State Park and at the southern boundary along the Santa Ana River. All sensitive natural resources are located along the periphery of the city limits in natural areas and do not occur in urbanized portions of Yorba Linda.

A search of the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) was conducted. The following special status plant species have the potential to occur in Yorba Linda:

- Intermediate mariposa-lily (*Calochortus weedii* var. *intermedius*) List 1B.2
- Many-stemmed dudleya (*Dudleya multicaulis*) List 1B.2
- Santa Ana River woollystar (*Eriastrum densifolium* ssp. *sanctorum*) List 1B.1
- Chaparral sand-verbena (*Abronia villosa* var. *aurita*) List 1B.1
- Parish's brittle scale (*Atriplex parishii*) List 1B.1
- Southern tarplant (*Centromadia parryi* ssp. *australis*) List 1B.1
- San Bernardino aster (*Symphyotrichum defoliatum*) List 1B.2

Formal surveys have not been conducted; however, these species are not likely to occur in the urban, developed areas of Yorba Linda.

The following sensitive wildlife species have the potential to occur in Yorba Linda:

- Coastal California Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila californica californica*) FT
- Least Bell's Vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) FE/SE

Formal surveys have not been conducted; however, these species and/or their habitat are not likely to occur in the urban, developed areas of Yorba Linda.

Chino Hills State Park, Carbon Canyon Regional Park, Yorba Regional Park, Featherly Regional Park, and areas of Open Space within the city may provide habitat for wildlife species; however, Yorba Linda is largely urbanized and species present in the area are not considered, rare, endangered, or threatened. In addition, the Historic Resources Survey Update indicated that the City's historic resources are primarily located in the downtown core area, well away from potential biological resource areas. Finally, all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to biological species. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section 4.a. for discussion regarding Yorba Linda's biological resources. Riparian habitat is present in Yorba Regional Park; however, all preservation activities consistent with the Element is anticipated to occur in established urbanized areas. In addition, all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in

accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to biological species. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section 4.a. for discussion regarding Yorba Linda's biological resources. Water bodies and wetlands present in Yorba Linda include East Lake and the area formerly known as the Yorba Linda Reservoir; however, all preservation activities consistent with the Element is anticipated to occur in established urbanized areas. In addition, all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to biological species. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

A mountain lion movement corridor is present along the foothills at the southeastern end of the city limits between Featherly Regional Park and Chino Hills State Park, and a smaller wildlife movement corridor exists at the base of the foothills in open space between two residential neighborhoods; however, all preservation activities consistent with the Element is anticipated to occur in established urbanized areas. In addition, all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to biological species. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section 4.a. for discussion regarding Yorba Linda's biological resources. The Element was prepared to be consistent with the City's General Plan, including the Recreation and Resources Element and the Land Use Element. All preservation activities consistent with the Element are anticipated to occur in established urbanized areas. In addition, all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to biological species. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section 4.a. for discussion regarding Yorba Linda's biological resources. The Element was prepared to be consistent with the City's General Plan, which takes into account local, regional, and State conservation plans. In addition, all preservation activities consistent with the Element are anticipated to occur in established urbanized areas. All future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

5. CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Element includes provisions for the protection, maintenance and rehabilitation of Yorba Linda's historic buildings and neighborhoods. Impacts from the implementation

of this Element on the City's historic resources would be positive in nature and would not adversely affect or destroy any historic resources.

The Element sets forth goals, policies and implementation measures based on issues identified by the community and the City's needs for the future to ensure the preservation and appropriate use of local cultural resources. The goals are designed to address appropriate preservation issues, the policies are used to guide daily decision-making, and the implementation measures provide a framework for enacting these policies. These goals, policies, and implementation measures include the following:

Goal 2: *Protect Yorba Linda's significant historic and cultural resources.*

Policy 2.1: *Identify individual buildings and districts that qualify as historic resources.*

Policy 2.2: *Provide tools that facilitate preservation of unique historic/architectural character of buildings and districts.*

Policy 2.3: *Review and make informed decisions regarding proposed changes to historic resources.*

Policy 2.4: *Ensure that the City is a leader in preservation and a good steward of its historic properties.*

IM 2.a.: *Maintain lists and maps of all identified historic properties and districts in Yorba Linda, including: officially designated/ listed properties; properties determined eligible based on professional evaluation; and properties determined by the City Council to be significant according to locally established criteria and standards.*

IM 2.b.: *Update public information regarding historic resources on a regular basis by incorporating the results of newly completed property evaluations, updates to surveys, and historic context research which may provide greater understanding of historical/architectural significance.*

IM 2.c.: *Adopt zoning code provisions that allow for exceptions to development standards such as required setbacks, lot coverage, lot density, building height, site layout, off-street parking, and allowable uses, where it would avoid and/or reduce effects to historic resources.*

IM 2.d.: *Adopt and implement design guidelines that address appropriate alterations to individual historic resources, district contributors,*

altered district contributors, non-contributors, as well as new construction nearby to existing historic buildings and/or districts.

IM 2.e.: *Establish codes and/or ordinances that require discretionary review to be conducted in cases of proposed alterations to historic properties and/or properties located within historic districts.*

IM 2.f.: *Review development proposals pursuant to the historic resource provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and integrate the findings of CEQA review into decision-making.*

IM 2.g.: *Require that a qualified professional in architectural history and/or historical architecture analyze the appropriateness of proposed changes to historic properties and/or historic districts and make recommendations to the City.*

IM 2.h.: *Apply to become a Certified Local Government (CLG) through the State Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) in order for the City to gain access to additional knowledge, expertise, and grant funding for its preservation program.*

IM 2.i.: *Preserve and maintain all City-owned properties in a manner that is compatible with the historic and architectural character of existing properties and their surroundings.*

IM 2.j.: *Allow for the City to acquire and preserve significant historic properties that are at risk of demolition or destruction, in cases where City acquisition is feasible and where it would result in a substantial public benefit.*

The Element is a policy document that does not propose any specific projects or alterations of any specific properties. Future preservation projects would be subject to separate environmental review in accordance with CEQA and consistent with the Element. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?

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The Element includes provisions for the protection and appropriate treatment of the City's significant archeological sites. Impacts from the implementation of this Element on the City's archeological resources would be beneficial in nature and would not adversely affect or destroy any archeological resources.

The Element sets forth goals, policies and implementation measures based on issues identified by the community and the City's needs for the future to ensure the preservation and appropriate use of local cultural resources. These goals, policies, and implementation measures include the following:

Goal 2: *Protect Yorba Linda's significant historic and cultural resources.*

Policy 2.5: *Avoid adversely affecting significant archeological and paleontological resources.*

IM 2.k.: *Comply with federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and codes related to archeological and paleontological properties, by ensuring that protocols are followed that protect and mitigate potential impacts, including consultation with Native American groups as appropriate.*

Goal 6: *Increase public awareness of Yorba Linda's historic and cultural character.*

Policy 6.2: *Support efforts to expand and augment the knowledge that has been gathered regarding the history of Yorba Linda and the surrounding region.*

Policy 6.3: *Work with the community to conduct events and activities that educate the general public about Yorba Linda's historical and cultural development.*

IM 6.f.: *Appreciate and recognize important historical sites in the surrounding region that relate to the history of Yorba Linda, such as cemeteries, early rural settlements, and Native American cultural sites (without disclosing information that may allow intrusion on sensitive cultural sites).*

The Element is a policy document that does not propose any specific projects or alterations of any specific properties. Future preservation projects would be subject to separate environmental review in accordance with CEQA and consistent with the Element. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

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The Element includes provisions for the protection and appropriate treatment of the City's unique paleontological resources and sites. Impacts from the implementation of this Element on the City's paleontological resources would be beneficial in nature and would not adversely affect or destroy any paleontological resources.

The Element sets forth goals, policies and implementation measures based on issues identified by the community and the City's needs for the future to ensure the preservation and appropriate use of local cultural resources. The goals are designed to address appropriate preservation issues, the policies are used to guide daily decision-making, and the implementation measures provide a framework for enacting these policies. Please see Section 5.b. for the goals, policies, and implementation measures that are also applicable to this discussion.

The Element is a policy document that does not propose any specific projects or alterations of any specific properties. Future preservation projects would be subject to separate environmental review in accordance with CEQA and consistent with the Element. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

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The Element includes provisions for the protection and appropriate treatment of the City's designated cemeteries, burial grounds, and places of interment. Impacts from the implementation of this Element on the City's cemeteries, burial grounds, and places of interment would be beneficial in nature and would not adversely affect or destroy any human remains or sites.

The Element sets forth goals, policies and implementation measures based on issues identified by the community and the City's needs for the future to ensure the preservation and appropriate use of local cultural resources. The goals are designed to address appropriate preservation issues, the policies are used to guide daily decision-making, and

the implementation measures provide a framework for enacting these policies. Please see Section 5.b. for the goals, policies, and implementation measures that are also applicable to this discussion.

The Element is a policy document that does not propose any specific projects or alterations of any specific properties. Future preservation projects would be subject to separate environmental review in accordance with CEQA and consistent with the Element. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

6. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Would the project:

- a) **Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:**
 - i) **Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.**

Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Yorba Linda is located in the seismically active Southern California region. Per the Seismicity section of the City's General Plan (Public Safety Element), many faults are present in the Yorba Linda area including the Whittier, Elsinore, Chino, Peralta Hills, Newport/Inglewood, San Jacinto, and San Andreas Fault. The Whittier fault zone runs in a northwest-southeast direction across the northeastern portion of the city and is an Alquist-Priolo Special Studies Zone.

Though there is risk related to earthquakes in Yorba Linda, the Element does not propose any specific projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to geology and soils. In addition, future development projects would be required to comply with the Safety Element of the City's General Plan, which outlines goals, policies, and implementation programs to avoid adverse effects related to earthquake faults. It is anticipated that future construction would be in compliance with building codes related to seismic strengthening as well. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?

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Yorba Linda is located in the seismically active Southern California region. If a seismic event along the Whittier-Elsinore fault system, or any other fault in Yorba Linda, were to occur people and/or structures could experience varying levels of ground shaking. There is the potential for structural damage or personal injury to occur; however, it is not possible to determine the level of damage that may follow during a seismic event.

Though Yorba Linda could be subject to seismic ground shaking, the Element does not propose any specific projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to geology and soils. In addition, future development projects would be required to comply with the Safety Element of the City's General Plan, which outlines goals, policies, and implementation programs to avoid adverse effects related to seismic shaking. It is anticipated that future construction would be in compliance with building codes related to seismic strengthening as well. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

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According to the Safety Element of the City's General Plan, most areas in Yorba Linda have a low potential for liquefaction, as the water table is generally deeper than 17 meters (50 feet). Per the Public Safety Map, there is potential for liquefaction in areas adjacent to the Santa Ana River in Featherly Regional Park.

Though some (limited) areas within Yorba Linda are subject to ground failure, the Element does not propose any specific projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to geology and soils. It is anticipated that future construction would be in compliance with local ordinances and building codes related to ground failure as well. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

iv) Landslides?

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Soils in the northern and northeastern parts of Yorba Linda consist of siltstone and interbedded sandstone and are prone to slope failure. Per the Public Safety Element's Public Safety Map (City's General Plan) and the State Seismic Hazard Zone map of the Yorba Linda Quadrangle, there is a potential for landslides in Chino Hills State Park.

Though portions of Yorba Linda are subject to landslides, the Element does not propose any specific projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to geology and soils. It is anticipated that future construction would be in compliance with local ordinances and building codes related to landslides and/or ground failure as well. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

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Please see Section 6.a. for discussion regarding soil types in Yorba Linda. The Element does not propose any specific projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to geology and soils. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?

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Please see Section 6.a. for discussion regarding unstable soils in Yorba Linda. Though there are unstable soils and/or geologic units located within Yorba Linda, the Element does not propose any specific projects, and all future development would be subject to a

separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to geology and soils. It is anticipated that future construction would be in compliance with local ordinances and building codes related to landslides and/or ground failure as well. In addition, future projects would be subject to safety code regulations, and would complete project-level studies as required. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?

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Please see Section 6.a. for discussion regarding the presence of expansive soils and soil types in Yorba Linda. Though there are expansive soils located within Yorba Linda, the Element does not propose any specific projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to geology and soils. It is anticipated that future construction would be in compliance with local ordinances and building codes related to landslides and/or ground failure as well. In addition, future projects would be subject to safety code regulations, and would complete project-level studies as required. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?

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Yorba Linda is currently served by two sewer service systems: the City of Yorba Linda and the Yorba Linda Water District. The entire city is served by an existing sewer system and there is no need for septic tanks or any other alternative waste water disposal systems. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

7. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Would the project:

a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?

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Over 80 percent of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the United States are a result of fossil fuel combustion (CO₂e). Because California is so highly populated, its GHG emissions are one of the highest in the country; however, if analyzed on a per-capita basis, California has one of the lowest per-capita GHG emission rates in the country, primarily due to California's higher energy efficiency standards, its temperate climate, and its reliance on out-of-state energy generation. It should be noted that in the absence of further regulatory or scientific information related to GHG emissions and CEQA significance, determinations regarding a project's ability to directly or indirectly effect the environment through GHG emissions is difficult.

The Element was prepared to be consistent with the City's General Plan, including the Growth Management Element. Adoption of the Element would not create new roadway projects or any other projects that are expected to increase GHG emissions in Yorba Linda. Any future preservation projects that are proposed would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to GHG emissions. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

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The Element was prepared to be consistent with existing City plans, policies, and regulations, and, once adopted, the Element would be included as part of the City's General Plan. The Element does not propose any specific projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to GHG emissions. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

8. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Would the project:

a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?

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The City’s General Plan (Public Safety Element) identifies hazardous waste transport routes, most of which are located along the southern boundary (Esperanza Road and La Palma Avenue) or in the western portion (Imperial Highway) of Yorba Linda. Though hazardous transportation routes do exist in Yorba Linda, the goal of the Historic Resources Element is to preserve and/or improve existing conditions through historic preservation.

Hazardous materials associated with historic preservation, maintenance, and rehabilitation activities typically include asbestos removal and disposal, as well as the disposal of paints and insecticides. The Element does not propose any specific projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to hazards and hazardous materials. In addition, the handling and disposal of hazardous materials would be subject to the City’s General Plan (Public Safety Element), which requires “permits for the use, storage handling, transport or disposal of hazardous materials/waste substances in accordance with applicable federal, state and county laws/regulations.” Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?

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Please see Section 8.a. for discussion regarding hazardous materials typically associated with preservation activities. Though it is possible that future preservation activities could use hazardous materials during construction, the Element does not propose any specific projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to

hazards and hazardous materials. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The City is served primarily by the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District (PYLUSD) and Orange Unified School District (OUSD) for grades K-12, and there are several public and private schools located throughout Yorba Linda. Though the Element includes areas that are within one-quarter mile of existing and proposed schools, it does not propose any specific projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to hazards and hazardous materials. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

According to the Department of Toxic Substances Control, the Cortese List is a planning document used by State agencies, local agencies, and developers to comply with CEQA requirements in providing information about the location of hazardous materials release sites. A search of the Department of Toxic Substances Control Hazardous Waste and Substances Site List (Envirostor) did not reveal any sites listed in Yorba Linda. Though no sites in Yorba Linda are included in the Cortese List, the City's General Plan does list 8 sites which are considered hazardous, all of which are caused by leaking underground storage tanks. Additionally, the General Plan lists 15 sites that reported releases of oil and hazardous substances. Due to the fact that these lists were compiled for the period of 1987 to 1991, it is assumed that there are other additional sites which have potential for contamination.

Though there are hazardous materials sites within Yorba Linda, the Element does not propose any specific projects or designations. All future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with CEQA and its guidelines,

including those related to hazards and hazardous materials. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The nearest public airport to Yorba Linda is the Santa Ana John Wayne Airport, located approximately 13 miles from the Yorba Linda city limits. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The nearest private airport to Yorba Linda is the Fullerton Municipal Airport, located approximately 6 miles from the Yorba Linda City limits. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Public Safety Element of the City's General Plan includes an Emergency Response Plan (IV. Implementation Programs) for all of Yorba Linda. The Element was prepared to be consistent with the City's General Plan, including the Public Safety Element's Emergency Response Plan. In addition, the Element does not propose any specific projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to hazards and hazardous materials. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

According to the Public Safety Element of the City’s General Plan, Yorba Linda is subject to wildfires due to the steep terrain, highly flammable chaparral vegetation of the Chino Hills State Park to the north, and the high winds (Santa Ana Winds) that correspond with seasonal dry periods. Major fires have threatened Yorba Linda in the past. The Public Safety Map identifies the northern portion of the city as a Wildfire Hazard Area.

Though portions of Yorba Linda are subject to wildfires, the Element was prepared to be consistent with the City’s General Plan, including the Public Safety Element. The Element is intended to preserve and/or improve existing conditions through historic preservation; it does not propose any specific projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to hazards and hazardous materials. In addition, future development would be required to comply with the General Plan’s Implementation Program regarding fire prevention. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

9. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

Would the project:

a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The California State General Construction Activity National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System NPDES stormwater permitting program, under Section 402(p) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), is administered by the RWQCB on behalf of the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). As a permittee within the Orange County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) NPDES Permit (Order #R8-2009-0030, Amended by Order #R8-2010-0062), the City is required to comply with several

programs to ensure the water that is discharged within its limits meets the requirements mandated by the NPDES Permit.

The Element does not propose any development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, along with local standards and requirements related to water quality and/or waste discharge. In addition, future development projects would be required to comply with the NPDES Permit, and with applicable ordinances outlined by the City that implement requirements of the County of Orange NPDES Permit. It is anticipated that the construction of future development projects would include BMPs to prevent erosion and polluted runoff from leaving any future project sites and contaminating waterways. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Yorba Linda is one of three sub-basins located in the Orange County Basin within the lower Santa Ana River watershed. According to The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, though Yorba Linda is part of the Basin, it currently has little groundwater pumping. The Element does not propose any development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to hydrology and water quality. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Element was prepared to be consistent with the City's General Plan, including the Recreation and Resources Element which includes a Conservation Component for the City's watershed. The Element does not propose any development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance

with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to hydrology and water quality. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maintains a collection of Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), which cover the entire United States. These maps identify those areas which may be subjected to 100-year and 500-year cycle floods. Based on flood plain data included in FEMA FIRM Maps for Yorba Linda (Including Numbers 06059C0062J, 06059C0063J, 06059C0064J, 06059C0066J, 06059C0068J, 06059C0069J, 06059C0090J, 06059C0095J, 06059C0152J, 06059C0156J, 06059C0157J, 06059C0180J & 06059C0185J) the city contains areas which are located within the 100-year flood zone.

Though portions of Yorba Linda are located within flood hazard zones, the Element does not propose any development projects. The Element would not result in the increase of impervious surface. In addition, all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to hydrology and water quality. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?

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The Element does not propose any development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to hydrology and water quality. It is anticipated that the construction of future development projects would include BMPs to prevent polluted runoff from leaving any future project sites and contaminating waterways. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?

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The Element does not propose any development projects and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to hydrology and water quality. It is anticipated that the construction of future development projects would include BMPs to prevent the degradation of water quality through polluted runoff resulting in contamination of waterways. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?

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Please see Section 9.d. regarding portions of Yorba Linda inside the 100-year flood hazard area. Though there are flood hazard areas located within Yorba Linda, the Element is intended to preserve, restore, and (in some cases) re-use existing historic structures; the Element does not propose any development projects. All future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to hydrology and water quality. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?

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Please see Section 9.d. for information regarding the City's 100-year flood zones. The Element is intended to preserve, restore, and (in some cases) re-use existing historic structures; the Element does not propose any development projects. All future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to hydrology and water quality. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

There are currently no functioning levees or dams located in Yorba Linda; however, according to the Public Safety Element of the City's General Plan, historic flooding has occurred largely as a result of the Santa Ana River. The Santa Ana River floodplain extends approximately four miles along a portion of the southern boundary of Yorba Linda, and the western portion of the City could be subject to flooding.

Though portions of Yorba Linda could be subject to flooding, the Element was prepared to be consistent with the City's General Plan, including the Public Safety Element. The Element is intended to preserve and/or improve existing conditions through historic preservation; it does not propose any specific projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to hydrology and water quality. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section 6 for discussion regarding unstable soils within Yorba Linda as well as Section 8.h. regarding the area's propensity for wildfires. Due to the fact that Yorba Linda is at risk for wildfires in its hillside areas, coupled by the fact that there are unstable soils located in these same areas, there are portions of Yorba Linda that would be subject to mudflows. Though mudflows could occur in Yorba Linda, the Element does not propose any specific projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to hydrology and water quality. The Element would have a less than significant impact.

10. LAND USE AND PLANNING

Would the project:

a) Physically divide an established community?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Element includes goals and policies which are expected to result in social, aesthetic, and economic benefits in Yorba Linda. Social benefits of historic preservation are expressed as increased awareness in the physical and cultural heritage of Yorba Linda and increased community pride in the city’s early built environment. Enthusiasm and popular interest in the community’s past has the potential to sustain a recognizable identity for Yorba Linda as a source of civic pride and identity, as well as reinforce the city’s historic character as a “small town” amidst modern development. Implementation of the following goals and policies within the Element would help protect established communities.

Goal 1: *Enhance the historic Town Center as a focal point for activity and civic identity in Yorba Linda.*

Policy 1.1: *Protect existing buildings and their features that contribute to the unique historic character and architectural styles of the Town Center.*

Policy 1.2: *Ensure that new development within the Town Center complements the area’s unique historic and architectural character.*

Policy 1.4: *Promote programs that create, enhance, and strengthen connections between historic/ architectural character and community image.*

Goal 2: *Protect Yorba Linda’s significant historic and cultural resources.*

Policy 2.2: *Provide tools that facilitate preservation of unique historic/ architectural character of buildings and districts.*

Goal 3: *Foster economic growth and safeguard property values of historic buildings and neighborhoods.*

Policy 3.2: *Offer financial incentives to owners of historic properties within commercial districts to carry out compatible improvements.*

The Element outlines goals, objectives, and implementation measures that are adopted by the community as priorities within the broader context of community planning and development. The Element was prepared to be consistent with the City's General Plan, including the Land Use Element. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Element would not conflict with any applicable land use plans, policies, or regulations with jurisdiction over the project. Please see Section 10.a. above for discussion regarding the Element's consistency with the Land Use Element of the City's General Plan. The Element has been prepared to establish goals and policies to be included in the City's General Plan, and it is consistent with all applicable land use plans, policies, regulations, and designations. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

It is the intent of the Element to protect existing conditions through historic preservation. The Element was prepared to be consistent with the City's General Plan, including the Land Use Element and the Recreation and Resources Element (including Sensitive Natural Resources). Please also see Section 4 for discussion regarding the Element's consistency with habitat conservation plans and other conservation plans.

Any preservation activities associated with the Element would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to land use and planning. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

11. MINERAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The City's General Plan (Recreation and Resources Element) includes a map that identifies oil production zones and mineral resource zones within Yorba Linda. The only known mineral resource zone identified on the map is located in the southeast quadrant of the city, south of La Palma Avenue. This area includes construction aggregate deposits that meet State criteria for a value and marketability based solely on geologic factors.

Though there are mineral resources located within Yorba Linda, the Element would not set forth any policies or encourage any activities that could result in a loss of these resources. Any preservation activities associated with the Element would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to mineral resources. In addition, future projects would be required to comply with the Conservation Component of the Recreation and Resources Element in the City's General Plan. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Though there are mineral resource sites identified in Yorba Linda, the land use designations which overlay the resource areas essentially preclude the resource's extraction potential. There are no mineral resource recovery sites located in Yorba Linda; therefore, the Element would have no impact.

12. NOISE

Sound can be described as the mechanical energy of a vibrating object transmitted by pressure waves through a liquid or gaseous medium (e.g., air) to a hearing organ, such as a human ear. Noise is defined as loud, unexpected, or annoying sound.

CEQA requires a strictly baseline (existing) versus build (with project) analysis to assess whether a proposed project will have a noise impact. If a proposed project is determined to have a significant noise impact under CEQA, then CEQA dictates that mitigation measures must be incorporated into the project unless such measures are not feasible.

Would the project result in:

a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?

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The Element encourages preservation activities within Yorba Linda that could include short-term construction noise impacts depending on the construction activities, the site geometry, and the presence or absence of sensitive receptors; however, the Element does not propose any development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to noise. In addition, construction of any future development would be required to comply with the Noise Element of the City's General Plan which includes Implementation Programs to control noise impacts and establish noise standards. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?

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The Element encourages preservation activities within Yorba Linda that could include short-term groundborne vibration or groundborne noise level impacts depending on the construction activities; however, the Element does not propose any development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in

accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to noise. In addition, construction of any future development would be required to comply with the Noise Element of the City's General Plan which includes Implementation Programs to control noise impacts and establish noise standards. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Element is intended to preserve and/or protect existing conditions through historic preservation. The source of noise from preservation activities are typically related to short-term construction, and would not include permanent noise associated with operational uses. The Element does not propose any specific development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to noise. In addition, construction of any future development would be required to comply with the Noise Element of the City's General Plan which includes Implementation Programs to control noise impacts and establish noise standards. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Element encourages preservation activities within Yorba Linda that could include short-term increased noise levels depending on the construction activities; however, the Element does not propose any development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to noise. In addition, construction of any future development would be required to comply with the Noise Element of the City's General Plan which includes Implementation Programs to control noise impacts and establish noise standards. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Sections 8.e. and 8.f for discussion regarding the absence of airport land uses within Yorba Linda. There are no public airports located within two miles of the Yorba Linda city limits, nor are there any airport land use plans located within Yorba Linda. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Sections 8.e. and 8.f for discussion regarding the absence of airport land uses within Yorba Linda. There are no airports private airstrips located within or adjacent to the Yorba Linda city limits. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

13. POPULATION AND HOUSING

Would the project:

a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Element was prepared to be consistent with the City's General Plan, including its Land Use Element and Growth Management Element. The Land Use Element and Growth Management Element of the General Plan set forth goals and policies related to

land use densities, intensities, and public infrastructure necessary to accommodate future forecasted growth.

The intent of the Element is to preserve and/or restore existing conditions through historic preservation. The Element does not propose any development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to population and housing. In addition, construction of any future development would be subject to the goals and policies outlined in the City's General Plan. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

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The Element would not result in the destruction or relocation of existing housing units, as the intent of the Element is to preserve and/or restore existing conditions through historic preservation. The Element does not propose any development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to population and housing. In addition, construction of any future development would be subject to the goals and policies outlined in the Land Use Element and Growth Management Element of the City's General Plan. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

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Please see Section 14.b. for discussion regarding the Element's intent. The Element does not include goals, policies, or implementation measures that are intended to displace people residing in Yorba Linda. The Element does not propose any development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to population and housing. In addition, construction of any future development would be subject to the goals and policies outlined in the Land Use Element and Growth

Management Element of the City's General Plan. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

14. PUBLIC SERVICES

a) **Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:**

i) **Fire protection?**

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The Historic Resources Element would have a less than significant impact on fire protection services. Fire protection for the City is provided by the Orange County Fire Authority. There are three stations located within the Yorba Linda city limits:

Station 10: 18422 E. Lemon Drive, Yorba Linda. Station 53 was established in 1931. Staffing includes 3 Captains, 3 Engineers, 9 Firefighters, and Reserve Firefighters.

Station 32: 20990 Yorba Linda Boulevard, Yorba Linda. Station 32 was established in 1976. Staffing includes 3 Captains, 3 Engineers, 9 Firefighters, and Reserve Firefighters.

Station 34: 1530 N. Valencia Avenue, Placentia. Station 34 was established in 1975. Staffing includes 3 Battalion Chiefs, 6 Captains, 6 Engineers, and 12 Firefighters.

Station 53: 25415 E. La Palma Avenue, Yorba Linda. Station 53 was established in 1990. Staffing includes 3 Captains, 3 Engineers, and 3 Firefighters.

The Element is a policy document and does not propose any development projects. It is not likely that preservation activities associated with the Element would have an impact on fire protection services or increase the demand for existing services; however, all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to public services. In addition, construction of any future development would be subject to the goals and policies outlined in the Land Use Element, Public Safety Element, and Growth

Management Element of the City’s General Plan. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

ii) Police protection?

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According to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Yorba Linda is one of the safest cities in Orange County. The DOJ Uniform Crime Reporting website states that in 2011 the City reported a total of 871 Part 1 crimes (including but not limited to homicide, burglary, and theft) and a total of 1,092 Part 2 crimes (including but not limited to fraud, vandalism, and DUI). Police protection for the City is provided by the Brea Police Department (BPD) for law enforcement and crime prevention services.

The BPD is divided into three divisions, the Administrative, Investigative, and Uniform Divisions. The Yorba Linda Police Administrative Office is located at 20994 Yorba Linda Boulevard, Yorba Linda. BPD is staffed with 100 sworn officers, 1 reserve officer, and 55 full and part-time civilian employees; and equipped with 28 marked patrol cars, 16 motorcycles, undercover cars, bicycles, computers, advanced weaponry and techniques.

The Element is a policy document and does not propose any development projects. It is not likely that preservation activities associated with the Element would have an impact on police protection services or increase the demand for existing services; however, all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to public services. In addition, construction of any future development would be subject to the goals and policies outlined in the Land Use Element, Public Safety Element, and Growth Management Element of the City’s General Plan. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

iii) Schools?

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Yorba Linda is served by the PYLUSD and OUSD for grades K-12. In addition, there are private schools and day care facilities located throughout the city. The Element is a policy document and does not propose any development projects. It is not likely that preservation activities associated with the Element would have an impact on schools or

increase the demand for school facilities; however, all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to public services. In addition, construction of any future development would be subject to the goals and policies outlined in the Land Use Element and Growth Management Element of the City's General Plan. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

iv) Parks?

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The City of Yorba Linda Parks and Recreation Department manages parks and trails located within Yorba Linda, and provides services to the community such as classes, sports leagues, and activities for senior citizens. There are approximately 23 parks located within Yorba Linda, with facilities ranging from passive uses to more active uses, such as baseball fields, tennis courts, and equestrian arenas.

The Element is a policy document and does not propose any development projects. It is not likely that preservation activities associated with the Element would have an impact on parks or increase the demand for park facilities; however, all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to public services. In addition, construction of any future development would be subject to the goals and policies outlined in the Land Use Element, Recreation and Resources Element, and Growth Management Element of the City's General Plan. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

v.) Other public facilities?

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Other public facilities, including libraries, hospitals and other medical facilities, churches, and senior care centers, are located within the city limits. The Element is a policy document and does not propose any development projects. It is not likely that preservation activities associated with the Element would have an impact on public facilities or increase the demand for these facilities; however, all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to public services. In addition, construction of any future development would be subject to the goals and policies

outlined in the Land Use Element, Recreation and Resources Element, and Growth Management Element of the City's General Plan. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

15. RECREATION

a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?

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Please see Section 15.a.iv. for discussion regarding the presence of parks and recreational facilities in Yorba Linda. The Element is a policy document and does not propose any development projects. It is not likely that preservation activities associated with the Element would have an impact on parks, increase the demand for park facilities, or cause deterioration of park facilities; however, all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to public services. In addition, construction of any future development would be subject to the goals and policies outlined in the Land Use Element, Recreation and Resources Element, and Growth Management Element of the City's General Plan. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

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Please see Section 15.a.iv. for discussion regarding the presence of parks and recreational facilities in Yorba Linda. The Element includes goals and policies relating to all of Yorba Linda, including its park and recreational facilities; however, the Element is a policy document and does not propose any development projects. It is not likely that preservation activities associated with the Element would have an impact on recreational facilities, increase demand, or cause deterioration of recreational facilities that would necessitate the construction of additional facilities; however, all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to public services. In addition,

construction of any future development would be subject to the goals and policies outlined in the Land Use Element, Recreation and Resources Element, and Growth Management Element of the City's General Plan. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

16. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

Would the project:

- a) **Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?**

Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Element was prepared to be consistent with the City's General Plan, including the Circulation Element which includes goals, policies, and implementation programs relating to motorized and non-motorized transportation. The Element is a policy document and does not propose any development projects. All future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to transportation and traffic. In addition, construction of any future development would be subject to the goals and policies outlined in the Land Use Element and Circulation Element of the City's General Plan. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

- b) **Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?**

Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Element was prepared to be consistent with the City's General Plan, including the Circulation Element which includes goals, policies, and implementation programs

relating to motorized and non-motorized transportation. The Circulation Element was prepared to be consistent with the Orange County Master Plan of Arterial Highways.

The Element is a policy document and does not propose any development projects. All future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to transportation and traffic. In addition, construction of any future development would be subject to the goals and policies outlined in the Land Use Element and Circulation Element of the City's General Plan. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Sections 8.e. and 8.f. for discussion regarding the absence of airport land uses within Yorba Linda. There are no public or private airports located within or adjacent to the Yorba Linda city limits; therefore, the Element would have no impact.

d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The intent of the Element is to preserve and/or restore existing conditions of the built environment through historic preservation; it does not propose or encourage transportation-related design features. The Element does not propose any development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to transportation and traffic. In addition, construction of any future development would be subject to the goals and policies outlined in the Land Use Element and Circulation Element of the City's General Plan. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

e) Result in inadequate emergency access?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Element encourages preservation activities which could include short-term construction impacts, including those related to emergency access to properties; however, the Element does not propose any specific development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to transportation and traffic. In addition, it is anticipated that construction of any future development would incorporate traffic management plans and/or coordination with emergency service agencies. Construction would also be subject to the goals and policies outlined in the Circulation Element of the City's General Plan. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

f) Conflict with adopted policies, plans or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Element was prepared to be consistent with the City's General Plan, including the Circulation Element. The Circulation Element includes goals, policies, and implementation programs that include alternative transportation modes. The Element does not propose any development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to transportation and traffic. In addition, it is anticipated that development projects would be subject to the goals and policies outlined in the Circulation Element of the City's General Plan. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

17. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

Would the project:

a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section 9.a. for discussion regarding the RWQCB. The Element is a policy document and does not propose any specific development projects. It is not likely that preservation activities associated with the Element would exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the RWQCB; however, all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to utilities and service systems. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Element is a policy document and does not propose any specific development projects. It is not likely that preservation activities associated with the Element would have an impact on wastewater treatment facilities or increase the demand for these facilities; however, all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to utilities and service systems. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Element is a policy document and does not propose any specific development projects. It is not likely that preservation activities associated with the Element would have an impact on storm water drainage facilities or increase the demand for these facilities; however, all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those

related to utilities and service systems. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Element is a policy document and does not propose any specific development projects. It is not likely that preservation activities associated with the Element would have an impact on water supplies or increase the demand for these supplies, due to the fact that the intent of the Element is to preserve and or/restore existing conditions through historic preservation. All future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to utilities and service systems. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Element is a policy document and does not propose any specific development projects. It is not likely that preservation activities associated with the Element would have an impact on wastewater treatment facilities, or that it would increase the demand for these facilities; however, all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to utilities and service systems. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Yorba Linda is served by Yorba Linda Disposal, which provides residential and commercial solid waste collection. The Element is a policy document and does not propose any specific development projects. It is not likely that preservation activities associated with the Element would have a long-term impact on solid waste facilities, or that it would permanently increase the demand for these facilities; however, all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to utilities and service systems. Therefore, the Element would have a less than significant impact.

g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Element was prepared to be consistent with all local statutes and regulations, including those considered in the City’s General Plan. The Element is a policy document and does not propose any specific development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines, including those related to utilities and service systems. Therefore, the Element would have no impact.

18. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

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, substantially 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?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Element is a policy document intended to provide guidance for maintaining and preserving buildings and sites that are historically significant within Yorba Linda. The goals, policies, and implementation measures set forth in the Element include those related to the protection of cultural resources. Lands within the Yorba Linda city limits are largely urbanized; it is anticipated that preservation activities associated with the Element would occur in established urbanized areas, thus avoiding potential sensitive

habitat areas. Additionally, species present in the area are not considered, rare, endangered, or threatened, as outlined in Section 4 of this document.

The Element does not propose any specific development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines. For these reasons, impacts related to degradation of the quality of the environment, including impacts to humans and animals, are considered less than significant.

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)?

Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Element is a policy document intended to provide guidance for maintaining and preserving buildings and sites that are historically significant within Yorba Linda. The Element does not propose any specific development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines. In addition, the Element was prepared to be consistent with the City's General Plan, including the Growth Management Element. Adoption of the Element would not result in cumulative effects beyond what is anticipated for the city's future, as outlined in the Growth Management Element. For these reasons, impacts related to implementation of the Element are considered less than cumulatively considerable.

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

Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Element is a policy document intended to provide guidance for maintaining and preserving buildings and sites that are historically significant within Yorba Linda. The Element includes provisions for the protection and appropriate treatment of the City's significant archeological, cultural, and paleontological sites. Impacts from the implementation of this Element on the City's archeological, cultural, and paleontological

resources would be beneficial in nature and would not adversely affect or destroy these resources.

The Element does not propose any development projects, and all future development would be subject to a separate environmental review in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and its guidelines. In addition, all impacts related to humans, either directly or indirectly, were found to be less than significant in this document. For these reasons, all impacts related to adoption of the Historic Resources Element would be less than significant and are not expected to result in adverse effects on humans.

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APPENDIX A RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

INTRODUCTION

An Initial Study (IS) was prepared by the City of Yorba Linda (City) in accordance with CEQA to evaluate the potential environmental impacts resulting from the adoption of the updated Historic Resources Element (Element) of the City's General Plan. The Element includes goals, policies, and implementation measures which serve to protect the City's historic and cultural resources. The IS assessed the project's potential for significant environmental impacts for each environmental category listed in the CEQA Guidelines' Environmental Checklist Form. It was determined that adoption of the Element would not result in significant impacts, and no mitigation measures are required.

The IS, along with a Notice of Completion (NOC) was prepared and submitted to the Orange County Clerk/Recorder and the NOC was posted on May 3, 2012 in order to initiate the public review process (see attached pages). A Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration (NOI) was circulated with the IS for a 20-day comment period. The 20-day comment period required by CEQA Guidelines Section 15105(b), and approved by the State Clearinghouse, concluded on May 23, 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15074(b), prior to approving a project, the decision-making body of the lead agency shall consider the proposed Negative Declaration (ND) together with any comments received during the public review process. The decision-making body shall adopt the proposed ND only if it finds on the basis of the whole record before it (including the IS and any comments received), that there is no substantial evidence that the project would have a significant effect on the environment and that the ND reflects the lead agency's independent judgment and analysis. The City received no comment letters or correspondence of any kind during the public review period, or following the public review period (up to June 1, 2012).

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH #

Project Title: City of Yorba Linda Historic Resources Element Update

Lead Agency: City of Yorba Linda Community Development

Contact Person: Catherine Lin

Mailing Address: 4845 Casa Loma Avenue

Phone: (714) 961-7130

City: Yorba Linda

Zip: 92885

County: Orange

Project Location: County: Orange

City/Nearest Community: Yorba Linda

Cross Streets: The Historic Resources Element includes all of Yorba Linda

Zip Code: 92885

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): ... N / ... W Total Acres: 12,736

Assessor's Parcel No.: n/a

Section:

Twp.:

Range:

Base:

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR-91, SR-90, SR-57

Waterways: Santa Ana River

Airports: n/a

Railways: Placentia Metrolink

Schools: All schools, Yorba Linda

Document Type:

CEQA: [] NOP

[] Draft EIR

NEPA: [] NOI

Other: [] Joint Document

[] Early Cons

[] Supplement/Subsequent EIR

[] EA

[] Final Document

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[] Draft EIS

[] Other:

[] Mit Neg Dec

Other:

[] FONSI

Local Action Type:

[] General Plan Update

[] Specific Plan

[] Rezone

[] Annexation

[] General Plan Amendment

[] Master Plan

[] Prezone

[] Redevelopment

[x] General Plan Element

[] Planned Unit Development

[] Use Permit

[] Coastal Permit

[] Community Plan

[] Site Plan

[] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)

[] Other:

Development Type:

[] Residential: Units

Acres

[] Office: Sq.ft.

Acres

Employees

[] Transportation: Type

[] Commercial: Sq.ft.

Acres

Employees

[] Mining: Mineral

[] Industrial: Sq.ft.

Acres

Employees

[] Power: Type

MW

[] Educational:

[] Waste Treatment: Type

MGD

[] Recreational:

[] Hazardous Waste: Type

[] Water Facilities: Type

MGD

[x] Other: Historic Preservation Activities

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

[] Aesthetic/Visual

[] Fiscal

[] Recreation/Parks

[] Vegetation

[] Agricultural Land

[] Flood Plain/Flooding

[] Schools/Universities

[] Water Quality

[] Air Quality

[] Forest Land/Fire Hazard

[] Septic Systems

[] Water Supply/Groundwater

[] Archeological/Historical

[] Geologic/Seismic

[] Sewer Capacity

[] Wetland/Riparian

[] Biological Resources

[] Minerals

[] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading

[] Growth Inducement

[] Coastal Zone

[] Noise

[] Solid Waste

[] Land Use

[] Drainage/Absorption

[] Population/Housing Balance

[] Toxic/Hazardous

[] Cumulative Effects

[] Economic/Jobs

[] Public Services/Facilities

[] Traffic/Circulation

[] Other:

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

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Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation

The Historic Resources Element includes all land use designations established by the City of Yorba Linda General Plan and all zoning districts established by the City of Yorba Linda.

Project Description

The City of Yorba Linda proposes to update their Historic Resources Element of the City's General Plan (General Plan). The purpose of incorporating a Historic Resources Element into the General Plan is to provide the basis for enabling legislation and policy guidance to preserve, enhance and maintain buildings, sites and areas which have been deemed architecturally and/or historically significant. This is important because the city of Yorba Linda (Yorba Linda) contains many individual properties and several neighborhoods that are associated with Yorba Linda's cultural and architectural values which cannot be replaced if demolished, altered, or neglected.

The authorization to prepare a Historic Resources Element and the scope of such an element are contained in Section 65303 of the California Government Code which states:

The general plan may include any other elements or address any other subjects which, in the judgment of the legislative body, relate to the physical development of the county or city.

The Historic Resources Element outlines goals, objectives, and implementation measures (IMs) that are adopted by the community as priorities within the broader context of the City's community planning and development. This Element is intended to lay the groundwork for a comprehensive historic preservation ordinance. The following goals are included in the Element:

Goal 1: *Enhance the historic Town Center as a focal point for activity and civic identity in Yorba Linda.*

Goal 2: *Protect Yorba Linda's significant historic and cultural resources.*

Goal 3: *Foster economic growth and safeguard property values of historic buildings and neighborhoods.*

Goal 4: *Uphold the rights of the owners of historic properties and those located within historic districts.*

Goal 5: *Conserve energy and materials by rehabilitating and reusing existing historic properties.*

Goal 6: *Increase public awareness of Yorba Linda's historic and cultural character.*

The Historic Resources Element is a policy document that does not propose any specific preservation projects or designations; however, it does encourage certain preservation activities. All future preservation project proposals would be subject to separate environmental review (on a project-by-project basis) in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and the CEQA guidelines.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date May 3, 2012 Ending Date May 23, 2012

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____ Applicant: _____
 Address: _____ Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
 Contact: _____ Phone: _____
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 Signature of Lead Agency Representative: *Catherine Lewis* Date: 5/1/12

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION CITY OF YORBA LINDA HISTORIC RESOURCES ELEMENT UPDATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Yorba Linda has completed an Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration for the below described project pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Project Title: CITY OF YORBA LINDA HISTORIC RESOURCES ELEMENT UPDATE

Location: All lands located within the City of Yorba Linda, Orange County, California.

Description: The City of Yorba Linda (City) proposes to update their Historic Resources Element of the City's General Plan. The purpose of incorporating a Historic Resources Element into the General Plan is to provide the basis for enabling legislation and policy guidance to preserve, enhance, and maintain buildings, sites, and areas which have been deemed architecturally and/or historically significant. This is important because the city of Yorba Linda contains many individual properties and several neighborhoods that are associated with Yorba Linda's cultural and architectural values which cannot be replaced if demolished, altered, or neglected. The Historic Resources Element is a policy document that includes all lands located within the City of Yorba Linda. The Element does not propose any specific preservation projects or designations.

THE REVIEW PERIOD for this Negative Declaration during which comments will be received by the Lead Agency (City of Yorba Linda) begins **May 3, 2012**, and ends **May 23, 2012**. The proposed Negative Declaration, and documents used in its preparation, are available for public review and comment during regular business hours at the Community Development Department, Planning Division, City Hall, 4845 Casa Loma Avenue, Yorba Linda, California.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to submit written comments to express opinions upon the item listed above.

IF YOU CHALLENGE the nature of this proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised in written correspondence delivered to the YORBA LINDA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF Section 4.5 of City Resolution 1290, the City of Yorba Linda proposes to approve a Negative Declaration for the project described above.

THE INITIAL STUDY prepared for the proposed project indicates that there is no substantial evidence that there will be a significant adverse environmental impact associated with this project.

THIS SITE IS NOT PRESENT on any of the Environmental Protection Agency's lists of hazardous waste sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

ANY PERSON WHO BELIEVES that a Negative Declaration should not be adopted with respect to this project should so notify the Yorba Linda Community Development Department, and specify, in writing, the reasons for believing the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

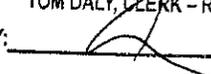
FURTHER INFORMATION on this project may be obtained at the Community Development Department's office, 4845 Casa Loma Avenue, Yorba Linda, California 92886, or by calling David Brantley, Principal Planner, at (714) 961-7130.

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