

ADDENDUM
for the
Riverside County 2026
Climate Action Plan Update
(ZR 6013)

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM: INITIAL STUDY

Project Case Type (s) and Number(s): Riverside County 2026 Climate Action Plan (ZR 6013)

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I. PROJECT INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

An addendum to Certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR) No. 521 (State Clearinghouse No. 2009041065) for General Plan Amendment (GPA) No. 960 has been prepared in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), the CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq.) and County of Riverside CEQA Guidelines to address minor changes to the *County of Riverside General Plan* (General Plan) for the proposed 2026 Climate Action Plan Update (2026 CAP Update).

GPA No. 960 was a comprehensive update of the County's General Plan and included preparation of the *2015 County of Riverside Climate Action Plan* (2015 CAP). The 2015 CAP was the County's first CAP in response to the State's adoption of Assembly Bill (AB) 32 in 2006. The 2015 CAP established the County's sustainability and conservation measures based on an unincorporated Riverside County baseline inventory of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from 2008 and developed a 2020 GHG emissions reduction target of 15 percent below 2008 baseline levels in accordance with AB 32. The emissions categories included in the 2008 baseline GHG inventory are transportation, energy (electricity and natural gas), area sources, purchased water, solid waste, and agriculture.

In 2016, the Sierra Club, Center for Biological Diversity, San Bernardino Audubon Society, and respondents challenged particular aspects of the 2015 CAP related to commitments to solar, electric vehicles (EV), energy efficient traffic signals, and future CAP updates. In 2017, the County and the Petitioners entered into a Settlement Agreement with commitments to solar, EV chargers, LED traffic signals, and periodic updates that enhance the CAP goals and maintain the County's Land Use authority. The Settlement Agreement requires the County to update their GHG inventory every four years to review the effectiveness of specific CAP measures and remove or revise them, as needed.

Thus, in 2019, the County updated the 2015 CAP with the *2019 County of Riverside Climate Action Plan Update* (2019 CAP). The 2019 CAP also addressed new legislation, such as Executive Order (EO) B-30-15 and Senate Bill (SB) 32 that extended the goals of AB 32 and set a 2030 goal of reducing emissions to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. The 2019 CAP re-evaluated the County's GHG reduction targets and existing reduction strategies and established new goals and supporting measures to reflect and ensure compliance with changes in the local and State policies and regulations, including SB 32 and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) *2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan*. Sources of emissions included on-road and off-road transportation, agriculture, energy (electricity and natural gas), landscaping, water and wastewater pumping and treatment, and treatment and decomposition of solid waste.

Since 2019, new Statewide climate change policies and regulations have been adopted and the County is now seeking to update the 2019 CAP with the proposed 2026 Climate Action Plan Update.

PURPOSE OF AN ADDENDUM

CEQA, a Statewide environmental law contained in Public Resources Code Sections 21000–21177, applies to most public agency decisions that carry out, authorize, or approve actions that have the potential to adversely affect the environment. The CEQA Guidelines allow for updating and using a previously certified EIR for projects that have changed or are different from the previous project or conditions analyzed in the certified EIR. In cases where changes or additions occur with no new significant environmental impacts, an addendum to a previously certified EIR may be prepared, consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15164. This Addendum has been prepared in accordance with Section 21166 of CEQA and Sections 15162 and 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Section 15164(a) of the CEQA Guidelines states that “the lead agency or a responsible agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred.” Pursuant to Section 15162(a) of the CEQA Guidelines, a Subsequent EIR or Negative Declaration is only required when:

1. Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revision of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
2. Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revision of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or
3. New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete, shows any of the following:
 - (a) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR;
 - (b) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;
 - (c) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or
 - (d) Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15162[a])
 - (e) The following describes the requirements of an Addendum, as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15164:
4. The lead agency or a responsible agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred.
5. An addendum to an adopted negative declaration may be prepared if only minor technical changes or additions are necessary or none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR or negative declaration have occurred.
6. An addendum need not be circulated for public review but can be included in or attached to the final EIR or adopted negative declaration.

7. The decision-making body shall consider the addendum with the final EIR or adopted negative declaration prior to making a decision on the project.
8. A brief explanation of the decision not to prepare a subsequent EIR pursuant to Section 15162 should be included in an addendum to an EIR, the lead agency's findings on the project, or elsewhere in the record. The explanation must be supported by substantial evidence.

If none of these circumstances are present, and only minor technical changes or additions are necessary to update the previously certified EIR, an Addendum may be prepared, consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15164. This Addendum relies on Certified EIR No. 521 and the related administrative record and is intended to be included or attached to Certified EIR No. 521. It is not to be considered an independent or separate document from Certified EIR No. 521.

This Addendum also references existing mitigation measures from the *Riverside County Integrated Project General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report* (Certified EIR No. 441) prepared for the previous General Plan (GPA No. 618), which was adopted in 2002.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed 2026 Climate Action Plan Update (2026 CAP Update; project) is an update to the County's 2019 CAP to re-evaluate previous GHG reduction targets identified in the 2019 CAP and propose new or revised targets and reduction measures that are consistent with updates in State climate change regulations.

The proposed project calculates the County's GHG emissions inventory for the baseline year of 2022 and identifies 2030 and 2045 forecast emissions under Business-As-Usual (BAU) and Adjusted Business-As-Usual (ABAU) scenarios. Sources of emissions include energy (electricity and natural gas), solid waste, on-road transportation, aviation, water and wastewater, off-road sources, and agriculture. Community reduction measures were identified for the County to meet the State-aligned target to achieve 40 percent below 1990 levels of emissions by 2030 and reduce emissions to 85 percent below 1990 levels of emissions by 2045.

The 2026 CAP Update includes the following community reduction measures and associated potential actions related to energy, water efficiency, transportation, solid waste, clean energy, and agriculture:

R2 ENERGY MEASURES
R2-EE1: Energy Efficiency Training, Education, and Recognition in the Residential Sector
• Post energy efficiency information links on website and/or social media and provide materials at public events.
• Set up email list for email blasts of new information or trainings.
• Encourage Homeowners to use the Southern California Edison (SCE) Energy Education Centers for energy efficiency resources.
• Promote and manage energy-efficiency programs which are not already in the purview of Energy Service.
• Invite building inspectors to hold trainings semi-annually on energy efficiency and Title 24 requirements and Ordinance No. 457 requirements.
• Encourage participation in existing demand response programs.
R2-EE2: Promote Home Energy Evaluations
• Promote SCE energy audits program for residents within the SCE service area and the Home Energy Saver Do It Yourself online energy audits for the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) service.

R2-EE3: Establish/Promote Residential Home Energy Renovations

- Promote existing home energy renovation programs by participating in existing energy efficiency programs from Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), SCE, and Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas).
- Continue improving permit process, including online permitting, to facilitate energy efficiency upgrades.

R2-EE4: Encourage Energy Efficiency Standards Exceeding State Requirements

- Educate County staff and developers on future Title 24 updates and new energy efficiency opportunities for new residential development.
- Promote Tier 1 and Tier 2 green building ratings such as LEED, Build It Green, or Energy Star® certified buildings.
- Establish online permitting to facilitate upgrades.
- Comply with State Title 24 and County Ordinance No. 457 energy efficiency requirements on new residential buildings, such as zero net energy homes that require all new residential construction projects to achieve zero net-energy use.
- Encourage all-electric residential development.

R2-EE5: Energy Efficiency Training, Education, and Recognition

- Post energy efficiency links on Website/social media and provide materials at public events.
- Set up email list for email blasts of new information or training sessions.
- Encourage business owners to visit SCE Energy Education Centers for energy efficiency resources.
- Invite building inspectors to hold trainings semi-annually on energy efficiency and Title 24 and Ordinance No. 457 requirements.

R2-EE6: Promote Non-Residential Building Audits

- Promote the SCE energy audit program for non-residents within the SCE service area and the Home Energy Saver Do It Yourself online energy audits for Imperial Irrigation District (IID) service area.

R2-EE7: Establish/Promote Non-Residential Building Retrofits

- Promote existing non-residential building retrofits programs by participating in existing energy efficiency programs from WRCOG, SCE, and SoCalGas.
- Continue improving the permit process, including online permitting, to facilitate energy efficiency retrofits.

R2-EE8: Encourage Energy Efficiency Standards Exceeding State Requirements

- Educate County staff and developers on future Title 24 updates and additional energy efficiency opportunities for new non-residential development.
- Promote Tier 1 and Tier 2 Green Building Ratings such as LEED, Build It Green, or Energy Star® certified buildings.
- Continue improving the permit process, including online permitting, to facilitate energy efficiency improvements in new nonresidential development.
- Comply with State goals on new non-residential buildings, such as Net-Zero Energy Buildings for all new non-residential constructions zero-net-energy by 2030.
- Encourage all-electric commercial development.

R2 WATER EFFICIENCY MEASURES**R2-W1: Support Implementation of 2018 Water Conservation Legislation**

- Provide general water efficiency information and links to water district conservation webpages on the County's website.
- Implement the low-irrigation landscaping requirements as part of plan check.

R2-W2: Exceed 2018 Water Conservation Legislation
• Support water districts in direct outreach to homeowner associations, businesses, and other community groups to inform them on water efficiency standards. • Promote recycled or grey water for community uses such as residential landscaping. • Promote rainwater harvesting rebates and demonstrations project.
R2 TRANSPORTATION MEASURES
R2-T1: Encourage Alternative Transportation Options
• Work with SCAG, transit agencies, and the community to identify and remove barriers to alternative transportation. • Sponsor events, such as a “bike to work day” or “car-free zone day” to promote biking, walking, transit and other forms of active transportation. • Create additional active transportation routes from transit centers to surrounding residential, commercial, and employment areas. • Implement reduced parking requirement in areas served by transit. • Provide pedestrian network improvement. • Encourage transit use by expanding transit network coverage and/or hours, increasing transit service frequency, and implementing transit-supportive roadway treatments.
R2-T2: Expand Bicycle Routes and Active Transportation Connections
• Expand bike routes to improve bike transit. • Construct or improve bike facility. • Implement pedal and electric bikeshare programs. • Implement bicycle, pedestrian, and active transportation improvements identified through the General Plan Circulation Element, community mobility plans, and corridor planning efforts. • Coordinate with RCTC, WRCOG, CVAG, local transit agencies and other regional partners to advance active transportation projects and pursue funding opportunities.
R2-T3: Promote Ride Sharing Programs within Businesses
• Promote ride-sharing and facilitate air district incentives for ride-sharing. • Provide reserved preferential parking spaces for ride-sharing, carpooling, and ultra-low or zero-emission vehicles. • Promote commute trip reduction programs by providing on-site and online commuter information services and transit pass sales, and designating employee transportation. • Implement voluntary employee trip reduction program. • Require businesses of a certain size to provide facilities such as bike racks. • Implement Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and rideshare measures for logistics and warehouse development subject to the County’s Good Neighbor Policy F-3 and applicable State law, including AB 98, including rideshare programs for logistics and warehouse projects (larger than 250,000 square feet in size with more than 20 loading bays) that employee more than 250 employees.
R2-T4: Electrify the Fleet
• Promote EV incentive programs at outreach meetings. • Support application for grants to install e-chargers at public facilities. • Work with community groups, utilities, and businesses to expand EV charging infrastructure and facilitate streamlined permitting in accordance with Government Code Sections 65850.7 and 65850.7. • Comply with State Title 24 and County Ordinance No. 457 energy efficiency requirements that require new commercial and industrial development to designate electric or other alternative fueled vehicles parking spaces and install e-chargers.
R2 SOLID WASTE MEASURES

R2-S1: Reduce Waste to Landfills
• Outreach to community to promote waste recycling and diversion. • Add additional recycling containers in public places. • Comply with Statewide waste reduction, recycling, and composting requirements.
R2 CLEAN ENERGY MEASURES
R2-CE1: Promote Clean Energy
• Outreach to community to promote clean energy incentives. • Require solar panel installation on new residential buildings. • Require solar panel installation on new commercial buildings and commercial parking lots. • Require solar panel installation on new industrial buildings that are not exempt per County Ordinance No. 457. • Encourage energy storage systems installation with solar panels.
R2-CE2: Promote All-Electric Equipment and Aviation
• Encourage electric construction equipment. • Encourage electric off-road equipment by providing necessary electrical charging stations on-site. • Require electrical conduits at loading bays of new cold storage warehouses to power refrigerated trucks. • Encourage electric batteries in aviation.
R2 AGRICULTURE MEASURES
R2-A1: Promote Best Management Practices in Agricultural Activities
• Reduce agricultural equipment fuel use by implementing regenerative agriculture. • Implement best management practices for manure management. • Reduce GHG emissions by increasing fertilizer efficiency.

As stated previously, the 2026 CAP Update builds upon the Countywide GHG reduction measures adopted under the 2015 CAP and 2019 CAP and proposes new and enhanced measures in order to achieve the updated reduction targets established pursuant to SB 32. Accordingly, implementation of the listed community reduction measures associated with the 2026 CAP Update is the primary focus of this Addendum.

It is important to note the 2026 CAP Update is a policy document and is not a plan to develop specific projects. No new development or construction is proposed as part of the project. Additionally, no changes to the County's existing land use designations or zoning are proposed under the 2026 CAP Update. The 2026 CAP Update establishes a framework under which future projects would be designed for the purposes of reducing GHG emissions. Future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis.

Although the 2026 CAP Update is designed as a stand-alone GHG policy document, it would be utilized as a companion document to the County's General Plan to provide a more comprehensive and detailed framework for land-based policy decisions to reduce GHG emissions from existing and future development.

Because the proposed policy document does not result in any physical change to the environment, and because Certified EIR No. 521 evaluated development of the County's existing land use pattern and includes policies and programs to address environmental impacts, the proposed project would not result in any new environmental impacts or increase the severity of any environmental impacts previously evaluated in Certified EIR No. 521.

The following discretionary approvals from the County would be required for the proposed project:

- Adoption of this Addendum to Certified EIR No. 521 (State Clearinghouse No. 2009041065); and
- Adoption of the 2026 CAP Update.

A. Type of Project: Site Specific ☐; Countywide ☒; Community ☐; Policy ☐.

B. Total Project Area: N/A

Residential Acres: N/A	Lots: N/A	Units: N/A	Projected No. of Residents: N/A
Commercial Acres: N/A	Lots: N/A	Sq. Ft. of Bldg. Area: N/A	Est. No. of Employees: N/A
Industrial Acres: N/A	Lots: N/A	Sq. Ft. of Bldg. Area: N/A	Est. No. of Employees: N/A
Other:			

C. Assessor's Parcel No(s): Multiple

D. Street References: N/A

E. Section, Township & Range Description or reference/attach a Legal Description: N/A

F. Brief description of the existing environmental setting of the project site and its surroundings:

Riverside County encompasses 7,295 square miles that stretch across 200 miles of California, from the eastern edge of the Los Angeles metropolitan basin to the Colorado River; refer to Exhibit 1, *Regional Vicinity*. The County is bounded by San Bernardino County to the north, the State of Arizona to the east, San Diego and Imperial Counties to the south, and Orange County to the west. Riverside County is one of the most diverse counties in the State, and supports well-established urban, suburban, and rural communities. It also includes an extensive array of agricultural lands, lands devoted to mineral resources extraction, and recreational areas. The western portion of the County contains most of the County's non-desert and urbanized areas. To the east is the urbanizing hub of the Coachella Valley. Beyond the Coachella Valley is the northern half of the Salton Sea. Eastern Riverside County, which lies east of the crest of the San Jacinto Mountains, contains almost all the County's desert regions. The 2026 CAP Update would apply to the entire unincorporated areas of the County of Riverside.

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II. APPLICABLE GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING REGULATIONS

A. General Plan Elements/Policies

Sector	Element	Section	Policies
Energy Efficiency in Buildings	Land Use	Project Design	LU 4.1
	Multipurpose Open Space	Energy Conservation	OS 16.1 through OS 16.10
	Air Quality	Stationary Pollution Sources	AQ-4.1 through AQ-4.4, AQ-4.6, and AQ-4.7
		Energy Efficiency in New Development	AQ-5.1, AQ-5.2, and AQ-5.4
		Control Measures	AQ-17.6
Regional Agency Coordination/ Education and Outreach	Land Use	Administration	LU 1.5, and LU 1.6
	Air Quality	Multi-Jurisdictional Cooperation	AQ 1.1 through AQ 1.4, AQ 1.6, and AQ 1.10
		Mobile Pollution Sources	AQ-3.2, AQ-3.3
Smart Growth	Land Use	Efficient Use of Land	LU 2.1
		Air Quality	LU 11.1 through LU 11.5
		Job-to-Housing Ratio	AQ 8.4 through AQ 8.9
		GHG Emission Reduction Focus Areas: Land Use-Related Objectives	AQ 20.1 through AQ 20.9
	Healthy Communities	Countywide Land Uses	HC 2.1 and HC 2.2
		Community Development Land Uses	HC 3.1 through HC 3.3
		Open Space, Rural, Rural Community and Agriculture Land Uses	HC 4.2
Water Conservation	Land Use	Project Design	LU 4.1
	Circulation	Transportation System Landscaping	C 5.2
	Multipurpose Open Space	Water Conservation	OS 1.4, and OS 2.1 through OS 2.5
	Air Quality	Water Conservation Objectives	AQ 20.13 through AQ 20.17
Reduce Automobile Use	Land Use	Efficient Use of Land	LU 2.1
		Project Design	LU 4.1 and LU 4.2
		Air Quality	LU 11.1 through LU 11.4 and AQ 20.7 through AQ 20.9
		Circulation	LU 13.1 through LU 13.7
	Circulation	Planned Circulation Systems	C 1.2 and C 1.7
		Pedestrian Facilities	C 4.1 and C 4.9
		Transportation System Landscaping	C 5.2
		Public Transportation System	C 9.2
		Fixed Route Transit Service	C 11.2 and C 11.4 through C 11.7
		Transit Oasis and Transit Centers	C 12.1 through C 12.3
		Passenger Rail	C 13.1 through C 13.3
		Bikeways	C 17.3 and C 17.4
		Environmental Considerations	C 20.12
		Transportation Systems Management	C 21.1

Sector	Element	Section	Policies
	Multipurpose Open Space	Energy Conservation	OS 16.3 and OS 16.8
	Air Quality	Mobile Pollution Sources	AQ 3.2 and AQ 3.4
		Trip Reduction and Transportation Related Objectives	AQ 10.1 through AQ 10.4, and AQ 20.1 through AQ 20.6
Renewable Energy/ Alternative Fuel	Multipurpose Open Space	Renewable Energy	OS 10.1, OS 11.1 through OS 11.3, OS 12.1, OS 12.4, and OS 13.1
	Air Quality	Transportation System Management Improvements	AQ 13.1 through AQ 13.3
		Alternative Energy Objectives	AQ 20.18 and AQ 20.19
	Land Use	Solar Energy Resources	LU 17.1 and LU 17.2
Reduce Waste	Air Quality	Energy Efficiency and Conservation	AQ 5.1
		Waste Reduction Objectives	AQ 20.20

B. General Plan Area Plan(s): The proposed 2026 CAP Update would apply to all 19 Area Plans of the General Plan.

C. Foundation Component(s): The proposed 2026 CAP Update does not propose any changes to the Foundation Component of any site.

D. Land Use Designation(s): The proposed 2026 CAP Update would not change or create new land use designations.

E. Overlay(s), if any: The proposed 2026 CAP Update would apply to all overlays.

F. Policy Area(s), if any: The proposed 2026 CAP Update would apply to all policy areas.

G. Adjacent and Surrounding:

1. **General Plan Area Plan(s):** N/A

2. **Foundation Component(s):** N/A

3. **Land Use Designation(s):** N/A

4. **Overlay(s), if any:** N/A

5. **Policy Area(s), if any:** N/A

H. Adopted Specific Plan Information

1. **Name and Number of Specific Plan, if any:** N/A

2. **Specific Plan Planning Area, and Policies, if any:** N/A

I. Existing Zoning: Multiple

J. Proposed Zoning, if any: N/A

K. Adjacent and Surrounding Zoning: Multiple

III. ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED

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

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ Aesthetics | ☐ Hazards & Hazardous Materials | ☐ Recreation |
| ☐ Agriculture & Forest Resources | ☒ Hydrology / Water Quality | ☒ Transportation |
| ☒ Air Quality | ☐ Land Use / Planning | ☐ Tribal Cultural Resources |
| ☐ Biological Resources | ☐ Mineral Resources | ☒ Utilities / Service Systems |
| ☐ Cultural Resources | ☒ Noise | ☐ Wildfire |
| ☐ Energy | ☐ Paleontological Resources | ☐ Mandatory Findings of Significance |
| ☐ Geology / Soils | ☐ Population / Housing | |
| ☐ Greenhouse Gas Emissions | ☐ Public Services | |

IV. DETERMINATION

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

A PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS NOT PREPARED

☐ 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, described in this document, have been made 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.

A PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS PREPARED

☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, **NO NEW ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED** because (a) all potentially significant effects of the proposed project have been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or Negative Declaration pursuant to applicable legal standards, (b) all potentially significant effects of the proposed project have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or Negative Declaration, (c) the proposed project will not result in any new significant environmental effects not identified in the earlier EIR or Negative Declaration, (d) the proposed project will not substantially increase the severity of the environmental effects identified in the earlier EIR or Negative Declaration, (e) no considerably different mitigation measures have been identified and (f) no mitigation measures found infeasible have become feasible.

☒ I find that although all potentially significant effects have been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or Negative Declaration pursuant to applicable legal standards, some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in California Code of Regulations, Section 15162 exist. An **ADDENDUM** to a previously-certified EIR or Negative Declaration has been prepared and will be considered by the approving body or bodies.

☐ I find that at least one of the conditions described in California Code of Regulations, Section 15162 exist, but I further find that only minor additions or changes are necessary to make the previous EIR adequately apply to the project in the changed situation; therefore a **SUPPLEMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required that need only contain the information necessary to make the previous EIR adequate for the project as revised.

☐ I find that at least one of the following conditions described in California Code of Regulations, Section 15162, exist and a **SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required: (1) Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; (2) Substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or (3) New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the negative declaration was adopted, shows any the following: (A) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or negative declaration; (B) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR or negative declaration; (C) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measures or alternatives; or, (D) Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR or negative declaration would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measures or alternatives.

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Signature

8/24/2026

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V. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ASSESSMENT

In accordance with CEQA (Public Resources Code Section 21000-21178.1), this Initial Study has been prepared to analyze the proposed project to determine any potential significant impacts upon the environment that would result from construction and implementation of the proposed project. In accordance with California Code of Regulations, Section 15063, this Initial Study is a preliminary analysis prepared by the Lead Agency, the County of Riverside, in consultation with other jurisdictional agencies, to determine whether a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or an Environmental Impact Report is required for the proposed project. The purpose of this Initial Study is to inform the decision-makers, affected agencies, and the public of potential environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the proposed project.

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AESTHETICS				
Would the project:				
1. Scenic Resources				
a) Have a substantial effect upon a scenic highway corridor within which it is located?	☐	☒	☐	☐
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings and unique or landmark features; obstruct any prominent scenic vista or view open to the public; or result in the creation of an aesthetically offensive site open to public view?	☐	☒	☐	☐
c) In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage points.) If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?	☐	☒	☐	☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

a) ***Have a substantial effect upon a scenic highway corridor within which it is located?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 would increase rural, suburban, and urban uses in select areas of the County, adversely affecting scenic vistas in some areas. Existing laws, regulatory programs, General Plan policies, and Mitigation Measure 4.4.1A from Certified EIR No. 441 would minimize potential impacts to scenic resources along scenic highway corridors. In addition, new Mitigation Measure 4.4.A-N1 from Certified EIR No. 521 would ensure no development is approved for parcels without adequate legal access and adequate physical access. Overall, impacts would be reduced to less than significant levels in this regard.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations

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or zoning. Future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, as required in Certified EIR No. 521, Mitigation Measure 4.4.A-N1 establishes that no development shall be approved for parcels without adequate legal access and adequate physical access. Additionally, the mitigation measure requires adequate and accessible circulation facilities to meet the demand of the proposed land use. Therefore, impacts associated with the adoption of the 2026 CAP Update and associated GHG reduction measures would be less than significant upon implementation of Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measure 4.4.A-N1. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: The following mitigation measure from the Certified EIR No. 521 is also applicable to the 2026 CAP Update; any modifications to the original measures are shown in ~~strike through~~ for deleted text and in double underline for new, inserted text.

4.4.A-N1 No development shall be approved for parcels without adequate legal access and adequate physical access. Adequate and accessible circulation facilities must also exist to meet the demand of the proposed land use.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Incorporated.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings and unique or landmark features; obstruct any prominent scenic vista or view open to the public; or result in the creation of an aesthetically offensive site open to public view?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Scenic resources occur throughout Riverside County and would potentially be affected by development activities consistent with the revised land use designations and policies of GPA No. 960. The land use-related changes proposed under GPA No. 960 would allow for future development projects that would result in the physical conversion of open space, vacant and agricultural lands to more urban types of uses. These conversions could contribute to the substantial alteration of existing scenic resources on or in the vicinity of individual sites. However, compliance with existing regulatory programs, General Plan policies, and Mitigation Measure 4.4.1A from Certified EIR No. 441 would reduce potential impacts to scenic resources, scenic vistas, and public views to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 1(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: Refer to Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measure 4.4.A-N1 above.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Incorporated.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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- c) ***In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage points.) If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Some sites would have their existing aesthetic quality or visual character affected by development accommodated by land use changes associated with proposed GPA No. 960. Compliance with Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measure 4.4.A-N1, existing Mitigation Measure 4.4.1A from Certified EIR No. 441, as well as existing General Plan policies and regulatory programs would be sufficient to reduce impacts in this regard to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 1(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: Refer to Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measure 4.4.A-N1 above.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Incorporated.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

2. Mt. Palomar Observatory

- a) Interfere with the nighttime use of the Mt. Palomar Observatory, as protected through Riverside County Ordinance No. 655?

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Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

- a) ***Interfere with the nighttime use of the Mt. Palomar Observatory, as protected through Riverside County Ordinance No. 655?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development associated with GPA No. 960 would introduce new sources of light and glare within 15 to 45 miles of the Mt. Palomar Observatory, which requires dark skies to properly function. New sources of lighting would also contribute to the overall skyglow of the region. However, compliance with a variety of existing regulatory programs, including General Plan policies, County Ordinance No. 655 (Regulating Light Pollution), as well as existing mitigation measures identified in Certified EIR No. 441 (Mitigation Measures 4.4.2A through 4.4.2E) would ensure that impacts on the Mt. Palomar Observatory are reduced to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. The project includes community reduction measures that would promote clean energy by requiring solar panel installations on new residential and commercial buildings, and some applicable industrial buildings, and commercial parking lots (Measure R2-CE1), which can result in sunlight glare and reflections. However, the glare and reflections would only occur during the day and thus, would not impact nighttime use of the Mt. Palomar Observatory. Future projects that implement measures from

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the 2026 CAP Update, including Measure R2-CE1, would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, impacts associated with the adoption of the 2026 CAP Update and associated measures would be less than significant. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

3. Other Lighting Issues

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| a) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ |
| b) Expose residential property to unacceptable light levels? | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ |

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

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

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: New sources of light and glare would be introduced through developmental projects facilitated by GPA No. 960. Compliance with existing County design standards and guidelines, Mitigation Measures 4.4.2A through 4.4.2E from Certified EIR No. 441, in addition to established General Plan policies would minimize adverse light and glare impacts to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. However, select GHG emission reduction measures in the 2026 CAP Update could generate new sources of light and glare in local areas. Specifically, Measure R2-CE1 requires solar panel installations on new residential and commercial buildings, some applicable industrial buildings, and commercial parking lots, which can result in sunlight glare and reflections. Light and glare impacts associated with solar panels would not occur at night. While solar panels can generate light and glare impacts during the day, existing County regulations and existing Mitigation Measures 4.4.2A through 4.4.2E from Certified EIR No. 441 would minimize such impacts. Further, future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update, including Measure R2-CE1, would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, impacts associated with the adoption of the 2026 CAP Update and associated measures would be less than significant. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

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Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

b) Expose residential property to unacceptable light levels?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze this threshold at the time it was prepared in 2015.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 3(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

AGRICULTURE & FOREST RESOURCES

Would the project:

4. Agriculture

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 of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Conflict with existing agricultural zoning, agricultural use or with land subject to a Williamson Act contract or land within a Riverside County Agricultural Preserve?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Cause development of non-agricultural uses within 300 feet of agriculturally zoned property (Ordinance No. 625 "Right-to-Farm")?	☐	☐	☒	☐
d) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?	☐	☐	☒	☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

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Findings of Fact:

- 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 of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: GPA No. 960 would adversely affect (i.e., result in the conversion of) only minimal amounts of State-designated Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance and Farmland of Local Importance to a variety of non-agricultural uses. No Unique Farmland would be affected. Due to the very small areas involved, these direct impacts would be less than significant. Indirectly, the growth accommodated and facilitated by GPA No. 960 would result in additional development and infrastructure demand that could further result in the conversion of designated important farmlands to urban uses and could result in other changes in the existing environment leading to additional farmland conversion. This indirect impact was determined to be significant and unavoidable.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Although Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that implementation of GPA No. 960 would result in significant and unavoidable impacts to important farmland, future development in accordance with the 2026 CAP Update does not change any of the land use designations of GPA No. 960 that would adversely affect farmland. The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Further, future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, no new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

- b) ***Conflict with existing agricultural zoning, agricultural use or with land subject to a Williamson Act contract or land within a Riverside County Agricultural Preserve?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Pursuant to land use and policy changes proposed by GPA No. 960, future development has the potential to conflict with existing zoning, agricultural uses, and lands subject to a Williamson Act contract or within a Riverside County Agricultural Preserve. It may also result in the introduction of new urban uses within 300 feet of agriculturally zoned properties. Indirectly, the growth facilitated by GPA No. 960 would result in additional demand for infrastructure that could further convert agricultural lands to urban uses, encroach on existing agricultural activities and mapped important farmlands, and result in other changes in the existing environment that could lead to additional important farmland conversion. This indirect impact was determined to be significant and unavoidable.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case

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basis. Therefore, the project would not result in significant conflicts with agricultural zoning, lands under a Williamson Act contract, or land within a Riverside County Agricultural Preserve. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

c) *Cause development of non-agricultural uses within 300 feet of agriculturally zoned property (Ordinance No. 625 "Right-to-Farm")?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Refer to Response 4(b).

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 4(b).

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Refer to Response 4(b).

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 4(b).

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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5. Forest				
a) 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 Govt. Code section 51104(g))?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	☐	☐	☒	☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

- a) ***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 Govt. Code section 51104(g))?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: There are no existing or currently proposed zoning of forest land, timberland or Timberland Production Zones within the County; and thus, GPA No. 960 would not conflict with any of these. Nevertheless, forest lands do occur in scattered locations within the County and thus, GPA No. 960 has the potential to result in loss or conversion of forest land to non-forest uses or result in other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in forest land conversion as well. Further, growth accommodated and facilitated by the project would indirectly result in additional development and infrastructure demand that could create additional potential for forest land conversion or encroach of incompatible uses. However, compliance with existing and proposed regulations and policies would ensure forestry impacts are less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: As noted in Certified EIR No. 521, there are no existing or proposed zoning for forestland, timberland or timberland production. Thus, no impacts would occur in this regard. The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. While future projects that implement measures associated with the 2026 CAP Update may result in the loss or conversion of forest land to non-forest uses or other changes in the existing environment that could result in forest land conversion, such projects would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, the 2026 CAP Update itself would not result in the conversion of forest land to non-forest land. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

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Determination: No Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Refer to Response 5(a).

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 5(a).

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Refer to Response 5(a).

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 5(a).

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

AIR QUALITY

Would the project:

6. Air Quality Impacts

a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	☒	☐	☐	☐
b) 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?	☒	☐	☐	☐
c) Expose sensitive receptors, which are located within one (1) mile of the project site, to substantial pollutant concentrations?	☒	☐	☐	☐
d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?	☐	☒	☐	☐

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Source(s): SCAQMD, *CEQA Air Quality Handbook*, Date; SCAQMD, *2022 Air Quality Management Plan*, Date; County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

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

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Since air quality management plans (AQMPs) are developed using growth forecasts issued by the applicable regional association of governments (e.g., SCAG), a project that is consistent with the applicable growth forecast would generally be consistent with the AQMP. According to Certified EIR No. 521 Section 4.3, *Population and Housing*, future development associated with GPA No. 960 represents a reduction in County capacity and yields lower population growth forecasts, both compared to the previous General Plan and to the previous SCAG projections in its *2008 Regional Transportation Plan*. Further, GPA No. 960 includes a number of new policies and programs related to GHG reductions that would also reduce criteria pollutant emissions and improve air quality. Compliance with existing regulatory programs, County ordinances and General Plan policies, as well as new policies and programs included in GPA No. 960, would further reduce this impact by reducing conflicts with or obstruction of the AQMP. However, while the previous General Plan policies and new ones included in GPA No. 960 may reduce conflicts and obstruction of any AQMP, the combined emissions from all proposed General Plan development would exceed the SCAQMD and Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) significance thresholds for criteria pollutants. Exceeding these thresholds has the potential to hinder the region's compliance with each AQMP. Therefore, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that impacts would be significant and unavoidable. Nonetheless, all future projects in the County would be required to comply with Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.7.A-N1 and 4.7.A-N2 to reduce impacts.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The current regional AQMP applicable to the County is SCAQMD's *2022 Air Quality Management Plan* (2022 AQMP), and the *Federal 8-Hour Ozone Attainment Plan* (Western Mojave Desert Nonattainment Area) (Ozone Attainment Plan) as well as the *Final Mojave Desert Planning Area Federal Particulate Matter 10* (PM₁₀) Attainment Plan (PM₁₀ Attainment Plan) prepared by MDAQMD.

The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. As such, implementation of the 2026 CAP Update would not result in additional buildout as compared to the GPA No. 960, and thus, would be considered consistent with applicable air quality plans. However, future projects that implement GHG reduction measures recommended by the 2026 CAP Update may result in additional criteria pollutants emissions that have the potential to conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan.

The 2026 CAP Update includes new and enhanced GHG reduction measures compared to those in the 2019 CAP. These new reduction measures are expected to result in fewer vehicle miles traveled (VMT), higher energy efficiency, and correspondingly more reductions in criteria pollutant emissions than originally anticipated in Certified EIR No. 521. The 2026 CAP Update would also implement Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.7.A-N1 and 4.7.A-N2 to ensure the implementation of GHG reduction measures and help reduce emissions of criteria pollutants from implementation of future development. Any future development projects that would implement 2026 CAP Update measures and actions would be subject to all applicable regulations (i.e., air district rules) and policies, included those from SCAQMD and MDAQMD, as well as further CEQA analysis of project-specific impacts, which would occur with or without implementation of the 2026 CAP Update.

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Overall, since the 2026 CAP Update focuses on GHG reduction and would not necessarily conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan, impacts in this regard would be the same (i.e., significant and unavoidable) as those identified in Certified EIR No. 521. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: The following mitigation measures from the Certified EIR No. 521 are also applicable to the 2026 CAP Update; any modifications to the original measures are shown in ~~strike through~~ for deleted text and in double underline for new, inserted text.

- 4.7.A-N1 To ensure GHG emissions resulting from new development are reduced to levels necessary to meet California State targets, the County of Riverside shall require all new discretionary development to comply with the Riverside County Climate Action Plan for residential, commercial, industrial, institutional and mixed-use projects.
- 4.7.A-N2 In lieu of a project-specific analysis per Mitigation Measure 4.7.A-N1, a future discretionary project proposed pursuant to the Riverside County General Plan shall incorporate into the project design, operational features and/or Implementing Measures from the Riverside County Climate Action Plan ~~in such a manner as to garnish at least 400 points. The point values within the CAP's Screening Tables constitute GHG emission reductions.~~

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Significant and Unavoidable Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

- b) 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?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 would result in the emission of criteria pollutants for which the project is in nonattainment during both construction and operation of the new development. However, the exact location and level of activity for development projects under proposed GPA No. 960 is unknown and therefore cumulatively considerable increases to criteria pollutant levels cannot be quantified. Even with compliance with existing regulations and policies and the implementation of existing and new mitigation measures, the GPA No. 960 would result in significant and unavoidable cumulative impacts. Nonetheless, all future projects in the County would be required to comply with existing mitigation measures from Certified EIR No. 441 (Mitigation Measures 4.5.1A, 4.5.1B, and 4.5.1C) and Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.6.B-N1 through 4.6.B-N3 to reduce short-term construction impacts; Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.7A-N1 and -N2 as well as 4.6.B-N4 and 4.6.B-N5 to reduce long-term operational impacts; and existing mitigation measures from Certified EIR No. 441 (Mitigation Measures 4.5.1A, 4.5.1B, and 4.5.1C) as well as Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.6.B-N1 through 4.6.B-N5, 4.7.A-N1, and 4.7.A-N2 to reduce cumulative air quality impacts.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. However, future projects that implement GHG reduction measures recommended by the 2026 CAP Update may result in additional criteria pollutants emissions.

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As discussed above, the 2026 CAP Update includes new and enhanced GHG reduction measures that are expected to result in fewer VMT, higher energy efficiency, and correspondingly more reductions in criteria pollutant emissions than originally anticipated in Certified EIR No. 521. The 2026 CAP Update would also implement Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.6.B-N1 through 4.6.B-N3 to reduce short-term construction air quality impacts; and Mitigation Measures 4.7A-N1 and 4.7A-N2 as well as 4.6.B-N4 and 4.6.B-N5 to reduce long-term operational air quality impacts. Any future development projects that would implement 2026 CAP Update measures and actions would be subject to all applicable regulations (i.e., air district rules) and policies, included those from SCAQMD and MDAQMD, as well as further CEQA analysis of project-specific impacts, which would occur with or without implementation of the 2026 CAP Update.

The 2026 CAP Update proposes R2 Clean Energy Measures R2-CE1 and R2-CE2, which promote clean energy in the County. By reducing reliance on traditional, more-polluting forms of energy by increasing use of cleaner, alternative energy sources, criteria pollutant emissions associated with energy production would also be reduced. Further, the 2026 CAP Update also proposes R2 Energy Measures R2-EE1 through R2-EE8, which require both residential and non-residential sectors to exceed the latest State and County energy efficiency and conservation requirements and promote the renovation of existing structures with energy-efficiency retrofits and renewable energy. Therefore, the 2026 CAP Update would afford more reductions in criteria air pollutants and precursors and more reductions in impacts to sensitive receptors than the GPA No. 960.

Overall, as the 2026 CAP Update focuses on GHG reduction and would not necessarily reduce criteria pollutant impacts to below regulatory thresholds, impacts in this regard would be the same (i.e., significant and unavoidable) as those identified in Certified EIR No. 521. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: The following mitigation measures from the Certified EIR No. 521 are also applicable to the 2026 CAP Update; any modifications to the original measures are shown in ~~strike through~~ for deleted text and in double underline for new, inserted text.

Refer to Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.7.A-N1 and 4.7.A-N2 above, and the following measures:

- 4.6.B-N1 The construction contractor shall ensure that all disturbed areas and stock piles are watered at least three times per day or soil stabilizers are applied as necessary to prevent visible dust plumes from these areas. Stock piles not in use may be covered with a tarp to eliminate the need for watering or other stabilizers.
- 4.6.B-N2 All construction equipment shall have EPA rated engines of Tier 3 or better.
- 4.6.B-N3 As soon as electric utilities are available at construction sites, the construction site shall be supplied with electricity from the local utility and all equipment that can be electrically operated shall use the electric utility rather than portable generators.
- 4.6.B-N4 All new development shall ensure that all interior and exterior architectural coatings used are low in reactive organic gases.
- 4.6.B-N5 If hearths are included in new residential developments, they shall be energy-efficient natural gas appliances. No wood-burning hearths or stoves shall be permitted in new residential developments.

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Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Significant and Unavoidable Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

c) ***Expose sensitive receptors, which are located within one (1) mile of the project site, to substantial pollutant concentrations?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: According to Certified EIR No. 521, future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 would expose sensitive receptors to pollutant emissions from both construction and operational activities. The degree of impact would depend on the type of operation, distance from sensitive receptors and the level of activity at each site. However, as the exact location, timing and level of future development activities arising from GPA No. 960 is unforeseeable, specific impacts to sensitive receptors cannot be quantified. Thus, even after complying with regulations, existing policies and mitigation measures, as well as specific new mitigation measures, impacts cannot be guaranteed to be reduced to below applicable agency thresholds. Thus, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that impact would be significant and unavoidable with respect to exposure of sensitive receptors to pollutants. Nonetheless, all future projects in the County would be required to comply with existing mitigation measures from Certified EIR No. 441 (Mitigation Measures 4.5.1A, 4.5.1B, and 4.5.1C), Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.6.D-N1 and 4.6.D-N2, and 4.6.B-N1 through 4.6.B-N3 to reduce impacts to nearby sensitive receptors.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update would further decrease VMT and the associated vehicle emissions, thereby more reductions in criteria pollutant emissions than originally anticipated in Certified EIR No. 521. The 2026 CAP Update also proposes R2 Clean Energy Measures R2-CE1 and R2-CE2, which promote clean energy in the County. By reducing reliance on traditional, more-polluting forms of energy by increasing use of cleaner, alternative energy sources, localized air pollutant emissions associated with energy production would also be reduced.

The 2026 CAP Update also proposes R2 Energy Measures R2-EE1 through R2-EE8, which require both residential and non-residential sectors to exceed the latest State and County energy efficiency and conservation requirements and promote the renovation of existing structures with energy-efficiency retrofits and renewable energy. Therefore, the 2026 CAP Update would afford more reductions in criteria air pollutants and precursors and more reductions in impacts to sensitive receptors than GPA No. 960.

The 2026 CAP Update would also implement Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.6.D-N1 and 4.6.D-N2, as well as 4.6.B-N1 through 4.6.B-N3 to reduce impacts from toxic air contaminants (TACs) and other pollutants to local sensitive receptors. Any future development projects that would implement 2026 CAP Update measures and actions would be subject to all applicable regulations (i.e., air district rules) and policies, included those from SCAQMD and MDAQMD, as well as further CEQA analysis of project-specific impacts, which would occur with or without implementation of the 2026 CAP Update.

However, as the 2026 CAP Update focuses on GHG reduction and would not necessarily reduce pollutant impacts on local sensitive receptors to below regulatory thresholds, impacts in this regard would be the same (i.e., significant and unavoidable) as those identified in Certified EIR No. 521. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

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Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: The following mitigation measures from the Certified EIR No. 521 are also applicable to the 2026 CAP Update; any modifications to the original measures are shown in ~~striketrough~~ for deleted text and in double underline for new, inserted text.

Refer to Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.6.B-N1 through 4.6.B-N3 above, and the following measures:

- 4.6.D-N1 New developments shall include the following requirements to reduce emissions associated with toxic air contaminants (TACs):
- Electrical outlets shall be included in the building design of any loading docks to allow use by refrigerated delivery trucks. Signage shall also be installed, instructing commercial vehicles to limit idling times to five minutes or less. If loading and/or unloading of perishable goods would occur for more than five minutes and continual refrigeration is required, all refrigerated delivery trucks shall use the electrical outlets to continue powering the truck refrigeration units when the delivery truck engine is turned off.
 - Electrical outlets shall be installed on the exterior of new structures for use with electrical landscaping equipment. Further, the property owner(s) shall ensure that the hired landscape companies use electric-powered equipment where available to a minimum of 20% of the equipment used.
- 4.6.D-N2 The County of Riverside shall require minimum distances between potentially incompatible land uses, as described below, unless a project-specific evaluation of human health risks defines, quantifies and reduces the potential incremental health risks through site design or the implementation of additional reduction measures to levels below applicable standards (e.g., standards recommended or required by CARB, SCAQMD or MDAQMD).

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Significant and Unavoidable Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

- d) *Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: According to Certified EIR No. 521, future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 would not create objectionable odors that would affect a substantial number of people. Additionally, compliance with existing regulatory programs and General Plan policies, as well as Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.6.E-N1 through 4.6.E-N3 would further reduce objectionable odors. As such, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that odor impacts are less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any proposes development projects such as landfills, airports, industrial facilities, agricultural uses, etc., that may expose a substantial number of people to other emissions, including odors. Further, any future development projects that would implement 2026 CAP Update measures and actions would be subject to all applicable regulations (i.e., air district rules) and policies, included those from SCAQMD and MDAQMD, as well as further CEQA

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analysis of project-specific impacts, which would occur with or without implementation of the 2026 CAP Update.

Further, the 2026 CAP Update would also implement Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.6.E-N1 through 4.6.E-N3 to further reduce objectionable odors. Therefore, impacts with regard to other emissions such as odor would be the same (i.e., less than significant with Certified EIR No. 521 mitigation measures incorporated) as those identified for GPA No. 960. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: The following mitigation measures from the Certified EIR No. 521 are also applicable to the 2026 CAP Update; any modifications to the original measures are shown in ~~striketrough~~ for deleted text and in double underline for new, inserted text.

- 4.6.E-N1 Locate potential new odor sources predominantly down- or cross-wind from existing sensitive receptors and potential new sensitive receptors predominantly upwind from existing odor sources. As indicated by the "Right-to-Farm" ordinance, agricultural uses that have operated for more than three years cannot be re-classified as a public or private nuisance by new development.
- 4.6.E-N2 Maintain an adequate buffer between potential new odor sources and receptors such that emitted odors are dissipated before reaching the receptors (minimum of 500 feet depending on odor source). As per the "right-to-farm" ordinance, agricultural uses that have been operated for more than three years cannot be re-classified as a public or private nuisance by new development.
- 4.6.E-N3 Design odor-emitting facilities such that odor emitters are located as far from potential receptors as possible. Also, balance stack heights to provide the maximum dispersion of odor between the stack and the nearest sensitive receptor.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Incorporated.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

7. Wildlife & Vegetation

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| a) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Conservation Community Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state conservation plan? | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ |
| b) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any endangered, or threatened species, as listed in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (Sections 670.2 or 670.5) or in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations (Sections 17.11 or 17.12)? | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |

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c) 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 Wildlife or U. S. Wildlife Service?	☐	☒	☐	☐
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?	☐	☒	☐	☐
e) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	☐	☒	☐	☐
f) Have a substantial adverse effect on State or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	☐	☒	☐	☐
g) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	☐	☐	☒	☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

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

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development resulting from the implementation of GPA No. 960 would increase rural, suburban and urban uses throughout the County, including areas covered by the Western Riverside County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plans (MSHCP) and Coachella Valley MSHCP. Compliance with the provisions of these MSHCPs would ensure that future development facilitated by GPA No. 960 is consistent with the plans and that impacts in this regard are less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning, entitlement approvals, or site-specific proposals. While future projects that implement measures associated with the 2026 CAP Update may be subject to provisions in the Western Riverside County or Coachella Valley MSHCPs, such projects would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, the 2026 CAP Update itself would not conflict with any adopted MSHCPs. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

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Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

- b) *Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any endangered, or threatened species, as listed in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (Sections 670.2 or 670.5) or in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations (Sections 17.11 or 17.12)?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 would increase rural, suburban, and urban uses throughout the County and could adversely affect various sensitive species, including threatened, endangered and special status species. Compliance with the federal and California Endangered Species Acts (FESA and CESA), the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and the California Fish and Game Code, as well as the Western Riverside County MSHCP and Coachella Valley MSHCP and General Plan policies would minimize significant impacts to protected species and their habitats. In addition, a new Mitigation Measure 4.8.B-N1 from Certified EIR No. 521 requiring preparation of a site-specific biological resources assessment would ensure impacts in this regard are reduced to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Future projects that implement measures associated with the 2026 CAP Update may potentially impact protected species and their habitats. However, compliance with existing regulations and Mitigation Measure 4.8.B-N1 from Certified EIR No. 521 would reduce such impacts to less than significant levels. Therefore, the 2026 CAP Update would not have substantial adverse direct nor indirect effects on sensitive species or their habitats. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: The following mitigation measure from the Certified EIR No. 521 is also applicable to the 2026 CAP Update; any modifications to the original measures are shown in ~~strike through~~ for deleted text and in double underline for new, inserted text.

- 4.8.B-N1 Prior to discretionary project approval for projects with the potential to substantially adversely affect sensitive (listed, candidate, or special-status) species or habitats, a general biological resource assessment (BRA) shall be performed. The following requirements shall apply:
- The BRA shall be performed by a Riverside County-approved biologist pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding executed between the biologist and the County of Riverside.
 - The biology/environmental firm or biologist preparing the BRA must be on Riverside County's list of qualified consultants.
 - Fieldwork must be performed by qualified biologists according to professional standards.

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- d. If included in the BRA, presence/absence surveys for specific plants must be conducted during the applicable blooming season or other conditions as deemed scientifically appropriate and valid.
- e. Should affected species or habitat occur on the project site, then a "Focused Protocol Survey" must be prepared for those species using existing protocols established by the USFWS or CDFW. If no such protocols exist, the survey must be based on generally accepted biological survey protocols appropriate to the species.

The BRA requirement may be waived if any of the following conditions are documented to exist.

- a. The area affected by the proposed project ("footprint" herein) consists entirely of built environment (structures, pavement, etc.) and none of the biota or plant material present (i.e., landscaping) represent likely habitat used by a sensitive species.
- b. The Riverside County Ecological Resources Specialist (ERS) finds in writing that the proposed footprint does not have any biological resources expected to be used by a protected species or plant.
- c. The project or activity proposed is to be performed under an existing incidental take permit, habitat conservation plan or other governing permit, license or authorization (i.e., Section 7 consultation) and no new significant effect to the covered species or other protected species or resource is expected to occur.

In addition to the items herein, the BRA shall also be prepared in accordance with the Riverside County "Guide to Preparing General Biological Resource Assessments," as well as any other requirements of the Riverside County Environmental Programs Department, Planning Department, or other County of Riverside agency.

Upon receipt of the BRA, the Riverside County ERS shall review it and all supporting documentation. If the Riverside County ERS finds that the project does not have the potential to substantially affect sensitive species or habitat, no further mitigation is required. If the Riverside County ERS finds that the project has the potential to substantially adversely affect sensitive species or habitat, then additional mitigation will be developed and imposed to reduce such impacts to below a level of significance. Such mitigation may include but not be limited to obtaining incidental take permits from the USFWS and/or CDFW, as applicable, and acquisition and conservation of replacement habitat at appropriate ratios.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Incorporated.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

- c) ***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 Wildlife or U.S. Wildlife Service?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Refer to Response 7(b) above.

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2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 7(b) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: Refer to Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measure 4.8.B-N1 above.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Incorporated.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 determined that future development activities associated with land use changes in GPA No. 960 could create new barriers to animal movement in urbanizing areas of the County. However, impacts to wildlife movement would be mitigated through the corridors and linkages established by the Western Riverside County and Coachella Valley MSHCPs. Within the non-MSHCP areas, the low density/intensities proposed by GPA No. 960 and large amounts of open space would serve to limit potential impacts to less than significant levels. Additionally, Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.8.B-N1 (requires a biological resources assessment be performed before discretionary approval) and 4.8.D-N1 (requires consultation with a County Ecological Resources Specialist should a wildlife nursery site or corridor be uncovered) would further reduce potential impacts to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Future projects that implement measures associated with the 2026 CAP Update may potentially interfere with existing wildlife corridors or nursery sites. However, future projects would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis and comply with existing regulations and Mitigation Measures 4.8.B-N1 and 4.8.D-N1 from Certified EIR No. 521. Therefore, the 2026 CAP Update would not have substantial adverse direct nor indirect effects on sensitive species or their habitats. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: The following mitigation measures from the Certified EIR No. 521 are also applicable to the 2026 CAP Update; any modifications to the original measures are shown in ~~strike through~~ for deleted text and in double underline for new, inserted text.

Refer to Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measure 4.8.B-N1 above, and the following measure:

4.8.D-N1 Should a wildlife nursery site or native resident or migratory wildlife corridor be uncovered through a biological resources assessment (BRA), then a consultation with a Riverside County Ecological Resources Specialist (ERS) shall occur. The ERS shall make a determination if the site is essential for the long-term viability of the species. If such a determination is made, then the ERS shall work with the project applicant to avoid the effects of development on the resource in question and condition the land use case accordingly. Should significant impacts to a nursery site or corridor not be avoidable, the applicant shall be required to require the preservation of comparable nursery or corridor habitat off-site.

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Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Incorporated.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Additional development fostered by GPA No. 960 has the potential to influence riparian or other sensitive habitats in various areas through the increase of rural, suburban, and urban land uses within the County. However, compliance with a variety of regulations, including Sections 401, 402, and 404 of the federal Clean Water Act, Section 1600 et seq. of the California Fish and Game Code, and the Western Riverside County and Coachella Valley MSHCPs, as well as a variety of General Plan policies and new Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measure 4.8.A-N1 (which requires an ecological assessment mapping and identification of riparian or riverine resources), would reduce any associated environmental impacts to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update have the potential to adversely impact riparian habitat or other sensitive natural communities. However, such projects would be required to undergo separate environmental review under CEQA to evaluate site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis and also comply with existing regulations and Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measure 4.8.A-N1. Therefore, the 2026 CAP Update would not have substantial adverse effects on riparian habitats or other sensitive natural communities. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: The following mitigation measure from the Certified EIR No. 521 is also applicable to the 2026 CAP Update; any modifications to the original measures are shown in ~~strike through~~ for deleted text and in double underline for new, inserted text.

- 4.8A-N1 Where site conditions (for example, topography, soils, vegetation, etc.) indicate a project could adversely affect any riparian or riverine resources, then an appropriate assessment shall be prepared by a qualified professional. An assessment shall include, but not be limited to, identification and mapping of any riparian/riverine areas and evaluation of species composition, topography/hydrology and soil analysis, as applicable. An assessment shall be completed as part of the environmental review for the development proposal prior to its approval. Upon receipt of an assessment, the Riverside County Ecological Resources Specialist (ERS) shall review the document and make a finding that either:
- Riparian/riverine areas do not exist on site; or
 - Project-specific avoidance measures have been identified that would be sufficient to require avoidance of riparian/riverine areas; or
 - Impacts to riparian/riverine areas are significant and unavoidable. If avoidance is not feasible, a practicable alternative that minimizes direct and indirect effects to

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riparian/riverine areas and vernal pools and associated functions and values to the greatest extent possible must be developed.

If impacts remain unavoidable, then the projects shall be conditioned to require the project applicant to obtain a Section 404 permit from the ACOE and/or a Fish and Game Code Section 1600 agreement from CDFW prior to the issuance of any grading permit or other action by the County of Riverside that would lead to the disturbance of the riparian resource.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Incorporated.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

f) *Have a substantial adverse effect on State or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Pursuant to implementation of GPA No. 960, the resulting increase in rural, suburban, and urban land uses throughout the County could impact federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marshes, vernal pools, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means. Compliance with the existing laws, regulatory programs, and General Plan policies, as well as new Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.8.C-N1 and 4.8.C-N2, would ensure impacts to wetlands are reduced to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update have the potential to adversely impact federally protected wetlands. However, such projects would be required to undergo separate environmental review under CEQA to evaluate site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis and also comply with existing regulations and Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures Mitigation Measures 4.8.C-N1 and 4.8.C-N2. Specifically, Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.8.C-N1 and 4.8.C-N2 require a wetlands assessment and issuance of regulatory permits/approvals where applicable. Therefore, the 2026 CAP Update would not have any adverse effects on sensitive habitats or their associated communities. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the Update beyond that analyzed in EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: The following mitigation measures from the Certified EIR No. 521 are also applicable to the 2026 CAP Update; any modifications to the original measures are shown in ~~strike through~~ for deleted text and in double underline for new, inserted text.

4.8.C-N1 If site conditions (for example, topography, soils, vegetation, etc.) indicate that the proposed project could affect riparian/riverine areas or federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the CWA, then an appropriate assessment shall be prepared by a qualified professional as part of Riverside County's project review process. An assessment shall include, but not be limited to, identification and mapping of any wetland(s) or riparian resources present; evaluation of plant species composition, topography and hydrology; a soils analysis (where appropriate) and conclusions stating the presence or absence of jurisdictional wetlands. An assessment shall be completed as part of the CEQA review for the development proposal.

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Should any grading or construction be proposed within or alongside the banks of the watercourse or wetland, the land divider/permit holder shall provide written notification to the Riverside County Planning Department that the alteration of any watercourse or wetland, located either on site or on any required offsite improvement areas, complies with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Nationwide Permit Conditions. Or, the land divider shall obtain a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Copies of any agreements shall be submitted along with the notification.

- 4.8.C-N2 If site conditions (for example, topography, soils, vegetation, etc.) indicate that the proposed project could affect riparian/riverine areas or federally protected wetlands as defined by CFGC section 1600 et seq., then an appropriate assessment shall be prepared by a qualified professional as part of Riverside County's project review process. An assessment shall include, but not be limited to, identification and mapping of any wetland(s) or riparian resources present; evaluation of plant species composition, topography and hydrology; a soils analysis (where appropriate) and conclusions stating the presence or absence of jurisdictional wetlands. An assessment shall be completed as part of the CEQA review for the development proposal.

Should any grading or construction be proposed within or along the banks of any natural watercourse or wetland located either on site or on any required offsite improvement areas, the land divider/permit holder shall provide written notification to the Riverside County Planning Department that the appropriate California Department of Fish and Game Wildlife notification pursuant to Sections 1601/1603 of the California Fish and Game Code has taken place. Or, the land divider shall obtain an "Agreement Regarding Proposed Stream or Lake Alteration"

(Section 1601/1603 Permit). Copies of any agreements shall be submitted along with the notification.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Incorporated.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Through the implementation of GPA No. 960, there is potential for future development to conflict with local policies protecting biological resources, such as the Riverside County Oak Tree Management Guidelines. Approximately 5,300 acres of oak woodlands could be affected by associated development. Impacts to oak trees would occur mainly within the Western Riverside County MSHCP area, comprising approximately 8 percent of the Countywide oak woodland habitat. Compliance with existing laws, regulatory programs, Riverside County Ordinance No. 559 (which regulates the removal of trees), and General Plan policies would be sufficient to ensure that impacts are reduced to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Future projects implementing measures associated with the 2026 CAP Update would be subject to compliance with the existing Riverside County's Oak Tree Management Guidelines and Ordinance No. 559 for the preservation of the County's native trees and would undergo separate

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environmental review to evaluate site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, the project would not conflict with any local policies or ordinances concerning biological resources. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

8. Historic Resources

a) Alter or destroy a historic site?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Section 15064.5?	☐	☐	☒	☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

a) Alter or destroy a historic site?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: The implementation of GPA No. 960 would result in an increase of urban, suburban, and rural land uses, and could potentially affect known and unknown historic resources in the County. Compliance with existing laws, Riverside County Ordinance No. 578, General Plan policies and existing Mitigation Measure 4.7.1B from Certified EIR No. 441 would be sufficient to reduce this impact to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning include any site-specific proposal, nor approve any entitlements for development. Future projects implementing GHG reduction measures associated with the 2026 CAP Update would increase the potential for ground-disturbing activities, as well as placement of structures and facilities in areas with historic significance. However, such projects would be subject to separate environmental review to evaluate site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, no new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521, and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

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Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Section 15064.5?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Refer to Response 8(a) above.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 8(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

9. Archaeological Resources

a) Alter or destroy an archaeological site?	☐	☒	☐	☐
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Section 15064.5?	☐	☒	☐	☐
c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	☐	☐	☒	☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

a) Alter or destroy an archaeological site?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Implementation of GPA No. 960 would increase rural, suburban and urban uses throughout the County, adversely affecting known or presently unknown archeological resources or sites. Compliance with existing laws, General Plan policies, Planning Department procedures, project-level conditions of approval for cultural resources, existing Mitigation Measure 4.7.1B from Certified EIR No. 441 and incorporation of new Mitigation Measure 4.9.B-N1 from Certified EIR No. 521 would be sufficient to ensure that this impact is less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Actions that could directly affect archaeological resources include grading, excavation, or other ground-disturbing activities. The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Future projects implementing measures associated with the 2026 CAP Update could impact previously undiscovered archaeological resources. However, such projects would be subject to separate environmental review to evaluate site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measure 4.9.B-N1 would require consultation with Native American tribes when avoidance and/or preservation in place of identified cultural resources is not feasible. Thus, impacts would be reduced to less than significant levels with mitigation incorporated. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

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Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: The following mitigation measure from the Certified EIR No. 521 is also applicable to the 2026 CAP Update; any modifications to the original measures are shown in ~~strike through~~ for deleted text and in double underline for new, inserted text.

- 4.9.B-N1 If avoidance and/or preservation in place of cultural resources is not feasible, the following mitigation measures shall be initiated for each impacted site:
- Discoveries shall be discussed with the Native American tribal (or other appropriate ethnic/cultural group representative) and the Riverside County Archaeologist, and a decision shall be made with the concurrence of the Planning Director, as to the mitigation (documentation, recovery, avoidance, etc.) appropriate for the cultural resource.
 - Further ground disturbance shall not resume within the area of the discovery until an agreement has been reached by all parties as to appropriate preservation or mitigation measures.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Incorporated.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

- b) *Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Section 15064.5?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Refer to Response 9(a) above.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 9(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: Refer to Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measure 4.9.B-N1 above.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Incorporated.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

- c) *Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Anticipated development in accordance with GPA No. 960 could result in ground-disturbing activities that disturb previously unknown human remains. Compliance with existing General Plan policies, Planning Department procedures, project-level general conditions of approval for cultural resources, and existing Mitigation Measures 4.7.1A and 4.7.1B from Certified EIR No. 441 would be sufficient to ensure that this impact is less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Future projects implementing measures associated with the 2026 CAP Update could impact previously undiscovered human remains. However, such projects would be subject to separate environmental review to evaluate site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, future projects would also be required to comply with existing General Plan policies, Planning Department

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procedures, project-level general conditions of approval for cultural resources, and existing Mitigation Measures 4.7.1A and 4.7.1B from Certified EIR No. 441. Specifically, existing Mitigation Measures 4.7.1A and 4.7.1B from Certified EIR No. 441 encourages avoidance of cultural resource finds and requires compliance with State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 to notify the County Coroner of any human remain find. Therefore, the project would not result in new impacts beyond what was analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521, and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

ENERGY

Would the project:

10. Energy Impacts

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| a) Result in potentially significant environmental impacts due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation? | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ |
| b) Conflict with or obstruct a State or Local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency? | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ |

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

- a) ***Result in potentially significant environmental impacts due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: According to Certified EIR No. 521, future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 would be less intense than that what was planned in the previous General Plan. Thus, on a relative basis, GPA No. 960 would not increase demand for electricity over current plans. Site-specific foreseeable land use changes proposed under the project, however, do have the potential to introduce new development or intensify existing development. The GPA No. 960 also proposes to add a number of new policies and programs targeting energy efficiency and conservation directly in order to reduce GHG emissions by roughly 30 percent. As a result of implementation of such measures, new development would be more energy efficient and less wasteful of energy than existing uses or proposed uses without GPA No. 960. For these reasons, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that GPA No. 960 would not result in inefficient, wasteful, or unnecessary energy consumption and impacts on use of energy would be less than significant. Moreover, compliance with existing regulatory programs and General Plan policies, as well as existing Mitigation Measure 4.8.1B from Certified EIR No. 441 would further reduce the already insignificant impacts associated with efficient use of energy. As such, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that impacts would be less than significant in this regard.

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2026 CAP Update Analysis: Buildout of GPA No. 960 with implementation of 2026 CAP Update measures and actions is anticipated to have less or similar (less than significant) impacts related to the usage of energy, energy efficiency, and energy conservation. The 2026 CAP Update proposes R2 Energy Measures R2-EE1 through R2-EE8 as well as R2 Clean Energy Measures R2-CE1 and R2-CE2, which require both residential and non-residential sectors to exceed the latest State and County energy efficiency and conservation requirements, and to promote clean energy in the County. Therefore, implementation of the 2026 CAP Update and compliance with applicable State and County regulations, including the most current energy standards (Title 24, CALGreen, etc.), would ensure impacts related to the usage of energy, energy efficiency, and energy conservation associated with the 2026 CAP Update are reduced or the same (i.e., less than significant) as those identified for GPA No. 960. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

b) Conflict with or obstruct a State or Local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze this threshold at the time it was prepared in 2015.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The County does not have standalone renewable energy or energy efficiency plan. The 2026 CAP Update would be consistent with the Settlement Agreement and the 2022 Scoping Plan. The 2026 CAP Update would serve as the update to the existing 2019 CAP, facilitate County monitoring of CAP reduction measures, and include provisions for revisions and/or amendments to the CAP as needed based upon the results of monitoring to ensure achievement of the 2030 and 2045 reduction targets as outlined in the 2022 Scoping Plan, which also include provisions for renewable energy and encourage energy efficiency. Further, the 2026 CAP Update includes R2 Energy Measures R2-EE1 through R2-EE8 as well as R2 Clean Energy Measures R2-CE1 and R2-CE2 for promoting energy efficiency and clean energy in the County. Therefore, implementation of the 2026 CAP Update and compliance with applicable State and County regulations, including the most current energy standards (Title 24, CALGreen, etc.), would ensure the 2026 CAP Update would not conflict with or obstruct a State or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency impacts but rather, result in beneficial impacts in this regard. Overall, the 2026 CAP Update would result in the same (i.e., less than significant) or less impacts as those identified for GPA No. 960. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Would the project directly or indirectly

11. Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone or County Fault Hazard Zones

- a) Be subject to 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?

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Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

- a) ***Be subject to 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?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Earthquake fault hazard zones have been established along the traces of the Elsinore, San Jacinto, and San Andreas Faults. Some lands within existing Alquist-Priolo zones or County-designated fault zones would be designated "Community Development" or "Rural" in GPA No. 960. Future development on these lands may result in the construction and occupation of structures, critical facilities and pipelines adjacent to known and/or as yet undetected earthquake fault zones. Such development would increase the number of people and the amount of developed property exposed to fault rupture hazards. However, compliance with existing laws, regulatory programs, General Plan policies, and existing Mitigation Measure 4.10.1A from Certified EIR No. 441 would ensure that potential fault-rupture impacts to future development is less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not propose any such zoning or land use changes nor approve any entitlements for development or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. However, future projects that implement measures associated with the 2026 CAP Update could be located in proximity to known fault zones. To minimize risk of earthquake fault rupture, Certified EIR No. 441 Mitigation Measure 4.10.1A would require site-specific geologic investigations for projects within an Alquist-Priolo Zone, County Fault Zone, or within 150 feet of any other active or potentially active fault. Future projects would also be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, the 2026 CAP Update would not result in new impacts beyond what was analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521, and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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12. Liquefaction Potential Zone

- a) Be subject to seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

a) *Be subject to seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Increases in various land use types accommodated GPA No. 960 within Riverside County would increase the potential for the development of structures and facilities in or near areas susceptible to liquefaction. Impacts associated with seismic-related ground failure and liquefaction would be reduced through compliance with existing laws, General Plan policies, and existing Mitigation Measures 4.10.3A and 4.10.3B from Certified EIR No. 441. Compliance with these regulations would ensure that seismic-related ground failure and liquefaction risks to future development facilitated by GPA No. 960 are reduced to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not propose any site-specific development, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations and zoning. Future projects implementing any GHG reduction measures associated with the proposed 2026 CAP Update would also be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, existing Mitigation Measures 4.10.3A and 4.10.3B from Certified EIR No. 441 would also apply to future projects, which require site-specific assessments to determine potential liquefaction impacts, and appropriate construction methods to reduce liquefaction hazards. Therefore, the project would not result in new impacts beyond what was analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521, and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

13. Ground-shaking Zone

- a) Be subject to strong seismic ground shaking? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

a) *Be subject to strong seismic ground shaking?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Increases in population and residential and non-residential development as a result of GPA No. 960's General Plan changes would increase the exposure of persons and property to groundshaking hazards. Compliance with existing General Plan policies, State

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and County regulations, as well as existing Mitigation Measures 4.10.2A, 4.10.2B and 4.10.2C from Certified EIR No. 441 would reduce potential groundshaking impacts to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning, site-specific development, or approve any entitlements for development. Future projects accommodating the GHG reduction measures proposed in the 2026 CAP Update would be required to comply with existing mitigation measures, General Plan policies, and State and County regulations, as well as be analyzed on an individual basis for additional susceptibility to impacts of strong seismic ground shaking. Additionally, the existing measures also provide flexibility for the County of Riverside when requiring site-specific seismic assessments for developments potentially subject to groundshaking and complying with County design standards. Therefore, the project will not result in any new impacts beyond what was analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521; no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

14. Landslide Risk

- a) 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, collapse, or rockfall hazards?

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Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

- a) ***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, collapse, or rockfall hazards?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Unstable geologic soils and units are present throughout the County. Additionally, both natural and anthropogenic disturbances can have the potential to exacerbate geologic instability. Future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 would increase the potential for landslides, liquefaction, lateral spreading and subsidence as a result of placement on unstable geological units or soils. However, compliance with existing laws and General Plan policies would reduce potential impacts related to development on or affected by unstable geological soil or units. Compliance with these would ensure that future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 would have a less than significant impact.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Future projects that implement 2026 CAP Update measures could result in the construction and occupation of structures in areas underlain by unstable or expansive soils but would require to undergo separate environmental review under CEQA to evaluate site-specific impacts on a case-by-

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case basis. Additionally, future developments are required to comply with Title 24 of the California Building Code, which addresses construction of structures in areas subject to unstable soils. Therefore, the project would not result in new impacts beyond what was analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521, and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

15. Ground Subsidence

- a) 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 ground subsidence? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

- a) ***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 ground subsidence?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Refer to Response 14(a) above.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 14(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

16. Other Geologic Hazards

- a) Be subject to geologic hazards, such as seiche, mudflow, or volcanic hazard? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

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Findings of Fact:

a) *Be subject to geologic hazards, such as seiche, mudflow, or volcanic hazard?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 specifies that areas subject to seiche (a standing wave in a completely or partially enclosed body of water) can result in the inundation of shoreline areas of lakes and reservoirs, which could threaten people, structures, and property. Two water bodies in Riverside County, Lake Elsinore and Lake Perris, may have the potential for seismically induced seiches based on their morphology and hydrology. These lakes have been engineered to prevent seiche risks and are buffered by public lands and beaches along their shores, adding a further layer of protection from localized flooding. Additionally, mudflow or debris flow can occur as a result of heavy in areas with steep slopes, particularly areas with loose soils and/or lacking vegetation (e.g., fire burn areas) when exposed to large amounts of precipitation. Narrow canyons, arroyos and other desert channels are also susceptible to flash flooding, which can cause direct or indirect damage through mudflows. Human activity can also induce a slide, such as when soil becomes saturated from a broken water pipe or the improper diversion of runoff from a developed area. Existing Mitigation Measures 4.9.1A, 4.9.1B, 4.9.1C, 4.9.1D; 4.9.2A, 4.9.2B, 4.9.2C and 4.9.2D from Certified EIR No. 441, in addition to proper soil engineering, site design and maintenance, would minimize seiche and mudflow risk to less than significant levels. It should be noted that Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze potential impacts regarding volcanic hazards.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not propose any site-specific development, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations and zoning. Future projects implementing any GHG reduction measures associated with the proposed 2026 CAP Update would also be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Furthermore, future projects would comply with existing Mitigation Measures 4.9.1A-D, and 4.9.2A-D from Certified EIR No. 441, which require site-specific assessments to determine potential seiche and mudflow risk, and appropriate construction methods to minimize risk associated with geologic hazards. Therefore, the project would not result in new impacts beyond what was analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521, and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

17. Slopes

a) Change topography or ground surface relief features?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Create cut or fill slopes greater than 2:1 or higher than 10 feet?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Result in grading that affects or negates subsurface sewage disposal systems?	☐	☐	☒	☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

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Findings of Fact:

a) Change topography or ground surface relief features?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze this threshold at the time it was prepared in 2015.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning, propose site-specific development, nor approve any entitlements for development. Future development implementing GHG reduction measures proposed in the 2026 CAP Update is subject to evaluation on a case-by-case basis to assess potential impacts to topography or ground surface relief features through activities such as grading or creating cut or fill slopes. Therefore, the project would not result in new impacts beyond what was analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521, and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

b) Create cut or fill slopes greater than 2:1 or higher than 10 feet?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze this threshold at the time it was prepared in 2015.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 17(a).

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

c) Result in grading that affects or negates subsurface sewage disposal systems?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze this threshold at the time it was prepared in 2015.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 17(a).

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

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Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

18. Soils

a) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Section 1803.5.3 of the California Building Code (2019), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?	☐	☐	☒	☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

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

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Areas exposed during future development activities accommodated by GPA No. 960 would be prone to erosion, blowsand, and loss of topsoil; processes facilitated by wind and water. Additionally, human activities that remove vegetation or disturb soil are the biggest contributor to erosion potential. Compliance with existing laws, General Plan policies and existing Certified EIR No. 441 Mitigation Measures 4.10.8A, 4.10.9A, 4.10.9B and 4.10.9C have been identified to lessen potential hazards associated with blowsand and loss of topsoil due to erosion, particularly wind erosion. Compliance would reduce potential soil erosion impacts to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Future projects implementing any GHG reduction measures associated with the proposed 2026 CAP Update would also be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, existing Mitigation Measures 4.10.8A, 4.10.9A, 4.10.9B and 4.10.9C from Certified EIR No. 441 would also apply to future projects, which require site-specific assessments to determine potential erosion hazards, impacts, and appropriate construction methods to reduce windborne erosion of soil and loss of topsoil. Therefore, the project would not result in any new impacts to existing topsoil or that exacerbate soil erosion and blowsand. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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b) *Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Section 1803.5.3 of the California Building Code (2019), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Expansive soils have a significant amount of clay particles that can give up water (shrink) or take on water (swell), and are widely distributed throughout Riverside County. Future development associated with GPA No. 960 would potentially increase the placement of structures and facilities in areas susceptible to damage as a result of building upon expansive soils. However, compliance with existing laws and Mitigation Measure 4.10.7A from Certified EIR No. 441 would help reduce potential impacts related to expansive soils to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Future projects implementing measures associated with the 2026 CAP Update could involve construction of structures or facilities in areas containing expansive soils. However, such projects would be subject to separate environmental review to evaluate site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, future projects would also be required to comply with existing Mitigation Measure 4.10.7A from Certified EIR No. 441, which requires that proponents of new development within Riverside County shall adhere to applicable policies and standards contained in the most recent version of the [California] Building Code related to the construction of structures and facilities on expansive soils. Therefore, no new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521, and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Particularly in areas outside of existing water and sewer service provider areas, future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 would increase the potential for placement of structures and facilities in areas where soils are incapable of adequately supporting septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems. However, due to laws, regulations and County policies addressing sewer requirements, potential impacts associated with these types of soils would be avoided or reduced to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning include any site-specific proposal, nor approve any entitlements for development. Future projects implementing GHG reduction measures associated with the 2026 CAP Update would increase the potential for placement of structures and facilities in areas where soils are incapable of adequately supporting septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems. However, such projects would be subject to separate environmental review to evaluate site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Compliance with existing laws, regulations, and County Policy S3.3 (which requires an applicant prove to Riverside County Building Officials that the proposed building site has soils sufficient to support septic or other wastewater system on-site prior to the issuance of a building permit) would ensure potential impacts associated with these types of soils would be avoided or reduced to

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less than significant levels. Therefore, no new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521, and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

19. Wind Erosion and Blowsand from project either on or off site.

- a) Be impacted by or result in an increase in wind erosion and blowsand, either on or off site? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

- a) ***Be impacted by or result in an increase in wind erosion and blowsand, either on or off site?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Several portions of Riverside County are at risk of erosion due to wind erosion and blowsand. Roughly 21,700 acres of the County is identified as “very high” potential for wind erosion and nearly 840,000 acres are at “high” potential. A large portion of the County, roughly 2,900,000 acres has a “moderate” wind erosion risk, and approximately 900,000 acres are at “low” risk. General Plan policies include a variety of actions such as compliance with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program and Best Management Practices (BMPs) aimed at reducing soil erosion and loss of topsoil. Implementation of the regulations and General Plan policies would ensure that impacts related to soil erosion and loss of topsoil, including wind erosion, are reduced and mitigated to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 18(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Would the project:

20. Greenhouse Gas Emissions

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| a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment? | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases? | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015; California Air Resources Board, *2022 Scoping Plan for Achieving Carbon Neutrality*, December 2022.

Findings of Fact:

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

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: According to Certified EIR No. 521, implementation of GPA No. 960 and the associated 2015 CAP would result in future construction and operational activities that generate GHG emissions. Either individually or collectively, these activities have the potential to result in substantial emissions of GHGs; for example, exceeding the 3,000 to 10,000 metric tons carbon dioxide equivalent per year (MTCO₂e/year) thresholds proposed by the SCAQMD in Tier 3 of its 2008 Interim CEQA Greenhouse Gas Significance Thresholds. However, implementation of the General Plan policies and particularly, the implementation measures of the CAP, as well as existing mitigation measures from Certified EIR No. 441 (Mitigation Measure 4.5.1C) and Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.7.A-N1 and 4.7.A-N2 would ensure GHG emissions within Riverside County are reduced to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update focuses on the State's 2030 and 2045 GHG emissions reduction targets to move the region to its short-term, 2030 goal, and also provide an expandable framework for much greater long-term GHG emissions reductions toward the State's ultimate 2045 goal. Based on the 2026 CAP Update, the County's 2022 GHG emissions totaled 3,985,857 MTCO₂e. Under the Business-as-usual (BAU) forecast, emissions would be 4,496,999 MTCO₂e in 2030; and 5,658,730 MTCO₂e in 2045. Compared to existing 2022 GHG emissions, these emissions levels are 12.82 percent higher in 2030, and 41.97 percent higher in 2045.

The 2026 CAP Update summarizes various State and local policies that would contribute to reduced GHG emissions in Riverside County by the year 2022 and beyond. Some of these policies include updated building codes for energy efficiency, the low carbon fuel standard, Pavley (California Assembly Bill) vehicle emissions standards, and the Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) for utility companies. By implementing existing State reduction programs (known as the Adjusted Business-As-Usual [ABAU] scenario), emissions would be 3,788,509 MTCO₂e in 2030; and 3,458,873 MTCO₂e in 2045. Compared to existing 2022 GHG emissions, these emissions levels are 4.95 percent lower in 2030, and 13.22 percent lower in 2045.

The State has set goals for reducing GHG emissions by 2030 and 2045 through AB 32, EO B-30-15, and AB 1279. These goals, stated in the *2022 Scoping Plan for Achieving Carbon Neutrality* (2022

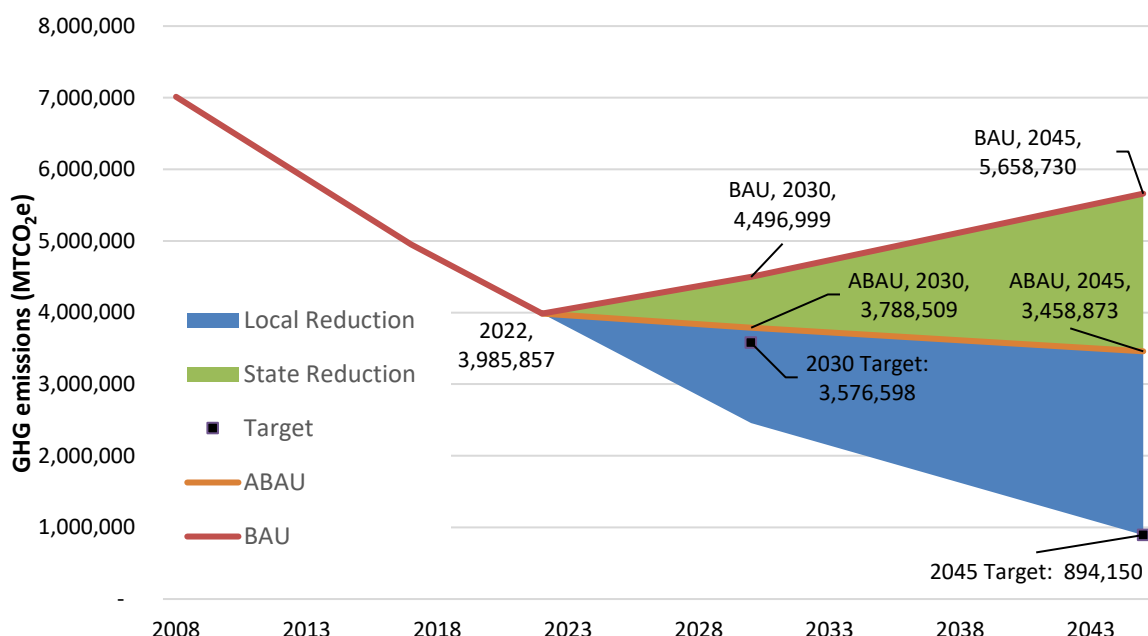
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Scoping Plan), were for local governments to recently adopted legislative goals of achieving 40 percent below 1990 levels of emissions by 2030 (49 percent below 2008 baseline levels), and reducing anthropogenic emissions to 85 percent below 1990 levels of emissions by 2045 (87 percent below 2008 baseline levels). To continue reductions consistent with the State's long-term emissions reduction goals, the County would need to reduce emissions by 211,910 MTCO₂e from an ABAU forecast by 2030 and by 2,564,723 MTCO₂e from an ABAU forecast by 2045.

Implementation of the GHG emissions reduction measures from the 2026 CAP Update is projected to result in further emissions reductions. By 2030, the Statewide and local measures (included in the 2026 CAP Update) together would reduce the County's community GHG emissions from the 2030 BAU level to 2,455,267 MTCO₂e, which exceeds the 49 percent below 2008 levels reduction target of 3,576,598 MTCO₂e for 2030. In 2045, implementation of Statewide and local measures together would reduce emissions from the 2045 BAU level to 892,751 MTCO₂e, which exceeds the 87 percent below 2008 levels reduction target of 894,150 MTCO₂e for 2045. Therefore, with implementation of the GHG emissions reduction measures from the 2026 CAP Update, GHG emissions in the County would meet the County's 2030 and 2045 goals. Proposed 2026 CAP Update measures would achieve these reductions by addressing energy efficiency in existing and new residential and non-residential buildings, increasing water efficiency, expanding transportation options and electrifying of fleets, reducing landfilled waste, promoting clean energy use and electrification of equipment and aviation, and promoting best management practices in agricultural activities.

Exhibit 2, *State and Local Reductions Comparison with Targets County of Riverside, 2008-2045*, shows the State and local reduction comparison with targets in 2030 and 2045, and a comparison between the emission inventories. The red line represents the GHG inventories for 2008, 2017, and 2022, and the BAU forecasts for 2030 and 2045. The orange line represents the ABAU forecasts for 2030 and 2045. The green area represents the State reductions (implementation of existing State reduction programs), while the blue area shows the local reductions (implementation of the R2 measures) described above.

Exhibit 2. State and Local Reductions Comparison with Targets County of Riverside, 2008-2045



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In 2016, the Sierra Club, Center for Biological Diversity, San Bernardino Audubon Society, and respondents (Petitioners) challenged particular aspects of the 2015 CAP related to commitments to solar, electric vehicles (EVs), energy efficient traffic signals, and future updates of the CAP. In 2017, the County and the Petitioners entered into a Settlement Agreement (known as the Settlement Agreement), which entails the following:

- The County requires all new residential development to install EV charging stations in the garages of the residential units. The Settlement Agreement further states that the capacity and circuits for installation of EV charging stations to be provided in the garages of residential units and all new large-scale commercial buildings that are over 162,000 square feet.
- The County requires that on-site renewable energy production (including but not limited to rooftop photovoltaic solar panels) shall apply to any tentative tract map, plot plan, or conditional use permit that proposes to add more than 75 new dwelling units of residential development or one or more new buildings totaling more than 100,000 gross square feet of commercial, office, industrial, or manufacturing development.
- Every four years, the County must update the GHG inventory, review the effectiveness of specific measures in the CAP, and revise associated point values in the screening tables according to the available evidence. If measures included in the CAP are found to be ineffective, those measures will be removed or revised in the update.

Consistent with the Settlement Agreement, the 2026 CAP Update includes specific considerations for e-chargers installations (Measure R2-T4) and on-site renewable energy generation (Measure R2-CE1). Additionally, the 2026 CAP Update serves as an update to the County's GHG inventory in accordance with the Settlement Agreement's four-year (quadrennial) inventory update requirement in order to review the effectiveness of specific measures in the CAP. It should be noted that the screening tables included in the 2015 CAP and 2019 CAP have been revised to function as CEQA Checklists to improve usability according to best available evidence. Accordingly, per the 2026 CAP Update, the GHG inventory will be periodically updated in coordination with these two phases:

- 2026 (to review Phase 1 progress, allow for course corrections to keep progress on target for 2030, and to develop post-2030 forecasts for use in planning for after 2030); and
- 2030 (to establish baseline for post-2030 GHG reduction planning).

The County would also implement a monitoring and reporting program to evaluate the effectiveness of reduction measures with regards to progress towards meeting the goals of the 2026 CAP Update. This program would ensure that the effectiveness of all implementation measures are reviewed in advance of 2030 and adjustments to the CEQA Checklist for actual effectiveness are made in the post-2030 CAP. If measures included in the 2026 CAP Update are found to be ineffective, those would be removed or revised in the post-2030 CAP. Through this process, GHG reduction measures would continue refinement to achieve the 2045 reduction target, and an updated monitoring system would ensure that the updated targets are achieved.

The 2026 CAP Update includes new and enhanced GHG reduction measures compared to those in the 2019 CAP and is anticipated to further reduce GHG emissions within unincorporated portions of the County. Additionally, the project would continue implementation of Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.7.A-N1 (require all new discretionary development to comply with the implementation measures of the most current CAP or provide comparable custom measures backed by a project GHG

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study) and 4.7.A-N2 (requiring all new discretionary development to comply with the Riverside County GHG CEQA Checklist).

The 2026 CAP Update has been prepared in accordance with the County's Settlement Agreement and the 2022 Scoping Plan and would continue implementation of Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.7.A-N1 and 4.7.A-N2. As such, impacts in this regard are the same (i.e., less than significant with mitigation incorporated) or less than those identified for GPA No. 960. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: Refer to Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.7.A-N1 and 4.7.A-N2 above.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Incorporated.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: According to Certified EIR No. 521, implementation of GPA No. 960 and the associated CAP (2015 CAP) would result in future construction and operational activities that generate GHGs. Either individually or collectively, these activities have the potential to result in GHG emissions that would potentially conflict with the implementation of AB 32 and SB 375, California policies for reducing GHG emissions. However, implementation of the General Plan policies and particularly, the implementation measures of the 2015 CAP, as well as Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.7.A-N1 and 4.7.A-N2 would ensure buildout of the General Plan, as amended by GPA No. 960, is consistent with both AB 32 and SB 375 and imp

acts would be reduced to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: As described in Response 20(a) above, the 2026 CAP Update would be consistent with the Settlement Agreement and the 2022 Scoping Plan. The 2026 CAP Update would serve as the update to the existing 2019 CAP, facilitate County monitoring of CAP reduction measures, and would include provisions for revisions and/or amendments to the CAP as needed based upon the results of monitoring to ensure achievement of the 2030 and 2045 reduction targets as outlined in the 2022 Scoping Plan. Additionally, the 2026 CAP Update would implement Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.7.A-N1 and 4.7.A-N2, which would ensure buildout of the General Plan, as amended by GPA No. 960, is consistent with both AB 32 and SB 375. As such, implementation of the 2026 CAP Update would be consistent with the applicable GHG plans and impacts in this regard would be the same (i.e., less than significant with mitigation incorporated) as those identified for GPA No. 960. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: Refer to Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.7.A-N1 and 4.7.A-N2 above.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact with Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Incorporated.

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Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Would the project:

21. Hazards and Hazardous Materials

a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	☐	☐	☒	☐
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?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or an emergency evacuation plan?	☐	☐	☒	☐
d) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter (1/4) mile of an existing or proposed school?	☐	☐	☒	☐
e) 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?	☐	☐	☒	☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

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

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 would increase rural, suburban, and urban uses in Riverside County, which could result in some adverse effects from facilities that transport, use or dispose of hazardous materials. However, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that compliance with existing laws and regulatory programs would be sufficient to reduce potential impacts. Specifically, compliance with the existing regulations including the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Hazardous Waste Control Law (HWCL), California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 22 and 26, County Ordinance No. 615, 651, 718, and 348, and General Plan Policies S 7.3, S 6.1, S 7.1, and LU 7.9 would ensure that impacts related to the routine handling of hazardous materials associated with future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 would have a less than significant impact.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning, or result in the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials. Construction activities

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associated with future projects implementing GHG reduction measures proposed by the 2026 CAP Update may require use of common potentially hazardous construction materials, including vehicle fuels, paints, cleaning materials, and caustic construction compounds. However, consistent with GPA No. 960, the routine transport, use, or disposal of these potentially hazardous materials would occur in accordance with all applicable regulations, including CERCLA, RCRA, HWCL, CCR Title 22 and 26, County Ordinance No. 615, 651, 718, and 348, and General Plan Policies S 7.3, S 6.1, S 7.1, and LU 7.9, as well as those from the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal OSHA), State Regional Water Quality Resource Boards (RWQCBs) for the Santa Ana, Santa Margarita, and Whitewater Watersheds/Regions, and California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), among others. Further, any future development projects that would implement 2026 CAP Update measures and actions would be subject to all applicable County regulations and policies, as well as further CEQA analysis of project-specific impacts, which would occur with or without implementation of the 2026 CAP Update. Therefore, impacts with regard to transport, use, storage, and disposal of hazardous materials would be the same (i.e., less than significant) as those identified for GPA No. 960. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 would introduce various future land uses throughout Riverside County; uses that may be affected by accidental releases of hazardous materials or hazardous wastes at some time. There is also the potential for previously unknown hazardous materials contamination from historical use of a property, including currently vacant properties, being released during future development activities (i.e., grading, remodeling, remediation, etc.). Should a release occur, existing federal, State, and local policies and procedures require action from the applicable enforcement agency. It is unlikely that any such activities would be extensive and beyond the capacities of typical containment or safe remediation. Furthermore, such risks are no different than those for existing uses. Thus, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that compliance with existing regulations would reduce such potential impacts to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 21(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 has the potential to interfere with safety or evacuation plans if not consistent with these existing emergency plans. However, the overall level of future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 would be slightly less under the proposed land use changes of GPA No. 960 than it would under the existing General Plan, slightly lowering the populations needing potential evacuation. In addition, the construction of the new roads and connecting road segments proposed under GPA No. 960 would improve access to and from some of the more remote portions of the County, facilitating evacuations and emergency responses. Thus, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that the proposed improvements associated with GPA No. 960 would have beneficial impacts on, and help reduce potential hazards related to, future increased populations. Additionally, future development projects would be required to be reviewed for adequate infrastructure and access as well as consistency amongst Riverside County emergency and evacuation plans among many other environmental issues in order to ensure the safety of County residents and the physical environment. In addition, various elements within the General Plan contain policies that relate to emergency response and evacuation plans which would further reduce potential impacts of development on safety plans. Impacts were determined to be less than significant in this regard.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning that could directly affect evacuation during an emergency event or emergency response. However, it is possible that future projects implementing the 2026 CAP Update measures may require temporary road closures during their construction, which could adversely affect evacuation during an emergency event or emergency response. However, consistent with GPA No. 960, any closures would be short-term and alternate routes would be provided as necessary. It is unlikely that these temporary construction activities would significantly interfere with adopted emergency response or evacuation plans. Further, any future development projects that implement 2026 CAP Update measures and actions would be subject to all applicable County regulations and policies, as well as further CEQA analysis of project-specific impacts, which would occur with or without implementation of the 2026 CAP Update. Therefore, impacts with regard to an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan would be the same (i.e., less than significant) as those identified for GPA No. 960. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

d) *Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter (1/4) mile of an existing or proposed school?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: At the time Certified EIR No. 521 was prepared (2015), there were 25 separate school districts for primary grades (K-12), four Community College Districts and a number of public and private colleges and universities within Riverside County. While no schools would be planned or built under GPA No. 960, the eventual build out of the General Plan would require additional schools,

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one or more schools of which may be located in the vicinity of a major hazardous materials site (refer to Certified EIR No. 521 Table 4.13-A, *Major Hazardous Material Sites in Riverside County*, and Figure 4.13.1, *Locations of Major Hazardous Material Sites*). However, federal, State, and local school district policies and procedures would be sufficient to minimize risks to school facilities, students, and faculty, as well as to the general public. Compliance with the existing regulations, programs, and policies, including CERCLA, RCRA, HMTA, HWCL and CCR Titles 22 and 26, as well as Ordinance No. 617, would ensure that hazardous material risks to schools from implementation of GPA No. 960 would be less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal for a project within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school. Future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update may require use of common potentially hazardous construction materials, which may emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter (1/4) mile of an existing or proposed school. However, consistent with GPA No. 960, the handling of hazardous materials would occur in accordance with all applicable regulations including CERCLA, RCRA, HWCL, CCR Title 22 and 26, County Ordinance No. 615, 651, 718, and 348, and General Plan Policies S 7.3, S 6.1, S 7.1, and LU 7.9, as well as those from the Cal OSHA, RWQCBs for the Santa Ana, Santa Margarita, and Whitewater Watersheds/Regions, and DTSC, among others. Further, future projects that implement 2026 CAP Update measures would be subject to all applicable County regulations and policies, as well as separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, hazardous material risks to schools from implementation of the 2026 CAP Update would be the same (i.e., less than significant) as those identified for GPA No. 960. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

e) ***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?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: At the time Certified EIR No. 521 was prepared (2015), there were 19 sites within Riverside County that are on the Cortese list. However, none of the proposed GPA No. 960 sites are adjacent to or in the immediate vicinity of any properties on the Cortese list. As such, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that compliance with applicable federal, State and county regulations would reduce the potential risks of public exposure to hazardous materials in this regard to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Consistent with GPA No. 960, future development projects that would implement 2026 CAP Update measures and actions could expose people to hazardous materials from sites included on a list compiled pursuant to California Government Code Section 65962.5, and hazardous materials could create an environmental or health hazard if left in place. However, any future development projects that implement 2026 CAP Update measures and actions would be subject to all

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applicable County regulations and policies, as well as further CEQA analysis of project-specific impacts, which would occur with or without implementation of the 2026 CAP Update. Therefore, impacts with regard to sites included on the Cortese List pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 would be the same (i.e., less than significant) as those identified for GPA No. 960. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

22. Airports

a) Result in an inconsistency with an Airport Master Plan?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Require review by the Airport Land Use Commission?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two (2) 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?	☐	☐	☒	☐
d) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, or heliport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	☐	☐	☒	☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

a) Result in an inconsistency with an Airport Master Plan?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze this threshold as it was not an identified threshold under CEQA at the time Certified EIR No. 521 was prepared in 2015.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Nonetheless, implementation of the 2026 CAP Update could result in construction of energy-generating facilities such as solar panels and photovoltaic arrays that would primarily be installed on rooftops of new or existing buildings. These energy-generating rooftop structures could introduce substantial new sources of glare and could also increase the overall height of buildings, which may have an impact on existing airports. However, any future development projects that implement 2026 CAP Update measures and actions would be subject to all applicable County regulations and policies, as well as further CEQA analysis of project-specific impacts, which would occur with or without implementation of the 2026 CAP Update. If any project under the 2026 CAP Update is determined to present a safety hazard from increased glare or height, appropriate mitigation measures would be

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required on a project level to reduce or avoid the safety hazard to the satisfaction of the Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC).

Overall, as the 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal and any future development projects that implement 2026 CAP Update measures and actions would be subject to all applicable County regulations as well as further CEQA analysis, impacts in regard to consistency with applicable Airport Master Plan, requiring review by the Riverside County ALUC Airport Land Use Commission, or risks pertaining to safety hazard for a project within the vicinity of a public airport or private airstrip/heliport would be less than significant. As such, the 2026 CAP Update impacts in this regard would be the same (i.e., less than significant) as those identified for GPA No. 960. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

b) Require review by the Airport Land Use Commission?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze this threshold at the time it was prepared in 2015.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 22(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

c) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two (2) 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?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: At the time Certified EIR No. 521 was prepared (2015), there were a total of 14 public airports located within or affecting Riverside County territory. Future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 has the potential to introduce additional people and property in proximity to (within two miles of) public airports. However, GPA No. 960 proposed changes within three Airport Influence Areas to improve safety by ensuring consistency between the General Plan and these airports' Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans (ALUCPs). Future development in a Riverside County Airport Influence Area would be subject to review by the Riverside County ALUC to ensure safety and minimize risks both to people and property on the ground. This would also help ensure air travel safety and protect the functioning of the public air facilities. In addition, the General Plan includes provisions (Policies LU 15.2 through 15.6) requiring land use proposals be consistent with these plans prior to

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application approval to minimize safety hazards for people living and working in proximity to these airports. However, due to the nature of air travel, potential safety hazards around airports, such as aircraft accidents, would remain. An unforeseeable air accident could result in substantial loss of life or property damage, even within the safety zones outlined in the General Plan and the *Riverside County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan* (Riverside County ALUCP). However, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that compliance with applicable Riverside County and ALUC regulations would ensure that air hazard risks to the areas affected by GPA No. 960, including any resultant future development, would be minimized to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 22(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development resulting from implementation of GPA No. 960 has the potential to introduce additional people and property within the vicinity of private airports, airstrips and heliports. However, GPA No. 960 includes provisions to minimize safety hazards for people living or working in proximity to these facilities. Due to the nature of air travel, potential safety hazards around these facilities, particularly due to aircraft accidents, would remain, although usage levels of these types of facilities tend to be very low. As such, compliance with existing regulations and General Plan policies would ensure that this impact is less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 22(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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23. Hazardous Fire Area

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| a) 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? | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ |
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Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

- a) ***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?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Areas of high fire hazard exist within unincorporated portions of Riverside County, including rural, mountainous terrain, as well as areas adjacent to, or covered by, natural grasslands or brush. Future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 would incrementally increase rural, suburban and urban uses in localized areas throughout unincorporated Riverside County, including some with high or very-high fire hazards. This would increase both the number of people and amount of property potentially exposed to fire hazards. Additionally, there is the potential for an increase in the occurrence of fires, particularly in urban wildland interface areas, due to increasing human encroachment. Nonetheless, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that compliance with existing laws and regulations, including standards for roadways and access, development siting and ignition-resistant building materials, among other things, would reduce potential fire safety impacts on land uses within Riverside County to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Future projects that implement 2026 CAP Update measures may be located in areas of high fire hazard. However, future projects would be subject to all applicable County regulations and policies, as well as separate environmental review to evaluate project-specific impacts. Therefore, impacts with regard to wildland fire would be the same (i.e., less than significant) as those identified for GPA No. 960. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY				
Would the project:				
24. Water Quality Impacts				
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?	☒	☐	☐	☐
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces?	☐	☐	☒	☐
d) Result in substantial erosion or siltation on-site or off-site?	☐	☐	☒	☐
e) Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on-site or off-site?	☐	☐	☒	☐
f) 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?	☐	☐	☒	☐
g) Impede or redirect flood flows?	☐	☐	☒	☐
h) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk the release of pollutants due to project inundation?	☐	☐	☒	☐
i) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?	☐	☐	☒	☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015. California Department of Water Resources, *SGMA Basin Prioritization Dashboard*, 2019.

Findings of Fact:

- a) ***Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development accommodated by the land use and policy changes proposed by GPA No. 960 has the potential to result in alterations to existing hydrology, increases in impervious surfaces and increases in urban runoff. Such changes would increase the discharge of pollutants into receiving waters if not properly managed and controlled. Nonetheless, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that compliance with existing laws, regulatory programs, ordinances, General Plan policies, and existing mitigation measures from Certified EIR No. 441 (Mitigation

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Measures 4.17.5A, 4.17.5B, 4.17.5C, 4.17.5D and 4.17.5E) is necessary to ensure that this impact is less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Construction activities associated with future projects implementing GHG reduction measures proposed by the 2026 CAP Update may result in impacts related to water quality, drainage pattern, runoff, drainage system capacity, flood flows, or pollution due to inundation of project site. However, any future development projects that implement 2026 CAP Update measures and actions would be subject to all applicable regulations and policies, including the County's General Plan, Ordinance No. 754 (known as the *Riverside County Stormwater/Urban Runoff Management and Discharge Controls Ordinance*), and Ordinance No. 857, which requires businesses as defined in Ordinance No. 857 within the unincorporated areas of the County of Riverside to register for a Business (Stormwater) Registration for stormwater compliance. Specifically, Ordinance No. 754 regulates stormwater and non-stormwater discharges to the storm drain system pursuant to and consistent with applicable requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), established as part of Section 402 of the Clean Water Act. Ordinance No. 754 includes regulations that aims to (a) reduce pollutants in stormwater discharges to the maximum extent practicable; (b) regulate illicit connections and discharges to the storm drain system; and (c) regulate non-stormwater discharges to the storm drain system. Compliance with applicable regulations would ensure that future development projects would not result in significant impacts related to water quality, drainage pattern, runoff, drainage system capacity, flood flows, or pollution due to inundation of project site. Further, these future development projects would also be subject to further CEQA analysis of project-specific impacts, which would occur with or without implementation of the 2026 CAP Update. Therefore, impacts in this regard would be the same (i.e., less than significant) as those identified for GPA No. 960. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

b) *Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development accommodated by the land use and policy changes proposed by GPA No. 960 would increase population within Riverside County in localized areas, potentially triggering increased water demands on areas relying on groundwater supplies. This is particularly likely in areas of Riverside County without municipal water service or other access to imported water supplies or where new development would rely solely on groundwater for supply. Increased and new uses may also conflict with groundwater management plans, monitoring programs or lead to groundwater extractions that individually or cumulatively exceed the groundwater basins' safe yields or cause a net deficit in the aquifer volume or reduction in the local water table level. In addition, there is the potential for future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 to occur in vacant areas that are currently available for groundwater recharge. Development of such areas would reduce the

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area available for aquifer recharge and could substantially interfere with groundwater recharge. A number of regulatory policies and programs address groundwater impacts. However, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that where groundwater recharge is insufficient, such increased demand on aquifers would result in significant and unavoidable impacts.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. As such, the 2026 CAP Update would not specifically trigger increased water demands on areas relying on groundwater supplies, or result in new and increased uses that may also conflict with groundwater management plans and monitoring programs, lead to groundwater extractions that exceed the groundwater basins' safe yields, or cause a net deficit in the aquifer volume or reduction in the local water table level. In addition, there is the potential for future development accommodated by buildout of the GPA No. 960 to occur in vacant areas that are currently available for groundwater recharge. Development of such areas would reduce the area available for aquifer recharge and could substantially interfere with the process of groundwater recharge. Further, construction activities associated with future projects implementing GHG reduction measures proposed by the 2026 CAP Update may result in impacts to groundwater supplies or interfere with groundwater recharge. However, any future development projects that implement 2026 CAP Update measures and actions would be subject to all applicable regulations and policies. Applicable federal and State regulations include the Federal Clean Water Act, Federal Safe Water Drinking Act, California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act of 1970, CCR Title 22-Recycled Water, Water Conservation Act (SBX7-7), California Urban Water Management Planning Act, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, Senate Bill 610, and Senate Bill 221; local (County) regulations include Ordinance No. 682 (which sets a variety of water quality standards for water supply wells pursuant to the standards for constituents required in the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, "Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring"), and Ordinance No. 856 as well as Ordinance No. 871 (which prohibit new septic systems and expansions or modifications of existing septic systems within specified areas of the region) would also reduce impacts to groundwater supplies. Additionally, General Plan Policies OS 1.1, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2 through 2.5, 3.4 through 3.7, 4.1 through 4.7, 4.8, and OS 18.1 through 18.6, Policies LU 5.3, 21.2, 22.2, 28.3, 29.7, 30.7, 31.4, and 32.6 would contribute to the reduction of impacts to groundwater.

Future development projects would also be subject to further CEQA analysis of project-specific impacts, which would occur with or without implementation of the 2026 CAP Update. Additionally, the 2026 CAP Update proposes Water Efficiency Measures R1-W1, R2-W1, and R2-W2 to support the implementation and exceedance of the 2018 Water Conservation Legislation, which lays out a new long-term water conservation framework for California. Nevertheless, it is not certain that future projects implementing GHG reduction measures proposed by the 2026 CAP Update would not substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge with the implementation of applicable regulations, County ordinances, and General Plan policies. Thus, impacts in this regard would be the same (i.e., significant and unavoidable) as those identified for GPA No. 960. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Significant and Unavoidable Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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c) *Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development accommodated through GPA No. 960 would alter drainage patterns, streams, and river courses, in some cases substantially. It would also cause increases in surface runoff through the introduction of non-permeable surfaces (roofs, pavement, roads, etc.). If not properly managed, this would cause hydrological changes that could expose existing people, structures and property, as well as those introduced by the project, to increased flooding risks. Nonetheless, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that compliance with existing laws, General Plan policies, and existing measures from Certified EIR No. 441 (Mitigation Measures 4.9.1C, 4.9.1D, 4.9.2C, 4.10.9A, 4.10.9B, 4.10.9C, 4.17.4A, 4.17.4B, 4.17.4C, 4.17.5B, 4.17.5D and 4.17.5E) would be sufficient to ensure that impacts are reduced to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 24(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

d) *Result in substantial erosion or siltation on-site or off-site?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development accommodated by the land use and policy changes proposed by GPA No. 960 has the potential to increase water erosion, sedimentation, and siltation of surface water. This includes short-term construction impacts, as well as long-term operational impacts. Future development also has the potential to threaten, damage or change hydrologic baseline conditions throughout Riverside County over time. However, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that compliance with existing laws, General Plan policies, and existing mitigation measures from Certified EIR No. 441 (Mitigation Measures 4.9.1C, 4.9.1D, 4.9.2C, 4.10.9A, 4.10.9B, 4.10.9C, 4.17.4A, 4.17.4B, 4.17.4C, 4.17.5B, 4.17.5D and 4.17.5E) would be sufficient to ensure that impacts remain less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 24(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

e) *Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on-site or off-site*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 has the potential to alter drainage patterns, streams and river courses that could expose existing people, structures and

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property, as well as those introduced by the project, to increased flooding risks. Nonetheless, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that compliance with existing laws, regulatory programs, and General Plan policies would be sufficient to ensure that impact is less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 24(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

f) *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?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development accommodated by the land use and policy changes proposed by GPA No. 960 would result in the development of vacant lands within Riverside County. The addition of impervious surfaces from this development would increase stormwater runoff throughout the County. In some areas, existing drainage facilities may not be adequate to accommodate the increase. However, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that compliance with existing laws, regulatory programs, ordinances, General Plan policies, and existing mitigation measures from EIR No. 441, would be sufficient to ensure that impacts remain less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 24(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

g) *Impede or redirect flood flows?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development as a result of implementation of the proposed project may result in placement of structures within 100-year flood hazard areas, creating the potential for impeding or redirecting flood flows. As a result, people, structures and property, as well as those introduced by the new development, could be exposed to increased flooding risks. Nonetheless, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that compliance with existing laws, regulatory programs, General Plan policies and existing mitigation measures from Certified EIR No. 441 (Mitigation Measures 4.9.2A, 4.9.2B, 4.9.2C and 4.9.2D), in particular Riverside County Ordinance No. 458, would be sufficient to ensure that this impact is less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 24(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

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Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

h) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk the release of pollutants due to project inundation?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Refer to Response 24(a) and 24(b) for a discussion regarding flood hazard impacts associated with GPA No. 960.

In terms of seiche hazards, there is no significant potential for any of the waterbodies within Riverside County. For GPA No. 960, resultant future development along or near lakes and reservoirs is considered minimal. Along the large, man-made reservoirs, such as Diamond Valley Reservoir and Prado Dam, the facilities have been engineered to reduce seiche risks and these facilities are further buffered by public lands along their shores, adding an additional layer of protection from localized flooding. For Lake Elsinore and the Salton Sea, their shallowness and extensive shorelines both tend to minimize seiche potential. Furthermore, due to its inland location, there are no oceanic tsunami risks in Riverside County. Overall, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that when addressed through proper soil engineering, site design and maintenance, these risks pertaining to seiche or tsunami would be less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 24(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

i) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze this threshold at the time it was prepared in 2015.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requires local public agencies and groundwater sustainability agencies in high- and medium-priority basins to develop and implement groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) or prepare an alternative to a GSP. According to the California Department of Water Resources' *SGMA Basin Prioritization Dashboard*, Riverside County overlies the several medium-priority basins and a high-priority basin, all of which with its own Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Applicable water quality control plan for the County include *Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin*, *Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin*, and *Water Quality Control Plan: Santa Ana River Basin*.

As discussed under Responses 24(a) and 24(b) above, the 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, and thus, would not approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Any future development projects that implement 2026 CAP Update measures and actions would be subject to all applicable regulations and policies in

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regard to water quality control and sustainable groundwater management, including the County's General Plan, Ordinance No. 754 (which implements the NPDES program), and Ordinance No. 857. These future development projects would also be subject to further CEQA analysis of project-specific impacts, which would occur with or without implementation of the 2026 CAP Update. Therefore, with compliance with applicable regulations, the 2026 CAP Update would not conflict with any water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan and impacts in this regard would be less than significant. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

LAND USE/PLANNING

Would the project:

25. Land Use

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| a) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ |
| b) Disrupt or divide the physical arrangement of an established community (including a low-income or minority community)? | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ |

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

- a) ***Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: The changes proposed under GPA No. 960 are intended to clarify existing policies, correct errors and oversights and provide additional guidance where appropriate to further the physical growth and development of Riverside County. As such, the proposed changes in the GPA No. 960 serve to enhance, rather than impede, the land use plans, policies and programs of the General Plan, ordinances and other regulatory programs. Consistency with various environmental regulations and programs are discussed by topic throughout this EIR.

Additionally, Certified EIR No. 521 noted that Implementation of General Plan policies and land use designations related to airport land use plans reduces the effects of development encroachment of land adjacent to airports and protects the safety of residents and workers in the airport vicinity. The proposed policies and land use designation changes included in GPA No. 960, which include improved land use mapping and General Plan Land Use Designation (LUD) coordination for the Blythe, Flabob, and Riverside Municipal Airports, would only serve to increase the level of compatibility between airport land

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use plans and the surrounding land uses. GPA No. 960 does not propose changes for any other ALUPs within Riverside County and, thus, would not affect them. Overall, the project's effect on airport safety and ALUPs would be less than significant. As such, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that impacts would be less than significant in this regard. Moreover, compliance with existing regulatory programs and General Plan policies (LU 1.8, 15.2, 15.8, 31.1 and 31.2) would further reduce the already insignificant impact.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update is a policy document and is not a plan to develop specific projects. No changes to the County's existing land use designations or zoning are proposed under the 2026 CAP Update. The 2026 CAP Update establishes a framework under which future projects would be designed for the purposes of reducing GHG emissions. Although the 2026 CAP Update is designed as a stand-alone GHG policy document, it would be utilized as a companion document to the General Plan to provide a more comprehensive and detailed framework for land-based policy decisions to reduce GHG emissions from existing and future development. Any future development projects that implement 2026 CAP Update measures and actions would be subject to all applicable land use plans, including the General Plan, applicable Airport Land Use Plans (ALUPs), and Western Riverside County and Coachella Valley MSHCPs, as well as further CEQA analysis of project-specific impacts, which would occur with or without implementation of the 2026 CAP Update. Therefore, the 2026 CAP Update would not conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect. Impacts in this regard would be the same (i.e., less than significant) as those identified for GPA No. 960. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

b) Disrupt or divide the physical arrangement of an established community (including a low-income or minority community)?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 would increase rural, suburban, and urban uses in Riverside County. None of the proposed changes, however, are in a location or of an extent that would physically divide an established community. Moreover, compliance with existing regulatory programs, Riverside County ordinances and existing General Plan policies would further reduce the already insignificant impact to communities. Thus, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that impacts would be less than significant in this regard.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning, nor does it grant any entitlements for development that would have the potential to physically divide an existing community. Further, any future development projects that implement 2026 CAP Update measures and actions would be subject to all applicable County regulations and policies, as well as further CEQA analysis of project-specific impacts, which would occur with or without implementation of the 2026 CAP Update. Therefore, impacts with regard to disrupting or dividing the physical arrangement of an established community would be the same (i.e., less than significant) as

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those identified for GPA No. 960. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

MINERAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

26. Mineral Resources

a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region or the residents of the State?	☐	☐	☒	☐
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?	☐	☐	☐	☒
c) Potentially expose people or property to hazards from proposed, existing, or abandoned quarries or mines?	☐	☐	☐	☒

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

- a) ***Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region or the residents of the State?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that land use and policy changes related to GPA No. 960 has the potential to result in the loss of availability of known mineral resources that would be of value to the region and the residents of the State. Specifically, GPA No. 960 has the potential to affect mineral availability on previously unstudied lands designated as Mineral Resource Zone (MRZ) 3 or MRZ-4. However, because of the urbanizing nature of most of western Riverside County and the wide-spread availability of potential aggregate resources in eastern Riverside County, impacts to lands designated MRZ-2, -3, and -4 would be less than significant. Additionally, several General Plan policies (LU 9.6, LU 9.7, LU 27.1, LU 27.2, LU 27.3, LU 27.4, LU 27.5, OS 14.1, OS 14.2, OS 14.3, OS 14.4, and OS 14.5) are designed to determine potential suitability of these areas for economically viable future mineral resource extraction and would be required prior to approval of any land disturbing or encroaching uses. Thus, impacts were found to be less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, the 2026 CAP Update itself would not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region or State. No new impacts would occur upon

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implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that the County does not contain any locally important mineral resource recovery sites. Therefore, no impacts would occur in this regard.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: As stated, there are no locally important mineral resource recovery sites within the County. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: No Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

c) Potentially expose people or property to hazards from proposed, existing, or abandoned quarries or mines?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze this threshold at the time it was prepared in 2015.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Further, future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, the 2026 CAP Update itself would not potentially expose people or property to hazards in relation to abandoned quarries or mines. No impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: No Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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NOISE

Would the project result in

27. Airport Noise

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| a) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two (2) 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? | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ |
| b) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ |

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

- a) ***For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two (2) 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?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 may result in the exposure of new noise-sensitive land uses to noise from operations at public and private airports, airstrips and helipads. Around larger public airports, noise levels can exceed acceptable standards (e.g., 60 dBA) in certain areas, as shown by noise contour maps of existing, future, and ultimate build out operational conditions for public airports. The Riverside County ALUCP adopted by the Riverside County ALUC addresses noise-related land use constraints for the various zones surrounding Riverside County's airports. All future development proposed would be required to comply with applicable ALUC policies, as well as State and County regulations and policies, regarding site design and building construction to achieve acceptable interior and exterior noise exposure levels for habitable structures. Compliance with these and other applicable standards, as well as existing mitigation measures from EIR No. 441 (Mitigation Measures 4.13.2A, 4.13.2B, 4.13.2C, and 4.13.2D), would ensure that airport-related noise impacts on future development pursuant to the project would be less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning that may expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels. Further, any future development projects that implement 2026 CAP Update measures and actions would be subject to all applicable County regulations and policies, as well as further CEQA analysis of project-specific impacts, which would occur with or without implementation of the 2026 CAP Update. If any project implementing measures associated with the 2026 CAP Update is determined to present excessive noise level (i.e., be located within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public airport), appropriate mitigation measures would be required on a project level to reduce noise impacts. Therefore, impacts with regard to airport noise would be the same (i.e., less than significant) as those identified for GPA No. 960. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

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Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Refer to Response 27(a) above.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 27(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

28. Noise Effects by the Project

a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan, noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?



b) Generation of excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels?



Source(s): County of Riverside, *County of Riverside General Plan*, Table N-1, *Land Use Compatibility for Community Noise Exposure*, December 2015; County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan, noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: According to Certified EIR No. 521, future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 would incrementally increase rural, suburban and urban uses in localized areas throughout unincorporated Riverside County. In some locations, this would result in the introduction of new noise-sensitive land uses into areas of existing excess noise or areas in which County growth would eventually lead to excess noise levels. In addition, future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 would contribute incrementally to increased traffic volumes on County roads, resulting in noise increases affecting sensitive land uses along existing and future roads. As a result, new development, particularly residential uses along and adjacent to major transit corridors, could be exposed to noise levels that exceed County's noise standards. Existing sensitive uses would

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also be subject to these higher noise levels. According to Certified EIR No. 521, compliance with existing noise standards, regulatory programs, General Plan policies and mitigation measures from Certified EIR No. 441 (Mitigation Measures 4.13.1A, 4.13.1B, 4.13.2A, 4.13.2B, 4.13.2C, 4.13.2D, 4.13.3A, 4.13.3B and 4.13.3C) would reduce the noise impacts during construction and operation of future development to less than significant levels. However, where noise generators would expose existing receptors (residences and other sensitive uses) to excessive noise, impacts would be significant and unavoidable, as mitigation of these incremental and wide-spread noise impacts is infeasible.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Construction activities associated with future projects implementing GHG reduction measures proposed by the 2026 CAP Update may generate a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of a project in excess of standards established in the County's General Plan and Noise Ordinance. However, any future development projects that would implement 2026 CAP Update measures and actions would be subject to all applicable County regulations and policies, including the County's General Plan and Noise Ordinance, as well as further CEQA analysis of project-specific impacts, which would occur with or without implementation of the 2026 CAP Update. Therefore, noise impacts would be the same (i.e., significant and unavoidable) as those identified for GPA No. 960. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Significant and Unavoidable Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

b) Generation of excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: According to Certified EIR No. 521, future development accommodated by GPA No. 960 may require construction activities that could cause temporary, short-term vibrations. These vibrations would be disruptive if located near sensitive receptors. Also, future development of new vibration-sensitive land uses could occur within areas subject to existing sources of vibration (e.g., railroads). However, compliance with General Plan policies and existing mitigation measures would ensure that new uses are not subject to excessive vibration impacts. For construction-related vibration, compliance with existing County ordinances and General Plan policies, as well as Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measure 4.15.B-N1, would help reduce the effects of groundborne vibration impacts on sensitive receptors. In some cases, for example, when construction occurs within 150 feet of an existing sensitive receptor, effects may still be felt. However, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that due to the short-term, temporary nature of construction impacts, these remaining effects would not be significant with implementation of Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measure 4.15.B-N1.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Implementation of the 2026 CAP Update would not result in vibration-generating facilities. The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Construction activities associated with future projects implementing GHG reduction measures proposed by the 2026 CAP Update may generate excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels. However, any future development projects that would implement 2026 CAP Update measures and

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actions would be subject to all applicable County regulations and policies, including the County's Noise Ordinance, as well as further CEQA analysis of project-specific impacts, which would occur with or without implementation of the 2026 CAP Update. Additionally, future projects would be required to adhere to Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measure 4.15.B-N1, which would ensure construction and operation of future projects do not exceed groundborne vibration or groundborne noise impact criteria identified by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Therefore, noise impacts would be the same (i.e., less than significant with Certified EIR No. 521 mitigation incorporated) as those identified for GPA No. 960. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: The following mitigation measure from the Certified EIR No. 521 is also applicable to the 2026 CAP Update; any modifications to the original measures are shown in ~~strike through~~ for deleted text and in double underline for new, inserted text.

- 4.15.B-N1 Prior to the issuance of any grading permit for new development involving vibration-sensitive land uses (which shall include, but not be limited to: hospitals, residential areas, concert halls, libraries, sensitive research operations, schools and offices), the project proponent shall provide evidence to the County of Riverside that placement of such uses within the area would not exceed groundborne vibration or groundborne noise impact criteria identified by the FTA (for example, the standards shown in Table 4.15-I of this EIR) or as otherwise deemed appropriate for the situation by the County of Riverside.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact With Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Incorporated.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES:

Would the project:

29. Paleontological Resources

- a) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource, site, or unique geologic feature? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

- a) ***Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource, site, or unique geologic feature?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Buildout associated with GPA No. 960 would increase rural, suburban, and urban uses in the County. Given the amount of undisturbed land still available for development, there remains the possibility that previously undiscovered paleontological resources would be disturbed through grading activities. Compliance with the Paleontological Resources Preservation Act (PRPA), actions by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Appendix C of Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Section 325), Public Resources Code Section 5097, and General Plan Policies OS 19.6 through 19.9 would ensure impacts to unique paleontological resources and geological features are reduced to less than significant levels. Impacts were found to be less than significant.

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2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning that could result in the destruction of unique paleontological resources, sites, or unique geologic features. Future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update would also be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Thus, no new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

POPULATION AND HOUSING

Would the project:

30. Housing

a) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Create a demand for additional housing, particularly housing affordable to households earning 80% or less of the County's median income?	☐	☐	☐	☒
c) Induce substantial unplanned 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)?	☐	☐	☐	☒

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

- a) ***Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that buildout of GPA No. 960 would serve to limit and slightly reduce the development capacity of Riverside County and result in a reduction in population growth, housing, and jobs compared to the previous General Plan and regional plans, including the Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) *Regional Transportation Plan* (RTP). Additionally, compliance with General Plan Policies LU 5.1, 5.2, 8.1, and 9.4, C 1.1, 1.4, 1.5, 2.4, 3.16, and 7.9 would further reduce or avoid impacts associated with the implementation of the GPA No. 960. Impacts were determined to be less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Therefore, the project would not displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing,

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create demand for additional housing (including affordable housing), or induce substantial unplanned population growth. Additionally, future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

b) *Create a demand for additional housing, particularly housing affordable to households earning 80% or less of the County's median income?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze this threshold at the time it was prepared in 2015.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 30(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: No Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

c) *Induce substantial unplanned 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)?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze this threshold at the time it was prepared in 2015.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 30(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: No Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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PUBLIC SERVICES

Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities or the 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 following public services:

31. Fire Services

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Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities or the 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 fire services?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Buildout associated with GPA No. 960 would result in localized new development that would require additional fire services in specific area. Future development would trigger the need for 6.8 additional fire stations spread throughout Riverside County. Sufficient vacant land exists in the areas where new fire stations would be needed; therefore, siting for new fire stations could be achieved in a manner that minimizes environmental impacts. Compliance with regulations and policies, including the California Building Standards Code, Riverside County Fire Department Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Strategic Master Plan, County Ordinance Nos. 787 and 659 (mitigation fee), and General Plan Policies LU 5.1, 5.2, 7.8, and 10.1, S 5.1 through 5.9, and 5.11 through 5.21, would ensure impacts remain less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning that would result in adverse physical impacts to the environment associated with the provision of new or physical altered fire service facilities. Additionally, future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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32. Sheriff Services

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Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities or the 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 sheriff services?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 found that new development associated with GPA No. 960 buildout would result in localized incremental increases in the need for additional law enforcement personnel and services in specific areas. None of these increases, however, would trigger the need for new or improved facilities in order to meet the additional demand. The additional personnel, equipment, and vehicles necessary could readily be accommodated at existing facilities. Additionally, compliance with General Plan Policies LU 5.1, 5.2, and 10.1 and existing Mitigation Measures 4.15.2A, through 4.15.2D from Certified EIR No. 441 would further prevent or reduce impacts to sheriff services. Impacts were found to be less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, the 2026 CAP Update would not require alterations to existing facilities nor the addition of new facilities in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for sheriff services. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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33. Schools

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Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities or the 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 school services?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development associated with GPA No. 960 would result in a population increase creating a demand for additional school facilities, services, and personnel in specific areas within the Palm Springs School District, Palo Verde Unified School District and Perris Union High School District. Other districts would be able to use existing facilities for associated population increase. Compliance with Senate Bill 50 and General Plan Policy LU 5.2 would ensure impacts to school services are reduced to less than significant levels for affected districts. Overall, impacts were found to be less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning that could result in impacts to school facilities or services. Future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, the project would not result in substantial adverse physical impacts in regard to school services. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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34. Libraries	☐	☐	☒	☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities or the 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 library services?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future localized new development associated with GPA No. 960 would incrementally increase populations creating demand for additional library services. Because the increases are spread throughout the County and would occur over roughly 50 or more years, the additional 6,500 square feet of library floor space and roughly 35,500 additional volumes needed as a result of new development potential would be met through current long-range library planning and existing development impact mitigation programs (such as County Ordinance No. 659). Therefore, impacts to library services were deemed less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning that would result in adverse impacts to library services. Future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, the 2026 CAP Update would not create a demand for additional libraries. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

	Significant and Unavoidable Impact	Less than Significant with EIR No. 521 Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
35. Health Services	☐	☐	☒	☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities or the 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 health services?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Population increase due to buildout of GPA No. 960 would contribute incrementally (by about 6.5 percent) to the need for an additional community clinic and generate roughly 13,500 medical encounters. However, since the population increase would be spread throughout unincorporated Riverside County and occur over 50 years, associated impacts to medical facilities and services would be negligible. In terms of overall General Plan build out, GPA No. 960 would result in a net decrease of roughly 143,700 County residents. Thus, for long-range provision of needed medical facilities and services, GPA No. 960 would slightly lower (by roughly 8 percent) the expected increase in demand for new or expanded medical facilities and services over time. Impacts were therefore found to be less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning that would contribute to negative environmental impacts associated with health facilities or services. Future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, the project would not create a demand for additional health services. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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RECREATION

Would the project:

36. Parks and Recreation

a) Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Increase the use of existing neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Be located within a Community Service Area (CSA) or recreation and park district with a Community Parks and Recreation Plan (Quimby fees)?	☐	☐	☐	☒

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

- a) ***Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Buildout associated with GPA No. 960 would increase rural, suburban, and urban uses in the County, resulting in localized population increases that would contribute incrementally to the need for additional parks and recreational uses (including trails and bikeways) within Riverside County. Increased localized population could result in the need for additional recreational facilities, the construction or expansion of which could have an adverse physical effect on the environment. However, Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that compliance with the Quimby Act and General Plan Policies OS 20.3, OS 20.5, OS 20.6, and LU 25.2 would reduce impacts to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning that would result in the construction of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment. Additionally, future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, the 2026 CAP Update would not create a demand for new recreational facilities. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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- b) *Increase the use of existing neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development associated with the buildout of GPA No. 960 would result in incremental and localized population growth that would lead to an increase in the number of residents using existing neighborhood and regional parks, as well as other recreational facilities, including trails and bikeways, in localized areas. Where these needs are localized due to specific policy and land use changes, increased populations could result in the need for an additional park or other recreational use, the construction or expansion of which could have an adverse physical effect on the environment. However, compliance with the Quimby Act and General Plan Policies OS 20.3, OS 20.5, OS 20.6, and LU 25.2 would ensure impacts from increased use of park and recreational activities from implementation of GPA No. 960 are reduced to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 36(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

- c) *Be located within a Community Service Area (CSA) or recreation and park district with a Community Parks and Recreation Plan (Quimby fees)?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze this threshold at the time it was prepared in 2015.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 36(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: No Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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37. Recreational Trails

a) Include the construction or expansion of a trail system? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

a) ***Include the construction or expansion of a trail system?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze this threshold at the time it was prepared in 2015.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Additionally, future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Thus, the project does not propose to construct or expand any trail systems within the County. No impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: No Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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TRANSPORTATION

Would the project:

38. Transportation

a) Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities?	☒	☐	☐	☐
b) Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	☐	☐	☒	☐
d) Cause an effect upon, or a need for new or altered maintenance of roads?	☐	☐	☒	☐
e) Cause an effect upon circulation during the project's construction?	☐	☐	☒	☐
f) Result in inadequate emergency access or access to nearby uses?	☐	☐	☒	☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

- a) ***Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Buildout associated with GPA No. 960 would generally improve traffic conditions throughout the County in comparison to the previous General Plan due to decreased population estimates, decreased employment estimates, a refined roadway network, and implementation of revised policies that provide more realistic parameters for mobility planning. However, implementation of GPA No. 960 would still result in increased traffic levels in the future that would contribute to deficient operations within its proposed circulation network. The proposed policies incorporated in GPA No. 960 in the Circulation and Land Use Element, and Certified EIR No. 441 Mitigation Measures 4.16.1A, 4.16.1B, and 4.16.1C, would partially address these deficiencies. However, these policies would not fully address these deficiencies, nor would the proposed updates to the Circulation Element fully mitigate these impacts. As such, impacts in this regard were found to be significant and unavoidable.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update includes new and enhanced GHG reduction measures associated with transportation, including Measures R2-T1, R2-T2, R2-T3, and R2-T4). Specifically, Measure R2-T1 encourages alternative methods of transportation. This measure proposes steps to remove barriers to alternative transportation methods, bike to work/car free zone days, the creation of additional active transportation routes, pedestrian network improvements, reduced parking requirements in areas served by transit, and the expansion of public transit use through the expansion of the transit network and service. Measure R2-T2 expands bicycle routes and active transportation connections to reduce VMT and improve access to employment, schools, parks, transit, and other

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community destinations. The measure builds upon the County's General Plan Circulation Element Trails and Bikeway System and implementation efforts completed since the 2019 CAP Update, including the Eastern Coachella Valley Mobility Plans and Highway 74 Multimodal Corridor Plan. R2-T2 includes actions to expand bicycle routes, construct or improve bicycle facilities, implement pedal and electric bikeshare programs, implement bicycle, pedestrian, and active transportation improvements identified through the General Plan Circulation Element, community mobility plans, and corridor planning efforts, and coordinate with regional partners to advance active transportation projects and pursue funding opportunities. Measure R2-T3 encourages ride-sharing in businesses by providing ride sharing incentives. This measure also offers preferential parking to those ride-sharing, carpooling, and using ultra-low or zero emission vehicles. Additionally, this measure promotes commute trip reduction programs through providing on-site and online commuter services such as employee transportation coordinators. Measure R2-T3 also proposes the implementation of voluntary employee trip reduction programs and requires businesses of a certain size to provide bike racks for employees. Lastly, Measure R2-T3 requires large-scale logistics and warehouse projects to establish a ride-share program. Measure R2-T4 promotes the use of electric vehicles. This would be accomplished by providing incentives for the use of electric vehicles at outreach meetings, supporting grants to install electric charging stations at public facilities, working with community and businesses to install electric charging stations, and complying with State Title 24 energy efficiency requirements that require new commercial and industrial development to designate electric or other alternative fueled vehicles parking spaces and install electric charging stations.

Implementation of these measures would result in a reduction in traffic loads, subsequently reducing the number of vehicle trips, volume to capacity ratio, and intersection congestion within the County. As stated, the 2026 CAP Update is a policy document and is not a plan to develop specific projects. Future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update, such as Measure R2-T1, R2-T2, R2-T3, and R2-T4 would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Nevertheless, it is not certain that future projects implementing GHG reduction measures proposed by the 2026 CAP Update would not conflict with any program, plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the transit, roadway, bicycle, and/or pedestrian facility systems even with implementation of applicable regulations, County ordinances, General Plan policies, and 2026 CAP Update measures. Thus, impacts in this regard would be the same (i.e., significant and unavoidable) as those identified for GPA No. 960. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Significant and Unavoidable Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

b) Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze vehicle miles travelled (VMT) impacts as it was not an identified environmental topical area under CEQA at the time Certified EIR No. 521 was prepared in 2015.

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2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes that would conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b). The 2026 CAP Update proposes new and enhanced GHG reduction measures that would reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT). As discussed under Response 38(a), Measures R2-T1 through R2-T4 would help minimize vehicular trips and associated VMT. Therefore, the project would not conflict with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, subdivision (b). No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Riverside County policies and design standards currently reflect federal and State rules, regulations, and standards with respect to roadway design. Nothing proposed in GPA No. 960 would alter roadway design criteria. Additionally, General Plan Policies C 3.23, C 3.4 and C 6.5 of GPA No. 960 ensure the consideration of safety in roadway design implementation. Impacts were found to be less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Therefore, the project would not substantially increase hazards due to roadway design features or incompatible roadway uses. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

d) *Cause an effect upon, or a need for new or altered maintenance of roads?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development associated with GPA No. 960 would result in increased growth, which would increase demand for the construction of new roadways. Compliance with General Plan Policies C 3.1, C 3.2, and C 8.4, addressing road maintenance, Policy C 8.4, related to implementing construction and maintenance projects through a multi-year Transportation Improvement Program, and Policies 3.7 and 3.8, focusing on limiting heavy vehicle traffic to designated road systems, would ensure that impacts remain less than significant.

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2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Thus, the project would not result in the need for new or altered road maintenance. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

e) Cause an effect upon circulation during the project's construction?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 concluded that as a programmatic document, GPA No. 960 does not propose to construct any transportation facilities. General Plan Policies C 8.4, C 20.6, and C 20.15 address construction concerns, including construction schedules, dust control, and runoff during all stages of roadway construction. Compliance with these policies, and the County's environmental review process would ensure impacts remain less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Therefore, the project would not cause an effect upon circulation due to construction. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

f) Result in inadequate emergency access or access to nearby uses?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: GPA No. 960 includes General Plan Policy C 3.24, which guarantees adequate emergency access by ensuring efficient routes for emergency vehicles and requires the County to coordinate with the Riverside County Fire Department and other emergency service providers during roadway planning and design efforts. Compliance with existing federal, State, and local regulations and General Plan Policy C 3.24 would ensure that adequate emergency access within the County is maintained. Therefore, impacts were found to be less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Therefore, the project would not result in inadequate emergency access. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

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Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

39. Bike Trails

- a) Include the construction or expansion of a bike system or bike lanes? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

a) Include the construction or expansion of a bike system or bike lanes?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze this threshold at the time it was prepared in 2015.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Therefore, the project does not propose any construction or expansion of bike systems or bike lanes within the County. However, the 2026 CAP Update includes community reduction Measure R2-T1, R2-T2, and R2-T3 related to transportation and bike systems. Measure R2-T1 encourages alternative transportation methods, Measure R2-T2 expands bicycle route and active transportation connections, and Measure R2-T3 promotes ride sharing programs within businesses. More specifically, R2-T1 propose a “bike to work day” and “car free zone day” as well as other sponsored events to promote alternative methods of transportation. This measure would also create additional active transportation routes from transit centers to surrounding residential areas. R2-T2 includes actions to expand bicycle routes, construct or improve bicycle facilities, implement pedal and electric bikeshare programs, implement bicycle, pedestrian, and active transportation improvements identified through the General Plan Circulation Element, community mobility plans, and corridor planning efforts, and coordinate with regional partners to advance active transportation projects and pursue funding opportunities. Lastly, Measure R2-T3 would require businesses of a certain size to provide bike rack facilities to employees.

These transportation measures are intended to reduce GHG emissions to achieve the updated reduction targets established pursuant to SB 32. As stated, the 2026 CAP Update is a policy document and is not a plan to develop specific projects. Future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update, such as Measures R2-T1, R2-T2, and R2-T3, would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, impacts associated with the adoption of the 2026 CAP Update and associated measures would be less than significant. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

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Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a Tribal Cultural Resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, or cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American Tribe, and that is:

40. Tribal Cultural Resources

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| a) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1 (k)? | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ |
| b) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1? (In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.) | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ |

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

- a) ***Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1 (k)?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze Tribal Cultural Resources impacts as it was not an identified environmental topical area under CEQA at the time Certified EIR No. 521 was prepared in 2015.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. As no development or ground disturbing activities are proposed, no impacts would occur to known or unknown tribal cultural resources within the County. Future projects that implement the 2026 CAP Update measures would be required to undergo separate environmental review and applicable tribal consultation to evaluate potential impacts to tribal cultural resources. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

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Determination: No Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

- b) *A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1? (In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.)*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Refer to Response 40(a) above.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 40(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: No Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

Would the project:

41. Water

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| a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, or storm water drainage systems, whereby the construction or relocation would cause significant environmental effects? | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ |
| b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry, and multiple dry years? | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

- a) *Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, or storm water drainage systems, whereby the construction or relocation would cause significant environmental effects?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development associated with the buildout of GPA No. 960 would result in increased demand for water supply and wastewater treatment, increased stormwater runoff, and increased demand for infrastructure to supply these services. These demands would incrementally contribute to the need for new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, and stormwater drainage facilities. Buildout would occur on a case-by-case basis in localized areas throughout the County over a period of approximately 50 years. As such, the location of future water, wastewater, and storm drain facilities could be chosen in a way that minimized environmental effects. Compliance with

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federal and State regulations (Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, Federal Clean Water Act, California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act of 1970, CCR Title 22 - Recycled Water, Water Conservation Act (SBX7-7), County regulations, General Plan policies, and existing mitigation measures from Certified EIR No. 441 (Mitigation Measures 4.17.1C, 4.17.1D, 4.17.5A, 4.17.5D, 4.17.5E, 4.10.9A, 4.10.9B, 4.10.9C, 4.17.4A, 4.17.4B, 4.17.4C, and 4.9.1.D) would ensure construction of water and wastewater facilities would be evaluated on a project- and site-specific basis to reduce impacts to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Thus, the project would not require the relocation or construction of new or expanded storm water facilities or drainage systems, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects. Additionally, the 2026 CAP Update proposes water efficiency measures that would aid in minimizing impacts to water supply and water infrastructure. Measure R2-W1 supports implementation of SBX7-7 by providing information pertaining to water efficiency and links to water district conservation webpages on the County's website, as well as the implementation of low-irrigation landscaping requirements as part of County plan check. Measure R2-W2 seeks to exceed the requirements of SBX7-7 by supporting water districts in community outreach efforts to inform the community on water efficiency standards. This measure also promotes the use of recycled/grey water as well as rainwater harvesting.

These water efficiency measures are intended to reduce GHG emissions to achieve the updated reduction targets established pursuant to SB 32. As stated, the 2026 CAP Update is a policy document and is not a plan to develop specific projects. Future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update, such as Measures R2-W1 and R2-W2, would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, impacts associated with the adoption of the 2026 CAP Update and associated measures would be less than significant. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry, and multiple dry years?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Buildout associated with GPA No. 960 has the potential to create a demand for water supplies, where supplies are insufficient or unavailable to serve future development from existing entitlements and resources. Thus, new or expanded entitlements would be required to adequately serve future development. However, sufficient water supplies cannot be assured due to the unavailability of potable water in some areas, as well as the variability and unpredictability of supply adequacy in the event of future growth, as well as environmental and regulatory constraints. Thus, in certain areas of the County where water supply is not sufficient or cannot be assured into the future, impacts would be significant and unavoidable. Compliance with relevant federal, State, and County regulations, General Plan policies, and Certified EIR No. 441 mitigation measures (Mitigation Measures 4.17.1C, 4.17.1D, 4.17.1E) would reduce or minimize potential impacts to water supply associated with

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future development accommodated by GPA No. 960. However, they do not fully mitigate potential significant impacts that would arise from project-driven future increases in demand for and use of water. Nor do they provide the means to ensure water supplies are secured for the proposed areas. Therefore, impacts would remain significant and unavoidable.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update incorporates water efficiency community reduction measures that would aid in reducing water demand within the County. Measure R2-W1 supports implementation of SBX7-7 by providing general water efficiency information and links to water district conservation webpages on the County's website and implementing low-irrigation landscaping requirements as part of County plan check. Additionally, Measure R2-W2 focuses on exceed SBX7-7 by supporting water districts in direct outreach to inform homeowner associations, businesses, and community groups on water efficiency standards. Measure R2-W2 also promotes the use of recycled water for community uses such as residential landscaping and promotes rainwater harvesting rebates and demonstration projects. These measures would aid in minimizing water demand associated with future development projects.

These water efficiency measures are intended to reduce GHG emissions to achieve the updated reduction targets established pursuant to SB 32. As stated, the 2026 CAP Update is a policy document and is not a plan to develop specific projects. Future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update, such as Measures R2-W1 and R2-W2, would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Nevertheless, it is not certain that future projects implementing GHG reduction measures proposed by the 2026 CAP Update would have sufficient water supplies available during normal, dry, and multiple dry years even with the implementation of applicable regulations, County ordinances, General Plan policies, and 2026 CAP Update water efficiency measures. Thus, impacts in this regard would be the same (i.e., significant and unavoidable) as those identified for GPA No. 960. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Significant and Unavoidable Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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42. Sewer				
a) Require or result in the construction of new wastewater treatment facilities, including septic systems, or expansion of existing facilities, whereby the construction or relocation would cause significant environmental effects?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider that serves or may service the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	☐	☐	☒	☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

- a) ***Require or result in the construction of new wastewater treatment facilities, including septic systems, or expansion of existing facilities, whereby the construction or relocation would cause significant environmental effects?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development associated with the buildout of GPA No. 960 would result in increased demand for wastewater treatment and infrastructure to supply these services. These demands would incrementally contribute to the need for new or expanded wastewater treatment facilities. Buildout would occur on a case-by-case basis in localized areas throughout the County over a period of about 50 years. As such, the location of future wastewater treatment facilities could be chosen in a way that minimized environmental effects. Compliance with federal and State regulations (Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act of 1970, CCR Title 22 - Recycled Water, Water Conservation Act (SBX7-7), Riverside County regulations (Ordinance No. 592, Ordinance No. 650, Ordinance No. 682, and Ordinance No. 843), General Plan Policies (OS 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 3.1, 3.3, 18.1 through 18.6, LU 5.3, 21.2, 22.2, 28.3, 29.7, 30.7, 31.4, and 32.6), and existing mitigation measures from Certified EIR No. 441 (Mitigation Measures 4.17.1C, 4.17.1D, and 4.17.5A) would ensure construction of wastewater treatment facilities are evaluated on a project- and site-specific basis to reduce impacts to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Therefore, the project would not result in significant environmental effects regarding the construction of new wastewater treatment facilities, including septic tanks. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development associated with the implementation of GPA No. 960 has the potential to contribute to increased generation of wastewater needing treatment, the provision of which could exceed the existing capacity of treatment facilities. Septic systems would be necessary where sanitary sewer connection and treatment are not available. Septic systems in rural areas have the potential to contaminate groundwater with nitrates, ammonia, salts, metals, organic solvents, grease and oil, and other substances which would degrade local water supplies. However, compliance with existing laws (Clean Water Act, Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act of 1970, CCR Title 22 - Recycled Water), regulatory programs, ordinances, General Plan policies (Policies OS 3.1-3.3, and Policies LU 5.3, 21.2, 22.2, 28.3, 29.7, 30.7, 31.4 and 32.6) and existing mitigation measures from Certified EIR No. 441 (Mitigation Measure 4.17.5D, 4.15.4A, 4.10.9A, 4.9.1C, and 4.17.5E) would be sufficient to ensure that impacts associated with wastewater treatment capacities are reduced to less than significant levels.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 42(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

43. Solid Waste

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| a) Generate solid waste in excess of State or Local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals? | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ |
| b) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid wastes including the CIWMP (County Integrated Waste Management Plan)? | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ |

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

- a) ***Generate solid waste in excess of State or Local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development associated with the implementation of GPA No. 960 would increase rural, suburban, and urban uses, both residential and non-residential in localized areas throughout unincorporated Riverside County. These increases are offset to an extent by reductions anticipated from other proposed changes of GPA No. 960 (in particular decreases in future commercial-retail and light industrial uses). Overall, solid waste generation would increase

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incrementally throughout the County over a period of 50 years and would incrementally increase the County fill rate of existing and projected capacities of County landfills by roughly 0.6 percent overall. The increase would occur in small increments throughout the County over the 50-year General Plan buildout period. Future development would also be required to comply with all applicable federal, State, and County requirements for solid waste disposal, including the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan and mandatory recycling and diversion programs. Thus, compliance with existing regulations would ensure that impacts in this regard remain less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update proposes Measure R2-S1 that would aid in reducing impacts to landfills through community outreach and increasing recycling opportunities. Measure RS-S1 also focuses on complying with Statewide waste reduction, recycling, and composting requirements. Therefore, the project would not generate solid waste in excess of State and local standards, effectively impairing the attainment of solid waste reduction goals.

Measure RS-S1 is intended to reduce GHG emissions to achieve the updated reduction targets established pursuant to SB 32. As stated, the 2026 CAP Update is a policy document and is not a plan to develop specific projects. Future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update, such as Measure RS-S1, would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, impacts associated with the adoption of the 2026 CAP Update and associated measures would be less than significant. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

b) *Comply with federal, State, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid wastes including the CIWMP (County Integrated Waste Management Plan)?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development associated with the buildout of GPA No. 960 would increase rural, suburban, and urban uses, both residential and non-residential, in localized areas throughout unincorporated Riverside County. These increases would be somewhat offset by reductions in other parts of the County. Waste generated by GPA No. 960 buildout would increase incrementally throughout the County over roughly a 50-year period. Future development would be required to comply with all applicable State, federal and county requirements for solid waste disposal, including the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan. Compliance would ensure that impacts remain less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 43(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

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Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

44. Utilities

Would the project impact the following facilities requiring or resulting in the construction of new facilities or the expansion of existing facilities, whereby the construction or relocation would cause significant environmental effects?

a) Electricity?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Natural gas?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Communications systems?	☐	☐	☐	☒
d) Street lighting?	☐	☐	☐	☒
e) Maintenance of public facilities, including roads?	☐	☐	☐	☒
f) Other governmental services?	☐	☐	☐	☒

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

a) *Electricity?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development associated with the buildout of GPA No. 960 would be less intense than that planned in the previous General Plan. As such, GPA No. 960 would not increase demand for electricity over the previous General Plan. However, site specific land use changes accommodated by GPA No. 960 could increase development in previously vacant or less developed lands. However, the increase in demand associated with these changes would be insignificant compared to baseline levels and forecast County growth rates. Further, compliance with applicable State and County regulations (e.g., Title 24 Energy Efficiency and other energy efficiency and conservation standards), energy conservation measures identified in the 2015 CAP, General Plan Policies OS 10.1, 10.2, 11.2, 11.3, 11.4, 12.1 through 12.4, and 16.1 through 16.13, AQ 4.2 through 4.4, 5.2 through 5.4, 20.10 through 20.12, 20.18 through 20.21, and 20.8, and Certified EIR No. 441 Mitigation Measures 4.8.1A and 4.8.1B would reduce impacts with regards to electricity and ensure impacts are less than significant.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Energy Measures R2-EE1 through R2-EE8 in the 2026 CAP Update focus on energy efficiency training and standards. Specifically, Measure R2-EE1 promotes energy efficiency training, education, and recognition in the residential sector. This would be accomplished by providing information regarding energy efficiency online and/or social media and providing materials at public events; setting up an email list for the dispersal of new information/trainings regarding energy efficiency; encourage the use of the Southern California Edison (SCE) Energy Education Centers for energy efficiency resources; invite building inspectors to hold trainings semi-annually on energy efficiency and Title 24 requirements; and encourage participation in existing demand response programs. Measure R2-EE2 focuses on home energy evaluations by promoting SCE energy audit programs for residents within the SCE service area, or similar programs through the Energy Upgrade California for the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) service area. Measure R2-EE3 focuses on residential home energy renovations by promoting existing home energy renovation programs offered by Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), SCE, and Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas). Measure R2-EE4

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aims to exceed State energy efficiency requirements. This would be accomplished by educating County staff and developers on Title 24 updates and ways to enhance energy efficiency in new residential developments; promoting Tier 1 and Tier 2 green building ratings (LEED, Build It Green, Energy Star®); establish online permitting to facilitate upgrades; requiring new residential projects to achieve zero net energy, and encouraging all-electric residential development. Measure R2-EE5 seeks to provide educational opportunities regarding energy efficiency to businesses. Measure R2-EE6 promotes energy audit programs for businesses. Measure R2-EE7 promotes existing non-residential retrofits programs by participating in existing energy efficiency programs. Lastly, Measure R2-EE8 seeks to exceed State energy efficiency requirements. This would be accomplished by educating County staff and developers on future Title 24 updates and other opportunities to enhance energy efficiency for new non-residential developments; promoting Tier 1 and Tier 2 Green Building Ratings, establishing online permitting to facilitate new non-residential building energy efficiency programs, requiring compliance with State requirements for new non-residential buildings, and encouraging all-electric commercial development. Additionally, Clean Energy Measures R2-CE1 and R2-CE2 promote clean energy by requiring solar panel installations on new residential and commercial buildings and some applicable industrial buildings and promoting electric equipment in aviation.

These energy efficiency measures are intended to reduce GHG emissions to achieve the updated reduction targets established pursuant to SB 32. As stated, the 2026 CAP Update is a policy document and is not a plan to develop specific projects. Future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update, such as Measures R2-EE1 through R2-EE8, and Measures R2-CE1 and R2-CE2, would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, impacts associated with the adoption of the 2026 CAP Update and associated measures would be less than significant. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

b) Natural gas?

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Future development associated with the buildout of GPA No. 960 would be less intense than that planned in the previous General Plan. As such, GPA No. 960 would not increase demand for natural gas beyond what was assumed for the previous General Plan. However, site specific land use changes accommodated by GPA No. 960 would increase development and associated natural gas demand in previously vacant or less developed lands. However, the increase in demand would be insignificant compared to existing baseline levels and are in line with expected County growth rates. Further, compliance with applicable State and County regulations (e.g., Title 24 Energy Efficiency and other energy efficiency and conservation standards), energy conservation measures identified in the 2015 CAP, General Plan Policies OS 10.1, 10.2, 11.2, 11.3, 11.4, 12.1 through 12.4, and 16.1 through 16.13, AQ 4.2 through 4.4, 5.2 through 5.4, 20.10 through 20.12, 20.18 through 20.21, and 20.8, and Certified EIR No. 441 Mitigation Measures 4.8.1A and 4.8.1B would reduce impacts with regards to natural gas and ensure impacts are less than significant.

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2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. New and enhanced energy measures proposed by the 2026 CAP Update would aid in reducing natural gas consumption. Measures R2-EE1 through R2-EE8 and R2-CE1 and R2-CE2 (refer to Response 44(a) for detailed discussion) are intended to reduce GHG emissions to achieve the updated reduction targets established pursuant to SB 32. As stated, the 2026 CAP Update is a policy document and is not a plan to develop specific projects. Future projects that implement measures from the 2026 CAP Update, such as Measures R2-EE1 through R2-EE8, R2-CE1, and R2-CE2, would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate potential site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, impacts associated with the adoption of the 2026 CAP Update and associated measures would be less than significant. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in Certified EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

c) *Communications systems?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze this threshold at the time it was prepared in 2015.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Therefore, the project would not affect communication systems. No new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: No Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

d) *Street lighting?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze this threshold at the time it was prepared in 2015.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer Response 44(c) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

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Determination: No Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

e) *Maintenance of public facilities, including roads?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze this threshold at the time it was prepared in 2015.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 44(c) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: No Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

f) *Other governmental services?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze this threshold at the time it was prepared in 2015.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 44(c) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: No Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

WILDFIRE

If located in or near a State Responsibility Area ("SRA"), lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zone, or other hazardous fire areas that may be designated by the Fire Chief, would the project:

45. Wildfire Impacts

a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?	☐	☐	☒	☐

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d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?	☐	☐	☒	☐
e) Expose people or structures either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires?	☐	☐	☒	☐

Source(s): County of Riverside, *Riverside County General Plan Update Project General Plan Amendment No. 960 Environmental Impact Report No. 521*, February 2015.

Findings of Fact:

- a) ***Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Certified EIR No. 521 did not analyze Wildfire impacts as it was not an identified environmental topical area under CEQA at the time Certified EIR No. 521 was prepared in 2015.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Therefore, the project would not impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. Future projects that implement proposed 2026 CAP Update measures would be required to undergo separate environmental review to evaluate site-specific impacts on a case-by-case basis. As such, no new impacts would occur upon implementation of the 2026 CAP Update beyond that analyzed in EIR No. 521 and no new mitigation is required.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

- b) ***Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?***

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Refer to Response 45(a) above.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 45(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

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Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

- c) *Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Refer to Response 45(a) above.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 45(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

- d) *Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Refer to Response 45 (a) above.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 45 (a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

- e) *Expose people or structures either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires?*

Certified EIR No. 521 Findings: Refer to Response 45 (a) above.

2026 CAP Update Analysis: Refer to Response 45(a) above.

Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures: No mitigation measures were required in Certified EIR No. 521.

Mitigation Measures: No additional mitigation measures are required.

Determination: Less Than Significant Impact.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Would the project:

- 46.** Have the potential to substantially 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?

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Source(s): None.

Findings of Fact:

The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal, approve any entitlements for development, or propose any changes to existing land use designations or zoning. Future development projects in the County would be required to comply with applicable regulatory policies, habitat conservation plans (e.g., Western Riverside County and Coachella Valley MSHCPs), General Plan policies, and mitigation measures designed to protect biological resources with or without implementation of the 2026 CAP Update.

Although the 2026 CAP Update is designed as a stand-alone GHG policy document, it would be utilized as a companion document to the County's General Plan to provide a more comprehensive and detailed framework for land-based policy decisions to reduce GHG emissions from existing and future development. Any future projects proposed pursuant to the 2026 CAP Update would be developed in accordance with General Plan Policies for habitat conservation while maximizing efficient use of resources, maintaining a high quality of life, enhancing job opportunities, promoting sustainability, and facilitating access to transportation facilities. Consistent with GPA No. 960, future development in accordance with the 2026 CAP Update would comply with federal, State, and local regulations, General Plan policies, habitat conservation plans (e.g., Western Riverside County and Coachella Valley MSHCPs), and Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.8.A-N1, 4.8.B-N1, 4.8.C-N1 and 4.8.C-N2, and 4.8.D-N1 to ensure potential impacts to biological resources remain less than significant. Further, these future development projects would also be subject to further CEQA analysis of project-specific impacts, which would occur with or without implementation of the 2026 CAP Update. As such, no new impacts or intensification of previously identified impacts would occur with the 2026 CAP Update.

Actions implemented in accordance with the 2026 CAP Update that could directly affect historical structures include energy retrofits (Energy Measure R2-EE7 R2-EE4) on existing historic structures and other buildings located within the setting and context of historic districts. Additionally, the required installation of solar panels on new residential and commercial buildings and some applicable industrial buildings (Measures R2-CE1) could potentially alter the integrity of a historic building or district's setting, design, materials, workmanship, or other physical identity that conveys the values that render a cultural resource significant under CEQA. However, details of the potential construction activities are unknown, and the CEQA Guidelines require a project that would have potentially adverse impacts on historical resources to conform to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Future development projects that would implement the GHG reduction measures outlined in the 2026 CAP Update would be reviewed on a project- and site-specific basis in accordance with applicable federal, State, and local regulations (e.g., County Design Guidelines) as well as existing

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Mitigation Measure 4.7.1B from Certified EIR No. 441 to reduce any potential impacts on historical resources to less than significant impacts. Therefore, impacts to historical resources would be the same or less than identified for GPA No. 960.

Actions that could directly affect archaeological resources include grading, excavation, or other ground-disturbing activities. Consistent with GPA No. 960, construction activities associated with future projects implementing GHG reduction measures proposed by the 2026 CAP Update may result in ground-disturbing activities that could affect archaeological resources. However, it should be noted that future development projects in the County and their associated ground-disturbing activities would occur with or without implementation of the 2026 CAP Update. Accordingly, unanticipated encounters with archaeological resources would be managed pursuant to applicable federal, State, and local regulations, existing Mitigation Measure 4.7.1B from Certified EIR No. 441, as well as Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measure 4.9.B-N1 to reduce impacts in this regard. Additionally, consultation with interested Native American tribes would be required pursuant to California Public Resources Code 21080.3.1 and 21080.3.2 for projects so defined under California Public Resources Code §21065. Therefore, impacts to archaeological and paleontological resources would be the same or less than identified for GPA No. 960.

47. Have impacts which 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, other current projects and probable future projects)?

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Source(s): None.

Findings of Fact:

Environmental factors for which implementation of the 2026 CAP Update would foreseeably reduce cumulatively significant impacts include air quality, greenhouse gases, noise, transportation, groundwater supply, and water supply.

The 2026 CAP Update includes new and enhanced GHG reduction measures compared to the 2019 CAP, and implementation of these measures are expected to result in reduced VMT, higher energy efficiency, and correspondingly more reductions in criteria pollutant emissions than originally anticipated in Certified EIR No. 521. However, as discussed in Section 6, Air Quality Impacts, implementation of the 2026 CAP Update would not necessarily reduce criteria pollutant impacts to below regulatory thresholds. As such, cumulative air quality impacts associated with implementation of the 2026 CAP Update in conjunction with buildout of GPA No. 960 would remain significant and unavoidable.

As discussed in Section 20, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, the 2026 CAP Update has been prepared in accordance with the County's Settlement Agreement and the 2022 Scoping Plan, and would continue implementation of Certified EIR No. 521 Mitigation Measures 4.7.A-N1 and 4.7.A-N2. The 2026 CAP Update would serve as an update to the existing CAP (i.e., 2019 CAP), facilitate County monitoring of CAP reduction measures, and would include provisions for revisions and/or amendments to the CAP as needed based upon the results of monitoring to ensure achievement of the 2030 and 2045 reduction targets as outlined in the 2022 Scoping Plan. Additionally, through compliance with the County's quadrennial GHG inventory update requirement as outlined in the Settlement Agreement, the 2026 CAP Update is developed as a GHG reduction plan commensurate with current technology, regulations, and baseline conditions. Specifically, the new and enhanced GHG reduction measures in the 2026 CAP

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Update would reduce GHG emissions within unincorporated portions of the County. Subsequently, cumulative GHG impacts from implementation of the 2026 CAP Update would be less severe than those identified for the GPA No. 960 but still remain significant and unavoidable.

Future projects implementing GHG reduction measures proposed by the 2026 CAP Update may increase localized ambient noise levels. Specially, the 2026 CAP Update encourages infill, transit-oriented, and mixed-use development, which would potentially increase localized ambient noise levels in proximity to such uses and locate sensitive receptors closer to traffic noise. However, these uses are anticipated to reduce VMT and thus decrease traffic noise. In addition, other GHG reduction measures in the 2026 CAP Update would also reduce VMT, thus reducing overall ambient noise in the County from mobile sources. Further, building retrofits and renovation projects of existing buildings accommodated through the 2026 CAP Update would also likely reduce impacts from vehicular noise to building occupants due to the increased insulation achieved through energy retrofits. Therefore, through reduction in overall VMT and implementation of building retrofits and renovation projects, ambient noise levels under the proposed 2026 CAP Update would be reduced and would not themselves result in a significant impact. However, ambient noise impacts associated with implementation of 2026 CAP Update in conjunction with buildout of GPA No. 960 would remain significant and unavoidable.

The 2026 CAP Update includes new GHG reduction measures to further increase the availability of transit service and bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure, and further discourage single-occupancy vehicle use. These measures aim to reduce traffic loads, volume to capacity ratio, and intersection congestion within the County. Furthermore, none of the new or enhanced measures would directly increase traffic in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the system. Therefore, cumulatively considerable transportation impacts associated with the 2026 CAP Update would not be significant. However, cumulatively considerable transportation impacts associated with implementation of 2026 CAP Update in conjunction with buildout of the GPA No. 960 would remain significant and unavoidable.

The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific proposal that would specifically trigger increased water demands on areas relying on groundwater supplies or result in new and increased uses that may also conflict with groundwater management plans and monitoring programs, lead to groundwater extractions that exceed the groundwater basins' safe yields or cause a net deficit in the aquifer volume or reduction in the local water table level. However, there is the potential for future development accommodated by buildout of the GPA No. 960 to occur in vacant areas that are currently available for groundwater recharge, which would reduce the total area available for aquifer recharge and potentially interfere with the process of groundwater recharge within the County. The 2026 CAP Update proposes R1 and R2 Water Efficiency Measures R1-W1, R2-W1, and R2-W2 to support the implementation and exceedance of the 2018 Water Conservation Legislation, which lays out a new long-term water conservation framework for California. Additionally, future development projects would be subject to further CEQA analysis of project-specific impacts. Therefore, the 2026 CAP Update would contribute towards reducing impacts to groundwater. However, it is not certain that future projects implementing GHG reduction measures proposed by the 2026 CAP Update would not substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge with the implementation of applicable regulations, County ordinances, and General Plan policies. As such, cumulatively considerable impacts to groundwater associated with implementation of 2026 CAP Update in conjunction with buildout of the GPA No. 960 would remain significant and unavoidable.

The 2026 CAP Update incorporates water efficiency community reduction measures (Measure R2-W1 and R2-W2) that would aid in reducing water demand within the County. Therefore, implementation of the 2026 CAP Update would help reduce or minimize the potential cumulative impacts to water supplies. However, it is not certain that future projects implementing GHG reduction measures proposed by the 2026 CAP Update would have sufficient water supplies available during normal, dry, and multiple dry

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years even with the implementation of applicable regulations, County ordinances, General Plan policies, and 2026 CAP Update water efficiency measures. The 2026 CAP Update alone would not fully mitigate potential significant impacts that would arise from project-driven future increases in demand for and use of water, nor does the 2026 CAP Update provide the means to ensure water supplies are secured for these future projects. As such, cumulatively considerable impacts to water supply associated with implementation of 2026 CAP Update in conjunction with buildout of the GPA No. 960 would remain significant and unavoidable.

48. Have environmental effects that will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

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Source(s): None.

Findings of Fact:

Although the 2026 CAP Update is designed as a stand-alone GHG policy document, it would be utilized as a companion document to the County's General Plan to provide a more comprehensive and detailed framework for land-based policy decisions to reduce GHG emissions from existing and future development. Any future projects proposed pursuant to the 2026 CAP Update would be developed in accordance with existing regulations, County ordinances, and General Plan policies while maximizing efficient use of resources, maintaining a high quality of life, enhancing job opportunities, promoting sustainability, and facilitating access to transportation facilities.

The 2026 CAP Update does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it propose to grant any entitlements for development that would have a direct effect on population or employment in the County. Accordingly, direct and indirect effects on human beings due to population growth and growth inducement from implementation of GPA No. 960 would occur with or without incorporation of the 2026 CAP Update.

VI. EARLIER ANALYSES

Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration as per California Code of Regulations, Section 15063 (c) (3) (D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:

Earlier Analyses Used, if any: Certified EIR No. 521

Location Where Earlier Analyses, if used, are available for review:

Location: County of Riverside Planning Department
4080 Lemon Street 12th Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

ATTACHMENT A

MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

FOR THE

RIVERSIDE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO 960

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO. 521

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1.0 Introduction

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that public agencies adopting Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) take affirmative steps to determine that approved mitigation measures, standard conditions, and project design features are implemented subsequent to project approval. The lead or responsible agency must adopt a reporting and monitoring program for the mitigation measures incorporated into a project or included as conditions of approval. The program must be designed to ensure compliance with the EIR during project implementation (Public Resources Code, Section 20181.6(a)(1)).

This Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) will be used by the Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency Planning Department (County) as Lead Agency to ensure compliance with mitigation measures associated with the Riverside County General Plan Update. As the Lead Agency pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines, the County will ensure that all mitigation measures are carried out.

The remainder of this MMRP consists of a checklist that identifies the mitigation measures by resource. The table identifies the mitigation monitoring and reporting requirements, including the person(s) responsible for verifying implementation of the mitigation measure, timing of verification (prior to, during or after construction) and responsible party. Space is provided for sign-off following completion/implementation of the mitigation measure.

CEQA requires that when a public agency completes an environmental document, which includes measures to mitigate or avoid significant environmental effects, the public agency must adopt a reporting or monitoring program. This requirement ensures that environmental impacts found to be significant will be mitigated. The reporting or monitoring program must be designed to ensure compliance during project implementation (Public Resources Code Section 21081.6).

In compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21081.6, the attached Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Checklist has been prepared for the Riverside County General Plan Update. This Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Checklist is intended to provide verification that all applicable mitigation measures relative to significant environmental impacts are monitored and reported. Monitoring will include 1) verification that each mitigation measure has been implemented; 2) recordation of the actions taken to implement each mitigation; and 3) retention of records in the Project file.

This Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program delineates responsibilities for monitoring the project, but also allows the County flexibility and discretion in determining how best to monitor implementation. Monitoring procedures will vary according to the type of mitigation measure. Adequate monitoring consists of demonstrating that monitoring procedures took place and that mitigation measures were implemented.

Reporting consists of establishing a record that a mitigation measure is being implemented, and generally involves the following steps:

- The County will distribute reporting forms to the appropriate entities for verification of compliance.
- Department/agencies with reporting responsibilities will review the EIR, which provides general background information on the reasons for including specified mitigation measures.

- Problems or exceptions to compliance will be addressed to the County as appropriate.
- Periodic meetings may be held during the project implementation to report on compliance of mitigation measures.
- Responsible parties provide the County with verification that monitoring has been conducted and ensure, as applicable, that mitigation measures have been implemented. Monitoring compliance may be documented through an existing review and approval program such as field inspection reports and plan review.
- The County prepares a reporting form periodically during the construction phase and an annual report summarizing the status of all project mitigation monitoring efforts.
- Appropriate mitigation measures will be included in construction documents and/or conditions of permits/approvals.

Minor changes to the Mitigation Monitoring Program, if required, would be made in accordance with CEQA and would be permitted after further review and approval by the County. Such changes could include reassignment of monitoring and reporting responsibilities, program redesign to make any appropriate improvements, and/or modification, substitution or deletion of mitigation measures subject to conditions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. All permitted changes to the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program must satisfy the requirements of Public Resources Code Section 21081.6.

~~Please refer to Final EIR No. 521, Section 2 (Comments and Responses), and Section 3 (Errata) for minor corrections to the following mitigation measures.~~

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Mitigation No.	Mitigation Measure	Person(s) to Verify	Timing of Verification			Responsible Party	Completed		Comments
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Aesthetics and Visual Resources									
4.4.1A	Development projects shall be subject to the requirements of all relevant guidelines, including the community center guidelines, Riverside County supervisorial district guidelines and all applicable standards, policies and/ or regulations of the County of Riverside or other affected entities pertaining to scenic vistas and aesthetic resources. Factors considered in these guidelines include the scale, extent, height, bulk or intensity of development; the location of development; the type, style and intensity of adjacent land uses; the manner and method of construction, including materials, coatings and landscaping; the interim and/or final use of the development; the type, location and manner of illumination and signage; the nature and extent of terrain modification required; and the potential effects to the established visual characteristic of the project site and identified scenic vista or aesthetic resource.	Riverside County or Designee	X	X		Riverside County			
4.4.A-N1	No development shall be approved for parcels without adequate legal access and adequate physical access. Adequate and accessible circulation facilities must also exist to meet the demand of the proposed land use.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.4.2A	Riverside County shall require that sources of lighting within the General Plan area be limited to the minimum standard required to ensure safe circulation and visibility.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.4.2B	Riverside County shall require street lighting to be limited to intersections and other locations that are needed to maintain safe access (e.g., sharp curves).	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.4.2C	Riverside County shall require exterior lighting for buildings to be of a low profile and intensity.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.4.2D	The County [of Riverside] shall establish a liaison with California Institute of Technology [which operates the Palomar Observatory] to ensure “dark skies” preservation procedures are incorporated, as necessary, in future County ordinances.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.4.2E	The County [of Riverside] shall participate in Palomar Observatory’s “dark sky” conservation area.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			

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Air Quality									
4.7.A-N1	To ensure GHG emissions resulting from new development are reduced to levels necessary to meet California State targets, the County of Riverside shall require all new discretionary development to comply with the Riverside County Climate Action Plan for residential, commercial, industrial, institutional and mixed-use projects.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.7.A-N2	In lieu of a project-specific GHG analysis per Mitigation Measures 4.7.A-N1, a future discretionary project pursuant to the Riverside County General Plan shall incorporate into the project design, operational features and/or Implementing Measures from the County Climate Action Plan, ~~in such a manner as to garnish at least 100 points. The point values within the CAP's Screening Tables constitute GHG emission reductions.~~	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.5.1A	Applicable Rule 403 Measures: Apply nontoxic chemical soil stabilizers according to manufacturers' specifications to all inactive construction areas (previously graded areas inactive for ten days or more). - Water active sites at least twice daily. (Locations where grading is to occur will be thoroughly watered prior to earthmoving.) - All trucks hauling dirt, sand, soil, or other loose materials are to be covered, or should maintain at least two feet of freeboard in accordance with the requirements of California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 23114 (freeboard means vertical space between the top of the load and top of the trailer) - Pave construction access roads at least 100 feet onto the site from main road. - Traffic speeds on all unpaved roads shall be reduced to 15 mph or less.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.5.1B	[Implement the following] additional SCAQMD CEQA Air Quality Handbook dust measures: - Revegetate disturbed areas as quickly as possible. - All excavating and grading operations shall be suspended when wind speeds (as instantaneous gusts) exceed 25 mph. - All streets shall be swept once a day if visible soil materials are carried to adjacent streets (recommend water sweepers with reclaimed water). - Install wheel washers where vehicles enter and exit unpaved roads onto paved roads, or wash trucks and any equipment leaving the site each trip.	Riverside County or Designee	X	X		Riverside County			

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4.5.1.C	[Implement the following] mitigation measures for construction equipment and vehicles exhaust emissions: - The construction contractor shall select the construction equipment used on site based on low emission factors and high energy efficiency. - The construction contractor shall ensure that construction grading plans include a statement that all construction equipment will be tuned and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. - The construction contractor shall utilize electric- or diesel-powered equipment, in lieu of gasoline-powered engines, where feasible. - The construction contractor shall ensure that construction grading plans include a statement that work crews will shut off equipment when not in use. During smog season (May through October), the overall length of the construction period will be extended, thereby decreasing the size of the area prepared each day, to minimize vehicles and equipment operating at the same time. - The construction contractor shall time the construction activities so as to not interfere with peak hour traffic and minimize obstruction of through traffic lanes adjacent to the site; if necessary, a flagperson shall be retained to maintain safety adjacent to existing roadways. - The construction contractor shall support and encourage ridesharing and transit incentives for the construction crew. - Dust generated by the development activities shall be retained on-site and kept to a minimum by following the dust control measures listed below. a. During clearing, grading, earthmoving, excavation, or transportation of cut or fill materials, water trucks or sprinkler systems shall be used to prevent dust from leaving the site and to create a crust after each day's activities cease. b. During construction, water trucks or sprinkler systems shall be used to keep all areas of vehicle movement damp enough to prevent dust from leaving the site. At a minimum, this would include wetting down such areas in the late morning, after work is completed for the day and whenever wind exceeds 15 miles per hour.	Riverside County or Designee	X	X		Riverside County			

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	c. Immediately after clearing, grading, earthmoving, or excavation is completed, the entire area of disturbed soil shall be treated until the area is paved or otherwise developed so that dust generation will not occur. d. Soil stockpiled for more than two days shall be covered, kept moist, or treated with soil binders to prevent dust generation. e. Trucks transporting soil, sand, cut or fill materials and/or construction debris to or from the site shall be tarped from the point of origin.								
4.6.B-N1	The construction contractor shall ensure that all disturbed areas and stock piles are watered at least three times per day or soil stabilizers are applied as necessary to prevent visible dust plumes from these areas. Stock piles not in use may be covered with a tarp to eliminate the need for watering or other stabilizers.	Riverside County or Designee	X	X		Riverside County			
4.6.B-N2	All construction equipment shall have EPA rated engines of Tier 3 or better.	Riverside County or Designee	X	X		Riverside County			
4.6.B-N3	As soon as electric utilities are available at construction sites, the construction site shall be supplied with electricity from the local utility and all equipment that can be electrically operated shall use the electric utility rather than portable generators.	Riverside County or Designee	X	X		Riverside County			
4.6.B-N4	All new development shall ensure that all interior and exterior architectural coatings used are low in reactive organic gases.	Riverside County or Designee	X	X		Riverside County			
4.6.B-N5	If hearths are included in new residential developments, they shall be energy-efficient natural gas appliances. No wood-burning hearths or stoves shall be permitted in new residential developments	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.6.D-N1	New developments shall include the following requirements to reduce emissions associated with toxic air contaminants (TACs): a. Electrical outlets shall be included in the building design of any loading docks to allow use by refrigerated delivery trucks. Signage shall also be installed, instructing commercial vehicles to limit idling times to five minutes or less. If loading and/or unloading of perishable goods would occur for more than five minutes and continual refrigeration is required, all refrigerated delivery trucks shall use the electrical outlets to continue powering the truck refrigeration	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			

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	units when the delivery truck engine is turned off. b. Electrical outlets shall be installed on the exterior of new structures for use with electrical landscaping equipment. Further, the property owner(s) shall ensure that the hired landscape companies use electricpowered equipment where available to a minimum of 20% of the equipment used.								
4.6.D-N2	The County of Riverside shall require minimum distances between potentially incompatible land uses, as described below, unless a project-specific evaluation of human health risks defines, quantifies and reduces the potential incremental health risks through site design or the implementation of additional reduction measures to levels below applicable standards. (e.g., standards recommended or required by CARB, SCAQMD or MDAQMD).	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.6.E-N1	Locate potential new odor sources predominantly down- or cross-wind from existing sensitive receptors and potential new sensitive receptors predominantly upwind from existing odor sources. As indicated by the "Right-to-Farm" ordinance, agricultural uses that have been operated for more than three years cannot be re-classified as a public or private nuisance by new development.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.6.E-N2	Maintain an adequate buffer between potential new odor sources and receptors such that emitted odors are dissipated before reaching the receptors (minimum of 500 feet depending on odor source). As indicated by the "right-to-farm" ordinance, agricultural uses that have been operated for more than three years cannot be re-classified as a public or private nuisance by new development.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.6.E-N3	Design odor-emitting facilities such that odor emitters are located as far from potential receptors as possible. Also, balance stack heights to provide the maximum dispersion of odor between the stack and the nearest sensitive receptor.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
Greenhouse Gases									
4.5.1C	Mitigation measures for construction equipment and vehicles exhaust emissions: a. The construction contractor shall select the construction equipment used on site based on low emission factors and high energy efficiency. b. The construction contractor shall ensure that construction grading plans include a statement that all construction equipment will be tuned and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.	Riverside County or Designee	X	X		Riverside County			

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	c. The construction contractor shall utilize electric- or diesel-powered equipment, in lieu of gasoline powered engines, where feasible. d. The construction contractor shall ensure that construction grading plans include a statement that work crews will shut off equipment when not in use. During smog season (May through October), the overall length of the construction period will be extended, thereby decreasing the size of the area prepared each day, to minimize vehicles and equipment operating at the same time. e. The construction contractor shall time the construction activities so as to not interfere with peak hour traffic and minimize obstruction of through traffic lanes adjacent to the site; if necessary, a flag person shall be retained to maintain safety adjacent to existing roadways. f. The construction contractor shall support and encourage ridesharing and transit incentives for the construction crew. g. <i>[Item g, dust control measures omitted, since not applicable to GHGs].</i>								
4.7.A-N1	To ensure GHG emissions resulting from new development are reduced to levels necessary to meet state targets, the County of Riverside shall require all new discretionary development to comply with the Riverside County Climate Action Plan for residential, commercial, industrial, institutional and mixed-use projects.	Riverside County or Designee	X						
4.7.A-N2	In lieu of a project-specific analysis per Mitigation Measure 4.7.A-N1, a future discretionary project proposed pursuant to the Riverside County General Plan shall incorporate into the project design, operational features and/or Implementing Measures from the County Climate Action Plan, ~~in such a manner as to garnish at least 100 points. The point values within the CAP's Screening Tables constitute GHG emission reductions.~~	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.7.A-N3	The County of Riverside will monitor implementation of the reduction measures and revise or amend the Climate Action Plan as needed based upon the results of monitoring to ensure achievement of the 2020 Reduction Target. In addition, the County of Riverside will start update process of the Climate Action Plan in 2017 to provide a post-2020 plan. The post-2020 Climate Action Plan update will include a specific target for GHG reductions for 2035 and 2050. The targets will be consistent with broader state and federal reduction targets including Executive Order S-3-05 and with the scientific understanding of the needed reductions by 2050. The post-2020 Climate Action Plan update will	Riverside County or Designee	X	X		Riverside County			

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	include a set of updated reduction measures to achieve the 2035 and 2050 Reduction Targets and updated monitoring system to ensure that the updated targets are achieved. The County of Riverside will adopt the new post-2020 Climate Action Plan update by January 1, 2020.								
Biological Resources									
4.8.A-N1	Where site conditions (for example, topography, soils, vegetation, etc) indicate a project could adversely affect any riparian or riverine resources, then an appropriate assessment shall be prepared by a qualified professional. An assessment shall include, but not be limited to, identification and mapping of any riparian/riverine areas and evaluation of species composition, topography/hydrology and soil analysis, as applicable. An assessment shall be completed as part of the environmental review for the development proposal prior to its approval. Upon receipt of an assessment, the Riverside County Ecological Resources Specialist (ERS) shall review the document and make a finding that either: a. Riparian/riverine areas do not exist on site; b. Project-specific avoidance measures have been identified that would be sufficient to ensure avoidance of riparian/riverine areas; or c. Impacts to riparian/riverine areas are significant and unavoidable. If avoidance is not feasible, a practicable alternative that minimizes direct and indirect effects to riparian/ riverine areas and vernal pools and associated functions and values to the greatest extent possible must be developed. If impacts remain unavoidable, then the projects shall be conditioned to require the project applicant to obtain a Section 404 permit from the ACOE and/or a Fish and Game Code Section 1600 agreement from CDFW prior to the issuance of any grading permit or other action by the County of Riverside that would lead to the disturbance of the riparian resource.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.8.A-N2	A general biological resources assessment (BRA) shall be required as part of the discretionary project review process at Riverside County's discretion. For example, a BRA would be required if site inspection, aerial or other photos, resource agency data or any other information indicates potential for sensitive habitat to occur on, or be adversely affected by the proposed project. The BRA shall be prepared and reviewed as per the requirements outlined in Mitigation Measure 4.8.B-N1.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			

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4.8.B-N1	Prior to discretionary project approval for projects with the potential to substantially adversely affect sensitive (listed, candidate or special status) species or habitats, a general biological resource assessment (BRA) shall be performed. The following requirements shall apply: a. The BRA shall be performed by a Riverside County-approved biologist pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) executed between the biologist and the County of Riverside. b. The biology/environmental firm or biologist preparing the BRA must be on Riverside County's list of qualified consultants. c. Fieldwork must be performed by qualified biologists according to professional standards. d. If included in the BRA, presence/absence surveys for specific plants must be conducted during the applicable blooming season or other conditions as deemed scientifically appropriate and valid. e. Should affected species or habitat occur on the project site, then a "Focused Protocol Survey" must be prepared for those species using existing protocols established by the USFWS or CDFW. If no such protocols exist, the survey must be based on generally accepted biological survey protocols appropriate to the species. The BRA requirement <i>may</i> be waived if any of the following conditions are documented to exist. a. a. The area affected by the proposed project ("footprint" herein) consists entirely of built environment (structures, pavement, etc.) and none of the biota or plant material present (i.e., landscaping) represent likely habitat used by a sensitive species. b. The Riverside County Environmental Resource Specialist (ERS) finds in writing that the proposed footprint does not have any biological resources expected to be used by a protected species or plant. c. The project or activity proposed is to be performed under an existing incidental take permit, habitat conservation plan or other governing permit, license or authorization (i.e. Section 7 consultation) and no new significant effect to the covered species or other protected species or resource is expected to occur.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			

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	In addition to the items herein, the BRA shall also be prepared in accordance with the Riverside County "Guide to Preparing General Biological Resource Assessments," as well as any other requirements of the Riverside County Environmental Programs Department, Planning Department, or other County of Riverside agency. Upon receipt of the BRA, the Riverside County ERS shall review it and all supporting documentation. If the Riverside County ERS finds that the project does not have the potential to substantially affect sensitive species or habitat, no further mitigation is required. If the Riverside County ERS finds that the project has the potential to substantially adversely affect sensitive species or habitat, then additional mitigation will be developed and imposed to reduce such impacts to below a level of significance. Such mitigation may include but not be limited to obtaining incidental take permits from the USFWS and/or CDFW, as applicable, and acquisition and conservation of replacement habitat at appropriate ratios.								
4.8.C-N1	If site conditions (for example, topography, soils, vegetation, etc.) indicate that the proposed project could affect riparian/riverine areas or federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the CWA, then an appropriate assessment shall be prepared by a qualified professional as part of Riverside County's project review process. An assessment shall include, but not be limited to, identification and mapping of any wetland(s) or riparian resources present; evaluation of plant species composition, topography and hydrology; a soils analysis (where appropriate) and conclusions stating the presence or absence of jurisdictional wetlands. An assessment shall be completed as part of the CEQA review for the development proposal. Should any grading or construction be proposed within or alongside the banks of the watercourse or wetland, the land divider/permit holder shall provide written notification to the Riverside County Planning Department that the alteration of any watercourse or wetland, located either on site or on any required offsite improvement areas, complies with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Nationwide Permit Conditions. Or, the land divider shall obtain a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Copies of any agreements shall be submitted along with the notification.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.8.C-N2	If site conditions (for example, topography, soils, vegetation, etc.) indicate that the proposed project could affect riparian/riverine areas or federally protected wetlands as defined by CFGC section 1600 et seq., then an appropriate assessment shall be prepared by a qualified	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			

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	professional as part of Riverside County's project review process. An assessment shall include, but not be limited to, identification and mapping of any wetland(s) or riparian resources present; evaluation of plant species composition, topography and hydrology; a soils analysis (where appropriate) and conclusions stating the presence or absence of jurisdictional wetlands. An assessment shall be completed as part of the CEQA review for the development proposal. Should any grading or construction be proposed within or along the banks of any natural watercourse or wetland located either on site or on any required offsite improvement areas, the land divider/permit holder shall provide written notification to the Riverside County Planning Department that the appropriate California Department of Fish and Game Wildlife notification pursuant to Sections 1601/1603 of the California Fish and Game Code has taken place. Or, the land divider shall obtain an "Agreement Regarding Proposed Stream or Lake Alteration" (Section 1601/1603 Permit). Copies of any agreements shall be submitted along with the notification.								
4.8.D-N1	Should a wildlife nursery site or native resident or migratory wildlife corridor be uncovered through a biological resources assessment (BRA), then a consultation with a Riverside County Ecological Resources Specialist (ERS) shall occur. The ERS shall make a determination if the site is essential for the long-term viability of the species. If such a determination is made, then the ERS shall work with the applicant to avoid the effects of development on the resource in question and condition the land use case accordingly. Should significant impacts to nursery site or corridor not be avoidable, project applicant shall be required to ensure the preservation of comparable nursery or corridor habitat offsite.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
Cultural and Paleontological Resources									
4.7.1B	Avoidance is the preferred treatment for cultural resources. Where feasible, project plans shall be developed to allow avoidance of cultural resources. Where avoidance of construction impacts is possible, capping of the cultural resource site and avoidance planting (e.g., planting of prickly pear cactus) shall be employed to ensure that indirect impacts from increased public availability to the site are avoided. Where avoidance is selected, cultural resource sites shall be placed within permanent conservation easements or dedicated open space.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			

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4.9.B-N1	If avoidance and/or preservation in place of cultural resources is not feasible, the following mitigation measures shall be initiated for each impacted site: a. Discoveries shall be discussed with the Native American tribal (or other appropriate ethnic/ cultural group representative) and the Riverside County Archeologist, and a decision shall be made with the concurrence of the Planning Director, as to the appropriate mitigation (documentation, recovery, avoidance, etc.) appropriate for the cultural resource. b. Further ground disturbance shall not resume within the area of the discovery until an agreement has been reached by all parties as to appropriate preservation or mitigation measures.	Riverside County or Designee	X	X		Riverside County			
4.7.1A	If human remains are encountered during a public or private construction activity, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that no further disturbance shall occur until the Riverside County Coroner has made a determination of origin and disposition pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. The Riverside County Coroner must be notified within 24 hours. If the Coroner determines that the burial is not historic, but prehistoric, the State Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) must be contacted to determine the most likely descendant (MLD) for this area. The MLD may become involved with the disposition of the burial following scientific analysis.	Riverside County or Designee	X	X		Riverside County			
Energy Resources									
4.8.1A	The County [of Riverside] shall review all development proposals prior to the approval of development plans to guarantee that sufficient energy resources and facilities are available to supply adequate energy to the proposed project and associated uses.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.8.1B	The County [of Riverside] shall review all development plans prior to approval to guarantee that energy conservation and efficiency standards of Title 24 are met and are incorporated into the design of the future proposed project.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
Flood and Dam Inundation Hazards									
4.9.2A	Riverside County shall require that all structures (residential, commercial, and industrial) be flood-proofed from the 100-year storm flows. In some cases, this may involve elevating the finished floor more than 1 foot.	Riverside County or Designee	X		X	Riverside County			

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4.9.2B	Riverside County shall require that fully enclosed areas that are below finished floors have openings to equalize the forces on both sides of the walls.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.9.2C	Riverside County shall require that for agricultural, recreation, or other low-density uses, flows are not obstructed and that upstream and downstream properties are not adversely affected by increased velocities, erosion backwater effects, or concentration of flows.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.9.2D	Provided the applicant does hydrological studies, engineers structures to be safe from flooding and provides evidence that the structures will not adversely impact the floodplain, Riverside County may allow development into the floodway fringe.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.9.1A	LOMA and LOMR-F are documents issued by FEMA that officially remove a property and/or structure from a special flood hazard area of a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). These letters shall be accepted by Riverside County where applicable.	FEMA or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.9.1B	Riverside County shall prohibit alteration of floodways and channelization unless alternative methods of flood risk management are found to be technically, economically and practicably infeasible.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.9.1C	Riverside County shall not necessarily require all land uses to withstand flooding. These may include land uses such as agricultural, golf courses and trails. For these land uses, flows shall not be obstructed, and upstream and downstream properties shall not be adversely affected by increased velocities, erosion backwater effects, concentration of flows and adverse impacts to water quality from point and nonpoint sources of pollution.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.9.1D	Riverside County shall require the 10-year flood flows to be contained within the top of curbs and the 100-year flood flows within the street rights-of-way.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
Geology and Soils									
4.10.1A	Before a project is approved or otherwise permitted within an A-P Zone, County Fault Zone, within 150 feet of any other active or potentially active fault mapped in a published United States Geologic Survey (USGS) or CGS reports, or within other potential earthquake hazard area (as determined by the County Geologist), a site-specific geologic investigation shall be prepared to assess potential seismic hazards resulting from development of the project site. The site-specific geotechnical investigation shall incorporate up-to-date data from government and non-government sources.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			

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	Based on the site-specific geotechnical investigation, no structures intended for human occupancy shall be constructed across active faults. This site-specific evaluation and written report shall be prepared by a licensed geologist and shall be submitted to the County Geologist for review and approval prior to the issuance of building permits. If an active fault is discovered, any structure intended for human occupancy shall be set back at least 50 feet from the fault. A larger or smaller setback may be established if such a setback is supported by adequate evidence presented to and accepted by the County Geologist.								
4.10.2A	The design and construction of structures and facilities shall adhere to the standards and requirement detailed in the California Building Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24), County Building Code, and/or professional engineering standards appropriate for the seismic zone in which such construction may occur. Conformance with these design standards shall be enforced through building plan review and approval by the Riverside County Department of Building and Safety prior to the issuance of building permits for any structure or facility.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.10.2B	As determined by the County Geologist, a site-specific assessment shall be prepared to ascertain potential groundshaking impacts resulting from development. The site-specific groundshaking assessment shall incorporate up-to-date data from government and non-government sources and may be included as part of any site-specific geotechnical investigation required in [existing EIR No. 441] Mitigation Measure 4.10.1A. The site-specific groundshaking assessment shall include specific measures to reduce the significance of potential groundshaking hazards. This site-specific groundshaking assessment shall be prepared by a licensed geologist and shall be submitted to the County Geologist for review and approval prior to the issuance of building permits.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.10.2C	The standards stated in [existing EIR No. 441] Mitigation Measures 4.10.2A and 4.10.2B shall apply to any structure of facility that undergoes expansion, remodeling, renovation, refurbishment or other modification.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.10.3A	As determined by the County Geologist, a site-specific assessment shall be prepared to ascertain potential liquefaction impacts resulting from development. The site-specific liquefaction assessment shall incorporate up-to-date data from government and non-government sources and may be included as part of any site-specific geotechnical investigation required in [existing EIR No. 441] Mitigation Measure 4.10.1A. This site-specific groundshaking assessment shall be prepared	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			

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	by a licensed geologist and shall be submitted to the County Geologist for review and approval prior to the issuance of building permits.								
4.10.3B	Where development is proposed within an identified or potential liquefaction hazard area (as determined by the County Geologist), adequate and appropriate measures such as (but not limited to) design foundations in a manner that limits the effects of liquefaction, the placement of an engineered fill with low liquefaction potential, and the alternative siting of structures in areas with a lower liquefaction risk, shall be implemented to reduce potential liquefaction hazards. Any such measures shall be submitted to the Riverside County Geologist and the County Department of Building and Safety for review prior to the approval of the building permits.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.10.8A	New development within identified or potential (as determined by the County Geologist) wind hazard areas shall adhere to applicable provisions of Riverside County Ordinance No. 484.2 or other local, State, or federal requirements established to control or limit the windborne erosion of soil. Prior to the approval of development permits, the County Building and Safety Department shall confirm that the design of any proposed structure, facility, or use incorporates appropriate features to control and/or limit the windborne erosion of soil.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.10.9A	Riverside County, where required, and in accordance with issuance of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, shall require the construction and/or grading contractor for individual developments to establish and implement specific Best Management Practices (BMPs) at time of project implementation.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.10.9B	Prior to any development within the county, a Grading Plan shall be submitted to the Riverside County Building and Safety Department and/or Riverside County Geologist for review and approval. As required by the County, the grading plan shall include erosion and sediment control plans. Measures included in individual erosion control plans may include, but shall not be limited to, the following: a. Grading and development plans shall be designed in a manner which minimizes the amount of terrain modification. b. Surface water shall be controlled and diverted around potential landslide areas to prevent erosion and saturation of slopes. c. Structures shall not be sited on or below identified landslides unless slides are stabilized. d. The extent and duration of ground disturbing activities during and immediately following periods of rain shall be	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			

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	limited, to avoid the potential for erosion which may be accelerated by rainfall on exposed soils. e. To the extent possible, the amount of cut and fill shall be balanced. f. The amount of water entering and exiting a graded site shall be limited though the placement of interceptor trenches or other erosion control devices. g. Erosion and sediment control plans shall be submitted to the County for review and approval prior to the issuance of grading permits.								
4.10.9C	Where required, drainage design measures shall be incorporated into the final design of individual projects on site. These measures shall include, but will not be limited to: a. Runoff entering developing areas shall be collected into surface and subsurface drains for removal to nearby drainages. b. Runoff generated above steep slopes or poorly vegetated areas shall be captured and conveyed to nearby drainages. c. Runoff generated on paved or covered areas shall be conveyed via swales and drains to natural drainage courses. d. Disturbed areas that have been identified as highly erosive shall be (re)vegetated. e. Irrigation systems shall be designed, installed, and maintained in a manner which minimizes runoff. f. The landscape scheme for projects within the project site shall utilize drought-tolerant plants. g. Erosion control devices such as rip-rap, gabions, small check dams, etc., may be utilized in gullies and active stream channels to reduce erosion.	Riverside County or Designee	X		X	Riverside County			
4.10.7A	Proponents of new development within Riverside County shall adhere to applicable policies and standards contained in the most recent version of the [California] Building Code related to the construction of structures and facilities on expansive soils.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
Noise									
4.13.2A	All new residential developments within the County [of Riverside] shall conform to a noise exposure standard of 65 dBA Ldn for outdoor noise in noise-sensitive outdoor activity areas and 45 dBA Ldn for indoor noise in bedrooms and living/family rooms. New development, which does not and cannot be made to conform to this standard, shall not be permitted.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			

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4.13.2B	Acoustical studies, describing how the exterior and interior noise standards will be met, shall be required for all new residential developments with a noise exposure greater than 65 dBA Ldn. The studies shall also satisfy the requirements set forth in Title 24, Part 2 of the California [Building] Code (Noise Insulation Standards), for multiple-family attached homes, hotels, motels, etc. No development permits or approval of land use applications shall be issued until an acoustic analysis is received and approved by the [Riverside] County Planning Department.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.13.2C	The County [of Riverside] shall require that proposed new commercial and industrial developments prepare acoustical studies, analyzing potential noise impacts on adjacent properties, when these developments abut noise-sensitive land uses. The County [of Riverside] will require that all direct impacts to noise-sensitive land uses be mitigated to the maximum extent practicable.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.13.2D	Ensure that all new schools, particularly in subdivisions and specific plans, are sited more than 2 miles away from any airport.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.13.3A	Acoustical studies shall be required for all new noise-sensitive projects that may be affected by existing noise from stationary sources.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.13.3B	To permit new development of residential and noise-sensitive land uses where existing stationary noise sources exceed [Riverside] County's noise standards, effective mitigation measures shall be implemented to reduce noise exposure to or below the allowable levels of the zoning code/noise control ordinance.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.13.3C	No industrial facilities shall be constructed within 500 feet of any commercial land uses or within 2,800 feet of any residential uses without the preparation of a noise impact analysis. This analysis shall document the nature of the industrial facility as well as "noise producing" operations associated with that facility. Furthermore, the analysis shall document the placement of any existing or proposed commercial or residential land uses situated within the noted distances. The analysis shall determine the potential noise levels that could be received at these commercial and/or residential land uses and specify measures to be employed by the industrial facility to ensure that these levels do not exceed [Riverside] County noise requirements. Such measures could include, but are not limited to, the use of enclosures for noisy pieces of equipment, the use of noise walls and/or berms for exterior equipment and/or on-site truck operations, and/or restrictions on hours of operations. No development permits or approval of land use applications	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			

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	shall be issued until an acoustic analysis is received and approved by the County [of Riverside] staff.								
4.15.B-N1	Prior to the issuance of any grading permit for new development involving vibration-sensitive land uses (which shall include, but not be limited to: hospitals, residential areas, concert halls, libraries, sensitive research operations, schools and offices), the project proponent shall provide evidence to the County of Riverside that placement of such uses within the area would not exceed groundborne vibration or groundborne noise impact criteria identified by the FTA (for example, the standards shown in Table 4.15-I of this EIR) or as otherwise deemed appropriate for the situation by the County of Riverside.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.13.1A	Prior to the issuance of any grading plans, the County [of Riverside] shall condition approval of subdivisions adjacent to any developed/occupied noise-sensitive land uses by requiring applicants to submit a construction-related noise mitigation plan to the County [of Riverside] for review and approval. The plan should depict the location of construction equipment and how the noise from this equipment will be mitigated during construction of the project through use of such methods as: - The construction contractor shall use temporary noise attenuation fences where feasible, to reduce construction noise impacts on adjacent noise sensitive land uses. - During all project site excavation and grading on site, the construction contractors shall equip all construction equipment, fixed or mobile, with properly operating and maintained mufflers, consistent with manufacturers' standards. The construction contractor shall place all stationary construction equipment so that emitted noise is directed away from sensitive receptors nearest the project site. - The construction contractor shall locate equipment staging in areas that will create the greatest distance between construction-related noise sources and noise sensitive receptors nearest the project site during all project construction. - The construction contractor shall limit all construction-related activities that would result in high noise levels to between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm Monday through	Riverside County or Designee	X	X		Riverside County			

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	Saturday. No construction shall be allowed on Sundays and public holidays.								
4.13.1B	The construction-related noise mitigation plan required shall also specify that haul truck deliveries be subject to the same hours specified for construction equipment. Additionally, the plan shall denote any construction traffic haul routes where heavy trucks would exceed 100 daily trips (counting those both to and from the construction site). To the extent feasible, the plan shall denote haul routes that do not pass sensitive land uses or residential dwellings. Lastly, the construction-related noise mitigation plan shall incorporate any other restrictions imposed by [Riverside] County staff.	Riverside County or Designee	X	X		Riverside County			
4.13.2D	Ensure that all new schools, particularly in subdivisions and specific plans, are sited more than 2 miles away from any airport.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
Public Facilities									
4.15.2A	The County of Riverside shall require as a part of the development review process, proponents of new businesses, recreational and commercial land uses such as shopping centers, health clubs, large hotels over 200 rooms, convention centers and commercial recreational activities to provide onsite security.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.15.2B	The TLMA [Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency] shall inform the Riverside County Sheriff's Department of the existence of all new homeowner's associations within the county. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department shall coordinate with homeowner's associations to establish a Neighborhood Watch Program.	Riverside County or Designee			X	Riverside County			
4.15.2C	Riverside County shall meet and maintain a goal of 1.5 sworn officers per 1,000 population, as recommended by the International City Managers' Association.	Riverside County or Designee				Riverside County			
4.15.2D	The County [of Riverside] shall require the development applicant to pay the [Riverside] County Sheriff's established development mitigation fee prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy on any structure as they are developed. The fees are for the acquisition and construction of public facilities.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.15.3A	Riverside County shall work with its franchise hauling companies to expand curbside and commercial recycling services throughout the unincorporated area of the County [of Riverside].	Riverside County or Designee			X	Riverside County			

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4.15.3B	Riverside County shall follow State regulations in implementing the goals, policies and programs identified in the Riverside County[wide] Integrated Waste Management Plan in order to achieve and maintain a 50% reduction in solid waste disposal through source reduction, reuse, recycling and composting.	Riverside County or Designee	Periodic, must be monitored constantly			Riverside County			
4.15.3C	In accordance with State regulations, Riverside County shall prepare an annual report of progress for the CIWMB to determine [Riverside] County's progress toward meeting its diversion goals and objectives, to project [Riverside] County's waste disposal needs and to determine if any of the elements that comprise the Riverside CIWMP require revision to include additional disposal capacity, reflect new or changed local and regional solid waste management issues, or reflect new or changed goals and objectives.	Riverside County or Designee	Periodic, must occur annually			Riverside County			
4.15.3D	In accordance with CCR Section 18788, Riverside County shall review the Riverside CIWMP every five years to determine if [Riverside] County's waste management practices remain consistent with waste diversion goals and objectives and to assess if revision is required.	Riverside County or Designee	Periodic, must be evaluated every five (5) years			Riverside County			
4.15.3E	The County [of Riverside] shall require all future commercial, industrial and multifamily residential development to provide adequate areas for the collection and loading of recyclable materials (i.e., paper products, glass and other recyclables) in compliance with the State Model Ordinance, implemented on September 1, 1994, in accordance with AB 1327, Chapter 18, California Solid Waste Reuse and Recycling Access Act of 1991.	Riverside County or Designee	X		X	Riverside County			
4.15.3F	The County [of Riverside] shall require all development projects to coordinate with appropriate [Riverside] County departments and/or agencies to ensure that there is adequate waste disposal capacity to meet the waste disposal requirements of the project, and the County [of Riverside] shall recommend that all development projects incorporate measures to promote waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.15.6A	Riverside County shall provide a minimum of approximately 0.5 square foot of library space and 2.5 volumes per county resident.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.15.7A	Riverside County shall perform a periodic medical needs assessment to evaluate the current medical demand and level of medical service provided within each Area Plan. A periodic medical needs assessment shall be conducted every three years.	Riverside County or Designee	Periodic, Requires review every three (3) years.			Riverside County			
4.15.7B	Riverside County shall fund the new construction and/or expansion of existing medical facilities according to the level of demand for medical services. The level of demand would be based on and determined by the outcome of the periodic medical needs assessments.	Riverside County or Designee	Periodic, occurs based on medical needs assessment, which is conducted every three years.			Riverside County			

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Transportation and Circulation									
4.16.1A	As part of its review of land development proposals, the County [of Riverside] shall require project proponents to make a "fair share" contribution to required intersection and/or roadway improvements. The required intersection and/or roadway improvements shall be based on maintaining the appropriate level of service (LOS D within Community Development Areas designated by the 2003 Riverside County General Plan and within adjacent jurisdictions; LOS C within those portions of unincorporated Riverside County outside of Community Development Areas). The fair share contribution shall be based on the percentage of project-related traffic to the total future traffic.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.16.1B	As part of its review of land development proposals, the County [of Riverside] shall ensure sufficient right-of-way is reserved on critical roadways and at critical intersections to implement the approach lane geometrics necessary to provide the appropriate levels of services.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.16.1C	The County [of Riverside] shall add a transportation corridor to its General Plan Circulation Element, if feasible, showing a connection between I-15 and the Orange County freeway system, and complete that portion of the CETAP program involving the bi-county corridor to Orange County as a means of relieving traffic congestion along State Route 91. The transportation corridor shall provide an alternative route for traffic on State Route 91 between I-15 and State Route 241.	Riverside County or Designee	X						
4.18.1A-N1	As part of its review of land development proposals, the County of Riverside shall require project proponents to make a “fair share” contribution to required intersection and/or roadway improvements. The required intersection and/or roadway improvements shall be based on maintaining the appropriate level of service (LOS D or better). The fair share contribution shall be based on the percentage of project-related traffic to the total future traffic.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.18.1B-N1	As part of its review of land development proposals, the County of Riverside shall ensure sufficient right-of-way is reserved on critical roadways and at critical intersections to implement the approach lane geometrics necessary to provide the appropriate levels of services.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.18.1C-N1	Where needed and where appropriate, the County of Riverside shall seek ways and means to increase the capacity of Circulation Element roadways by such measures as adding through travel lanes or additional turning lanes without increasing the right-of-way width requirement for the classification of the facility	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			

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4.18.1D-N1	Where needed and where appropriate, the County of Riverside shall collaborate with Caltrans and other appropriate agencies to add auxiliary and mainline lanes on the freeway system within available right of way.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.18.1E-N1	The County of Riverside shall collaborate with Caltrans and other appropriate agencies to develop direct connections between the HOV/HOT lanes at the following freeway interchanges: I-15 at SR-91, SR-60 at SR-91/I-215 West junction, SR-60 at I-215 East junction and at other locations as needed. To the extent that such improvements may be possible within existing rights-of-way, environmental impacts would be less than significant.	Riverside County or Designee	X						
4.18.1F-N1	Where appropriate, the County of Riverside shall collaborate with Caltrans and other appropriate agencies to develop HOV lanes along the entire length of I-215 within Riverside County and along I-10 between the San Bernardino County line and Indio.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
Water Resources									
4.17.1C	Development within unincorporated areas of the County [of Riverside] shall not use water of any source of quality suitable for potable domestic use for non-potable uses, including cemeteries, golf courses, parks, highway landscaped areas, industrial and irrigation uses, or other non-domestic use if suitable recycled water is available as provided in Sections 13550-13566 of the [California] Water Code and/or Sections 65591-65600 and 65601-65607 of the Public Resource Code. Prior to the issuance of any land use permit, the County [of Riverside] shall determine to what extent and in which manner the use of recycled water is required for individual water projects. Future development shall be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the recycled water measures mandated by the County [of Riverside].	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.17.1D	Riverside County shall enforce compliance with federal, state and local standards for water conservation within residential, commercial or industrial projects. Prior to approval of any development within the County [of Riverside], the applicant shall submit evidence to Riverside County that all applicable water conservation measures have been met.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.17.1E	For any development within the [DWR-designated] Palo Verde Planning Area supplied with water from the Colorado River, the project applicant shall enter into a contract with the City of Needles [the LCWSP water contractor], pursuant to the Lower Colorado Water Supply Project program. Evidence of such a contractual agreement shall be submitted to the County [of Riverside] prior to the approval of any development entitlement for the project.	City of Needles	X			Riverside County			

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4.17.2A	In areas where it is not practical to conserve soils suitable for recharge (as determined by the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District), water harvesting and recharge facilities shall be built within the same groundwater basin in which the recharge area is lost. The construction of 'replacement' recharge areas shall equal the amount of recharge area lost and/or shall incorporate equipment or facilities capable of replacing (at an equal volume) the amount of groundwater recharge capacity lost as a result of development. The identification, designation, location or installation of 'replacement' groundwater recharge capacity shall be reviewed and approved by the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District prior to the issuance of grading permits.	Riverside County or Designee			X	Riverside County			
4.17.3A	New development that includes more than one acre of impervious surface area (including roofs, parking areas, streets, sidewalk, etc.) shall incorporate features to facilitate the onsite infiltration of precipitation and/or runoff into groundwater basins. Such features shall include (but not be limited to): natural drainage systems (where economically feasible), detention basins incorporated into project landscaping; and the installation of porous areas within parking areas. Where natural drainage systems are utilized for groundwater recharge, they shall be managed using natural approaches (as modified to safeguard public health and safety). Groundwater recharge features shall be included on development plans and shall be reviewed by the Riverside County Building and Safety Department and/or Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District prior to the issuance of grading permits.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.17.5A	The development of septic systems shall be in accordance with applicable standards established by Riverside County and other responsible authorities.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.17.5B	Point source pollution reduction programs shall fully adhere to applicable standards required by federal, state and local agencies. Prior to the approval of individual projects, Riverside County shall verify that the provisions of applicable point source pollution programs have been satisfied.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.17.5C	Where development may contribute to a worsening of local or regional ground or surface water quality (as determined by the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health and/or RWQCB), a water quality analysis shall be prepared. The water quality analysis shall include (but shall not be limited to): an analysis of existing surface and subsurface water quality; an assessment of how the proposed development would affect existing water quality; an assessment of how the proposed development would affect beneficial uses of the water; and specific	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			

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	measures to limit or eliminate potential water quality impacts and/or impacts to beneficial uses of ground/surface water. Where determined necessary by the County [of Riverside] or other responsible entity, the water quality analysis shall include, at an equal level of detail, potential impacts to tributary or downstream areas. The water quality analysis shall be submitted to the County [of Riverside] and the RWCQB for review and shall be approved prior to the issuance of any entitlement that would result in the physical modification of the project site.								
4.17.5D	The project applicant shall submit to the County [of Riverside] and the RWQCB, for review and approval, evidence that the specific measures to limit or eliminate potential water quality impacts resulting from the entire development process, will be implemented as set forth in the water quality analysis. Said evidence shall be submitted and approved prior to the issuance of any entitlement that would result in the physical modification of the project site.	Riverside County and RWQCB	X			Riverside County			
4.15.4A	Conventional septic tanks/subsurface disposal systems shall be prohibited within any designated Zone A of an EPA wellhead protection area. Where a difference between Riverside County and EPA septic tank setback distance requirements exists, the EPA standard shall apply.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.10.9A	Riverside County, where required, and in accordance with issuance of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, shall require the construction and/or grading contractor for individual developments to establish and implement specific Best Management Practices (BMPs) at time of project implementation.	Riverside County or Designee	X	X		Riverside County			
4.19.E-N1	Conventional septic tanks/subsurface disposal systems shall be prohibited within any designated Zone A of an EPA wellhead protection area. Where a difference between Riverside County and EPA septic tank setback distance requirements exists, the more restrictive standard shall apply.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.17.4A	Where development may interfere with, disrupt, or otherwise affect surface or subsurface hydrologic baseline conditions (as determined by the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and/or the Regional Water Quality Control Board), preparation of a project specific hydrologic study shall be required. The hydrologic study shall include (but shall not be limited to): an inventory of surface and subsurface hydrologic conditions existing at the time of the study; an analysis of how the proposed development would affect these hydrologic baseline conditions; and specific measures to limit or eliminate the interference or disruption of the onsite hydrologic process.	Riverside County, United States Army Corps of Engineers, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and/or	X			Riverside County			

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	The hydrologic study shall evaluate the feasibility of incorporating bioengineering measures into any project that may alter the hydrologic process. Where required by the County [of Riverside], the hydrologic study shall include analysis of, at an equal level of detail, potential impacts to tributary or downstream areas. The hydrologic study shall be submitted to the County [of Riverside] or responsible entity for review and shall be approved prior to the issuance of any entitlement that would result in the physical modification of the project site.	Regional Water Quality Control Board							
4.17.4B	The project applicant shall submit to the County [of Riverside] for review and approval, evidence that the specific measures to limit or eliminate the disruption or interference to the hydrologic process resulting from the entire development process, will be implemented as set forth in the hydrologic study. Such evidence may take the form of (but shall not be limited to): a development agreement; land banking; the provision of adequate funds to guarantee the construction, maintenance or restoration of hydrologic features; or any other mechanism that will achieve said goals. Said evidence shall be submitted and approved prior to the issuance of any entitlement that would result in the physical modification of the project site.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.17.4C	Where determined feasible by the County [of Riverside] or responsible entity, bioengineering measures shall be incorporated into any project that may alter the hydrologic process.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.9.1C	Riverside County shall not necessarily require all land uses to withstand flooding. These may include land uses such as agricultural, golf courses, and trails. For these land uses, flows shall not be obstructed, and upstream and downstream properties shall not be adversely affected by increased velocities, erosion backwater effects, concentration of flows, and adverse impacts to water quality from point and nonpoint sources of pollution.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.9.2C:	Riverside County shall require that for agricultural, recreation or other low-density uses, flows are not obstructed and that upstream and downstream properties are not adversely affected by increased velocities, erosion backwater effects or concentration of flows.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.10.9A	Riverside County, where required, and in accordance with issuance of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, shall require the construction and/or grading contractor for individual developments to establish and implement specific Best Management Practices (BMPs) at time of project implementation.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			
4.10.9B	Prior to any development within the County [of Riverside], a grading plan shall be submitted to the Riverside County Building and Safety Department and/or Riverside County Geologist for review and approval.	Riverside County or Designee	X			Riverside County			

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	As required by the County [of Riverside], the grading plan shall include erosion and sediment control plans. Measures included in individual erosion control plans may include, but shall not be limited to, the following: - Grading and development plans shall be designed in a manner which minimizes the amount of terrain modification. - Surface water shall be controlled and diverted around potential landslide areas to prevent erosion and saturation of slopes. - Structures shall not be sited on or below identified landslides unless slides are stabilized. - The extent and duration of ground disturbing activities during and immediately following periods of rain shall be limited, to avoid the potential for erosion which may be accelerated by rainfall on exposed soils. - To the extent possible, the amount of cut and fill shall be balanced. - The amount of water entering and exiting a graded site shall be limited through placement of interceptor trenches or other erosion control devices. - Erosion and sediment control plans shall be submitted to the County [of Riverside] for review and approval prior to the issuance of grading permits.								
4.10.9C	Where required, drainage design measures shall be incorporated into the final design of individual projects onsite. These measures shall include, but will not be limited to: - Runoff entering developing areas shall be collected into surface and subsurface drains for removal to nearby drainages. - Runoff generated above steep slopes or poorly vegetated areas shall be captured and conveyed to nearby drainages.	Riverside County of Designee	X			Riverside County			

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	- Runoff generated on paved or covered areas shall be conveyed via swales and drains to natural drainage courses. - Disturbed areas that have been identified as highly erosive shall be (re)vegetated. - Irrigation systems shall be designed, installed and maintained in a manner which minimizes runoff. - The landscape scheme for projects within the project site shall utilize drought-tolerant plants. - Erosion control devices such as rip-rap, gabions, small check dams, etc., may be utilized in gullies and active stream channels to reduce erosion.								
4.17.5E	For each new development project, the following principles and policies shall be considered and implemented: - Avoid or limit disturbance to natural water bodies and drainage systems (including ephemeral drainage systems) when feasible. Provide adequate buffers of native vegetation along drainage systems to lessen erosion and protect water quality. - Appropriate best management practices (BMPs) must be implemented to lessen impacts to waters of the United States and/or waters of the State of California resulting from development. Drainages should be left in a natural condition or modified in a way that preserves all existing water quality standards where feasible. Any discharges of sediment or other wastes, including wastewater, to Waters of the United States or Waters of the State must be avoided to the maximum extent practicable. All such discharges will require an NPDES permit issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). - Small drainages shall be preserved and incorporated into new development, along with adequate buffer zones of native vegetation, to the maximum extent practicable. - Any impacts to waters of the United States require a Section 401 Water Quality Standards Certification from the RWQCB. Impacts to these waters shall be avoided to the maximum extent practicable. Where avoidance is not	Riverside County of Designee	X	X		Riverside County			

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	practicable, impacts to these waters shall be minimized to the maximum extent practicable. Mitigation of unavoidable impacts must, at a minimum, replace the full function and value of the affected water body. Impacts to waters of the United States also require a Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit from the United States Army Corps of Engineers and a Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. e. The County [of Riverside] shall encourage the use of pervious materials in development to retain absorption and allow more percolation of stormwater into the ground. The use of pervious materials, such as grass, permeable/porous pavement, etc., for runoff channels and parking areas shall also be encouraged. Lining runoff channels with impermeable surfaces, such as concrete or grouted riprap, will be discouraged. f. The County [of Riverside] shall encourage construction of detention basins or holding ponds and/or constructed wetlands within a project site to capture and treat dry weather urban runoff and the first flush of rainfall runoff. These basins should be designed to detain runoff for a minimum time, such as 24 hours, to allow particles and associated pollutants to settle and to provide for natural treatment. g. The County [of Riverside] shall encourage development to retain areas of open space as natural or landscaped to aid in the recharge and retention of runoff. Native plant materials shall be used in replanting and hydroseeding operations, where feasible. h. The County [of Riverside] shall require that environmental documents for proposed projects in areas tributary to Canyon Lake Reservoir, Lake Elsinore, sections of the Santa Ana River, Fulmar Lake, and Mill Creek (as a result of the proposed 2002 303 (d) listing of these waterbodies) include discharge prohibitions, revisions to discharge permits, or management plans to address water quality impacts in accordance with the controls that may be applied pursuant to state and federal regulation. Environmental documents shall acknowledge that additional requirements may be imposed in the future for projects in areas tributary to the water bodies listed above.								

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	i. The County [of Riverside] shall ensure that in new development, post-development stormwater runoff flow rates do not differ from the pre-development stormwater runoff flow rates. j. All construction projects should be designed and implemented to protect, and if at all possible, to improve the quality of the underlying groundwater. k. The County [of Riverside] shall encourage the enhancement of groundwater recharge wherever possible. Measures such as keeping stream/river channels and floodplains in natural conditions or with pervious surfaces, as well as keeping areas of high recharge as open space will be considered. l. The County [of Riverside] shall prohibit the discharge of waste material resulting from any type of construction into any drainage areas, channels, streambeds, streams, lakes, wetlands or rivers. Spoil sites shall be prohibited within any streams or areas where spoil material could be washed into a water body. m. The County [of Riverside] shall require that appropriate BMPs be developed and implemented during construction efforts to control the discharge of pollutants, prevent sewage spills, and to avoid discharge of sediments into the streets, stormwater conveyance channels or waterways.								
4.9.1.D	Riverside County shall require the 10-year flood flows to be contained within the top of curbs and the 100-year flood flows within the street rights-of-way.	Riverside County of Designee	X			Riverside County			

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE CLERK & RECORDER

**AUTHORIZATION
TO BILL
BY JOURNAL VOUCHER**

-TO BE FILLED IN BY SUBMITTING AGENCY-

AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: ZGPA250007 – TASK CODE: ZCGS

AMOUNT: \$50.00

DATE: 10/02/2026

AGENCY: Transportation and Land Management Agency – Planning Department

THIS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO ISSUE A VOUCHER FOR PAYMENT OF ALL FILING AND HANDLING FEES FOR THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT(S).

NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDED: One (1)

AUTHORIZED BY: Phayvanh Nanthavongdouangsy, Assistant Director

Signature: *Victoria Gomez*

PRESENTED BY: Victoria Gomez, Assistant Planner

-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

ACCEPTED BY: -

DATE: -

RECEIPT # (S) -

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - THE RESOURCES AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

Receipt #: 15-242867

State Clearinghouse # (if applicable): _____

Lead Agency: RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Date: 12/08/2015

County Agency of Filing: RIVERSIDE

Document No: E-201501271

Project Title: RIVERSIDE COUNTY GERNERAL PLAN UPDATE GPA NO. 960, CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND EIR

Project Applicant Name: COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Phone Number: (951) 955-6892

Project Applicant Address: 4080 LEMON STREET, 12TH FLOOR, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501

Project Applicant: LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☒ Environmental Impact Report

\$3,069.75

☐ Negative Declaration

☐ Application Fee Water Diversion (State Water Resources Control Board Only)

☐ Project Subject to Certified Regulatory Programs

☒ County Administration Fee

\$50.00

☐ Project that is exempt from fees (DFG No Effect Determination (Form Attached))

☐ Project that is exempt from fees (Notice of Exemption)

Total Received \$3,119.75

Signature and title of person receiving payment:

B. Kenner Deputy

Notes:

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

☒ Office of Planning and Research
 U.S. Mail: Street Address:
 P.O. Box 3044 1400 Tenth St., Rm 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk

County of: Riverside
 Address: 2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507

From:

Public Agency: County of Riverside Planning Dept.
 Address: 4080 Lemon St. 12th Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

Contact: Kristi Lovelady, Principal Planner
 Phone: (951)955-6892

Lead Agency (If different from above):

Address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): _____

Project Title: Riverside County General Plan Update GPA No. 960, Climate Action Plan and EIR No. 521

Project Applicant: County of Riverside

Project Location (include county): Riverside County

Project Description:

The Project includes GPA No. 960 and the Climate Action Plan. The Riverside County General Plan serves as a blueprint for the future of Riverside County. The action evaluated by the Draft EIR is the adoption of Riverside County General Plan Amendment (GPA) No. 960, the General Plan Update Project, which proposes a variety of revisions to the current Riverside County General Plan to update existing policies, maps and implementing directions, and provide new information and policies where needed. Various revisions are proposed for nearly all of the General Plan's Elements and Area Plans. Some items affect countywide policies, some items affect specific parcels. Maps and data may be viewed online; see the project mapping link from the project page on the County Planning Department's website (<http://planning.rctlma.org>).

This is to advise that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors has approved the above
☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency

described project on December 8, 2015 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
 (date)
 described project.

1. The project ☒ will ☐ will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☒ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☐ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures ☒ were ☐ were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan ☒ was ☐ was not adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations ☒ was ☐ was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings ☒ were ☐ were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

Riverside County Planning Department Office (Riverside) and online at www.planning.rctlma.org

Signature (Public Agency): *Steve Weiss* Title: Riverside County Planning Director

Date: 12/8/15 Date Received for filing **FILED / POSTED**

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
 Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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