

9. Growth-Inducing Impacts of the Proposed Project

Pursuant to Sections 15126(d) and 15126.2(d) of the CEQA Guidelines, this section is provided to examine ways in which the proposed project could foster economic or population growth, or the construction of additional housing, either directly or indirectly, in the surrounding environment. Also required is an assessment of other projects that would foster other activities which could affect the environment, individually or cumulatively. To address this issue, potential growth-inducing effects will be examined through analysis of the following questions:

- Would this project remove obstacles to growth, e.g., through the construction or extension of major infrastructure facilities that do not presently exist in the project area, or through changes in existing regulations pertaining to land development?
- Would this project result in the need to expand one or more public services to maintain desired levels of service?
- Would this project encourage or facilitate economic effects that could result in other activities that could significantly affect the environment?
- Would approval of this project involve some precedent-setting action that could encourage and facilitate other activities that could significantly affect the environment?

Please note that growth-inducing effects are not to be construed as necessarily beneficial, detrimental, or of little significance to the environment. This issue is presented to provide additional information on ways in which this project could contribute to significant changes in the environment, beyond the direct consequences of developing the land use concept examined in the preceding sections of this SEIR.

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The project site is existing ballfields as part of the Del Norte High School and is served by major infrastructure. Implementation of the proposed project would not require the construction or extension of major infrastructure facilities.

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Would this project result in the need to expand one or more public services to maintain desired levels of service?

The project site is existing ballfields as part of the Del Norte High School and is served by various public services. The proposed project would not increase the number of events or people using the ballfields; therefore, the existing public services such as fire and police would not be adversely impacted by the proposed project. The proposed project would not require the expansion of one or more public services to maintain desired levels of service.

Would this project encourage or facilitate economic effects that could result in other activities that could significantly affect the environment?

Construction would generate short-term employment. However, considering the size and scale of the proposed project, it would not encourage or facilitate economic effects that could result in other activities that could affect the environment.

Would approval of this project involve some precedent-setting action that could encourage and facilitate other activities that could significantly affect the environment?

The proposed project involves improvements to the existing varsity baseball and softball fields at an existing high school campus to support the existing school operation, and there is no precedent-setting action that could encourage and/or facilitate other activities that could significantly affect the environment. No growth-inducing impact would occur in this regard.