

3.14 Agricultural Farmland and Forest Land

The Burbank to Los Angeles Project Section would not result in any impacts on agricultural farmland and forest land because no agricultural farmland and forest land is present within the resource study area. The resource study area established for agriculture and forest land resources is the project footprint, as described in Chapter 2, Alternatives.

The presence of agricultural farmland and forest land was determined by overlaying project design ArcGIS Geodatabase files over the City of Los Angeles Zone Information and Map Access System (2015) and through a review of available data, including data gathered from the California Department of Conservation's Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program database (2014). The following general plans were also reviewed for the presence of agricultural farmland and forest land:

- Burbank 2035 General Plan (2014)
- City of Glendale General Plan (1986)
- City of Los Angeles General Plan (2004)

No land is zoned as agricultural farmland and forest land in the Cities of Burbank or Glendale (City of Burbank 2012, City of Glendale 2013). However, as shown on Figure 3.14-1, in the City of Los Angeles, a few parcels are zoned for agriculture in neighborhood council areas near, but outside, the resource study area (in the Atwater Village, Glassell Park, Silver Lake, Echo Park, and Historic Cultural neighborhood council areas). None of this land zoned for agricultural farmland is currently used for agricultural purposes or forest land. The City of Los Angeles General Plan (2004) planned land use map shows these parcels with nonagricultural land use designations. The following properties zoned as agricultural farmland are within 0.5 mile of the resource study area:

- The horse stables and riding clubs in Atwater Village adjacent to the Los Angeles River between Chevy Chase Drive and Rigali Avenue (0.08 mile from the resource study area) are zoned Agricultural A2¹ and have a general plan land use classification of Minimum Low Density Residential.² The only land uses are equestrian related. There are no agricultural or forestry uses in this area.
- The southern half of Forest Lawn Memorial-Park, which is in the City of Los Angeles and less than 0.01 mile from the resource study area, is zoned Agricultural A1³ and has a general plan land use classification of Open Space.⁴ The existing land use is cemetery grounds, and there are no agricultural or forestry uses in this area.

¹ The allowable uses on parcels with the Agricultural A2 zoning designation are the same as Agricultural A1 uses but feature a minimum area of 2 acres per lot, a minimum area of 1 acre per dwelling unit, and a minimum lot width of 150 feet (City of Los Angeles 2004).

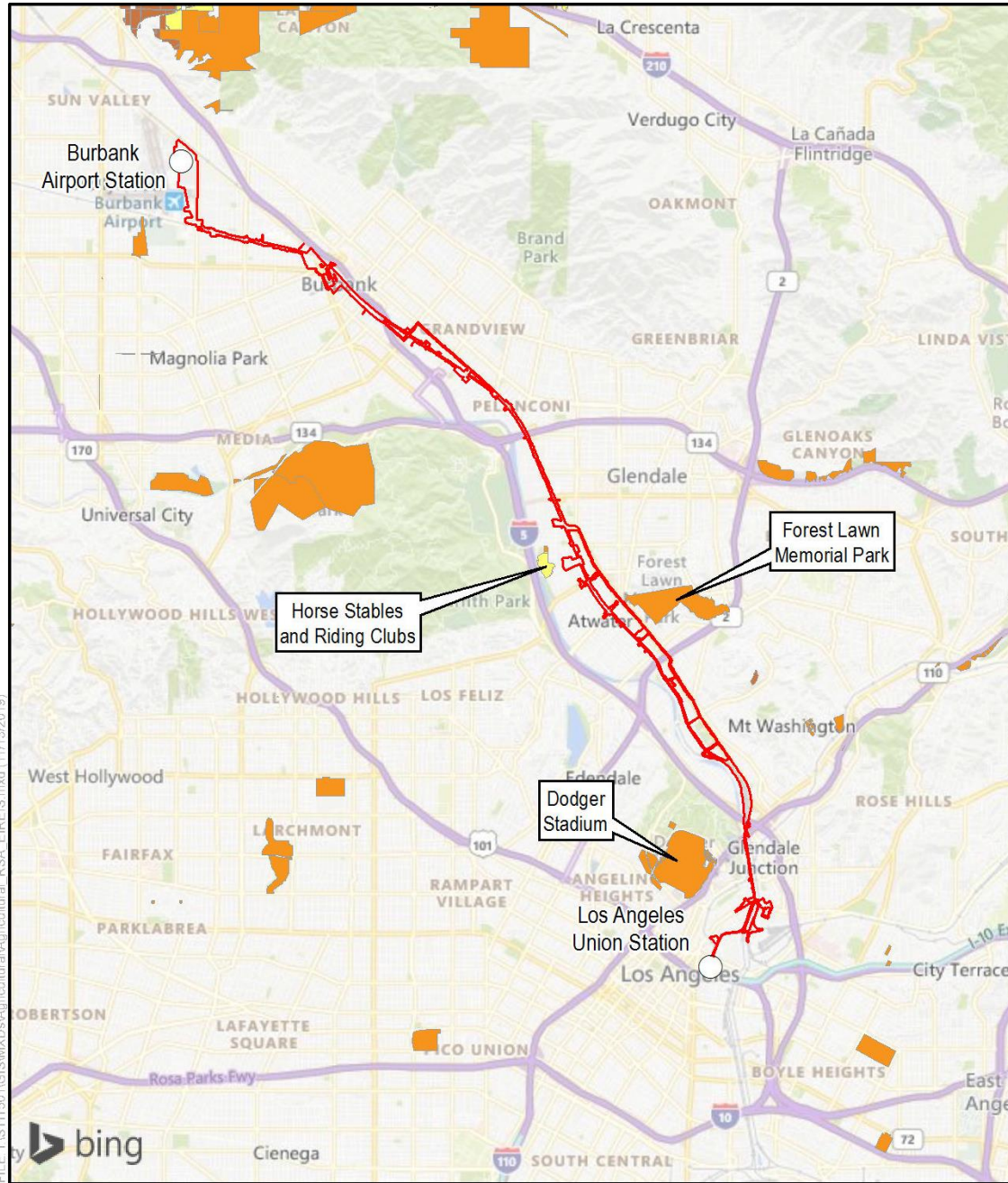
² The land use zones associated with land designated as Minimum Low Density Residential are OS, A1, A2, and RE40. The allowable uses on parcels with the OS zoning designation include recreation facilities, closed sanitary landfill sites, water supply reservoirs, and resource conservation areas. The allowable uses on parcels zoned as RE40 include single-family dwellings, recreation facilities, truck gardening, accessory living quarters, and home occupations. The allowable uses on parcels zoned as RA include single-family dwellings, recreation facilities, truck gardening, and accessory living quarters; they feature a minimum of 17,500 square feet per lot and a minimum width of 70 feet. (City of Los Angeles 2004).

³ The allowable uses on parcels with the Agricultural A1 zoning designation are extensive agricultural uses, truck gardening, single-family dwellings, parks, playgrounds, community centers, golf courses, and home occupations. They feature a minimum area of 5 acres per lot, a minimum area of 2.5 acres per dwelling unit, and a minimum lot width of 300 feet (City of Los Angeles 2004).

⁴ The land use zones associated with land designated as Open Space in the City of Los Angeles General Plan are OS and A1 (City of Los Angeles 2004).

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Because millions of acres of farmlands are converted to other uses each year, federal law requires that impacts on farmlands be evaluated in the environmental process.



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 SOURCE: Bing (2018); California Geologic Survey (2002); City of Los Angeles (2015); CHSRA (11/2019)

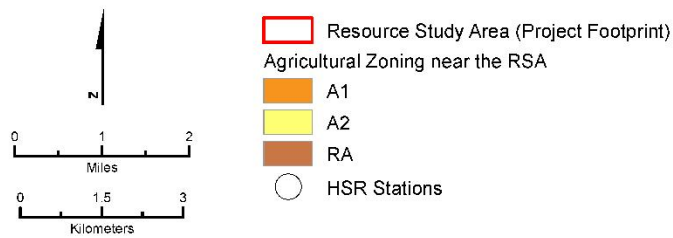


Figure 3.14-1 Agricultural Farmland and Forest Land Resource Study Area

- Dodger Stadium, 0.37 mile from the resource study area, is also zoned Agricultural A-1 and has a general plan land use classification of Open Space. The existing land use is a sports venue, and there are no agricultural or forestry uses in this area.

There is no Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program, Williamson Act, or crop cover data for Los Angeles County (California Department of Conservation 2014). The closest Important Farmland,⁵ as designated by the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program, is approximately 7 miles from the northernmost point of the resource study area. Consequently, there is no likelihood that either agricultural farmland or forest land would be converted to nonagricultural or nonforestry uses. Therefore, a comprehensive evaluation of impacts of the project on agricultural farmland and forest land is not required in this Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement.

⁵ Important Farmland, as identified by the California Department of Conservation, includes Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance, Unique Farmland, and Farmland of Local Importance (California Department of Conservation 2016).

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