

SECTION 9.0
Significant Environmental Effects
Which Cannot Be Avoided if the
Proposed Action Is Implemented



9.0 SIGNIFICANT UNAVOIDABLE EFFECTS WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED IF THE PROPOSED ACTION IS IMPLEMENTED

The *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines* Section 15126(b) requires an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to “describe any significant impacts, including those which can be mitigated but not reduced to a level of insignificance. Where there are impacts that cannot be alleviated without imposing an alternative design, their implications, and the reasons why the project is being proposed, notwithstanding their effect, should be described.”

Section 5.0 of this EIR provides a description of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and recommends mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less than significant level, where possible. After implementation of mitigation measures, most of the potentially significant impacts associated with the proposed project would be reduced to less than significant levels. However, the impacts listed below could not be feasibly mitigated and would result in a significant unavoidable impact associated with approval of the proposed Duarte Station Specific Plan.

AESTHETICS

- Project shade and shadow impacts on adjacent existing residential uses

TRAFFIC

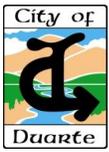
- Project and cumulative project impacts at the following intersections:
 - Buena Vista Street/Three Ranch Road
 - Highland Avenue/Evergreen Street

AIR QUALITY

- Project- and cumulative project-related operational emissions for ROG
- Project impacts - plan consistency with respect to exceedance of operational ROG thresholds

NOISE

- Project short-term construction noise impacts



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