

## 4 AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES, AND MITIGATION MEASURES

Sections 4.1 through 4.12 of this draft environmental impact report (DEIR) present a discussion of existing conditions, environmental impacts associated with implementation of the project, mitigation measures to reduce the level of impact, and residual impacts (i.e., the remaining impacts after the imposition of any proposed mitigation measures). Issues evaluated in these sections consist of a full range of environmental topics originally identified for review in the notice of preparation (NOP) prepared for the Stadium Center Phase III project. The NOP is included as Appendix A. Sections 4.1 through 4.12 each include the following components.

- ▶ **Existing Conditions:** This subsection presents the existing environmental conditions on the project site and in the surrounding area as appropriate, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (State CEQA Guidelines) Section 15125. The discussions of the environmental setting focus on information relevant to the issue under evaluation.
- ▶ **Regulatory Background:** This subsection presents information on the laws, regulations, plans, and policies that relate to the issue area being discussed. Regulations originating from the local, state, and federal levels are each discussed as appropriate.
- ▶ **Environmental Impacts:** This subsection identifies the impacts of the proposed project on the existing environment, in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15125 and 15143. Before presenting an evaluation of impacts, the section describes the analysis methodology used, and the thresholds of significance used to identify impacts are then listed. Project impacts are identified alphanumerically and sequentially throughout this section. For example, impacts in Section 4.4 are identified as 4.4-1, 4.4-2, and so on. An impact statement precedes the discussion of each impact and provides a summary of the impact and its level of significance. The discussion that follows the impact statement includes the evidence on which a conclusion is made regarding the level of impact. The discussions of cumulative impacts and growth-inducing impacts are presented in Chapter 5 and Chapter 6, respectively.
- ▶ **Mitigation Measures:** This subsection identifies potentially feasible mitigation measures to reduce significant and potentially significant impacts of the proposed project, in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(a)(3), Section 15021(a)(2), and Section 15091(a)(1). Each mitigation measure is identified alphanumerically to correspond with the number of the impact being reduced by the measure. For example, Impact 4.3-1 would be mitigated with Mitigation Measure 4.3-1. This subsection also describes whether the mitigation measures would reduce impacts to less-than-significant levels. Any significant and unavoidable impacts are identified in this subsection, and are also summarized in Chapter 6.
- ▶ **Level of Significance After Mitigation:** This section identifies any significant impacts that would remain significant following implementation of the mitigation measures.