VI. EFFECTS FOUND NOT TO BE SIGNIFICANT

This EIR contains a comprehensive analysis of the potentially significant environmental effects associated with adoption and implementation of the proposed General Plan Update, as identified in a Notice of Preparation (NOP) circulated by the Imperial County Planning Department. County staff has determined that a Program EIR be prepared examining the issues of land use, agriculture, traffic/circulation, noise, biological resources, cultural resources, public services/safety, air quality, visual resources, water quality, geology/soils, and flood control/hydrology. This analysis found that significant impacts could occur with each of these issues, but that all impacts could be reduced to below a level of significance via implementation of the mitigation measures recommended herein. The only environmental issue not evaluated in this Program EIR is that of light and glare, which was determined during the NOP period not to have a potential impact.

The NOP was circulated to potentially concerned agencies and individuals pursuant to Section 15128 of the CEQA Guidelines. Twelve responses to the NOP were received in the form of letters from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Soil Conservation Service, Riverside County Planning Department, Bureau of Indian Affairs, El Centro School District, City of Yuma, City of Calexico, California State Lands Commission, California Department of Transportation, Imperial Irrigation District, California State Department of Parks and Recreation, and Southern California Water Company. A copy of the NOP and response letters is included in Appendix G.