

6.0 GROWTH INDUCEMENT

The California Environmental Quality Act requires that a Draft EIR address the potential for a proposed project to result in growth-inducing impacts. Specifically, Section 15126.2(d) of the *State CEQA Guidelines* requires a discussion of the potential for the proposed Project to:

...foster economic or population growth, or the construction of additional housing, either directly or indirectly, in the surrounding environment. Included in this are projects which would remove obstacles to population growth.... It must not be assumed that growth in any area is necessarily beneficial, detrimental, or of little significance to the environment.

The proposed project entails the remediation of a former landfill within the boundaries of an existing airport. The project site area was designated for airport uses when NTC was closed and transferred to the Port of San Diego. The proposed landfill remediation would not induce growth or lead to secondary environmental effects associated with induced growth. This assessment reflects the following:

- The landfill remediation would not add new housing or other new facilities that would entice people to move to the San Diego region,
- The jobs created by the landfill remediation project would be temporary and could be filled by the region's existing labor pool, and
- The project site is located in a highly developed urban environment and the project would not extend new roads or utilities to an area where the absence of roads/utilities poses a constraint to growth.

Although remediation of the landfill would reduce landfill-related constraints on the future development of the site, it also is possible to accommodate those constraints without remediating the landfill. That is, there currently are engineering, design and construction measures that could allow for development of the site with airport uses—such as aircraft parking apron, taxiways, terminal structures, and/or parking lots—even if the landfill is not remediated. The potential effects of future development of the project site with airport uses are being evaluated as part of an overall master plan process that is currently ongoing for SDIA.

Accordingly, other than potentially helping to facilitate future expansion of SDIA pursuant to its (yet to be adopted) Master Plan, the proposed landfill remediation would not induce growth or lead to secondary environmental effects associated with induced growth.

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