

## 3.15 Impacts Not Potentially Significant

This Program EIR focuses on potentially significant impacts. Some of the detailed analysis of the environmental issues normally required by CEQA is excluded from this Program EIR, because only those environmental issues that were potentially impacted by the project are analyzed. CEQA requires that an EIR provide a statement indicating why environmental issues normally requiring analysis by CEQA were determined to be not significant and therefore not discussed in detail. For the issue areas addressed in this chapter, all potential impacts were identified. Non-significant impacts are those effects that have no significant adverse impact on the environment. Mineral resources were not included in the detailed analysis of this project because the threshold of significance set out in the proposed General Plan Program EIR for the environmental issue was not exceeded.

### Mineral Resources

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A significant impact would occur if implementation of the proposed General Plan would result in one or more of the following:

- Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state; or
- Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan.

Historically, the Quarry Creek Master Plan area within Carlsbad was previously utilized for aggregate minerals extraction and a hard rock quarry that was regionally valuable. Mining operations at the Quarry Creek site were terminated in 1995 because the mineral resources at the site were considered to be realized after the course of 34 years of mining operations.

Currently, no mineral resources of economic value to the region and the residents of the state have been identified in Carlsbad. Carlsbad has not been delineated as a locally important mineral recovery site. Therefore, the proposed General Plan would have no impact on any known mineral resources.

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