

4.2 AIR QUALITY

This EIR section will analyze the potential for adverse impacts on air quality resulting from implementation of The Ripcurl project (proposed project). The Initial Study/Notice of Preparation (IS/NOP) identified the potential for impacts associated with conflict with or obstruction of implementation of the applicable air quality plan; violation of air quality standards or substantial contribution to an existing or projected air quality violation; exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations; or a cumulatively considerable net increase of criteria pollutants for which the proposed project region is not in attainment. Issues that were scoped out from further analysis include the potential for the proposed project to create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people. Data used to prepare this section were taken from various sources, including the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) CEQA Air Quality Handbook, and the 2007 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), as amended. Full bibliographic entries for all reference materials are provided in Section 4.2.5 (References) at the end of this section. In addition, Appendix B contains the air quality data sheets that were used to calculate data for this section.

All comments received in response to the Initial Study/Notice of Preparation (IS/NOP) circulated for the proposed project were taken into consideration during preparation of this EIR section, and if relevant, have been addressed in this section or others within this document.

4.2.1 Environmental Setting

■ Climate

The City of Huntington Beach is located within the South Coast Air Basin (Basin), named so because its geographical formation is that of a basin, with the surrounding mountains trapping the air and its pollutants in the valleys or basins below. The Basin includes all of Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties. The regional climate within the Basin is considered semi-arid and is characterized by warm summers, mild winters, infrequent seasonal rainfall, moderate daytime onshore breezes, and moderate humidity. The air quality within the Basin is influenced by a wide range of emission sources such as dense population centers, heavy vehicular traffic and industry, as well as meteorology.

The annual average temperature varies little throughout the Basin, ranging from the low to middle 60s, measured in degrees Fahrenheit (°F). Coastal areas have a more pronounced oceanic influence, and show less variability in annual minimum and maximum temperatures than inland areas. The City of Huntington Beach is located in northern coastal Orange County, which is in the southern portion of the Basin. The annual average temperature in the City ranges from approximately 47.0°F in December and January to 73.5°F in August (Western Regional Climate Center 2008).

The majority of annual rainfall in the Basin occurs between November and April. Summer rainfall is minimal and generally limited to scattered thundershowers in coastal regions and slightly heavier showers in the eastern portion of the Basin, along the coastal mountain ranges. Average rainfall in the City ranges

from approximately 0.01 inch in July to 2.42 inches in February, with an average annual total of 11.20 inches (Western Regional Climate Center 2008).

The Basin experiences a persistent temperature inversion, which is characterized by increasing temperature with increasing altitude. This inversion limits the vertical dispersion of air contaminants, holding them relatively near the ground. As the sun warms the ground and the lower air layer, the temperature of the lower air layer approaches the temperature of the base of the inversion (upper) layer until the inversion layer finally breaks, allowing vertical mixing with the lower layer.

The vertical dispersion of air contaminants in the Basin is also affected by wind conditions. The combination of stagnant wind conditions and low inversions produces the greatest pollutant concentrations. On days of no inversion or high wind speeds, ambient air pollutant concentrations are the lowest. During periods of low inversions and low wind speeds, air pollutants generated in urbanized areas in the Basin are transported predominantly on-shore into Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The Santa Ana winds, which are strong and dry north or northeasterly winds that occur during the fall and winter months, also disperse air contaminants in the Basin. The Santa Ana conditions tend to last for several days at a time.

■ Air Quality Background

Air pollutant emissions within the Basin are generated by stationary and mobile sources. Stationary sources can be divided into two major subcategories: point and area sources. Point sources are usually subject to a permit to operate from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), occur at specific identified locations, and are usually associated with manufacturing and industry. Examples of point sources are boilers or combustion equipment that produce electricity or generate heat, such as heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units. Area sources are widely distributed and produce many small emissions, and they do not require permits to operate from the SCAQMD. Examples of area sources include residential and commercial water heaters, painting operations, portable generators, lawn mowers, agricultural fields, landfills, and consumer products, such as barbeque lighter fluid and hairspray, the area-wide use of which contributes to regional air pollution. Mobile sources refer to emissions from motor vehicles, including tailpipe and evaporative emissions, and are classified as either on-road or off-road. On-road sources are those that are legally operated on roadways and highways. Off-road sources include aircraft, ships, trains, race cars, and construction vehicles. Mobile sources account for the majority of the air pollutant emissions within the Basin. Air pollutants can also be generated by the natural environment, such as when fine dust particles are pulled off the ground surface and suspended in the air during high winds.

Both federal and State governments have established ambient air quality standards for outdoor concentrations of specific pollutants, referred to as “criteria pollutants,” in order to protect public health. The national and State ambient air quality standards have been set at concentration levels to protect the most sensitive persons from illness or discomfort with a margin of safety. Applicable ambient air quality standards are identified later in this section under Thresholds of Significance. The SCAQMD is responsible for bringing air quality within the Basin into attainment with the national and State ambient air quality standards.

The criteria pollutants for which federal and State standards have been promulgated and that are most relevant to air quality planning and regulation in the Basin are ozone, carbon monoxide, fine suspended particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, and lead. In addition, toxic air contaminants are of concern in the Basin. Each of these is briefly described below.

- **Ozone (O₃)** is a gas that is formed when volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x), both byproducts of internal combustion engine exhaust, undergo slow photochemical reactions in the presence of sunlight. Ozone concentrations are generally highest during the summer months when direct sunlight, light wind, and warm temperature conditions are favorable to the formation of this pollutant.
- **Carbon Monoxide (CO)** is a colorless, odorless gas produced by the incomplete combustion of fuels. CO concentrations tend to be the highest during the winter morning, with little to no wind, when surface-based inversions trap the pollutant at ground levels. Because CO is emitted directly from internal combustion engines, unlike ozone, motor vehicles operating at slow speeds are the primary source of CO in the Basin. The highest ambient CO concentrations are generally found near congested transportation corridors and intersections.
- **Respirable Particulate Matter (PM₁₀) and Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5})** consists of extremely small, suspended particles or droplets 10 microns and 2.5 microns or smaller in diameter, respectively. Some sources of particulate matter, like pollen and windstorms, are naturally occurring. However, in populated areas, most particulate matter is caused by road dust, diesel soot, combustion products, abrasion of tires and brakes, and construction activities.
- **Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂)** is a nitrogen oxide compound that is produced by the combustion of fossil fuels, such as in internal combustion engines (both gasoline and diesel powered), as well as point sources, especially power plants. Of the seven types of nitrogen oxide compounds, NO₂ is the most abundant in the atmosphere. As ambient concentrations of NO₂ are related to traffic density, commuters in heavy traffic may be exposed to higher concentrations of NO₂ than those indicated by regional monitors.
- **Sulfur dioxide (SO₂)** is a colorless gas or liquid. It enters the atmosphere as a pollutant mainly as a result of burning high sulfur-content fuel oils and coal and from chemical processes occurring at chemical plants and refineries. When sulfur dioxide oxidizes in the atmosphere, it forms sulfates (SO₄). Collectively, these pollutants are referred to as sulfur oxides (SO_x).
- **Lead (Pb)** occurs in the atmosphere as particulate matter. The combustion of leaded gasoline is the primary source of airborne lead in the Basin. The use of leaded gasoline is no longer permitted for on road motor vehicles, so the majority of such combustion emissions are associated with off-road vehicles such as race cars. Other sources of lead include the manufacturing and recycling of batteries, paint, ink, ceramics, ammunition, and the use of secondary lead smelters.
- **Toxic Air Contaminants (TACs)** refer to a diverse group of air pollutants that are capable of causing chronic (i.e., of long duration) and acute (i.e., severe but of short duration) adverse effects on human health. They include both organic and inorganic chemical substances that may be emitted from a variety of common sources including gasoline stations, motor vehicles, dry cleaners, industrial operations, painting operations, and research and teaching facilities. Toxic air contaminants are different than “criteria” pollutants in that ambient air quality standards have not been established for them, largely because there are hundreds of air toxics and their effects on health tend to be local rather than regional. TACs primarily are concentrated within ¼ mile of the

emissions source, and accepted practice is to analyze TACs when receptors are located within this ¼-mile radius.

State standards have been promulgated for other criteria air pollutants, including SO₄, hydrogen sulfide, Pb, and visibility-reducing particles. California also recognizes vinyl chloride as a TAC with an undetermined threshold level of exposure for adverse health effects. Vinyl chloride and hydrogen sulfide emissions are generally generated from mining, milling, refining, smelting, landfills, sewer plants, cement manufacturing, or the manufacturing or decomposition of organic matter. California standards for sulfate- and visibility-reducing particles are not exceeded anywhere in the Basin. Pb is typically only emitted during demolition of structures expected to include Pb-based paint and materials.

Health Effects of Air Pollutants

Ozone

Individuals exercising outdoors, children and people with preexisting lung diseases such as asthma or chronic pulmonary lung disease are considered to be the most susceptible sub-groups for ozone effects. Short-term exposures (lasting for a few hours) to ozone at levels typically observed in Southern California can result in breathing pattern changes, reduction of breathing capacity, increased susceptibility to infections, inflammation of the lung tissue, and some immunological changes. Elevated ozone levels are associated with increased school absences. In recent years, a correlation between elevated ambient ozone levels and increases in daily hospital admission rates, as well as mortality, has also been reported. An increased risk for asthma has been found in children who participate in multiple sports and live in high ozone communities.

Ozone exposure under exercising conditions is known to increase the severity of the above mentioned observed responses. Animal studies suggest that exposure to a combination of pollutants that include ozone may be more toxic than exposure to ozone alone. Although lung volume and resistance changes observed after a single exposure diminish with repeated exposures, biochemical and cellular changes appear to persist, which can lead to subsequent lung structural changes.

Carbon Monoxide

Individuals with a deficient blood supply to the heart are the most susceptible to the adverse effects of CO exposure. The effects observed include earlier onset of chest pain with exercise, and electrocardiograph changes indicative of worsening oxygen supply to the heart.

Inhaled CO has no direct toxic effect on the lungs, but exerts its effect on tissues by interfering with oxygen transport and competing with oxygen to combine with hemoglobin present in the blood to form carboxyhemoglobin (COHb). Hence, conditions with an increased demand for oxygen supply can be adversely affected by exposure to CO. Individuals most at risk include patients with diseases involving heart and blood vessels, fetuses, and patients with chronic hypoxemia (oxygen deficiency) as seen in high altitudes.

Reduction in birth weight and impaired neurobehavioral development have been observed in animals chronically exposed to CO, resulting in COHb levels similar to those observed in smokers. Recent studies have found increased risks for adverse birth outcomes with exposure to elevated CO levels. These include pre-term births and heart abnormalities.

Particulate Matter

A consistent correlation between elevated ambient fine particulate matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}) levels and an increase in mortality rates, respiratory infections, number and severity of asthma attacks and the number of hospital admissions has been observed in different parts of the United States and various areas around the world. In recent years, some studies have reported an association between long-term exposure to air pollution dominated by fine particles and increased mortality, reduction in life span, and an increased mortality from lung cancer.

Daily fluctuations in PM_{2.5} concentration levels have also been related to hospital admissions for acute respiratory conditions in children, to school and kindergarten absences, to a decrease in respiratory lung volumes in normal children and to increased medication use in children and adults with asthma. Recent studies show lung function growth in children is reduced with long-term exposure to particulate matter.

The elderly, people with pre-existing respiratory or cardiovascular disease, and children appear to be more susceptible to the effects of high levels of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}.

Nitrogen Dioxide

Population-based studies suggest that an increase in acute respiratory illness, including infections and respiratory symptoms in children (not infants), is associated with long-term exposures to NO₂ at levels found in homes with gas stoves, which are higher than ambient levels found in Southern California. Increase in resistance to air flow and airway contraction is observed after short-term exposure to NO₂ in healthy subjects. Larger decreases in lung functions are observed in individuals with asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (e.g., chronic bronchitis, emphysema) than in healthy individuals, indicating a greater susceptibility of these sub-groups.

In animals, exposure to levels of NO₂ considerably higher than ambient concentrations results in increased susceptibility to infections, possibly due to the observed changes in cells involved in maintaining immune functions. The severity of lung tissue damage associated with high levels of ozone exposure increases when animals are exposed to a combination of ozone and NO₂.

Sulfur Dioxide

A few minutes of exposure to low levels of SO₂ can result in airway constriction in some asthmatics, all of whom are sensitive to its effects. In asthmatics, increase in resistance to air flow, as well as reduction in breathing capacity leading to severe breathing difficulties, are observed after acute exposure to SO₂. In contrast, healthy individuals do not exhibit similar acute responses even after exposure to higher concentrations of SO₂.

Some population-based studies indicate that the mortality and morbidity effects associated with fine particles show a similar association with ambient SO₂ levels. In these studies, efforts to separate the effects of SO₂ from those of fine particles have not been successful. It is not clear whether the two pollutants act synergistically or if one pollutant alone is the predominant factor.

Lead

Fetuses, infants, and children are more sensitive than others to the adverse effects of Pb exposure. Exposure to low levels of Pb can adversely affect the development and function of the central nervous system, leading to learning disorders, distractibility, inability to follow simple commands, and lower intelligence quotient. In adults, increased Pb levels are associated with increased blood pressure.

Pb poisoning can cause anemia, lethargy, seizures, and death; although it appears that there are no direct effects of Pb on the respiratory system. Pb can be stored in the bone from early age environmental exposure, and elevated Pb levels in the blood can occur due to breakdown of bone tissue during pregnancy, hyperthyroidism (increased secretion of hormones from the thyroid gland) and osteoporosis (breakdown of bony tissue). Fetuses and breast-fed babies can be exposed to higher levels of Pb because of previous environmental Pb exposure of their mothers.

Toxic Air Contaminant Emissions

TACs are airborne substances that are capable of causing chronic (i.e., of long duration) and acute (i.e., severe but of short duration) adverse effects on human health. They include both organic and inorganic chemical substances that may be emitted from a variety of common sources including gasoline stations, motor vehicles, dry cleaners, industrial operations, painting operations, and research and teaching facilities. TACs are different from the “criteria” pollutants previously discussed in that ambient air quality standards have not been established for them.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change

Global climate change refers to the change in the average weather of the earth that may be measured by changes in wind patterns, storms, precipitation, and temperature. Projected climate changes could impact California's public health through changes in air quality, weather related disasters, and a possible increase in infectious disease. If extreme precipitation and severe weather events become more frequent, and if sanitation and water-treatment facilities have inadequate capacity or are not maintained, increases in infectious diseases may result (California EPA. n.d.). The baseline by which these changes are measured originates in historical records identifying temperature changes that have occurred in the past, such as during previous ice ages. Many of the recent concerns over global climate change use these data to extrapolate a level of statistical significance specifically focusing on temperature records from the last 150 years (the Industrial Age) that differ from previous climate changes in rate and magnitude.

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) constructed several emission trajectories of greenhouse gas emissions needed to stabilize global temperatures and climate change impacts. The IPCC predicted that the range of global mean temperature change from 1990 to 2100,

given six scenarios, could range from 1.1°C to 6.4°C. Regardless of analytical methodology, global average temperature and sea level are expected to rise under all scenarios (IPCC 2007).

This assessment makes it clear that the impacts of future climate change will be mixed across regions. For example, according to the IPCC Fourth Assessment report, there may be large differences in regional population, income and technological development under alternative scenarios, which are often a strong determinant of the level of vulnerability to climate change. To illustrate, in a number of recent studies of global impacts of climate change on food supply, risk of coastal flooding and water scarcity, the projected number of people potentially affected is considerably greater in areas characterized by relatively low per capita income and large population growth. This difference is largely explained, not by differences in changes of climate, but by differences in vulnerability (IPCC 2007).

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The natural “greenhouse effect” allows the earth to remain warm and sustain life. Greenhouse gases trap the sun’s heat in the atmosphere like a blanket, and help determine the existing climate. Examples of greenhouse gases include carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and hydrofluorocarbons. The increased consumption of fossil fuels (wood, coal, gasoline, etc.) has substantially increased atmospheric levels of greenhouse gases. As atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases rise, so do temperatures. Over time, the rise in temperatures would result in climate change. Theories concerning climate change and global warming existed as early as the late 1800s. By the late 1900s, the understanding of the earth’s atmosphere had advanced to the point where many climate scientists began to accept that the earth’s climate is changing. Today, many climate scientists agree that some warming has occurred over the past century and will continue through this century.

Gases that trap heat in the atmosphere are called greenhouse gases (GHG), analogous to the way a greenhouse retains heat. Common GHG include water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxides, chlorofluorocarbons, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, sulfur hexafluoride, ozone, and aerosols. Global atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide have increased markedly as a result of human activities since 1750 and now far exceed pre-industrial values determined from ice cores spanning many thousands of years.

The IPCC predicts that changes in the earth’s climate will continue through the twenty-first century and that the rate of change may increase significantly in the future because of human activity (IPCC 2007). Many researchers studying California’s climate believe that changes in the earth’s climate have already affected California and will continue to do so in the future.

Projected future climate change may affect California in a variety of ways. Public health can suffer due to greater temperature extremes and more frequent extreme weather events, increases in transmission of infectious disease, and increases in air pollution. Agriculture is especially vulnerable to altered temperature and rainfall patterns, and new pest problems. Forest ecosystems would face increased fire hazards and would be more susceptible to pests and diseases. The Sierra snowpack that functions as California’s largest reservoir could shrink by a third by 2060, and to half its historic size by 2090 (CARB 2004). Runoff that fills reservoirs could start in midwinter rather than spring, and rain falling on snow

could trigger more flooding. The California coast is likely to face a rise in sea level that could threaten its shorelines. Sea level rise and storm surges could lead to flooding of low-lying property, loss of coastal wetlands, erosion of cliffs and beaches, saltwater contamination of drinking water, and damage to roads, causeways, and bridges.

■ Existing Regional Air Quality

Measurements of ambient concentrations of the criteria pollutants are used by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the California Air Resource Board (CARB) to assess and classify the air quality of each air basin, county, or, in some cases, a specific urbanized area. The classification is determined by comparing actual monitoring data with national and State standards. If a pollutant concentration in an area is lower than the standard, the area is classified as being in “attainment” in that area. If the pollutant exceeds the standard, the area is classified as a “nonattainment” area. If there are not enough data available to determine whether the standard is exceeded in an area, the area is designated “unclassified.”

The entire Basin is designated as a national-level nonattainment area for ozone, CO, PM₁₀, and PM_{2.5}. The Basin is also a State-level nonattainment area for ozone, PM₁₀, and PM_{2.5}. As of April 2008, it is in attainment of both the national and State ambient air quality standards for SO₂, lead, and NO₂, which is a pure form of NO_x, and is in State attainment for CO.

The SCAQMD divides the Basin into thirty-eight source receptor areas (SRAs) in which thirty-two monitoring stations operate to monitor the various concentrations of air pollutants in the region. The City of Huntington Beach is located within SRA 18, which covers the Northern Coastal Orange County area. CARB also collects ambient air quality data through a network of air monitoring stations throughout the State. The data are summarized annually and published in CARB’s California Air Quality Data Summaries. The Costa Mesa-Mesa Verde Drive monitoring station is the nearest monitoring station to the proposed project site, and is approximately seven miles to the east of the proposed project site. This station currently monitors emission levels of ozone, CO, NO₂, and SO₂ but does not monitor the pollutant levels of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}. PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} levels were taken from SRA 17, which covers Central Orange County.

Table 4.2-1 (Summary of Ambient Air Quality in the Proposed Project Vicinity) identifies the national and State ambient air quality standards for relevant air pollutants, along with the ambient pollutant concentrations that have been measured at the Costa Mesa-Mesa Verde Drive monitoring station through the period from 2004 to 2006.

According to the air quality data shown in Table 4.2-1, the national 1-hour ozone standard has not been exceeded over the last three years in SRA 18, while the State 1-hour ozone standard was exceeded a total of two days over the last three years. The national 8-hour ozone standard was exceeded on one day over the last three years. No national or State standards for CO, NO₂, or SO₂ have been exceeded over the last three years within SRA 18. State PM₁₀ levels were found to be above the threshold seven times throughout 2006, while federal levels for PM_{2.5} were over the limit based on the most recent thresholds levels established in December of 2006 by the U.S. EPA.

Table 4.2-1 Summary of Ambient Air Quality in the Proposed Project Vicinity

<i>Air Pollutants Monitored Within SRA 18—Northern Coastal Orange County Area</i>	Year		
	2004	2005	2006
Ozone (O₃)			
Maximum 1-hour concentration measured	0.104	0.085	0.074
Number of days exceeding national 0.12 ppm 1-hour standard	0	0	0
Number of days exceeding State 0.09 ppm 1-hour standard	2	0	0
Maximum 8-hour concentration measured	0.087	0.072	0.062
Number of days exceeding national 0.08 ppm 8-hour standard	1	0	0
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)			
Maximum 1-hour concentration measured	0.097	0.085	0.101
Number of days exceeding State 0.25 ppm 1-hour standard	0	0	0
Annual average	0.016	0.014	0.015
Does measured annual average exceed national 0.0534 ppm annual average standard?	No	No	No
Carbon Monoxide (CO)			
Maximum 1-hour concentration measured	5 ppm	5 ppm	N/A
Number of days exceeding national 35.0 ppm 1-hour standard	0	0	0
Number of days exceeding State 20.0 ppm 1-hour standard	0	0	0
Maximum 8-hour concentration measured	4.07	3.16	3.01
Number of days exceeding national 9.5 ppm 8-hour standard	0	0	0
Number of days exceeding State 9.0 ppm 8-hour standard	0	0	0
Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂)			
Maximum 24-hour concentration measured	0.008	0.008	0.005
Number of days exceeding national 0.14 ppm 24-hour standard	0	0	0
Number of days exceeding State 0.04 ppm 24-hour standard	0	0	0
Respirable Particulate Matter (PM₁₀)			
Maximum 24-hour concentration measured (µg/m ³)	74	65	104
Number of days exceeding the national 150 µg/m ³ 24-hour standard	0	0	0
Number of days exceeding the State 50 µg/m ³	7	3	7
Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5})			
Maximum 24-hour concentration measured (µg/m ³)	56.2	54.7	56.2
Number of days exceeding the national 65 µg/m ³ 24-hour standard	0	0	0
Number of days exceeding the national 35 µg/m ³ ^a	~	~	8

SOURCE: CARB 2008, available at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ds.htm>, accessed April 22, 2008.

PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations are not measured in the Costa Mesa-Mesa Verde Drive monitoring station or in SRA 18. PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ levels were measured in SRA 17.

^a U.S. EPA has revised the federal 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard from 65 µg/m³ to 35 µg/m³; effective December 17, 2006.

■ Local Air Quality

Motor vehicles are the primary source of pollutants in the proposed project site vicinity. Local emissions sources also include stationary activities, such as space and water heating, landscape maintenance from leaf blowers and lawn mowers, consumer products, and mobile sources. The AES Huntington Beach Generating Station is located approximately seven miles south of the proposed project site, which is outside the ¼-mile radius that TACs are typically considered. Traffic-congested roadways and intersections have the potential to generate localized high levels of CO. Localized areas where ambient concentrations exceed national and/or State standards for CO are termed “CO hotspots.” Section 9.14 of the SCAQMD’s CEQA Air Quality Handbook identifies CO as a localized problem requiring additional analysis when a project is likely to subject sensitive receptors to CO hotspots. The SCAQMD defines typical sensitive receptors as residences, schools, playgrounds, childcare centers, athletic facilities, long-term health care facilities, rehabilitation centers, convalescent centers, and retirement homes.

The nearest sensitive receptor to the proposed project would be Golden West College, located approximately 160 feet west of the proposed project site. In addition to Golden West College, residential areas are located approximately 700 feet northeast of the proposed project site.

The SCAQMD has identified the use of CALINE4, a dispersion model for predicting CO concentrations, as the preferred method of estimating pollutant concentrations at sensitive receptors near congested roadways and intersections. For each intersection analyzed, CALINE4 adds roadway-specific CO emissions calculated from peak hour turning volumes to ambient CO air concentrations. For this analysis, localized CO concentrations were calculated based on a simplified CALINE4 screening procedure developed by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and accepted by the SCAQMD. The simplified model is intended as a screening analysis, which identifies a potential CO hotspot. This methodology assumes worst-case conditions and provides a screening of maximum, worst-case CO concentrations.

Maximum existing CO concentrations were calculated for the intersections evaluated in the proposed project traffic report, prepared by Austin-Foust Associates, that currently operate at Level of Service (LOS) D or worse, as these intersections indicated the locations of the highest potential CO concentrations due to vehicle idling. Five study intersections currently operate at LOS D or worse. The results of these calculations are presented in Table 4.2-2 (Existing Localized Carbon Monoxide Concentrations) for representative receptor locations at 25, 50, and 100 feet from each roadway. These distances were selected because they represent locations where a person may be living or working for one to eight hours at a time. The national 1-hour standard is 35.0 parts per million (ppm), and the State 1-hour standard is 20.0 ppm. The 8-hour national and State standards are both 9.0 ppm.

As shown in Table 4.2-2, under worst-case conditions, existing CO concentrations in the proposed project vicinity do not exceed national or State 1-hour and 8-hour ambient air quality standards. Therefore, CO hotspots do not currently exist near these intersections.

Table 4.2-2 Existing Localized Carbon Monoxide Concentrations

Intersection	CO Concentrations in Parts per Million ^{a,b}					
	25 Feet		50 Feet		100 Feet	
	1-Hour	8-Hour	1-Hour	8-Hour	1-Hour	8-Hour
Goldenwest Street and Bolsa Avenue	6.0	3.9	5.8	3.7	5.6	3.6
Beach Boulevard and Edinger Avenue	6.3	4.1	6.1	3.9	5.8	3.7
Beach Boulevard and Warner Avenue	6.2	4.0	6.0	3.9	5.8	3.7
Beach Boulevard and McFadden Avenue	6.1	3.9	5.9	3.8	5.7	3.6
Beach Boulevard and Bolsa Avenue	6.1	3.9	5.9	3.8	5.7	3.6

SOURCE: PBS&J, 2008. Calculation sheets are provided in Appendix B.

a. National 1-hour standard is 35.0 parts per million. State 1-hour standard is 20.0 parts per million.

b. National 8-hour standard is 9.0 parts per million. State 8-hour standard is 9.0 parts per million.

4.2.2 Regulatory Framework

Air quality within the Basin is addressed through the efforts of various federal, State, regional, and local government agencies. These agencies work jointly, as well as individually, to improve air quality through legislation, regulations, planning, policy-making, education, and a variety of programs. The agencies responsible for improving the air quality within the Basin are discussed below.

■ Federal

United States Environmental Protection Agency

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for setting and enforcing the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for atmospheric pollutants. It regulates emission sources that are under the exclusive authority of the federal government, such as aircraft, ships, and certain locomotives.

As part of its enforcement responsibilities, the EPA requires each state with federal nonattainment areas to prepare and submit a State Implementation Plan (SIP) that demonstrates the means to attain the national standards. The SIP must integrate federal, state, and local plan components and regulations to identify specific measures to reduce pollution, using a combination of performance standards and market-based programs within the time frame identified in the SIP.

■ State

California Air Resources Board

As part of the California EPA, CARB is responsible for the coordination and administration of both federal and state air pollution control programs within California. In this capacity, CARB conducts research, sets California Ambient Air Quality Standards, compiles emission inventories, develops suggested control measures, provides oversight of local programs, and prepares the SIP. CARB establishes emissions standards for motor vehicles sold in California, consumer products (e.g., hairspray,

aerosol paints, and barbecue lighter fluid), and various types of commercial equipment. It also sets fuel specifications to further reduce vehicular emissions.

California Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32)

In 2006, the California State Legislature adopted AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. AB 32 focuses on reducing GHG in California. GHG as defined under AB 32 include carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride. AB 32 requires the California Air Resources Board (CARB), the State agency charged with regulating statewide air quality, to adopt rules and regulations that would achieve greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to statewide levels in 1990 by 2020. On or before June 30, 2007, CARB is required to publish a list of discrete early action GHG emission reduction measures that can be implemented by 2010. The law further requires that such measures achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost effective reductions in GHGs from sources or categories of sources to achieve the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit for 2020.

AB 32 also requires that by January 1, 2008, CARB shall determine what the statewide greenhouse gas emissions level was in 1990, and approve a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit that is equivalent to that level, to be achieved by 2020. While the level of 1990 GHG emissions has not yet been approved, reported emissions vary from 425 to 468 Tg CO₂ Eq. In 2004, the emissions were estimated at 492 Tg CO₂ Eq (CEC 2006).

CARB published its final report for Proposed Early Actions to Mitigate Climate Change in California, which describes recommendations for discrete early action measures to reduce GHG emissions in October 2007. The measures included are part of California's strategy for achieving GHG reductions under AB 32. One of the sources for the potential measures includes the CAT Report. Three new regulations are proposed to meet the definition of "discrete early action greenhouse gas reduction measures," which include the following: a low carbon fuel standard; reduction of HFC-134a emissions from non-professional servicing of motor vehicle air conditioning systems; and improved landfill methane capture (CARB 2007). CARB estimates that by 2020, the reductions from those three measures would be approximately 13-26 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.

Under AB 32, CARB has the primary responsibility for reducing GHG emissions. However, the CAT Report contains strategies that can be undertaken by many other California agencies. In addition, CARB staff is working on several non-regulatory measures including guidance documents and protocols to encourage the public, local government and businesses to take positive steps to reduce GHG emissions. As of April 2008, CARB has not published 1990 emission levels.

California Code of Regulations Title 24

Although it was not originally intended to reduce greenhouse gases, California Code of Regulations Title 24 Part 6: California's Energy Efficiency Standards for Residential and Nonresidential Buildings were first established in 1978 in response to a legislative mandate to reduce California's energy consumption. The standards are updated periodically to allow consideration and possible incorporation of new energy efficiency technologies and methods. The latest amendments, made in October 2005,

currently require new homes to use half the energy they used only a decade ago. Energy efficient buildings require less electricity, and electricity production by fossil fuels results in greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, increased energy efficiency results in decreased greenhouse gas emissions.

California Assembly Bill 1493

California Assembly Bill 1493 (Pavley) enacted on July 22, 2002, required CARB to develop and adopt regulations that reduce GHG emitted by passenger vehicles and light duty trucks. Regulations adopted by CARB will apply to 2009 and later model year vehicles. CARB estimates that the regulation will reduce climate change emissions from the light duty passenger vehicle fleet by an estimated 18 percent in 2020 and by 27 percent in 2030 (CARB 2004).

Executive Order S-3-05

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced on June 1, 2005, through Executive Order S-3-05, the following GHG emission reduction targets: by 2010, reduce GHG emissions to 2000 levels; by 2020, reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels; by 2050, reduce GHG emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels. The California Climate Action Team's (CAT) Report to the Governor in 2006, contains recommendations and strategies to help ensure the targets in Executive Order S-3-05 are met (Cal EPA 2006).

Executive Order S-01-07

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger enacted Executive Order S-01-07 on January 18, 2007. The order mandates that a statewide goal shall be established to reduce the carbon intensity of California's transportation fuels by at least 10 percent by 2020. The process for meeting the 2020 target includes coordination between the California Environmental Protection Agency, the University of California, and the California Energy Commission to develop and propose, a draft compliance schedule to meet the 2020 Target by June 30, 2007. The order also requires that a Low Carbon Fuel Standard for transportation be established for California.

Senate Bill 1368

Senate Bill (SB) 1368 is the companion bill of AB 32 and was signed by Governor Schwarzenegger in September 2006. SB 1368 required the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to establish a GHG emission performance standard for baseload generation from investor-owned utilities by February 1, 2007. Similarly, the CEC was tasked with establishing a similar standard for local publicly-owned utilities by June 30, 2007. These standards cannot exceed the GHG emission rate from a baseload combined-cycle natural gas fired plant. The legislation further requires that all electricity provided to California, including imported electricity, must be generated from plants that meet the standards set by the PUC and the CEC. In January 2007, the PUC adopted an interim GHG Emissions Performance Standard, which requires that all new long-term commitments for baseload generation entered into by investor-owned utilities have emissions no greater than a combined cycle gas turbine plant (i.e., 1,100 pounds of CO₂ per megawatt-hour). A "new long-term commitment" refers to new plant investments (new construction), new or renewal contracts with a term of five years or more, or major investments by the utility in its

existing baseload power plants. In May 2007, the CEC approved regulations that prohibit the state's publicly owned utilities from entering into long-term financial commitments with plants that exceed the standard adopted by the PUC of 1,100 pounds of CO per megawatt hour.

Senate Bill 1078

SB 1078 establishes a renewable portfolio standard (RPS) for electricity supply. The RPS requires that retail sellers of electricity, including investor-owned utilities and community choice aggregators, provide 20 percent of their supply from renewable sources by 2017. This target date was moved forward by SB 1078 to require compliance by 2010. In addition, electricity providers subject to the RPS must increase their renewable share by at least 1 percent each year. The outcomes of this legislation will impact regional transportation powered by electricity.

Senate Bill 97

The provisions of Senate Bill 97, enacted in August 2007 as part of the State Budget negotiations, direct the Office of Planning and Research to propose CEQA Guidelines advising lead agencies how to mitigate the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions. OPR has been directed to promulgate such guidelines by July 2009, and the Resources Agency has been directed to adopt such guidelines by January 2010. At this time, however, there are no CEQA Guidelines or other formal direction from regulatory agencies regarding the analysis of greenhouse gas emissions.

Additional California Climate Change Initiatives

The Western Regional Climate Action Initiative was signed on February 26, 2007 by five states: Washington, Oregon, Arizona, New Mexico, and California. British Columbia, Canada joined on April 20, 2007. The Initiative calls for collaboration to identify, evaluate, and implement ways to reduce GHG emissions in the states collectively and to achieve related co-benefits. The Initiative calls for designing a regional market-based multi-sector mechanism, such as a load-based cap and trade program by August 2008. In addition, a multi-state registry will track, manage, and credit entities that reduce GHG emissions. California is also exploring the possibility of cap and trade systems for greenhouse gases. The Market Advisory Committee to CARB published draft recommendations for designing a greenhouse gas cap and trade system for California (Ontario 2007).

■ Regional

South Coast Air Quality Management District

The SCAQMD is the agency principally responsible for comprehensive air pollution control in the Basin. To that end, the SCAQMD, a regional agency, works directly with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), county transportation commissions, and local governments and cooperates actively with all federal and state government agencies. The SCAQMD develops rules and regulations, establishes permitting requirements for stationary sources, inspects emissions sources, and enforces such measures through educational programs or fines, when necessary.

The SCAQMD is directly responsible for reducing emissions from stationary (area and point), mobile, and indirect sources. It has responded to this requirement by preparing a sequence of air quality management plans (AQMPs). The most recent of these was adopted by the Governing Board of the SCAQMD on June 1, 2007, to update and revise the previous 2003 AQMP. The 2007 AQMP was prepared to comply with the federal and State Clean Air Acts and amendments, to accommodate growth, to reduce the high pollutant levels in the Basin, to meet federal and State ambient air quality standards, and to minimize the fiscal impact that pollution control measures have on the local economy. The purpose of the 2007 AQMP for the Basin is to set forth a comprehensive program that will lead the area into compliance with all federal and State air quality planning requirements. Compared with the 2003 AQMP, the 2007 AQMP utilizes revised emissions inventory projections that use 2003 as the base year, relies on the CARB on-road motor vehicle emissions model EMFAC2007 and the SCAG 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) forecast assumptions, updates the attainment demonstration for the federal standards for ozone, replaces the 2003 attainment demonstration for the federal CO standard and provides a basis for a maintenance plan for CO for the future, and updates the maintenance plan for the federal NO₂ standard that the Basin has met since 1992. In terms of working towards ozone attainment, the 2007 AQMP builds upon the 2003 AQMP. In terms of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} attainment, the PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} control strategy in the 2007 AQMP has augmented the 2003 AQMP with a number of additional PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} control measures.

The 2007 AQMP also addresses several State and federal planning requirements and incorporates significant new scientific data, primarily in the form of updated emissions inventories, ambient measurements, new meteorological episodes, and new air quality modeling tools. Specifically, the 2007 AQMP is designed to satisfy the California *Clean Air Act* (CCAA) tri-annual update requirements and fulfill the SCAQMD's commitment to update transportation emission budgets based on the latest approved motor vehicle emissions model and planning assumptions.

The 2007 AQMP control measures consist of (1) the District's Stationary and Mobile Source Control Measures; (2) CARB's Proposed State Strategy; (3) District Staff's Proposed Policy Options to Supplement CARB's Control Strategy; and (4) Regional Transportation Strategy and Control Measures provided by SCAG. Overall, there are thirty-one stationary and thirty mobile source measures that are defined under the 2007 AQMP. These measures primarily rely on the traditional command-and-control approach facilitated by market incentive programs, as well as advanced technologies expected to be implemented in the immediate future. The proposed control measures in the 2007 AQMP are based on implementation of all feasible control measures through the application of available technologies and management practices, as well as advanced technologies and control methods. The basic principles used in designing the District's control strategy were to (1) meet at least the same overall remaining emissions target of the 2003 SIP; (2) replace long-term measures with more specific near-term measures, where feasible; and (3) develop new short-term control measures and long-term strategies to achieve the needed reductions for attainment demonstration. Principal control measures of the 2007 AQMP focus on adoption of new regulations or enhancement of existing 2003 AQMP regulations for stationary sources and implementation/facilitation of advanced transportation technologies (i.e., zero emission and alternative-fueled vehicles and infrastructure; fuel cell vehicles; heavy-duty electric and hybrid-electric vehicles; and both capital and non-capital transportation improvements). Capital improvements consist of high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes; transit improvements; traffic flow improvements; park-and-ride

and intermodal facilities; and freeway, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities. Non-capital improvements consist of rideshare matching and transportation demand management activities derived from the congestion management program.

Programs set forth in the 2007 AQMP require the cooperation of all levels of government: local, regional, State, and federal. Each level is represented in the Plan by the appropriate agency or jurisdiction that has the authority over specific emissions sources. Accordingly, each agency or jurisdiction is associated with specific planning and implementation responsibilities.

■ Local

City of Huntington Beach General Plan

Local jurisdictions, such as the City of Huntington Beach, have the authority and responsibility to reduce air pollution through their police power and decision-making authority. Specifically, the City is responsible for the assessment and mitigation of air emissions resulting from its land use decisions. The City of Huntington Beach is also responsible for the implementation of transportation control measures as outlined in the AQMP. Examples of such measures include bus turnouts, energy-efficient streetlights, and synchronized traffic signals. In accordance with CEQA requirements and the CEQA review process, the City assesses the air quality impacts of new development projects, requires mitigation of potentially significant air quality impacts by conditioning discretionary permits, and monitors and enforces implementation of such mitigation.

In accordance with CEQA requirements, the City does not, however, have the expertise to develop plans, programs, procedures, and methodologies to ensure that air quality within the City and region will meet federal and state standards. Instead, the City relies on the expertise of the SCAQMD and utilizes the CEQA Air Quality Handbook as the guidance document for the environmental review of plans and development proposals within its jurisdiction. Applicable goals, objectives, and policies from the Air Quality Element of the General Plan are identified below.

Goal AQ 1 Improve regional air quality by a) decreasing reliance on single occupancy vehicular trips, b) increasing efficiency of transit, c) shortening vehicle trips through a more efficient jobs-housing balance and a more efficient land use pattern, and d) increasing energy efficiency.

Objective AQ 1.8 Reduce particulate emissions from paved and unpaved roads, parking lots, and road and building construction by 50 percent by 2000 as required by Southern California Air Quality Management District.

Policy AQ 1.8.1 Continue to enforce construction site guidelines that require truck operators to minimize particulate emission.

Policy AQ 1.8.2 Require installation of temporary construction facilities (such as wheel washers) and implementation of

construction practices that minimize dirt and soil transfer onto public roadways.

Objective AQ 1.9 Minimize sensitive uses (residential, hospitals, schools, etc.) exposure to toxic emissions.

Policy AQ 1.9.1 Assure that sufficient buffer areas exist between a sensitive use and a potential toxic emission source.

Objective AQ 1.10 Reduce the amount of energy consumed by commercial uses by 15 percent by 2000 and 30 percent by 2010. Reduce the amount of energy consumed by residential use by 4.5 percent by 1994 and 30 percent by 2010 as required by Southern California Air Quality Management District.

Policy AQ 1.10.1 Continue to require the utilization and installation of energy conservation features in all new construction.

Consistency Analysis

The proposed project would be consistent with the goals and policies of the City of Huntington Beach General Plan. The proposed project would develop a mixed-use residential and retail center in close proximity to transit and educational outlets such as Golden West College. The Golden West transportation center is located directly adjacent to and north of the proposed project site and provides mass transit access throughout the City as well as the County of Orange. As a result of the site's proximity to the transit station, as well as its proximity to nearby destinations, residents of the proposed project would be encouraged to use alternative modes of transportation, including mass transit, walking, and biking to reduce the amount of vehicle emissions attributed to shoppers and to students. Further, as a mixed-use project, residents would be able to purchase items from the retail portion of the proposed project, reducing vehicle trips that would otherwise be required. Therefore, the proposed project would be consistent with the goals and policies of the City's General Plan.

4.2.3 Project Impacts and Mitigation

■ Analytic Method

The analysis in this section focuses on the nature and magnitude of the change in the air quality environment due to implementation of the proposed project. Air pollutant emissions associated with the proposed project could result from construction activities, operation of the proposed project and project-related traffic volumes. Air quality impacts are estimated in relationship to the nearest schools, hospitals, convalescent homes, and other sensitive uses. The health of people on these properties may be adversely impacted if air emissions exceed a level deemed significant by federal or State agencies. The net increase in proposed project site emissions generated by these activities and other secondary sources have been quantitatively estimated and compared to thresholds of significance recommended by the SCAQMD.

Construction Emissions

Construction emissions are calculated by estimating the types and number of pieces of equipment that would be used to grade, excavate, and develop the proposed project site, construct the proposed mixed-use project, and plant new landscaping within the proposed project site. Construction emissions are analyzed according to the thresholds established by the SCAQMD. The construction activities associated with the proposed mixed-use project would cause diesel emissions, and would generate emissions of dust. Construction equipment within the proposed project site that would generate VOC and NO_x pollutants could include graders, dump trucks, and bulldozers. Some of this equipment would be used during grading activities as well as when the structure is developed on the proposed project site. It is assumed that all construction equipment used would be diesel-powered. Ozone, lead, and TACs are not anticipated to be emitted during construction of the proposed project. Although construction workers could be exposed to lead-based materials during demolition of the existing on-site buildings, precautions would be taken to ensure workers remain safe (refer to Section 4.6 [Hazards]). Ozone precursors, which include volatile organic compounds (VOC) and NO_x could be emitted during construction and are analyzed as part of the proposed project.

Operational Emissions

Operational emissions associated with the proposed project were estimated using the URBEMIS 2007 computer model developed for CARB and information provided in the traffic study prepared by Austin-Foust Associates for the proposed project. Operational emissions would be comprised of mobile source emissions and area source emissions. Mobile source emissions are generated by the increase in motor vehicle trips to and from the proposed project site associated with operation of the proposed mixed-use project. Area source emissions are generated by natural gas consumption for space and water heating, and landscape maintenance equipment. To determine if an air quality impact would occur, the increase in emissions was compared with the SCAQMD's recommended thresholds. Operation of the proposed project would not utilize lead-based materials and would not expose residents or patrons to lead poisoning. Operation of the proposed project could result in minimal TAC and ozone precursor emissions. Emissions of VOC and NO_x are precursors that combine in the atmosphere to produce ozone. Operational emissions of these criteria pollutants are measured as part of the proposed project. No ambient air quality standards currently exist for measuring TAC emissions.

Localized CO Concentrations

Localized CO concentrations are calculated based on a simplified CALINE4 screening procedure developed by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and utilized by the SCAQMD. As discussed previously, the simplified model is intended as a screening analysis, which identifies potential CO hotspots. This methodology assumes worst-case conditions and provides a screening of maximum, worst-case CO concentrations. The resulting emissions are compared with adopted national and State ambient air quality standards.

Localized Significance Thresholds for Construction

In addition to the daily air emission thresholds established by SCAQMD, potential localized impacts for certain criteria pollutants with regard to project-related emissions are calculated using a separate method. Localized Significance Thresholds (LSTs) represent the maximum emissions from a project that are not expected to cause or contribute to an exceedance of the most stringent applicable federal or State ambient air quality standard, and are developed based on the ambient concentrations of that pollutant for each source receptor area and distance to the nearest sensitive receptor. For smaller projects (up to and including 5 acres, such as the proposed project), LSTs were developed in response to the SCAQMD Governing Board's Environmental Justice Enhancement Initiative I-4.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions/Climate Change

Currently, no State or regional regulatory agency has formally adopted or agreed upon thresholds of significance for greenhouse gas emissions, or issued guidance regarding the analysis of greenhouse gas emissions in EIRs. CEQA Guidelines §15064.7 states that “each public agency is encouraged to develop and publish thresholds of significance that the agency uses in the determination of the significance of environmental effects.” This provides justification for lead agencies to determine their own climate change thresholds. The Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) recommends that “If a Lead Agency chooses to address GCC [Global Climate Change] in a [CEQA] document, it should be addressed in the context of a cumulative (versus project-specific) impact.” Additionally, the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) states, “To determine what emission reductions are required for new projects one would have to know accurately the 1990 budget and efficacy of other GHG promulgated regulations as a function of time. Since [C]ARB will not outline its regulation strategy for several more years, it is difficult to determine accurately what the new project reductions should be in the short term.” Additionally, the SCAQMD has not established significance thresholds; however, in a February 2008 communication with Dr. Steve Smith, Director of Programs—CEQA Section, the SCAQMD has taken the position that it would be “prudent to calculate GHG emissions in CEQA and NEPA documents.” Dr. Smith further stated, “It is correct that the SCAQMD, as well as most other public agencies, has not yet established significance thresholds for determining the significance of GHG emissions. With regard to determining significance, I agree that it is the lead agency’s responsibility to make such a determination. The California Air Pollution Control Officers Association in its CEQA & Climate Change white paper identifies a number of approaches that can be used to determine significance of GHG emissions. The SCAQMD does not necessarily endorse these approaches, but would not oppose their use as interim methodologies to determine GHG significance.”

Therefore, this EIR sought guidance as found in *CEQA & Climate Change; Evaluating and Addressing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Projects Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act* (CAPCOA 2008), and utilizes the following methods to assess the significance of the project’s cumulative contribution to global climate change:

1. **Inventory:** An inventory of project greenhouse gases (i.e., CO₂), including motor vehicles, energy use, and solid waste sources, is developed and compared with emissions from State sources.
2. **Compliance with AB 32:** Project compliance with the emission reduction strategies of the California Climate Action Team’s (CAT) Report to the Governor and the Attorney General’s

suggested Global Warming Mitigation Measures is assessed. The CAT report proposes a path to achieve the Governor's greenhouse gas reduction targets contained in Executive Order S-3-05. While the CAT report and Executive Order S-3-05 do not specifically mention CEQA, they do include a list of various measures that can be employed to achieve the GHG reduction targets. Project implementation of feasible and relevant actions listed in the emissions reduction strategies could be the basis for finding a less-than-significant project impact to global climate change in CEQA documents. Similar to Executive Order S-3-05, AB 32 also contains the same reduction target for the year 2020 (i.e., reduction of 2020 greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels).

3. **Incorporation of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Measures:** All circumstances where the project incorporates feasible greenhouse gas reduction features and mitigation are identified.

Further, the process used for this EIR was also recommended by The Office of Planning and Research in their paper *CEQA and Climate Change: Addressing Climate Change Through California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review*, published June 19, 2008.

Implementation of the proposed project would generate greenhouse gases through the construction and operation of new residential and commercial uses. Greenhouse gas emissions from the proposed project would specifically arise from proposed project construction and from sources associated with proposed project operation, including direct sources such as motor vehicles, natural gas consumption, solid waste handling/treatment, and indirect sources such as electricity generation. Emissions from these sources are estimated and presented below, under cumulative impacts.

The evaluation below calculates the projected emissions from the project as proposed. There are many characteristics of the proposed project that would reduce the total greenhouse gas emissions compared to a comparable level of development that would occur elsewhere in the region. In particular, as an infill project located within the center of an urban area and in immediate proximity to transit, the proposed project could result in a relatively high use of non-polluting modes of transportation (such as walking, biking, transit, etc.) The proposed project is an example of a type of project that could have much lower vehicle miles traveled (VMT) than a similar level of development elsewhere in the region due to its proximity to transit, as well as the type and mix of uses throughout the area. These same characteristics would reduce the per capita greenhouse gas emissions from the proposed project. Further, the Applicant intends to design the project to a "Build it Green"-equivalent standard, which would utilize efficient building design and product use as to reduce the proposed project's overall use of resources.

Also, it is valuable to note one important qualification regarding the calculation and inventory of the proposed project's greenhouse gas emissions. Models and methodologies used in this analysis evaluate and model aggregate emissions. With respect to the global impact of climate change, however, these models do not demonstrate how much these aggregate emissions relating to a particular project are "new" emissions specifically attributable to development pursuant to the proposed project. For example, while motor vehicle greenhouse gas emissions are calculated below, many (and perhaps the large majority of) drivers who will be going to and from the proposed development are already driving and generating greenhouse gas emissions in some other location, and they will effectively relocate those emissions as the proposed project is developed. Likewise, the residents who will generate solid waste greenhouse gas emissions, to some extent, are already generating such emissions elsewhere. Thus, in evaluating the proposed project's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions, these aggregate emission figures are

disclosed, but the determination of significance is based upon the consistency of the proposed project with AB 32 and mitigation measures such as those that have been recommended by the California Climate Action Team.

■ Thresholds of Significance

The following thresholds of significance are based on Appendix G of the 2008 CEQA Guidelines. For the purposes of this EIR, implementation of the proposed project may result in a potentially significant impact if the proposed project would cause either of the following results:

- Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?
- Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?
- Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?
- Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?
- Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

As the agency principally responsible for comprehensive air pollution control in the Basin, the SCAQMD recommends that projects should be evaluated in terms of air pollution control thresholds established by the SCAQMD and published in the CEQA Air Quality Handbook. These thresholds were developed by the SCAQMD to provide quantifiable levels that projects can be compared to. The City utilizes the SCAQMD's thresholds that are in effect at the time that development is proposed in order to assess the significance of quantifiable impacts. The following quantifiable thresholds are currently recommended by the SCAQMD. The City has identified these SCAQMD thresholds as appropriate for the determination of the significance of impacts.

Construction Emissions

The SCAQMD currently recommends that projects with construction-related emissions that exceed any of the following emissions thresholds should be considered significant. The SCAQMD also recommends that any construction-related emissions from individual development projects that exceed these thresholds be considered cumulatively considerable. These thresholds apply to individual development projects only; they do not apply to the emissions collectively generated by related projects:

- 550 pounds per day of CO
- 75 pounds per day of VOC
- 100 pounds per day of NO_x
- 150 pounds per day of SO_x
- 150 pounds per day of PM₁₀
- 55 pounds per day of PM_{2.5}

Operational Emissions

The SCAQMD currently recommends that projects with operational emissions that exceed any of the following emissions thresholds should be considered significant. The SCAQMD also recommends that any operational emissions from individual projects that exceed these thresholds be considered cumulatively considerable. These thresholds apply to individual development projects only; they do not apply to the emissions collectively generated by related projects:

- 550 pounds per day of CO
- 55 pounds per day of VOC
- 55 pounds per day of NO_x
- 150 pounds per day of SO_x
- 150 pounds per day of PM₁₀
- 55 pound per day of PM_{2.5}

In order to assess cumulative impacts, the SCAQMD recommends that projects be evaluated to determine whether they would be consistent with 2007 AQMP performance standards and project-specific emissions thresholds. In the case of the proposed project, air pollutant emissions would be considered to be cumulatively considerable if the new sources of emissions exceed SCAQMD project-specific emissions thresholds.

Localized Significance Thresholds

As described previously, LSTs were developed in response to the SCAQMD Governing Board’s Environmental Justice Enhancement Initiative (I-4). LSTs are only applicable for construction emissions of CO, NO₂, PM₁₀, and PM_{2.5}. LSTs do not apply to emissions during operation of the project. Due to the project’s overall size (less than 5 acres), the thresholds were taken from the SCAQMD's lookup table, which identifies specific thresholds for each SRA within the basin (refer to Table 6 below).

■ **Effects Not Found to Be Significant**

Threshold	Would the project create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?
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The proposed project does not propose, and would not facilitate, uses that are significant sources of objectionable odors. Potential sources of odor associated with the proposed project may result from construction equipment exhaust and application of asphalt and architectural coatings during construction activities, the temporary storage of typical household solid waste (refuse) associated with residential (long-term operational) uses, as well as odors produced from the various commercial uses, including restaurants. Standard construction requirements would be imposed upon the Applicant to minimize odors from construction. The construction odor emissions would be temporary, short-term, and intermittent in nature, and impacts associated with construction-generated odors are expected to be less than significant. It is expected that any project-generated refuse would be stored in covered containers and removed at regular intervals in compliance with the City’s solid waste regulations. Therefore, odors

associated with the proposed project construction and operation would be *less than significant*. No mitigation is required.

■ Impacts and Mitigation

Threshold	Would the project conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?
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Impact 4.2-1 **The proposed project would provide new sources of regional air emissions that could impair implementation of the Air Quality Management Plan. This impact would be *less than significant*.**

The 2007 AQMP, discussed previously, was prepared to accommodate growth, to reduce the high levels of pollutants within the areas under the jurisdiction of SCAQMD, to return clean air to the region, and to minimize the impact on the economy. Projects that are considered to be consistent with the AQMP would not interfere with attainment, because this growth is included in the projections used to formulate the AQMP. Therefore, projects, uses, and activities that are consistent with the applicable assumptions used in the development of the AQMP would not jeopardize attainment of the air quality levels identified in the AQMP, even if they exceed the SCAQMD's recommended daily emissions thresholds.

Projects that are consistent with the projections of employment and population forecasts identified in the Growth Management Chapter of the RCPG are considered consistent with the AQMP growth projections. In turn, projects that are consistent with City's General Plan are considered to be consistent with the Growth Management Chapter, as the General Plan forms the basis for population and employment forecasts in the RCPG. This is because the Growth Management Chapter forms the basis of the land use and transportation control portions of the AQMP.

The proposed project would develop a mixed-use residential and retail center within the City, resulting from a General Plan Amendment changing the land use designation from commercial to mixed-use. The proposed project proposes 440 residential units and approximately 10,000 square feet (sf) of retail space. As identified in the Population and Housing Section of this EIR (Section 4.10), the proposed project is anticipated to generate a residential population of 1,060 persons, assuming a factor of 2.41 residents per unit (Section 4.10). However, the Population and Housing section identified that the Applicant assumes a resident population closer to 611 residents through past experience with similar projects. Conservatively using the 1,060 SCAG population projections for 2015 (from which the AQMP bases its population projections) the proposed project would account for approximately 7 percent of the anticipated growth between current 2008 conditions and 2015, or approximately 0.49 percent of the City's total projected 2015 population, assuming full occupancy. Past residential projects within the City of Huntington Beach have not reached the full size allowed under the General Plan for those sites (Broeren 2008). Many of these projects have been developed to 70 percent of the total allowable size with the City not reaching its full population potential within the time frame previously anticipated (Broeren 2008).

By way of example, the majority of the City's new housing growth over the last ten years has occurred in the Holly Sea Cliff area. The total number of units built is 33 percent less than what could have been

built at allowed densities. Similarly, recent developments along the coast, Waterfront Residential and Boardwalk/Mystic Point, have developed at densities that are 20 and 50 percent less than permitted respectively (Broeren 2008). As a result, the City’s actual population increase has been below those projected by SCAG as well as the populations projected by the Department of Finance. The growth anticipated as part of the proposed project would fall well below the SCAG projections for population within the City of Huntington Beach, anticipated growth in the General Plan, and would be well below the projections used in the 2007 AQMP. As discussed previously, projects consistent with the City’s General Plan are considered consistent with the AQMP. Therefore, the proposed project would result in a *less-than-significant* impact and would not be in conflict with the existing AQMP.

Threshold	Would the project violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?
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Impact 4.2-2 Peak construction activities associated with the proposed project could generate emissions that exceed SCAQMD thresholds. This impact would be less than significant.

Construction activities associated with the proposed project would generally involve four stages: (1) demolition, (2) excavation and shoring, (3) construction (which includes concrete garage construction and building construction) and (4) final coating along with landscaping improvements and paving activities.

Because of the construction time frame and the normal day-to-day variability in construction activities, it is difficult, if not impossible, to precisely quantify the daily emissions associated with each phase of the proposed construction activities. Nonetheless, Table 4.2-3 (Estimated Peak Daily Construction Emissions in Pounds per Day) identifies daily emissions that are estimated to occur on peak construction days. These calculations assume that appropriate dust control measures would be implemented during each phase of development as required by SCAQMD Rule 403—Fugitive Dust, and that all other appropriate mitigation, such as routine equipment maintenance, has been used.

<i>Emissions Source</i>	<i>Peak Day Emissions in Pounds per Day</i>					
	<i>VOC</i>	<i>NO_x</i>	<i>CO</i>	<i>SO_x</i>	<i>PM₁₀^a</i>	<i>PM_{2.5}^a</i>
Demolition Phase (3 months)						
Construction Equipment	1.23	8.15	4.78	0.00	0.64	0.59
On-Road Vehicles	0.96	12.82	4.92	0.01	0.59	0.51
Fugitive Dust ^a	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.34	2.36
Worker Trips	0.04	0.07	1.13	0.00	0.01	0.00
<i>Maximum Daily Emissions</i>	<i>2.23</i>	<i>21.04</i>	<i>10.83</i>	<i>0.02</i>	<i>12.58</i>	<i>3.46</i>
SCAQMD Thresholds	75.0	100.0	550.0	150.0	150.0	55.0
Significant Impact?	No	No	No	No	No	No

Table 4.2-3 Estimated Peak Daily Construction Emissions in Pounds per Day

<i>Emissions Source</i>	<i>Peak Day Emissions in Pounds per Day</i>					
	<i>VOC</i>	<i>NO_x</i>	<i>CO</i>	<i>SO_x</i>	<i>PM₁₀^a</i>	<i>PM_{2.5}^a</i>
Site Grading (4 months)						
Construction Equipment	3.18	26.46	12.98	0.00	1.33	1.23
On-Road Vehicles	2.51	33.41	12.82	0.04	1.53	1.33
Fugitive Dust ^a	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.86	2.27
Worker Trips	0.04	0.07	1.13	0.00	0.01	0.00
<i>Maximum Daily Emissions</i>	<i>5.73</i>	<i>59.93</i>	<i>26.92</i>	<i>0.04</i>	<i>13.74</i>	<i>4.83</i>
SCAQMD Thresholds	75.0	100.0	550.0	150.0	150.0	55.0
Significant Impact?	No	No	No	No	No	No
Construction Phase (15 months)						
Construction Equipment	1.21	9.16	4.81	0.06	0.58	0.53
Vendor Trips	0.98	11.31	8.74	0.00	0.55	0.46
Worker Trips	1.07	2.00	33.8	0.00	0.30	0.16
<i>Maximum Daily Emissions</i>	<i>3.25</i>	<i>22.48</i>	<i>47.43</i>	<i>0.06</i>	<i>1.42</i>	<i>1.15</i>
SCAQMD Thresholds	75.0	100.0	550.0	150.0	150.0	55.0
Significant Impact?	No	No	No	No	No	No
Paving (2 month)						
Construction Equipment	1.89	11.26	6.91	0.00	0.98	0.90
On-Road Vehicles	0.02	0.22	0.09	0.00	0.01	0.01
Worker Trips	0.05	0.10	1.71	0.00	0.02	0.01
<i>Maximum Daily Emissions</i>	<i>1.95</i>	<i>11.58</i>	<i>8.70</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>1.00</i>	<i>0.92</i>
SCAQMD Thresholds	75.0	100.0	550.0	150.0	150.0	55.0
Significant Impact?	No	No	No	No	No	No
Architectural Coating (3 month)						
Architectural Coating ^b	43.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Worker Trips	0.06	0.11	1.93	0.00	0.02	0.01
<i>Maximum Daily Emissions</i>	<i>43.50</i>	<i>0.11</i>	<i>1.93</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.02</i>	<i>0.01</i>
SCAQMD Thresholds	75.0	100.0	550.0	150.0	150.0	55.0
Significant Impact?	No	No	No	No	No	No

SOURCE: PBS&J, 2008. Calculation sheets are provided in Appendix B.

^a Assumes watering of the proposed project site would occur three times per day.

^b Assumes the use of low VOC paints on all surfaces of the proposed project.

As shown, construction-related daily emissions would not exceed SCAQMD significance thresholds during any phase of the proposed project.

The following standard City requirements (CR) shall be implemented (and complied with prior to issuance of any grading permit) as part of the proposed project to improve air quality emissions generated by construction activities associated with the proposed project.

- CR4.2-1** *Prior to issuance of any grading permit, the name and phone number of the contractor's superintendent hired by the Applicant shall be submitted to the Departments of Planning and Public Works. In addition, clearly visible signs shall be posted on the perimeter of the site every 250 feet indicating who shall be contacted for information regarding this development and any construction/grading-related concerns. This contact person shall be available immediately to address any concerns or issues raised by adjacent property owners during the construction activity. He/She will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions herein, specifically, grading activities, truck routes, construction hours, noise, etc. Signs shall include the Applicant's contact number regarding grading and construction activities, and "1-800-CUTSMOG" in the event there are concerns regarding fugitive dust and compliance with SCAQMD Rule No. 403.*
- CR4.2-2** *Prior to issuance of any grading permit, the Applicant shall notify all property owners and tenants within 300 feet of the perimeter of the property of a tentative grading schedule at least 30 days prior to such grading.*
- CR4.2-3** *Prior to issuance of any grading permit or surcharge activities, the Applicant shall demonstrate that the grading/erosion control plan will abide by the provisions of AQMD's Rule 403 as related to fugitive dust control.*
- CR4.2-4** *During grading, the construction disturbance area shall be kept as small as possible.*
- CR4.2-5** *Prior to issuance of any grading permit wind barriers shall be installed along the perimeter of the site and/or around areas being graded.*

Mitigation measure **MM4.2-1** would require all construction equipment be turned off when not in use, to reduce vehicular emissions.

- MM4.2-1** *During construction, operators of any gas or diesel fueled equipment, including vehicles, shall be encouraged to turn off equipment if not in use or left idle for more than five minutes.*

The identified City Requirements would further reduce construction emissions. Mitigation measure **MM4.2-2** would require the use of low VOC paints on all exterior surfaces at the proposed project site.

- MM4.2-2** *The Applicant shall require by contract specifications that the architectural coating (paint and primer) products used would have a low VOC rating. Contract specifications shall be included in the proposed project construction documents, which shall be reviewed by the City prior to issuance of a building permit.*

Mitigation measure **MM4.2-2** would require the use of low VOC paint for proposed project coating, ensuring that VOC emissions would remain below the thresholds established by the SCAQMD, as identified in Table 4.2-3. Therefore, construction impacts of the proposed project would be *less than significant*.

Threshold	Would the project violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?
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Impact 4.2-3 **Daily operation of the project would not generate emissions that exceed SCAQMD thresholds. This impact would be *less than significant*.**

Operational emissions generated by both stationary and mobile sources would result from normal day-to-day activities on the proposed project site after occupation. Stationary area source emissions would be generated by the consumption of natural gas for space and water heating devices, and the operation of landscape maintenance equipment. Mobile emissions would be generated by the motor vehicles traveling to and from the proposed project site.

The analysis of daily operational emissions has been prepared utilizing the URBEMIS 2007 computer model recommended by the SCAQMD. The results of these calculations for the proposed project are presented in Table 4.2-4 (Project Daily Operational Emissions).

<i>Emissions Source</i>	<i>Emissions in Pounds per Day</i>					
	<i>VOC</i>	<i>NO_x</i>	<i>CO</i>	<i>SO_x</i>	<i>PM₁₀</i>	<i>PM_{2.5}</i>
Source Emissions	23.98	4.45	5.13	0.00	0.02	0.02
Vehicle	20.98	26.48	242.79	0.26	43.23	8.43
<i>Maximum Daily Emissions</i>	<i>44.96</i>	<i>30.93</i>	<i>247.92</i>	<i>0.26</i>	<i>43.25</i>	<i>8.45</i>
Thresholds (lb/day)	55.00	55.00	550.00	150.00	150.00	55.00
Significant Impact	No	No	No	No	No	No

SOURCE: PBS&J, 2008. Computer sheets are provided in Appendix B.

As shown, operation of the proposed project would not generate daily emissions that exceed the thresholds of significance recommended by the SCAQMD and this impact would be *less than significant*.

Threshold	Would the project expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?
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Impact 4.2-4 **The proposed project would generate increased local traffic volumes, but would not cause localized CO concentrations at nearby intersections to exceed national or state standards. This impact would be *less than significant*.**

Project-generated traffic could contribute to decreased levels of service at nearby intersections, resulting in additional vehicle emissions and longer vehicle idling times at and near study area intersections. These circumstances could lead to CO hot spots that may affect adjacent sensitive receptors. The simplified CALINE4 screening procedure was used to predict future CO concentrations at the study area intersections that are projected to operate at LOS D or worse with buildout of the proposed project, as

these intersections indicated the locations of the highest potential CO concentrations due to vehicle idling. Similar to existing conditions, only six of the sixteen study intersections are projected to operate at LOS D or worse at project buildout (identified in Table 4.2-5 [Carbon Monoxide Concentrations at Selected Intersections]).

The results of these calculations are presented in Table 4.2-5 for representative receptor location at 25 feet from the intersection.

Table 4.2-5 Carbon Monoxide Concentrations at Selected Intersections				
Intersection	Carbon Monoxide Concentrations (ppm) at 25 feet			
	1-Hour Average Existing (2008)	1-Hour Average Future (2014)	8-Hour Average Existing (2008)	8-Hour Average Future (2014)
Goldenwest Street and Bolsa Avenue	6.0	5.0	3.9	3.2
Beach Boulevard and Edinger Avenue	6.3	5.0	4.1	3.2
Beach Boulevard and Heil Avenue	6.1	5.0	4.0	3.2
Beach Boulevard and Warner Avenue	6.2	5.0	4.0	3.2
Beach Boulevard and McFadden Avenue	6.1	5.0	3.9	3.2
Beach Boulevard and Bolsa Avenue	6.1	5.0	3.9	3.2

SOURCE: PBS&J, 2008; Calculation sheets are provided in Appendix B.
 National 1-hour standard is 35.0 parts per million. State 1-hour standard is 20.0 parts per million.
 Federal 8-hour standard is 9.0 parts per million. State 8-hour standard is 9.0 parts per million.

As shown, future CO concentrations near these intersections would not exceed national or State ambient air quality standards. Therefore, CO hotspots would not occur near this nor any other intersection within the study area in the future as a result of the proposed project, and the contribution of project traffic-related CO at these intersections would be less than established thresholds. This impact would be *less than significant*.

Threshold	Would the project expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?
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Impact 4.2-5 **The proposed project would increase concentrations of criteria air pollutants in the project vicinity during construction activities, but would not result in or expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations. This impact would be *less than significant*.**

As stated previously, the SCAQMD defines typical sensitive receptors as residences, schools, playgrounds, childcare centers, athletic facilities, long-term health care facilities, rehabilitation centers, convalescent centers, and retirement homes. The nearest sensitive receptors in the proposed project vicinity that have the potential to be affected by construction activities would be students at Golden West College, located approximately 160 feet west of the proposed project site.

To determine potential criteria pollutant concentrations during construction activities, the SCAQMD has developed LSTs to determine maximum allowable concentrations for projects 5 acres or less in total area for CO, NO₂, PM₁₀, and PM_{2.5}. The proposed project site is approximately 3.8 acres in size, and construction emissions are therefore comparable to the LSTs identified in the look-up tables. Total worst-case construction emissions for the proposed project are included in Table 4.2-6 (Total Construction Emissions and Localized Significance Thresholds). Table 4.2-6 compares the total worst-case construction emissions to the LSTs for SRA 18, where the proposed project is located. As shown in Table 4.2-6, the proposed project would not result in substantial pollution concentration at sensitive receptors during construction activities. Since construction of the proposed project would not expose sensitive receptors to substantial concentrations of criteria pollutants and this impact would be *less than significant*. CR 4.2-1 through CR 4.2-5 would apply to this impact and ensure that criteria pollutants would not exceed SCAQMD established thresholds.

<i>Air Pollutant</i>	<i>Maximum Daily Construction Emissions</i>	<i>Thresholds of Significance^a</i>	<i>Quantity of Pollutant Exceeding Threshold</i>	<i>Significant Impact?</i>
CO	47.43 lbs/day	3,370 lbs/day	0	No
NO ₂	59.93 lbs/day	390 lbs/day	0	No
PM ₁₀	13.74 lbs/day	85 lbs/day	0	No
PM _{2.5}	4.83 lbs/day	35 lbs/day	0	No

SOURCE: PBS&J, 2008; SCAQMD, *Localized Significance Threshold Methodology*, February 2005.

a Thresholds of Significance are measured at 50 meters from the proposed project site.

4.2.4 Cumulative Impacts

Threshold	Would the project result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is in nonattainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?
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There are eight projects located within 1 mile of the proposed project site that are currently planned or in construction. SCAQMD's approach to determining cumulative air quality impacts for criteria air pollutants is to first determine whether or not the proposed project would result in a significant project-level impact to regional air quality based on SCAQMD significance thresholds. As discussed in Impact 3, the proposed project would have a less-than-significant impact for construction and operational emissions. A significant cumulative impact may occur if a project would add a cumulatively considerable contribution of a federal or State non-attainment pollutant. Because the Basin is currently in nonattainment for ozone (for which VOC and NO_x are precursors) and PM₁₀ under national and State standards, and is in nonattainment for CO under national standards, projects could cumulatively exceed an air quality standard or contribute to an existing or projected air quality exceedance. With regard to determining the significance of the proposed project's contribution, the SCAQMD neither recommends quantified analyses of cumulative construction or operational emissions, nor provides separate

methodologies or thresholds of significance to be used to assess cumulative construction or operational impacts. Instead, the SCAQMD recommends that a project’s potential contribution to cumulative impacts should be assessed using the same significance criteria as those for project-specific impacts; that is, individual development projects that generate construction-related or operational emissions that exceed the SCAQMD-recommended daily thresholds for project-specific impacts would also cause a cumulatively considerable increase in emissions for those pollutants for which the Basin is in nonattainment.

As discussed in Impact 2, construction-related daily emissions associated with proposed project development would not exceed SCAQMD significance thresholds during construction activities. Therefore, the emissions generated by construction of the proposed project would not be cumulatively considerable and would not constitute a substantial contribution to an existing or projected air quality violation. Further, the identified mitigation measures and city requirements would ensure emissions resulting from construction remain less than significant.

Thus, the proposed project would not make a cumulatively considerable contribution with regard to criteria pollutants, and this cumulative impact would be *less than significant*.

Threshold	Would the project make a substantial contribution to greenhouse gas emissions?
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Construction and operation of the proposed project would contribute to greenhouse gas emissions. However, due to the type and size of the proposed project, in addition to design features and greenhouse gas emission reduction measures incorporated into the proposed project, this cumulative impact would be considered *less than significant*. Construction of the proposed project is estimated to last approximately 24 months. During that time, demolition, grading, and building construction would occur. Construction of the proposed project would result in greenhouse gas emissions, particularly CO₂. Table 4.2-7 (Estimated CO₂ Construction Emissions, 2009–2011) identifies the amount of CO₂ that is estimated to be produced during construction.

<i>Construction Activity</i>	<i>Tons CO₂ Produced</i>
Demolition (2009)	79.67
Mass Grading (2009 and 2010)	214.92
Building (2010-2011)	840.36
Paving (2011)	26.46
Coating (2011)	8.00
<i>Total CO₂ Project Construction Emissions</i>	<i>1,169.41</i>

SOURCE: URBEMIS 2007 (output data is provided in Appendix B).

Operation of the proposed project would also contribute to the annual tons of greenhouse gases emitted from the City of Huntington Beach. Operational emissions would primarily result from mobile sources, particularly motor vehicles traveling to and from the site. Other emissions would result from stationary

sources used at the proposed project site. These could include natural gas combustion for heating and electricity consumption. Area (stationary) source emissions during operation are anticipated to result in 1,027 tons of CO₂ per year. Operational (mobile source) emissions are estimated to result in 4,575 tons per year. Operational (stationary) CO₂ emissions are identified in Table 4.2-8 (Estimated CO₂ Operational Emissions [Per Year]) and compared to the State of California stationary CO₂ emissions from 2004.

<i>Geographic Region and Emissions Source</i>	<i>CO₂ (tons)</i>
State of California (2004)	484,400,000 million
Proposed Project	5,602

SOURCE: PBS&J, 2008.
California Air Resource Boards. Inventory from 1990 to 2004. Available at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/inventory/data/data.htm> Accessed May 16, 2008.

As identified in Table 4.2-8, the proposed project is estimated to generate (worst-case scenario) approximately 5,602 tons of CO₂ each year, which accounts for less than 0.001 percent of the State's 2004 CO₂ emissions (2004 is the most recent data available). Additionally, as identified below, the proposed project, as well as the City of Huntington has numerous programs and policies in place that would further reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, operation of the proposed project is anticipated to have a *less-than-significant* impact on climate change as it would introduce a negligible increase in the cumulative sphere of climate change emissions. This cumulative impact is based solely on the quantified data available for the proposed project and does not represent an accepted threshold under CEQA, as there are currently no established thresholds for greenhouse gas emissions or climate change.

Since the proposed project involves residential and commercial uses, solid waste generated by development under The Ripcurl project would also contribute to greenhouse gas emissions. Treatment and disposal of municipal, industrial, and other solid waste produces significant amounts of CH₄. In addition to CH₄, solid waste disposal sites also produce biogenic CO₂ and non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOCs) as well as smaller amounts of N₂O, nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and carbon monoxide (CO). CH₄ produced at solid waste sites contributes approximately 3 to 4 percent to the annual global anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions (IPCC 2006).

CH₄ and CO₂ emissions from solid waste generated by development under the proposed project were estimated based on formulas provided in the State Workbook: Methodologies for Estimating Greenhouse Gas Emissions (pages 5-1 to 5-3). Estimates were obtained by multiplying the tons of solid waste landfilled annually (provided in Section 4.14 by the percent of degradable material they contain, by the percent dissimilated, and by the pounds of gas produced per pound of biomass). Landfill gas is approximately 50 percent CH₄ and 50 percent CO₂. Total project emission of greenhouse gases from landfill material is shown in Table 4.2-9 (Project Operational Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Solid Waste) below. N₂O emissions from landfills are considered negligible (because the microbial environment in landfills is not very conducive to the nitrification and denitrification processes that result

in N₂O emissions) and are; therefore, not explicitly modeled as part of greenhouse gas emissions generated through solid waste.

Table 4.2-9 Project Operational Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Solid Waste

<i>Geographic Region and Emissions Source</i>	<i>Solid Waste (tons/year)^a</i>	<i>CH₄ CO₂e (tons)</i>	<i>CO₂ (tons)</i>	<i>Total CO₂e (tons)</i>
State of California (2005)	38,789,018	33,618,907	2,801,576	36,420,483
City of Huntington Beach (2005)	136,195	118,160	9,831	127,991
Project	332.15	287.9	24.0	312

SOURCE: PBS&J, 2008. California Integrated Waste Management Board. California Waste Stream Profiles. <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Profiles/>

a Landfill gas emissions = tons landfilled x.22x.77x.67.

Development under the proposed project would use electricity for its residential, retail and other components, which would contribute to greenhouse gas emissions. The generation of electricity through the combustion of fossil fuels typically yields CO₂ and, to a much smaller extent, CH₄ and N₂O. In order to determine emissions from electricity consumption, annual electricity use must be established. The project related electricity emissions were estimated by using project electricity and natural gas use estimates (see Section 4.14 [Utilities and Service Systems] of this EIR). The emissions factors for electricity use and natural gas combustion were obtained from the California Climate Action Registry (CCAR 2007). Greenhouse gas emissions from these two sources are as shown in Table 4.2-10 (Project Operational Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Electricity Use) and Table 4.2-11 (Project Operational Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Natural Gas Combustion) below.

Table 4.2-10 Project Operational Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Electricity Use

<i>Geographic Region and Emissions Source</i>	<i>Energy Use MWh/year</i>	<i>N₂O (Tons)^a</i>	<i>N₂O CO₂e (Tons)</i>	<i>CO₂ (Tons)^b</i>	<i>CH₄M (Tons)^c</i>	<i>CH₄ CO₂e (Tons)</i>	<i>Total CO₂e (Tons)</i>
State of California (2005)	272,449,000	504	156,250	109,598,059	913	19,167	109,773,476
Project	2,611	0.0 d	1.5	1,050	0.0d	0.2	1,052

SOURCE: PBS&J, 2008. California Energy Commission. California Energy Demand 2008-2016. November 2007.

a Emissions Factor of .0037 was used for N₂O.

b Emissions Factor of 804.54 was used for CO₂.

c Emissions Factor of .0067 was used for CH₄.

d Value is equal to or less than 0.4 tons.

Operation of development under the proposed project is anticipated to have a *less-than-significant* impact on climate change as it would introduce a negligible increase in the cumulative sphere of climate change emissions. This cumulative impact is based solely on the quantified data available for the proposed project and does not represent an accepted threshold under CEQA, as there are currently no established thresholds for greenhouse gas emissions or climate change.

Table 4.2-11 Project Operational Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Natural Gas Combustion

<i>Geographic Region and Emissions Source</i>	<i>Energy Use Therms/year</i>	<i>N₂O (Tons)^a</i>	<i>N₂O CO₂e (Tons)</i>	<i>CO₂ (Tons)^b</i>	<i>CH₄ M (Tons)^c</i>	<i>CH₄ CO₂e (Tons)</i>	<i>Total CO₂e (Tons)</i>
State of California (2005)	13,039,000,000	144	44,556	75,888,858	8,480	178,080	76,111,494
Project	355,392	0.0 ^c	1.2	2,068	0.23	4.9	2,075

SOURCE: PBS&J, 2008. California Energy Commission. California Energy Demand 2008-2016. November 2007.

a Data from 2004 Statewide Inventory.

b Same source.

c Calculated for each area by multiplying annual kWh per year of energy use x natural gas emissions factor.

d Value is equal to or less than 0.4 tons.

The following mitigation measures (Table 4.2-12 [CAPCOA Mitigation Measures Applicable to the Proposed Project]) were identified in Appendix B of the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association's (CAPCOA) CEQA and Climate Change paper published in January 2008. The paper identifies measures that can be taken as well as the effectiveness of such measures at reducing climate change emissions. The proposed project would adhere to the following measures during construction and operation. These mitigation measures would further ensure that construction and operational impacts from the proposed project remain less than significant with respect to climate change.

Table 4.2-12 CAPCOA Mitigation Measures Applicable to the Proposed Project

<i>CAPCOA Measure</i>	<i>Emission Reduction/Effective</i>	<i>Description</i>
MM T-1: Bike Parking	1%-5%/High: CCAP presents combined % reductions for a range of mitigation measures (Dierkers et al. 2007). SMAQMD allocates combined reductions among individual measures (e.g., 2.5% reduction for all bicycle-related measures and one-quarter of 2.5% for each individual measure) (TIAX 2005, EDAW 2006, SMAQMD 2007).	The proposed project would provide plentiful short- and long-term bicycle parking facilities to meet peak demand (generally one bike rack space per 20 vehicle/employee space).
MM T-3: Bike parking at multi-unit residential		The proposed project would provide secure, long-term bicycle parking for residents of the proposed project.
MM T-5: Pedestrian Network	1%-10%/High: CCAP presents combined % reductions for a range of mitigation measures (Dierkers et al. 2007). SMAQMD allocates 1% for each individual measure (TIAX 2005, EDAW 2006, SMAQMD 2007).	The proposed project would provide a pedestrian access network that internally links all uses and connects to all existing/planned external streets and pedestrian facilities contiguous with the project site. Project design includes a designated pedestrian route interconnecting all internal uses, site entrances, primary building entrances, public facilities, and adjacent uses to existing external pedestrian facilities and streets. The route would have minimal conflict with parking and automobile circulation facilities. Pedestrian facilities and improvements such as grade separation, wider sidewalks, and traffic calming would be implemented wherever feasible to minimize pedestrian barriers. All site entrances would provide pedestrian access.
MM T-18: Reduced/No Parking Fee for EVs/CNG Vehicles	NA/Low	The proposed project would provide a reduced/no parking fee for EVs/CNG vehicles.

Table 4.2-12 CAPCOA Mitigation Measures Applicable to the Proposed Project

<i>CAPCOA Measure</i>	<i>Emission Reduction/Effective</i>	<i>Description</i>
MM D-1: Office/Mixed Use Density	0.05%-2%/Moderate: This range is from SMAQMD, depending on FAR and headway frequencies (Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates 2005, EDAW 2006, SMAQMD 2007).	The proposed project would provide high density office or mixed-use proximate to transit. The project would also provide safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle access to all transit stops within one-quarter mile.
MM D-4: Residential Density (Employ Sufficient Density for New Residential Development to Support the Use of Public Transit)	1%-40%/High: #7, EPA presents a range of 32%-40% (EPA 2006). SMAQMD presents a range of 1%-12% depending on density and headway frequencies (Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates 2005, JSA 2005, EDAW 2006, SMAQMD 2007). Nelson/Nygaard presents a trip reduction formula: Trip Reduction = $0.6 * (1 - (19749 * ((4.814 + \text{households per residential acre}) / (4.814 + 7.14)) - 0.639) / 25914)$.	The proposed project would generate high-density residential development. Existing transit facilities would be located within one-quarter mile of project border. The proposed project would provide safe and convenient bicycle/pedestrian access to all transit stop(s) within one-quarter mile of project border.
MM D-7: Affordable Housing Component	0.4%-6%/Moderate: SMAQMD presents this % reduction (Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates 2005, EDAW 2006, SMAQMD 2007).	Residential development projects of five or more dwelling units provide a deed-restricted low-income housing component on-site (or as defined in the code). Developers who pay into In-Lieu Fee Programs are not considered eligible to receive credit for this measure. The award of emission reduction credit shall be based only on the proportion of affordable housing developed on-site because in-lieu programs simply induce a net increase in development. Percentage reduction shall be calculated according to the following formula: % reduction = % units deed-restricted below market rate housing * 0.04. The proposed project would adhere to this measure by including low-income units.
MM D-9: Urban Mixed-Use	3%-9%/Moderate: SMAQMD presents this % reduction (TIAX 2005, EDAW 2006, SMAQMD 2007).	Development of projects predominantly characterized by properties on which various uses, such as office, commercial, institutional, and residential, are combined in a single building or on a single site in an integrated development project with functional interrelationships and a coherent physical design. The proposed project would adhere to this measure.
MM D-12: Infill Development	3%-30%/High: Infill development reduces vehicle trips and VMT by 3% and 20%, respectively (Fehr & Peers 2007). CCAP identifies a site level VMT reduction range of 20%-30% (Dierkers et al. 2007).	The proposed project site is on a vacant infill site that is highly accessible to regional destinations, where the destinations rating of the development site (measured as the weighted average travel time to all other regional destinations) is improved by 100% when compared to an alternate greenfield site.
MM D-14: Enhanced Recycling/Waste Reduction, Reuse, Composting	NA/Low	The proposed project would provide infrastructure/education that promotes the avoidance of products with excessive packaging, recycle, buying of refills, separating of food and yard waste for composting, and using rechargeable batteries.

Table 4.2-12 CAPCOA Mitigation Measures Applicable to the Proposed Project

<i>CAPCOA Measure</i>	<i>Emission Reduction/Effective</i>	<i>Description</i>
MM E-16: Energy Efficient Appliance Standard	NA/Low	The proposed project would utilize energy efficient appliances, such as those identified as Energy Star.

SOURCE: CAPCOA 2008

The identified emissions reductions are based on information provided by CAPCOA's CEQA and Climate Change report, published in January of 2008.

Project Compliance with AB 32

In addition to the mitigation measures identified in Table 4.2-12 that would apply to The Ripcurl project, the proposed project would comply with AB 32 through the implementation of design guidelines and other project requirements that would further reduce the proposed project's overall contribution to Climate Change. Under AB 32, CARB has the primary responsibility for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. However, the CAT Report contains strategies that many other California agencies can implement. The CAT published a public review draft of Proposed Early Actions to Mitigate Climate Change in California in 2007. Most of the strategies were in the 2006 CAT Report or are similar to the 2006 CAT strategies. As the 2007 report is only a draft and is not the final, this assessment will assess project compliance with the 2006 CAT Report. The 2006 CAT Report strategies that apply to the proposed project are contained in Table 4.2-13 (Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Mitigation Measures/Design Strategies) below. As shown in Table 4.2-13, the proposed project complies with all feasible and applicable measures to bring California to the emission reduction targets. Therefore, the proposed project would be in compliance with AB 32.

Table 4.2-13 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Mitigation Measures/Design Strategies

<i>California Climate Change Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Strategies</i>	<i>Proposed Project Design/Mitigation Measure for Compliance</i>
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CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ACTION TASKFORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation-Related Emissions

CAT Standard

Vehicle Climate Change Standards: AB 1493 (Pavley) required the state to develop and adopt regulations that achieve the maximum feasible and cost-effective reduction of climate change emissions emitted by passenger vehicles and light duty trucks. Regulations were adopted by the ARB in September 2004.

CAT Standard

Other Light Duty Vehicle Technology: New standards would be adopted to phase in beginning in the 2017 model.

CAT Standard

Heavy-Duty Vehicle Emission Reduction Measures:

Increased efficiency in the design of heavy-duty vehicles and an education program for the heavy-duty vehicle sector.

These are CARB enforced standards and vehicles that access the proposed project are required to comply with the standards. Therefore, the proposed project would be required to be consistent with these strategies, where applicable.

Table 4.2-13 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Mitigation Measures/Design Strategies

<i>California Climate Change Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Strategies</i>	<i>Proposed Project Design/Mitigation Measure for Compliance</i>
<p>CAT Standard</p> <p>Diesel Anti-Idling: In July 2004, the CARB adopted a measure to limit diesel-fueled commercial motor vehicle idling.</p> <p>Post signs that restrict idling; education for truck drivers regarding diesel health impacts.</p>	<p>The proposed project would encourage limiting vehicle idling time during construction to five minutes or less (see mitigation measure MM4.2-1).</p> <p>The proposed project would encourage compliance with CARB's requirement of July 22, 2004 to limit emissions from idling trucks and buses. Operators of commercial trucks and buses are encouraged to manually shut off their engines before the idling time limit of five minutes is reached. The proposed project would place signs in delivery areas instructing operators of the idling restrictions.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy</p> <p>Diesel Anti-Idling: Set specific limits on idling time for commercial vehicles, including delivery vehicles.</p>	<p>The proposed project would encourage limiting vehicle idling time during construction to five minutes or less (see mitigation measure MM4.2-1).</p> <p>The proposed project would encourage compliance with CARB's requirement of July 22, 2004 to limit emissions from idling trucks and buses. Operators of commercial trucks and buses are encouraged to manually shut off their engines before the idling time limit of five minutes is reached. The proposed project would place signs in delivery areas advising operators of the idling restrictions.</p>
<p>CAT Standard</p> <p>Alternative Fuels—Biodiesel Blends: CARB would develop regulations to require the use of 1 to 4 percent biodiesel displacement of California diesel fuel.</p>	<p>Applicable only to industrial projects.</p>
<p>CAT Standard</p> <p>Alternative Fuels—Ethanol: Increased use of ethanol fuel.</p>	<p>These are CARB-enforced standards and vehicles that access the proposed project are required to comply with the standards. Therefore, the proposed project would be required to be consistent with these strategies, where applicable.</p>
CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES	
<p>California Attorney General Strategy</p> <p>Alternative Fuels—General:</p> <p>The project shall include the necessary infrastructure to encourage the use of alternative fuel vehicles (e.g., electric vehicle charging facilities and conveniently located alternative fueling stations).</p>	<p>The proposed project will require the installation of facilities to support the use of alternative fuel vehicles, if feasible and available based on market conditions.</p> <p>The proposed project site is located adjacent to the Golden West Transportation center, a major transportation hub for Orange County. Residents and employees of the proposed project would be encouraged to use mass transit when possible.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy</p> <p>Transportation Emissions Reduction:</p> <p>Coordinate controlled intersections so that traffic passes more efficiently through congested areas. Where signals are installed, require the use of Light Emitting Diode (LED) traffic lights.</p>	<p>Where signals would be installed or modified as a result of identified mitigation, the City of Huntington Beach will install LED traffic lights where feasible.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy</p> <p>Transportation Emissions Reduction:</p> <p>The project proponent shall promote ride sharing programs e.g., by designating a certain percentage of parking spaces for high-occupancy vehicles, providing larger parking spaces to accommodate vans used for ride-sharing, and designating adequate passenger loading and unloading and waiting areas.</p>	<p>Parking at the proposed project site would primarily be designated for residents of the site. A limited number of spaces would be provided for employees of the site. Further, the proposed project Site would be located directly adjacent to an Orange County Bus Transit Center, offering mass transit access throughout the City as well as Orange County.</p>

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<i>California Climate Change Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Strategies</i>	<i>Proposed Project Design/Mitigation Measure for Compliance</i>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy Transportation Emissions Reduction: Offer public transit discounts to residents.</p>	<p>The proposed project would locate residential uses adjacent to a bus transit center, serving all of Orange County; fees associated with the use of public transit would be determined at a later time, including a potential discount for proposed project residents. It should further be noted that all of the housing units in the proposed project area would be within walking distance to transit.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy Transportation Emissions Reduction: Design a regional transportation center where public transportation of various modes intersects.</p>	<p>The proposed project site would be located adjacent to the Golden West Transportation Center, which is the City's largest transportation hub. The center contains six bus routes and would provide residents and employees a convenient alternative.</p> <p>In addition, the proposed project could also benefit from future commuter rail service if it is established along the existing Union Pacific Railroad line.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy Transportation Emissions Reduction: Contribute transportation impact fees per residential and commercial unit to the City, to facilitate and increase public transit service.</p>	<p>The proposed project would comply with all City requirements, including all transportation impact fees that would facilitate and increase public transit service.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy Transportation Emissions Reduction: Provide shuttle service to public transit.</p>	<p>Shuttle service would not be required, as the proposed project would be located across the street (within walking distance) from a City and County wide bus transit center.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy Transportation Emissions Reduction: Incorporate bicycle lanes into the project circulation system.</p>	<p>Proposed Applicant would comply with all regulations established by the City of Huntington Beach with regards to bicycle lane development, including section 10.84.220 of the City's municipal code, which identifies the requirement regarding the establishment of bicycle lanes and paths.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy Transportation Emissions Reduction: Create bicycle lanes and walking paths directed to the location of schools and other logical points of destination in the project area.</p>	<p>The proposed project site would be located adjacent to Golden West College, the City's largest public college. Further, the site would be within walking distance of The Village at Bella Terra and the Golden West Transportation Center, which provides transit access to all major points of attraction within the City as well as all of Orange County.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy Transportation Emissions Reduction: Provide on-site bicycle and pedestrian facilities (showers, bicycle parking, etc.) for commercial uses, to encourage employees to bicycle or walk to work.</p>	<p>The proposed project site would supply bike racks for residents and patrons.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy Transportation Emissions Reduction: Provide public education and publicity about public transportation services.</p>	<p>The City of Huntington Beach has numerous programs to support public transportation within the City. The proposed project would provide additional public transit opportunities and would therefore support this strategy. It should also be noted some residents of the development may choose to work in the retail and office components of the proposed project, and would be able to walk to work. Further, through the City's "HB Goes Green" campaign, the benefits of mass transit and ridesharing will continue to be discussed and improved upon within the City.</p>

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Solid Waste and Energy Emissions	
<p>CAT Standard</p> <p>Zero Waste—High Recycling: Additional recycling beyond the State’s 50 percent recycling goal.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Design locations for separate waste and recycling receptacles. 2) Utilize recycled components in the building design. 	<p>As the proposed project is located within the limits of the City of Huntington Beach, the proposed project would be subject to and implement the recycling/waste reduction practices/requirements of the City. It should be noted that, per the California Integrated Waste Management Board, the City of Huntington Beach has achieved a diversion rate of 65 percent since 2002.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy</p> <p>Solid Waste Reduction Strategy: Project construction shall require reuse and recycling of construction and demolition waste.</p>	<p>The Applicant will require the reuse or recycling of construction waste materials, as appropriate or feasible.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy</p> <p>Solid Waste Reduction Strategy: Project shall ensure that each unit includes recycling and composting containers and convenient facilities for residents and businesses.</p>	<p>The City Municipal Code requires recycling in all new developments within the City. Further, the Applicant intends to design the project to a “build it green”-equivalent standard, which would ensure the use of efficient materials to reduce waste and improve recycling.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy</p> <p>Solid Waste Reduction Strategy: Project shall extend the types of recycling services offered (e.g., food and green waste recycling).</p>	<p>The City adopted a Source Reduction and Recycling Element (SRRE) in April of 1992. Any development within the City, including the proposed project, is subject to the plans/policies of the SRRE.</p>
<p>CAT Standard</p> <p>Water Use Efficiency: Approximately 19 percent of all electricity, 30 percent of all natural gas, and 88 million gallons of diesel are used to convey, treat, distribute and use water and wastewater. Increasing the efficiency of water transport and reducing water use would reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>Use both potable and non-potable water to the maximum extent practicable; low flow appliances (i.e., toilets, dishwashers, shower heads, washing machines, etc.); automatic shut off valves for sinks in restrooms; drought resistant landscaping; Place “Save Water” signs near water faucets.</p>	<p>The proposed project would comply with Chapter 14.52 of the City’s municipal code, which designates water efficiency policies for landscaping, such as the use of native water efficient landscaping as well as reducing the amount of overspray from watering.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy</p> <p>Water Use Efficiency: Require measures that reduce the amount of water sent to the sewer system- see examples in CCAT standard above. (Reduction in water volume sent to the sewer system means less water has to be treated and pumped to the end user, thereby saving energy.)</p>	<p>The proposed project would comply with requirements of Title 24 with respect to water conservation. One example of water use efficiency could involve the installation of low-flush toilets and faucet aerators to reduce overall water use.</p>
<p>CAT Standard</p> <p>Green Buildings Initiative: Green Building Executive Order, S-20-04 (CA 2004), sets a goal of reducing energy use in public and private buildings by 20 percent by the year 2015, as compared with 2003 levels.</p>	<p>The proposed project would comply with the requirements of Title 24. Further, the proposed project would follow a “Build it Green”-equivalent standard which requires the use of energy efficient appliances as well as improved windows and materials to reduce energy waste.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy</p> <p>Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Standards: Project shall comply with LEED certified green building standards.</p>	<p>The proposed project would comply with the requirements of Title 24. The Applicant intends to follow a standard equivalent to the “Build it Green” program, which will further reduce the proposed project’s draw on energy through improved design and product use.</p>

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<p>California Attorney General Strategy</p> <p>Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Standards: Incorporate on-site renewable energy production (through, e.g., participation in the California Energy Commission's New Solar Homes Partnership). Require project proponents to install solar panels, water reuse systems, and/or other systems to capture energy sources that would otherwise be wasted.</p>	<p>As identified in Section 4.14 (Utilities), the proposed project would comply with energy conservation measures identified in Title 24, which would reduce the amount of energy required for operation of the newly constructed buildings.</p>
<p>CAT Standard</p> <p>Building Energy Efficiency Standards in Place and in Progress: Public Resources Code 25402 authorizes the CEC to adopt and periodically update its building energy efficiency standards (that apply to newly constructed buildings and additions to and alterations to existing buildings).</p> <p>Projects are required to achieve a greater reduction in combined space heating, cooling and water heating energy compared to the current Title 24 Standards.</p>	<p>The proposed project would comply with the requirements of Title 24. Further, the proposed project Applicant will use Energy Star appliances to the extent feasible in the residential and commercial components of the proposed project site.</p>
<p>CAT Standard</p> <p>Appliance Energy Efficiency Standards in Place and in Progress: Public Resources Code 25402 authorizes the Energy Commission to adopt and periodically update its appliance energy efficiency standards (that apply to devices and equipment using energy that are sold or offered for sale in California).</p>	<p>The proposed project would comply with the requirements of Title 24. Further, the proposed project Applicant will use Energy Star appliances to the extent feasible in the residential and commercial components of the proposed project site. No update has been scheduled at this time.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy</p> <p>Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Standards: Fund and schedule energy efficiency "tune-ups" of existing buildings by checking, repairing, and readjusting heating, ventilation, air conditioning, lighting, hot water equipment, insulation and weatherization. (Improvement of energy efficiency in existing buildings could offset in part the global warming impacts of new development.)</p>	<p>This measure is not applicable to the proposed project. However, the commercial portion of the project would include yearly maintenance of all mechanical equipment.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy</p> <p>Lighting Efficiency Standards: Require that the project include efficient lighting. (Fluorescent lighting uses approximately 75 percent less energy than incandescent lighting to deliver the same amount of light.)</p>	<p>The proposed project Applicant will use Energy Star appliances to the extent feasible in the residential and commercial components of the proposed project. Further, the proposed project Applicant will encourage residents and tenants to use energy star appliances.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy</p> <p>Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Standards: Contribute funds for energy management services, research and development for energy efficient equipment and vehicles, and public education and publicity about energy efficiency programs and incentives.</p>	<p>The following Mitigation Measure is suggested to improve the energy efficiency standards.</p> <p>The Applicant or its successor(s) in interest shall provide each home and business with an information packet that will contain at a minimum, the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Commute Option: to inform planning project occupants of the alternative travel amenities provided, including ridesharing and public transit availability/schedules; ■ Maps showing plan area pedestrian and bicycle paths to community centers, shopping areas, employment areas, schools, parks, and recreation areas.

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<p>CAT Standard</p> <p>Hydrofluorocarbon Reduction: 1) Ban retail sale of HFC in small cans; 2) Require that only low GWP refrigerants be used in new vehicular systems; 3) Adopt specifications for new commercial refrigeration; 4) Add refrigerant leaktightness to the pass criteria for vehicular Inspection and Maintenance programs; 5) Enforce federal ban on releasing HFCs.</p>	<p>This measure applies to consumer products.</p> <p>When CARB adopts regulations for these reduction measures, any products that the regulations apply to will comply with the measures.</p>
<p>CAT Standard</p> <p>Transportation Refrigeration Units (TRU), Off-Road Electrification, Port Electrification: Strategies to reduce emissions from TRUs, increase off-road electrification, and increase use of shore-side/port electrification.</p> <p>If TRUs access the site, implement measures to reduce emissions; install electrification in applicable projects (i.e., truck stops, warehouses, etc.)</p>	<p>The proposed project would comply with CARB's requirement of July 22, 2004 to limit emissions from idling trucks and buses. Operators of commercial trucks and buses are required to manually shut off their engines before the idling time limit of five minutes is reached. The proposed project would place signs in delivery areas instructing operators of the idling restrictions.</p>
<p>CAT Standard</p> <p>Cement Manufacturing: Cost-effective reductions to reduce energy consumption and to lower carbon dioxide emissions in the cement industry.</p>	<p>This measure applies to the manufacturing of cement and is not applicable to the proposed project.</p>
<p>LAND USE MEASURES, SMART GROWTH STRATEGIES, AND CARBON OFFSETS</p>	
<p>CAT Standard</p> <p>Urban Forestry: A new statewide goal of planting 5 million trees in urban areas by 2020 would be achieved through the expansion of local urban forestry programs.</p> <p>Trees near structures shall be planted to act as insulators from weather, thereby decreasing energy requirements. Trees also store carbon.</p>	<p>The project is required to comply with landscaping requirements identified in Section 232.08(B)(3) of the City's Municipal Code which requires one 36-inch box tree for every 45 linear feet of street frontage. Specimen palms may be substituted at a ratio of ½ foot brown trunk height for one inch of box tree inch required, as outlined in Section 232.08(B)(5) of the City's Municipal Code.</p>
<p>CAT Standard</p> <p>Afforestation/Reforestation Projects: Reforestation projects focus on restoring native tree cover on lands which were previously forested and are now covered with other vegetative types.</p> <p>Residential development on the Project Site shall be clustered to preserve forest/woodland resources; increase density; and preserve and restore open space.</p>	<p>The above measure would apply to this strategy.</p>

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<p>CAT Standard</p> <p>Smart Land Use and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS): Smart land use strategies encourage jobs/housing proximity, promote transit-oriented development, and encourage high-density residential/commercial development along transit corridors. ITS is the application of advanced technology systems and management strategies to improve operational efficiency of transportation systems and movement of people, goods and services.</p> <p>Governor Schwarzenegger is finalizing a comprehensive 10-year strategic growth plan with the intent of developing ways to promote, through state investments, incentives and technical assistance, land use, and technology strategies that provide for a prosperous economy, social equity, and a quality environment.</p>	<p>This proposed project is promoting jobs/housing proximity and high-density mixed-use residential development and would be consistent with this strategy. The proposed project would provide for access to mass transit and encourage pedestrian access to retail and commercial establishments (The Village at Bella Terra) as well as Golden West College.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy</p> <p>Smart Land Use and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS): Encourage mixed-use and high-density development to reduce vehicle trips, promote alternatives to vehicle travel and promote efficient delivery of services and goods. (A city or county could promote "smart" development by reducing developer fees or granting property tax credits for qualifying projects.)</p>	<p>This proposed project is promoting jobs/housing proximity and high-density mixed-use residential development and would be consistent with this strategy. The proposed project would provide for access to transit and encourage pedestrian access to retail and commercial establishments from the residential component. Further, the proposed project would place residential uses close to Golden West College</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy</p> <p>Smart Land Use and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS): Impose measures to address the "urban heat island" effect by, e.g., requiring light colored and reflective roofing materials and paint; light-colored roads and parking lots; shade trees in parking lots; and shade trees on the south and west sides of new or renovated buildings.</p>	<p>The proposed project includes an extensive design plan that would include landscaping to provide shading of structures and sidewalks to reduce the "urban heat island" effect.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy</p> <p>Smart Land Use and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS): Incorporate public transit into project design.</p>	<p>This proposed project is promoting jobs/housing proximity and high-density mixed-use residential development and would be consistent with this strategy. The proposed project would provide for access to transit at the Golden West Transit Center, the City's largest mass transit hub.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy</p> <p>Smart Land Use and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS): Require pedestrian-only streets and plazas within the Project Site and destinations that may be reached conveniently by public transportation, walking, or bicycling.</p>	<p>In addition to encouraging a mix of residential and commercial uses, one of the primary intents and design considerations of the proposed project is the promotion of pedestrian-friendly routes and uses. This would be further provided through close proximity to mass transit opportunities, Golden West College, and The Village at Bella Terra development.</p>
<p>California Attorney General Strategy</p> <p>Smart Land Use and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS): Discourage "leapfrog" development. Enact ordinances and programs to limit sprawl.</p>	<p>The proposed project promotes the centrifing of use such that the need for sprawl is reduced. This proposed project encourages infill development as opposed to leapfrog development.</p>

SOURCE: PBS&J 2008

It should be noted that many of the emissions reduction strategies in this table relate to technologies that are evolving and will evolve, or become available, during build-out of the proposed project. Some of these measures also relate to emissions reduction strategies that must be implemented on an area-wide or regional basis. Thus, several of these measures will be implemented over time as implementation becomes practicable, and the wording of these additional measures reflects that condition.

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