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## Chapter 3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

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This section is the primary component of the EIR as it provides information on a project's existing conditions, its potential impacts, and feasible mitigation measures. The existing conditions component defines the environmental conditions as they exist on and near the project site, while project impacts are defined as the project's effect on the existing environment. Mitigation measures are designed to reduce a project's potential impact to less-than-significant levels. Environmental topics addressed in the EIR were defined by the City of Huntington Beach through the IS/NOP process. The purpose of this section is to inform readers of the type and magnitude of the project's environmental impacts and how such impacts would affect the existing environment.