

D. Statement of Overriding Considerations (CEQA Guidelines § 15093)

If significant impacts of a proposed project remain after incorporating mitigation measures, or no measures to mitigate the adverse impacts are identified, the lead agency must make a determination that the benefits of the project outweigh the unavoidable adverse environmental effects if it is to approve the project. CEQA requires the decision-making agency to balance, as applicable, the economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits of a proposed project against its unavoidable environmental risks when determining whether to approve the project (CEQA Guidelines § 15093(a)). If the specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits of a proposed project outweigh the unavoidable adverse environmental effects, the adverse environmental effects may be considered acceptable (CEQA Guidelines § 15093(a)). Accordingly, a Statement of Overriding Considerations regarding potentially significant and unavoidable adverse impacts resulting from reduced water supply (Impact 3.9-3, Impact 3.9-4, and Impact 3.10-1) is called for under these circumstances. This Statement of Overriding Considerations is included as part of the record of the project approval for Creekside Memorial Park Project. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15093(c), the Statement of Overriding Considerations will also be noted in the Notice of Determination for the proposed Project.

Despite the inability to incorporate changes into the Project that will mitigate potentially significant adverse impacts on water supply to a level of insignificance to an adequate degree of certainty, the Planning Commission finds that the following specific economic, legal, social, technological or other benefits of the Project outweigh the potentially significant unavoidable adverse environmental impacts.

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