

CEQA Guidelines, Section 15126(g), require a discussion regarding “the ways in which the Project could foster economic or population growth, or the construction of additional housing, either directly or indirectly, in the surrounding environment.” The Guidelines further state that “it must not be assumed that growth in any area is not necessarily beneficial, detrimental, or of little significance to the environment.”

If SONGS 2 & 3 were to cease operation, new generation and transmission facilities would be required to replace the current electrical generation of SONGS 2 & 3. The Project is required for continued operation of an existing facility. The project will allow SONGS 2 & 3 to provide electrical service to customers in the service area and to operate under current permit conditions. SONGS 2 & 3 is permitted until 2022. Future development in the area, which is constrained by the nature of the existing facility and the adjacent MCBCP, would be required to be consistent with all applicable rules and regulations. The Project will not foster economic or population growth or construction of additional housing in the surrounding area.

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