

## 9. Significant Irreversible Changes Due to the Proposed Project

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Section 15126.2(c) of the CEQA Guidelines requires that an environmental impact report (EIR) describe any significant irreversible environmental changes that would be caused by the proposed project should it be implemented. In the case of the proposed project, implementation would produce net increases in residential units, residents, nonresidential land uses, and employees, as estimated in Table 3-2 of this DEIR, *Proposed General Plan Land Use Designations and Buildout Projections*, in Chapter 3, *Project Description*.

- Future development will involve construction activities that entail the commitment of nonrenewable and/or slowly renewable energy resources, including gasoline, diesel fuel, and electricity; human resources; and natural resources such as lumber and other forest products, sand and gravel, asphalt, steel, copper, lead, other metals, and water.
- An increased commitment of social services and public maintenance services (e.g., police, fire, and sewer and water services) would also be required. The energy and social service commitments would be long-term obligations in view of the low likelihood of returning the land to its original condition once it has been developed.
- Population growth related to project implementation would increase vehicle trips over the long term. Emissions associated with such vehicle trips would continue to contribute to the Mojave Desert Air Basin's nonattainment designation for ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) and particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>).
- Future development of the proposed project is a long-term irreversible commitment of vacant parcels of land or redevelopment of existing developed land in the Town of Yucca Valley.



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