

SECTION 3.0
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3.1 PURPOSE

This section describes the proposed project's existing conditions and setting, discusses potential significant environmental effects, and identifies feasible mitigation measures to avoid, substantially lessen or otherwise mitigate the project's impact potential. The technical topics addressed in Sections 3.1 through 3.14 of the EIR were identified for review by SDSU, Office of Facilities Planning, Design and Construction, through the NOP/Initial Study process. Technical studies supporting some or all of the information presented in this section are found in the EIR, Volume II, Appendices.

Each environmental topic addressed in this section is addressed under the following organizational format, where appropriate:

- (a) **Existing Conditions and Setting:** This subsection discusses the proposed project's existing conditions and setting;
- (b) **Potential Impacts:** This subsection discusses the impacts of the proposed project, including, where appropriate, a description of the significance criteria utilized in assessing impacts;
- (c) **Mitigation Measures:** This subsection identifies the mitigation measures recommended in the EIR to avoid, substantially lessen or otherwise mitigate the identified potential significant effects of the proposed project; and
- (d) **Level of Significance After Mitigation:** This subsection discusses the significant impacts that would occur, if any, after mitigation measures have been applied.

The environmental topics discussed in this section are as follows: 3.1, *Aesthetics and Visual Quality*; 3.2, *Air Quality*; 3.3, *Biological Resources*; 3.4, *Cultural Resources*; 3.5, *Geotechnical/Soils*; 3.6, *Hazards And Hazardous Materials*; 3.7, *Hydrology And Water Quality*; 3.8, *Land Use And Planning*; 3.9, *Mineral Resources*; 3.10, *Noise*; 3.11, *Paleontological Resources*; 3.12, *Population And Housing*; 3.13, *Public Utilities And Service Systems*; and 3.14, *Transportation/Circulation And Parking*.