

Attachment 15. Environmental Justice Worksheet

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Environmental Justice (CEST and EA)

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Determine if the project creates adverse environmental impacts upon a low-income or minority community. If it does, engage the community in meaningful participation about mitigating the impacts or move the project.	Executive Order 12898	
References		
https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/environmental-justice		

HUD strongly encourages starting the Environmental Justice analysis only after all other laws and authorities, including Environmental Assessment factors if necessary, have been completed.

1. Were any adverse environmental impacts identified in any other compliance review portion of this project's total environmental review?

Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*

No → *Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

2. Were these adverse environmental impacts disproportionately high for low-income and/or minority communities?

Yes

Explain:

→ *Continue to Question 3. Provide any supporting documentation.*

No

Explain:

No. All adverse environmental effects identified were mitigable.

→ *Continue to the Worksheet Summary and provide any supporting documentation.*

3. All adverse impacts should be mitigated. Explain in detail the proposed measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.

Mitigation as follows will be implemented:

Air Quality: Emissions for all criteria pollutants would be below federal General Conformity *de minimis* levels pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act; however, fugitive dust would result from project construction. Implementation of **Mitigation Measure AQ-1**, requires best management practices to minimize fugitive dust.

Contamination and Toxic Substances: The Phase I and Phase II ESAs prepared for the project identified lead and arsenic in soil samples. Lead and arsenic were the only constituents of concern that require mitigation. **Mitigation Measure HAZ-1** would be implemented to achieve acceptable levels of risk suitable for residential development.

Construction Noise: The project would introduce short-term noises during construction of the project. The nearest sensitive land uses to the project include residences and a short-term healthcare facility. **Mitigation Measure NOI-1** would restrict construction hours and includes best management practices to reduce impacts on nearby sensitive receptors.

Operational Noise: HUD DNL Calculator estimates that exterior noise levels at the project site would be within HUD's "normally acceptable" range, thus indicating low-income residents would be exposed to excess noise. **Mitigation Measure NOI-2** requires windows and door with a Sound Transmission Class of 32 or higher be installed.

→ Continue to Question 4.

No mitigation is necessary.

Explain why mitigation will not be made here:

→ Continue to Question 4.

4. Describe how the affected low-income or minority community was engaged or meaningfully involved in the decision on what mitigation actions, if any, will be taken.

Public outreach meetings were held in the community on two dates. On March 27, 2019 a meeting was held at the Pacific Asian Counseling Services at 3530 Atlantic Avenue #210. The second meeting was organized in partnership with City of Long Beach Councilmember Andrew's office on May 2, 2019 at the Manazar Gamboa Community Theatre at 1323 Gundry Avenue.

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An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was prepared for the project under the California Environmental Quality Act. A Notice of Intent to adopt a MND was published on May 24, 2019 and public comments on the MND were accepted for 30 days. Additionally, the public was invited to a Planning Commission meeting on July 18, 2019, where the Planning Commission accepted public comments on the adoption of the MND. The public was also invited to the City Council meeting on August 13, 2019, where the City Council accepted public comments on the approval of the MND.

→ Continue to the Worksheet Summary and provide any supporting documentation.

Worksheet Summary

Compliance Determination

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

Overall, the project is not anticipated to result in significant impacts which would create permanent adverse effects in the project area existing populations, or to an introduced environmental justice population. The project provides affordable housing to an area with a document shortage of such apartment homes.

All adverse environmental effects identified were mitigable and found to be less than significant.

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No

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