
4.15 Wild and Scenic Rivers

The U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, maintains a national inventory of river segments that qualify for inclusion into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. As indicated in Section 4.15, *Wild and Scenic Rivers*, of the Draft EIS/EIR, according to the Nationwide Rivers Inventory, the two closest wild and scenic river segments to LAX, a 33-mile segment of the Sisquoc River and a 31.5 mile segment of the Sespe Creek, are located over 50 miles to the northwest in Santa Barbara County in the Los Padres National Forest. In addition, no wild or scenic river segments listed pursuant to the California Wild and Scenic Rivers Act²³² are within the City of Los Angeles. Due to the significant distance between the airport and the intervening mountains between LAX and these river segments, the No Action/No Project Alternative and Alternatives A, B, C, and D would not adversely affect any wild and scenic rivers. None of the Master Plan alternatives would contribute to a cumulative impact on any wild and scenic rivers. Therefore, the proposed development alternatives and the No Action/No Project Alternative would be in compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Public Law 90-542, as amended).

4.16 Farmland

The Farmland Protection Policy Act authorizes the U.S. Department of Agriculture to develop criteria for identifying the effects of federal programs on the conversion of farmland to nonagricultural uses. As indicated in Section 4.16, *Farmland*, of the Draft EIS/EIR, there are no farmlands in the vicinity of LAX, including prime or unique farmlands,²³³ or farmland of statewide or local importance. Moreover, there is no land within the vicinity of LAX that is subject to the special provisions of a Williamson Act contract, as stipulated in the California Land Conservation Act of 1965. As with the No Action/No Project Alternative and Alternatives A, B, and C, Alternative D would not remove any farmland from active production or otherwise adversely affect farmland, including prime or unique farmlands, or soil types designated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service. The No Action/No Project and Alternatives A, B, C, or D would not contribute to cumulative impacts on farmlands.

²³² Public Resources Code §5093.50 et seq.

²³³ Farmland can be designated as prime, unique, or of statewide or local importance. Prime Farmland is land that "has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing food, feed, and fiber . . . without intolerable soil erosion" as determined by the California Secretary of Agriculture. Unique farmland is land other than prime farmland that is used for production of specific high value food and fiber crops, as determined by the California Secretary of Agriculture.

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