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This summary presents an overview of the analysis contained in Chapter 4: Environmental Evaluation. CEQA requires that this chapter summarize the following: 1) areas of controversy; 2) significant impacts; 3) unavoidable significant impacts; 4) implementation of mitigation measures; and 5) alternatives to the project.

A. Project Under Review

This Draft EIR provides an assessment of the potential environmental consequences of implementing the Santa Rosa Downtown Station Area Specific Plan. The City of Santa Rosa created the Specific Plan for the mixed use and re-development of a 647-acre area in and around the downtown area of Santa Rosa.

The Specific Plan Area is generally located within Santa Rosa's downtown on the western side of the City and is roughly bounded by College Avenue to the north, Sebastopol Road to the south, Santa Rosa Avenue and E Street to the east, and North Dutton Avenue to the west.

The Santa Rosa Downtown Station Area Specific Plan includes the adoption of proposed General Plan amendments to the City of Santa Rosa General Plan that would establish one or more new Downtown Mixed Use land use designations, as well as Specific Plan policies and design guidelines that would ensure consistency between the Specific Plan and the City of Santa Rosa General Plan.

The Specific Plan intended to provide a comprehensive plan for development of the Specific Plan Area including land uses with their configurations and intensity, property development regulations and design guidelines. Circulation and infrastructure needs and improvements are also identified in the Specific Plan to support phases of development as needed. The adopted Specific Plan, along with the proposed General Plan policies, would become the regulatory framework for the review of future development in the Specific Plan

Area. The Specific Plan also provides a means for achieving overall design compatibility and consistency for the property. Key components of the Specific Plan include the following:

- ◆ Land Use Regulations
- ◆ Development Guidelines and Streetscape Standards
- ◆ Transportation and Parking
- ◆ Public Services and Utilities
- ◆ Implementation and Financing

The Downtown Station Area Specific Plan is the result of a community based vision for the downtown area of the City of Santa Rosa. Centered on the proposed Sonoma-Marín Area Rapid Transit (SMART) station site, the Specific Plan defines the framework for future development in the Plan Area to support its role as a healthy, vibrant regional center. The Specific Plan Area is a lively city center with a mix of shopping and employment opportunities, with an attractive natural creek environment and historic residential neighborhoods close to the city center. The Specific Plan vision includes bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users and drivers sharing an attractive network of streets. The Specific Plan includes a mix of housing, shopping and jobs in a compact area and includes features to preserve the history, character, and natural benefits of the existing environment while allowing for change. This vision is consistent with the Santa Rosa 2020: General Plan as well as other comprehensive plans and codes governing change in the downtown area.

The Specific Plan proposes seven distinct planning areas known as “Sub Areas”. The land uses proposed for each of the Sub Areas are outlined fully in Chapter 3, Project Description.

Additionally, the Specific Plan seeks to amend the current Santa Rosa General Plan. The proposed General Plan Amendments are outlined in Chapter 3, Project Description.

B. Areas of Controversy

The City held a public scoping meeting on August 9 and August 16, 2006 to present the Specific Plan and receive responses. Public comment focused primarily on the following issues:

- ◆ Increased traffic on the local roadways
- ◆ Compatibility of development with existing community
- ◆ Availability of adequate parking
- ◆ Bicycle and pedestrian connectivity

Scoping comments are intended to suggest issues that the EIR should address. This EIR assesses all relevant environmental impacts of the Specific Plan.

C. Significant Impacts

Under CEQA, a significant impact on the environment is defined as a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the Specific Plan, including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise and objects of historic and aesthetic significance.

The proposed Specific Plan has the potential to generate environmental impacts in a number of areas that could be significant:

- ◆ Aesthetics
- ◆ Air Quality
- ◆ Biological Resources
- ◆ Cultural Resources
- ◆ Geology and Soils (includes Mineral Resources)
- ◆ Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- ◆ Hydrology and Water Quality
- ◆ Noise
- ◆ Traffic and Circulation

As shown in Table 2-1, most of the significant impacts in these areas would be reduced to a *less than significant* level if the mitigation measures recommended in this report were implemented or with the policies included in the Specific Plan. Impacts that would remain significant and unavoidable regardless of Specific Plan policies are discussed below in Section E.

D. Mitigation Measures

This Draft EIR suggests mitigation measures that would reduce many of the impacts in the areas identified above to *less than significant* levels, as summarized in Table 2-1. Additionally, this Draft EIR includes Specific Plan Policies that are intended to serve as mitigation measures that would reduce specific impacts in some of the areas identified above to a *less than significant* level. Monitoring of recommended mitigation measures along with the Specific Plan policies, identified in this Draft EIR as mitigation, will form the basis of a project-specific mitigation monitoring program to be implemented in accordance with State law.

E. Unavoidable Significant Impacts

Section 15126.2(b) of the CEQA Guidelines requires that an EIR describe any significant impacts that cannot be avoided, even with the implementation of feasible mitigation measures. As described in Chapter 4, most of the potential impacts from the proposed Specific Plan are either less than significant, or could be mitigated to less than significant levels by the implementation of mitigation measures. Significant unavoidable impacts were identified in the areas of air quality and transportation and circulation.

F. Alternatives to the Project

This Draft EIR analyzes alternatives to the proposed Specific Plan. Three alternatives to the proposed Specific Plan are considered:

- ◆ No Project Alternative. Under this alternative, which is required under CEQA, the proposed Specific Plan would not be implemented and the area would be left in its current state.
- ◆ Reduced Growth Alternative. Under this alternative, the overall potential for additional development to occur within the Specific Plan Area would be reduced, thereby resulting in less development than the Specific Plan.
- ◆ Reallocated Growth Alternative. This alternative would result in the same amount of future development as the Specific Plan; however, it would be distributed differently within the Specific Plan Area.

G. Summary Table

Table 2-1 presents a summary of impacts and mitigation measures identified in this report. It is organized to correspond with the environmental issues discussed in Chapter 4.

The table is arranged in four columns: 1) environmental impacts; 2) significance prior to mitigation; 3) mitigation measures; and 4) significance after mitigation. A series of mitigation measures is noted where more than one mitigation may be required to achieve a less-than-significant impact. For a complete description of potential impacts and suggested mitigation measures, please refer to the specific discussions in Chapter 4. Additionally, this summary does not detail the timing of mitigation measures. Timing will be further detailed in the mitigation monitoring program.

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TABLE 2-1 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

Significant Impact	Significance		Significance With Mitigation
	Before Mitigation	Mitigation Measures	
AESTHETICS			
Impact AES-1: Development of multi-story buildings along the Highway 101 and Highway 12 corridors could result in new sources of glare for vehicles traveling along these highways. This would be a <i>significant</i> impact.	S	<u>Mitigation Measure AES-1:</u> For construction of structures along the designated Scenic Highways 12 and 101, the City shall require the use of building materials designed to reduce lighting glare. Examples of these types of materials include, but are not limited to, windows treated with glare reductive coating or film covering, matte-finish tiles, marble, or sheet metal, and non-reflective flashing material.	LTS
AIR QUALITY			
Impact AQ-1: Construction activity during development within the Specific Plan area would generate air pollutant emissions that could expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations. This is a <i>significant</i> impact.	S	<u>Mitigation Measure AQ-1:</u> Implement control measures for construction and demolition-related air emissions to ensure that each project sponsor and contractor reduces particulate, ROG, and NO _x emissions by complying with the BAAQMD policies and guidelines. Each project sponsor and contractor shall implement the following control measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Provide transit information kiosks. ◆ Cover all trucks hauling construction and demolition debris from the site. ◆ Water on a continuous as-needed basis all earth surfaces during clearing, grading, earthmoving, and other site preparation activities. ◆ Use watering to control dust generation during demolition of structures or break-up of pavement. 	LTS

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AQ-1 <i>continued</i>	<p>Significant Impact</p>	<p>Significance With Mitigation</p>
	<p>Mitigation Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pave, apply water three times daily, or apply (non-toxic) soil stabilizers on all unpaved parking areas and staging areas. ◆ Sweep daily (with water sweepers) all paved areas and staging areas. ◆ Provide daily clean up of mud and dirt carried onto paved streets from the site. ◆ Renovation, demolition activities, removal or disturbances of any material that contain asbestos, lead paint or other hazardous pollutants will be conducted in accordance with BAAQMD rules and regulations. ◆ Properly maintain all construction equipment. ◆ Reduce equipment idling time. <p>For construction near sensitive receptors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Install wheel washers for all exiting trucks, or wash off the tires or tracks of trucks and equipment leaving the site. ◆ Suspend dust-producing activities during periods when instantaneous gusts exceed 25 mph when dust control measures are unable to avoid visible plumes. ◆ Limit the area subject to excavation, grading and other construction or demolition activity at any one time. <p>For sites greater than 4 acres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Apply soil stabilizers to previously graded portions of the site inactive for more than ten days, or cover or seed these areas. ◆ Water or cover stockpiles of debris, soil, sand, or other materials that can be blown by the wind. ◆ Limit traffic speeds on unpaved roads to 15 mph. ◆ Replant vegetation in disturbed areas as quickly as possible. 	<p>Mitigation Measures</p>

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Significance Before Mitigation	Significant Impact	Mitigation Measures	Significance With Mitigation
S	<p>Impact AQ-2: The Downtown Station Area Specific Plan would contribute to increased vehicular and residential area emissions that would exceed BAAQMD thresholds. This is a <i>significant</i> impact.</p>	<p><u>Mitigation Measure AQ-2:</u> Developers shall implement emissions control measures, where applicable, to development activities within the Specific Plan Area in order to reduce overall emissions from traffic and area sources. The emissions control measures could include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Where practical, future development proposals shall include physical improvements, such as sidewalk improvements, landscaping and the installation of bus shelters and bicycle parking, that would act as incentives for pedestrian, bicycle and transit modes of travel. ◆ New or modified roadways should include bicycle lanes where reasonable and feasible. ◆ Provide transit information kiosks. ◆ Where practical, employment-intensive development proposals (i.e. office and retail) shall include measures to encourage use of public transit, ridesharing, van pooling, use of bicycles, and walking, as well as to minimize single passenger motor vehicle use. ◆ Offices or retail uses that have 50 or more employees and provide parking should implement a parking cash-out program (where non-driving employees receive transportation allowance equivalent to the value of subsidized parking). ◆ Develop parking enforcement and fee strategies that encourage alternative modes of transportation. ◆ Parking lots or facilities should provide preferential parking for electric or alternatively fueled vehicles. 	SU

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<i>AQ-2 continued</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Require energy efficient building designs that exceed State Title 24 building code requirements. ◆ Discourage use of gasoline-powered landscape equipment. ◆ Implement and enforce truck idling restrictions of three minutes. ◆ Only allow low-emitting fireplaces for residential uses, such as those that only burn natural gas. 	
Impact AQ-3:	S	<p>The development of new residences within the Specific Plan area could expose sensitive receptors to unhealthy levels of TACs emitted by traffic on Highway 101. This would be a <i>significant</i> impact.</p>	LTS
Impact AQ-4:	S	<p>Siting of new residences or sensitive receptors along Highway 101 within 170 feet of travel lanes could result in a <i>significant</i> impact.</p>	LTS

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BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES			
<p>Impact BIO-1: The Specific Plan proposes to relocate the planned creek crossing at Imwalle Gardens, and it is likely that creek restoration projects would be conducted in conjunction with creekside developments. The implementation of the Specific Plan could impact, either directly or through habitat modifications, some endangered, rare, or threatened species within the Santa Rosa Creek. This would be a <i>significant</i> impact.</p>	S	<p><u>Mitigation Measure BIO-1:</u> Development shall be designed to minimize disturbance to waterways and riparian vegetation in order to avoid potential impacts to federally listed salmonids. For work in or in close proximity to Santa Rosa Creek, in-stream work shall not start before June 15 and shall be completed by October 15, unless otherwise approved by appropriate agencies. The City shall consult with NOAA Fisheries and CDFG and implement protection measures specified in consultation with those agencies.</p>	LTS
<p>Impact BIO-2: Tree removal, demolition of old buildings and bridge structures, as well as construction disturbances could have a substantial adverse effect on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species. This would be a <i>significant</i> impact.</p>	S	<p><u>Mitigation Measure BIO-2:</u> If there is the potential for destruction of a nest or substantial disturbance to nesting birds or bats due to construction activities, a plan to monitor nesting birds or bats during construction shall be prepared and submitted to the USFWS and CDFG for review and approval. The City shall comply with all USFWS or CDFG guidance for protection of nesting birds.</p> <p>If vegetation, buildings or bridges that potentially provide nesting sites must be removed, a qualified wildlife biologist shall conduct pre-construction surveys. If an active bird nest is found, the bird shall be identified to species and the approximate distance from the closest work site to the nest estimated. No additional measures need be implemented if active nests are more than the following distances from the nearest work site: (a) 300 feet for raptors; or (b)</p>	LTS

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BIO-3 <i>continued</i>			
<p>Impact BIO-3: Removal of riparian habitat and restoration efforts along Santa Rosa Creek could have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural communities. This would be a <i>significant</i> impact.</p>	S	<p>75 feet for other non-special-status bird species. Disturbance of active nests shall be avoided to the extent possible until it is determined that nesting is complete and the young have fledged. Bats shall be absent or flushed from roost locations prior to demolition of buildings. If flushing of bats from buildings is necessary, it shall be done by the biologist during the non-breeding season from October 1 to March 31. When flushing bats, structures shall be moved carefully to avoid harming individuals, and torpid bats given time to completely arouse and fly away. During the maternity season from April 1 to September 30, prior to building demolition or construction, a qualified biologist shall determine if a bat nursery is present at any sites identified as potentially housing bats. If an active nursery is present, disturbance of bats shall be avoided until the biologist determines that breeding is complete and young are reared.</p>	LTS
<p>Impact BIO-4: The implantation of the Specific Plan could interfere substantially with the movement of migratory fish such as Central California Coast Steelhead and California Coast Chinook salmon. Nesting birds, including special-status species such as Allen's hummingbird, could also be affected by the removal of trees and other vegetation. The nurseries of the Yuma myotis bat and the Townsend's western big-eared bat could also be disturbed by demolition or construction during nesting season.</p>	S	<p><u>Mitigation Measure BIO-3:</u> See Mitigation Measure BIO-1. <u>Mitigation Measure BIO-4a:</u> See Mitigation Measure BIO-1. <u>Mitigation Measure BIO-4b:</u> See Mitigation Measure BIO-2.</p>	LTS

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CULTURAL RESOURCES

<p>Impact CULT-1: New construction activities, including the widening of existing thoroughfares, that involve ground disturbance could destroy or significantly alter buried archaeological deposits. This would be a <i>significant</i> impact.</p>	S	<p><u>Mitigation Measure CULT-1a:</u> Archaeological monitoring shall be conducted during earth-disturbing activities in the areas of potential impact. If an archaeological site has been identified in the close vicinity of a construction project, the adverse impact shall be mitigated by conducting Phase I archaeological testing in order to determine the boundaries of the site, and to ensure site avoidance before the commencement of construction activities. If construction personnel locate buried cultural materials, work shall be halted or shifted to another area and a qualified archaeologist shall be contacted to determine proper treatment of the find.</p>	LTS
		<p><u>Mitigation Measure CULT-1b:</u> A worker orientation program shall be conducted prior to and during earth-disturbing activities in sensitive areas. The program shall summarize relevant laws and regulations that protect archaeological resources, and review applicable avoidance and minimization measures to protect archaeological resources. Exclusionary plastic mesh fencing shall be installed and maintained to prohibit the general public from disturbing sub-surface soils and impacting possible archaeological deposits.</p>	

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<p>CULT-1 <i>continued</i></p>		<p><u>Mitigation Measure CULT-1c:</u> The City shall require consultation with Native American tribes whenever necessary prior to submittal of entitlement applications for land divisions and/or new construction to ensure the respectful treatment of Native American sacred places. Potential mitigation measures shall include but are not limited to site avoidance, site capping, integration of the site into a recreation space, or data recovery excavations.</p>	
<p>Impact CULT-2: Any new construction activities in the vicinity of a historical structure that is listed or eligible for listing on local, State or national registers could impact or alter the historic structure and/or the character or setting of the area. This would be a <i>significant</i> impact.</p>	<p>S</p>	<p><u>Mitigation Measure CULT-2a:</u> Adverse impacts of new design elements on the character of a historic building or area shall be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the various local, State and federal laws and regulations protecting these resources. Prior to construction, large format camera Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS) Level II black-and-white 8-by-10 inch archival quality prints produced by a professional photographer shall be accompanied by a report by a professional architectural historian. A minimum of twenty views shall be documented and two sets of prints shall be sent to the California State Library in Sacramento.</p>	<p>LTS</p>
		<p><u>Mitigation Measure CULT-2b:</u> Specific thoroughfare widening projects within the Specific Plan Area shall be designed so that projects do not detract from the character of the historic building or property. The SRCHB should review such projects for adequate mitigation measures before they are implemented.</p>	

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CULT-2 <i>continued</i>	<p>Impact CULT-3: Excessive vibration-causing equipment in construction areas located less than 25 feet from significant historic masonry buildings and pile-driving within 200 feet of historic structures could have an adverse impact on the integrity of historic resources within the Specific Plan Area. This would be a <i>significant</i> impact.</p>	<p><u>Mitigation Measure CULI-2c:</u> A worker orientation program shall be conducted prior to and during construction activities in sensitive areas. The program shall summarize relevant laws and regulations that protect resources, and review applicable avoidance and minimization measures to protect historic resources. Exclusionary plastic mesh fencing shall be installed and maintained to prohibit equipment from impacting significant structures.</p> <p><u>Mitigation Measure CULI-3a:</u> The use of heavy bulldozers and other excessive vibration-causing equipment in construction zones shall be excluded within 25 feet of significant historic buildings or structures. A system of spot-check monitoring shall also be performed in these locations to ensure that the historic resources do not sustain damage.</p>	LTS
		<p><u>Mitigation Measure CULI-3b:</u> The use of pile-driving equipment during construction activity shall be excluded within 200 feet of all eligible or potentially eligible historic resources; augers shall be used within 200 feet. A system of spot-check monitoring shall also be performed in these locations to ensure that the historic resources do not sustain damage.</p>	
		<p><u>Mitigation Measure GEO-1a:</u> All structures in the Specific Plan Area shall be designed in accordance with currently adopted building codes and ordinances of the City of Santa Rosa, including the 2001 California Building Code. A Final Design Review shall be performed by a licensed civil/structural engineer for adherence to the seismic design criteria within the Specific Plan Area.</p>	LTS

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GEO-1 <i>continued</i>		<p><u>Mitigation Measure GEO-1b:</u> A subsurface geotechnical investigation shall be performed to evaluate soils in the subsurface at each proposed development or redevelopment site. The investigation shall include the following elements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The investigation shall be performed under the direction of a state licensed Geotechnical Engineer and/or a Certified Engineering Geologist. 2. The subsurface investigation shall include drilling, logging and sampling of boreholes to a minimum depth of 25 feet below the ground surface to evaluate soils for their susceptibility to seismically induced ground failure. 3. If a seismically unstable subsurface material is encountered, the engineer shall identify specific measures to mitigate the impact of seismic ground shaking. Mitigation measures may include soil stabilization techniques such as pressure grouting, specific foundation design measures such as pile foundations, or other methods identified by the engineer. 4. A written report shall be prepared summarizing the methods used, results of the investigation and specific design measures recommended. 5. Results of the investigation shall be reviewed by the City, or by a qualified independent consultant retained by the City. <p>The City shall require developers to incorporate the mitigation measures into new development.</p>	

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<p>Impact GEO-2: Liquefaction leading to structural damage or collapse of structures could occur within the Specific Plan Area. This is considered a <i>significant</i> impact.</p>	S	<p><u>Mitigation Measure GEO-2:</u> Development of sites within the Specific Plan Area shall require investigation of the potential for soil liquefaction during seismic ground shaking that could result in damage to structures, pavements and utilities. A subsurface geotechnical investigation shall be performed to evaluate soils in the subsurface at each proposed development or redevelopment site. The investigation shall include those elements outlined under Mitigation Measure GEO-1b.</p> <p>The City shall require developers to incorporate the mitigation measures into new development.</p>	LTS
<p>Impact GEO-3: Seismically-induced slope failure and instability adjacent to Santa Rosa Creek may be present in the Specific Plan Area for sites located adjacent to Santa Rosa Creek. This is considered a <i>significant</i> impact.</p>	S	<p><u>Mitigation Measure GEO-3:</u> Any new structures planned within 50 feet from the top of the bank of Santa Rosa Creek shall complete a streambank stability analysis to examine the effect of a new structure on bank stability. Structures to be evaluated shall include paved parking areas, retaining walls, buildings and other site improvements. A licensed Civil Engineer or Certified Engineering Geologist shall complete the slope stability analysis.</p> <p>Analysis shall include the effect of increased or concentrated runoff on bank erosion, likelihood of foundation pressure causing bank failure and the impact of grading next to the creek bank in terms of future settlement and erosion.</p> <p>Recommendations from the analysis to be incorporated into development plans shall include use of energy dissipaters or other techniques to reduce outflow velocities of storm drains discharging into Santa Rosa Creek, building setback from the creek and stable grading setback from the creek.</p>	LTS

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<p>GEO-4: Expansive soils may be present in the Specific Plan Area. Expansive soils may cause damage to pavements, concrete slabs and foundations. This is considered a <i>significant</i> impact.</p>	S	<p><u>Mitigation Measure GEO-4:</u> A subsurface geotechnical investigation shall be performed to evaluate soils in the subsurface at each proposed development or redevelopment site. The investigation shall include those elements outlined under Mitigation Measure GEO-1b.</p> <p>The City shall require developers to incorporate the mitigation measures into new development.</p>	LTS

HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

<p>Impact HAZ-1: The increased risk from an accidental spill, fire, or other accident associated with the increase in development is considered a <i>significant</i> impact.</p>	S	<p><u>Mitigation Measure HAZ-1a:</u> Each sub-development in the Specific Plan area shall be required to prepare and implement a post development Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to prevent runoff from dumpsters, maintenance areas and other areas where potentially hazardous or hazardous materials are stored or used from discharging into site waterways and into Santa Rosa Creek. This plan shall be approved by the City in conjunction with design approval for the project. The SWPPP plan shall include, but not be limited to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Location of dumpsters and the location of hazardous and potentially hazardous materials storage, including paints, cleaning agents, petrochemicals, and any other potentially hazardous materials storage facilities. The plan shall include details showing coverings and berms to prevent intrusion of rainwater and prevent escape of runoff. Location of signs prohibiting littering and illegal dumping, as well as signs detailing garbage collection services and emergency contacts in the event of a spill. 	LTS
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HAZ-1 <i>continued</i>		<p>2. Maintenance and cleanup schedule. This shall include procedures and schedules for sweeping, protecting storm drain inlets from contaminated runoff, cleaning up spills, and eliminating the majority of litter and debris washing into storm drains that may enter local waterways. Regular sweeping is a simple and effective BMP aimed at reducing the amount of litter in storm drain inlets (to prevent clogging) and public waterways (for water quality). The project applicant shall enter into an agreement with the City of Santa Rosa to ensure this maintenance is completed.</p> <p><u>Mitigation Measure HAZ-1b:</u> Registration and compliance with the Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMBP), Hazardous Waste Generator Program and Accidental Release Program, wherever applicable, is required for businesses with the following quantities of hazardous materials: at least 55 gallons (liquids), 500 pounds (solids) or 200 cubic feet (gases).</p>	
Impact HAZ-2: Development of sites on hazardous materials lists is considered a <i>significant</i> impact.	S	<p><u>Mitigation Measure HAZ-2a:</u> Developers shall be required to complete a Phase 1 environmental site assessment for each property to be redeveloped. Should the Phase 1 ESA determine a need for additional sampling and testing to determine the extent of any contamination then a Phase 2 shall be completed with sampling and testing of soil and groundwater if applicable. Should contamination be found at potentially harmful levels the developer shall complete site remediation in accordance with Mitigation Measure HAZ-2b.</p>	LTS

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	HAZ-2 <i>continued</i>	<p><u>Mitigation Measure HAZ-2b:</u> Developers shall complete site remediation in accordance with OSHA Standards, Santa Rosa Fire Department, Sonoma County Environmental Health Department and State Water Resources Control Board Guidelines. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) may become involved wherever toxic levels of contamination are found that pose an immediate hazard. Remediation shall reduce human exposure risk and environmental hazards both during and after construction. The remediation plan shall be prepared in accordance with recommendations of the environmental consultant and established procedures for safe remediation. Specific mitigation measures designed to protect human health and the environment will be provided in the plan. Requirements shall include, but not be limited to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documentation of the extent of previous environmental investigation and remediation at the site, including closure reports for Underground Storage Tanks (UST's) and contaminant concentrations. 2. A site specific Health and Safety Plan (HASP) to be prepared by all contractors at the project site, where applicable. This includes a HASP for all demolition, grading and excavation on the site, as well as for future subsurface maintenance work. The HASP shall include appropriate training, any required personal protective equipment, and monitoring of contaminants to determine exposure. The HASP will be reviewed and approved by a Certified Industrial Hygienist. 	

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	HAZ-2 <i>continued</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="341 1627 511 1917">3. Description of protocols for the investigation and evaluation of previously unidentified hazardous materials that could be encountered during project development, including engineering controls that may be required to reduce exposure to construction workers and future users of the site. <li data-bbox="535 1627 771 1917">4. Requirements for site-specific construction techniques that would minimize exposure to any subsurface contamination, where applicable. This shall include treatment and disposal measures for any contaminated groundwater removed from excavations, trenches, and dewatering systems in accordance with local and Regional Water Quality Control Board guidelines. <li data-bbox="795 1627 901 1917">5. Sampling and testing plan for excavated soils to determine suitability for reuse or acceptability for disposal at a State licensed landfill facility. <li data-bbox="925 1627 1055 1917">6. Restrictions limiting future excavation or development of the subsurface by residents and visitors to the proposed development, and prohibition of groundwater development should it be determined from test results. <li data-bbox="1079 1627 1258 1917">7. Completion of an approved remediation plan should land use restrictions be insufficient to allow development to proceed safely. Remediation measures may include excavation and replacement of contaminated soil with clean fill, pumping and treatment of groundwater, thermal treatment, etc. 	

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<p>Impact HAZ-3: Environmental impact of potential interference with an emergency access or evacuation plan is considered a <i>significant</i> impact.</p>	S	<p><u>Mitigation Measure HAZ-3a:</u> The Fire Department shall review construction plans for roadway modifications, and establish temporary alternative emergency routes necessary for the duration of the construction project. During design review the City shall ensure that roads and driveways are established that meet ordinance and uniform building code requirements for emergency access. The Fire Department shall also review building plans for compliance with the Fire Code and establish future inspection schedule for continuing compliance.</p>	LTS
<p><u>Mitigation Measure HAZ-3b:</u> The City shall revise the current City of Sonoma and County Emergency Services Plan to reflect new development. It is recommended that any adopted emergency response or evacuation plan include training provisions such as those adopted through the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.</p>			
<p>HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY</p>			
<p>Impact HYDRO-1: Demolition and construction for future development and redevelopment proposed in the Specific Plan could potentially violate water quality standards or waste discharge requirements. This would be a <i>significant</i> impact.</p>	S	<p><u>Mitigation Measure HYDRO-1:</u> Pursuant to the City of Santa Rosa Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP); grading, erosion control and stormwater ordinances; and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements, each developer shall develop and implement a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan(s) (SWPPP) for each individual development or redevelopment project site to protect water quality during and after construction. The Project SWPPP shall include the following mitigation measures for the construction period:</p>	LTS

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HYDRO-1 <i>continued</i>	<p>♦ Erosion control/soil stabilization techniques such as straw mulching, erosion control blankets, erosion control matting, and hydro-seeding, shall be utilized, in accordance with the regulations and recommendations outlined in the Santa Rosa Area Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) adopted by the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, and the Sonoma County Water Agency. Silt fences used in combination with fiber rolls shall be installed down slope of all graded slopes. Fiber rolls shall be installed in the flow path of graded areas receiving concentrated flows and around storm drain inlets.</p> <p>♦ “Best management practices” (BMPs) shall be implemented for preventing the discharge of other construction-related NPDES pollutants beside sediment (i.e. paint, concrete, etc) to downstream waters.</p> <p>♦ After construction is completed, all drainage facilities shall be inspected for accumulated sediment, and these drainage structures shall be cleared of debris and sediment.</p> <p>Long-term mitigation measures to be included in the Project SW/PPP shall include, but are not limited to, the following:</p> <p>♦ Description of potential sources of erosion and sediment at the proposed project site. Industrial activities and significant materials and chemicals that could be used at the project site should be described. This will include a thorough assessment of existing and potential pollutant sources.</p>	

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	HYDRO-1 <i>continued</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Identification of BMPs to be implemented at the project site based on identified industrial activities and potential pollutant sources. Emphasis shall be placed on source control BMPs, with treatment controls used as needed. ◆ Development of a monitoring and implementation plan. Maintenance requirements and frequency shall be carefully described including vector control, clearing of clogged or obstructed inlet or outlet structures, vegetation/landscape maintenance, replacement of media filters, regular sweeping of parking lots and other paved areas, etc. Wastes removed from BMPs may be hazardous, therefore, maintenance costs should be budgeted to include disposal at a proper site. Parking lot areas shall be cleared of debris that may enter the storm drain system on a daily basis. ◆ The monitoring and maintenance program shall be conducted at the frequency agreed upon by the RWQCB and/or City of Santa Rosa. Monitoring and maintenance shall be recorded and submitted annually to the SWRCB. The SWPPP shall be adjusted, as necessary, to address any inadequacies of the BMPs. ◆ The applicant shall prepare informational literature and guidance on industrial and commercial BMPs to minimize pollutant contributions from the proposed development. This information shall be distributed to all employees at the project site. At a minimum the information shall cover: a) proper disposal of commercial cleaning chemicals; b) proper use of landscaping chemicals; c) clean-up and appropriate disposal of hazardous materials and chemicals; and d) prohibition of any washing and dumping of materials and chemicals into storm drains. 	

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<p>Impact HYDRO-2: Increased levels of non-point source pollutants may enter the storm drains of the area and ultimately enter Santa Rosa Creek if not controlled through proper Stormwater Pollution Prevention. This would be a <i>significant</i> impact.</p>	S	<p><u>Mitigation Measure HYDRO-2:</u> Developers will be required to prepare and implement a Specific Plan Area Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP), pursuant to NPDES requirements, as detailed in Mitigation Measure HYDRO-1.</p>	LTS
<p>Impact HYDRO-3: Development in the Specific Plan area may create an increase in flood potential in downstream waters by increasing runoff levels. This would be a <i>significant</i> impact.</p>	S	<p><u>Mitigation Measure HYDRO-3:</u> In accordance with the Santa Rosa Area Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) and Sonoma County Water Agency flood control criteria, developers shall develop a Storm Drain Master Plan for individual projects that includes design drawings and calculations of the capacity of the proposed storm drain system for the project. SUSMP-recommended BMPs such as on-site storm water detention, storm drain line upgrades, or infiltration areas shall be incorporated into the project design, as well as storm water treatment controls such as catch basins, storm water separators, and or/other SUSMP-recommended treatment BMPs. The Storm Drain Plan shall also include a hydraulic analysis prepared consistent with Sonoma County Water Agency flood control design criteria to establish whether the existing municipal system has capacity to accommodate any increased flows resulting from the proposed project. The analysis shall include Rational Method calculations of pre- and post-development 10-year peak flows and shall take into account drainpipe slope and elevations, drainpipe size(s), and system head losses. The Storm Drain Plan shall be submitted to the City of Santa Rosa and the Sonoma County Water Agency for review prior to approval.</p> <p>The Storm Drain Plan should be consistent with the City's SUSMP, SCWA flood control criteria, and General Plan Policies.</p>	LTS

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LAND USE

The Specific Plan would not result in significant impacts related to land use; therefore, no mitigation measures are required.

NOISE

Impact NOI-1: Although construction noise would be localized to the individual construction sites, businesses and residences throughout the Specific Plan Area would be intermittently exposed to high levels of noise throughout the construction period. Construction would elevate noise levels at adjacent businesses and residences by 15 to 20 dBA or more. This would be a *significant* impact.

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Mitigation Measure NOI-1: Developers shall ensure that construction equipment be well maintained and used judiciously to be as quiet as practical. The following measures, when applicable, will be required from developers to reduce noise from construction activities:

- ◆ Equip all internal combustion engine-driven equipment with mufflers, which are in good condition and appropriate for the equipment.
- ◆ Utilize “quiet” models of air compressors and other stationary noise sources where technology exists.
- ◆ Locate stationary noise-generating equipment as far as feasible from sensitive receptors when sensitive receptors adjoin or are near a construction project area.
- ◆ Prohibit unnecessary idling of internal combustion engines.
- ◆ Pre-drill foundation pile holes to minimize the number of impacts required to seat the pile.
- ◆ Construct solid plywood fences around construction sites adjacent to operational business, residences or noise-sensitive land uses.
- ◆ A temporary noise control blanket barrier shall be erected, if necessary, along building facades facing construction sites. This mitigation would only be necessary if conflicts occurred which were irresolvable by proper scheduling. Noise control blanket barriers can be rented and quickly erected.

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	NOI-1 <i>continued</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Route construction-related traffic along major roadways and as far as feasible from sensitive receptors. ◆ Ensure that construction activities (including the loading and unloading of materials and truck movements) are limited to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ◆ Businesses, residences or noise-sensitive land uses adjacent to construction sites shall be notified of the construction schedule in writing. Designate a “construction liaison” that will be responsible for responding to any local complaints about construction noise. The liaison would determine the cause of the noise complaints and institute reasonable measures to correct the problem. Conspicuously post a telephone number for the liaison at the construction site. 	LTS
	<p>Impact NOI-2: The future residential units in the Specific Plan would be exposed to outdoor noise levels in excess of 60 Ldn and indoor levels in excess of 45 Ldn. Future commercial uses along Highway 101, Highway 12 and major arterial roadways would be exposed to outdoor noise levels in excess of 70 Ldn. These noise levels would exceed the City and State established land use compatibility thresholds. This would be a <i>significant</i> impact.</p>	<p>Mitigation Measure NOI-2a: In areas where new residential development would be exposed to an L_{dn} of greater than 60 dB, site-specific noise studies shall be conducted to determine the area of impact and to present appropriate mitigation measures to reduce noise levels to within established allowable levels, which may include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Utilize site planning to minimize noise in shared residential outdoor activity areas by locating the areas behind the buildings, in courtyards, or orienting the terraces to alleyways rather than streets, whenever possible. 	LTS

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	<p>NOI-2 <i>continued</i></p>	<p>Mitigation Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Mechanical ventilation satisfactory to the City of Santa Rosa should be provided in all units so that windows can remain closed at the choice of the occupants to maintain interior noise levels below 45 dBA L_{dn}. ◆ Sound rated windows and construction methods necessary to provide the requisite noise control for residential units proposed along Highway 101, Highway 12 and NWPR tracks where noise levels could exceed 70 dBA L_{dn}. ◆ Adopt a policy to limit typical instantaneous maximum noise levels caused by railroad trains to 55 dBA L_{max} inside new housing units proposed along the NWPR tracks. ◆ New development shall incorporate the identified mitigation measures contained in the noise study, as approved by the City. <p>Mitigation Measure NOISE-2b: Avoid locating noise sensitive outdoor commercial areas (i.e., outdoor dining, childcare facilities, etc.) adjacent to Highway 101, Highway 12 or major arterial roadways unless they are shielded by sound barriers or structures. Mechanical ventilation should be provided in all noise sensitive commercial uses (i.e., offices, childcare, art galleries, libraries, etc) adjoining Highway 101, Highway 12 or major arterial roadways. Sound rated windows and construction methods may also be necessary.</p>

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S	<p>IMPACT NOI-3: Structures in the vicinity of development allowed in the Specific Plan Area could be exposed to construction-related vibration during the excavation and foundation work associated with projects implementing the Specific Plan. This would be a <i>significant</i> impact.</p>	<p><u>Mitigation Measure NOI-3a:</u> Developers shall reduce vibration from construction activities by implementing the following during construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Avoid impact pile driving where possible and use drilled piles when possible since drilled piles causes lower vibration levels where geological conditions permit their use. ◆ Avoid using vibratory rollers and tampers near sensitive areas. <p><u>Mitigation Measure NOI-3b:</u> In areas where project construction is anticipated to include vibration-generating activities, such as pile driving, in close proximity to existing structures, site-specific vibration studies shall be conducted to determine the area of impact and to present appropriate mitigation measures that may include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Identification of sites which would include vibration compaction activities, such as pile driving, and have the potential to generate groundborne vibration, while considering the sensitivity of nearby structures to groundborne vibration. Vibration limits shall be applied to all vibration-sensitive structures located within 200 feet of the project. This task shall be conducted by a qualified structural engineer. 	LTS

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NOI-3 <i>continued</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Development of a vibration monitoring and construction contingency plan to identify structures where monitoring would be conducted, set up a vibration monitoring schedule, define structure-specific vibration limits and address the need to conduct photo, elevation and crack surveys to document before and after construction conditions. Construction contingencies would be identified for when vibration levels approached the limits. ◆ At a minimum, vibration monitoring shall be conducted during initial demolition activities and during pile driving activities. Monitoring results may indicate the need for more or less intensive measurements. ◆ When vibration levels approach limits, suspend construction and implement contingencies to either lower vibration levels or secure the affected structures. ◆ Conduct post-survey on structures where either monitoring has indicated high levels or complaints of damage has been made. Make appropriate repairs or compensation where damage has occurred as a result of construction activities. <p>Appropriate mitigation shall be approved and required by the City prior to commencement of construction.</p>

POPULATION AND HOUSING

The Specific Plan would not result in significant impacts related to population and housing; therefore, no mitigation measures are required.

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PUBLIC SERVICES AND RECREATION

The Specific Plan would not result in significant impacts related to public services and recreation; therefore, no mitigation measures are required.

TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION

Impact TRANS-1: Buildout of the Specific Plan in the future would exacerbate unacceptable LOS F traffic conditions in both directions on Highway 101, and unacceptable LOS E conditions on westbound State Highway 12. This would be a *significant* impact.

Mitigation Measure TRANS-1: There are no known freeway capacity projects that would result in acceptable operation in the future, and correspondingly no means for fair-share payments for impacts to Highway 101 to be collected.

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UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The Specific Plan would not result in significant impacts related to utilities and infrastructure; therefore, no mitigation measures are required.

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