

Section VII Environmental Resources

The Kiernan Business Park Specific Plan was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CEQA Guidelines. The purpose of CEQA is to determine the potential significant environmental impacts of proposed projects. The City's Master Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No 2007072023), which identified specific plans as subsequent projects, was certified by the Modesto City Council in 1995 and updated and recertified in March 2003 and October 2008.

A Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR), tiered off the Master EIR, was prepared to address the environmental impacts of the Kiernan Business Park Specific Plan in 1997. Since that time, the Kaiser Medical Campus and Cornerstone Business Park projects were approved within the plan area under a separate project EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2003072085), the area bounded by Pelandale Avenue, Dale Road, Bangs Road, and American Avenue (also known as Kiernan South) was approved with a Mitigated Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse No. 2007092029), and the area bounded by Kiernan Avenue, Dale Road, Bangs Road and American Avenue (also known as Kiernan East) was approved under a stand-alone Program EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2007062071).

Environmental review of subsequent activities shall be pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. All projects shall comply with applicable mitigation measures identified in the associated mitigation-monitoring and reporting programs.