

II. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES -- Would the project:

- a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?

Finding: No impact

The project site is located within an urban area developed with an active Airport. Almost the entire Airport property has undergone disturbance resulting from development since approximately 1940. The project site has been developed and utilized for aviation purposes since approximately the late 1960s. The entire project site is developed with structures or covered with pavement and there are no agricultural practices on the project site. The Reseda - West Van Nuys Community Plan does not identify farmland activities on the project site or in the project area. The project will replace existing development and will not encroach upon or disturb any lands currently utilized for agricultural or farming practices. As a result, the project will not result in a significant impact to Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance.

- b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?

Finding: No impact

Existing zoning at the site is [T][Q]M2-1 VL which does not promote agricultural uses. Further, the project site has been developed with aviation uses since approximately the late 1960s. The Williamson Act enables local governments to enter into contracts with private landowners for the purpose of restricting specific parcels of land to agricultural or related open space use, in return for lower property tax assessments. Because the site does not have agricultural uses or open space, it does not currently meet the requirements to enter into a Williamson Act contract. Therefore, the project will not result in an impact to an area or property zoned for agricultural use or that is currently under a Williamson Act contract.

- c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use?

Finding: No impact

The project will be constructed in an urbanized area, on a site that is currently fully developed and void of any farmland. The project is a replacement of a portion of the existing uses on the site, and it will not result in the conversion of any farmland to a non-agricultural use. Furthermore, there will be no change of use on the site which could trigger off-site conversion of farmland. Therefore, the project will not result in a significant impact to existing farmlands.