

5 GROWTH-INDUCING IMPACTS

Section 15126.2(d) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines requires a discussion of the ways in which the project could foster economic or population growth, or the construction of additional housing, whether directly or indirectly, in the surrounding environment. Induced growth is distinguished from the direct employment, population, or housing growth of a project. If a project has characteristics that “may encourage and facilitate other activities that could significantly affect the environment, either individually or cumulatively,” then these aspects of the project must be discussed as well. Induced growth is any growth that exceeds planned growth and results from new development that would not have taken place in the absence of the project. The CEQA Guidelines also indicate that the topic of growth should not be assumed to be either beneficial or detrimental.

The Beacon’s Beach Access Project would not affect growth because it is intended as an access improvement project. No change in the existing use of the site that would foster growth is proposed. Therefore, no growth-inducing impacts would occur.

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