

CHAPTER 9.0

SIGNIFICANT UNAVOIDABLE ADVERSE IMPACTS

9.1 INTRODUCTION

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 21100(b)(2) requires that any significant and unavoidable effect on the environment must be identified. In addition, Section 15093(a) of the CEQA *Guidelines* allows the decision-making agency to determine if the benefits of a proposed project outweigh the unavoidable adverse environmental impacts of implementing the project. The City of Sacramento can approve a project with unavoidable adverse impacts if it prepares a "Statement of Overriding Considerations" setting forth the specific reasons for making such a judgment. A list of unavoidable adverse impacts identified in this EIR is provided below. For each of the unavoidable adverse impacts, the City must prepare a Statement of Overriding Considerations if the City approves the project.

The following significant unavoidable adverse impacts resulting from the proposed project have been identified in this EIR. See Chapter 6.0, Environmental Setting, Impacts, and Mitigation Measures for detailed discussions of significant unavoidable adverse impacts.

9.2 UNAVOIDABLE ADVERSE IMPACTS

Increased parking demand resulting from implementation of the Proposed Project would contribute to the insufficiency of parking within William Land Park. The existing insufficiency of parking, which occurs during heavy demand periods, can be expected to intensify and spread over more hours per day and more days per year. This is considered a significant impact. Mitigation 6.2-1 presents a number of measures that could provide adequate parking spaces to accommodate expected increases Zoo patron parking demand. However, the Zoo lacks the ability to implement the measures by itself, and it is uncertain whether these measures can be carried out solely on behalf of the Zoo. Therefore, the impact is considered significant and unavoidable.