

## 7.1 SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS THAT CANNOT BE AVOIDED IF THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS IMPLEMENTED

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As required by the *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines*, this section identifies the significant environmental effects that cannot be avoided if the proposed project is implemented. The *State CEQA Guidelines* Section 1526.2(b) requires that this discussion:

*Describe any significant impacts, including those which can be mitigated but not reduced to a level of insignificance. Where there are impacts that cannot be alleviated without imposing an alternative design, their implications and the reasons why the project is being proposed, notwithstanding their effect, should be described.*<sup>1</sup>

The analyses contained in **Section 5.0** of this environmental impact report (EIR) identify significant impacts that would result from implementation of the proposed project. Where significant impacts are identified, mitigation measures are provided to reduce the severity of the potential impact. With implementation of the mitigation measures provided in **Section 5.0**, all impacts identified for the City of Solvang Water System Master Plan Update would be reduced to Class II, less than significant with mitigation; all other impacts are less than significant (Class III). Consequently, there are no unavoidable significant environmental effects if the proposed project is implemented.

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<sup>1</sup> California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, *California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines*, Section 15126.2(b).