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This chapter describes the format and organization of this Draft EIR. Each sub-chapter is organized into the following sections:

- **Environmental Setting** provides an overview of federal, State, regional and local laws and regulations relevant to each environmental issue, together with a description of the existing environmental conditions, providing a baseline against which the impacts of the proposed Project can be compared.
- **Standards of Significance** refers to the quantitative or qualitative standards or conditions used to compare the existing setting with and without the proposed Project to determine whether the impact is significant. These standards are based primarily on the CEQA Guidelines, and may reflect established health standards, ecological tolerance standards, public service capacity standards, or guidelines established by agencies or experts.
- **Impact Discussion** gives an overview of the potential impacts of the proposed Project and explains why impacts were found to be significant or less than significant prior to mitigation. This subsection also includes a discussion of cumulative impacts of the proposed Project.
- **Summary of Significant Impacts and Mitigation Measures** lists impacts identified as potentially significant, as well as suggested measures that would mitigate each impact. In each case the significance following mitigation is also explained.

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