7.0 GROWTH INDUCING IMPACTS

Section 15126.2(d) of the CEQA Guidelines requires an EIR to “discuss the ways in which the project could foster economic or population growth, or the construction of additional housing, either directly or indirectly, in the surrounding environment. Included in this are projects which would remove obstacles to population growth...” In general terms, a project may result in a significant growth inducing impact if it individually or cumulatively with other projects results in any of the actions described in the following examples:

- The project removes an obstacle to growth, such as: the establishment of an essential public service, the provision of new access to an area, or a change in zoning or general plan designation.

- The project results in economic expansion, population growth or the construction of additional housing occurs in the surrounding environment in response to the project, either directly or indirectly.

The San Joaquin Apartments project would be served by existing sewer, water and other utility services that have been established on the project site and in the project area. Access to the project would be provided by existing roads and no road improvements would be required to obtain access to the project site. Therefore, the proposed project would not require an extension of public services that have the potential to result in or facilitate unplanned growth in the project area.

The San Joaquin project would provide housing opportunities for UCSB students, which would alleviate pressure to provide student-serving housing at off-campus locations. The proposed project would be consistent with agreements made by UCSB to provide additional housing commensurate with planned and previously approved enrollment growth at UCSB. Therefore, the additional housing would not have the long-term effect of inducing population growth that may occur if people were to migrate to the project region to occupy housing released by students moving into the San Joaquin project.

The project would result in a small increase in employment opportunities by creating approximately 42 full-time job positions. It is not expected that substantial in-migration to the project area would result to fill these positions, and other employment opportunities provided by the project would be filled by enrolled UCSB students. The project could generate short-term construction employment opportunities, but these opportunities would not result in substantial population growth in the project region. Therefore, the San Joaquin Apartments project would not result in significant growth inducing impacts.