

Chapter 7

Growth-Inducing Impacts

This chapter discusses growth-inducing impacts of the proposed project (EDCP and Two-Year Komeen Research Trials). Under CEQA, a project is considered "growth inducing" if it directly or indirectly:

- ❑ Fosters economic or population growth or additional housing;
- ❑ Removes obstacles to growth;
- ❑ Taxes community services or facilities to such an extent that new services or facilities would be necessary; or
- ❑ Encourages or facilitates other activities that cause significant environmental effects.

The proposed project is not considered growth-inducing. Potentially, control of *Egeria* in and around marinas could increase access to businesses that occur along the channels of the Delta. This could potentially bolster economic growth to some extent. Improvements to the local economy could theoretically spur population growth in the area.

However, given the small amount of acreage being treated by the proposed project (approximately 1,500 to 1,700 acres per year for five years), it is highly unlikely that such a chain of events would occur. While control of *Egeria* may improve access to local businesses, it is unlikely to result in any significant or substantial changes to the local economy. Thus, the proposed project would not impact economic or population growth to any significant degree.

Further, the proposed project would not tax community services or facilities in any way. Finally, the project would not encourage or facilitate other activities that cause significant environmental effects. While the proposed project would likely result in improvements to recreation in the Delta, such as boating, fishing, and water skiing, these activities are already prevalent in the Delta and do not cause significant environmental effects.

In conclusion, the proposed project would result in less than significant growth-inducing impacts.

