

4.13 Public Services

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less-Than-Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less-Than-Significant Impact	No Impact
Would the project:				
Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
a) Fire protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Police protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

The environmental setting describes fire and police protection, schools, parks, and other public services in the vicinity of the proposed Project.

Regional

The City of Montebello provides services for most of the Project area and forms one of several urban services providers in the central Los Angeles metropolitan region. The cities of Montebello and Monterey Park have established mutual aid agreements with the surrounding communities and the County Los Angeles for additional support and services on an as needed basis.

The East LA College, California State University of Los Angeles, and California Institute of Technology along with other higher level educational institutions are within 10 miles of the MGSF. There are two high schools in Montebello that serve the various MGSF properties. Local and county/regional parks and other recreational services include

numerous local parks, the Montebello Golf Course and the Los Angeles County Whittier Narrows Recreational Area.

Local

The City of Montebello provides public services, such as police and fire protection. The nearest fire station to the MGSF is the City of Montebello Fire Station Headquarters located at 600 N. Montebello Boulevard. The response time for an emergency call to the Fire Department averages seven minutes. The following equipment are available to respond to emergency calls: three fire engines with three personnel each, one truck with three personnel, one squad car with two personnel, and one command vehicle with one person (Chavez 2000). The nearest police station is the new Police Headquarters next to the City Hall located at 1600 W. Beverly Boulevard. The Police Department has not adopted response time goals or standards (Ramos 2000).

The schools within a half mile of the project vicinity are: La Merced School, Fremont School, St. Benedict School, Washington School, Montebello High School, Wilcox School, and Schurr Junior High School. These schools are in the Montebello Unified School District.

Local recreational services are provided by both the city (6 city parks and the Montebello Golf Course) and the homeowner associations of the Racquet Mountain Estates 1 and 2 and the Liberty-Yorktown estate to the northeast of the Main Facility.

The two Monterey Park lots are surrounded by the City of Montebello on two of three sides and are not contiguous with any existing Monterey Park public service areas.

REGULATORY SETTING

Local

The *Montebello General Plan Elements* states that 29.57 ac of the Main Facility are designated as existing recreational, vacant, and open space land. The *Montebello General Plan Elements* contains policies related to parks. They are as follows:

- **Policy 1:** Preserve and maintain all existing park and recreational facilities within the City.
- **Policy 3:** Wherever possible, acquire the necessary parks and recreational acreage required throughout the City to meet the standard of 4.0 ac of park and recreational use per 1,000 residents.

The *Monterey Park General Plan* states that it maintains its own police department. Within the department are the Community Relations Division, which provides community awareness of crimes, and the Emergency Preparedness Division, which coordinates responses to catastrophic occurrences.

The *Monterey Park General Plan* contains policies related to fire protection. They are as follows:

- **Policy 4:** Expand educational programs using displays and demonstrations that expose children to the strength and danger of fire.

- **Policy 8:** Expand all citizen participation and education programs of the Monterey Park Police Department, especially the Reserves.

The *Monterey Park General Plan* contains policies related to parks. They are as follows:

- **Policy 1:** Identify existing natural resources that are threatened by expansion to be conserved as open space.
- **Policy 4:** Investigate additional methods to provide for the integration of public and private open spaces in each development.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Significance Criteria

The following outlines the significance criteria utilized to assess potential environmental effects based on established regulatory frameworks or established technical aspects of each sector. Impacts in this sector relate to the need for new physical facilities and the adverse physical effects arising from their construction for the following public services:

- Fire and Police Facilities
- Schools
- Parks and Other Public Facilities

Decommissioning and Sale

Checklist Questions a) - d) During cushion gas recovery and decommissioning there are no anticipated conditions that will occur that would significantly increase demand for any public service for an extended time period. The MGSF operation does not generate demand for schools or parks, a fact that will not change with either recovery or decommissioning.

Future Development

Checklist Questions a) - d) Development of 22 single family homes with an associated increase in population of approximately 75 people will result in an incremental increase in the demand for fire and police protection, schools and parks. Within the context of the overall Montebello population the increase represents less than 1% of the City's population and is not regarded as a potentially significant increase. The probable development of the two Monterey Park Lots with industrial uses will likewise incrementally add to the City's overall demand for police and fire protection and will not add any new demand for either schools or parks.

MITIGATION MEASURES

No mitigation is required.