

CHAPTER THREE

AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES, AND AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION AND MITIGATION MEASURES

The purpose of this chapter is to provide a discussion of the environmental and community features within the Doyle Drive Project study area. Potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures, by alternative, are also summarized. Data sources and methodology used for this analysis are briefly discussed with each resource.

Information contained in this *Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report* (FEIS/R) was extracted from environmental technical reports that were prepared specifically for this project.

A detailed listing of sources can be found in Chapter 9, References, while the respective technical reports are available from the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, Caltrans, and the Doyle Drive website (www.doyledrive.org).

3.1 General Environmental Review Process

This chapter presents results of the analysis of social, economic, and environmental issues relevant to this project. Issues were identified through an initial screening conducted by experts using generally available information about the project and its environmental setting. The initial screenings assessed the likelihood that adverse impacts could occur in any of the resource areas identified in the *California Environmental Quality Act* (CEQA), environmental checklist, or Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) *Technical Advisory 6640.8A*, which provides guidance for preparing federal environmental documents.

This chapter covers resource areas where the initial screening identified a possibility for adverse impact or where there was considered to be a high degree of public sensitivity. They are listed in **Exhibit 3-1** on the following page.

Resource areas determined to have no possibility for an adverse impact based on the initial screening are not discussed.

3.2 Human Environment

This Human Environment section examines our communities, our cultural past, and our use of land. The resources reviewed as part of the human environment analysis include: land use; parks and recreation; community impacts; cultural (historic and archeological) resources; traffic and transportation (including