6. Long-Term Implications of the Proposed Project

6.1 Relationship Between Local Short-Term Uses of Man's Environment and the Maintenance and Enhancement of Long-Term Productivity

The proposed project is to be placed on a site that is already partially developed. As a result, there is no opportunity for affecting the environment or interfering with long-term productivity. The agricultural uses that are displaced on the site are either relocated on-site or supplemented by additional leases or conveyances of agricultural area. Therefore, there is little relationship between the short-term use of the environment and the enhancement of long-term productivity.

It is significant, however, that if jail overcrowding is not relieved, the County overall will suffer a decrease in the quality of the environment as a result of increased crime. This is not a physical environmental issue, but is rather an important social issue having to do with the quality of life in Orange County.

6.2 Significant Irreversible Environmental Changes Which Would Be Involved If the Proposed Action Should Be Implemented

There are no irreversible environmental changes which would occur if the proposed actions are implemented. The proposed project has one of the lowest traffic generations of any type of project that could be accommodated on the site of 100 acres. Further, there are no environmental resources on the project site which could be adversely affected by the project.

Most of the controversy surrounding this jail project has been in the area of social impacts and economic impacts (e.g., decline in property values). While these may be issues which the decision makers wish to consider, they are not reviewable within the California Environmental Quality Act.

6.3 Growth-Inducing Impacts

Unlike the extension of a new water line, a new sewer line or a roadway, the provision of the jail facility is a *response* to growth in the County rather than a stimulus to it. Therefore, there are no growth-inducing impacts as a result of this project.

It has been suggested during the scoping and consultation process that growth-inducing impacts were suspected, because of the perceived need for inmate families and staff to move to the area. Not only is there little residential land available for growth in the

immediate area, the characteristics of this jail project dictate against the relocation of staff or inmate families to the area, as further explained in Section 5.11.2 of this EIR.