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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

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Interested Agencies and Organizations

(Refer to Attached Distribution List)

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a General Plan Update and a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report

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The CITY OF MURRIETA will be the Lead Agency and will prepare a supplemental environmental impact report (SEIR) for the project identified below. The City requests your careful review and consideration of this notice, and it invites input and comments from responsible and trustee agencies and interested persons and organizations regarding the preparation of the SEIR. This NOP also gives notice of the public scoping meeting. The City, as Lead Agency, respectfully requests that any Responsible or Trustee Agency responding to this notice reply in a manner consistent with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15082. Comments and suggestions should identify the significant environmental issues, reasonable alternatives, and mitigation measures that should be explored in the SEIR, in addition to whether the responding agency will be a responsible or trustee agency for the proposed project. The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials. A copy of the Initial Study Checklist is not attached. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice (comment period ends March 22, 2019). Please send your response to Jarrett Ramaiya, City Planner, at the address shown above. We will need the name of a contact person in your agency.

Scoping Meeting Time/Location: Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 10 AM to 1 PM at the City of Murrieta Senior Center, 5 Town Square, Murrieta, 92562

Project Title: N	Iurrieta General Plan Update and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report				
Project Location	: City of Murrieta	Riverside			
	City (nearest)	County			

Project Description: (brief)

The General Plan Update (GPU) is a focused update of the City's 2011 General Plan. The GPU addresses changes in State law enacted since the adoption of the 2011 General Plan as well as changes to land use designations and the land use policy map in specific areas throughout the City. The Project includes an update to the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) to address new State and regional goals. A SEIR will be prepared for the GPU and the CAP Update. The GPU will provide the City Council, Planning Commission, City Staff, and the entire community with updated plans to guide the City's decision-making and development processes through 2035.

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

CITY OF MURRIETA GENERAL PLAN UPDATE AND SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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PROJECT INFORMATION PACKET

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, the City of Murrieta has distributed this Notice of Preparation/Project Information Packet for the Murrieta General Plan Update (GPU) and draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR).

The sections that follow describe the City's location in the region, the project description and list the issue areas to be evaluated through a SEIR, which will be prepared in accordance with *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15163.

II. REGIONAL LOCATION

The City of Murrieta is located in southeastern Riverside County, and is comprised of 26,852 acres (41.96 square miles) of which 21,511 acres (33.61 square miles) is located within the City Limits and 5,341 acres (8.34 square miles) is located within the City's Sphere of Influence. Surrounding cities include Menifee to the north, Temecula to the south and east, Wildomar to the west, and unincorporated Riverside County to the north, south, and east. The San Diego County border is just south of Temecula, and Orange County lies on the other side of the Santa Ana Mountains to the west. Regional access to the City is provided by the Interstates 15 and 215; refer to Exhibit 1, Regional Location Map. Exhibit 2, General Plan 2035 Land Use Policy Map, depicts the City's draft land use plan.

III. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City's existing 2011 General Plan is a policy document designed to guide the City of Murrieta in achieving its social, physical, and economic goals. It is Murrieta's fundamental policy document regarding community and economic development of the City. The City's existing General Plan describes Murrieta's goals and policies regarding land use, economic development, circulation, infrastructure, healthy communities, conservation, recreation and open space, air quality, noise, safety, and housing. Along with these goals and policies is an implementation program to guide the execution of the goals and policies. The City's 2011 General Plan consists of the following State mandated and/or optional elements: Land Use, Economic Development, Circulation, Infrastructure, Healthy Community, Conservation, Recreation and Open Space, Air Quality, Noise, Safety and Housing.

The GPU is a focused update of the City's 2011 General Plan. Major components of the GPU include:

- Additions, deletions, or modifications to the 2011 General Plan goals, policies, exhibits and implementation to address changes in State law enacted since the adoption of the 2011 General Plan
- Update of General Plan development projections to the year 2035
- Update of the Land Use Element with a new land use designation (Innovation) and a

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- revised mix and location of land use designations in six key areas as shown on General Plan Land Use Policy Map (Exhibit 2)
- Elimination of focus areas and incorporation of focus area policies/goals into other sections of the GPU, as appropriate.

The GPU's anticipated change in dwelling units and non-residential square feet over the 2035 estimated buildout from the 2011 General Plan¹ is:

- Addition of 1,572 dwelling units
- Reduction of 2,405,601 square feet of non-residential uses

The work program also includes an update to the City's CAP to address new State and regional goals since the adoption of the 2011 CAP and it will analyze the proposed changes to land use designations in certain areas within the City as part of the GPU. Major components of the CAP Update include:

- Update of emissions inventory, projections, targets, and GHG reduction strategies and measures
- Consistency with the GPU land use designation changes and growth forecasts as well as state and regional goals

The GPU will provide the City Council, Planning Commission, City Staff, and the entire community with updated plans to guide the City's decision-making and development processes through 2035.

IV. SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The SEIR shall evaluate potential environmental impacts resulting from the following revisions/updates to the City's General Plan and Climate Action Plan, including, but not limited to:

- Revisions to exhibits, maps, graphics, charts, tables, and text to reflect updated data/information
- Updates to traffic, air quality, greenhouse gas data
- Analysis related to the possible future annexation of an area identified on Exhibit 2 into the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD). No annexation into the EMWD is proposed as part of the Project; however, the SEIR will include a facilities assessment that the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission would require as part of the information needed for a future annexation request by the City.

¹ Includes 2018 land use designation acreages.

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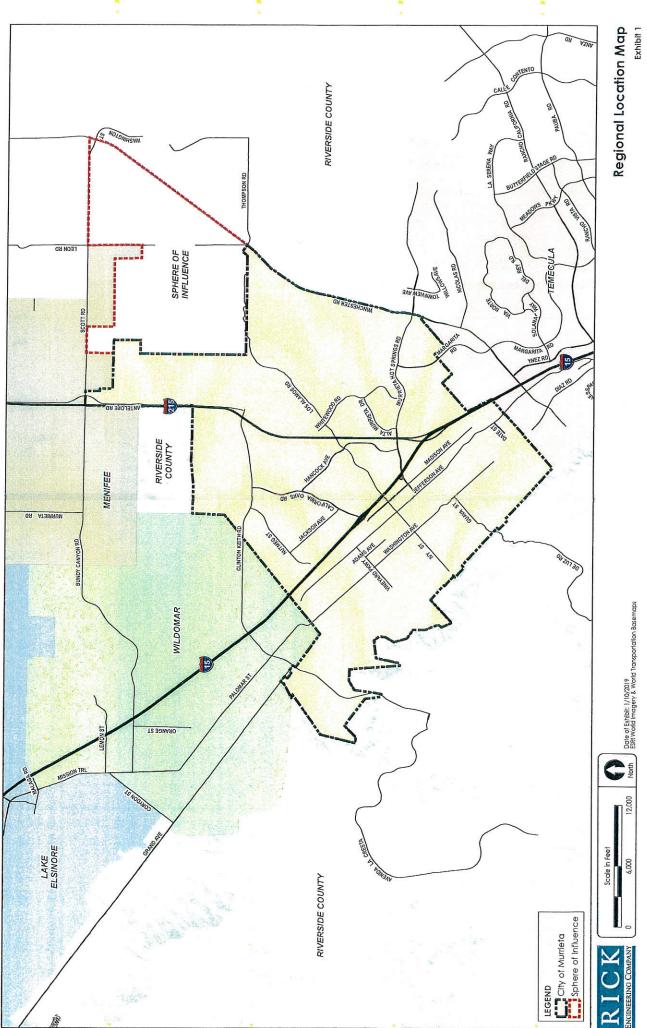
V. POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The SEIR will focus on the following environmental issues:

- I. Aesthetics
- II. Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- III. Air Quality
- IV. Biological Resources
- V. Cultural Resources
- VI. Energy
- VII. Geology and Soils
- VIII. Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- IX. Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- X. Hydrology and Water Quality
- XI. Land Use and Planning
- XII. Mineral Resources
- XIII. Noise
- XIV. Population and Housing
- XV. Public Services
- XVI. Recreation
- XVII. Transportation
- XVIII. Tribal Cultural Resources
- XIX. Utilities and Service Systems
 - XX. Wildfire
- XXI. Mandatory Findings of Significance

Due to the decision to prepare an SEIR, an Initial Study was not prepared. This option is permitted under *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15063, which states that if the Lead Agency determines an SEIR will be required for a project, the Lead Agency may skip further initial review and begin work on the EIR.

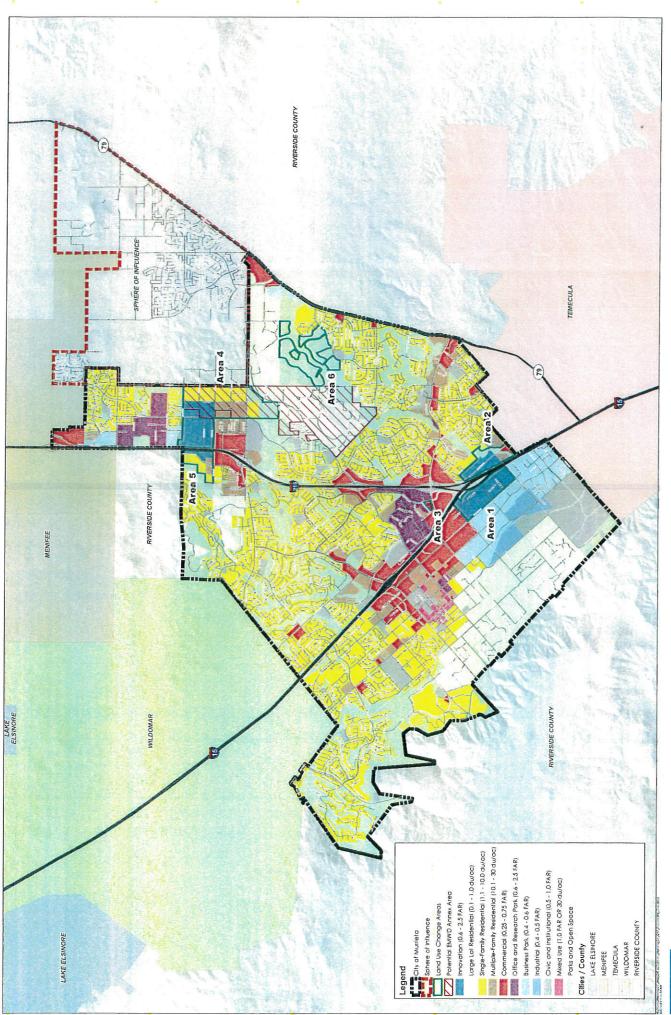
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General Plan 2035 Land Use Policy Map

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