Appendix B

Notice of Preparation and Scoping Meeting



STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Governor's Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit



Notice of Preparation

July 27, 2016

То:--

Reviewing Agencies

Re:

Public Works Integrated Master Plan

SCH# 2016071078

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Public Works Integrated Master Plan draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

Steve Brown
City of Oxnard
PO Box 381
Roseville, CA 95661

with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan

Director, State Clearinghouse

Attachments cc: Lead Agency

Document Details Report State Clearinghouse Data Base

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Project Title Public Works Integrated Master Plan

Lead Agency Oxnard, City of

Type NOP Notice of Preparation

Description Note: Review Per Lead

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Project Location

County Los Angeles, Ventura

City Oxnard

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Region Cross Streets

Lat / Long

Parcel No.

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Township Range Section Base

Proximity to:

Highways

Airports

Railways

Waterways

Schools

Land Use

Project Issues

Reviewing Agencies

Resources Agency; California Coastal Commission; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 5; State Lands Commission; Native American Heritage Commission; Office of Emergency Services, California; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 7; State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Financial Assistance; State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water; State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, District 6; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 4

Date Received

07/27/2016

Start of Review 07/27/2016

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

JUL 26 2016 after 1 p.m.

PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS PROBLEARINGHOUSE CITY OF OXNARD PUBLIC WORKS INTEGRATED MASTER PLAN

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Oxnard (City) plans to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) on its Public Works Integrated Master Plan (PWIMP, Project, and/or Proposed Project). The City will be the lead agency under CEQA. In addition, the City is seeking grant and loan funds from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program that is administered by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). As a result, if the Proposed Project is to receive funds under the State Board's SRF Program, the State Board will be responsible, on behalf of the USEPA, for ensuring that the project adheres to federal environmental regulations, including the Endangered Species Act, the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the General Conformity Rule for the Clean Air Act (CAA), among others. The USEPA has chosen to use the CEQA as the compliance base for California's SRF Loan Program, in addition to compliance with ESA, NHPA, and CAA. Collectively, the State Board calls these requirements CEQA-Plus. As such, this PEIR is intended to be prepared to CEQA-Plus Standards in order to aid in the City's pursuit of obtaining SRF funds.

Project Location and Background

The City is located along the Pacific Ocean coastline in Southern California, just northwest of Los Angeles. Oxnard is the largest city in Ventura County and is at the center of a regional agricultural industry with a growing business center. The City has jurisdictional authority to provide potable water, wastewater, recycled water, and stormwater services to its nearly 200,000 citizens and numerous industrial and commercial users.

The City's Public Works Department oversees the water, wastewater, recycled water, and stormwater utilities throughout the City and faces many challenges in managing these four utilities and its future water resources. These challenges include identifying the best response to immediate drought conditions while planning for long-term water needs, reducing dependence on costly imported water, addressing aging infrastructure and reliability concerns, pursuing aggressive goals for energy efficiency and sustainable solutions, maintaining compliance with changing regulatory requirements, and managing the ongoing loss of seasoned staff and personnel.

Given the City's challenges and opportunities to meet them, the PWIMP develops long-term recommendations for policies, programs, and goals that successfully address the challenges and opportunities in a holistic and integrated way. Opportunities to meet these challenges range from institutional and non-structural approaches (policies and programs) to technical and structural approaches (capital projects). The PWIMP will help the City respond to planned population increase, challenges from new regulatory requirements, drought conditions, aging infrastructure, and reliability concerns. In addition, the PWIMP documents the policy decisions, goals, and objectives to help protect public health while balancing the environmental, social, and financial impacts of the City's water resources management.

Proposed Project Description

A comprehensive summary of the City's PWIMP is located on the City's website at

www.oxnard.org. The purpose of the PWIMP is to provide a central planning document to guide improvements to the City's water infrastructure through the planning horizon (2040). Specifically, the PWIMP addresses future planning needs including infrastructure additions and upgrades for City's water, wastewater, recycled water, and stormwater utilities. The PWIMP builds upon previous planning efforts using a coordinated methodology, which will allow the City to take full advantage of potential linkages and synergies between the four water utility systems. In addition, the PWIMP is also coordinated with a streets plan in an attempt to allow timing of future streets upgrades to be tied together with infrastructure upgrades.

Scope and Contents of the EIR

As part of the environmental review process, the City would like to know the views of you and/or your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information, which is germane to your interests or your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the Proposed Project. If you are representing an agency, your agency may need to use this PEIR when considering your permit authority or approval of the Proposed Project. Whether you are a public agency, stakeholder, rate payer, adjacent landowner, and/or interested member(s) of the general public, you are encouraged to help participate in the preparation of the PEIR by attending the scoping meetings and/or providing written comments as further discussed below.

Scoping Meetings. Two scoping meetings will be conducted to seek public and agency input on alternatives, environmental issues and concerns to be addressed in the PEIR. The schedule and location of the scoping meetings are as follows:

Date:

August 24, 2016

Time:

2:00pm to 3pm and again from 7:00pm to 8pm

Location:

City of Oxnard H.R. Activity Room 300 West Third Street Oxnard, CA 93030

Written Comments. In addition to the opportunity to provide input during the scoping meetings, written comments on the scope, content, alternatives, and the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR are also encouraged. Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your written response needs to be received by September 2, 2016. Please send your written comments to:

Steve Brown
SMB Environmental, Inc.
P.O. Box 381
Roseville, CA 95661

Please make sure that you provide your name, agency you are representing, title, as well as your address and phone number so that we can contact you and keep you informed throughout the PEIR/CEQA process. If you should have any questions or need additional information, please call Steve Brown at 916-517-2189.

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City of Oxnard Public Works Integrated Master Plan

Scoping Meeting
Programmatic Environmental Impact Report

August 24, 2016

Welcome

- * Purpose of the Scoping Meeting
 - * To provide information on the EIR Process
 - * To give you a brief overview of the project
 - * To get your input on the SCOPE OF THE EIR
 - * To get your feedback on the list of topics to be analyzed in the EIR
 - * To get your feedback on the alternatives to be analyzed in the EIR
- * Additional meetings Will Be Held Once a Draft EIR is Prepared

Agenda

- * Introductions
- * Format for Today's Meeting
- * Overview of the CEQA Process
- * Overview of the Proposed Project
 - Goals and Objectives
 - * Project Description Summary
- * Preliminary Scope of the EIR
- * Public Input on the Scope of the EIR
- * Adjournment

Format for Today's Meeting

- * Please make sure that you have signed in
- * We will provide a 15-20 minute overview and then turn over the meeting to you to hear your comments, issues and/or concerns
- * Please fill out Speaker Card if you wish to make any verbal comments tonight
- * Please keep your comments focused on the pertinent aspects of the Proposed Project
 - * Proposed Project Description
 - * Environmental Analysis
 - * Suggested Alternatives
- * We are hear to listen to your comments, issues, concerns and/or suggestions

Overview of the CEQA/EIR Process

- * An Informational Document Designed to Inform the Public and Decision-makers About Potential Environmental Impacts of a Project
- * A Problem Solving Document That Identifies Ways to Avoid or Lessen Impacts:
 - * Mitigation Measures
 - * Alternatives
- * Environmental Impacts Are Just One of the Factors Considered by the Decision-Makers When Deciding Whether or Not to Approve a Project

Role of the EIR Consultant

- * To work with City staff to prepare a technical document that analyzes the environmental impacts of the project, identifies ways to lessen impacts, and which clarifies the environmental issues and choices
- * The EIR Consultant is not an advocate for a particular decision

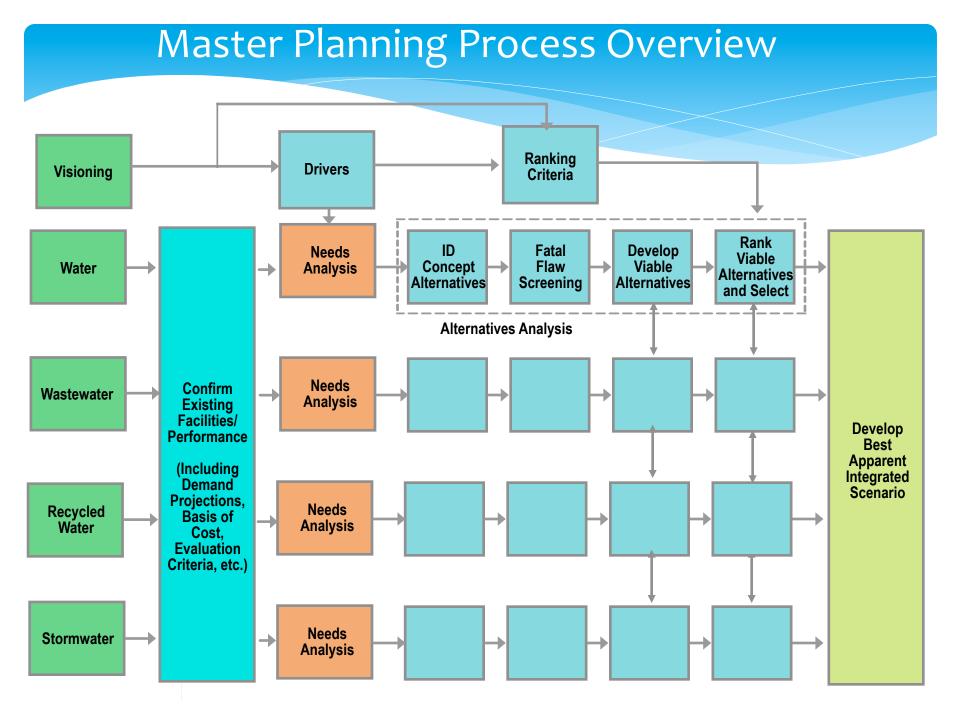
Our Goal

- * To produce and EIR which accurately assesses the potential impacts of the project;
- * Identifies mitigation measures, to reduce impacts;
- * Identifies impact-reducing alternatives;
- * Addresses community comments and concerns;
- * And, provides the City's decision-makers with the information necessary to understand the environmental consequences of the project, and the environmental tradeoffs associated with the project and the alternatives.

Project Description Overview

Goals and Objectives of the Proposed Project

- * The purpose of the PWIMP is to provide a central planning document to guide improvements to the City's water infrastructure through the planning horizon (2040)
 - * Addresses future planning needs including infrastructure additions and upgrades for City's utilities
 - * Water
 - * Wastewater
 - * Recycled water
 - * Stormwater



Plan Drivers



Regulatory

Meet/Exceed Regulatory Requirements



Repair/Rehabilitate (Condition)

• To assure reliable performance and extend useful life



Growth

Provide capacity for new users



Performance

• Reduce life-cycle cost and increase reliability



Resource Sustainability

• Energy initiatives, resource recovery, sustainable design

Goals and Objectives



Provide compliant, reliable, resilient, and flexible systems



Integrate grey and green infrastructure, emphasizing energy efficiency



Manage assets effectively (economic sustainability)



Integrate community interests and develop communication processes



Mitigate impacts of climate change



Protect environmental resources



Enhance environmental sustainability

Water System

Water: Improvement Overview



Regulatory



Repair/Rehabilitate (Condition)

- Cathodic protection
- Select water main replacement due to age and fire flow needs
- Routine maintenance on blend stations
- Automatic meter reader devices
- Security needs



Growth

- New potable wells
- Upgraded pipelines to meet projected demand
- Pressure zone separation



Performance

- Electrical rehabilitation
- Generator and ATS service
- Turnout service
- Additional desalting capacity to improve water quality
- Pressure zone separation



Resource Sustainability

Water: Improvement Overview

Main Water Drivers



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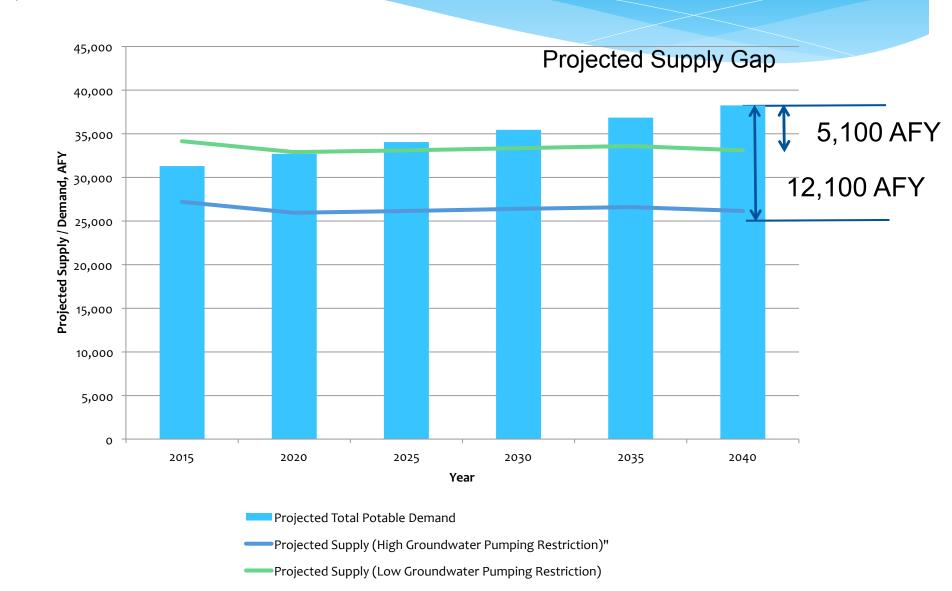
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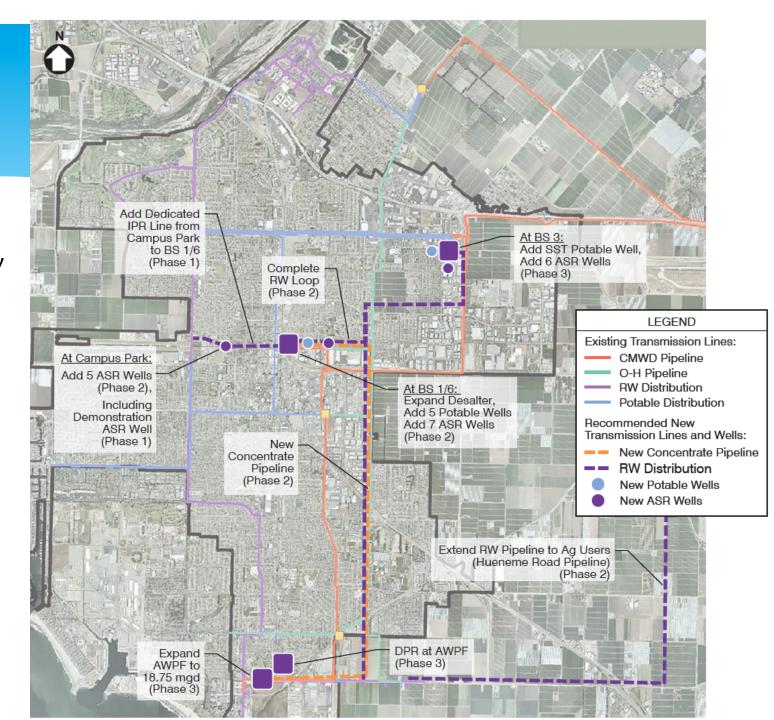
Water Quality Concerns

- * Groundwater supplies water with a high level of hardness
- * Due to this many customers run their own softeners, which increases salt concentration entering the WWTP and AWPF
- * Target hardness level of 100 mg/L

Water Supply and Demand Forecast



Water Supply Facilities



Recycled Water System

Recycled Water: Improvement Overview



Regulatory



Repair/Rehabilitate (Condition)

• Minor improvements to the advanced water purification facility



Growth

- Expansion of the AWPF
- Addition of aquifer storage and recovery wells
- Addition of recycled water distribution force mains



Performance

Addition of diurnal storage and booster pumping



Recycled Water: Improvement Overview

Main Recycled Water Drivers



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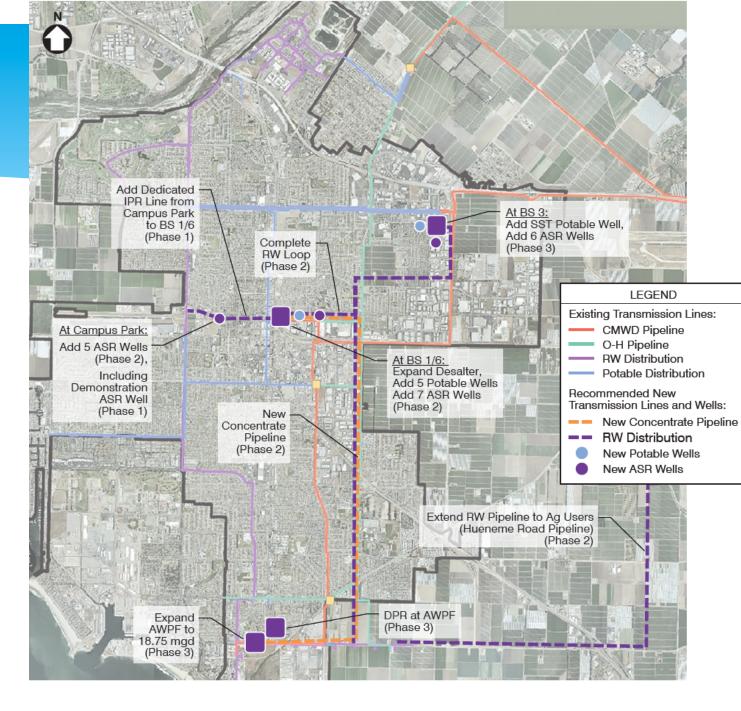
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Key Component of Water Supply Reliability is Indirect Potable Reuse (IPR)

- * Three components to the recycled water system expansion:
 - * Treatment
 - * Expansion of the AWPF
 - Eventual DPR (possibly)
 - * Recycled Water Distribution
 - * Recycled water loop
 - * Hueneme Pipeline
 - * Indirect Potable Reuse
 - * ASR demo well
 - * Additional ASR wells

Recycled Water Supply



Wastewater System

Wastewater: Improvement Overview



Regulatory

• Potential addition of nitrification/denitrification



Repair/Rehabilitate (Condition)

- Repair/replacement needed on almost every treatment plant process
- Seismic/structural upgrades needed on several facilities
- Cathodic Protection of buried plant piping, clarifiers, and digesters
- Select sewer replacement due to age



Growth

- Solids process expansion
- Expansion of select sewer pipelines



Performance

- Biotower removal
- Interstage pumping reconfiguration



Resource Sustainability

- Blower and cogeneration replacement
- FOG receiving station
- Solar cells
- Membrane bioreactor (MBR)
- UV/AOP
- Seawall

Wastewater: Improvement Overview

Main Wastewater Drivers



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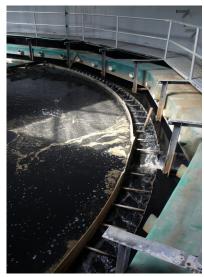


Poor Condition of Existing Infrastructure

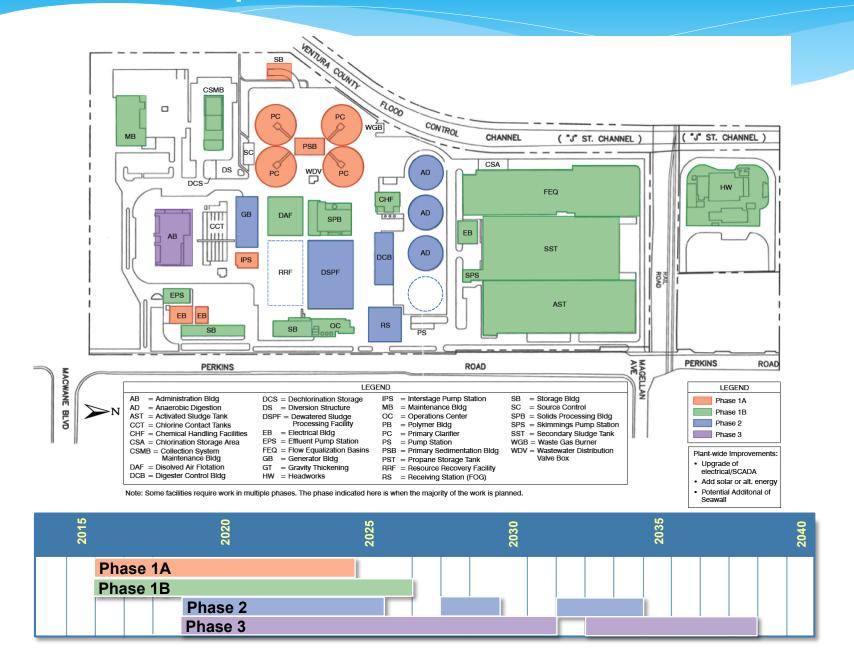








Implementation Schedule



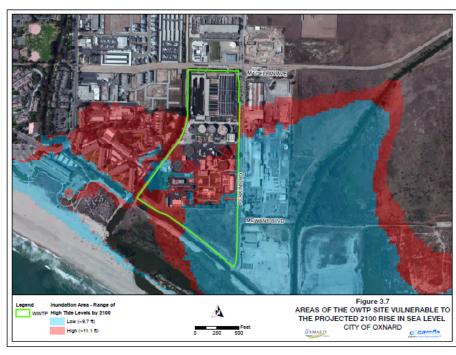
2 Options For Wastewater Improvements:

Since most of the WWTP needs replacement or major repair...

* Traditional Plant Upgrades



* New "Green Field" Site



New "Green Field" Plant

- * There is a potentially large impact from climate change and sea level rise at the WWTP
- * Instead of investing in new facilities at the existing location, move the plant to higher ground
- * Only invest in Immediate Needs Projects at existing plant
- * Phased move of existing plant to a nearby site
 - * New plant would be conventional activated sludge

Stormwater System

Stormwater: Improvement Overview



Regulatory

 Infiltration basin to meet TMDL allocation for indicator bacteria



Repair/Rehabilitate (Condition)

 Select stormwater pipeline/culvert replacement due to age and condition



Growth

• 13 projects to reduce surcharging and flooding



Performance



Resource Sustainability

- Dry weather stormwater diversion
- Incentive program to encourage using stormwater as an offset to potable use

Stormwater: Improvement Overview

Main Stormwater Drivers



Regulatory

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Preliminary Scope of the EIR

Steps in the EIR Process and Opportunities for Input



Key Elements of an EIR

- * Executive Summary
- * Project Description
- * Environmental Impact Analysis
 - * Existing Environmental Setting
 - * Thresholds of Significance
 - * Project Impacts
 - * Cumulative Impacts
 - * Mitigation Measures
 - Level of Significance after Mitigation
- * Alternatives

Environmental Resources to be Evaluated

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- Agriculture Resources
- ☑ Air Quality
- ☑ Cultural Resources
- ☑ Geology / Soils

- ☐ Hazards/Hazardous Materials
- ☑ Hydrology / Water Quality
- Land Use / Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Public Services

- Population and Housing
- **X** Recreation
- **☒** Socioeconomics
- ▼ Transportation/Traffic
- ☑ Utilities and Service Systems
- Mandatory Findings of Significance

Alternatives to be Evaluated

- * Proposed Project
- * No Project Alternative
- * Possible Alternatives
 - * Alternative Locations and Configurations
 - * Seeking input from the Public for additional Alternatives

Draft EIR Schedule*

- * Scoping Comments Due
- * Public Draft EIR Available
- * Public Hearing/Meeting
- * 45-day Public Review Ends
- * Evaluation/Response to Comments
- * Final EIR
- * Decision on Project

September 2, 2016

February 2017*

March 2017*

April 2017*

May 2017*

August 2017*

September 2017*

* Schedule is subject to change

Written Comments

* Written response needs to be received by **September 2**, **2016**. Please send your written comments to

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Open to Public Comments

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 - * Proposed Project Description
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