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Kate Gordon
Director

Notice of Preparation

February 28, 2019

To: Reviewing Agencies

Re: Nevada County Sphere of Influence Update
SCH# 2019029150

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Nevada County Sphere of Influence Update 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:

SR Jones
Nevada County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959

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**

SCH# 2019029150
Project Title Nevada County Sphere of Influence Update
Lead Agency Nevada County Local Agency Formation Commission

Type NOP Notice of Preparation

Description The project is an update to the Nevada City Sphere of Influence (SOI) and includes four project alternatives: LAF Co/City Consensus Preferred Alternative, Original LAFCo Staff Recommendation Alternative, City Recommendation Alternative, and the No Project Alternative. The current SOI occupies approx 2,702 acres and the city occupies approx 1,470 acres, totaling approx 4,172 acres. The SOI Update includes no lands within the existing city boundaries. The annexation would allow for extension of City services but does not include any physical alterations or improvements to any area. No infrastructure extensions, new residential, commercial, industrial or other developments are proposed. The SOI update does not include any changes to existing land uses, land use designation, or zoning.

Lead Agency Contact

Name SR Jones
Agency Nevada County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)
Phone 530 265-7180 **Fax**
email
Address 950 Maidu Avenue
City Nevada City **State** CA **Zip** 95959

Project Location

County Nevada
City Nevada City
Region
Cross Streets n/a - entire SOI
Lat / Long
Parcel No. SOI

Township	Range	Section	Base
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Proximity to:

Highways SR 20, 40, 49
Airports Nevada County Arpt
Railways Narrow Gauge RR
Waterways Deer Crk, Little Deer Crk, Gold Run, Newton Car
Schools Nev. City/Cnty. Sch Dist
Land Use Zones - residential, C2, OS, P, M1, GP, RUR-5, RUR-0, RUR-30 RES, OS, PD, PUB

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Drainage/Absorption; Flood Plain/Flooding; Population/Housing Balance; Public Services; Septic System; Sewer Capacity; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Solid Waste; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Quality; Water Supply; Wetland/Riparian; Growth Inducing; Landuse; Cumulative Effects

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Department of Conservation; Cal Fire; Central Valley Flood Protection Board; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 2; Native American Heritage Commission; Office of Emergency Services, California; State Lands Commission; Public Utilities Commission; Caltrans, Division of Aeronautics; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 3 N; Air Resources Board; Regional Water Quality Control Bd., Region 5 (Sacramento)

Date Received 02/28/2019 **Start of Review** 02/28/2019 **End of Review** 03/29/2019

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Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
 For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH #

Project Title: Nevada County Sphere of Influence Update

Lead Agency: Nevada County Local Agency Formation Commission

Contact Person: SR Jones

Mailing Address: 950 Maidu Avenue

Phone: (530) 265-7180

City: Nevada City

Zip: 95959

County: Nevada County

Project Location: County: Nevada County

City/Nearest Community: Nevada City

Cross Streets: N/A Entire Sphere of Influence Area

Zip Code: 95959

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): N/A ° N/A ' N/A " N/A ° N/A ' N/A " W Total Acres: 2,702 acres

Assessor's Parcel No.: Entire Sphere of Influence Area

Section: N/A

Twp.: N/A

Range: N/A

Base: N/A

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR-20, SR-40, SR-49

Waterways: Deer Creek, Little Deer Creek, Gold Run, Newtown Creek

Airports: Nevada County Airport

Railways: Narrow Gauge Railroad Schools: Nev. City/Cnty. Sch. Dist.

Document Type:

CEQA: ☒ NOP☐ Draft EIRNEPA: ☐ NOIOther: ☐ Joint Document☐ Early Cons☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

☐ Final Document☐ Neg Dec

(Prior SCH No.)

☐ Draft EIS☐ Other:☐ Mit Neg Dec

Other:

☐ FONSI

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Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update☐ Specific Plan☐ Rezone☒ Annexation☐ General Plan Amendment☐ Master Plan☐ Pr ezone☐ Redevelopment☐ General Plan Element☐ Planned Unit Development☐ Use Permit☐ Coastal Permit☐ Community Plan☐ Site Plan☐ Land Division (Subdivision etc.)☒ Other: Sphere of Influence

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units

Acres

☐ Office: Sq. ft.

Acres

Employees

☐ Transportation: Type☐ Commercial: Sq. ft.

Acres

Employees

☐ Mining: Mineral☐ Industrial: Sq. ft.

Acres

Employees

☐ Power: Type

MW

☐ Educational:☐ Waste Treatment: Type

MGD

☐ Recreational:☐ Hazardous Waste: Type☐ Water Facilities: Type

MGD

☒ Other: Sphere of Influence Update

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual☐ Fiscal☐ Recreation/Parks☒ Vegetation☐ Agricultural Land☒ Flood Plain/Flooding☐ Schools/Universities☒ Water Quality☒ Air Quality☐ Forest Land/Fire Hazard☒ Septic Systems☒ Water Supply/Groundwater☒ Archeological/Historical☐ Geologic/Seismic☒ Sewer Capacity☒ Wetland/Riparian☒ Biological Resources☐ Minerals☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading☒ Growth Inducement☐ Coastal Zone☐ Noise☒ Solid Waste☒ Land Use☒ Drainage/Absorption☒ Population/Housing Balance☐ Toxic/Hazardous☒ Cumulative Effects☐ Economic/Jobs☒ Public Services/Facilities☒ Traffic/Circulation☐ Other:

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Zones-Residential (RA-5(R-1), Commercial (C2), (OS), (P), Ind. (M1), GP (EST), (RUR-5), (RUR-10), (RUR-30), (RES), (OS), (PD), (PUB).

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

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Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X".
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

☐ Air Resources Board	☐ Office of Historic Preservation
☐ Boating & Waterways, Department of	☐ Office of Public School Construction
☐ California Emergency Management Agency	☐ Parks & Recreation, Department of
☐ California Highway Patrol	☐ Pesticide Regulation, Department of
☐ Caltrans District # _____	☐ Public Utilities Commission
☐ Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	☐ Regional WQCB # _____
☐ Caltrans Planning	☐ Resources Agency
☐ Central Valley Flood Protection Board	☐ Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
☐ Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	☐ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
☐ Coastal Commission	☐ San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Colorado River Board	☐ San Joaquin River Conservancy
☐ Conservation, Department of	☐ Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Corrections, Department of	☐ State Lands Commission
☐ Delta Protection Commission	☐ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
☐ Education, Department of	☐ SWRCB: Water Quality
☐ Energy Commission	☐ SWRCB: Water Rights
☐ Fish & Game Region # _____	☐ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
☐ Food & Agriculture, Department of	☐ Toxic Substances Control, Department of
☐ Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	☐ Water Resources, Department of
☐ General Services, Department of	
☐ Health Services, Department of	☐ Other: _____
☐ Housing & Community Development	☐ Other: _____
☐ Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date February 28, 2019 Ending Date April 1, 2019

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: <u>Nevada County LAFCo</u>
Address: _____	Address: <u>950 Maidu Avenue</u>
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: <u>Nevada City, CA 95959</u>
Contact: _____	Phone: <u>(530) 265-7180</u>
Phone: _____	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: (SR Jones, Exec. Office) Date: 02/28/2019

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

NOP Distribution List

County: Nevada County

SCH# 2019029150

Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)

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- ☐ Dept. of Boating & Waterways
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