Notice of Preparation

Date: March 8, 2019

To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Federal Agencies,

Interested Parties, and Organizations

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the CHP

Santa Fe Springs Area Office Replacement Project in Norwalk, California

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Purpose of Notice

The California Highway Patrol (CHP), with assistance from the Department of General Services – Real Estate Services Division (DGS), is the lead agency for preparation of an environmental impact report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for construction and operation of the CHP Santa Fe Springs Area Office Replacement Project (Proposed Project).

Pursuant to provisions of CEQA, DGS has prepared a notice of preparation (NOP) for the Proposed Project. The purpose of the NOP is to solicit comments from responsible and trustee agencies, and interested parties on the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR.

Project Location

The Proposed Project site will be a 6-acre parcel that will be sectioned from the existing 165-acre campus of the Metropolitan State Hospital, located at 11401 Bloomfield Avenue (Assessor's parcel number 8025-003-902) in the City of Norwalk in Los Angeles County (see Figures 2-1 and 2-2 in the attached initial study).

Project Description

The project description is contained in the attached initial study, also available at the website www.chp-ceqa.com/santa-fe-springs.

Potential Environmental Effects

The EIR will analyze the reasonably foreseeable direct, indirect and cumulative effects (e.g., climate change) of the Proposed Project and on focused resources, including but not limited to:

Air Quality

Energy

Biological Resources

Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Cultural Resources

Noise

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Transportation

Tribal Cultural Resources

Comments provided in response to the NOP and during the scoping meeting, and ensuing analyses, may identify additional environmental resources to be evaluated.

Public Review Period

The Notice of Preparation is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days beginning March 8, 2019. **Written comments will be accepted by DGS through 5:00 P.M. on April 8, 2019**. Comments must be mailed or emailed to Jennifer Parson at the above addresses.

The Notice of Preparation is available for review at the following locations:

- Norwalk Library: 12350 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650 (562) 868-0775
- California Department of General Services: 707 Third Street, Fourth Floor, Suite 401, West Sacramento, CA 95605 (916) 376-1605
- www.chp-ceqa.com/santa-fe-springs

Alternate formats of this document are available upon request.

Scoping Meeting

To provide the public and regulatory agencies an opportunity to ask questions and submit comments on the scope of the EIR, a scoping meeting will be held during the NOP review period. The scoping meeting will solicit input from the public and public agencies regarding the nature and scope of environmental impacts to be addressed in the Draft EIR. Prepared written comments will be accepted during the meetings, as well as throughout the 30-day NOP review period. The scoping meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, at the Town Center Hall, Meeting Room 1, located at 11740 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670. If reasonable accommodation is needed, call Megan Giglini, Horizon Water and Environment, at (916) 465-8073.

Please contact Jennifer Parson if you have any questions about the environmental review process for the CHP Santa Fe Springs Area Office Replacement Project.

Sincerely,

Chuck King, Assistant Chief

California Highway Patrol / Administrative Services Division