

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF RECIRCULATED SECTION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (Section 5.14, Tribal Cultural Resources)

DATE: December 27, 2019

TO: Reviewing Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

FROM: City of Norco

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of Section 5.14 (Tribal Cultural Resources) of

the Palomino Business Park Draft Environmental Impact Report

(State Clearinghouse No. 2019039132)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Norco is circulating a single section (Section 5.14, Tribal Cultural Resources) of the Palomino Business Park Draft Environmental Impact Report. This section was unintentionally omitted from the Draft EIR circulated on November 18, 2019 as a result of a reproduction error. The City of Norco, as the Lead Agency for the Project, is circulating this section of the Draft EIR for public review and comment pursuant to State of California Public Resources Code Section 21092 and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15087. Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(c), if a revision to an EIR is limited to a few chapters or portions of the EIR, only those chapters of portions that have been modified need to be recirculated. Because Section 5.14 was not included in the Draft EIR that was circulated on November 18, 2019, the City has determined that only Section 5.14 needs to be recirculated. Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(f)(2), since only a portion of the Draft EIR is being circulated, reviewers of this document should limit their comments to only Section 5.14, Tribal Cultural Resources and not make comments on matters not included in this section. Comments on the remainder of the Draft EIR should be submitted to the City no later than 5 p.m. on January 2, 2020.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The purpose of this notice is to inform reviewing agencies, organizations, and interested parties about the availability of Section 5.14 of the Draft EIR during the Public Comment Period, which begins on Friday, **December 27, 2019** and ends on Monday, **February 10, 2020**.

During the 45-day public review period, the Draft EIR that includes Section 5.14 will be available for review online at www.norco.ca.us and at the following locations:

| Norco City Hall | Norco Fire Station #47 | Norco Community | Norco Senior Center |
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| City Clerk's Office | 3902 Hillside Avenue | Library | 2690 Clark Avenue |
| 2870 Clark Avenue | Norco, CA 92860 | 3240 Hamner Avenue, | Norco, CA 92860 |
| Norco, CA 92860 | | Suite 101B | |
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Written comments on recirculated Draft EIR Section 5.14 must be submitted in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2020. The deadline to comment on all other materials included in the Draft EIR circulated for public review on November 18, 2019 remains unchanged as January 2, 2020.

Please email or mail comments, including the name and address of the commenter to:

Steve King, Planning Director City of Norco Planning Department 2870 Clark Avenue Norco, CA 92860

Email: sking@ci.norco.ca.us

Please note project title in subject line: "Palomino Business Park EIR"

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project site is located in southwestern Riverside County within the southwestern portion of the City of Norco. Regional access to the Project site is provided via Interstate 15 (I-15) located 0.4 miles to the east and State Route 91 (SR-91), approximately 2.0 miles to the south. The Project site is located south of Second Street, east of Pacific Avenue, generally north of First Street and either west of or bisected by Mountain Avenue (Corona North USGS 7.5-Minute Quadrangle; Section 13, Township 3 South, Range 7 West, San Bernardino Baseline and Meridian).

DESCRIPTION: The Palomino Business Park Project would redevelop approximately 110 acres of land within the City of Norco for a new business park that would include industrial, commercial, and office uses. The Project would provide 36 industrial buildings and 3 commercial buildings that would include both commercial and office uses. The Project includes construction of approximately 2,050,000 square feet of new building space and related onsite and offsite improvements. Implementation of the Project would include demolition of 36 existing single-family residences, industrial warehouse buildings, related improvements, and building remnants (e.g., foundations, etc.) from previous uses. The Project would be implemented in two phases. Phase 1, west of Mountain Avenue, would develop 21 buildings including industrial, warehouse, office, and commercial uses. Phase 2 would follow and would develop the remaining 17 buildings.

A 104.4-acre portion of the 110-acre Project site is located within the City of Norco Gateway Specific Plan. The Project includes an amendment to the Gateway Specific Plan to amend the parking standards for warehouse uses. The Project also includes: a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), a Tentative Tract Map (TTM), Site Plan Review and a Development Agreement. In addition, because Phase 2 of the Project is located within the City's Housing Development Overlay (HDO), and prior to its construction, the Project would require approval of a Zone Change to remove the HDO.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT: This project was reviewed applying the standards forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) ("CEQA") and the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Reg., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.). A Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared for the Project analyzing and disclosure the Project's potential to result in environmental impacts to the following resource areas:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials

- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Public Services
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems

In addition, the EIR evaluates three Project alternatives (No Project/No Build Alternative, Reduced Intensity Alternative, and Historic Resource Retention Alternative), growth-inducing impacts, and cumulative impacts.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Implementation of the Project could result in potentially significant impacts to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Noise, Transportation and Circulation, and Tribal Cultural Resources. The Draft EIR proposes mitigation

measures that would reduce these effects to a less than significant level, with the exception of impacts to Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Land Use and Planning, and Transportation and Circulation, which remain potentially significant and unavoidable. The proposed certification of the EIR includes adoption of CEQA Findings of Fact, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.