

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Fresno General Plan Program EIR

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Project Location: Fresno Fresno
City County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The City is updating the existing General Plan Master EIR (MEIR) and converting it to a Program EIR (PEIR) to be in conformance with State law and consistent with recent legislative changes related to Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). The PEIR includes a current baseline for the continued implementation of the approved General Plan, and reflects changes in City planning documents that have occurred since adoption of the approved General Plan in 2014. The City is not proposing any land use changes as a part of this project, but it does include an update to the City's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan. This update, consistent with Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines, is intended to streamline implementation of the General Plan's programs and projects by supporting them with updated environmental analysis, regulatory framework, and mitigation measures, pursuant to CEQA.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The EIR evaluates the following environmental issues in detail: aesthetics, agriculture and forestry, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources and tribal cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services and recreation, transportation, utilities and service systems, and wildfire.

Potential impacts to the following area were identified and mitigated to less-than-significant levels:

- Biological Resources: Potential impacts to special status species and associated habitat riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community, and wetlands. Mitigation measures: avoidance measures, pre-construction surveys, implantation of best management practices.
- Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources: Potential impacts to historic resources, archeological resources, and tribal cultural resources, and potential disturbance of human remains. Mitigation measures: site-specific evaluations and recommended measures (if any), including regulatory compliance.
- Geology and Soils: paleontological resources. Mitigation measures: field survey and site-specific analysis required.
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Generation of greenhouse gas emissions; Mitigation: implementation of Greenhouse Reduction Plan Update
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials: Impair/interfere with adopted emergency response plan. Mitigation: establish an alternate Emergency Operations Center.
- Hydrology and Water Quality: Potential decrease of groundwater supplies and exceeding capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems. Mitigation Measures: continued participation with North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and coordination and compliance with local stormwater agency requirements.
- Public Services: New or physically alter fire, police, parks/recreational facilities and other public facilities. Mitigation measures: site-specific environmental analyses.

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Significant unavoidable impacts were identified for the following:

- Aesthetics: potential impacts to visual character and increase in light and glare. Mitigation measure: low intensity lighting.
- Agricultural Resources: Conversion of farmland to non-agricultural uses. Mitigation Measure: Develop Farmland Preservation Program.
- Air Quality: Criteria pollutant emissions and toxic air contaminants pollutant concentrations. Mitigation Measures: site-specific evaluations and regulatory compliance.
- Noise: Exceed noise standards and substantial permanent increases in noise levels. Mitigation measure: regulatory compliance.
- Transportation: Potentially exceed thresholds of levels of service on roadways in conflict with approved General Plan. No feasible mitigation measures available.
- Utilities and Service Systems: Potential impacts resulting from construction of water, wastewater, and electric, natural gas, and telecommunications facilities. Mitigation measures: site-specific evaluations.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

- Air Quality: increases in air emissions and increases in concentrations of toxic air contaminants
- Greenhouse Gases: increases in greenhouse gas emissions
- Noise: increases in noise levels
- Transportation: increases in traffic within and outside of the Planning Area
- Utilities and Service Systems: availability of water supplies

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

- Caltrans, including the Division of Aeronautics
- California Air Resources Board
- California Department of Conservation
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
- California Department of Housing and Community Development
- California Department of Parks and Recreation
- California Department of Toxic Substances Control
- California Public Utilities Commission
- California State Office of Historic Preservation
- California State Lands Commission
- California State University, Fresno
- California State Water Resources Control Board
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- County of Fresno
- County of Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission
- Fire Districts (Various)
- Fresno Airport Land Use Commission
- Fresno Council of Governments
- Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
- Fresno Irrigation District
- San Joaquin River Conservancy
- San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
- School Districts (Various)
- Sewer Districts (Various)
- Water Districts (Various)