

City Planning Commission
Sacramento, California

Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Draft EIR for the Sacramento General Plan Update (M85-049)

SUMMARY

The Draft EIR for the Sacramento General Plan Update (SGPU) will be distributed on Monday, March 16th for a 45 day public review period which will end on April 30th. Three Commission hearing dates have been set to review and receive public comments on the Draft EIR:

- March 19th - Discuss Land Use, Transportation and possibly Air Quality;
- April 2nd - Discuss Air Quality, Hydrology/Water Quality, and briefly review all other topical sections; and
- April 30th - Finish discussion of topical sections, and receive public comment on the Draft EIR.

BACKGROUND

The SGPU has a 20-year time horizon (1986-2006) but designates land uses for the entire City. The EIR analyzes buildout of all designated land uses which is projected to occur by 2016.

The projected buildout assumes the following conditions: retention of existing land uses, development of vacant land at "expected" densities within the allowable range, and annexation of two areas; the western tip of South Natomas and approximately 1,477 acres in North Natomas.

The Draft EIR has been prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed Draft SGPU. The EIR is an informational document to assist in the local planning and decision-making process. The EIR assesses the potential individual and cumulative affects that the SGPU may have on the environment, lists possible ways to minimize potential adverse affects, and evaluates alternatives to the proposed project.

The Draft EIR analyzes the Draft SGPU and three alternatives:

- no project alternative (existing conditions)
- increased density and intensity alternative
- decreased density and intensity alternative

The Draft EIR is structurally divided into 27 sections, 23 of which examine specific topical impacts areas such as land use, transportation, and air quality. The individual sections have the following organization:

- Setting
- Impacts of Proposed Plan
- Mitigation Measures of Proposed Plan
- Impacts of Alternatives
 - No-Project Alternative
 - Decreased Density and Intensity Alternative
 - Increased Density and Intensity Alternative
- Mitigation Measures of Alternatives
 - No-Project Alternative
 - Decreased Density and Intensity Alternative
 - Increased Density and Intensity Alternative

Some of the sections are further divided from the above format into sub-analyses areas of Community Plan and Citywide effects.

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item presented to give you a synopsis of the Draft EIR. No Commission action is necessary at this time. Individual copies of the Draft EIR will be hand delivered to the Planning Commission on Monday, March 16th.

Respectfully submitted,



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