

INTRODUCTION

According to Section 15132 of the *State CEQA Guidelines*, final EIRs must contain the following information:

- (a) The draft EIR or a revision of the draft.
- (b) Comments and recommendations received on the draft EIR either verbatim or in summary
- (c) A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the draft EIR.
- (d) The responses of the Lead Agency to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process.
- (e) Any other information added by the Lead Agency. (*Public Resources Code*).

This part (Volume II) of the *Final EIR* for the *City of Woodland General Plan* responds to items (b), (c), and (d), while Volume I, which is a comprehensive revision of the *Draft EIR*, addresses items (a) and (e). The following paragraphs describe the City's public review process for the *Draft EIR* and how this *Final EIR* addresses the requirements of the *State CEQA Guidelines* for responding to comments received on the *Draft EIR*.

DISTRIBUTION AND REVIEW OF THE DRAFT EIR

The *State CEQA Guidelines* requires that agencies preparing EIRs "provide adequate time for other public agencies and members of the public to review and comment on a draft EIR." (Section 15203). While the law does not generally define what constitutes adequate time, it does specify that draft EIRs submitted to the State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research should be subjected to a review period of at least 45 days. Section 15025 of the *State CEQA Guidelines* requires that draft EIRs for four classes of projects be submitted to the Clearinghouse: (1) those for which a state agency is the Lead Agency; (2) those projects for which a state agency is a Responsible Agency, Trustee Agency, or otherwise has jurisdiction over the project; (3) projects of statewide, regional, or areawide significance; and (4) reports prepared pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). The *Guidelines* (Section 15026 (b)(1)) further defines local general plans as projects fitting into the third category above (i.e., projects of statewide, regional, or areawide significance).

In compliance with requirements described above, the City submitted copies of the *Draft EIR* on the *City of Woodland Draft General Plan* to the State Clearinghouse on October 16, 1995, thus initiating the mandatory 45-day review period. At the same time, the City distributed copies of the *Draft EIR* to numerous local agencies, organizations, and individuals with an interest in the General Plan Update. The *State CEQA Guidelines* (Section 15203 (a)) requires that the local review period for a draft EIR be consistent with applicable Clearinghouse review periods, so the City established a local review period that coincided with the Clearinghouse's 45-day review period (i.e., October 16, 1995, through November 29, 1995).

The City accepted two types of comments on the *Draft EIR* during the 45-day review period: first, it received 13 written communications specifically on the *Draft EIR* and, second, it received oral comments concerning the *Draft General Plan* and *Draft EIR* from approximately 40 persons during three public hearings conducted during the 45-day review period (November 9, 16, and November 28, 1995). It should be noted that the *State CEQA Guidelines* allows local agencies to restrict public comment on draft EIRs to written communications, but that the City chose to accept oral testimony in the interest of providing more thorough opportunities for comment.

Responses to Comments

During the review period, the City received written and oral comments on the *Draft EIR*. In addition, it received numerous written and oral comments on the *Draft General Plan*. This document includes only those written comments that specifically address the EIR and that were submitted during the EIR comment period, and those oral comments received at hearings during the *Draft EIR* review period. Additional written comments on the *Draft General Plan* and minutes from other public hearings on the *Draft General Plan* are on file at the City of Woodland Community Development Department, 300 First Street, in Woodland.

ORGANIZATION OF THIS VOLUME OF THE FINAL EIR

This volume of the *Final EIR* is divided into two sections. The first section includes a photocopy of each written comment letter submitted on the Draft EIR, and transcribed minutes of the public hearings. Each individual comment within these comment letters and minutes is marked with a unique identifier (e.g., A-2-3). The second section of this volume contains the City's response to each comment according to its identifier (e.g., A-2-3).

The comment letters and response sections are organized into five sub sections according to different classes of commentors, as follows:

Written Comments

A. State Agencies

1. California Department of Transportation, Jeffrey Pulverman, November 29, 1995
2. California Department of Fish and Game, L. Ryan Broddrick, November 29, 1995

B. Local Organizations and Agencies

1. Yolo County Farm Bureau, Dona Mast, November 28, 1995
2. Sacramento Area Council of Governments, Michael Hoffacker, November 7, 1995
3. Reclamation District 2035, James D. Staker, November 17, 1995
4. Woodland Chamber of Commerce, Cindi Blicke, November 2, 1995

C. Property Owners/Development Interests

1. Chrysalis Group, Tom Lumbrazo, November 28, 1995
2. William Abbott & Assoc. rep. Heidrick property, William Abbott, November 29, 1995
3. PG&E Properties, Bert Bangsberg, November 29, 1995

D. Residents

1. Whitman F. Manley, November 29, 1995
2. Kenneth and Kathryn Trott, November 28, 1995
3. Debra L. Gonella, November 29, 1995
4. Robert I. Orlins, California Archaeological Consultants, Inc., November 29, 1995

Oral Comments (Minutes from Public Hearings)

E. Oral Comments

1. Public hearing, November 9, 1995
2. Public hearing, November 16, 1995
3. Public hearing, November 28, 1995