

## 2 INTRODUCTION

### 2.1 TYPE OF EIR

This environmental impact report (EIR) evaluates the environmental impacts of the *City of Citrus Heights General Plan Update* and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan (GGRP), hereafter referred to as the Draft General Plan and GGRP. This EIR is a program EIR, as described under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq. [14 CCR 15000 et seq.]).

According to the State CEQA Guidelines (Section 15168[a]), a state or local agency should prepare a program EIR, rather than a project EIR, when the lead agency proposes the following:

- ▶ a series of related actions that are linked geographically;
- ▶ logical parts of a chain of contemplated events, rules, regulations, or plans that govern the conduct of a continuing program; or
- ▶ individual activities carried out under the same authorizing statutory or regulatory authority and having generally similar environmental effects that can be mitigated in similar ways.

A program EIR “may be prepared on a series of actions that can be characterized as one large project and are related...in connection with the issuance of rules, regulations, plans, or other general criteria to govern the conduct of a continuing program” (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15168[a][3]). In this case, the program EIR will address the Draft General Plan and GGRP, which is the proposed “project,” as defined by CEQA. This program EIR considers a series of actions related to implementation of the Draft General Plan and GGRP.

As a program EIR, this document focuses on the overall effect of the Draft General Plan and GGRP. The analyses in this EIR do not examine the effects of site-specific projects that may occur within the overall umbrella of this program in the future. The nature of general plans is such that many proposed policies are intended to be general, with details to be worked out during implementation. As a result, many of the impacts and mitigation measures in this EIR can be described only in general or qualitative terms. This EIR does, however, quantify impacts related to transportation, drainage, air quality, noise, and other topics, making reasonable assumptions as to the amount, type, and character of land use change under the Draft General Plan and GGRP. The Draft General Plan and GGRP describe existing conditions information and some of the environmental consequences associated with their implementation and are hereby incorporated by reference.

#### 2.1.1 TIERING AND STREAMLINING

The City will make use of existing streamlining provided by CEQA, emerging streamlining techniques, such as those related to implementation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (Public Resources Code [PRC] Section 21155), and other streamlining techniques that may become available in the future. The City has invested substantial resources in the Draft General Plan and GGRP and EIR, and wishes to promote fiscally prudent use of this EIR, once it is certified, to accommodate development consistent with the Draft General Plan and GGRP.

The analysis in this program EIR is considered the first tier of environmental review and creates the foundation upon which future, project-specific CEQA documents can build. Tiering refers to the concept of a multilevel approach to preparing environmental documents set forth in the PRC Section 21083.3 and the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15152.

Project-level environmental analysis can be streamlined to limit the scope of site-specific approvals following the preparation of an EIR for a general plan.<sup>1</sup> This streamlining provision applies to site-specific approvals for projects that are consistent with the general plan. This program EIR will, in practice, help determine the need for subsequent environmental documentation, as well as dictate the scope of project level CEQA review.

A program EIR can be incorporated by reference into subsequently prepared environmental documents to address cumulative impacts and growth-inducing impacts, allowing the subsequent documents to focus on new or site-specific impacts (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15168[d]).

Public Resources Code Section 21083.3 allows a lead agency to narrow the focus of project level analysis to effects upon the environment which are peculiar to the parcel or project (PRC Section 21083.3 (a)) The Code also limits the effects that can be considered peculiar in project-level analysis under the program EIR.

Section 15152 of the CEQA Guidelines provides that where a first-tier EIR has “adequately addressed” the subject of cumulative impacts, such impacts need not be revisited in second- and/or third-tier documents. According to Section 15152(f)(3), significant effects identified in a first-tier EIR are adequately addressed, for purposes of later approvals, if the lead agency determines that such effects have been either:

“mitigated or avoided as a result of the prior [EIR] and findings adopted in connection with that prior [EIR]”; or

“examined at a sufficient level of detail in the prior [EIR] to enable those effects to be mitigated or avoided by site-specific revisions, the imposition of conditions, or by other means in connection with the approval of the later project.”

The Public Resources Code provides streamlining coverage to Citrus Heights and other public agencies that have authority to implement EIR mitigation measures. Public agencies can use uniformly applied policies or standards to mitigate effects of future projects, avoiding the need to analyze these effects, unless new information arises that changes the impact analysis (PRC Section 21083.3 (d)). For this reason, this EIR includes references to Draft General Plan and GGRP policies and implementing actions, where appropriate, to address environmental impacts. Future CEQA documents can reference the same policies and implementing actions, where appropriate, to demonstrate less-than-significant impacts.

The City may consider specific plans, area plans, corridor plans, or other documents to implement the Draft General Plan within a smaller geographic area of the City. Later adopted smaller area plans are also provided streamlining potential:

“(e) Where a community plan is the basis for application ... any rezoning action consistent with the community plan shall be a project subject to exemption from this division [CEQA]... a “community plan” means a part of the general plan of a city or county which (1) applies to a defined geographic portion of the total area included in the general plan... and (3) contains specific development policies adopted for the area included in the community plan...” [PRC Section 21083.3. (c)].

Although the legally required contents of a program EIR are the same as those of a project EIR, in practice, there are differences in level of detail. General plans by their nature are broad, long-range, and conceptual. Program EIRs are typically conceptual and abstract. They contain a more general discussion of impacts, alternatives, and mitigation measures than do project-level EIRs. This is appropriate since the Draft General Plan is meant to guide long-term development within the Citrus Heights Planning Area (planning area) (the “project site,” as defined by CEQA) . The Draft General Plan does not dictate specific site-planning requirements, internal transportation networks, or other project-level details. The City acknowledges and intends to make best use of the advantages to

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<sup>1</sup> This section of the Public Resources Code also refers to consistency with community plans and zoning, but the above discussion is tailored to this EIR.

the programmatic approach to environmental analysis and reporting in this EIR. As noted in CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(b):

“Use of a program EIR can provide the following advantages. The program EIR can:

- (1) Provide an occasion for a more exhaustive consideration of effects and alternatives than would be practical in an EIR on an individual action;
- (2) Ensure consideration of cumulative impacts that might be slighted in a case-by-case analysis;
- (3) Avoid duplicative reconsideration of basic policy considerations;
- (4) Allow the Lead Agency to consider broad policy alternatives and program wide mitigation measures at an early time when the agency has greater flexibility to deal with basic problems or cumulative impacts; and
- (5) Allow reduction in paperwork.

## **2.2 PURPOSE AND INTENDED USES OF THE EIR**

This EIR was prepared in accordance with the requirements of CEQA of 1970 (PRC Section 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.). This programmatic EIR evaluates the environmental impacts that could result from implementation of the Draft General Plan and GGRP.

The purpose of an EIR is neither to recommend approval nor denial of a project. An EIR is an informational document used in the planning and decision-making process by the lead agency and responsible and trustee agencies. An EIR describes the significant environmental impacts of a project, potentially feasible measures to mitigate significant impacts, and potentially feasible alternatives to the project that can reduce or avoid significant environmental effects. CEQA requires decision-makers to balance the benefits of a project against its unavoidable environmental effects in deciding whether to carry out a project.

The State CEQA Guidelines charge public agencies with the responsibility of avoiding or minimizing environmental damage that could result from implementation of a project, where feasible. As part of this responsibility, public agencies are required to balance various public objectives, including economic, environmental, and social issues.

The lead agency is the public agency with primary responsibility over the proposed project. In accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15051(b)(1), “the lead agency will normally be the agency with general governmental powers, such as a city or county, rather than an agency with a single or limited purpose.” The City of Citrus Heights (City), as the lead agency, has prepared this EIR to evaluate the environmental impacts of implementation of the Draft General Plan and GGRP.

The EIR was prepared under the direction of the City and is provided for review by both the public and public agencies, as required by CEQA. The City Council must certify the final EIR (FEIR) before adopting the Draft General Plan and GGRP. If significant environmental effects are identified, the lead agency must adopt “Findings” indicating whether feasible mitigation measures or alternatives exist that can avoid or reduce those effects. If the significant environmental impacts are identified as significant and unavoidable, the lead agency may still approve the project if it determines that social, economic, legal, technological, or other factors override the unavoidable impacts. The lead agency would then be required to prepare a “Statement of Overriding Considerations” that discusses the specific reasons for approving the project, based on information in the EIR and other information in the record.

In making its decision about the Draft General Plan and GGRP, the City considers the information in this EIR, comments received on the Draft EIR, and responses to those comments, along with other available information and technical analysis.

## **2.3 SCOPE OF THE EIR**

### **2.3.1 GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE**

The planning area includes all areas within the City’s current jurisdictional limits plus areas outside the City limits as described in greater detail in Chapter 3, “Project Description.” The Draft General Plan addresses future development and conservation as well as reinvestment within the planning area. Since the City is largely built out, no significant new growth areas are anticipated.

This EIR analyzes impacts of the Draft General Plan and GGRP relative to current conditions, including possible land use changes from existing conditions. The geographic scope of analysis varies based on the topic being analyzed. For example, while geologic and soils impacts are generally localized, air pollutant emissions can have regional or even global impacts. Please refer to the topic-specific chapters of this EIR for a detailed description of the geographic scope of each analysis.

### **2.3.2 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ADDRESSED**

Environmental review in compliance with CEQA (PRC Sections 21000 et seq.) is required as part of the City’s consideration of the Draft General Plan and GGRP. The EIR has been prepared in accordance with CEQA, including the CEQA statutes (Public Resources Code Sections 21000–21178.1), State CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR Sections 15000–15387), and relevant court decisions. This EIR includes an evaluation of all required environmental resource areas, as well as other CEQA-mandated sections, as presented below:

- ▶ land use, population, and housing;
- ▶ transportation and mobility;
- ▶ air quality;
- ▶ noise;
- ▶ hydrology and water quality;
- ▶ biological resources;
- ▶ geology, soils, and mineral resources;
- ▶ agricultural resources;
- ▶ public services;
- ▶ utilities;
- ▶ cultural resources;
- ▶ aesthetics;
- ▶ energy conservation;
- ▶ climate change; and
- ▶ hazards and hazardous materials.

Chapter 5 includes an analysis of alternatives to the proposed project, as required by Section 15126.6 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Other CEQA-mandated issues discussed within the context of this EIR are cumulative impacts, growth-inducing effects, significant and irreversible environmental changes, and significant and unavoidable effects (Chapter 6).

This EIR contains comments and responses to comments received on the Draft EIR, which was circulated for public review from March 8, 2011 through April 22, 2011 in Chapter 7.0, “Responses to Comments on the Draft EIR”. Revisions and clarifications to the EIR made in response to comments are indicated by ~~strikeout~~ and underline text, as illustrated in this paragraph.

The scope of analysis for this EIR was developed with input from other public agencies, organizations, and the public, described below in section 1.5, “Notice of Preparation.”

## 2.4 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

The State CEQA Guidelines have specific requirements for EIRs related to descriptions of the project, the environmental setting, and certain types of impacts. Table 1-1 identifies the required elements of an EIR (with State CEQA Guidelines sections referenced) and the corresponding chapters or sections in which each element is discussed in this document.

Required Description and Analysis	EIR Chapter or Section
Summary (Section 15123)	1
Description of the Project (Section 15124)	3
Description of the Existing Setting (Section 15125)	4
Environmental Impacts (Sections 15126 and 15143)	4
Alternatives to the Proposed Project (Section 15126.6)	5
Cumulative Impacts (Section 15355)	6.1
Growth-Inducing Effects (Section 15126[d])	6.2
Significant and Irreversible Environmental Effects (Section 15126.2[c])	6.3
Significant Environmental Effects Which Cannot be Avoided (Section 15126.2[b])	6.4
<u>Responses to Comments Received on the Draft EIR (Section 15132)</u>	<u>7.0</u>

## 2.5 NOTICE OF PREPARATION

To assist the City in determining the focus and scope of analysis for this EIR and in accordance with the requirements of CEQA, the City issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) on July 13, 2010, to government agencies, special service districts, organizations, and individuals with an interest in or jurisdiction over the project. This step ensured early consultation on the scope of the EIR. The public comment period ended on August 16, 2010.

The NOP is a brief notice sent by the lead agency to inform responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and potentially affected federal, state, and local agencies that the lead agency plans to prepare an EIR. The NOP also seeks comments regarding the scope and content of the EIR. The NOP is included as Appendix A to this EIR.

The City received comment letters on the NOP from the following agencies and members of the public:

- ▶ California Department of Transportation, (Caltrans) District 3
- ▶ California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services
- ▶ Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD)/Sacramento Area Sewer District (SASD)
- ▶ Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB)
- ▶ Tom Driver, City resident

The City held a scoping meeting on July 28, 2010, to receive comments on the NOP. The City has also conducted public outreach in various formats and settings to support the General Plan update and GGRP. Input from the public has helped to identify important issues, propose solutions, and ultimately create a vision for the future of the City. Many of the issues identified during this outreach process relate to environmental topics that are

addressed in the Program EIR. As part of the general plan update process, the City has conducted three community workshops in December 2009, February 2010, and June 2010 to solicit community input related to the focused topics of the update and the content of the GGRP.

During the NOP circulation and scoping, public and agency comments suggested the following particular areas of focus for the EIR:

1. Review state planning law to ensure that the EIR addresses all applicable regulations with regard to potential hazards (e.g., noise, flooding, hazardous materials) associated with implementation of the Draft General Plan.
2. Ensure consistency with 2006 SASD Sewerage Facilities Expansion Master Plan Update and SRCSD Master Plan 2000 and Reconciliation Report.
3. Provide sufficient water quality mitigation to protect aquatic resources. Ensure post-construction controls will be in place in accordance with recent Construction Stormwater General Permit requirements.
4. Conduct a Traffic Impact Study and carry out the proposed “Complete Streets” concepts as described in the Draft General Plan and GGRP.
5. Reduce vehicle stop times through the City to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

## 2.6 ORGANIZATION OF THE EIR

This EIR is organized as follows:

- ▶ **Chapter 1, “Executive Summary,”** provides an overview of the findings and conclusions of this EIR.
- ▶ **Chapter 2, “Introduction,”** describes the type of EIR prepared for the Draft General Plan and GGRP; the purpose, intended uses, and geographic and environmental scope of the EIR; the environmental review process; the relationship of the EIR to other City plans and zoning; subsequent actions required; the type of mitigation proposed in this EIR; the EIR comment process; and other agencies expected to use this EIR.
- ▶ **Chapter 3, “Project Description,”** describes the project’s location, purpose, and history; the framework of the Draft General Plan and GGRP; and the relationship of the Draft General Plan to area and regional plans.
- ▶ **Chapter 4, “Environmental Impact Analysis,”** evaluates the topics listed above in Section 1.3.2, “Environmental Issues Addressed,” and includes a discussion of the existing conditions; regulatory framework; less than significant, potentially significant, and significant environmental effects; mitigation for potentially significant and significant effects; and a discussion of impacts remaining after incorporation of mitigation.
- ▶ **Chapter 5, “Alternatives Analysis,”** provides a comparative analysis between the Draft General Plan and GGRP as described in Chapter 3, “Project Description,” and two alternatives. This chapter also describes alternatives that were considered but eliminated from detailed consideration in the EIR and identifies the “environmentally superior” alternative.
- ▶ **Chapter 6, “Other CEQA Considerations,”** describes the impacts of implementing the Draft General Plan and GGRP in combination with the impacts of related past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects. Chapter 6 also discusses the growth inducement potential of the Draft General Plan and GGRP, significant irreversible environmental changes associated with the plan, and significant and unavoidable effects of the plan.

- ▶ **Chapter 7, “Responses to Comments on the Draft EIR,”** contains comments received on the Draft EIR and responses.
- ▶ **Chapter 7 8, “Report Preparation,”** lists the individuals who contributed to preparation of the EIR.
- ▶ **Chapter 8 9, “References,”** lists the sources of information cited throughout the EIR.
- ▶ The **Appendices** provide background and technical information.

## 2.7 RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PLANS AND REGULATIONS

The Draft General Plan describes a future pattern of development for the remaining area of the developable land within the planning area. The City’s adoption of the Draft General Plan and GGRP may lead to revisions to the City’s Municipal Code, including the Zoning Code and subdivision regulations. It is possible that changes could be made to other existing City plans and programs as well, depending on the final adopted provisions of the Draft General Plan and GGRP. Future actions may be based, in whole or in part, on the environmental evaluation undertaken as part of the Draft General Plan and GGRP and this EIR.

Review and approval of subsequent development projects subject to adoption and implementation of the Draft General Plan and GGRP may require review and approval by agencies, including, but not limited to the:

- ▶ City of Citrus Heights, which has jurisdiction over amendments to the Draft General Plan, zoning changes, property subdivisions, conditional use permits, and other discretionary development approvals;
- ▶ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which issues federal Section 404 permits for individual development projects and public works projects;
- ▶ Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB), which issue state National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits for individual private development projects and public projects; and
- ▶ California Department of Fish and Game, which issues state Section 1600 et seq. permits for individual private development projects and public works projects.

Various other federal, state, regional, and local plans and other laws will affect the land use and development consistent with the Draft General Plan and GGRP. In some cases, compliance with these plans and/or laws will provide additional reduction of the impacts of future land uses and development.

### 2.7.1 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

There are no federal plans that directly affect local land use decisions, but federal laws, such as the Endangered Species Act, can affect individual land uses in a significant way. When federal approval is involved regarding road and highway projects or other public infrastructure, the projects must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, as well as the federal Endangered Species Act. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development are examples of federal agencies that exercise jurisdiction over many such projects.

### 2.7.2 STATE AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT

State and regional agencies also exert strong influence on local land use and development decisions. In some cases, these agencies have adopted plans. In other situations, the influence is accomplished primarily through funding of public infrastructure. In some matters, however, the State of California exercises direct control. An example is the requirement for certification of housing elements by the California Department of Housing and

Community Development. State law also dictates much of the content of general plans and related zoning regulations.

In addition, state requirements are often implemented through regional planning and regulatory agencies. Examples include the:

- ▶ CVRWQCB's Basin Plans and point- and nonpoint-source water quality regulations;
- ▶ Sacramento Area Council of Governments' (SACOG) Metropolitan Transportation Plan;
- ▶ SACOG's distribution of regional housing needs allocations; and
- ▶ Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's (SMAQMD) attainment planning efforts, control measures, and permit requirements.

Another quasi-regional agency that influences local land use decisions and decisions on development project applications is the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). LAFCO is responsible for decisions regarding the formation and organization of special districts that provide public services and regarding the geographical area served by special districts and cities through spheres of influence and annexation.

## **2.8 SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS REQUIRED**

Further actions or procedures required to allow implementation of the Draft General Plan and GGRP would include revisions to City zoning, tentative maps, site plans, building permits, grading permits, SOI expansions, annexations, and other actions. Future development project proposals, public investments, and other actions, would also be subject to CEQA requirements.

## **2.9 MITIGATION MEASURES**

The CEQA Guidelines define mitigation to include:

- ▶ avoiding the impact altogether by not taking a certain action or parts of an action;
- ▶ minimizing impacts by limiting the degree or magnitude of the action and its implementation;
- ▶ rectifying the impact by repairing, rehabilitating, or restoring the affected environment;
- ▶ reducing or eliminating the impact over time by preservation and maintenance operations during the life of the action; or
- ▶ compensating for the impact by replacing or providing substitute resources or environments.

In this case, because the proposed project is the City's Draft General Plan and GGRP, mitigation to accomplish the above outcomes could take the form of:

- ▶ policies, or implementing actions included as part of the Draft General Plan and GGRP;
- ▶ land use, circulation, or other policy diagrams in the Draft General Plan and GGRP capable of minimizing or eliminating a potentially significant impact; and
- ▶ other actions (e.g., actions performed by another agency).

The Draft General Plan and GGRP’s policies take into account many of the impacts discussed in this EIR, and many potential mitigation measures are included as part of the Draft General Plan and GGRP , with the intention that the Draft General Plan and GGRP would be self-mitigating for certain impacts.

CEQA requires the adoption of a mitigation monitoring program for all adopted mitigation measures. The mitigation monitoring plan must be designed to ensure compliance during project implementation (PRC Section 21081.6, State CEQA Guidelines Section 15097). Most of the mitigation measures identified for the Draft General Plan and GGRP take the form of policies and implementing actions. Mitigation measures that are built into the Draft General Plan and GGRP are adopted by the City and will be implemented and enforced through the application of the Draft General Plan and GGRP to land use and planning decisions and the implementation of actions directed by the plan. The City is required by Section 65400 of the Government Code to monitor and report on an annual basis to the City Council and to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research and the State Department of Housing and Community Development on Draft General Plan and GGRP implementation. The monitoring plan for policies in the Draft General Plan and GGRP that mitigate impacts is the Draft General Plan and GGRP itself. The reporting program for these mitigating policies is the City’s annual reporting process (see CEQA Guidelines Section 15097 [b]).

## **2.10 AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT EIR**

Copies of the Draft General Plan and GGRP and the Draft EIR ~~are~~ were available from the City of Citrus Heights Planning Division. The City ~~will circulate~~ circulated the document to public agencies, other public and private organizations, property owners, developers, and other interested individuals. Information on the General Plan and EIR is also available on the City’s web site (<http://www.citrusheights.net>).

~~Comments on the Draft EIR may be submitted in writing or via email to the Planning Division:~~

~~City of Citrus Heights Planning Division  
Attn: Colleen McDuffee  
6237 Fountain Square Drive  
Citrus Heights, CA 95621  
E-mail to: [cmcduffee@citrusheights.net](mailto:cmcduffee@citrusheights.net)~~

~~To keep the document succinct and useful as a decision-making tool, the State CEQA Guidelines charge that an EIR focus on a project’s significant environmental impacts and not address every imaginable less than significant effect. Comments should be focused on the adequacy and completeness of the Draft EIR, or should address questions about the environmental consequences of project implementation. In this case, “adequacy” is defined as the thoroughness of the EIR in addressing significant environmental effects, identifying mitigation measures for those impacts, and supplying enough information for public officials to make decisions about the merits of the project.~~

## **2.11 RESPONSES TO COMMENTS AND FINAL EIR**

~~After the close of the public review period, a This Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) is prepared, containing~~ contains all the comments received by the City during the public review period and responses to those comments. This document will be made available to public agencies and the general public so those parties can review the Final EIR before the City certifies the EIR as complete.

## **2.12 AGENCIES EXPECTED TO USE THIS EIR**

The City of Citrus Heights is the CEQA lead agency for the Draft General Plan and GGRP. In conformance with Sections 15050 and 15367 of the CEQA Guidelines, the lead agency is the “public agency which has the principal responsibility for carrying out or disapproving a project.” As the lead agency, the City will be responsible for

considering certification of the EIR and adoption of the Draft General Plan and GGRP. The City may utilize this EIR as a program EIR, tiered EIR, or project EIR in subsequent actions on implementing programs, general plan amendments or elements, the Municipal Code, community plans, other City plans, or other relevant City actions.

In addition to the lead agency, CEQA Guidelines Section 15124 states that an EIR should contain a statement briefly describing the intended uses of the EIR and, to the extent that it is known to the lead agency, a list of agencies expected to use the EIR in their decision making, permits or other approvals implementing the project, and related environmental review and consultation required by law or regulation.

A wide variety of federal, state, regional, and local agencies may use this EIR in their planning process, issuance of their permits, or exercise of their regulatory authority over resources or jurisdictional actions within the City of Citrus Heights. Agencies may use the EIR as a program EIR for subsequent parts of their program actions subject to CEQA, tiering their project CEQA studies to the EIR, or utilizing the EIR in whole or part to apply to a required CEQA study in conjunction with specific agencies' project approval actions.

A number of other jurisdictional and permit-granting agencies have control over specific environmental concerns in the planning area. The following is a listing of agencies that may utilize this EIR. Because it is not practical or possible for the City to know or ascertain all of the possible specific uses for which other agencies may subsequently utilize this EIR, the listing attempts to provide a brief summary disclosure of the applicable types of actions or authorities for which the cited agency may use this EIR as follows:

- ▶ Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) (monitors air quality and has permit authority over certain types of facilities);
- ▶ Sacramento County (has jurisdiction over the unincorporated areas within the planning area);
- ▶ California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology (expertise in evaluating geologic and seismic hazards, as well as mineral resource issues);
- ▶ California Department of Fish and Game (streambed alteration agreement pursuant to Section 1600 of the California Fish and Game Code);
- ▶ California Department of Transportation (encroachment permits);
- ▶ California Department of Housing and Community Development (reviews the adequacy of housing elements and funding for affordable housing programs);
- ▶ California Public Utilities Commission (certificate of public convenience and necessity);
- ▶ Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (water quality certification pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit);
- ▶ Sacramento County Local Agency Formation Commission (annexations or other service boundary changes);
- ▶ Sacramento Area Council of Governments (transportation planning and financing); and
- ▶ Native American Heritage Commission (mandated to preserve and protect places of special religious or cultural significance pursuant to Section 5097 et seq. of the Public Resources Code).

In addition to these agencies, the following federal agencies may use environmental information in this EIR for permitting decisions, in addition to other federal agencies:

- ▶ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Section 404 of the Clean Water Act permit), and
- ▶ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Section 7 consultation or Section 10a Habitat Conservation Plan/Section 9 incidental take permit pursuant to the federal Endangered Species Act).