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PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE NOTICE OF PREPARATION
AND A NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING
AND MEETING WITH AGENCIES
FOR
CITY OF FRESNO GENERAL PLAN AND
DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATE

This public notice is to inform the public of the availability of the Notice of Preparation. Additionally, it is a public notice that identifies the date, time, and location of a public scoping meeting and meeting with agencies for the City of Fresno General Plan and Development Code Update.

Notice of Preparation: In compliance with Section 15082(a) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the City of Fresno, as the Lead Agency, has prepared a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project generally described below. The complete project description, location, and probable environmental effects of the project are contained in an Initial Study that is available for review at the following website:

<http://www.fresno.gov/Government/DepartmentDirectory/DARM/AdvancedPlanning/Downloads.htm>

The City has determined that a Master EIR in accordance with Article 11.5 of the State CEQA Guidelines will be prepared. The NOP provides information describing the project and the potential environmental effects to enable the Office of Planning and Research and the Responsible and Trustee agencies to make a meaningful response to the City of Fresno regarding the scope and content of the environmental issues that will be evaluated in the Master EIR. The City of Fresno is also inviting comments from the public regarding the scope and content of the environmental issues to be evaluated in the Master EIR. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, comments on the NOP, including the Initial Study, must be sent to the City of Fresno at the earliest possible date, but not later than 30 days after receipt of the NOP, or public commentary no later than December 6, 2012. Comments should be sent to Keith Bergthold at the address provided below.

Notice of Public Scoping Meeting and Meeting with Agencies: The City of Fresno will hold a meeting for the project with agencies to assist in determining the scope and content of the environmental information that the agencies may require per Section 15082(c) of the CEQA Guidelines. Additionally, the public is invited to attend and provide comments regarding concerns with the environmental effects of the project. The public meeting will include a brief overview of the proposed project, description of the environmental issues that will be addressed in the Master EIR, and a general schedule for the Master EIR process. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Fresno Council Chambers at 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93721.

Proposed Project

Project Title: City of Fresno General Plan Update and Development Code Update
Project Description: The City of Fresno is proposing to update its General Plan and Development Code for its Planning Area that encompasses approximately 106,000 acres and includes all areas within the City's current City limits, the current Sphere of Influence, the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant site, and an area north of the City's most northeasterly portion of the City. The General Plan Update includes a comprehensive update of the City-approved 2025 General Plan and includes amendments to and repeal of certain community plans and specific plans. The Development Code Update includes a comprehensive revision of the City's Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances as well as other land use planning, zoning and development related regulations contained in Chapter 12 of the Fresno Municipal Code. In addition, the project will include a repeal of the current Planning Guidelines and adoption of proposed Planning Guidelines that provides direction for the preparation, amendment, and repeal of plans. For a complete description of the proposed project, please review the Notice of Preparation at the website referenced above.

Project Applicant: City of Fresno

Contact: Please contact Keith Bergthold at 559.621.8003, Keith.Bergthold@fresno.gov, or at 2600 Fresno Street, Room 3065, Fresno, CA 93721 with any questions regarding this Public Notice for the Notice of Preparation and this Notice of Public Scoping Meeting.

