

# **SPECIFIC PLAN OF THE WEST AREA EIR SCOPING MEETING**

**July 24, 2019**

**Glacier Point Middle School Cafeteria  
(located at 4055 N. Bryan Avenue, Fresno, CA 93722)**

**De Novo Planning Group**

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# Purpose of Today's Scoping Meeting

- To receive input from the public and interested agencies on the environmental issues that the Draft EIR should address.
- To enhance public participation as part of the project's review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- Today's meeting is NOT intended as a forum to discuss the merits or design of the proposed project.



# Environmental Review Process

- **What is an EIR?**
  - An informational document describing the anticipated environmental effects of implementing a project, as required by CEQA.
  - Acts as a forum for public participation in the environmental review process.
  - An EIR includes Mitigation Measures to reduce potential adverse environmental impacts.
  - An EIR does not advocate or promote the project.



# Specific Plan – Background

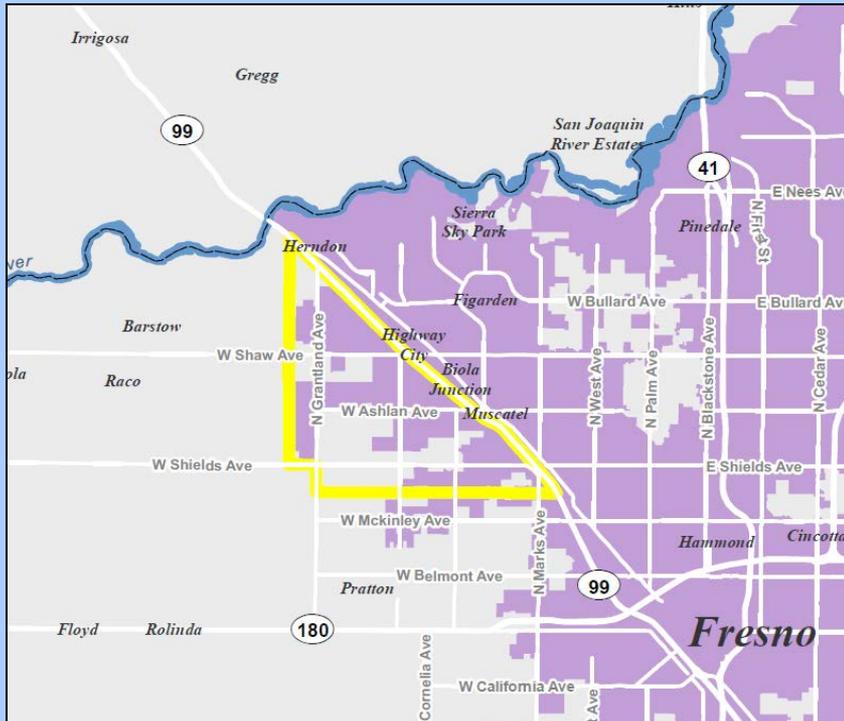


## Milestones:

- September 2017: Existing Conditions Report
- March 2018: Steering Committee established
- January-April 2018: Stakeholder interviews
- April 2018: Kick-off survey
- May-June 2018: Community Conversations (workshops)
- November 2018: Draft land use map and guiding principles released to the public
- January 2019: Draft land use map and guiding principles amended by Steering Committee



# Specific Plan Area – Size and Location



## Size:

- Approximately 7,077 acres (or a little more than 11 square miles).

## Location:

- Bounded on the east by State Route 99, on the south by West Clinton Avenue, and on the west by Grantland and Garfield Avenues.

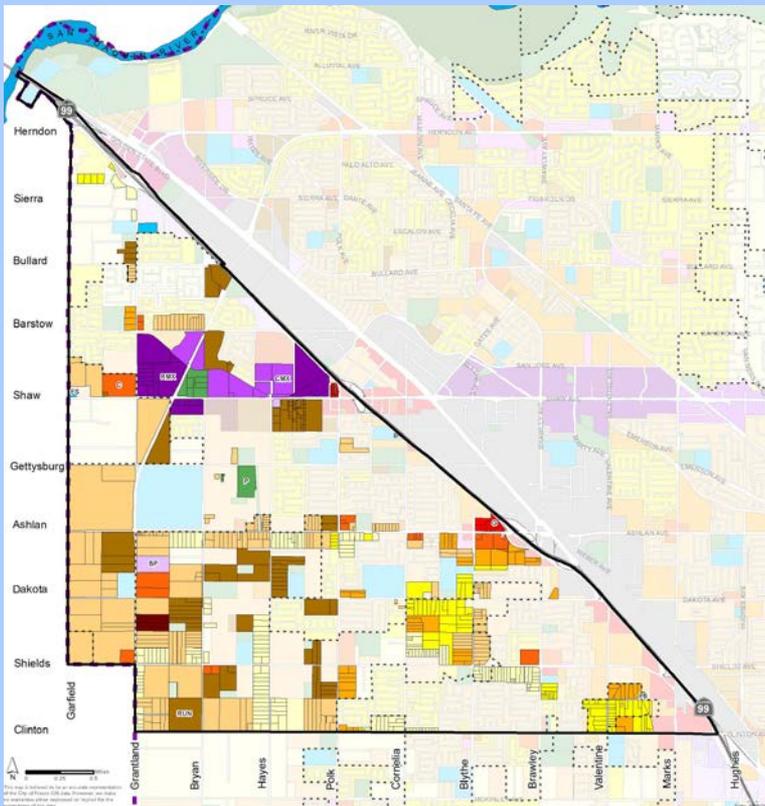




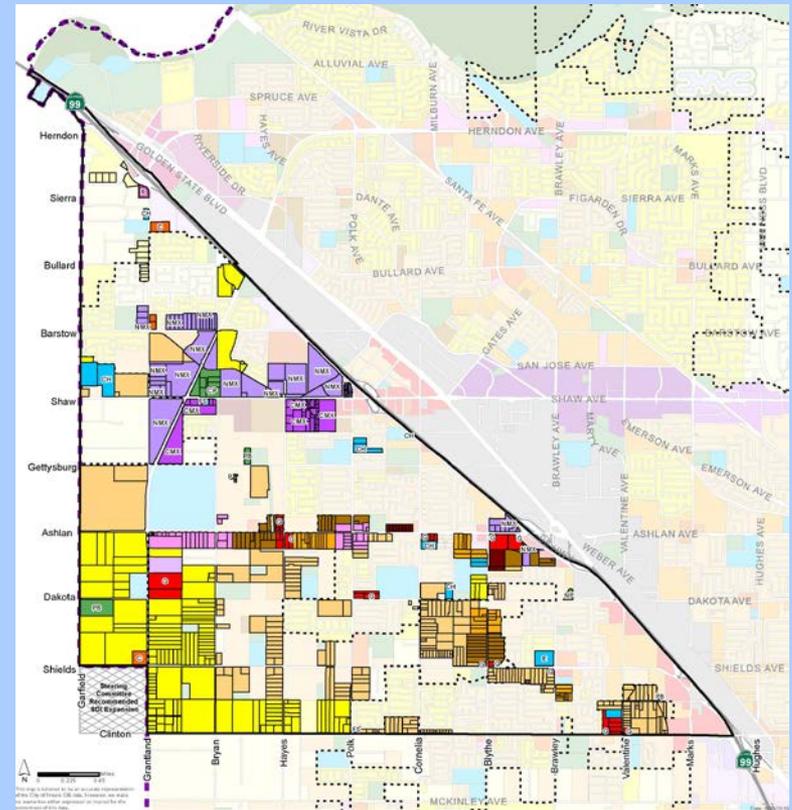
# Specific Plan of the West Area

## Parcels Proposed for Change in Proposed Land Use Map

### Existing Land Use Map



### Proposed Land Use Map



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# Entitlements Requested

- Certification of the EIR;
- Adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP);
- Approval of the Specific Plan of the West Area;
- Approval of the General Plan amendment modifying land uses;
- Approval of the Zoning Ordinance amendment modifying zoning.



# Issues to be Addressed in the EIR

All environmental topics identified in Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines will be analyzed in the EIR, including:

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural and Tribal Resources
- Geology, Soils, and Seismicity
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Energy
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services and Recreation
- Transportation and Circulation
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire



# Notice of Preparation

- Public review period ends on August 2, 2019
- Comments can be submitted:
  - Today (orally or in writing)
  - By email
  - By mail



# Next Steps

- Public Draft EIR
  - 45-day public review and comment period
- Final EIR
  - Written responses to comments, and any changes made to the Draft EIR
- Certify the EIR
- City to consider the project applications



# Schedule

- Notice of Preparation – Public Review
  - June 28 to August 2, 2019
- Public Scoping Meeting
  - July 24, 2019
- Notice of Availability – Draft EIR Public Review (45 days)
  - TBD (Estimated Late Fall/Early Winter 2019)
- Release Final EIR
  - TBD (Estimated Late Winter/Early Spring 2020)
- Public Hearings – EIR Certification/Project Consideration
  - TBD (Estimated Spring 2020)



# Key Information

The NOP is available for review at the City of Fresno. An electronic copy can be emailed to you if requested.

**Comments can be sent to Rodney Horton at:**

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