



Program Environmental Impact Report for Revisions to the City of Fresno General Plan

Scoping Meeting
Thursday, March 5, 2026

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Agenda

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- Project Overview
- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - What is an EIR?
 - EIR Process
 - Environmental Topics to be Addressed in the EIR
- Scoping Meeting Comments
- Next Steps

Scoping Meeting Purpose

- Provide first opportunity for **public participation** in the overall California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process for the Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Allow the public to **identify environmental issues** to be analyzed in the Program EIR

Project Overview

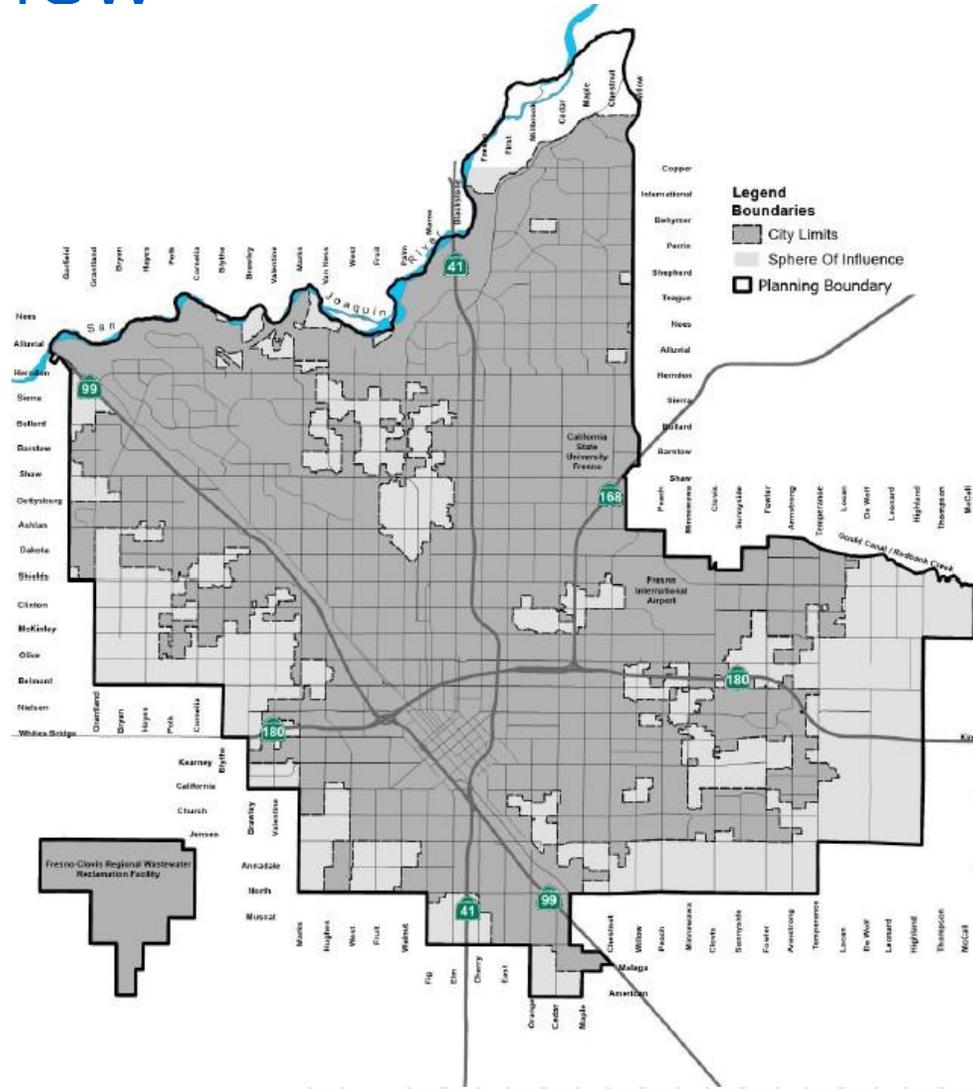
- The City is proposing to revise the General Plan to ensure conformance with State law and incorporate new local, State and/or federal regulations that have gone into effect since adoption of the Fresno General Plan in 2014.
- The main purpose of this update is to incorporate the City's Climate Adaptation Plan and Environmental Justice Element (CAP-EJ) into the City's General Plan, pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 379 and SB 1000, through revised Objectives and Policies.
- This update is intended to streamline implementation of the General Plan's programs and projects by supporting them with updated environmental analysis, regulatory framework, and mitigation measures, pursuant to CEQA.

Project Overview

Additional regulations that will be reviewed in the General Plan Program EIR include:

- Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) Legislation – SB 743 (2013);
- Tribal Consultation, Assembly Bill (AB) 52 (2014);
- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) (2014);
- Safety Elements and Climate Related Hazards Legislation - SB 379 (2015);
- Climate Action Plan Legislation. The City is updating the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan that was prepared for the 2014 MEIR (Appendix F-2) taking into account Executive Order S-03-05 (2005), SB 32 (2006), and Executive Order B-30-15 (2015);
- Planning for Healthy Communities Act – SB 1000 (2016);
- Cooperative Agreement between the City of Fresno Irrigation District and City of Fresno for Water Utilization and Conveyance (2016);
- 2017 Housing Package and subsequent legislation, as described by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development at <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/policy-and-research> (2017);
- Floor Area Ratio Standards – SB 478 (2021);
- Plan for the Future Bill – SB 932 (2022);
- Open Space and Conservation Update Legislation – SB 1425 (2022);
- Circulation Element, Goods Movement – AB 98 (2024);
- Room to Roam Act – AB 1889 (2024);
- Safety Element, Extreme Heat – AB 2684 (2024);
- Local Electrification Planning Act – AB 39 (2025);
- Fresno County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP), City of Fresno Annex (2026);
- City of Fresno Active Transportation Plan (ATP) (2026);
- City of Fresno Vision Zero Action Plan (VZAP) (2026);
- City of Fresno Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) (2026).

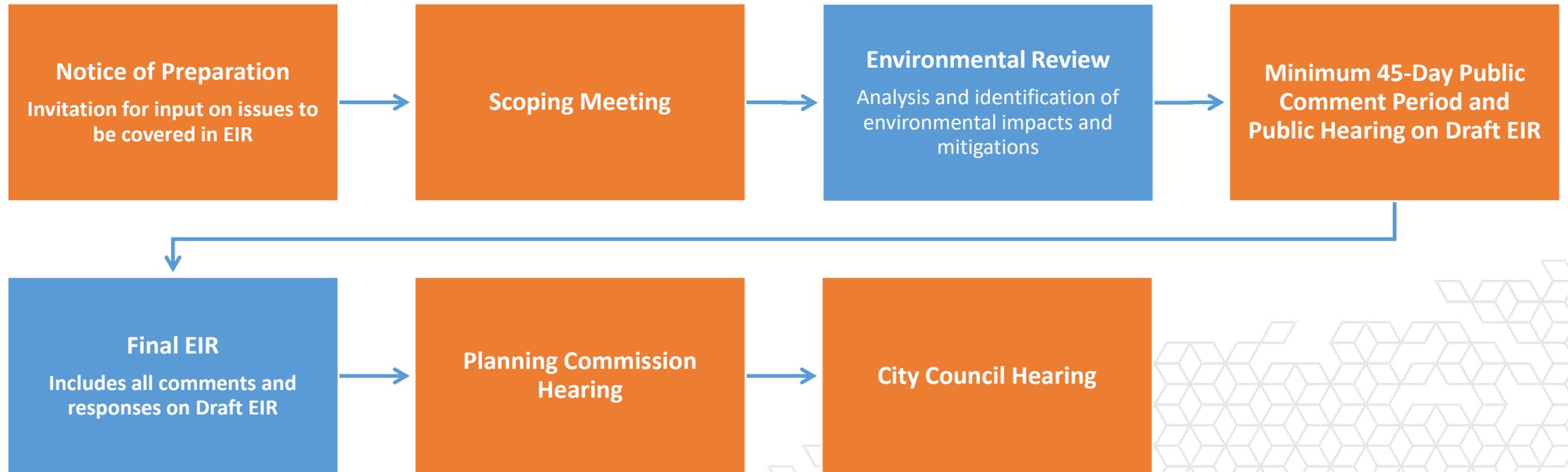
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Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

- The **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)** is the State's primary environmental protection law that requires environmental analysis of proposed projects.
- CEQA requires that public agencies **disclose the potential environmental impacts** of projects that have a physical effect on the environment. The proposed revisions to the General Plan constitutes a project under CEQA.
- An **Environmental Impact Report (EIR)** is a document that identifies potential environmental impacts, and identifies potential mitigation measures to reduce impacts, if necessary.

EIR Process



 = Opportunities for Public Input

Environmental Topics to be Addressed in the Program EIR

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

Scoping Meeting Comments

When submitting written comments, please write legibly and include the following information:

- Name
- Comment subject(s)
- Comment

The EIR is a public document, and your name and comments will be displayed in the Draft EIR.

Comments are due prior to the
close of the Scoping Period on March 30, 2026.

Scoping Meeting Comments

Written comments should be submitted to:

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Next Steps

- Prepare Draft EIR
 - Spring-Summer 2026
- Publish Draft EIR for 45-day Public Comment Period
 - Fall 2026
- Publish Final EIR
 - Winter 2026
- Project Approval/Final EIR Certification
 - Winter 2026

Public Comments

Reminder: Send public comments by March 30, 2026 to:

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