

# 1 INTRODUCTION

## *A. Purpose of the Environmental Impact Report*

This document has been prepared in the form of an addendum to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Vacaville General Plan and Energy and Conservation Action Strategy (ECAS). The Draft EIR identified the likely environmental consequences associated with the project, and identified policies and measures contained in the proposed General Plan and ECAS that help to reduce potentially significant impacts.

This Final EIR responds to comments on the Draft EIR, and, in Chapter 3, makes revisions to the Draft EIR as necessary in response to these comments. While the revisions to the Draft EIR shown in Chapter 3 are reflective of revisions to the General Plan and ECAS, a complete list of revisions to the proposed General Plan and ECAS made in response to these comments is presented in a memorandum that will be considered by the Vacaville City Council as part of the adoption of the General Plan and ECAS. None of these revisions result in significant changes to the Project Description, or findings of the Draft EIR that would trigger the need to recirculate the Draft EIR.

This document, together with the Draft EIR, will constitute the Final EIR if the Vacaville City Council certifies it as complete and adequate under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

## *B. Environmental Review Process*

According to CEQA, lead agencies are required to consult with public agencies having jurisdiction over a proposed project, and to provide the general public with an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIR. This Final EIR has been prepared to respond to those comments received on the Draft EIR and to clarify any errors, omissions, or misinterpretations of discussions of findings in the Draft EIR.

The Draft EIR was made available for public review on October 25, 2013. The Draft EIR was distributed to local and State responsible and trustee agencies, and the general public was advised of the availability of the Draft EIR through public notice published in the local newspaper and posted by the County Clerk, as required by law. The 55-day public comment period ended on December 18, 2013.

On December 17, 2013, a Planning Commission hearing was held to receive comments on the Draft EIR during the official public review period. The hearing was held in the Vacaville City Council Chambers, located at 650 Merchant Street in Vacaville, California.

Copies of all written comments received on the Draft EIR, as well as a summary of the Planning Commission hearing on the Draft EIR, are contained in Appendix A of this document.

This Final EIR will be presented at a Planning Commission hearing, at which the Commission will advise the City Council on certification of the EIR as a full disclosure of potential impacts, mitigation measures, and alternatives. The Planning Commission will not take final action on the EIR or the proposed project. Instead, the City Council will consider the Planning Commission's recommendations on the Final EIR and the proposed General Plan and ECAS during a noticed public hearing, and will take the final action with regard to certification of the Final EIR.

### *C. Document Organization*

This document is organized into the following chapters:

- ◆ **Chapter 1: Introduction.** This chapter discusses the use and organization of this Final EIR.
- ◆ **Chapter 2: Report Summary.** This chapter is a summary of the findings of the Draft and the Final EIR. It has been reprinted from the Draft EIR with necessary changes made in this Final EIR shown in double underline and ~~striketrough~~.
- ◆ **Chapter 3: Revisions to the Draft EIR.** Corrections to the text and graphics of the Draft EIR are contained in this chapter. Double underlined text represents language that has been added to the EIR; text with ~~striketrough~~ has been deleted from the EIR.
- ◆ **Chapter 4: List of Commenters.** Names of agencies and individuals who commented on the Draft EIR are included in this chapter.
- ◆ **Chapter 5: Comments and Responses.** This chapter lists the comments received from agencies and the public on the Draft EIR, and provides responses to those comments.
- ◆ **Chapter 6: Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.** This chapter lists the mitigation measures included in the Draft EIR, and identifies programs for monitoring and reporting the progress on implementing these measures.