



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY CERES GENERAL PLAN UPDATE - DRAFT EIR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the availability of the following document:

Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Ceres General Plan Update. The Planning Area for the General Plan Update is the same as that used for the 1997 Ceres General Plan. It encompasses 14,700 acres including the City of Ceres, its Sphere of Influence (SOI), adjacent unincorporated areas, and Mancini Park in the City of Modesto. It is roughly bounded by the Tuolumne River on the north, Carpenter Road on the west, Grayson Road on the south, and Washington Road on the east. Although Ceres does not have jurisdiction in areas outside of its city limits, what happens in those areas bears a relation to the city's planning and must be considered in the General Plan, per California Government Code Section 65300.

In accordance with procedures set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City has determined that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required for this project. The City of Ceres is the Lead Agency for the preparation of the EIR. A Notice of Preparation (NOP) was circulated in May of 2017 to solicit the views of interested persons and agencies as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is relevant to the agencies' statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. A public scoping meeting for the Notice of Preparation was held on June 5, 2017 at the City of Ceres. In response to the NOP, a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) has been prepared for the Ceres General Plan Update.

The DEIR discusses the following significant environmental impacts: aesthetics; agricultural resources; air quality; biological resources; energy, greenhouse gases, and climate change; geology, soils, and seismicity; hazards and hazardous materials, historic and cultural resources; hydrology and water quality; land use, population, and housing; noise; public services and recreation; transportation; and utilities, along with the cumulative effects of these impacts.

In accordance with Section 15105 of CEQA, the written public review period for the DEIR commences on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2018. Written comments will be accepted until the conclusion of the public comment period on March 26, 2018 and should be directed to the attention of Tom Westbrook, Director of Community Development, 2220 Magnolia Street, Ceres, California 95307; by Email at: tom.westbrook@ci.ceres.ca.us; or telephone at: 209.538.5774. If you have any questions concerning the Ceres General Plan Update Policy Document or the Ceres General Plan Update DEIR, these records are available for review at the City of Ceres Community Development Division at the address listed above during business hours, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CD Copies of the DEIR can be obtained at 2220 Magnolia Street, Ceres, CA, 95307 or from the City's website at: www.ci.ceres.ca.us.

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