

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), in combination with the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) dated June 2010, comprises the FEIR for the *Dry Creek/West Placer Community Plan-Transportation Element* update (i.e., proposed project). The DEIR was circulated for public comment from June 9, 2010 through July 23, 2010 in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A public hearing to receive comments on the DEIR was held on July 22, 2010, and is described in more detail below.

This document contains public comments received on the DEIR, which consists of letters and emails received by the Placer County Community Development Resource Agency. Additionally, this document contains public comments and other materials (e.g., petitions, letters, exhibits, photographs, etc.) received at the July 22, 2010 Placer County Planning Commission Hearing. All of these comments/materials are included in this FEIR, as are responses to those comments/materials.

Upon publication of this FEIR, a meeting will be held with the Dry Creek/West Placer Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) on October 13, 2010 at the Dry Creek Elementary School at 7:00 pm. After this meeting, the Placer County Planning Commission will consider this FEIR at a regularly scheduled public meeting. The Planning Commission will consider making a recommendation to the Placer County Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed project. The Board of Supervisors will consider certification of this FEIR, and approval of the proposed project or one of the alternatives to the proposed project at a future public hearing that has not yet been scheduled, but will be noticed in accordance with Placer County regulations.

1.1 ORGANIZATION OF THE FEIR

This FEIR for the *Community Plan – Transportation Element* update is organized into seven chapters:

- Chapter 1 Introduction.** This chapter provides information on the contents of the FEIR and summarizes public participation to date.
- Chapter 2 Summary of Impacts and Mitigation Measures.** This chapter includes **Table 2-2 Impact Summary Table – Proposed Project** from the DEIR. There are no changes to impacts or mitigation measures identified in this FEIR.
- Chapter 3 Comments and Responses.** The comment letters received by the Placer County Community Development Resource Agency on the DEIR, comments by speakers at the Placer County Planning Commission Hearing on July 22, 2010, and materials provided at that hearing are reproduced and annotated with comment numbers. Responses to the identified comments follow each comment letter or the hearing transcript. Responses generally provide clarifications to the DEIR, and occasionally include changes or additions to the text of that document.
- Chapter 4 Text changes to the DEIR.** This chapter summarizes the text changes to the DEIR, including changes identified in various responses in **Chapter 3** and corrections of minor typographical errors.
- Chapter 5 List of Preparers**
- Chapter 6 Distribution List**
- Chapter 7 References**

1.2 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

A Notice of Preparation and Initial Study (NOP/IS) for the DEIR was issued on December 18, 2007 by the Placer County Community Development Resource Agency. This information was included as **Appendix A** of the DEIR. Comment letters received from agencies and the public during the public scoping comment period were reviewed and included in **Appendix B** of the DEIR.

A Public Scoping Meeting for the NOP/IS was held on January 8, 2008. No comments regarding the proposed project were received at that meeting. Comment letters on the following topics were received during the scoping period:

- Coordination with the Native American Heritage Commission
- Reasons for the *Dry Creek/West Placer Community Plan-Transportation Element* update
- Preservation of the rural character of the community
- Funding of projects associated with the *Dry Creek/West Placer Community Plan-Transportation Element* update
- Safety along community roadways
- Congestion near the Dry Creek Elementary School
- Increased traffic
- Reduced air quality during construction
- Disturbance of buried cultural resources

The DEIR was released for public comment on June 9, 2010, and the public comment period ended on July 23, 2010. A Distribution List was included in **Chapter 10** of the DEIR, and a Notice of Completion was filed at the State Clearinghouse and posted with the County Clerk. Copies of the DEIR were also made available for public review at the following locations:

- Placer County Community Development Resource Agency, 3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, California
- Auburn Public Library, 350 Nevada Street, Auburn, California
- Roseville Public Library, 225 Taylor Street, Roseville, California
- County web site: <http://www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/CommunityDevelopment/EnvCoordSvc/EIR/DryCreekTransportation.aspx>

CEQA Guidelines Section 15087 (i), Public Review of DEIR, states: “Public hearings may be conducted on the environmental documents, either in separate proceedings or in conjunction with other proceedings of the public agency. Public hearings are encouraged...as part of the CEQA process.” The County conducted a public hearing on the proposed project before the Placer County Planning Commission on July 22, 2010. Public notices were mailed to property owners of record within 300 feet of the project site(s) and all persons commenting on the NOP/IS. A public hearing notice was also published in the June 9, 2010 issue of the *Sacramento Bee*. Other appropriate public interest groups and citizens were sent copies of the public hearing notice. Numerous spoken and several written comments on the DEIR were received at the Planning Commission Hearing. This FEIR contains responses to those comments.

This FEIR will be the subject of a Placer County Board of Supervisors hearing anticipated in November 2010 for final action on the proposed project and certification of this FEIR. Notices of this hearing will be sent to property owners of record within 300 feet of the project site(s), all persons commenting on the NOP/IS, and all persons commenting on the DEIR.