

NOTICE OF PREPARATION/SCOPING MEETING NOTICE

March 24, 2006

To: Interested Parties
Subject: **NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Lead Agency:

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The City of Orange publicly announces the initiation of the preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the "project" described below, as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and set forth in Public Resources Code 21065. The City of Orange is the Lead Agency for the preparation of the EIR. A description of the proposed project as well as an explanation of the potential environmental effects is provided in this Notice of Preparation (NOP).

Please provide written comments including, if applicable, specific statutory responsibilities of your agency. Written comments are desired at the earliest possible date, but no later than 30 days after the receipt of this notice. The NOP comment period runs from March 24 through April 25, 2006.

A scoping meeting for public agency representatives will be held on April 12, 2006 at 2:00 PM at the City of Orange Community Development Department, Conference Room C, 300 E. Chapman Avenue, Orange CA 92866. A scoping meeting for the public will be held on April 12, 2006 at 7:00 PM, in the Weimer Room at City Hall, 300 E. Chapman Avenue, Orange, CA 92866.

Please send your responses and the name of the contact person to Anna Pehoushek, Principal Planner, at the address listed above. Responses may also be faxed to Ms. Pehoushek at (714) 744-7222 or e-mailed to apehoushek@cityoforange.org.

Project Title: **City of Orange Comprehensive General Plan Update**

Project Location: City of Orange Planning Area, Orange County, California

Project Description: In 2004, the City of Orange began a comprehensive update of its adopted General Plan. State law requires each city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the city and any land outside its corporate boundaries that relates to its planning and operation. The General Plan addresses the seven State mandated general plan elements (land use, housing, circulation, safety, open space, conservation and noise), the Orange County mandated growth management element, and several other issues that are important to the community. Please refer to the project description on the City's website, www.cityoforange.org, under the General Plan link for a full project description and further information about the project.

Long term implementation of the General Plan may result in significant environmental impacts to aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology/soils, hazards and

hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, utilities and service systems, and energy. These potential impacts are described within the Initial Study prepared for the project.

The initial study for the Comprehensive General Plan Update is available for public review at the following locations:

- Orange City Hall, 300 E. Chapman Avenue (City Clerk and Community Development Departments), Orange.
- El Modena Branch Library, 380 S. Hewes Street, Orange.
- Taft Branch Library, 740 E. Taft Avenue, Orange.
- City Website (www.cityoforange.org), under the General Plan link.

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