

**March 25, 2010**  
**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF**  
**RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**  
**(State Clearinghouse No. 2006041162)**

*Tulare County General Plan 2030 Update*

The Tulare County General Plan 2030 Update (General Plan Update) provides a comprehensive, long-term plan of the physical development of the County related to planning. The County's General Plan Update consists of development policies that set forth objectives, principles and standards that guide land use decisions within the County. The general plan and its figures, diagrams, and development policies provided in the General Plan Update Part I (Goals and Policies Report), Part II (Area Plans), and Part III (Community, Hamlet, County Adopted City General, Valley Sub-Area, Corridor Sub-Area, and Mountain Sub-Area Plans) form the basis for the County's zoning, subdivision, and public works actions. General Plan Update supporting documents include a 2010 Background Report and Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR). The Housing Element, the Animal Confinement Facilities Plan, the Flood Control Master Plan, and (the Part III) Community, Hamlet, County Adopted City General, Valley Sub-Area, Corridor Sub-Area, Foothill Sub-Area, and Mountain Sub-Area Plans will not be modified, amended or readopted by this General Plan Update.

*Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR)*

This RDEIR is designed to assess the environmental impacts of the proposed General Plan Update. Additionally, the RDEIR is intended to identify ways to minimize significant effects of the General Plan Update and describes reasonable alternatives to the General Plan Update that would avoid or reduce the General Plan Update's significant effects (Section 15121[a] CEQA Guidelines). Consistent with CEQA Guidelines (Section 15168[a]), the RDEIR prepared for the proposed General Plan Update is a program-level RDEIR.

In January 2008, the County published the Tulare County General Plan Update Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). The DEIR was circulated for public review and comment for an extended period of over 90 days (January 14, 2008 through April 15, 2008) to allow for maximum public involvement and input. During the public review period, the County received approximately 95 written communications from agencies, organizations and individuals with comments on the Tulare County General Plan Update and DEIR.

The County and its consultants reviewed these comments to determine whether any additional environmental analysis would be required to respond to issues raised in the comments. Based on that review, the County determined that several subjects warranted additional information, analysis or clarification.

In its role as the lead agency, the County has directed the recirculation of the DEIR for the proposed project (RDEIR). Consideration of the various comments received on the DEIR, as well as continued research and documentation in the areas of air quality and climate change regulation resulted in the County's decision to update a number of sections of the RDEIR, as well as the 2010 Background Report.

The RDEIR has determined that implementation of the General Plan Update could result in potentially significant impacts in the following areas: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Traffic and Circulation,

Energy and Global Climate Change, Noise, Hydrology, Public Safety, Public Services and Utilities, Agricultural Resources, Biological Resources, and Cultural Resources. Hazards (Including evaluation of hazardous material sites identified under Government Code Section 65962.5) are included in the RDEIR.

A copy of this report is available for review at the following locations:

<p><b>Tulare County Resource Management Agency Government Plaza 5961 South Mooney Boulevard Visalia, CA 93277</b></p>	<p><b>Ivanhoe Library 15964 Heather Ivanhoe, CA 93235</b></p>	<p><b>Terra Bella Library 23825 Avenue 92 Terra Bella, CA 93270</b></p>
	<p><b>Lindsay Library 165 North Gale Hill Street Lindsay, CA 93247</b></p>	<p><b>Three Rivers Library 42052 Eggers Drive Three Rivers, CA 93271</b></p>
<p><b>Tulare County Website <a href="http://www.co.tulare.ca.us/">http://www.co.tulare.ca.us/</a></b></p>	<p><b>Cutler/Orosi Library 12646 Avenue 416 Orosi, CA 93647</b></p>	<p><b>Tipton Library 301 East Woods Avenue Tipton, CA 93272</b></p>
<p><b>Alpaugh Library 3816 Avenue 54 Alpaugh, CA 93201</b></p>	<p><b>Pixley Library Pixley Union Elementary School 300 North School Pixley, CA 93256</b></p>	<p><b>Visalia Library 200 West Oak Avenue Visalia, CA 93291</b></p>
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<p><b>Exeter Library 230 East Chestnut Exeter, CA 93221</b></p>		

The RDEIR has a public review period of 60 days, starting on March 25, 2010 and ending on **May 27, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.** Any written comments on the RDEIR must be sent or delivered to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency at the following address: Tulare County Resource Management Agency, Government Plaza, 5961 South Mooney Boulevard, Visalia, CA 93277 to the attention of David Bryant, Project Planner.

Comments on the previous DEIR released in January 2008, although a part of the administrative record, will not require a written response in the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR). New comments must be submitted for the RDEIR. The County, as provided in CEQA Guidelines, section 15088.5(f)(1), will not respond to individual comments received on the January 2008 Draft EIR but will respond to any new comments received on this February 2010 RDEIR as part of the FEIR to be considered by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors and the Tulare County Planning Commission will hold a joint public workshop after the close of the public review period on the RDEIR and upon completion of a proposed Final EIR.. The workshop will be held on a date to be scheduled later in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, Administration Building, County Civic Center, 2800 West Burrel, Visalia, California. The workshop will pertain to the General Plan Update and the associated RDEIR.

For further information regarding this project, contact David Bryant, Project Planner, at (559) 624-7000.

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