

March 1, 2008

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
(State Clearinghouse No. 2006041162)
AND NOTICE OF EXTENDED REVIEW PERIOD FOR THE GENERAL PLAN 2030
UPDATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) has an extended public review period of 45 days, starting on March 1, 2008 and ending on or about April 15, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. Any written comments on the DEIR should be sent to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency at the address below to the attention of David Bryant, Project Planner.

General Plan 2030 Update

The County's General Plan provides a comprehensive, long-term plan of the physical development of the County related to planning. The County's General Plan consists of development policies that set forth objectives, principles and standards that guide land use decisions within the County. The general plan and its maps, diagrams, and development policies form the basis for the County's zoning, subdivision, and public works actions. General Plan 2030 Update supporting documents include a Background Report, Policy Alternatives Report and a General Plan 2030 Update Policy Comment Matrix.

Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

This DEIR is designed to assess the environmental impacts of the proposed Tulare County General Plan 2030 Update, which includes the Preferred Land Use Alternative.

Additionally, the DEIR is intended to identify ways to minimize significant effects of the General Plan 2030 Update and describes reasonable alternatives to the General Plan 2030 Update that would avoid or reduce the General Plan 2030 Update's significant effects (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15121[a]).

Copies of this report are available for review at the following locations:

Tulare County Resource Management
Agency
Government Plaza
5961 South Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, CA 93277

Tulare County Website
<http://www.co.tulare.ca.us/>

All Tulare County Libraries

Written comments received by the Resource Management Agency on the DEIR during this noticed public comment period as required by the California Environmental Quality Act will be included in and responded to in a separate section in the Final Environmental Impact Report for this project (Public Resources Code section 21091(d)(2)(A)); Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15088, subsections (a) and (b)). Comments received by the County of Tulare after this noticed public comment period will be considered by the Tulare County Planning Commission and the Tulare County Board of Supervisors during their review and public hearings on this project, the proposed Tulare County General Plan 2030 Update, and the Final Environmental Impact Report

(Public Resources Code section 21177; Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15202)).

Please take notice that pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 21177, Government Code Section 65009, and other applicable law if you challenge the proposed action described above in court, then you may be limited to raising only those issues or objections you or someone else raised during the public comment period or public hearings, or in written correspondence delivered to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency within the review period, or the Tulare County Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors during their review and public hearings on the project.

For further information regarding this project, contact David Bryant, Project Planner, at (559) 733-6291.

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