

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

TO: State Clearinghouse
State Responsible Agencies
State Trustee Agencies
Other Public Agencies
Interested Organizations

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SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation – Tulare Pilot Flying J Travel Center

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An Initial Study has been prepared for the proposed project and is attached to this Notice of Preparation (NOP). The Initial Study lists those issues that will require detailed analysis and technical studies that will need to be evaluated and/or prepared as part of the EIR. The EIR will consider potential environmental effects of the proposed project to determine the level of significance of the environmental effect, and will analyze these potential effects to the detail necessary to make a determination on the level of significance.

Those environmental issues that have been determined to be less than significant will have a discussion that is limited to a brief explanation of why those effects are not considered potentially significant. In addition, the EIR may also consider those environmental issues which are raised by responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and members of the public or related agencies during the NOP process.

We need to know the views of your agency or organization as to the scope and content of the environmental information germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities or of interest to your organization in connection with the proposed project. Specifically, we are requesting the following:

1. If you are a public agency, state whether your agency will be a responsible or trustee agency for the proposed project and list the permits or approvals from your agency that will be required for the project and its future actions;
2. Identify significant environmental effects and mitigation measures that you believe need to be explored in the EIR with supporting discussion of why you believe these effects may be significant;
3. Describe special studies and other information that you believe are necessary for the City of Tulare to analyze the significant environmental effects, alternatives, and mitigation measures you have identified;

4. For public agencies that provide infrastructure and public services, identify any facilities that must be provided (both on- and off-site) to provide services to the proposed project;
5. Indicate whether a member(s) from your agency would like to attend a scoping workshop/meeting for public agencies to discuss the scope and content of the EIR's environmental information;
6. Provide the name, title, and telephone number of the contact person from your agency or organization that we can contact regarding your comments.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent and received by the City of Tulare by the following deadlines:

- For responsible agencies, not later than 30 days after you receive this notice.
- For all other agencies and organizations, not later than 30 days following the publication of this Notice of Preparation. The 30 day review period ends on 3/7/2016.

If we do not receive a response from your agency or organization, we will presume that your agency or organization has no response to make.

A responsible agency, trustee agency, or other public agency may request a meeting with the City of Tulare or its representatives in accordance with Section 15082(c) of the CEQA Guidelines. A public scoping meeting will be held during the public review period as follows:

1. Thursday February, 25 from 3:00pm till 4:00pm in the Community Room at City Hall. Community Room is located inside Tulare City Hall, 411 E. Kern Ave. Tulare, CA 93274.

Please send your response to Traci Myers, Deputy Director at the City of Tulare, 411 East Kern Ave. Tulare, CA 93274. If you have any questions, please contact Traci Myers, Deputy Director at (559) 684-4217.