



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT PROGRAM
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING FOR
YORBA LINDA GENERAL PLAN UPDATE**

Date: May 27, 2016
To: Reviewing Agencies and Interested Parties
Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the City of Yorba Linda General Plan Update

State Clearinghouse No: 2016031025

Public Review Period: May 27, 2016 to July 12, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the City of Yorba Linda has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Program EIR) for the proposed General Plan Update Project (Project). Pursuant to the California Public Resources Code Section 21165 and the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA Guidelines) Section 15050, the City of Yorba Linda is the Lead Agency for the General Plan Update Project. The purpose of this notice is to serve as a Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Draft Program EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15087, and solicit comments regarding the content of the Draft Program EIR.

Project Location and Setting: Yorba Linda is located in northeast Orange County. The Project area consists of all lands within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Yorba Linda and the area within the City's Sphere of Influence in unincorporated Orange County, collectively referred to as the General Plan Planning Area. The General Plan Planning Area is approximately 13,050 acres. Adjacent cities include Brea, Placentia, and Anaheim, as well as parts of unincorporated Orange County. Imperial Highway (California State Route [SR] 90) runs north-south through the center of the City, and SR-91 runs east-west along the southern boundary of the City. Chino Hills State Park in the City of Chino and Carbon Canyon Regional Park in the City of Brea are located north of the City.

Project Description: The Project is the adoption of the following updated General Plan elements:

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| ▪ Land Use | ▪ Circulation |
| ▪ Economic Development | ▪ Open Space and Recreation Resources |
| ▪ Conservation | ▪ Public Health and Safety |
| ▪ Public Services and Utilities | ▪ Noise |
| ▪ Growth Management | ▪ Public Services |

Yorba Linda is preparing an update to its 1993 General Plan, complying with California Government Code Section 65300. The General Plan Update is a long-term policy document that serves as a blueprint to guide the City's vision for land use and development over the next 20-plus years. The purpose of the Yorba Linda General Plan Update is to reflect land use, circulation and other physical changes that have occurred since the adoption of the 1993 General Plan.

The proposed Yorba Linda General Plan Update includes policies, programs, and implementation actions to address topical areas required by State law.

Environmental Determination: In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15168, the City of Yorba Linda has prepared Draft Program EIR SCH#: 2016031025 for the General Plan Update. The Program EIR does not identify or evaluate impacts of individual projects. This Program EIR serves as a "first tier" analysis. Subsequent activities must be examined in light of the Program EIR to determine if additional limited

environmental analysis is warranted. Later activities which have been adequately analyzed under the Program EIR will not require additional environmental documentation. If an activity may result in additional effects, or new mitigation measures are needed, a subsequent or supplemental EIR, or negative declaration must be prepared (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15163).

The purpose of a Program EIR is to inform decision-makers and the general public of potential environmental effects associated with implementation of the General Plan. A Program EIR is prepared for a series of actions that can be characterized as one large project (State CEQA Guidelines §15168). The Program EIR evaluates the General Plan Update for potential impacts on the environment and analyzes proposed policies and program and identifies any potential environmental impacts.

In addition, the Draft Program EIR evaluates two project alternatives: No Project/Existing General Plan Alternative and a General Plan Update with Reduced Development Alternative.

The Draft Program EIR finds that implementation of the General Plan Update could result in significant unavoidable impacts to the following issue areas: Air Quality and Transportation and Traffic.

Notice of Public Hearing: Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider input from the public on the Draft Program EIR. The meeting is scheduled on:

Date: June 15, 2016
Time: 6:30 pm
Place: City of Yorba Linda Council Chambers
4845 Casa Loma
Yorba Linda, CA 92886-3364

Notice of Availability: Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21083 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15087, the Draft Program EIR will be available for a 45-day public review from May 27 to July 12, 2016. The City, as the Lead Agency, requests that responsible and trustee agencies respond in a manner consistent with Section 15082(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. All comments and responses to this Notice of Availability should be submitted in writing to Greg Rehmer, Senior Planner (address above)

Copies of the Draft Program EIR are available for review at the following locations:

City of Yorba Linda	Yorba Linda Public Library
4845 Casa Loma Avenue	18181 Imperial Highway
Yorba Linda, CA 92885	Yorba Linda, CA 92886

The document can also be accessed online at: <http://ci.yorba-linda.ca.us/> (Latest News)

The City of Yorba Linda will also accept responses to this notice by e-mail received through the close of business on July 12, 2016. If e-mail comments are submitted with attachments, it is recommended that the attachments be delivered in writing to the address specified above. Virus protection measures and variety of formats for attachments can limit the ability for the attachments to be delivered. E-mail responses to this notice may be sent to grehmer@yorba-linda.com.