

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

CITY OF MADERA GENERAL PLAN UPDATE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND COMMENCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Madera General Plan Update Draft Environmental Impact Report has been completed and is available for public and agency review.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Madera
PROJECT NAME: City of Madera General Plan Update
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # 2007121153

PROJECT LOCATION: The Planning Area for the City of Madera General Plan Update is within Madera County and includes the incorporated City, the City's Sphere of Influence (SOI), and a larger study area. The Planning Area covers roughly 67,414 acres of land (about 105 square miles) in southern Madera County. The City of Madera occupies 9,512 acres (about one-seventh of the total Planning Area).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project is the adoption and implementation of an updated City of Madera General Plan (i.e., technically a General Plan amendment). The last comprehensive update of the City of Madera General Plan was in 1992. The General Plan update will allow the community to establish its long-term vision for the future.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The proposed General Plan Update could result in significant impacts in the areas of: Agricultural Resources, Land Use, Transportation and Circulation, Biological Resources, Noise, Population/Housing/Employment, Air Quality, Climate Change, Geology and Soils, Hazards (including evaluation of hazardous material sites identified under Government Code Section 65962.5), Hydrology and Water Quality, Cultural and Paleontological Resources, Public Services and Utilities, Visual Resources, and Growth Inducement. These environmental issue areas are addressed in the Draft EIR.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: Written comments on the Draft General Plan Update Draft EIR will be accepted from **May 13, 2009** to **June 29, 2009**, at the following address: City of Madera Planning Department, 205 West Fourth Street, Madera, CA 93637, Attn: Dave Randall, or via e-mail: info@maderageneralplan.com.

PUBLIC MEETING: The public is invited to attend and provide oral comment at a public meeting on **June 1st, 2009 at 6:30pm at Frank A. Bergon Senior Center at 238 South D Street, Madera, CA 93638.**

AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT EIR AND GENERAL PLAN UPDATE: The Draft General Plan Update and Draft EIR are available for viewing at the City of Madera Planning Department at the address above during regular office hours; at the Madera library at 121 North G Street, Madera; and on-line at <http://maderageneralplan.com>.

CD-ROM's are available on request. Hard copies are available for purchase. Referenced materials used in the preparation of the Draft EIR may be reviewed upon request to the City.