

1 INTRODUCTION

In accordance with §15088 of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the City of Rocklin, as the lead agency, has reviewed the comments received on the Second Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (SPRDEIR) for the Rocklin Crossings Project and has prepared written responses to the comments received.

On December 6, 2007, the City of Rocklin as the lead agency released for public review the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Rocklin Crossings Project. The Draft EIR public review period ended on January 23, 2008. Following the end of the public review period for the Draft EIR, the City prepared a Final EIR in April 2008 that included written responses to the comments received. Based in part on input from members of the public on the December 2007 Draft EIR and proposed April 2008 Final EIR and in part on the fact that, after completion of the Draft EIR, the City determined that the original traffic study included some relatively minor errors, the City decided to recirculate Section 4.2 (Traffic and Circulation) and portions of Section 6.1 (Cumulative Impacts) of the Draft EIR related to traffic and circulation. The Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (PRDEIR) was released for public review on August 7, 2008 and the review period ended on September 22, 2008. Following the end of the PRDEIR public review period, the City prepared a Supplement to the Final EIR, which included written responses to all comments received.

In November 25, 2008, the City Council, through a series of resolutions, certified a Final EIR for the Rocklin Crossings Project and approved the Project. The Final EIR consisted of the 2007 Draft EIR, the 2008 Final EIR, the 2008 PRDEIR, and the 2008 Supplement to the Final EIR. In December 2008, the adequacy of the Final EIR was challenged by two Petitions for Writ of Mandate, one filed by Rocklin Residents for Responsible Growth (Rocklin Residents) and another filed by the Town of Loomis (Loomis). Although the two cases were filed separately in Placer County Superior Court, the parties to the litigation agreed to consolidate the two lawsuits for purposes of record preparation, briefing, and hearing and to transfer the litigation to the Sacramento Superior Court.

On February 19, 2010, the Sacramento Superior Court issued its Ruling, which rejected all of the contentions made by Loomis and all but one contention made by Rocklin Residents. With respect to one claim made by Rocklin Residents, the court concluded that the Final EIR did not comply with the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA). A copy of the Ruling appears at Appendix A to the SPRDEIR.

Consistent with the court's Ruling, the City prepared the SPRDEIR and released it for public review on December 14, 2010. The review period ended on January 31, 2011. The SPRDEIR did not revise the Final EIR in any respect other than as directed or recommended by the court.

Chapter 2 of this Second Supplement to the Final EIR consists of all of the written comments received on the SPRDEIR and presents responses to significant environmental issues raised in the comments (as required by the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15132). The focus of the responses to comments is on the disposition of significant environmental issues that are raised in the comments, as specified by Section 15088, subdivision (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines. Detailed responses are not provided to comments on the merits of the proposed project. However, when a comment is not directed to significant environmental issues, the responses indicate that the comment has been noted and that no further response is necessary.

For some of the responses, the City determined that the preparation of a master response would be appropriate. The master response discusses a range of individual issues raised by commenters. This master response is presented at the beginning of Chapter 2. The individual comment letters and responses follow the master response in Chapter 2.

Each comment letter has been reproduced and is followed by the responses to the comments in order of occurrence. For example, the response to the fourth comment of the second letter would be indicated as Response to Comment 2-4.

This Second Supplement to the Final EIR, together with the Draft EIR, Final EIR, PRDEIR, Supplement to the Final EIR, and SPRDEIR constitute the Final EIR that is being considered by the City of Rocklin.