PURPOSE OF SCOPING MEETING

Receive comments from the public, organizations, and interested public agencies on issues the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) should address.
PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING
AGENDA

• Welcome and Introductions
• Project Overview
• EIR Scoping Session
  – What is an EIR?
  – The EIR Process
  – Key Environmental Issues
• Next Steps
• Comment Period
WHAT IS THE GENERAL PLAN?

• “Constitution” for Growth and Development
  • Establishes citywide vision and supporting goals, policies, and actions
  • Provides consistent direction for future development
  • Balances growth, conservation, and quality of life
  • Documents baseline environmental conditions
• General Plan establishes land use designations throughout the city
• Infrastructure planning based on draft land use diagram
• EIR covers associated Utility Master Plan Supplements
CEQA OVERVIEW

• The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is the State’s primary environmental protection law

• CEQA requires that public agencies disclose environmental impacts of projects that have a potential physical effect on the environment
WHAT IS AN EIR?

• An informational document
  • Discloses information about the effects of a proposed project could have on the environment
  • Identifies mitigation measures
  • Describes feasible alternatives to the proposed project

• Legal Requirement
  • Must be certified prior to General Plan adoption
PROGRAM-LEVEL EIR

• Appropriate when a “CEQA project” consists of a series of actions related to the issuance of rules, regulations, and other planning criteria (CEQA Guidelines Section 15168)

• Does not evaluate the impacts of specific, individual future development projects that may occur following adoption of the General Plan
# THE EIR PROCESS

As mandated by State Law

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= Current phase

= Opportunities for Public Input
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES TO BE ANALYZED

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation and Circulation
- Utilities and Service Systems
NEXT STEPS

- **May 24 to June 23:** Notice of Preparation and scoping comment period
- **June 8 (today):** Scoping meeting to receive public comments
- **Summer 2017:** Preparation of Draft EIR
- **Fall/Winter 2017:** 45-day public review period
- **Winter 2017:** Response to comments and Final EIR
- **Spring 2018:** Planning Commission and City Council adoption and certification hearings
SCOPING COMMENTS

• Receive public comments on:
  • Technical issues to address in the EIR
  • Appropriate range of alternatives to evaluate in the EIR

• Comments should focus on the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project
  • “The EIR should analyze ____”
Submit SCOPING COMMENTS

Submit Comments by 5pm **Friday, June 23, 2017** by:

- Speaking at tonight’s meeting
- Mail to:
  
  David Stagnaro, Planning Manager
  Community Development Department
  425 North El Dorado Street
  Stockton, CA 95202

- Email to: [David.Stagnaro@stocktonca.gov](mailto:David.Stagnaro@stocktonca.gov)
  
  • Subject line: “Envision Stockton EIR”