

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT



PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

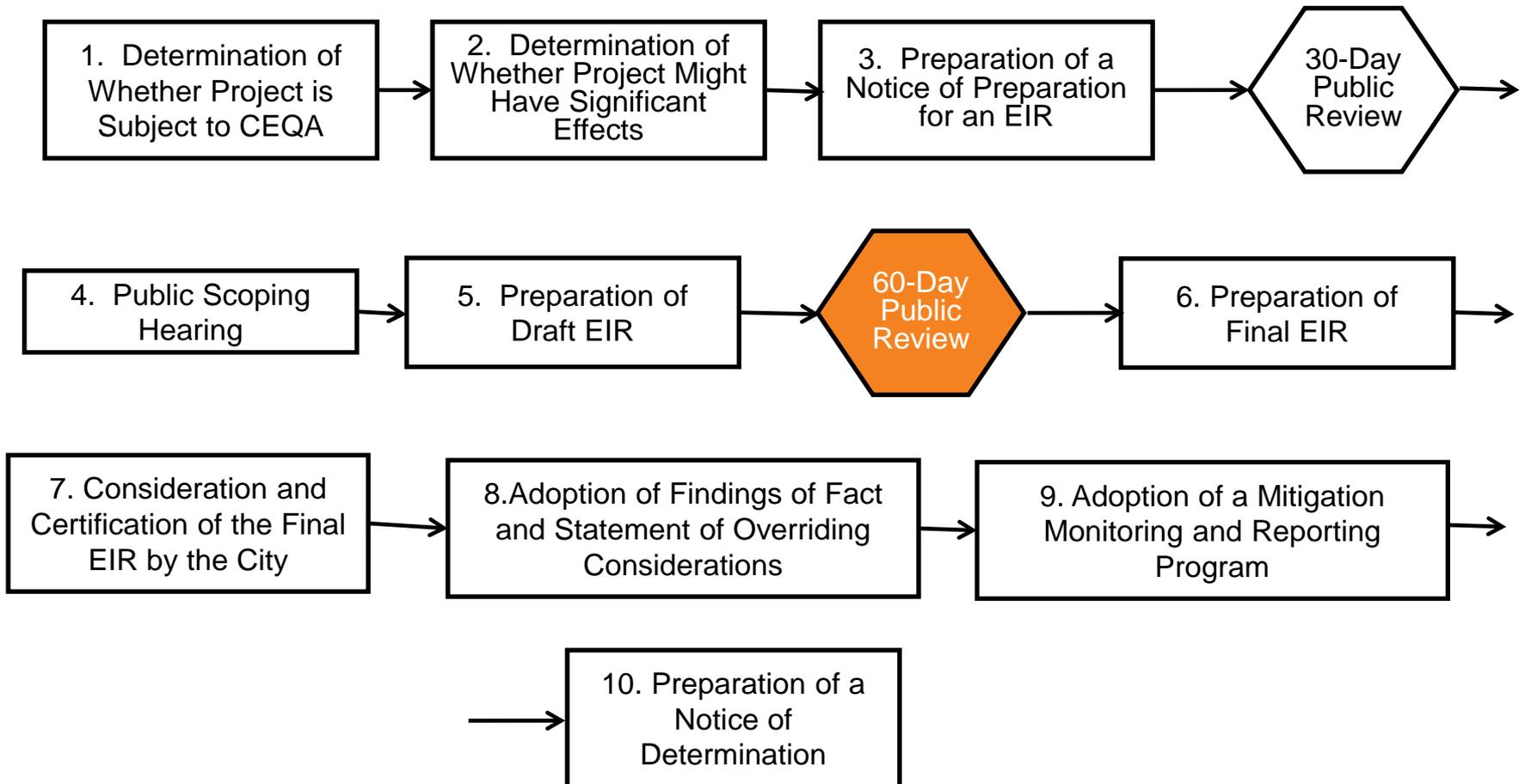
WHAT IS CEQA

- California Environmental Quality Act
- Purpose is to:
 - Inform government decision-makers and the public about the environmental effects of proposed activities
 - To involve the public in the decision-making process
 - To identify ways that damage to the environment can be avoided or significantly reduced
 - To prevent environmental damage by requiring changes in projects through the use of mitigation measure or alternatives

PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING

- Provide information about the environmental process
- Solicit public comments on environmental issues and adequacy of the Draft Environmental Impact Report
- Response to comments will be included in the Final EIR

CEQA PROCESS OVERVIEW



PROGRAMMATIC EIR

- EIR prepared on a series of actions that can be characterized as one large project and are related
- Provides agency with greater flexibility to deal with cumulative impacts
- Provides the basis for whether a subsequent project may have any significant effects
- Allows subsequent projects to discuss only new effects not previously considered

DRAFT EIR OVERVIEW

- Project description
- Project objectives
- Environmental impact analysis
 - Project specific (General Plan)
 - Cumulative (General Plan plus other cumulative development)
- Mitigation measures
- Alternatives

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE AREAS

- Land Use
- Demographics
- Aesthetics
- Agricultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology, Soils, Minerals, Paleontology
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Noise
- Public Services and Recreation
- Public Utilities
- Transportation

PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

- No Project Alternative
- Additional Climate Action Plan Measures
- Reduced Study Areas
- Increased Development Intensity Alternative
- Increased Employment Alternative

PROJECT IMPACTS

- Individual projects likely less than significant
- Combined City-wide development could result in significant and unavoidable impacts identified for most resource areas
- Requires Findings of Fact and an Override by the City Council

STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS

- Required when significant and unavoidable impacts are identified
- Lead agency has an obligation to balance a variety of public objectives, including economic, environmental, and social factors
- Are prepared for most EIRs

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Review period for Draft EIR is 60 days: July 27 to September 26, 2018
- City prepares Final EIR and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP)
- Final EIR will include responses to comments on environmental topics
- Final EIR will be made available to the public at least 10 days prior to City Council taking action on the project

CONTENTS OF THE FINAL EIR

- Copies of all letters received on Draft EIR and transcript of comments
- Responses to comments related to adequacy of the EIR and environmental topics
 - Comments related to EIR adequacy and environmental topics coded with numbers for responses
 - May include ‘master responses’ to topics frequently cited
- Revisions to the Draft EIR based on comments received or City-initiated changes

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please submit written comments or e-mails with your name, address, e-mail, and contact number, prior to 5:00 pm on **September 26, 2018** to:

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