

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A SECOND REVISED RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Date: June 24, 2016

To: Responsible Agencies, Agencies with Jurisdiction by Law, Trustee Agencies, Involved Federal Agencies, and Agencies/People Requesting Notice

Subject: **Notice of Availability of a Second Revised Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Middle Green Valley Specific Plan Project**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Solano has prepared a second revised recirculated draft environmental impact report (SRRDEIR) for the proposed Middle Green Valley Specific Plan Project (project), located in unincorporated Solano County. The SRRDEIR was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and is now available for public review.

The proposed Middle Green Valley Specific Plan (Specific Plan) is intended to carry out the goals and policies identified by the Solano County General Plan for the Middle Green Valley Area. The Specific Plan proposes an interwoven combination of land conservation and development provisions designed to create a limited number of new residential units, capped at a maximum of 400 new primary residential units and up to 100 new secondary residential units in compact cluster development patterns, surrounded by an interconnected network of agricultural and natural open lands, and served by a circulation system of rural streets, bikeways, pedestrian pathways, and trails. Approximately 1,490 acres (about 78 percent) of the Specific Plan area is designated as permanent open land, of which approximately 440 acres would be preserved as working agriculture. The remainder of the planning area (approximately 415 acres or about 22 percent) is designated for development in a "neighborhood framework," with each of four proposed neighborhood areas having a designated informal pattern of rural roads, residential building types, and community buildings.

The Specific Plan Area, approximately 1,905-acre in size, is located along Green Valley Road in Green Valley, an unincorporated area of Solano County. The Specific Plan Area is located north of Interstate 80, Jameson Canyon, and the Hidden Meadows subdivisions (City of Fairfield); south of existing unincorporated subdivisions and the Green Valley Country Club in upper Green Valley; west of Suisun Valley and the Rockville Hills; and northwest of the Eastridge subdivision (City of Fairfield).

The draft Middle Green Valley Specific Plan and the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) (State Clearinghouse #2009062048) for the Specific Plan were released by the County for public review and comment in December 2009.

The Board of Supervisors certified the EIR and adopted the Specific Plan on July 27, 2010. On March 21, 2012, the Solano County Superior Court issued a writ directing the County to set aside its certification of the EIR and approval of the Specific Plan.

The purpose of the SRRDEIR is to evaluate the possible biological impacts of using local groundwater, in whole or in part, to supply water for domestic uses to the new development proposed by the Specific Plan. Because the potential impacts to biological resources that could be caused by implementing all elements of the Specific Plan were previously described and evaluated in Chapter 6 (Biological Resources) of the 2009 Draft EIR, the SRRDEIR revises only the portions of Chapter 6 that are being updated. In accordance with Section 15088.5 of the State CEQA Guidelines, these revised portions of Chapter 6 are being recirculated for public review and comment.

Public Review Period: June 24 through August 8, 2016

During this public review period, the general public, agencies, and organizations may submit written comments on the content of the SRRDEIR to the County. If you represent a public agency, please provide information that is germane to your statutory responsibilities as they may be affected by this project. Responsible and trustee agencies will need to use the SRRDEIR when considering approvals they may grant related to the project.

Pursuant to procedures set forth in Section 15088.5(f)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines, reviewers are directed to limit their comments to the information contained in the SRRDEIR. Specifically, comments should be limited to the revised discussion of the project's potential biological resources impacts related to the provision of groundwater under Option B. Although the EIR (2010) and Revised Recirculated EIR (2014) are part of the County's administrative record, those documents are not being recirculated for further public comment.

Your comments must be received by the County by **5:00 p.m. on August 8, 2016**. Please submit your written comments, including the name, address, and telephone number of a contact person to: Matt Walsh, Solano County Department of Resource Management, Planning Services Division, 675 Texas Street, Suite 5500, Fairfield, CA 94533; or email MWalsh@solanocounty.com.

Copies of the SRRDEIR can be reviewed at the Department of Resource Management, Planning Services Division at the above address. Additional copies can be reviewed at the Fairfield Cordelia Library, 5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield; the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street; and at:

https://admin.solanocounty.com:4433/depts/rm/planning/middle_green_valley_specific_plan.asp

After the close of the comment period, the County will consider all comments received on the SRRDEIR, and prepare written responses as required. The Final EIR (FEIR) will consist of the DEIR, RREIR, SRRDEIR, written responses to comments on each of these draft documents, and any text changes. The FEIR will be considered anew by the County for certification if it is determined that the FEIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA. Following certification of the EIR, the County will consider the proposed project for approval.

For additional information needs or to request a copy of the SRRDEIR, please contact Matt Walsh; telephone: (707) 784-6765; FAX: (707) 784-4805.