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Chapter One  
Introduction



# CHAPTER ONE

## INTRODUCTION

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### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 PURPOSE

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that a Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) be prepared, certified and considered by decision-makers prior to taking action on a project. The Final EIR provides the lead agency an opportunity to respond to comments received on the Draft EIR and to incorporate any changes or additions necessary to clarify and/or supplement the information contained in the document. This Final EIR, therefore, represents the culmination of all environmental related issues raised during the comment periods on the Draft EIR for the Yuba County General Plan Update.

#### 1.2 SCOPE

The Draft EIR was first circulated and available for review between May 19, 1994 and October 19, 1994 (the review period was originally May 19, 1994 through July 5, 1994, but was subsequently extended by the County through October 19, 1994), and subject to public hearings before the Yuba County Planning Commission held June 15, 1994, July 6, 1994, and September 7, 1994. Changes were subsequently incorporated in the proposed General Plan Update to address issues raised during the public review period and hearings. The Revised Draft General Plan and Draft EIR were circulated for public review from March 16, 1996 through May 1, 1996. This Final EIR describes the changes to the General Plan that have been recommended since the Draft EIR was published, and assesses potential environmental impacts which may result from those changes. It also provides responses to the comments received on the Draft EIR from agencies and individuals during the 1996 review period. The comments received during the 1994 review period are included in appendices to this document.

This document is Volume IV of the General Plan Update and must be reviewed in conjunction with the Draft EIR, which is bound under separate cover as Volume III and incorporated herein by reference. The two documents combined represent the Final EIR.

### 1.3 FORMAT

This document is presented in chapters as follows:

**Chapter 1.0** serves as the Introduction and outlines the purpose, scope and format of the Final EIR.

**Chapter 2.0** provides an overview of the public review process and a listing of agencies and individuals who submitted written and oral comments on the Draft EIR throughout the public review process.

**Chapter 3.0** contains the responses to comments received on the Draft EIR in 1996 and is intended to supplement, expand or amend the information provided in the Draft EIR as noted in the discussion.

**Chapter 4.0** includes the 1996 comment letters in their entirety. The comment letters have been numbered and each comment individually identified.

**Chapter 5.0** contains a description and analysis of revisions to the proposed General Plan which have been made since the Draft EIR and Revised Draft General Plan were published. These revisions have been approved by the County Planning Commission and recommended to the Board of Supervisors for inclusion in the adopted General Plan.

**Chapter 6.0** contains a Supplement to the Executive Summary which elaborates on certain impacts which cannot be mitigated to a less than significant level, and discusses mitigation monitoring and reporting.

**Appendix A** includes the original 1994 comment letters in their entirety.

**Appendix B** includes a summary of the original 1994 oral comments.