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**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT - NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
OAKLEY DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
REPORT (DEIR)
(SCH NO. 2008112089)**

Notice is hereby given that the Oakley Downtown Specific Plan Draft EIR is available for public review and comment. The public review period begins September 10, 2009 and ends on October 28, 2009.

Project Description: The City of Oakley has prepared a Draft EIR to consider the potential environmental effects of the proposed Oakley Downtown Specific Plan. The project is located near the geographical center of Oakley along a portion of Main Street/State Route 4. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad line forms the northern boundary, from east of Miguel Drive (western boundary) to the Contra Costa Canal (eastern boundary). The southern boundary is generally formed by Home Street between the Contra Costa Canal and Norcross Lane, and just north of Ruby Street between Norcross Lane and Gardenia Avenue. The proposed project requires adoption of the Oakley Downtown Specific Plan, approval of a Zoning Ordinance Amendment to create the Oakley Downtown SP District, and approval of a rezone of the project site to Oakley Downtown SP. The Specific Plan contemplates build out of the 80 acre project area to include an additional 360,000 square feet of commercial space and 300 residential units (including mixed use). The Draft EIR also analyzes the proposed Main Street Realignment project, which would reroute Highway 4 to the north of the existing Main Street from east of Vintage Parkway to approximately 2nd Street, allowing the existing Main Street to become more pedestrian oriented and shopper friendly.

Significant and Unavoidable Impacts: The Oakley Downtown Specific Plan Draft EIR determines that the proposed project would be expected to result in a significant and unavoidable impact on 1) cultural resources due to the loss of up to six existing historical buildings as a result of the Main Street Realignment project, 2) cultural resources due to development of opportunity sites that may demolish or substantially alter historical resources and or alter the setting of historical resources, and 3) cumulative impact to transportation, circulation and parking if Option #2 (includes roundabout at O'Hara and

Main Street) of the realignment project is chosen, which would result in unacceptable level of service "LOS F" conditions during the PM peak hour at the corner of Main Street and O'Hara Avenue

Hazardous Site Disclosure: Two properties within the project area are present on a hazardous waste list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. 407 and 800 Main Street are both present on the Cortese List as leaking underground storage tank (LUST) cleanup sites. Both cases are listed as closed with cleanup completed.

Available Copies: Copies of the DEIR are available for review at the City of Oakley Community Development Department at 3231 Main Street, Oakley, CA 94561 and the Freedom High School public library at 1050 Neroly Road, Oakley, CA 94561. Reviewers should focus on the adequacy of the DEIR in discussing possible impacts upon the environment, ways in which adverse effects might be minimized, and alternatives to the proposed project. Downloadable copies are also available on the City's website: www.oakleyinfo.com

Scheduled Public Meeting: A public meeting to receive public comments on the project DEIR is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at the City Hall Council Chamber located at 3231 Main Street, Oakley, CA 94561. The item will be discussed as part of the regular meeting's agenda. All speakers are encouraged to also submit written comments to become part of the DEIR comments.

Submit Comments: Reviewers who wish to comment on the Oakley Downtown Specific Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report should submit written comments to: Ken Strelo, Senior Planner, City of Oakley, 3231 Main Street, Oakley, CA 94561. Comments may also be emailed to "strelo@ci.oakley.ca.us, or faxed to (925) 625-9194. Written comments are due to the City of Oakley by 5:00 p.m. on October 28, 2009.

Signature:


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