

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

TO: State Clearinghouse State Responsible Agencies State Trustee Agencies Other Public Agencies Interested Organizations Members of the Public	FROM: County of Shasta Dept. of Resource Management, Planning Division
	CONTACT: Paul Hellman, Director 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103 Redding, CA 96001 (530) 225-5789

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

PROJECT TITLE: Cooperative Service Agreement and Annual Work/Financial Plan Between Shasta County and U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service – Wildlife Services

Shasta County is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is preparing an EIR for the project identified as the Cooperative Service Agreement and Annual Work/Financial Plan Between Shasta County and U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service – Wildlife Services (proposed project). The purpose of this Notice of Preparation (NOP) is to solicit guidance from responsible, trustee, and other agencies (as well as input from members of the public) as to the scope and content of the EIR, including potential impacts of concern and mitigation measures or alternatives that should be considered.

The probable environmental effects of the proposed project are identified in the Environmental Initial Study attached to this NOP (Attachment 1). The Initial Study includes a detailed project description, project background, and probable environmental impacts. The NOP and attached Initial Study are available on the County’s website at:

https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/drm_index/planning_index/eirs.aspx

If you do not have internet access or have trouble downloading project information from the internet address noted above, a copy may be reviewed or obtained at the Shasta County Department of Resource Management, Planning Division, located at 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103, Redding, CA 96001.

The EIR will consider all substantive environmental issues which are raised by responsible agencies, trustee agencies, other interested agencies, and members of the public or related groups during the NOP process, and will analyze these potential effects in detail and to the extent necessary to make a determination on the level of significance of such effects. Discussion of those environmental effects determined to result in no impact or a less-than-significant impact will be limited to a brief explanation in the EIR of why those effects are not considered potentially significant.

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The following agencies may be a trustee agency and/or responsible agency for the proposed project, or have other jurisdiction/interests concerning the proposed project:

United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
United States Forest Service (USFS)
National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
Shasta County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff)

Whether your agency is or is not listed above, we need to know the views of your agency or organization as to the scope and content of the environmental information germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities or of interest to your organization in connection with the proposed project. Specifically, we are requesting the following:

1. Identify potentially significant environmental effects, alternatives, and recommended mitigation measures that you believe need to be explored in the EIR with supporting discussion of why you believe these effects may be significant.
2. Describe special studies and other information that you believe are necessary for the county to analyze the potentially significant environmental effects, alternatives, and recommended mitigation measures you have identified.
3. Provide the name, title, and telephone number of the person from your agency or organization that we can contact regarding your comments.
4. If you are a public agency, state if your agency will be a responsible or trustee agency for the project and list the permits or approvals from your agency that will be required for the project and its future actions.

A responsible agency, trustee agency, or other public agency may request a meeting with Shasta County or its representatives in accordance with Section 15082(c) of the CEQA Guidelines.

WRITTEN SCOPING COMMENTS: Written comments will be accepted at any time during the 30-day scoping period. Please provide your responses and any direct questions to the attention of Paul Hellman, Director, via mail/delivery to Shasta County Department of Resource Management, Planning Division, 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103, Redding CA 96001 or via email to phellman@co.shasta.ca.us.

Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be received by the County of Shasta by the following deadlines:

- **For responsible and trustee agencies, not later than 30 days after you receive this notice.**
- **For all other agencies, organizations, and individuals, not later than 30 days from publication of this Notice of Preparation. The 30-day review period ends on November 15, 2019.**

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If we do not receive a response from you/your agency or organization within the applicable time frame, we will presume that you/your agency or organization has no response.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING NOTICE: A public scoping meeting on the Draft EIR will be held on **October 29, 2019** at 2:00 PM at the Shasta County Department of Resource Management, 1855 Placer Street, Redding 96001. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit the views of interested parties requesting notice, responsible agencies, agencies with jurisdiction by law, trustee agencies, involved federal agencies, and Shasta County as to the appropriate scope and content of the Draft EIR. County staff and its environmental consultant for the EIR will provide a brief overview of the project and the environmental review process. There will be an opportunity for public/agency input regarding the scope of the Draft EIR. Scoping meeting attendees will need to check in at the front counter and will be escorted to the conference room where the meeting will be held.

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October 17, 2019
Date


Paul Hellman, Director of Resource Management

Attachments: Environmental Initial Study