

Notice of Availability

Date: August 26, 2021

To: Responsible Agencies and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works Co-Located Dispatch Communications Facility Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works (County) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), which is being distributed for public review. Pursuant to the California Public Resources Code and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the County is the Lead Agency for the proposed project.

Project Title: Co-Located Dispatch Facility Project

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020090201

Project Location: The project site is located in the unincorporated community of Templeton, in the County of San Luis Obispo. The project site is on a 5-acre County-owned parcel at 350-358 North Main Street, Templeton (Assessor Parcel Number 040-201-038). The parcel is located west of North Main Street and east of Highway 101, and currently has a County Sheriff Department building, a County Department of Agriculture building, and associated site improvements. An access drive and pedestrian walkway provide access to the site from North Main Street.

Project Description: The project would consolidate County-wide emergency dispatch functions provided by the County's Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center (currently at the County Operations Center at Kansas Avenue off Highway 1, northwest of the City of San Luis Obispo) and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and County Fire Department's Emergency Command Center (currently on North Santa Rosa Street in San Luis Obispo). The facility would serve as the County's primary Public Safety Answering Point to provide dispatch for law enforcement, fire, and ambulance services throughout the unincorporated regions of the county, as well as within the seven incorporated communities. The facility would also serve as a regional emergency response operations headquarters.

The proposed site improvements would include an approximately 18,000-square-foot, two-story Essential Services Emergency Dispatch building that would support between 15 and 30 personnel, a 140-foot-high communications tower, and associated site improvements such as secure and non-secure parking areas, a perimeter fence, storage areas, onsite utility connections, and landscaping.

Environmental Topics Evaluated: The DEIR analysis focuses on the aesthetic impacts of the project, which were determined to have potential significant effects as described in the Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study for the project. The NOP was issued for a 30-day comment period on September 14, 2020.

The DEIR also addresses comments received in response to the Initial Study and NOP pertaining to other environmental topics, and the impacts of off-site communications equipment required for the project that were not discussed in the Initial Study.

The DEIR examines the potential impacts generated by the proposed project in relation to aesthetic resources, and found the project would have unavoidable significant impacts even with implementation of identified mitigation measures to lessen the impacts.

For the remaining environmental issue areas, the DEIR supports the conclusion in the Initial Study that there is either no potential for significant effects, or the potential for significant effects would be reduced to a less than significant level with incorporation of mitigation measures pertaining to the following:

- Air Quality/Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Public Comment Period: The DEIR and its technical studies are available for the CEQA required 45-day public review and comment period from **August 26 through October 11, 2021**.

Written comments on the DEIR and technical studies must be received no later than **5:00 pm on October 11, 2021**. Submit written comments to:

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Reviewing Locations: Copies of the DEIR are available for review at the following locations:

County of San Luis Obispo
Public Works Department
976 Osos Street, Room 207
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

San Luis Obispo City/County Library
995 Palm Street
San Luis Obispo, California 93401

The DEIR can also be accessed on the County of San Luis Obispo's website at:

<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Current-Public-Works-Projects/Co-Located-Dispatch-Facility.aspx>.