

**TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT,
DRAFT 2023 KINGSBURG AREA COMMUNITY PLAN (SCH # 2021120339)**

Project Title: Draft 2023 Kingsburg Area Community Plan (State Clearinghouse # 2021120339)

Project Location: At the northern portion of Tulare County within the City of Kingsburg County Adopted City Urban Development Boundary (Kingsburg CACUDB or UDB) and encompasses approximately 0.8 square miles of land. The Tulare County/Fresno County Line is located directly adjacent to the Kingsburg CACUDB and generally northwest of Avenue 392 and Road 16. The site is within the Sections 25, 26, 35, and 36, Township 16 South, Range 22 East, MDB&M.

Project Description: The Tulare County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 2019-0884 on October 15, 2019, approving the General Plan Initiation No. GPI 19-004 to authorize a General Plan Amendment No. GPA 20-001 for the Kingsburg Area Community Plan, to update the Tulare County General Plan. The proposed Kingsburg Area Community Plan is identified within the City of Kingsburg sphere of influence and County of Tulare's County Adopted City Urban Development Boundary (CACUDB) for Kingsburg located along the Tulare County/Fresno County line (that is, adjacent to and south of Kingsburg), generally north of Avenue 390, west of Road 20, and south of State Route 201. The Kingsburg Community Area Plan Update will become consistent with the approved Tulare County General Plan 2030 Update and includes the following primary goals and objectives:

- 1) **Land Use and Environmental Planning** - Promote development within the planning areas next to the Regional Highway 99 Corridor in order to implement the following General Plan goals:
 - a) Update the affected Urban Development Boundary;
 - b) Ensure the text and mapping of the Community Plan Land Use Designations and Zoning Reclassifications address various development matters, such as encouraging Agricultural Adaptive Reuse activities, recognizing Non-Conforming Use activities, and facilitating Ministerial Permit approvals;
 - c) Encourage infill development within a County Adopted City Urban Development Boundary, thereby discouraging leapfrog development within Tulare County;
 - d) Reduce development pressure on agriculturally-designated lands within the Valley Floor, thereby encouraging agricultural production;
 - e) Reduce vehicle miles travelled throughout the County, thereby positively affecting air quality and greenhouse gas reduction; and
 - f) Improve the circulation, transit and railroad transportation system within this community, including, but not limited to, laying the groundwork for the construction of key projects, such as Safe Routes to Schools, Complete Streets, and Bike Lanes/Pedestrian Paths.

- 2) **Improvements for a "disadvantaged community"** - It is expected that the community planning area will be improved for the following reasons:
 - a) Faster project processing resulting from an updated community plan, increasing employment opportunities that are more likely to be provided by the private sector as proposed project developments and permits can be approved as expeditiously as possible;
 - b) Housing grant awards are more likely to be awarded based on updated community plans that are consistent with the policies of the recently adopted (August 2012) General Plan Update and Housing Element; and
 - c) Enhanced infrastructure grant awards, thereby providing access to funding to install or upgrade road, water, wastewater, and storm water facilities.

- 3) **Strengthening Relationship with TCAG** - An important benefit of this community plan process will be the opportunity for RMA to strengthen the County's relationship with the Tulare County Association

of Governments (TCAG) in that this community plan will help to facilitate the funding and implementation of several key transportation programs such as Safe Routes to Schools, Complete Streets, Bike/Pedestrian Projects, and major state Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project. By pursuing these transportation programs through a heightened collaborative process, the likelihood of getting actual projects in the ground will be realized faster than historically achieved. In doing so, this community, and others, can become safer and healthier by providing a more efficient transportation network.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impact: It is anticipated that potential environmental impacts may include, but are not limited to: biological resources, cultural resources, air quality, greenhouse gases, hydrology, water supply and water quality, land use and planning, noise, and traffic as future development occurs over time.

EIR Availability: A copy of the DEIR will be available for review at the Tulare County Resource Management Agency, 5961 South Mooney Blvd., Visalia, CA 93277, (559) 624-7000, (Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm) and (Friday: 9:00 am to 11:00 am).

A copy of the DEIR may also be obtained and/or reviewed at the following locations:

Visalia Branch Library 200 West Oak Avenue Visalia, CA 93291	Tuesday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Friday: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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Kingsburg Branch Library 1399 Draper Street Kingsburg, CA 93631	Monday through Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Thursday: 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Friday: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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Tulare County Web Site: <https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/planning-building/environmental-planning/environmental-impact-reports/kingsburg-area-community-plan/>

Contact for More Information: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner (559) 624-7121 (para Español llame Brenda Alcantar (559) 624-7000).

The DEIR has a review period of **45** days, starting on **Wednesday, September 13, 2023**, and ending **Friday, October 27, 2023**, which has been approved by the State of California, Office of Planning and Research. Any written comments on the DEIR should be sent to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency at the address noted above, to the attention of: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner.

After the close of the public comment review period on the DEIR established by this notice, this matter will be set for public hearing before the Tulare County Planning Commission at a date to be determined later. Notice of the date, time and place for such public hearing will be published and/or mailed as provided by law.

Please take notice that - pursuant to Public Resource Code § 21177, Government Code § 65009, and other applicable law - if you challenge the proposed action described above in court, then you may be limited to raising only those issues or objections you or someone else raised during the public comment period or the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency within the review period, or to the Planning Commission during the public hearing.

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