

An aerial rendering of a residential development. The scene shows a mix of two-story houses with various roof colors (brown, grey, red) and landscaping including trees and lawns. A paved road with a car and a few pedestrians is visible in the center. The overall atmosphere is bright and sunny.

City of Upland Villa Serena Specific Plan Project Environmental Impact Report

Public Scoping Meeting
June 8th, 2022 | 5:00 PM

Introduction



- **Lead Agency: City of Upland**
 - Robert D. Dalquest, Development Serv. Director
 - Joshua Winter, Senior Planner
- **Environmental Consultant: LSA**
 - Carl Winter, Associate/Project Manager
- **Applicant: The Colonies Partners, L.P.**

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Purpose of Meeting

- Present Project Information
- Explain the Environmental Review Process
- Discuss Scope and Content of the EIR
- Define the Public Input Process
- **No Decision** will be made on the Project Tonight

Scoping Meeting

- The purpose of the scoping meeting is to discuss the scope and content of the EIR.
- The project merits and the City's decision on project will be considered at **later meetings**.
- All speakers are asked to sign in so that the City can keep a record of attendance for future notification(s).
- Speakers are encouraged to also submit their comments in writing.
- The public may submit comments electronically to: Joshua Winter at jwinter@uplandca.gov
- As appropriate, comments and information will be addressed and/or incorporated into the Draft EIR

Scoping Meeting Agenda

- Proposed Project
- What is CEQA?
- EIR Process
- Public Comments
- Closing

Proposed Project

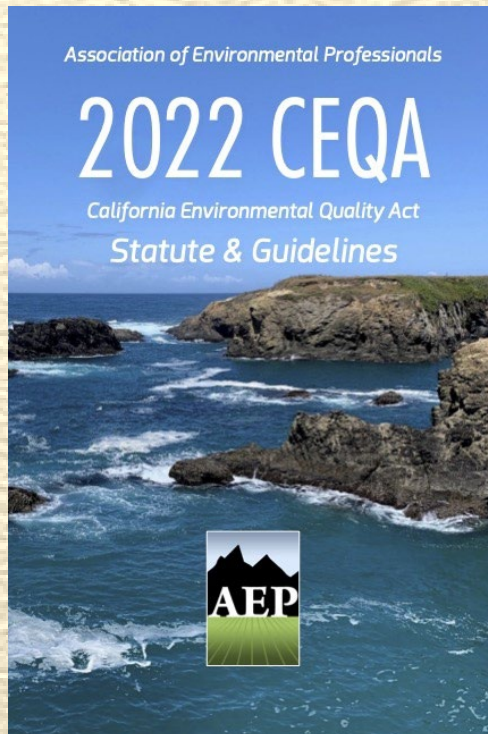
- Development of 65 homes within 9.2 acres of the existing 15th Street basin. The remaining portion of the basin will consist of 11.1 acres.
- The remaining basin will be excavated 7-feet lower than the existing basin low point to ensure that the 100-year water surface in the basin remains below the top of existing levees.
- The basin will continue to slope from the east to the west.
- The remaining 15th Street basin will continue to operate as a flood control basin to minimize and control the release of storm runoff to the meet the capacity of downstream flood control facilities.

Proposed Project

- Connection to Campus Avenue via 15th Street to provide access to the project site.
- Installation of a 'knuckle' at the Fernando Avenue and 15th Street.
- Park feature located between the 'knuckle' and 15th Street extension.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- CEQA Statute: PRC §21000 et seq.
- Guidelines: “How to” for implementing statute




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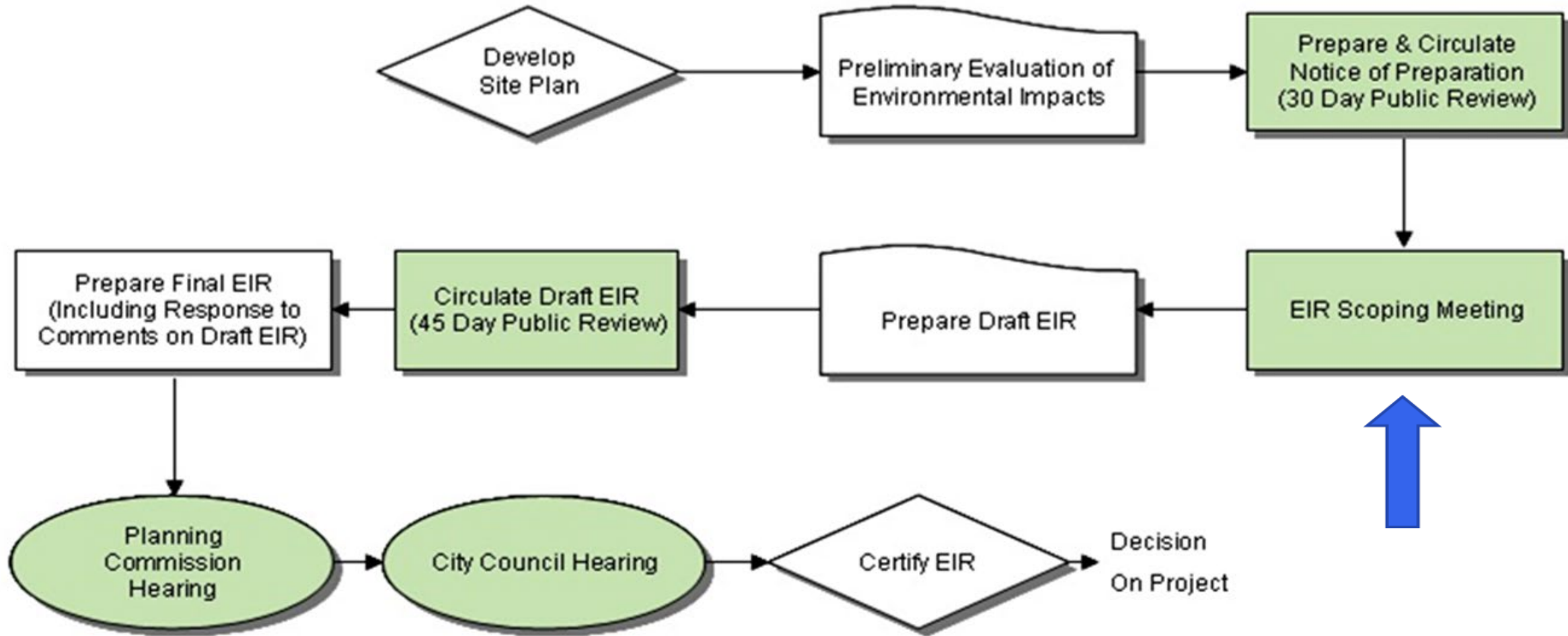
What is an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)?

- An EIR is a public disclosure document that provides objective information to inform the public and decision-makers on the potential environmental effects of the Project
- Identify potential project impacts, appropriate mitigation, and feasible alternatives to reduce potentially significant impacts
- Provide transparency during the City's decision-making process
- Provides opportunity for public review and comment on the Project
- Impact analysis and determinations are based on facts, reasonable assumptions based on facts, and expert opinion supported by fact.

EIR Process

- Prepare Project Description
- 30-day Notice of Preparation (NOP)
 - Distributed for Public Review: February 8 to March 9, 2022.
 - Comments received (13) from the public, tribal, and State/regional agencies
- Materials for the Project may be downloaded from the City's website:
www.uplandca.gov/environmental-review
- Public Scoping Meeting 
- Prepare/finalize Technical Studies (in process) and Draft EIR
- 45-day Draft EIR Public Review
- Prepare Final EIR (prepare Response to Comments, findings, etc.)
- Public Hearings/City Action on Project

EIR Process



— Opportunities For Public Input

Areas of Proposed Analysis

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Noise & Vibration
- Transportation & Traffic

Also Addressed: Cumulative Effects and Project Alternatives

Next Steps

- Prepare the Draft EIR. Comments raised during the NOP comment period and at the Public Scoping Meeting will be identified and, as appropriate, will be addressed in the Draft EIR
- As required, the Draft EIR analysis will be supported by project-specific technical studies and modeling data.
- Project impacts will be measured against established local and/or regional thresholds.
- As warranted and feasible, mitigation will be identified to reduce the level of significance of project impacts.
- The City will exercise independent judgement regarding the contents and adequacy of the Draft EIR prior to public review.

Next Steps (continued)

- Distribute Draft EIR for Public Review and Comment (45 days)
- After closure of the review period, the City will respond to relevant concerns raised during the Public Review period.
- Responses to comments received in the Draft EIR will be made available prior to the first public hearing
- The Final EIR will be submitted to the Planning Commission for review and a decision regarding recommendation for the City Council. The City Council will provide the decision regarding acceptance of mitigation, overrides (if any), and certification of the EIR.

Public Comments

- To facilitate later notification, please provide your name/address prior to each comment.
- Written comments may be provided in lieu of oral comments. Written comment forms have been provided and can be forwarded to:
- Joshua Winter, Senior Planner at: jwinter@uplandca.gov

Please reference “Villa Serena” in the subject line.

Or via mail to:

Joshua Winter, Senior Planner

City of Upland

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Thank you for your participation!

- Please sign in to facilitate notification of future project actions.
- Environmental documents are available online at:
 - <https://www.uplandca.gov/environmental-review>