



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE YREKA TRAVEL CENTER AND HOTEL PROJECT

LEAD AGENCY: City of Yreka
701 Fourth Street
Yreka, CA 96097

PROJECT TITLE: Yreka Travel Center and Hotel Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located at 717, 727, 737 and 747 Montague Road in the City of Yreka. APNs: 053-642-350, 360, 370 and 380.

SUMMARY

Notice is hereby given to the City of Yreka, as the lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), that the above-named draft environmental impact report (DEIR) is available for public review and comment. Comments on the DEIR will be received for a 45-day period commencing on **March 22, 2023** and ending at 5:00 p.m. on **May 15, 2023**. After which, the final EIR (FEIR) will be prepared containing the comments and responses to comments, that together with the DEIR, will form the FEIR. The FEIR will be used by the City of Yreka in its consideration of approval of the proposed Yreka Travel Center and Hotel, as described below.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Development of the Project would require the approval by the City Council of an amendment to PUD 5-98 and associated Use Permit No. 2883. The Project is proposed to be completed in two phases and includes the following: Phase I - a 12,300 square-foot building consisting of a convenience store, a food hall, and retail shop open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day; a fuel center, with eight dispensers for automobiles and RVs, a separate fuel center with four diesel dispensers for semi-trucks, and a 99-space parking lot; Phase II - a 70-room, three-story hotel, and parking.

ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The DEIR'S analysis determined that the following impacts are anticipated to be significant:

- **Biological Resources-** Special-status plant species and migratory birds protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act,
- **Cultural Resources-** Historical and archeological resources and culturally significant human remains,
- **Paleontological Resources** – unknown paleontological resources,
- **Transportation-** Cumulatively contribute to cumulative traffic volumes at the I-5/Highway 3 on ramps,
- **Tribal Cultural Resources-** Human remains with tribal cultural significance.

All anticipated significant impacts are able to be mitigated to be less than significant.

PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS

One purpose of CEQA is to inform the public of anticipated environmental impacts of a project, including the Proposed Yreka Sunny Truck Service Center. The purpose of this Notice, consistent with Sections 15086 and 15087 of the State CEQA Guidelines is to consult with and request comments on the DEIR's environmental analyses from responsible agencies, organizations, and interested parties.

The Project requires a public hearing to be held as the Project requires an amendment to PUD 5-98 and associated Use Permit No. 2883. A public hearing will be held for the DEIR on a date to be determined after the public commenting period.

The DEIR will be available for review during normal business hours (9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday, at the City of Yreka City Hall at the address listed above. The DEIR is also available for review or download at the City of Yreka website at:

<http://ci.yreka.ca.us/164/Planning>

Written comments on the DEIR may be submitted to:

City of Yreka
Planning Department
701 Fourth Street
Yreka, CA 96097

Please include a return address for written comments. Comments may also be submitted by email to:

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with the subject line “Yreka Travel Center and Hotel EIR”.