



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE
SOUTHERN REGION EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER PROJECT DRAFT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SCH NO. 2023030046)
AND PUBLIC MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 5, 2023, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), with the assistance from the Department of General Services Real Estate Services Division (DGS), released for public review and comment a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that evaluates potential environmental effects associated with the proposed Southern Region Emergency Operations Center Project (Project).

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: The 45-day public comment period begins on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than 6PM, Friday, October 20, 2023. Please send your written comments to:

Ms. Terry Ash, Senior Environmental Planner, California Department of General Services, Real Estate Division, c/o DUDEK, 2635 North First Street, Ste. 149, San Jose, California 95134, or via email to: comments@oesregionsoutheoc.org (enter "Southern Region Emergency Operations Center Project Draft EIR Comments" in the subject line).

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft EIR is available for review on the Project's environmental assessment website at <https://oesregionsoutheoc.org/library/>.

Copies of the Draft EIR are also available for public review at the following locations:

- 1) California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, 3650 Schriever Avenue; Mather, California 95655;
- 2) Department of General Services, 707 3rd Street, 4th Floor, West Sacramento, California 95605;



3) Department of Developmental Services, Fairview Developmental Center Administration Building, 2501 Harbor Blvd, Costa Mesa, California 92626;

4) Mesa Verde Library, 2969 Mesa Verde Drive, Costa Mesa, California 92626.

In accordance with state law, a 45-day public review period has been established for the Draft EIR. Following the close of the public review period, responses to comments on the Draft EIR will be prepared and, together with the Draft EIR and any necessary errata to the Draft EIR, will constitute the Final EIR. Cal OES requests that comments be limited to the material contained in the Draft EIR.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Cal OES provides disaster planning, readiness, and response of state resources for the various emergencies and threats of emergency facing California. Currently, Cal OES operates the State Operations Center in the City of Mather in Northern California. The proposed Project would develop another Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Southern California that would mirror the operations of the Mather facility at a smaller scale and provide more effective state emergency support to local governments within the Southern Region. The Southern Region covers 11 counties within two mutual aid regions (Mutual Aid Region 1: Los Angeles, Orange, San Luis Obispo, Santa Ana, and Ventura Counties; Mutual Aid Region 2: Imperial, Inyo, Mono, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties). The proposed Southern Region EOC would support full-time staff and establish a regional center to serve as a hub for critical emergency management planning and training programs. The Southern Region is charged with supporting a large area that is a major contributor to the nation's gross domestic product, with a population density centered on some of the state's highest risk earthquake faults. To successfully meet its mission, the Southern Region EOC facility would include an up to 35,000-square-foot, single-story office building that would contain office space, an EOC, and shared training rooms, as well as an approximately 20,000-square-foot support warehouse building that would contain a vehicle maintenance bay and space for life-sustaining commodities. The facility would also include a helipad and a 100-foot-tall lattice tower with 20-foot whip antennas on top (see Figure 1, Preliminary Site Plan). The proposed Project would replace the temporary Regional EOC, which is currently operating approximately 11 miles northwest of the Project site in the City of Los Alamitos, and would also act as a backup State Operations Center for the Mather facility.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed Project is located on an approximately 15-acre site within the Fairview Developmental Center (FDC) property,

which occupies approximately 113 acres at 2501 Harbor Boulevard in the City of Costa Mesa (see Figure 2, Project Location). The Assessor's Parcel Number of the Project site is 420-012-16. The Project site and FDC are located approximately 1.8 miles to the south of Interstate 405, 1.3 miles north of State Route (SR) 55 (Newport Boulevard), 2.8 miles north of SR-1, and 2.3 miles southwest of SR-73. The FDC is surrounded by the Costa Mesa Country Club on all directions besides residential uses to the northeast. The FDC, including the Project site, has been determined to be a historic district known as the Fairview State Hospital Historic District.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS: The Draft EIR identifies that the Project would result in no impact or a less-than-significant impact in the following environmental impact categories: aesthetics, agricultural and forestry resources, energy, geology and soils (excluding paleontological resources), greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation, utilities and service systems, and wildfire. With incorporation of mitigation measures identified in the Draft EIR, the potentially significant impacts of the Project in the following environmental impact categories would be reduced below a level of significance: air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, paleontological resources, and tribal cultural resources. This Draft EIR identifies that the Project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts. Pursuant to Section 15087(c)(6) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, the Project site is not on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

PUBLIC MEETING: A public meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 28, 2023, in the Fairview Developmental Center Auditorium located at 2501 Harbor Boulevard, Costa Mesa, California 92626 (see Figure 3).

ATTACHMENTS:

Figure 1, Preliminary Site Plan

Figure 2, Project Location

Figure 3, Public Meeting Location

SOURCE: DGS 2023

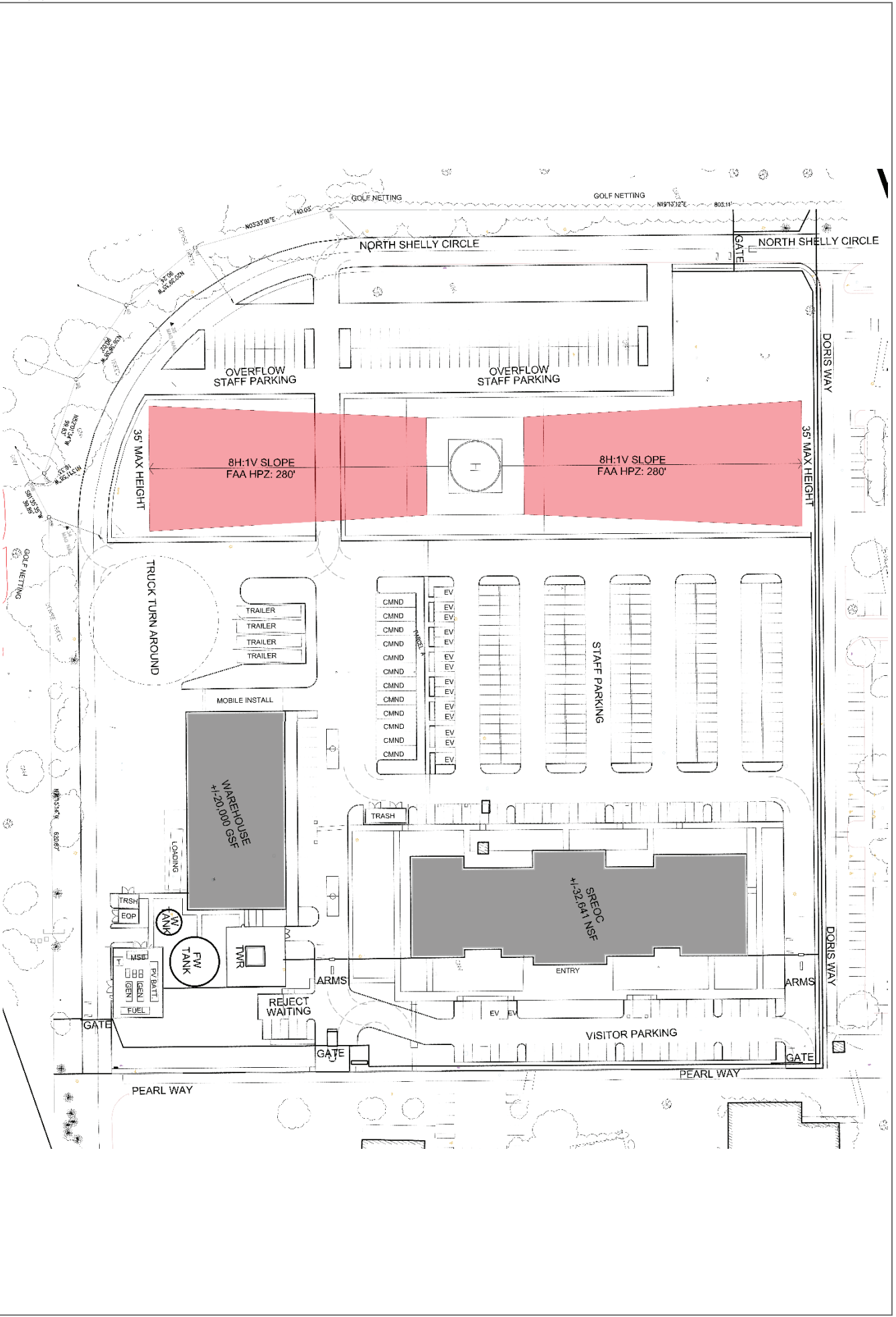





FIGURE 1

Preliminary Site Plan

Southern Region Emergency Operations Center

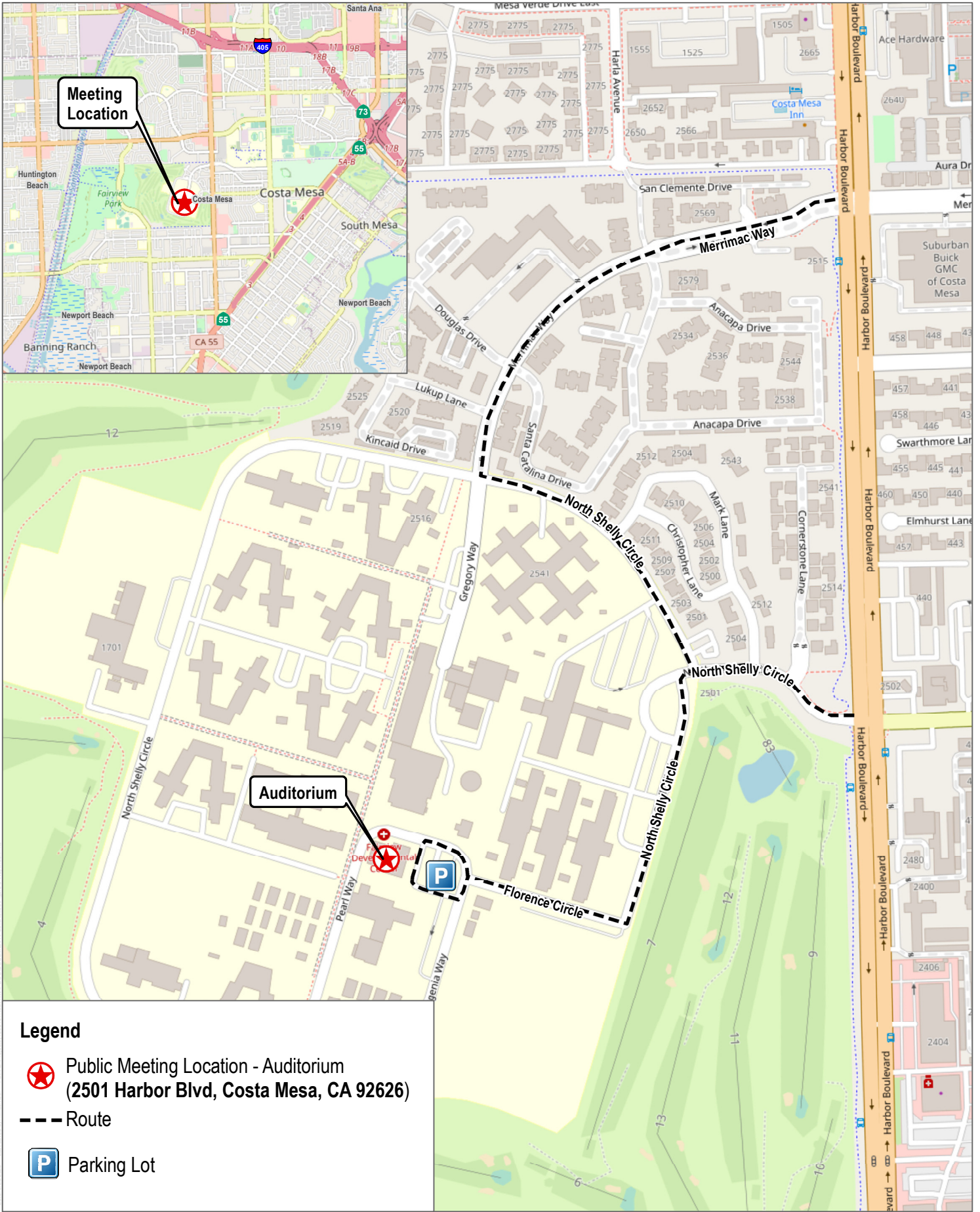


-  Project Boundary
-  Fairview Developmental Center Boundary
-  New Road (Shelley Circle)

SOURCE: IDS Group 2022



FIGURE 2
Project Location
 Southern Region Emergency Operations Center



SOURCE: Open Street Maps 2023

FIGURE 3

Public Meeting Location

Southern Region Emergency Operations Center



