## **Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal**

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613 SCH# For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Project Title: Lead Agency: Contact Person: Phone: Mailing Address: County: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ Project Location: County: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Nearest Community: \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Cross Streets: Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp.: \_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_ Base: \_\_\_\_ Assessor's Parcel No.: State Hwy #: Waterways: Within 2 Miles: Airports: Railways: Schools: Document Type: CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document Early Cons Neg Dec Draft EIS Other: (Prior SCH No.) ☐ Mit Neg Dec FONSI **Local Action Type:** General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone ☐ Annexation General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone ☐ Redevelopment General Plan Element ☐ Planned Unit Development ☐ Use Permit Coastal Permit ☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) ☐ Other:\_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Community Plan Site Plan Development Type: Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_ ☐ Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees ☐ Transportation: Type ☐ Commercial:Sq.ft. Acres Employees ☐ Mining: Minera Mineral Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Waste Treatment: Type MGD Educational: Recreational: Hazardous Waste:Type Water Facilities: Type MGD Other: Project Issues Discussed in Document: Fiscal Aesthetic/Visual ☐ Recreation/Parks Vegetation Flood Plain/Flooding ☐ Schools/Universities ☐ Agricultural Land ☐ Water Quality Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater Archeological/Historical Sewer Capacity Geologic/Seismic Wetland/Riparian ☐ Biological Resources ☐ Minerals
☐ Noise ☐ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement ☐ Coastal Zone Solid Waste Land Use ☐ Drainage/Absorption ☐ Population/Housing Balance ☐ Toxic/Hazardous ☐ Cumulative Effects ☐ Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: **Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

## **Reviewing Agencies Checklist**

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| Native American Heritage Commission                   |  |  |  |  |
| Housing & Community Development                       | Other:   |  |  |  |
| Health Services, Department of                        | Other:   |  |  |  |
| General Services, Department of                       |  |  |  |  |
| Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of           | Water Resources, Department of                                       |  |  |  |
| Food & Agriculture, Department of                     | Toxic Substances Control, Department of                              |  |  |  |
| Fish & Game Region #                                  | Tahoe Regional Planning Agency                                       |  |  |  |
| Energy Commission                                     | SWRCB: Water Rights  |  |  |  |
| Education, Department of                              | SWRCB: Water Quality   |  |  |  |
| Delta Protection Commission                           | SWRCB: Clean Water Grants  |  |  |  |
| Corrections, Department of                            | State Lands Commission   |  |  |  |
| Conservation, Department of                           | Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy                                       |  |  |  |
| Colorado River Board                                  | San Joaquin River Conservancy  |  |  |  |
| Coastal Commission                                    | San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conserva                     |  |  |  |
| Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy                    | S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.                            |  |  |  |
| Central Valley Flood Protection Board                 | Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of                      |  |  |  |
| Caltrans Planning                                     | Resources Agency   |  |  |  |
| Caltrans Division of Aeronautics                      | Regional WQCB #  |  |  |  |
| Caltrans District #                                   | Public Utilities Commission  |  |  |  |
| California Highway Patrol                             | Pesticide Regulation, Department of                                  |  |  |  |
| California Emergency Management Agency                | Parks & Recreation, Department of                                    |  |  |  |
| Boating & Waterways, Department of                    | Office of Historic Preservation Office of Public School Construction |  |  |  |
| Air Resources Board                                   |  |  |  |  |

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

## ATTACHMENT TO NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CYPRESS HOUSING ELEMENT IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

Schools: A.E. Arnold Elementary School, Clara J. King Elementary School, Margaret Landell Elementary School, Steve Luther Elementary School, Juliet Morris Elementary School, Cerritos Elementary School, Hansen Elementary School, Carver Elementary School, Rancho Alamitos High School, Saint Polycarp Catholic School, Frank Vessels Elementary School, Morris Elementary School, Cypress High School, Lexington Junior High School, Ella P. Melbourne Elementary School, Fedde Middle School, Martin B Tetzlaff Junior High School, John F. Kennedy High School, Walker Junior High School, Buena Terra Elementary School, San Marino Elementary School, Orangeview Junior High School, Holder Elementary School, McAuliffe Middle School, Los Alamitos Elementary School, Los Alamitos High School, Oak Middle School, Hawaiian Elementary School.

## **Project Description:**

The City of Cypress (City) recently updated its General Plan Housing Element for the 6th Cycle Planning Period from 2021 to 2029. Although the City's 2021–2029 Housing Element identifies several adequate sites that are able to accommodate the development of up to 1,946 new housing units, Cypress has a large unaccommodated housing need of 1,990 units to meet its Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation of 3,936 units. The 2021–2029 Housing Element outlined several sites that are candidates for future housing development (Opportunity Sites) and identified two potential rezoning scenarios, which are described below. However, the 2021–2029 Housing Element did not actually amend the City's planning and zoning documents. Instead, the 2021–2029 Housing Element includes a program that requires that the City rezone identified parcels in the sites inventory within 18 months of the 2021–2029 Housing Element's adoption date to ensure the provision of adequate and appropriate sites for future housing development (Housing Program 12).

The proposed project is a programmatic update to the City's General Plan, Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan (LASP), Cypress Town Center and Commons Specific Plan 2.0 (CTCC Specific Plan), Cypress Business and Professional Center Specific Plan (CBPC Specific Plan), and Zoning Ordinance and would not directly result in physical development. The proposed project includes amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance and an update of the City's General Plan to reflect the 2021–2029 Housing Element adopted on June 27, 2022. The proposed project would update the City's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance, and the Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan to be "internally consistent," meaning any and all conflicts must be acknowledged and resolved. In order for the 2021–2029 Housing Element to be internally consistent with the Zoning Ordinance and Specific Plans, the proposed project would rezone sites and/or amend the General Plan to accommodate the City's housing needs, as set forth in the 2021- 2029 Housing Element.

The proposed project divides the City's RHNA between the CTCC Specific Plan, CBPC Specific Plan area and LASP area. Under the proposed project, the allowable residential density within approximately 42 acres of the CTCC Specific Plan area would increase to up to 30 dwelling units per acre to accommodate a maximum of an additional 676 units and the existing unit cap of 1,250 units would be revised to allow development up to 1,791 total residential units. The zoning in the remainder of the CTCC Specific Plan would remain unchanged. With these proposed changes, an estimated 1,791 units could be accommodated within the CTCC Specific Plan area, in addition to the 135-unit Belmont project currently under construction.

The proposed project also includes one opportunity site on Katella Avenue adjacent to the CTCC Specific Plan area (Site #115, 4955 Katella) in the CBPC Specific Plan area. The zoning on this parcel would be amended from a Professional Office/Hotel and Support Commercial zoning designation to allow residential densities of up to 60 du/ac, which would accommodate an estimated 321 units. The remaining RHNA sites would be accommodated within the LASP. The proposed project would expand the maximum allowable density of 30 du/ac to the majority of the Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan area, increasing development potential by approximately 1,317 units. With these amendments, the Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan could accommodate a total of approximately 1,644 units.

Cypress currently has capacity to accommodate the development of up to 1,946 new housing units, which includes 504 housing units that are already entitled (approved or currently under construction). Therefore, the proposed rezoning action under the proposed project would increase the City's development capacity to 4,260 units, or an increase of 2,314 units compared to the City's existing planning and zoning documents.

The EIR also evaluated an alternative rezoning scenario identified as Alternative 2 in the 2021–2029 Housing Element. Under Alternative 2, the existing residential densities permitted in the Cypress Town Center and Commons Specific Plan 2.0 (CTCC Specific Plan) would remain unchanged and would therefore be limited to the current maximum of 1,115 residential units. Alternative 2 instead proposes to vary densities within the LASP area between 30 du/ac and 60 du/ac to accommodate the development of approximately 2,378 new units (1,838 lower income units and 540 moderate/above moderate-income units). The Katella Avenue opportunity site in the PBP zone would be included in Alternative 2 as described under the proposed project. Alternative 2 also includes the opportunity site located on the southeast corner of Orange Avenue and Grindlay Street, which would accommodate 30 moderate/above moderate-income units. Overall, Alternative 2 would accommodate an additional 2,403 housing units at the opportunity sites. In addition to the 1,946 units already accommodated under existing zoning within the City, Alternative 2 would increase the residential development capacity in the City to a total of 4,349 housing units. If the City proceeds with Alternative 2, amendments to the LASP and the City's Zoning Ordinance would be undertaken through the normal public hearing process.

Table A below provides an overview of the existing unbuilt residential development capacity for the four housing opportunity locations and the proposed increase in residential development capacity and resulting unbuilt residential development capacity for the proposed project and Alternative 2.

**Table A: Residential Development Capacity Summary** 

|   | Proposed Increase in Existing Unbuilt Residential Development Residential Capacity |                     | evelopment       | Resulting Unbuilt Residential Development Capacity |                  |
|---|--|---------------------|------------------|--|------------------|
| Specific Plan/<br>Development Area          | Development<br>Capacity*   | Proposed<br>Project | Alternative<br>2 | Proposed<br>Project                                | Alternative<br>2 |
| Lincoln Avenue                              | 327  | 1,317               | 2,052            | 1,644  | 2,379            |
| Cypress Town Center and Commons             | 1,115  | 676                 | 0                | 1,791  | 1,115            |
| Cypress Business and<br>Professional Center | 0  | 321                 | 321              | 321  | 321              |
| Orange/Grindlay                             | 0  | 0                   | 30               | 0  | 30               |
| TOTAL                                       | 1,442  | 2,314               | 2,403            | 3,756  | 3,845            |

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes units currently under construction