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SCH #: 2023060304

Project Title: Sacramento County Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Rezone Project

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Project Location: n/a; Sacramento County

City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Project consists of rezoning sites totaling ±235 acres across unincorporated Sacramento County to provide additional lower income and moderate-income category housing opportunities. The Project proposes rezoning of parcels (or portions of parcels) within 10 of the County communities including: Antelope, Arden Arcade, Carmichael/Old Foothill Farms, Cordova, Fair Oaks, North Highlands, Orangevale, Rio Linda/Elverta, South Sacramento, and Vineyard.
The Project does not propose to construct new residential or other development on the ±235 acres evaluated in the Draft SEIR; rather, it provides additional capacity for future development of housing units to meet the County's remaining unmet RHNA of 2,884 lower income category units, consistent with State law. Of the ±235 acres proposed to be rezoned, ±156 acres (66 percent) currently allows for (either by-right or with a discretionary entitlement) multifamily residential development. The Project would increase residential density on these sites and does not change the development footprint. The horizon year for the Project is 2029. Pursuant to Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Draft SEIR tiers from the General Plan EIR and the EIRs for three distinct area plans, collectively referred to "prior EIRs."

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Draft SEIR identifies new/more significant effects than disclosed in the prior EIRs in air quality (construction & operational emissions), climate change (construction & operational emissions), noise & vibration (construction noise and vibration), transportation (transit facilities & VMT impacts) and utilities (water supply). Mitigation measures identified for these environmental topics, except for transportation (transit facilities impact) as there is no feasible mitigation available. Even with implementation of identified mitigation measures, Project's contribution to impacts would be substantial and overall impacts remain significant & unavoidable. Draft SEIR identifies no new/more significant effects than disclosed in the prior EIRs in aesthetics (light/glare), air quality (consistency w/ air quality plans), noise & vibration (operational traffic noise), transportation (airport safety), and utilities (wastewater-General Plan EIR). Project's contribution to impacts would not be substantial; however, overall impacts as disclosed in prior EIRs remain significant & unavoidable. Draft SEIR identifies no new/more significant effects than disclosed in the prior EIRs in aesthetics (visual character/quality of public views), air quality (TACs, CO hotspot, & odors), climate change (conflict w/ GHG reduction plans), energy, noise & vibration (operational noise), public services & recreation, transportation (bicycle/pedestrian facilities, design hazards, & emergency access), tribal cultural resources, utilities (wastewater capacity-distinct area plan EIRs, & solid waste services/facilities), & wildfire. Mitigation measures identified for air quality (TACs), tribal cultural resources, & utilities (wastewater-distinct area plan EIRs) to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

n/a

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Agencies that could be required to act as responsible agencies for future development under the Project include:
• California Department of Fish and Wildlife,
• Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board,
• Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, and
• Sacramento Municipal Utilities District.