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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE AMADOR COUNTY DRAFT GENERAL PLAN

(COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN EXTENDED AND AN ADDITIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the **Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the County's comprehensive update of its General Plan** is now available. The DEIR, as well as the Draft General Plan, may be viewed by interested parties and agencies during normal business hours at:

- Amador County Planning Department, 810 Court Street, Jackson, CA;
- Main Branch (Jackson) of the Amador County Library located at 530 Sutter Street, Jackson, CA;
- Ione Branch of the Amador County Library located at 25 Main Street, Ione, CA;
- Pine Grove Branch of the Amador County Library located at 19889 Pine Grove, CA;
- Pioneer Branch of the Amador County Library located at 25070 Buckhorn Ridge Rd., Pioneer, CA; and
- Plymouth Branch of the Amador County Library located at 9375 Main Street, Plymouth, CA.

Both documents are also available on the County website at www.amadorgov.org. CDs and hard copies of the documents may also be purchased – please contact the Planning Department for details. The DEIR has been submitted to the State Clearinghouse for distribution to relevant responsible and trustee agencies for their review and comment during a ~~45-day~~ **90 DAY** public review period, consistent with the time periods set forth in the CEQA Guidelines. **The period for receiving comments commenced on October 31, 2014 and will now end at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2014 Friday, January 30, 2015.**

Project Description: The project is the proposed 2030 Amador County General Plan, which will guide land use decisions within the unincorporated areas of the County. The 2030 General Plan is a comprehensive update of the policies in the County current General Plan to reflect a new vision for future growth and development within the county and recent State law requirements.

Potential Environmental Impacts: Implementation of the Draft General Plan is anticipated to result in two types of significant environmental effects; those that can be mitigated, and those that would be significant and unavoidable. Potentially significant and significant impacts that can be mitigated include: aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology, soils, mineral resources and paleontological resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, and public services and utilities. If the County implements the mitigation measures identified in the DEIR each of these potentially significant impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level. Significant and unavoidable impacts include: aesthetics, agricultural and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, population and housing, public services and utilities, and transportation. These impacts will remain significant and unavoidable even if the County implements identified mitigation measures. These impacts are described in detail in the DEIR throughout Chapter 4, "Environmental Impact Analysis."

It should be noted that the project site is the whole of the unincorporated area of Amador County which contains a number of sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code, as described in the DEIR, Section 4.8 Hazards and Hazardous Materials, including, but not limited to, lists of hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, and hazardous waste disposal sites.

NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC MEETINGS: A **Two** joint public meetings of the Amador County Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission will be held to take public comment on the DEIR prepared for the adoption and implementation of the County's proposed Draft General Plan. The Draft General Plan will consist of nine elements, or chapters, that together meet State requirements for a general plan. These elements are: 1) land use, 2) circulation, 3) economic development, 4) conservation, 5) open space, 6) noise, 7) governance, 8) safety, and 9) housing. The Draft General Plan will also include an introduction chapter and a glossary. The Housing Element will not be considered in this EIR as it is proceeding on a separate timeline from the balance of the Draft General Plan Update. Therefore, the County will complete a separate environmental review process for the Housing Element Update. The Draft General Plan represents the County's policy for determining the appropriate physical development and character of Amador County, and establishes an overall future development capacity. The environmental impact analysis in the DEIR is based on the change between existing conditions and those associated with likely development in accordance with the Draft General Plan by 2030.

All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting to take public comment on the DEIR. (NOTE: If possible, a written copy of any oral comments made is requested to facilitate documentation for the record.) *Please keep comments focused on the adequacy of the DEIR only at this time.* Comments on the Draft General Plan will be taken during the public hearing process which will occur when the Final EIR is completed. All comments received during the ~~45-day~~ **90 DAY** public comment period will be considered and responded to in the Final EIR. *If you are unable to attend either of the meetings, you may submit your comments in writing to the Amador County Planning Department at the address above, prior to 5:00 PM on ~~Monday, December 15, 2014~~ **Friday, January 30, 2015** (the close of the public comment period).*

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN said joint meetings will be held:

DATE: Tuesday, December 2, 2014
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Board of Supervisors Chambers
County Administration Center
810 Court Street
Jackson, California

AND

DATE: Tuesday, January 20, 2015
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Board of Supervisors Chambers
County Administration Center
810 Court Street
Jackson, California

If you have any questions or desire more information, please contact the Planning Department, 810 Court Street, Jackson, CA, (209) 223-6380.

AMADOR COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
DATE OF NOTICE: October 31, 2014
DATE OF REVISED NOTICE: November 21, 2014

NOTE: If you do not comment at the public hearing or hearings held on this project or submit written comments before the project is approved, and you later decide to challenge any aspect this proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at public hearings or have given in written correspondence delivered to the public entity conducting the hearing at, or prior to, the public hearing in which project approval will be considered.

NOTE: On November 10, 2014, the Board of Supervisors approved an extended public comment period and scheduled an additional joint meeting for public comment.