



EIR Scoping Meeting

March 29, 2010

PURPOSE OF THE EIR

- Public disclosure of the environmental consequences of a proposed project or plan
- Identify mitigation measures and examine alternatives to reduce or avoid potentially significant impacts. This will consist mainly of policies, programs and standard planning procedures to be administered by Twentynine Palms

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- Planning tool, to assist City's decision-makers in evaluating benefits/disadvantages of updated General Plan policies
- This EIR will examine the cumulative, long range impacts resulting from citywide development in accordance with the updated planning policies and implementation programs. No individual development projects will be authorized through this EIR

EIR PROCESS

- Scoping
- Prepare Draft EIR
- Draft EIR Public Review & Comment
- Prepare Responses to Comments and Final EIR
- Prepare Findings, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and possibly Statement of Overriding Considerations
- Certify Final EIR

TOPICS INCLUDED IN THE EIR

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural and Paleontological Resources
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards/Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Land Use/Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population/Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation/Traffic
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Cumulative and Growth Inducing Impacts
- Alternatives
- Irreversible Environmental Changes

TENTATIVE EIR SCHEDULE OUTLOOK

Milestones	Estimated Completion Dates
Scoping Process	April 7, 2010
First Draft EIR Submitted for City Review	May 2010
Draft EIR Distributed for Public Review & Comment	June 2010
End of Draft EIR Public Review Period	August 2010
Prepare Responses to Comments on DEIR	September 2010
Prepare Final EIR Certification Documents	September 2010
Final EIR Certified	October 2010

FOCUS OF REQUESTED COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF THE EIR

- Specific kinds of impacts of concern—e.g. traffic congestion at particular locations, poor drainage in particular locations, local greenhouse gas emissions, scarce water supplies, noise from specific sources, desire to preserve specific kinds and locations of open space resources, such as scenic vistas and scenic resources, important wildlife habitat, recreation land, etc.
- Concerns about effectiveness of existing City policies and planning and engineering programs that deal with environmental protection and protection from hazards. Again—please be as specific as possible
- Suggestions about ways to improve or change City policies and programs to better address specific environmental concerns