



NOTICE OF PREPARATION

Date: September 5, 2007

To: Responsible Agencies, Organization and Interested Parties

Lead Agency: City of Ceres
Contact: Tom Westbrook, Senior Planner
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Subject: Environmental Impact Report for the Mitchell Ranch Center Project

In discharging its duties under Section 15021 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the City of Ceres (as Lead Agency) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Report, consistent with Article 9 and Section 15161 of the CEQA Guidelines, for the Mitchell Ranch Center Project which is proposed at the northwest corner of Service and Mitchell Roads, in Ceres, California. In accordance with Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City of Ceres has prepared this Notice of Preparation to provide Responsible Agencies and other interested parties with sufficient information describing the proposal and its potential environmental effects.

The determination to prepare an Environmental Impact Report was made by the City of Ceres. An Initial Study has been prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15063, which identifies the anticipated environmental effects of the project. A copy of the Initial Study can be obtained from the City of Ceres website at: www.ci.ceres.ca.us.

As specified by the CEQA Guidelines, the Notice of Preparation will be circulated for a 30-day review period. The City of Ceres welcomes public input during this review. In the event that no response or request for additional time is received by any Responsible Agency by the end of the review period, the Lead Agency may presume that the Responsible Agency has no response.

Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(c)(1), two scoping meetings shall be held on September 19, 2007, one at 12:00 p.m. and the other at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Ceres Council Chambers, 2210 Magnolia Street, Ceres, California.

Comments may be submitted in writing during the review period and addressed to:

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The comment period closes on October 5, 2007.