

**MITCHELL RANCH CENTER EIR**

# **Mitchell Ranch Center Environmental Impact Report**

**September 2007**

## **SCOPING**

### **15083. Early Public Consultation**

Prior to completing the draft EIR, the Lead Agency may also consult directly with any person or organization it believes will be concerned with the environmental effects of the project. Many public agencies have found that early consultation solves many potential problems that would arise in more serious forms later in the review process.

- (a) Scoping has been helpful to agencies in identifying the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant effects to be analyzed in depth in an EIR and in eliminating from detailed study issues found not to be important.

## **WHAT CEQA DOES**

- Consideration of the environmental effects of a wide variety of public and private projects.
- Provides public disclosure of the environmental effects of a proposed decision.
- Allows for public and agency input in the environmental review of a project.

## **WHAT IT DOES NOT DO**

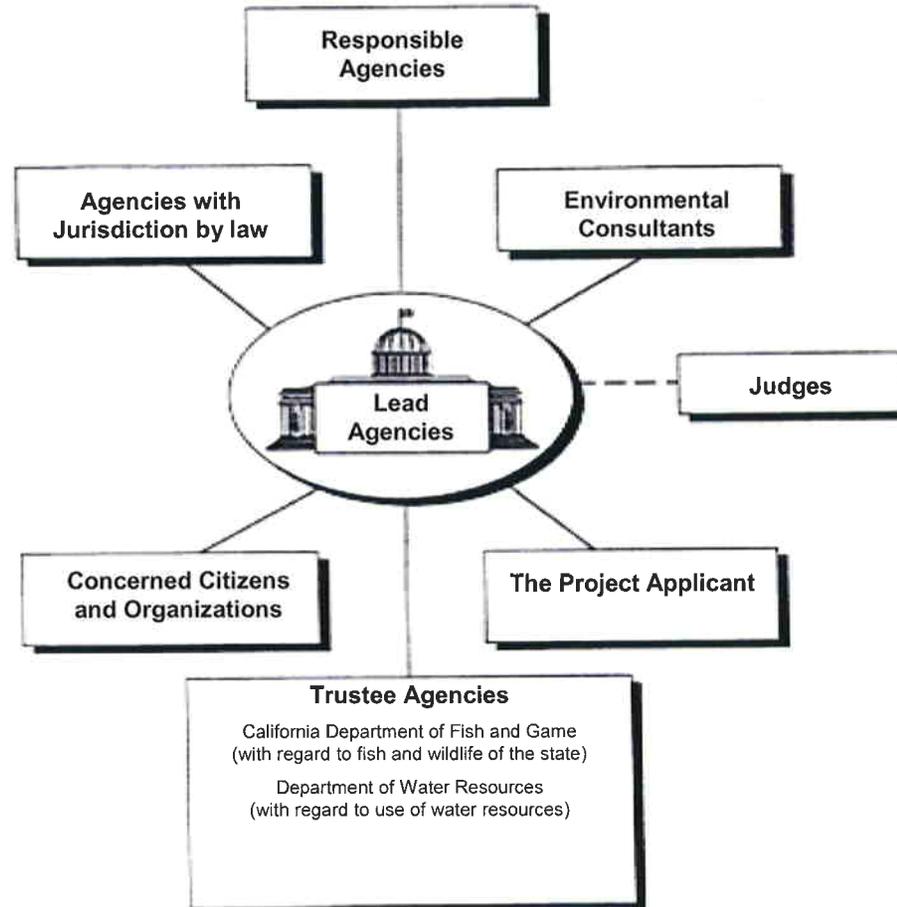
- Does not advocate or oppose a project under consideration.
- Require project denial because of adverse effects to the environment.
- Address economic or social concerns.

## **CEQA OBJECTIVES**

- Disclose significant environmental effects of the project.
- Identify ways to avoid or reduce environmental damage.
- Prevent environmental damage through conditions or limitations on development.
- Disclose reasons for agency approval of projects with significant environmental effects
- Foster inter-agency coordination in the review of projects.
- Enhance public participation in planning process.

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## Key Participants in the CEQA Process



**Environmental Analysis (Initial Studies available here for review)**

Aesthetics  
Agricultural Resources  
Air Quality  
Biological Resources  
Blight and Physical Deterioration  
Cultural Resources  
Geology & Soils  
Hazardous Materials  
Hydrology/Water Quality  
Land Use  
Noise  
Population/Housing  
Public Services/Utilities  
Traffic

## **EIR Schedule**

- ***Public Review Draft EIR*** January 2008
- Planning Commission Meeting #1 January 2008
- City Council Meeting #1 February 2008
- Planning Commission Meeting #2 March 2008
- City Council Meeting #2 March 2008
  
- ***Final EIR*** May 2008
- Planning Commission Meeting #3 May 2008
- City Council Meeting #3 May/June 2008

## **Public Input Opportunities**

- Notice of Preparation/Initial Study (30 days)
- Public Scoping Meeting (today)
- NOP Comment Period ends October 5, 2007
- Each Planning Commission or City Council meeting from previous slide (TBD)
- How? By phone, email or mail.

## Comments

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