



## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

### Final Environmental Impact Report for the Co-Located Dispatch Facility Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Luis Obispo (County) Department of Public Works has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), which is being distributed for public review. Pursuant to the California Public Resources Code and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the County is the Lead Agency for the proposed project.

**Project Title:** Co-Located Dispatch Facility Project (project)

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2020090201

**Project Location:** The project site is located in the unincorporated community of Templeton, in the County of San Luis Obispo. The project site is on a 5-acre County-owned parcel at 350-358 North Main Street, Templeton (Assessor Parcel Number 040-201-038). The parcel is located west of North Main Street and east of Highway 101, and currently has a County Sheriff Department building, a County Department of Agriculture building, and associated site improvements. An access drive and pedestrian walkway provide access to the site from North Main Street.

**Project Description:** The project would consolidate County-wide emergency dispatch functions provided by the County's Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center (currently at the County Operations Center at Kansas Avenue off Highway 1, northwest of the City of San Luis Obispo) and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and County Fire Department's Emergency Command Center (currently on North Santa Rosa Street in San Luis Obispo). The facility would serve as the County's primary Public Safety Answering Point to provide dispatch for law enforcement, fire, and ambulance services throughout the unincorporated regions of the county, as well as within the seven incorporated communities. The facility would also serve as a regional emergency response operations headquarters.

The proposed site improvements would include an approximately 18,000-square-foot, two-story Essential Services Emergency Dispatch building that would support between 15 and 30 personnel, a 140-foot-high communications tower, and associated site improvements such as secure and non-secure parking areas, a perimeter fence, storage areas, onsite utility connections, and landscaping.

**Environmental Topics Evaluated:** The FEIR analysis focuses on the aesthetic impacts of the project, which were determined to have potential significant effects as described in the Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study for the project. The NOP was issued for a 30-day comment period on September 14, 2020.

A Draft EIR (DEIR) was issued for a 45-day comment period on August 26, 2021. The FEIR addresses comments received in response to the DEIR.

The FEIR examines the potential impacts generated by the proposed project in relation to aesthetic resources and found the project would have unavoidable significant impacts even with implementation of identified mitigation measures to lessen the impacts.

For the remaining environmental issue areas, the FEIR supports the conclusion in the Initial Study and DEIR that there is either no potential for significant effects, or the potential for significant effects would be reduced to a less than significant level with incorporation of mitigation measures pertaining to the following:

- Air Quality/Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials

**Availability of FEIR:** The Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) and all the associated documents referenced in the FEIR are accessible on the Public Works website at <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Current-Public-Works-Projects/Co-Located-Dispatch-Facility.aspx>. The State Clearinghouse Number for the project is 2020090201.

**Information and Comments:** Questions on the process should be directed to Steve Neer, Project Manager, at [sneer@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:sneer@co.slo.ca.us). Any written comments on the FEIR should be addressed directly to the Board of Supervisors electronically at [boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us). There will also be an opportunity for the public to submit comments in person during the hearing.

**Public Hearing:** The County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors is tentatively scheduled to hold a public hearing on August 23, 2022, to certify the FEIR and award a Design-Build Contract for the project. Interested persons can access the Board of Supervisor's agenda at <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/bos/BOSagenda.htm> to locate the date of the public hearing for this project.

\*\*If you challenge this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this public notice or in written correspondence delivered to the appropriate authority at or before the public hearing\*\*

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