

### LOS OSOS COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

Environmental Impact Report Scoping Meeting

April 13, 2015



### Outline of today's meeting

- Introductions
- Environmental review and how this scoping meeting fits into the process
- EIR contrasted with the Community Plan
- Components of an EIR
- Types of comments and recommendations for an EIR
- Comments, question and dialogue

## **Environmental Review**Process

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Required for all "projects" undertaken by a public agency that have the potential to result in significant environmental impacts.

Purpose: disclose impacts, identify mitigation, consider alternatives.

Streamlining environmental review for future development.

Result for the Community Plan: preparation of an EIR

# **Environmental Impact**Report Process

Notice of Preparation (NOP): Completed

Scoping meeting: Significant effects to be analyzed and possible environmental impacts, suggestions for mitigation, project alternatives, and identify concerns

Draft EIR: Impact analysis, mitigation measures, alternatives analysis

EIR is circulated: Public comment period

Final EIR: Responses to comments and make revisions. Helps shape the Public Hearing Draft of the Plan

Public hearings: Plan and EIR come together for consideration (EIR certification)

Planning Commission

**Board of Supervisors** 

## EIR Contrasted with the Plan

#### **PLAN**

- Policies and programs
- Standards and guidelines
- Zoning
- Combining Designations
- Built environment and design
- Public facilities

#### EIR

- Physical environment
- Impacts
- Avoidance
- Mitigation
- Resource protection

Under CEQA, the Community Plan is the "project." The EIR analyzes the project and helps shape the Public Hearing Draft.

#### **EIR Components**

- Table of Contents and Summary
- Introduction purpose, process, responsibilities, etc.
- Project description
- Environmental setting
- Impact analysis (issue areas) significance, mitigation, residual impacts
- Alternatives analysis
- Irreversible changes
- Comments, list of commenting persons or entities and responses to comments (Final EIR)

#### EIR ISSUE AREAS

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural resources
- Air quality
- Biological resources
- Cultural resources
- Drainage, erosion and sedimentation
- Geologic hazards and site alteration
- Hazards and hazardous materials
- Land use
- Noise
- Public safety
- Public services and utilities
- Recreation
- Transportation, circulation and traffic
- Water and wastewater
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Growth inducing impacts



# More Opportunities for you to get involved

- April 20 Land Use and Environmental Resources
- May 18 Circulation and Coastal Access
- June 8 Planning Area Standards
- All meetings will be held at 6:00 pm at the South Bay Community Center
- Review and Comment on EIR and Community Plan
- Attend Public Hearings

#### **Next Steps**

- Continued public review of the draft plan
- Environmental Impact Report preparation
- Public Facilities Financing Plan (chapter 8)
- Environmental Impact Report comment period
- Public Hearing Draft preparation

### Final steps

- Planning Commission hearings
- Board of Supervisors hearings
- Coastal Commission review and approval

### Where you can find the plan

The County Planning and Building Department website:

http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/loplan.htm

Hard copies can be found are at the Los Osos Library and at the County Planning and Building Department