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To: Responsible Agencies and Trustee Agencies/ Interested Organizations and Individuals

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Revised Environmental Impact Report for MoVal 2040: The Moreno Valley Comprehensive General Plan Update, Municipal Code and Zoning (including Zoning Atlas) Amendments, and Climate Action Plan

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The City of Moreno Valley ("City") as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") will prepare a Revised Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") for MoVal 2040 ("Project"). In accordance with Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City has issued this Notice of Preparation ("NOP") to provide responsible and trustee agencies and interested parties with information describing the proposed Project and its potential environmental effects.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response to this NOP must be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than 30 days from the date of confirmed receipt of this NOP (the close of this NOP review period) or August 28, 2024, whichever is later.

Please send your response to City contact and address listed above. Please include the name, phone number, and address of a contact person in your response. If your agency or organization will be a responsible or trustee agency for this Project, please so indicate.

Project Title: MoVal 2040: The Moreno Valley Comprehensive General Plan Update, Municipal Code and Zoning (including Zoning Atlas) Amendments, and Climate Action Plan (PEN19-0240 GPA and PEN21-0020 CZ)

Location: MoVal 2040 and associated documents and approvals, will help guide the physical development and growth of the City within its current boundaries and its sphere of influence. The revised CAP will allow Moreno Valley to identify and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions within the same areas. A map showing the boundaries of both is attached as Exhibit 2.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In June 2021, the City Council of the City of Moreno Valley (“City Council”) approved and adopted the City’s 2040 General Plan Update (“2040 General Plan”), a Change of Zone and Municipal Code Update, and its Climate Action Plan (“CAP”) and certified an EIR, State Clearinghouse No. 2020039022, as having been prepared in compliance with CEQA in connection with the approvals. A lawsuit entitled *Sierra Club v. The City of Moreno Valley*, Riverside Superior Court Case No. CVRI2103300, challenged the validity of the CAP and the EIR. In May 2024, the City Council set aside the 2021 approvals and certification, based on a March 2024 ruling and judgment of the court (the “Ruling”). A copy of the judgment, with the Ruling attached, is attached as Exhibit 1 to this Notice.

The Project, known as MoVal 2040, consists of the readoption of the 2040 General Plan and the Change of Zone (including an update to the Zoning Atlas) and Municipal Code Update, and the revision and adoption of the CAP.

PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

In order to respond to the inadequacies identified in the Ruling, the Revised EIR will use a new baseline year, 2024, and analyze the potential effects of the 2040 General Plan, Municipal Code updates, the associated rezoning, and the revised CAP. The areas of analysis in the Revised EIR, identified in the Ruling, are the effects of the Project on air quality, energy and greenhouse gas emissions. Further, if necessary, the effects of the Project on noise and transportation will also be analyzed. Mitigation measures for any identified significant impacts will also be included.

The Revised EIR will contain only those portions of the EIR that were found to be inadequate in the Ruling along with any necessary revisions.

NOP COMMENT PERIOD

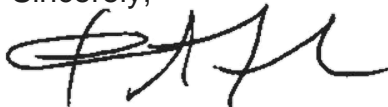
This NOP is subject to a minimum 30-day public review period per Public Resources Code Section 21080.4 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15082. During the public review period, public agencies, interested organizations, and individuals have the opportunity to comment on the proposed Project and identify those environmental issues that have the potential to be impacted by the Project and should be addressed further by the City of Moreno Valley in the Revised EIR.

SCOPING MEETING

In accordance with Section 21083.9(a)(2) of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(c), the City will hold a public scoping meeting, where agencies, organizations, and members of the public will receive a brief presentation on the Project. Although the primary purpose of the scoping meeting is to meet with representatives of involved agencies to assist the lead agency in determining the scope and content of the environmental information that responsible or trustee agencies may require, members of the public may be provided with an opportunity to submit brief oral comments at this scoping meeting not exceeding three minutes. However, members of the public and relevant agencies are requested to provide their comments in writing, via email or mail, to the contact address shown above. **The scoping meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the City Council Chambers within Moreno Valley City Hall, located at 14177 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, California 92552.**

Please contact the Community Development Department, Planning Division at (951) 413-3206 or planningnotices@moval.org with any questions regarding this notice or the scoping meeting.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

Exhibit 1 – Ruling

Exhibit 2 – Planning Area