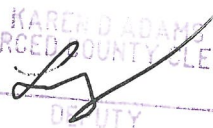


**FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF PREPARATION**

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**Subject: First Amended Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report**

Merced County will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects were contained in the original 26 page Notice of Preparation (NOP) released for this project on April 20, 2011. An Initial Study was not prepared for this project.

Due to the desire for additional draft policy review by County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, the County is extending the time limits mandated by state law from the initial 30 days, ending on May 20, 2011, **to a review deadline to be established upon subsequent amendment of the NOP. The scoping meetings original scheduled for May 12, 2011 are being continued** to a subsequent date to be determined, and to be noticed through a future amended NOP.

Please send your response to Bill Nicholson at the Merced County address shown above. If an organization or agency, please include the name of a contact person so that we have the ability to contact you further during the EIR preparation process. All environmental documents and a copy of the Draft General Plan will be posted and kept updated on the County's General Plan Update Website at [http:// www.co.merced.ca.us/gpu](http://www.co.merced.ca.us/gpu).

**Project Title:** 2030 Merced County General Plan Update

**Project Applicant:** Merced County

**Date:** May 6, 2011

**Signature:**   
Assistant Director

**Telephone:** (209) 385-7654

**Reference:** California Code or Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375.