



**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING REGARDING THE
PROPOSED CITY OF FOWLER GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROJECT**

The City of Fowler (City) will be the Lead Agency and will have an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for City of Fowler General Plan Update Project (Project), described below. The City of Fowler has hired a consultant to prepare the EIR for the Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City will consider the EIR in its action on the Project at a later date to be determined and announced.

Your participation as a responsible/trustee agency/cooperating agency or interested person is requested in the preparation and review of the Draft EIR. We are seeking your views at the time regarding the scope and content of the environmental information that is relevant to you or to your agency's statutory responsibilities.

The Project may require actions or approvals by other agencies. Please inform us of any applicable permit and environmental requirements of your agency with respect to the Project. Your agency may need to use the EIR when considering your permit or other approval for the Project.

Project Title: City of Fowler General Plan Update

Project Applicant: City of Fowler
125 S. Fifth Street
Fowler, CA 93625

Project Location: The Project would encompass the entire City of Fowler and its planning area. Fowler is a part of Fresno County and is positioned 11 miles southeast of downtown Fresno. The Project area is located west of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and Fresno County lies within the San Joaquin Valley. Fowler is part of the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin. There are several cities that are near Fowler in addition to Fresno. This includes Selma 5 miles to the southeast, Kingsburg 10 miles to the southeast, Reedley 13 miles to the southeast, Parlier 8 miles to the southeast, Sanger 8 miles to the northeast, and Kerman 22 miles to the northwest. Highway 99 bisects the City into eastern and western portions. The City shares a sphere of influence with the City of Selma to the southeast.

Project Description: The Project includes the General Plan Update for the City of Fowler. The General Plan Update presents a framework of goals and policies that respond to issues of relevance to the community, strive to meet its imagined future, and maintain a high quality of life for its residents in the face of ever-changing environmental, economic, and social circumstances.

Potential Environmental Effects: The scoping meeting will assist with determining the environmental impacts of the Project.

The Operational Statement and associated maps are available for review at the City of Fowler Planning and Community Development Department, 128 S 5th Street, Fowler, CA 93625, during normal business hours Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Written Comments: Comments in response to the Notice of Preparation will be accepted from November 1st 5:00 P.M., through December 1, 2021. Please send your written comments to:

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All written comments should reference City of Fowler General Plan Update Project Environmental Impact Report. Please include your name, address, and phone number, and/or email so that we may contact you for clarification, if necessary.

Persons with questions or requests for information may call Dawn E. Marple at (559) 834-3113 or email at dmarple@ci.fowler.ca.us

Public Scoping Meeting: The CEQA process encourages comments and questions from the public throughout the planning process. Pursuant to Section 15083 of the CEQA Guidelines, a Public Scoping Meeting will be held to solicit public comments on the scope and content of the EIR. The Public Scoping Meeting will be held on:

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021

Time: 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Place: City of Fowler, Council Chambers. Located at 128 S. 5th Street, Fowler, CA 93625

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