

**Final Environmental Impact Report and
Response to Comments on the
Draft Environmental Impact Report
for the
County of Riverside's Public Safety Enterprise
Communication (PSEC) Project
State Clearinghouse #2008021126**

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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

The County of Riverside's Department of Facilities Management coordinated the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Public Safety Enterprise Communication (PSEC) project, further described in the Draft EIR. The County released the Draft EIR and held a 45-day public review period.

In accordance with Section 15088 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this Final EIR document includes responses to comments received on the Draft EIR.

1.1 - Review of the Draft EIR

The County distributed the Draft EIR for a 45-day public review period beginning on June 9, 2008 and ending July 23, 2008.

The County used several methods to elicit comments on the Draft EIR:

- The County issued a Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft EIR at the start of the comment period. The NOA provided information about the proposed project and indicated locations (including the internet) where the Draft EIR was available for review.
- Copies of the NOA and the Draft EIR were provided to the Office of Planning and Research (State Clearinghouse) for issuance to state agencies.
- The NOA was also mailed to the recorded property owners of parcels located in the vicinity of the proposed sites (approximately 2,500 persons). The NOA was also mailed to relevant federal state and local agencies, responsible and trustee agencies, local governments, private organizations, and other interested parties based on the standard mailing list compiled for such purposes by the County of Riverside Planning Department. This list was comprised of approximately 700 addresses.
- The NOA stated that the Draft EIR and Appendices were posted on the internet. Visitors to the EIR website were provided the opportunity to comment on the Draft EIR via a web-based form, email, fax, and surface mail.

1.2 - Incorporation by Reference

Pursuant to Section 15132 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Draft EIR and all of its supporting documents, appendices, and administrative record are hereby incorporated into this Final EIR, which includes the Response to Comments. Unless otherwise noted, all abbreviations used in the Final EIR are the same as those used in the Draft EIR.

Copies of the Draft EIR and Appendices (on CD-ROM) are available at the Department of Facilities Management's administrative offices, located at 3133 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside California 92507-4138. The above items are also available on the internet at <http://psec.co.riverside.ca.us>

1.3 - Significant New Information and Changes to the Draft EIR

Information contained within this document clarifies or supplements information presented in the Draft EIR. This information does not constitute "significant new information" as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5, nor does this information ultimately change the findings made in the EIR. Therefore, the Draft EIR is not subject to recirculation, nor does any clarification or supplemental information trigger any of the recirculation requirements for the Draft EIR as set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5.

SECTION 2: RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

2.1 - Introduction

In accordance with Section 15088 of the CEQA Guidelines, the County of Riverside, as the lead agency for the proposed project, evaluated comments received on the Draft EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2008021126) for the Public Safety Enterprise Communication (PSEC) project and has prepared the following responses to the comments received.

The County issued a Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft EIR on June 9, 2008 and the 45-day public comment period began on that day. The NOA provided information about the proposed project and indicated locations (including the internet) where the Draft EIR was available for review. Copies of the NOA and the Draft EIR were provided to the Office of Planning and Research (State Clearinghouse) for issuance to state agencies. The NOA was also mailed to the recorded property owners of parcels located in the vicinity of the proposed sites (approximately 2,500 persons). The NOA was also mailed to relevant federal state and local agencies, responsible and trustee agencies, local governments, private organizations, and other interested parties based on the standard mailing list compiled for such purposes by the County of Riverside Planning Department. This list was comprised of approximately 700 addresses.

The County received 83 comment documents to the NOA. Comments were received by surface mail, email, fax, and webform submissions from the project's website. Each comment that was received is reproduced in this Response to Comments document. A list of commentors and the County's response to each comment are provided on the following pages.