

Hollister Master Plan PEIR - NOP

The City of Hollister, San Benito County, San Benito County Water District (SBCWD), and Sunnyslope County Water District propose to implement a comprehensive water and wastewater program to meet the existing and future water resources needs of the Hollister Urban Area. The proposed Program would implement a variety of projects for water, wastewater, and recycled water facilities and management actions. As lead agency, SBCWD intends to prepare a *Programmatic Environmental Impact Report* (PEIR) in accordance with the *California Environmental Quality Act* (CEQA) to evaluate the significance of potential environmental impacts that could result from Program implementation.

SBCWD has prepared a *Notice of Preparation* (NOP) in accordance with Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines to inform all responsible and trustee agencies and interested parties that a PEIR will be prepared. The purpose of this NOP is to provide sufficient information about the proposed Program and its potential environmental impacts to allow interested parties the opportunity to provide a meaningful response related to the scope and content of the PEIR, including significant environmental issues and reasonable alternatives and mitigation measures.

The NOP is available for review at the SBCWD office located at 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, CA 95023 and at its website: www.sbcwd.com. Navigate to the *Document Resources* page found under the *Publications* tab and click on "Hollister_PEIR_NOP_062210.pdf". SBCWD requests written comments on the NOP, which are due to SBCWD by 5:00 p.m. on July 22, 2010.

The SBCWD will convene a public scoping meeting at 6pm on Thursday, July 15, 2010 to allow agencies and the public to provide input on the scope and content of the PEIR. The meeting will be held at Veteran's Memorial Building, Room 218, 649 San Benito Street, Hollister, CA 95023.