

# Bethel Church of Redding Collyer Drive Campus Planned Development

## Introduction to the California Environmental Quality Act

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was enacted in 1970 requiring both state and local agencies to identify, disclose and consider environmental factors for projects requiring a discretionary action. A “discretionary project” as defined by CEQA means: *“a project which requires the exercise of judgment or deliberation when the public agency or body decides to approve or disapprove a particular activity, as distinguished from situations where the public agency or body merely has to determine whether there has been conformity with applicable statutes, ordinances, or regulations”* (State CEQA Guidelines §15357). The intent of CEQA is to:

- ✓ Fully disclose the description of a proposed project.
- ✓ Evaluate a project’s environmental effects.
- ✓ Consider relevant information before approving a project.
- ✓ Provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on the environmental issues.
- ✓ Avoid or reduce potential harm to the environment when feasible.

A “project” is defined as an activity or activities which have the potential to have physical impact on the environment. This may include the enactment of zoning ordinances, the issuance of conditional use permits, and the approval of tentative subdivision maps.

### **Purpose of the Environmental Impact Report**

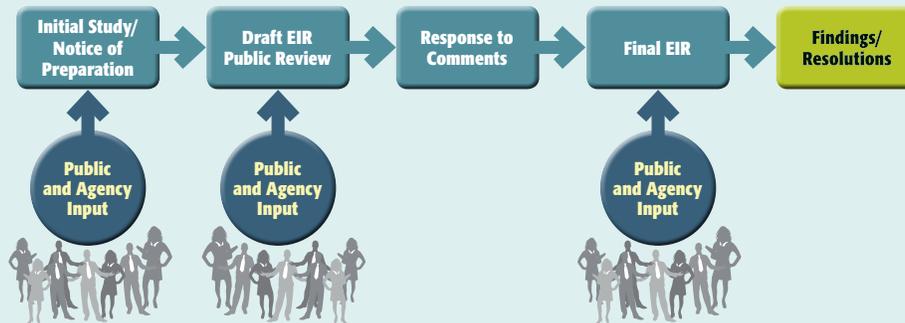
After thorough review of preliminary information provided by the project applicant (Bethel Church), including existing information available to the City of Redding (City), the City acting as Lead Agency under CEQA made the determination that the proposed Bethel Church of Redding Collyer Drive Campus Planned Development Project could potentially result in significant environmental impacts. The purpose of this Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is to provide state and local agencies, City decision-makers, and the general public with detailed information on the potentially significant environmental effects which the project is likely to have and to list ways which the significant environmental effects may be minimized and indicate alternatives to the project.

### **Where Are We in the Process?**

The City has circulated a Notice of Preparation (NOP) requesting agency and public input on the anticipated environmental effects of the proposed Bethel Church of Redding Collyer Drive Planned Development Project. The NOP is circulated for a 30-day period to collect input based on the City’s initial review of the anticipated environmental impacts. For this project, the City has opted to extend the 30-day review period to 45 days. This evening’s scoping meeting provides an initial opportunity for you to inform City staff of any environmental concerns or issues you believe should be evaluated in the Draft EIR.

## Public Participation Process

Public participation is an essential part of CEQA. The City is formally requesting your input with regards to environmental issues important to you at this evening's meeting; however, as noted in the illustration below, there are additional opportunities to comment during the environmental review process.



Upon completion of the Draft EIR, the City will circulate the document for public comment for a period of no less than 45 days. A noticed public hearing before the Planning Commission will be scheduled. At the conclusion of the 45-day Draft EIR review period, City staff will begin preparing responses to written comments received on the adequacy of the Draft EIR, including verbal testimony presented before the Planning Commission. Based on the comments received, revisions to the Draft EIR may be made.

A final public hearing will be scheduled when the Final EIR and proposed Planned Development Plan (PD) are presented before the Redding City Council. The City Council will consider the information presented in the Final EIR including responses, revisions, and findings. The City Council may or may not decide to move forward with approving the proposed Bethel Church of Redding Collyer Drive Campus Planned Development Project.

## More on CEQA

To learn more about the CEQA process and requirements you can review the State CEQA guidelines and other related information at the following web address <http://ceres.ca.gov>.



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