

**TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY PLAN
UPDATE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, SCH # 2016051023**

Project Title:

Three Rivers Community Plan Update DEIR (GPA 14-004) (SCH #2016051023)

Project Location:

The unincorporated community of Three Rivers is located within an Urban Development Boundary (UDB) consisting of approximately 21,000 acres and is located approximately 30 miles northeast of Visalia and approximately 52 miles southeast of Fresno along State Route 198 in Tulare County, five (5) miles south of the entrance to Sequoia National Park. The nearest incorporated city is Woodlake, located in Tulare County, approximately 16 miles west on State Route 216. The site is within Township 17 South, Range 28 and 29 East, MDB&M.

Project Description:

1. The purpose of the Three Rivers Community Plan is to preserve and protect the values, character and assets of the community, including preservation of its historical rural character and valuable natural resources while ensuring that economic growth remains vibrant and sustainable, consistent with the desired character of the community. The Community Plan will provide appropriate direction to help guide balanced public and private decisions affecting the community including provisions for the overall direction, density, type of growth and protection of the natural environment that is consistent with the needs and desires of the Three Rivers Community to maintain its rural character.
2. The Community Plan includes the objective to include a strong central core area with clustered commercial development, which can help create a focal point or town center for the community, and can also reinforce a sense of place and community identity.
3. The Community Plan recognizes the importance to the community in balancing the maintenance of a rural atmosphere, while ensuring that an appropriate type and scale of future development is provided with adequate community infrastructure while protecting natural resources, and upholding community values.
4. The Community Plan includes objectives that promote Three Rivers as a livable community with a diversity of housing types and commercial and civic uses.
5. The Community Plan includes Transportation Management to facilitate adequate emergency and safety access including appropriate emergency planning and response which is integral to maintaining the rural character of the community, as well as ensuring public safety and welfare for residents and visitors.
6. The Community Plan will ensure that the text and mapping of the Community Plan Land Use Designations and Zoning Reclassifications address various planning matters and evaluate existing Non-Conforming Use activities.
7. The Community Plan will address Complete Streets strategies to allow for a reduction of vehicle miles traveled throughout the County, thereby benefitting air quality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

8. The Community Plan will improve circulation in the community with the identification of bicycle lanes, including but not limited to laying the groundwork for Complete Streets projects.

EIR Availability:

A copy of the Draft EIR and the Draft Community Plan Update will be available for review at the Tulare County Resource Management Agency, 5961 South Mooney Blvd., Visalia, CA 93277, (559) 624-7000, (Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) and (Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.).

A copy of the DEIR and Draft Community Plan Update may also be obtained and/or reviewed at the following locations:

Visalia Branch Library	Tuesday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
200 West Oak Avenue	Friday: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Visalia, CA 93291	Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Three Rivers Branch Library	Tuesday and Thursday: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
42052 Eggers Drive	Wednesday and Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Three Rivers, CA 93271	Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tulare County Web Site: <http://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/index.cfm/documents-and-forms/planning-documents/environmental-planning/environmental-impact-reports/three-rivers-community-plan-update/>.

Contact for More Information: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner (559) 624-7121 (**para Español llame Timothy Bailey (559) 624-7101**).

The DEIR has a review period of **45** days, starting on **December 29, 2017** and ending **February 12, 2018**, which has been approved by the State of California, Office of Planning and Research. Any written comments on the DEIR should be sent to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency at the address noted above, to the attention of: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner.

After the close of the public comment review period on the DEIR established by this notice, this matter will be set for public hearing before the Tulare County Planning Commission at a date to be determined later (anticipated on or about February 21, 2018). Notice of the date, time and place for such public hearing will be published and/or mailed as provided by law.

Please take notice that - pursuant to Public Resource Code § 21177, Government Code § 65009, and other applicable law - if you challenge the proposed action described above in court, then you may be limited to raising only those issues or objections you or someone else raised during the public comment period or the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency within the review period, or to the Planning Commission during the public hearing.

Reed Schenke,
Director, Resource Management Agency