

# CHAPTER 1

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## Introduction

### A. CEQA Process

On December 1, 2008 the City of Eureka (Lead Agency) released for public review a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Marina Center Mixed Use Development Project (SCH# 2006042024). The 60-day public review and comment period on the Draft EIR began on December 1, 2008 and closed at 5:00 p.m. on January 31, 2009.

The Draft EIR for the proposed Marina Center Mixed Use Development Project (Marina Center), together with this Response to Comments Document, constitute the Final EIR for the proposed project. The Final EIR is an informational document prepared by the Lead Agency that must be considered by decision-makers before approving the proposed project (CEQA *Guidelines*, Section 15090). California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) *Guidelines* (Section 15132) specify the following:

“The Final EIR shall consist of:

- (a) The Draft EIR or a revision of that draft.
- (b) Comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR either verbatim or in a summary.
- (c) A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR.
- (d) The responses of the Lead Agency to significant environmental points raised in review and consultation process.
- (e) Any other information added by the Lead Agency.”

This document has been prepared pursuant to CEQA and in conformance with the CEQA *Guidelines*. This Response to Comments Document incorporates comments from public agencies and the general public, and contains appropriate responses by the Lead Agency to those comments.

## **B. Method of Organization**

This EIR Response to Comments Document for the proposed Marina Center contains information in response to comments raised during the public comment period.

Chapter 1, Introduction, (this chapter) describes the CEQA process and the organization of this Response to Comments Document.

Chapter 2, Errata, contains an errata identifying text changes to the Draft EIR. Some changes were made by the City; others were made in response to comments received on the Draft EIR.

Chapter 3, Master Responses, contains master responses. Numerous comments pertained to a number of similar issues. The master responses provide detailed information related to each of these key issue areas in one place rather than dispersing this information throughout the document.

Chapter 4, Agencies and Persons Commenting on the Draft EIR, contains a list of all persons and organizations that submitted written comments on the Draft EIR during the public review period.

Chapter 5, Responses to Written Comments on the Draft EIR, contains comment letters received during the review and comment period. The responses to the comments are provided following each letter.

Chapter 6, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, describes the identified mitigation measures and the responsible parties, tasks, and schedule for monitoring mitigation compliance.