

City of Corona General Plan

Interim Technical Update

EIR Scoping Meeting

August 30, 2018





Project Team

City Staff

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Consulting Team

- PlaceWorks, Project Manager--General Plan and Environmental Impact Report
- Fehr & Peers, Transportation
- SWCA, Biological Resources and Cultural Resources
- FUSCOE, Infrastructure
- LSA, Climate Change and Resiliency





Overview

- ❖ Purpose of the Scoping Meeting
- ❖ Overview of the Project
- ❖ Environmental Review
- ❖ Public Comments



GENERAL PLAN

CORONA GENERAL PLAN

- Every city and county in California is required to have a General Plan; Government Code 65300 et seq.
- The General Plan is a long-range planning document that is a guideline or framework for the City's future development
- Establishes goals and policies for required topics and allows for cities to address locally important topics
- Decision making tool for City Council, commissions, residents, agencies, business, developers, etc.
- Corona last updated its general plan in 2004; the Housing Element was updated in 2014 and is in compliance till 2021

GENERAL PLAN TOPICS



GENERAL PLAN UPDATE



CITY OF CORONA GENERAL PLAN

Adopted March 17, 2004
Resolution No. 2004-034



The General Plan update will:

- Respond to new state requirements & best practices
- Reflect contemporary community concerns
- Update technical studies with current information
- It will NOT change land uses or intensify development

ROLE OF THE LAND USE PLAN



- The General Plan Land Use Plan determines where growth will occur, the type of development allowed, and the amount of growth in Corona.
- The Corona General Plan sets the pattern for growth in the city; the County regulates growth in the Sphere through the Temescal Canyon Area Plan
- The 2018 Corona Land Use Plan proposes NO changes in density, intensity, or uses anywhere in the city.

CITY PROPOSED LAND USE PLAN

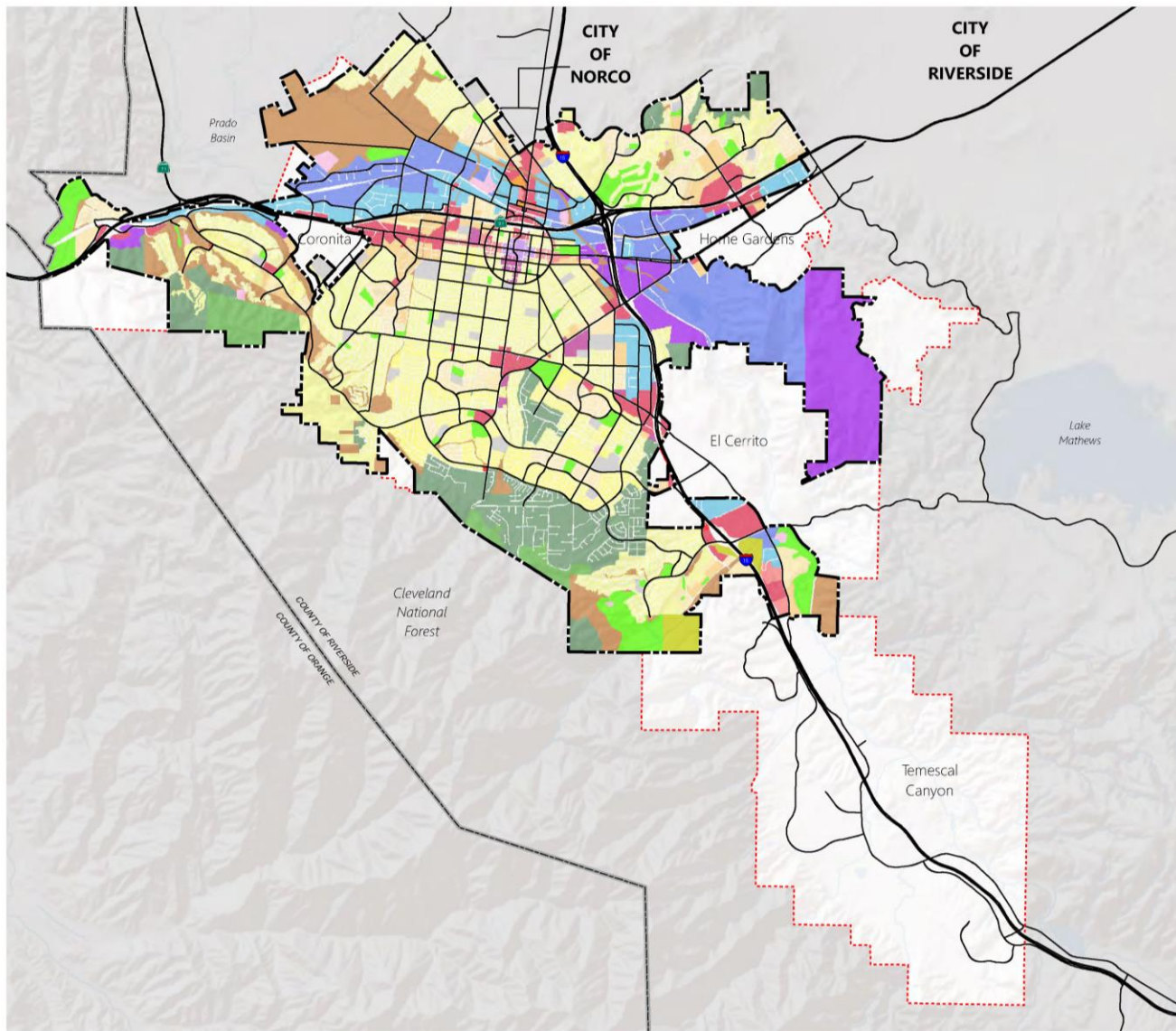


Figure 3
PROPOSED LAND USE PLAN
CITY OF CORONA

Legend

- City Boundary
- Sphere of Influence Areas
- Agriculture (AG)
- Estate Residential (ER)
- Rural Residential (RR 2)
- Low Density Residential (LDR)
- Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR)
- Medium Density Residential (MDR)
- High Density Residential (HDR)
- Urban Density Residential (UDR)
- General Commercial (GC)
- Office Professional (OP)
- Mixed Use Downtown (MUD)
- Mixed Use: Commercial/Residential (MU 1)
- Mixed Use: Industrial/Commercial (MU 2)
- Light Industrial (LI)
- General Industrial (GI)
- Parks, Open Space Recreational (P, OS/R)
- Open Space General (OS, OS/G)
- School (S)
- Fire Station (FS)
- Utility (U)

Source:
City of Corona 2017



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General Plan Draft EIR



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COUNTY PROPOSED LAND USE PLAN

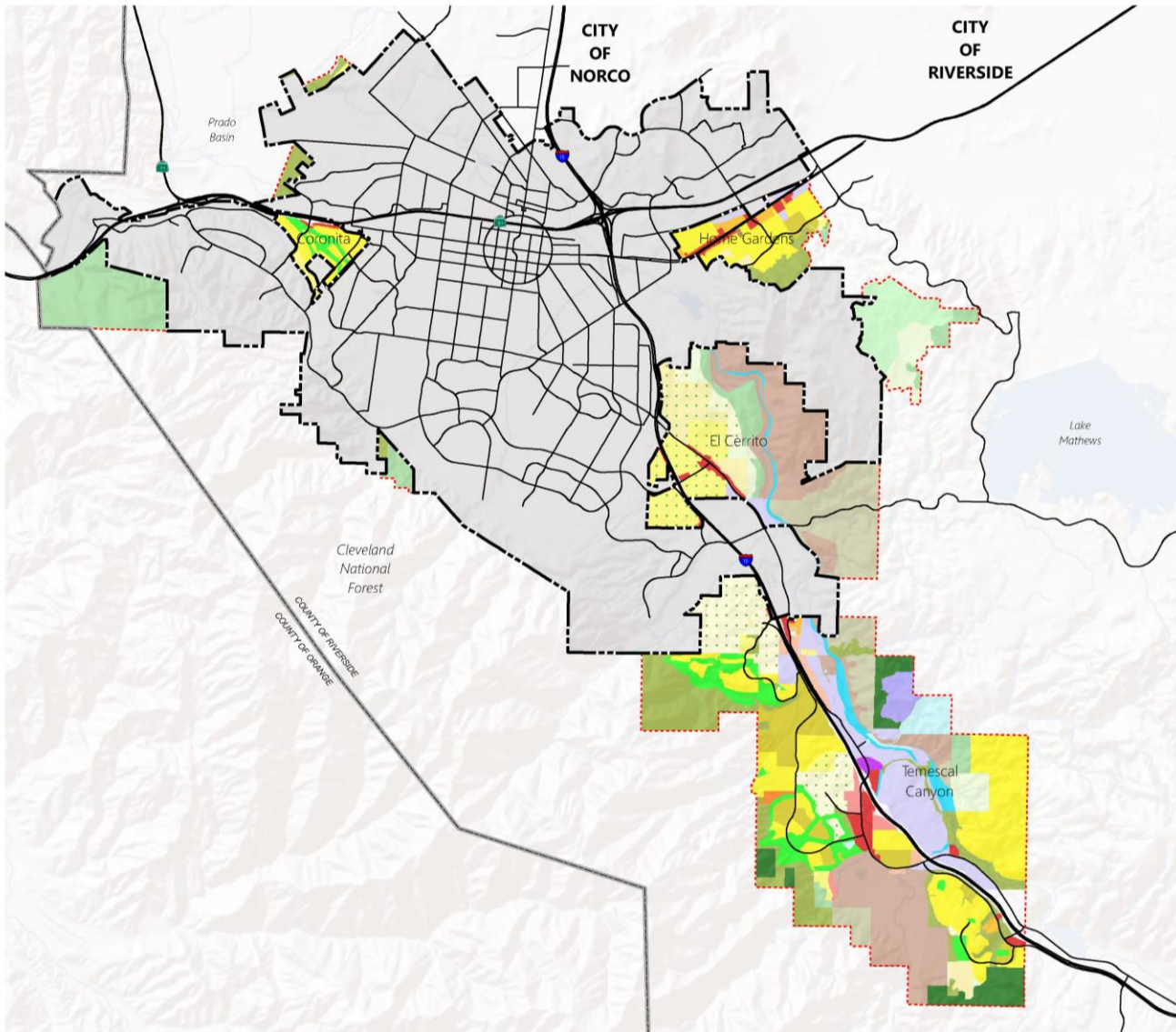


Figure 4
PROPOSED LAND USE PLAN
SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AREAS

Legend

- City Boundary
- Sphere of Influence Areas
- Rural Community - Estate Density Residential
- Rural Community - Very Low Density Residential
- Rural Community - Low Density Residential
- Estate Density Residential
- Very Low Density Residential
- Low Density Residential
- Medium Density Residential
- Medium High Density Residential
- High Density Residential
- Very High Density Residential
- Highest Density Residential
- Commercial Retail
- Commercial Tourist
- Commercial Office
- Community Center
- Light Industrial
- Heavy Industrial
- Business Park
- Public Facilities
- Rural Residential
- Rural Mountainous
- Agriculture
- Conservation
- Conservation Habitat
- Open Space Recreation
- Open Space Rural
- Water
- Mineral Resources
- City

Source:
Riverside County 2017



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Date: 7/23/2018

GROWTH PROJECTIONS



- The EIR analyzes total impact of growth – determined by what the General Plan allows vs. what is on the ground today.
- The EIR analyzes growth located in the City and Sphere (Coronita, Home Gardens, Temescal Valley, El Cerrito).
- After the development boom of the 2000s, the City's growth is gradually slowing as buildout approaches.





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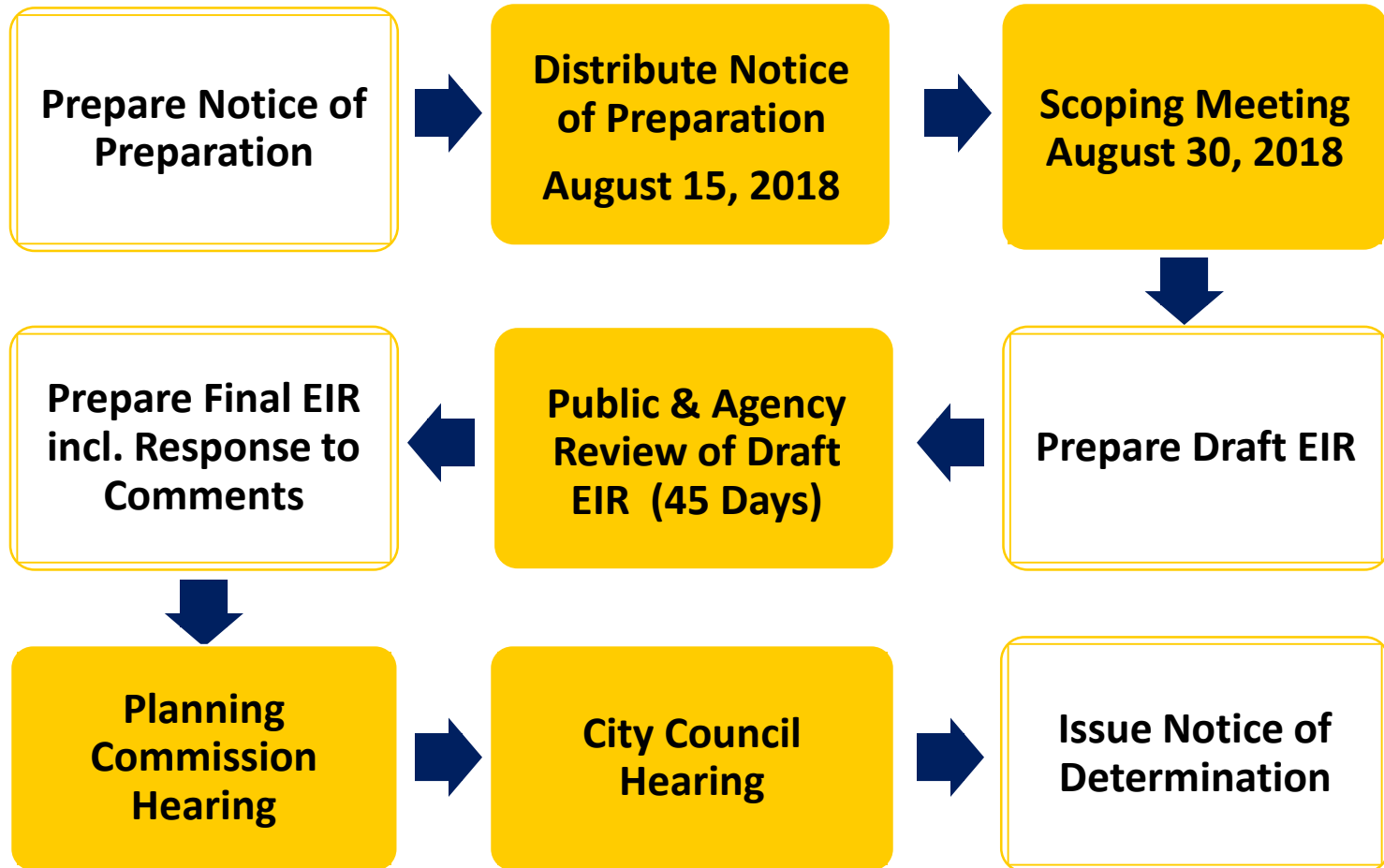
- Growth in Corona will occur on vacant land along the periphery, in approved specific plan areas, & limited infill sites.
- For the entire planning area, growth anticipated totals:
 - 11,511 new homes
 - 39,298 new residents
 - 31,156 new jobs
- The SOI areas (especially El Cerrito and Temescal Valley) could makeup 50%+ of the above projected growth.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PURPOSE OF CEQA AND EIR

- ❖ California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [pronounced “SEE- quah”]
- ❖ CEQA requires preparation of the EIR for a comprehensive general plan update
- ❖ Discloses project impacts to public and decision-makers AND identifies ways to avoid or reduce environmental impacts

OVERVIEW OF EIR PROCESS



OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INPUT



NOTICE OF PREPARATION

- ❖ Contains a brief description of the project, its location, and where documents relating to the project can be found
- ❖ Notifies responsible agencies and other interested parties that an EIR will be prepared
- ❖ Solicits input regarding the scope, focus, and content of the upcoming EIR
- ❖ 30-day public review period

TOPICS COVERED IN THE EIR

- ❖ Aesthetics
- ❖ Agriculture Resources
- ❖ Air Quality
- ❖ Biological Resources
- ❖ Cultural Resource
- ❖ Geology and Soils
- ❖ Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- ❖ Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- ❖ Hydrology and Water Quality
- ❖ Land Use and Planning
- ❖ Mineral Resources
- ❖ Noise
- ❖ Population and Housing
- ❖ Public Services
- ❖ Recreation
- ❖ Transportation/Traffic
- ❖ Utilities and Service Systems
- ❖ Tribal Cultural Resources

TECHNICAL STUDIES



- ❖ Transportation – Fehr & Peers
- ❖ Noise Study – PlaceWorks
- ❖ Air Quality & GHG Emissions– PlaceWorks
- ❖ Cultural & Historic Resources– SWCA
- ❖ Biological Resources - SWCA

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMENT NOW

- ❖ Notice of Preparation
 - Began August 15 and ends September 14, 2018
 - Noticed on August 15 in The Sentinel Weekly

- ❖ Available for review at City of Corona
 - City Hall | 400 S. Vicentia Avenue.
 - Corona Library| 650 South Main Street
 - <https://www.coronaca.gov/government/departments-divisions/planning-division/general-plan-update>

- ❖ Scoping Meeting tonight

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ Draft EIR (est. Winter 2019)
 - Circulation period of 45 days

- ❖ Final EIR (est. Spring 2019)
 - Includes responses to comments
 - Final EIR available for review

- ❖ General Plan hearings
 - Planning Commission public hearings
 - City Council public hearings



SCOPING MEETING



- ❖ Provide opportunity for public input
 - Listen to your thoughts and concerns

- ❖ Determine EIR scope, focus, and content
 - Identify environmental topics
 - Identify potential impacts
 - Identify ways to avoid or reduce impacts

YOUR THOUGHTS

What Environmental Issues would you like to see addressed in the EIR?



HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

- ❖ Comments on the NOP and Scoping Meeting may be submitted in person or mailed to:

Terri Manuel, AICP, Planning Manager
City of Corona
400 S. Vicentia Avenue
Corona, CA 92882

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

For more information, visit us at:

<https://www.coronaca.gov/government/departments-divisions/planning-division/general-plan-update>