



NOTICE OF PREPARATION & SCOPING MEETING

TO: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report in Compliance with Title 14, Section 15082(a) of the California Code of Regulations

The City of Pasadena is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below. We request the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by the City when considering any permits that your agency must issue, or other approval for the project.

AGENCIES: The City requests your agency's views on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b).

ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES: The City requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.

PROJECT TITLE: Las Encinas Hospital, 2007 Master Development Plan

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located at 2900 East Del Mar Boulevard in the City of Pasadena (see Figure 1, Location Map). The site is bound by Del Mar Boulevard to the north, El Nido Avenue to the east, residential uses to the south, and residential uses and San Gabriel Boulevard to the west. Regional access to the project site is provided by Interstate 210 (I-210, Foothill Freeway) located approximately 0.6 mile to the north, State Route 19 (SR 9, Rosemead Boulevard) located approximately 0.9 mile to the east, and State Route 110 (SR 110, Pasadena Freeway) located approximately 2.5 miles to the west.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant, Signature Healthcare Services, is proposing a Master Development Plan to increase community care services within the approximately 24.7-acre site. The amended Master Development Plan seeks to augment the existing mental health and senior care services by increasing assisted living beds from the current 8 beds to a total of 60 beds, independent living units would be increased from 87 existing to 187 total unit, and provide expanded outpatient services by increasing the medical (psychiatric) office space from 15 existing office units (14,174 square feet) to 32 total office units (an additional 25,000 square feet). In addition, a new psychiatric hospital would be constructed to consolidate psychiatric patient care in a single, secure facility affording greater security to the neighborhood and modern facilities for staff and patient care. The new psychiatric hospital would accommodate 120 total beds, increasing the number of beds by an additional 20 beds. The new psychiatric hospital would also consolidate adolescent care facilities.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Initial Study describes the potential environmental effects of the proposed project. An EIR will be prepared to evaluate the project's potential impacts on the environment and analyze alternatives.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The City has determined to make this Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). The comment period for the NOP and Initial Study begins July 19, 2007 and ends on August 17, 2007.

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS: Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your responses and comments to:

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SCOPING MEETING: The City will hold a scoping meeting on August 8 at 6:15 pm in the City Council Chambers (Room S249) of Pasadena City Hall located at 100 N Garfield Ave in Pasadena. You are welcome to attend and present environmental information that you believe should be addressed in the EIR.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The NOP and Initial Study are available for public review at the locations listed below. The materials are available for review during regular business hours at the City of Pasadena, Department of Planning and Development address listed above and the following locations:

- Central Library at 285 E. Walnut Avenue
- Lamanda Branch Library at 140 S. Altadena Drive

The Initial Study is also available for review on the Internet at the City's website at http://www.cityofpasadena.net/planning/environmental/Environmental_Home.asp.

If you require additional information please contact Mr. Scott Reimers at (626) 744-6710 or submit questions and comments by fax at (626) 396-7267.

