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NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP)  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

**Date:** March 6, 2006  
**To:** Responsible Agencies, and Interested Parties and Organizations  
**Subject:** Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Castro Valley General Plan  
**Project Title:** Castro Valley General Plan  
**Location:** Castro Valley, Alameda County, California

Alameda County is preparing a new General Plan for Castro Valley and has determined that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be necessary pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Alameda County is requesting input from the public and from interested and affected public agencies on how the General Plan may affect the environment. More specifically, input is being solicited regarding the scope and content of environmental analysis that is relevant to each responsible and trustee agency's statutory/regulatory responsibilities including potentially significant environmental issues, reasonable alternatives, and mitigation measures that the EIR needs to include in order to identify and evaluate the potential impacts of adopting the proposed plan.

Although specific proposals and revisions for the Castro Valley General Plan have not yet been determined, we are soliciting your concerns now. The purpose for obtaining your input at this point in the process is to allow the County to take environmental issues into consideration during formulation of new goals, policies, and programs for the General Plan as well as to begin identifying issues to be addressed in the EIR. The attached materials include a description of proposed General Plan's objectives and scope, location maps, and a preliminary list of environmental issues.

If your agency is a responsible agency as defined by Section 15381 of the State CEQA Guidelines, your agency will need to use the environmental documents prepared by Alameda County when considering your permit or other approval for the action.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your comments should be submitted by the earliest possible date, but not later than 30 days after your receipt of this notice per CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(b). Please send your written response, with the name of your agency contact person, to: Lou Andrade, Project Planner, Alameda County Planning Department, 224 West Winton Avenue, Room 111, Hayward, California 94544.

Members of the public and other interested parties are invited to comment on the proposed EIR at a General Plan Community Workshop on March 29, 2006, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, at the Eden Medical Center, Conference Rooms A, B, and C, 20103 Lake Chabot Road, Castro Valley, CA. If you have questions, please call Mr. Andrade at (510) 670-5400.

*[Signature]*

Chris Bazar, Planning Director  
Alameda County Planning Department

3/6/06  
Date



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Notice of Preparation

March 7, 2006

To: Reviewing Agencies  
Re: Castro Valley General Plan  
SCH# 2006032036

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Castro Valley General Plan draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

Lou Andrade  
Alameda County  
224 W. Winton Avenue, Room 111  
Hayward, CA 94544

with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

for  
Scott Morgan  
Project Analyst, State Clearinghouse

Attachments  
cc: Lead Agency

**Document Details Report  
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

**SCH#** 2006032036  
**Project Title** Castro Valley General Plan  
**Lead Agency** Alameda County

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**Type** NOP Notice of Preparation

**Description** Alameda County has initiated a comprehensive update of the Castro Valley General Plan, providing an opportunity to explore long-term goals and development opportunities for the urbanized portion of the Castro Valley Planning Area. As required by State Law, Alameda County's General Plan serves as the "constitution" for the physical development of the County. The County's Plan consists of a series of area plans that apply to specific unincorporated communities and geographic areas as well as several countywide elements. The Castro Valley General Plan is one of the Area Plans that comprise the Alameda County General plan and, as such, State law does not require that it deal with the full range of issues the State law requires a city or county General Plan to address. The Plan must, however, be consistent with all countywide Plan elements including Housing, Noise, and the Resources, Open Space, and Agriculture (ROSA) Plan.

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**Lead Agency Contact**

**Name** Lou Andrade  
**Agency** Alameda County  
**Phone** 510-670-5400 **Fax**  
**email**  
**Address** 224 W. Winton Avenue, Room 111  
**City** Hayward **State** CA **Zip** 94544

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**Project Location**

**County** Alameda  
**City**  
**Region**

**Cross Streets**

**Parcel No.**

**Township**

**Range**

**Section**

**Base**

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**Proximity to:**

**Highways**

**Airports**

**Railways**

**Waterways**

**Schools**

**Land Use**

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**Project Issues** Landuse; Population/Housing Balance; Job Generation; Recreation/Parks; Public Services; Traffic/Circulation; Biological Resources; Forest Land/Fire Hazard; Air Quality; Noise; Geologic/Seismic; Water Quality; Flood Plain/Flooding; Toxic/Hazardous; Aesthetic/Visual

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**Reviewing Agencies** Resources Agency; Department of Conservation; Office of Historic Preservation; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; Department of Fish and Game, Region 3; Department of Health Services; State Clearinghouse; Native American Heritage Commission; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 4; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 2

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**Date Received** 03/07/2006 **Start of Review** 03/07/2006 **End of Review** 04/05/2006

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