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REVISED Notice of Availability
Public Review of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed
Incorporation of Arden Arcade

The Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) announces the availability of the Incorporation of Arden Arcade Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for public review. The report can be downloaded from the LAFCo website. Our web address is www.saclafco.org.

The DEIR is intended to serve as an informational document for public agency decision-makers and the general public regarding the objectives and components of the proposed project. The document evaluates potentially significant adverse environmental impacts that could be associated with the project, and identifies project changes (mitigation measures) and project alternatives that would reduce or eliminate these impacts. The DEIR does not set forth policy for Sacramento LAFCo about the proposed project's desirability. Rather, the DEIR is an informational document to be used by decision-makers, public agencies, and the public. During the project review process, Sacramento LAFCo must consider all feasible mitigation measures and alternatives developed in the DEIR to substantially lessen anticipated environmental impacts of the proposed project.

Project Description

The proposed incorporation of the Arden Arcade Community (project or proposed incorporation) would result in the establishment of a new city. LAFCo may also adopt a sphere of influence (SOI) as part of the incorporation approval or the Commission is required to determine the SOI for any newly incorporated city within one year of the effective date of incorporation. The SOI may be larger than the project boundary. The SOI means a plan for the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency as determined by the Commission. The proposed Arden Arcade incorporation area would consist of the new city limits and SOI and would be approximately 9,000 acres or about 14 square miles of land located in the northern-central portion of Sacramento County. The project area is generally surrounded by urban development on all sides and is bounded by Auburn Boulevard to the north, Mission Avenue on the east, Fair Oaks Boulevard on the south, and Ethan Avenue and the American River Parkway on the west.

The new City of Arden Arcade would be a General Law City with a city manager form of government. General government reflects management, administration, and support operations that would be provided by the new City of Arden Arcade. A six-member City Council elected by district according to boundaries drawn from an approximately equal division of the population of the community and elected by the registered voters of each district, and a mayor, elected at large from throughout the incorporated area, would govern the new city. The mayor and council members would have equal votes on the City Council. The city manager, city clerk, city treasurer, city attorney, and all other officers of the city would be appointed and removed by the City Council.

Section 57376 of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act requires that the new city council shall, immediately following its organization and prior to performing any other official act, adopt an ordinance providing



that all Sacramento County ordinances previously applicable shall remain in full force and effect as city ordinances for a period of 120 days after incorporation. The Sacramento County General Plan would also be adopted by the city until the city prepares and adopts its own General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. In accordance with California Government Code Section 65360, the new city would have up to 30 months following incorporation to adopt a General Plan. At such time, the new city would also be required to conduct additional environmental review under CEQA to assess potential impacts of future land uses as proposed under the new General Plan.

Significant Impacts on the Environment Anticipated as a Result of the Proposed Project

No unavoidable significant impacts were identified in the DEIR.

Public Review Period

Sacramento LAFCo is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, and is holding a public review period of the DEIR, during which time the public and interested parties are invited to comment on the DEIR for the proposed project. Please note that the public comment period is February 18, 2010 through **4 pm April 8, 2010**.

Comments may be submitted via United States Postal Service or email. All comments should be directed to:

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Location Where the Draft EIR May Be Reviewed

The DEIR may be reviewed online at www.saclafco.org. Hard copies of the document may also be reviewed at the Public Library Facilities listed below:

Arden-Dimick Library (891 Watt Avenue) (Closed for remodeling thru 2/23/10)
Arcade Library (2443 Marconi Avenue)
Sacramento Central Library (828 I Street)

Next Steps

To be considered, all comments must be received by the end of the public comment period (February 18, 2010 through 4 pm April 5, 2010). Upon completion of the 45-day public review period, responses to all substantive comments concerning the adequacy of the DEIR will be prepared and incorporated into a Final EIR. No sooner than 10 days following the submission of the responses to comments to public agencies, Sacramento LAFCo will hold a public hearing to consider certification of the Final EIR and the related discretionary actions concerning project approval.

