



**City of Ridgecrest, Kern County
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: Notice of Availability per CEQA Guidelines - Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the City of Ridgecrest General Plan 2010-2030 Update
State Clearinghouse No. 2008111097**

INTRODUCTION: In accordance with Section 15082(a) of the CEQA Guidelines, the City of Ridgecrest prepared and circulated a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of the Draft EIR for the General Plan Update. The NOP was circulated for a 30-day comment period which began on November 26, 2008 and ended on December 30, 2008. A Public scoping meeting was held on December 16, 2008. As required by CEQA Guidelines Section 15143) thee Draft EIR focuses on significant or potentially significant environmental effects. Comments received during the NOP public comment period have been incorporated into this Draft EIR. Collectively, responses to comments on the Draft EIR will be included in the Final EIR.

EIR DESCRIPTION and LOCATION: The Proposed Project is an update to the City's 1990 General Plan. This EIR will provide an assessment of the updated General Plan. The Proposed Project will include a Policy Document and an updated land use diagram. The City of Ridgecrest has direct land use jurisdiction over the incorporated city limits, which encompass about 21.4 square miles. Approximately nine square miles of the city limits lie within the boundary of the Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS) China Lake. Although within the city limits, NAWS China Lake area is controlled by the Navy, therefore, the City does not exercise land use authority over this area. Development and planning within this area is managed by NAWS China Lake and the U.S. Navy.

PUBLIC REVIEW: Copies of the Draft EIR for the City of Ridgecrest General Plan 2010--2030 Update are available for review at the following locations:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Ridgecrest City Hall Community Development Department 100 W. California Avenue Ridgecrest, CA 93555 (760) 499-5060 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Ridgecrest City Hall Front Counter and Courtesy Desk 100 W. California Avenue Ridgecrest, CA 93555
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Ridgecrest Web Page at http://ci.ridgecrest.ca.us/Departments/ Public Services/Planning Department/ Draft EIR for General Plan Update 2010-2030 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kern County Regional Library Ridgecrest Branch 131 E. Las Flores Avenue Ridgecrest, CA 93555

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The Public Comment period on the Draft EIR will run from May 19, 2009 to July 3, 2009. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your comments must be received by the City no later than **5:00 p.m. on July 3, 2009**. Please send your comments to:

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PUBLIC HEARING DATES:

Planning Commission Public Hearing
City Council Public Hearing

Tentative Meeting Date: **September 22, 2009 6: p.m.**
Tentative Meeting Date: **November 3, 2009 6: p.m.**

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