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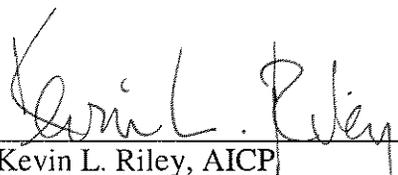


Date: October 20, 2009
To: City Manager for Council Information
From: Director of Planning and Inspection
Subject: Status Report on the Environmental Review of the 49ers Santa Clara Stadium Project

The 45-day public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the 49ers Santa Clara Stadium Project, originally set to run from July 30, 2009 to September 14, 2009, was extended by two weeks, ending Monday, September 28, 2009. The City and its consultant are currently responding to all of the agency and public comments received during that review period. Publication of the comment letters and the written responses to those comments, together with the DEIR, constitute the Final EIR.

At the present time, staff proposes to send the Environmental Impact Report to the Planning Commission on November 18, 2009 for review and comment. This public forum will provide comments from both the public and the Commission that will then be forwarded to the City Council. The Council will consider these comments, together with the completed EIR document, on December 8, 2009 for certification of that Final EIR when they consider setting the date for the proposed ballot measure. The Commission would ultimately need to rely upon the Council certified EIR when stadium related entitlements come before the Commission in 2010 for their recommendations to the Council.

Should the Council certify the Final EIR in December, a General Plan Amendment could then be brought before the Planning Commission and City Council in early 2010. The proposal is to amend the text of the General Plan Land Use Element for *Tourist Commercial*-designated areas in the City, to clearly include language encouraging sports and stadium uses as a possibility within that designation. The Environmental Impact Report, as drafted, analyzes the potential effects of this General Plan text amendment, as well as the pending stadium project. If the voters approve the stadium ballot in 2010, entitlements specific to the proposed 49ers Stadium Project would then be brought before the Commission and Council for review and action later in the year.


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Documents Related to this Report:

1) None

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