



## *City of Santa Paula*

### **Notice of Availability East Gateway Project Draft Environmental Impact Report 08-ANX-02**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Paula has completed the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the East Gateway Project (the "Project").

The Project would implement the City's plans for the East Area 2 Planning Area as set forth in the Santa Paula General Plan. It would also fulfill Condition No. 22 of Ventura County Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCo") Resolution No. 10-12 (adopted March 16, 2011) approving the East Area 1 reorganization ("East Area 1 Project"). As proposed, the East Gateway Project involves a series of related actions including jurisdictional reorganization (annexation); a General Plan Amendment (to the Land Use Element); pre-zoning and adoption of a Specific Plan for a portion of the project area.

All projects within the State of California are required to undergo environmental review to analyze the environmental impacts associated with implementation of the project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). An environmental impact report (EIR) provides information to assist a lead agency when making decisions on a project, but does not control the lead agency's exercise of discretion.

The East Gateway Project is located in Ventura County on the eastern edge of the City of Santa Paula. The Project is located along State Route 126.

The East Gateway Project is within the East Area 2 Planning Area as designated by the Santa Paula General Plan on the eastern edge of the City of Santa Paula. The proposed East Gateway Project areas include approximately 94.5 acres of land. The 36.4-acre East Gateway Specific Plan portion of the Project area includes a parcel (to be annexed) just outside of the eastern limit of the City's current boundary and three adjacent vacant parcels already within the City. (See attached map).

This EIR is focused on those environmental impact categories identified by the City as having potentially significant impacts during the notice of preparation, and public review period for the initial study. Potential significant environmental effects as determined in the initial study and analyzed in the EIR include: Aesthetics, Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas, Hazards/Hazardous Materials, Hydrology, water Supply and Water Quality, Land Use, Noise, Transportation/Traffic, and Utilities & Service Systems. Of these, Agricultural Resources and Transportation/Traffic may have significant and unavoidable effects.

This Draft EIR is subject to a 45-day public review period starting from the date of the Notice of Availability (NOA). Copies of this Draft EIR have been sent to the State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies, agencies that have commented on the NOP, and all other interested parties that have requested notice and copies of the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR is available for public review at the City of Santa Paula, located at 200 S. Tenth Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060,

and the Blanchard Community Library located at 119 N. Mill Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060. In addition, the Draft EIR is available on the City's website at <http://www.ci.santa-paula.ca.us>.

Interested individuals, organizations, responsible agencies, and other agencies can provide written comments to:

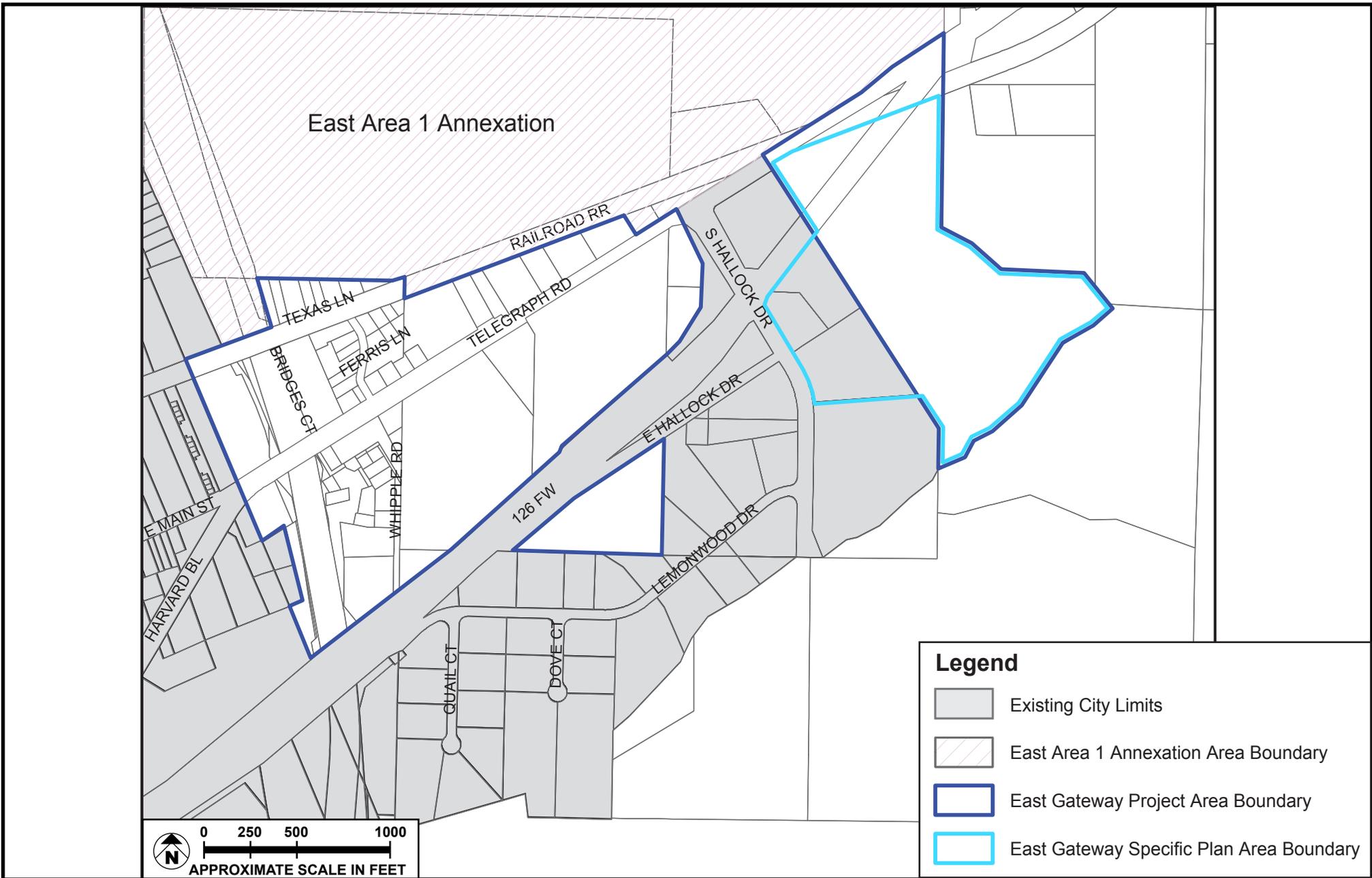
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Comments may also be sent by facsimile to (805) 933-8793 or by e-mail [jminsk@spcity.org](mailto:jminsk@spcity.org). Please put "East Gateway Project EIR" in the subject line. Agency responses should include the name of a contact person within the commenting agency.

Any person wishing to comment on this matter should submit comments, in writing to the City by 5:00 p.m. on October 22, 2012, at which time the 45-day comment period will end.

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FIGURE 1