

**CITY OF CHOWCHILLA
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS AND PUBLIC HEARING

NEGATIVE DECLARATION:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT negative declarations have been prepared by the City of Chowchilla Community and Economic Development Department resulting from Initial Study and Environmental Assessment (EA) of the projects described below and that the Chowchilla City Council, in accordance with Sections 65090 and 65091 (Planning and Zoning Law) of the Government Code and in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Chowchilla Municipal Code, will conduct public hearings to consider the applications mentioned below:

Environmental Assessment (EA) No. 12-001: The City of Chowchilla has initiated EA No. 12-001 for the purpose of pre-zoning properties in accordance with the City's 2040 General Plan and reorganizing City boundaries to include the proposed contiguous territory. The subject territory starts at the south easterly intersection of the Bermuda Slough and Road 16, extending south on Road 16 to Avenue 24, east along Avenue 24 to Road 16½, south along Road 16½, including the adjacent south westerly quarter section to the west, returning to Avenue 16½ proceeding south to State Route 152, east along State Route 152 to Road 18, north on Road 18 to Avenue 23½, east on Avenue 23½ to Chowchilla Boulevard, heading north and west on Chowchilla Boulevard to the southern most property line along 027-053-009, head east along the 027-053-009 southerly property line to State Route 99, proceed north and west along State Route 99 toward the Bermuda Slough to a point reconnecting with the existing City limits.

The proposed pre-zoning application is consistent with the City of Chowchilla, 2040 General Plan, Table LU-4, Land Use Density and Intensity. Implementation of the City's 2040 General Plan requires the City to engage in activities which encompass broad employment opportunities, retail and support services, broad range of housing densities and types. Such an application would position the City to implement economic, housing and infrastructures strategies necessary to implement the recently adopted General Plan (May 2, 2011). There are no special permit applications on file with the Department at this time. The Annexation/Pre-Zoning Application No. 12-001 has been scheduled to be considered by the City of Chowchilla City Council on **February 28, 2012**.

Environmental Assessment (EA) No. 12-002: The City of Chowchilla has initiated Environmental Assessment (EA) No. 12-002 for the purpose of pre-zoning properties in accordance with the City's 2040 General Plan and reorganizing it's City boundaries to include the proposed contiguous territory. The subject territory starts at the north westerly intersection of Robertson Road and Avenue 24½ extending westerly along Avenue 24½ to Road 14, extending northerly to the Ash Slough, and from that point easterly along the Slough to a point reconnecting with the existing City limits.

The proposed pre-zoning would be consistent with the City of Chowchilla, 2040 General Plan, Table LU-4, Land Use Density and Intensity. Implementation of the City's 2040 General Plan requires the City to engage in activities which encompass broad employment opportunities, retail and support services, broad range of housing densities

and types. Such an application would position the City to implement economic, housing and infrastructures strategies pursuant to the recently adopted 2040 General Plan.

The proposed pre-zoning is consistent with the City of Chowchilla, 2040 General Plan, Table LU-4, Land Use Density and Intensity. Implementation of the City's 2040 General Plan requires the City to engage in activities which encompass broad employment opportunities, retail and support services, broad range of housing densities and types. Such an application would position the City to implement economic, housing and infrastructures strategies necessary to implement the recently adopted General Plan. There are no special permit applications on file with the Department at this time. The Annexation/Pre-Zoning Application No. 12-002 has been scheduled to be considered by the City of Chowchilla City Council on **February 28, 2012**.

Additional information on the proposed project, including the PEIR, proposed environmental finding of a mitigated negative declaration and the initial study may be obtained from the Community and Economic Development Department, Civic Center Plaza, 130 South Second Street, Chowchilla, California 93610. Please contact Kevin Fabino, Director of Community and Economic Development Department at (559) 665-8615, ext. 400, or by email at kfabino@ci.chowchilla.ca.us, for more information.

Any interested person may appear at the public hearing and present written testimony, or speak in favor or against the project proposal. If you challenge the above applications in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues, you, or someone else, raised at the public hearings described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Chowchilla City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ANY INTERESTED PERSON may comment on the proposed environmental finding. Comments must be in writing and must state (1) the commenter's name and address; (2) the commenter's interest in, or relationship to, the project; (3) the environmental determination being commented upon; and (4) the specific reason(s) why the proposed environmental determination should or should not be made. Any comments may be submitted at any time between the publication date of this notice and on/or before end of regular business on **February 21, 2012**. Your comments are welcomed and will be considered in the final decision.

(PUB: February 1, 2012)