

## **NOTICE OF PREPARATION Q&A**

### **Q: What is a NOP?**

A: Commonly known as a Notice of Preparation (NOP), the notice describes the elements of a particular development project (in this case, Rio Santiago) and asks for public input on the issues that the project's Environmental Impact Report (EIR) should analyze. The NOP is the first step in the EIR process. The purpose of the NOP is to obtain early comments on the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR from both the public and responsible agencies.

### **Q: What is typically found within the NOP?**

A: The NOP contains the date it was issued, the project location, information about the NOP comment process and period, the name of the project applicant, the project description, and a summary of possible environmental effects resulting from the implementation of the proposed project.

### **Q: How do I provide my comments?**

A: There are multiple ways to provide comments, including postage-paid mail, email or by providing your comments during a Scoping Meeting during which the EIR process and project description is provided to attendees who are then asked to provide their input on those project-related effects they want to be studied as part of the EIR process.

### **Q: Tell me about the comment procedures for the Rio Santiago NOP/Scoping Meeting**

A: The public is invited to provide its comments via mail or email to the city of Orange between May 14, 2009 and June 12, 2009. Comments can be mailed to: Chad Ortlieb, Senior Planner, Planning Division, City of Orange, 300 East Chapman Ave., Orange, CA 92866 or emailed to [cortlieb@cityoforange.org](mailto:cortlieb@cityoforange.org). In addition, the City also will conduct two Scoping Meetings on May 21, 2009, from 2-3 pm for public agencies and from 7-8:30 pm for the public. For more information, please visit [www.RioSantiago.com](http://www.RioSantiago.com), click on the "News" page and read the article titled "City of Orange Issues Notice of Preparation to Secure Early Input for Rio Santiago Environmental Impact Report."

### **Q: How are the probable environmental effects analyzed?**

A: The Rio Santiago NOP also contains a summary of probable environmental effects resulting from its development. These effects will be analyzed in the EIR and project alternatives will be examined to provide a baseline for comparison, thereby allowing mitigation measures to be proposed to help reduce or eliminate the effects. The NOP and Scoping Meeting(s) are the first steps in a very lengthy, detailed and comprehensive EIR preparation process.