

## Notice of Preparation

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To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies,  
Trustee Agencies, Federal Agencies,  
(Address)  
Interested Parties, and Organizations

From: State of CA Department of General Services  
Real Estate Services Division, Proj. Manag. & Develop. Branch  
(Address)  
707 Third Street, 4th Floor, MS509, West Sacramento, CA 95605

**Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report**

California Highway Patrol will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials. A copy of the Initial Study ( ☐ is ☐ is not ) attached.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to Jennifer Parson at Environmental@dgs.ca.gov or at the address shown above. We will need the name for a contact person in your agency.

Project Title: CHP Humboldt Area Office Replacement Project

Project Applicant, if any: California Highway Patrol

Date October 30, 2026

Signature 

Title Sr. Environmental Planner

Telephone 916-376-1604

**Reference:** California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375.

## Notice of Preparation

Date: October 30, 2026

To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Federal Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

Subject: **Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the CHP Humboldt Area Office Replacement Project in Eureka, California**

Lead Agency: California Highway Patrol, 601 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Building C, Sacramento, CA 95811

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### Purpose of Notice

The California Highway Patrol (CHP), with assistance from the Department of General Services – Real Estate Services Division (DGS), is the lead agency for preparation of an environmental impact report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for construction and operation of the CHP Humboldt Area Office Replacement Project (Proposed Project).

Pursuant to provisions of CEQA, DGS has prepared a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Proposed Project. The purpose of the NOP is to solicit comments from responsible and trustee agencies, and interested parties on the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR.

### Project Location

The Proposed Project is located at 674 Allard Avenue (Assessor's parcel numbers 009-111-006 and 009-101-018) in Eureka in Humboldt County (Figure 1). The 8.3-acre parcel is located north of Allard Avenue, between Utah Street and Spring Street. It is approximately 0.55-miles east of Highway 101, and is being considered for acquisition by DGS for this Project.

The Proposed Project site was previously used as a high school and adult education center until these facilities closed in 2009 and the on-site buildings were demolished in 2021. The site is currently vacant, with building pads, driveways, and parking lots remaining on-site. Adjacent land uses are primarily residential. The site is bounded by Allard Avenue to the south, Utah Street to the west, and soccer fields to the north. Alice Birney Elementary School is located directly north of the soccer fields.

### Project Description

CHP police protection services are currently provided to the City of Eureka and surrounding area via the CHP Northern Division's existing CHP Area Office located at 255 East Samoa Boulevard in Arcata, California. The CHP Humboldt Area Office Replacement Project is part of a statewide effort to replace aging or inadequate CHP field offices and other facilities.

The purpose of the Proposed Project is to relocate the Humboldt Area Office and replace it with new facilities that will provide adequate workspace, vehicle parking, and equipment storage for an increasing number of employees assigned to this office. The new facility would be designed to meet the needs of 81 employees. Specific project objectives are as follows:

- construct a facility that meets CHP's statewide programming requirements (e.g., provision of a citation clearance area and additional/separate locker rooms for female employees);

- construct a facility in the Humboldt area that is near a major highway;
- develop a CHP facility that is accredited under the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program at the "silver" or better level of certification as required by state law;
- meet the California Essential Services Buildings Seismic Safety Act (ESBSSA) requirements by designing and constructing a facility capable of providing essential services to the public after a disaster; and
- construct a facility that meets the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), California Green Code, and Title 24 energy and resource standards.

The Proposed Project would consist of construction and operation of buildings and other structures, such as vehicle fuel areas, waste enclosure, radio vault with equipment storage, auto shop building with car wash bay, main office buildings, a 148-foot tall radio antenna tower, secured and visitor parking areas, equipment enclosures and storage areas, a fuel island with gas tanks, citation clearance area, an emergency generator, utility improvements, and other ancillary improvements. The Proposed Project is in the preliminary stages of development and further information regarding the various features of the Proposed Project will be provided in the Draft EIR.

### **Potential Environmental Effects**

The EIR will analyze the reasonably foreseeable direct, indirect and cumulative effects (e.g., climate change) of the Proposed Project and on a wide range of resources, including but not limited to:

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| ▪ Aesthetics                         | ▪ Land Use and Planning         |
| ▪ Agriculture and Forestry Resources | ▪ Mineral Resources             |
| ▪ Air Quality                        | ▪ Noise                         |
| ▪ Biological Resources               | ▪ Population and Housing        |
| ▪ Cultural Resources                 | ▪ Public Services               |
| ▪ Energy                             | ▪ Recreation                    |
| ▪ Geology and Soils                  | ▪ Transportation                |
| ▪ Greenhouse Gas Emissions           | ▪ Tribal Cultural Resources     |
| ▪ Hazards and Hazardous Materials    | ▪ Utilities and Service Systems |
| ▪ Hydrology and Water Quality        | ▪ Wildfire                      |

Comments provided in response to the NOP and during the scoping meeting, and ensuing analyses, may identify additional environmental resources to be evaluated.

### **Responsible Agencies**

For the purposes of CEQA, the term "Responsible Agency" includes all public agencies other than the Lead Agency which have discretionary approval power over the project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15381). Discretionary approval power may include such actions as issuance of a permit or authorization.

Agencies whose approval may be required for the Proposed Project may include the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (NCUAQMD).

### **Public Review Period**

The Notice of Preparation is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 34 days beginning **Friday, October 30, 2026. Written comments will be accepted by DGS through 5:00 P.M. on December 3, 2026.** Comments must be mailed to Jennifer Parson at the above address, or emailed to: [environmental@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:environmental@dgs.ca.gov).

The Notice of Preparation is available for review at the following locations:

- California Department of General Services: 707 Third Street, 4th Floor, MS509, West Sacramento, CA 95605 (916) 376-1604
- CHP Project Website: <https://www.chp.ca.gov/programs-services/services-information/notices-and-information-resources-for-ceqa/> ]

Alternate formats of this document are available upon request.

### **Scoping Meeting**

To provide the public and regulatory agencies an opportunity to ask questions and submit comments on the scope of the EIR, a virtual scoping meeting will be held at **6:00 pm on Thursday, November 12**. The scoping meeting will solicit input from the public and public agencies regarding the nature and scope of environmental impacts to be addressed in the Draft EIR.

During the meeting, a brief presentation will provide an overview of the Proposed Project and the general CEQA process. After the presentation, comments from the public about the Proposed Project will be received. Prepared written comments will be accepted throughout the 34-day NOP review period.

To participate in the virtual public scoping meeting, please use the following at the following link at 6:00 pm Pacific Standard Time on Thursday, November 12.

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| <b>Web Site URL:</b> | <b>zoom.us/join</b>  |
| <b>Meeting ID:</b>   | <b>884 4788 3442</b> |
| <b>Passcode:</b>     | <b>955386</b>        |

If participating via phone, please dial 669-444-9171 and enter the meeting ID and passcode above.

This scoping meeting information has also been published in the Times Standard and at the CHP Project Website listed above.

Your views and comments on how the proposed project may affect the environment are welcomed, and will be used to identify the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant effects to be analyzed in depth in the EIR.

Please contact Jennifer Parson if you have any questions about the environmental review process for the CHP Humboldt Area Office Replacement Project.

Sincerely,

**James Jacobs, Chief**

California Highway Patrol / Administrative Services Division

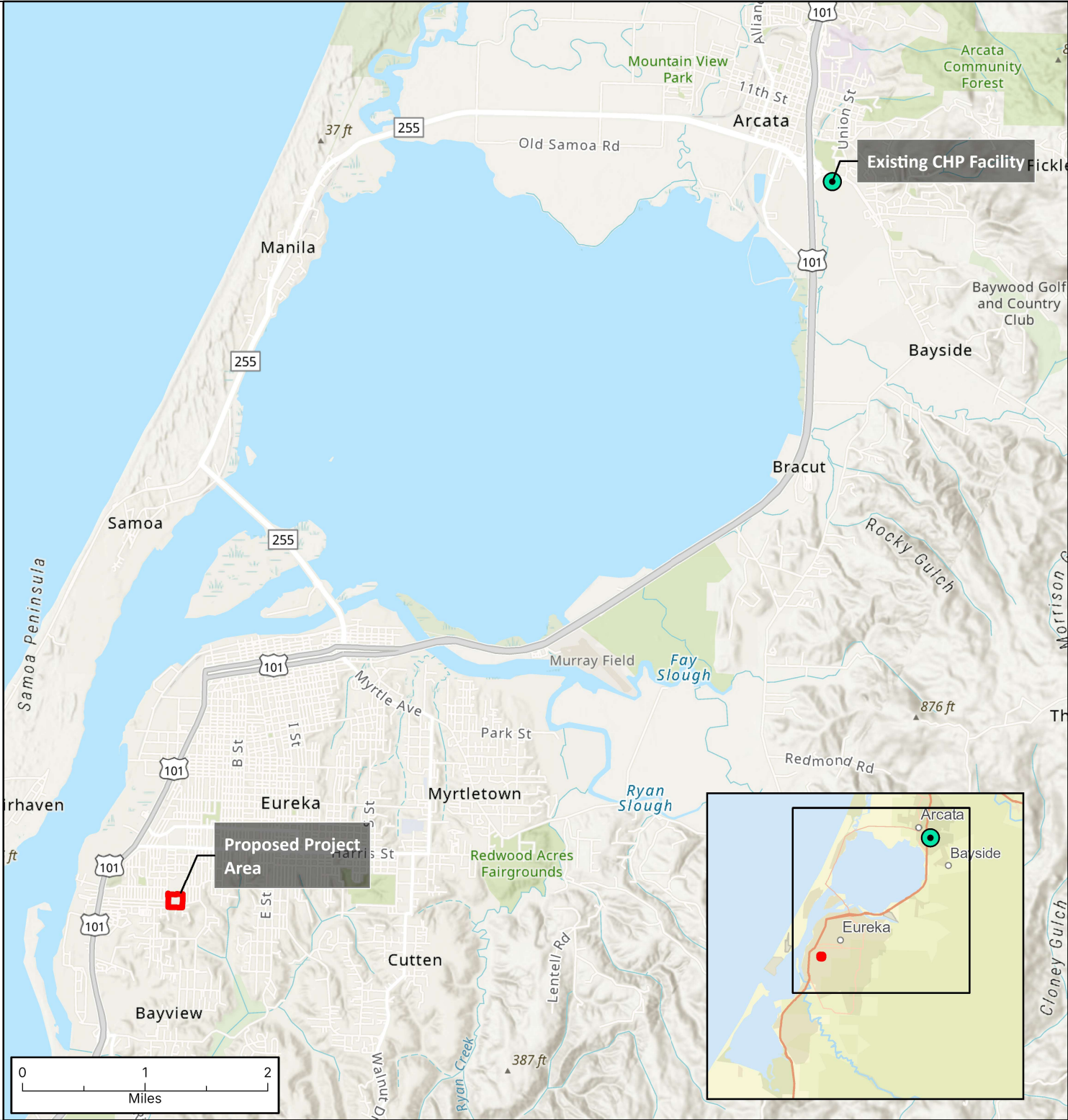


**Figure 1**  
Project Location

CHP Humboldt Area  
Office Replacement Project



World Terrain Reference: Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community  
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