

# 1 Introduction

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## 1.1 Purpose and Intended Use of the Final EIR

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 (Public Resources Code [PRC] Sections 21000 et seq.) and the CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 15000) require a public agency with discretionary authority to issue a permit or other approval to evaluate the environmental impacts of its action. Phillips 66 submitted a Land Use Permit (LUP) application for its proposed Rodeo Renewed Project (Project) with the Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development in 2020. Approval or denial of the LUP is a discretionary action requiring review under CEQA (PRC Section 21080). As such, Contra Costa County has the principal responsibility for approving the proposed Project and is therefore the Lead Agency under CEQA (PRC Section 21067; California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 15367).

As described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15089, the Lead Agency must evaluate comments received on the Draft EIR and prepare written responses and consider the information contained in a Final EIR before approving a project. The purpose of a Final EIR is to provide an opportunity for the lead agency to respond to comments made by the public and agencies regarding the Rodeo Renewed Project Draft EIR. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15132, a final EIR consists of:

- (a) the Draft EIR or a revision of the Draft EIR; (b) comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR either verbatim or in summary; (c) a list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR; (d) the responses of the Lead Agency to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process; and (e) any other information added by the Lead Agency.

This Final EIR constitutes the second part of the EIR for the Project and is intended to be a companion to the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR for the Project, which was circulated for public review and comment from October 18, 2021, through December 17, 2021, constitutes the first part of the EIR and is incorporated by reference and bound separately (refer to [www.contracosta.ca.gov/7945/Phillips-66-Rodeo-Renewed-Project](http://www.contracosta.ca.gov/7945/Phillips-66-Rodeo-Renewed-Project)). Accordingly, the EIR for the Project comprises the following:

- Draft EIR and Appendices
- Final EIR
  - Volume I: Introduction through Comment Letter 36
  - Volume II: Comment Letter 36 (continued) through Chapter 4, and Appendices

## 1.2 Organization of the Final EIR

The Final EIR is organized into the following chapters:

- **Chapter 1: Introduction.** This chapter describes the purpose of the Final EIR, provides a summary of the proposed project, provides an overview of the CEQA process, summarizes the Final EIR public review process, and identifies the contents of each section.
- **Chapter 2: List of Commenters.** Lists the names of agencies, organizations, and individuals who commented on the Draft EIR.
- **Chapter 3: Responses to Comments.** This chapter first presents Master Responses to address topics that apply to numerous comments received on the Draft EIR. This chapter then presents copies of the written comments received. Specific responses to the individual coded comments in each correspondence are provided following each commenting letter/email.

- **Chapter 4: County-Initiated Updates and Errata to the Draft EIR.** This chapter includes revisions to the Draft EIR that represent minor changes or additions in response to some of the comments received on the Draft EIR, and additional edits to provide clarification of Draft EIR text. New text is indicated in double underline and text to be deleted is reflected by ~~double strike through~~. Text changes are presented in the page order in which they appear in the Draft EIR.
- **Appendix A: Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.** This appendix includes the final Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the Rodeo Renewed Project EIR. The MMRP is the document that will be used by the enforcement and monitoring agencies responsible for the implementation of the Project's mitigation measures, and are listed by environmental topic. The MMRP identifies each mitigation measure, the applicable enforcement agency, monitoring agency, monitoring phase, monitoring frequency, and action indicating compliance.

### 1.3 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

Public Resources Code section 21081.6 and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15097 (Mitigation Monitoring or Reporting) require public agencies to establish monitoring or reporting programs for projects approved by a public agency whenever approval involves the adoption of specified environmental findings related to an EIR (also mitigated negative declarations). Accordingly, as Lead Agency, the County has prepared an MMRP for the proposed Project; the MMRP is included in Appendix A to this this document.