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## Notice of Preparation

**To:** State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Interested Individuals  
**Subject:** Program Environmental Impact Report for the **California Indian Heritage Center General Plan**

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is the lead agency for the California Indian Heritage Center (CIHC) General Plan, as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). DPR is preparing a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft Program EIR) for the CIHC General Plan. We would like to know the views of interested individuals, organizations, and agencies as to the scope and environmental requirements to be included and analyzed in the EIR. Agencies should comment on the elements of potential environmental effects that are relevant to their statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project.

### Responses to this NOP

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, responses must be submitted to the address provided below **no later than 30 calendar days** after this notice is filed with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research/State Clearinghouse (January 13, 2010).

### Review Period: January 13 – February 12, 2010

#### Submit Comments To:

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### PROJECT LOCATION

The CIHC Planning Area consists of approximately 43 acres on the East Riverfront Property in the City of West Sacramento. The CIHC Planning Area is located along the Sacramento River across from its confluence with the American River (Exhibit 1).

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

DPR is developing the CIHC General Plan in accordance with Public Resources Code §5002.2 referencing General Plan guidelines and §21000 et seq. concerning the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Consistent with public resources code, the purpose of the General Plan is to evaluate and define proposed land uses, facilities, concessions, operation of the unit, any environmental impacts, and the management of resources. The General Plan will

serve as the guide for future development, management and operation of the CIHC planning area.

A core element of the CIHC General Plan will be construction of a cultural facility honoring the past, present, and future of California Indian people and their cultures. The facility will be integrated with the natural landscape and location at the confluence of two major rivers. The facility is expected to include a library, archives, tribal treasure exhibit space, resident artist space, offices, classrooms, a café, and a museum store. The grounds will also include an amphitheatre and event space, indigenous gardens, trails, public access to the Sacramento River, and vehicle parking.

The Draft Program EIR for the California Indian Heritage Center General Plan will address the full range of planning issues, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Protection and long-term management of sensitive natural, cultural, and aesthetic resources;
- Location in the floodplain adjacent to two major rivers;
- Traffic, transportation, and parking;
- Visitation;
- Recreation opportunities;
- Design criteria;
- Interpretation;
- Safety and Security.

#### **POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS**

The Draft Program EIR will evaluate the potential environmental effects of the proposed General Plan. Activities associated with the proposed project may affect special-status species and wetlands; traffic, circulation and parking; site access, security and safety; and hydrologic characteristics of the CIHC Planning Area.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC AND AGENCY PARTICIPATION RELATED TO THIS NOP**

##### **Scoping Meeting**

A planning workshop/Program EIR scoping meeting has been scheduled to provide additional information about the proposed project and to give interested parties an opportunity to comment on the scope and potential environmental effects of the project. The scoping meeting will be held at the following time and location:

Tuesday, January 26, 2010  
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
City of West Sacramento Council Chambers  
1110 West Capitol Avenue  
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Additional information about the planning process may also be found on the following website:

[http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=26094](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=26094)

Additional information about the CIHC may be found on the following website:

[http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=22628](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=22628)

**INTENDED USES OF THE PROGRAM EIR**

DPR and the State Park and Recreation Commission will use the Program EIR component of the General Plan to consider the environmental effects, mitigation measures, and alternatives during the General Plan process. The Program EIR will serve as the State's CEQA compliance document for adoption of the General Plan and will serve as the program environmental document for implementing future actions included in the General Plan.

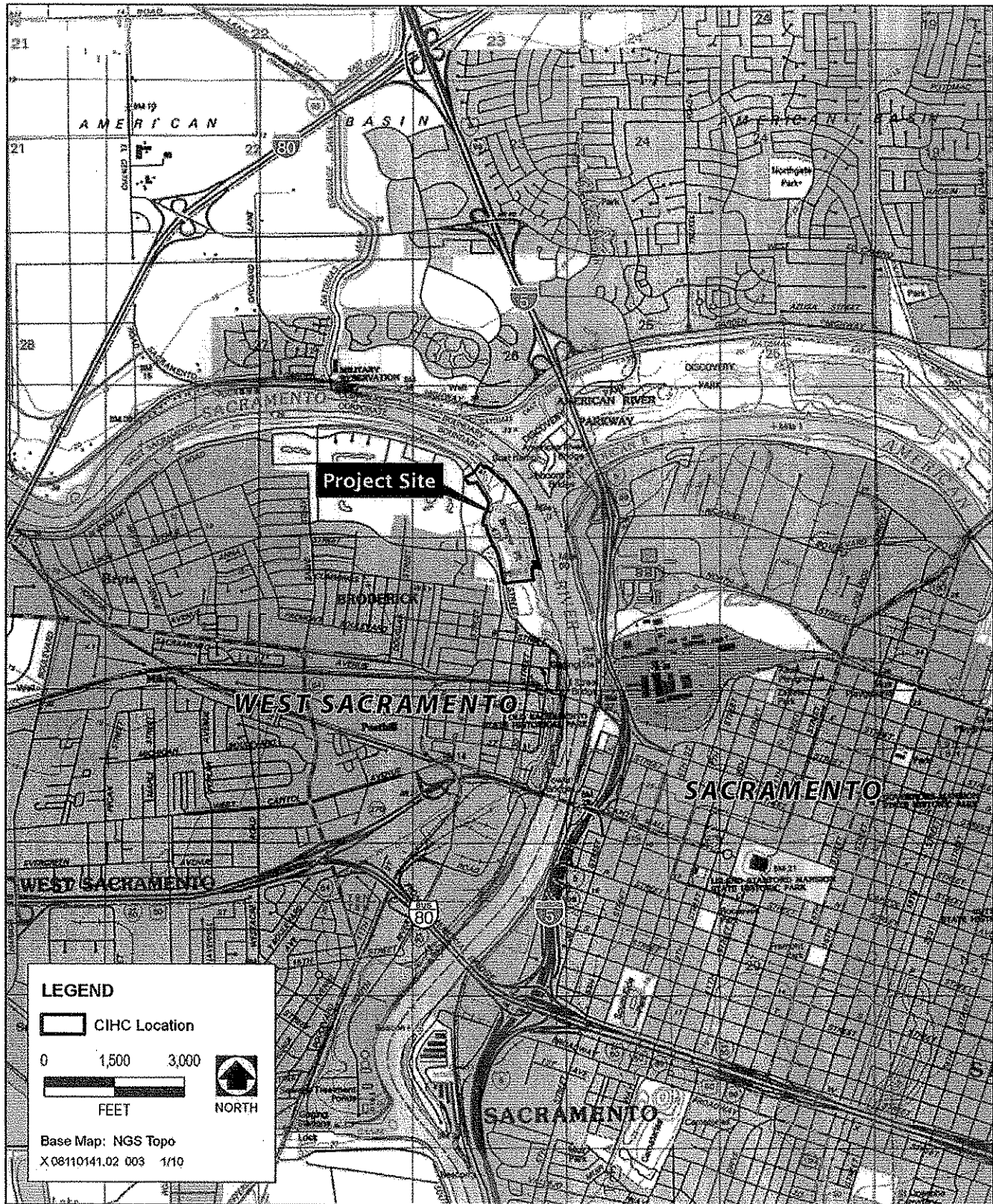
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Signature: 

Title: Assistant Deputy Director, Acquisition and Development

Date: January 12, 2010

**Attachment:** Exhibit 1: Regional Location of the California Indian Heritage Center



Source: City of West Sacramento 2009

**Regional Location of the California Indian Heritage Center**

**Exhibit 1**