



City of Merced General Plan Vision 2030

General Plan EIR Scoping Meeting
July 29, 2008

Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Purpose of Meeting
- General Plan Progress to Date
- Environmental Review Process
- Questions or Comments
- Wrap up and next steps

General Plan Status

- Community Visioning Workshops
- General Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Draft Land Use Map
- Policy Development
- Environmental Review



Environmental Review Process

- CEQA requirements:
 - Determination to prepare EIR
 - Analyze for potential impacts and significance:
 - » Traffic
 - » Air quality
 - » Critical habitat
 - » Public services
 - Identify mitigation measures to reduce significant impacts
 - Circulate Draft EIR
 - Prepare Final EIR
 - Public hearings/adoption
- Scoping important part of the early analysis
 - As residents, you are more familiar with local conditions
 - Agencies know the status of their CIP's and needs

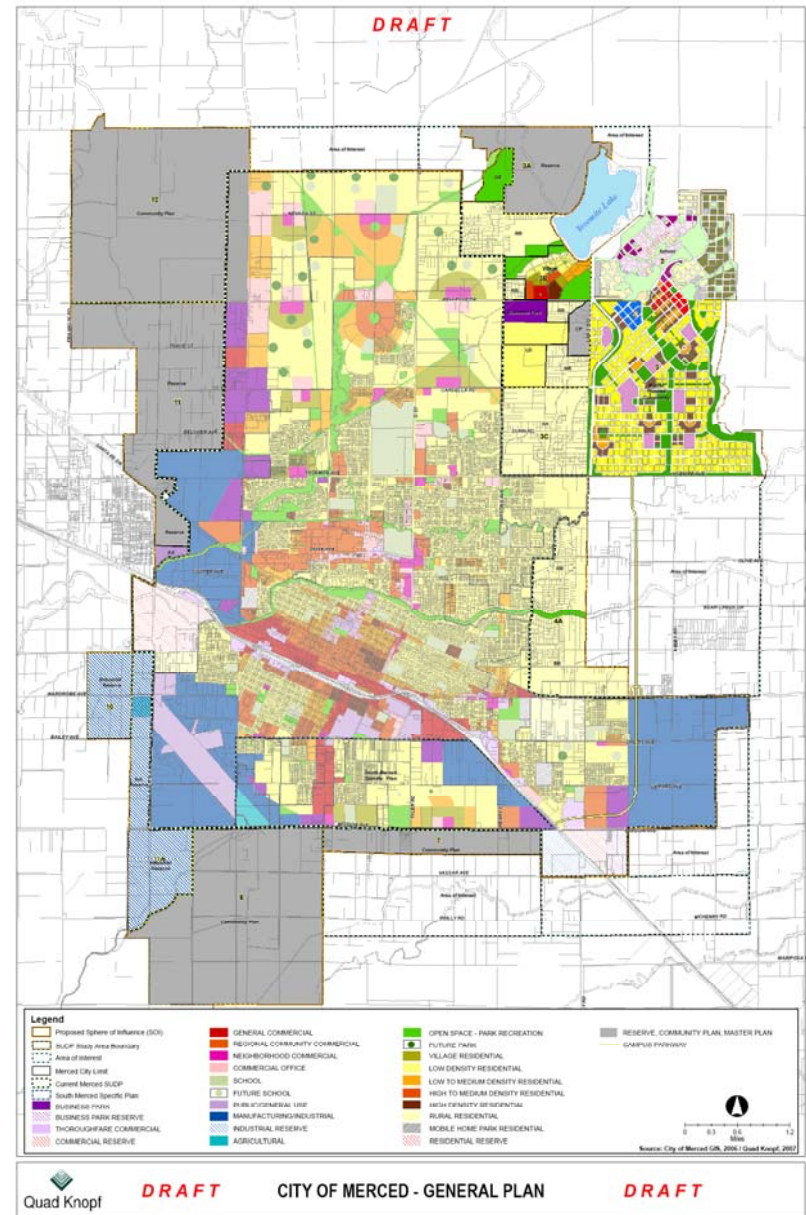
Purpose of an EIR

- Inform decision makers and public about a project's significant environmental effects and ways to reduce them
- Demonstrate to the public that the environment is being protected
- Ensure political accountability by disclosing to citizens environmental values held by elected and appointed officials
- Demonstrate to citizenry that the agency has considered the ecological implications of its action

Potential Environmental Issues in Merced

- Population Increase
- Agricultural Resources
- Traffic and Circulation
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Public Services
- Cultural Resources
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Mineral Resources
- Recreation
- Aesthetics
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Noise
- Land Use and Planning
- Utilities and Service Systems

City of Merced Draft Land Use Map



Next Steps

- Finish Administrative Draft
- Release Public Review Draft
- Preparation of Environmental Impact Report
- Release Draft EIR
- Public discussion and hearings
- Adoption of General Plan

Public Comments, Questions