



## Notice of Preparation and Scoping Meeting

### Orange County Civic Center Facilities Strategic Plan Environmental Impact Report

**DATE:** August 15, 2016

**TO:** Reviewing Agencies and Other Interested Parties

**FROM:** Orange County Executive Office, County of Orange, Hall of Administration, 333 W. Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, CA 92701

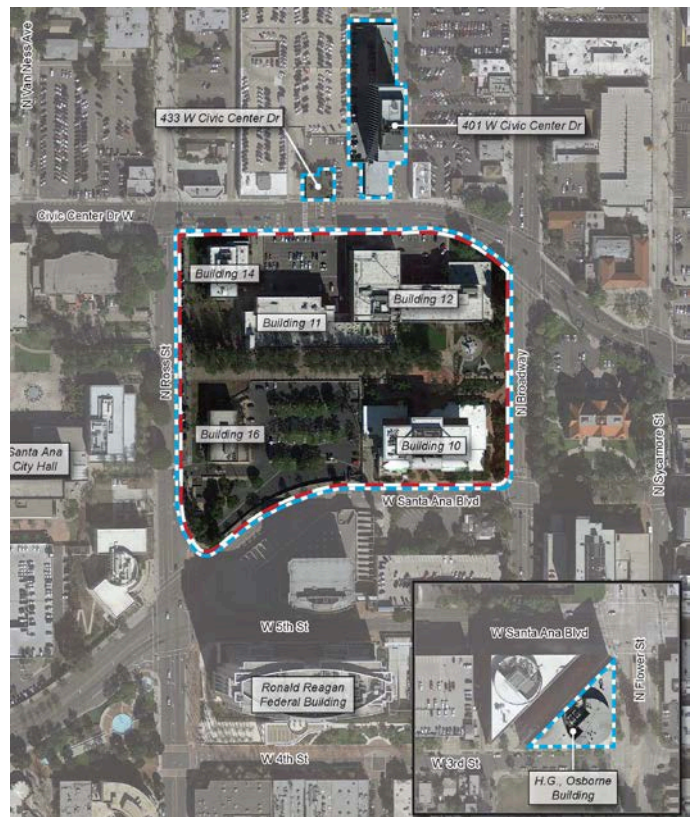
**PROJECT TITLE/SUBJECT:** Orange County Civic Center Facilities Strategic Plan (FSP Project) – Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

**PROJECT APPLICANT:** County of Orange

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION REVIEW PERIOD:** August 17, 2016 through September 15, 2016 (30 days)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the County of Orange has prepared an Initial Study for the Orange County Civic Center Facilities Strategic Plan (FSP Project) and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for said project. The County of Orange is the Lead Agency. The purpose of this notice is (1) to serve as a Notice of Preparation of an EIR pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA Guidelines) Section 15082, (2) to advise and solicit comments and suggestions regarding the scope and content of the EIR to be prepared for the proposed project, and (3) to notice the public scoping meeting.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The FSP Project Site consists of: 1) an approximate 10.74-acre County facility “superblock” and 2) County satellite buildings. The superblock is bounded by Ross Street to the west, Civic Center Drive to the north, Broadway to the east, and Santa Ana Boulevard to the south. County satellite buildings that would be renovated as part of the FSP Project but outside of the superblock include 401 and 433 W. Civic Center Drive north of the superblock across Civic Center Drive West and H.G. Osborne Building (300 N. Flower Street) southwest of the superblock.



**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The FSP Project entails the phased demolition, renovation, and new construction of multiple government buildings at the Project Site. The proposed demolition and new construction would occur within the superblock area of the Project Site. Physical improvements at the County satellite buildings would be limited to renovation. Project implementation would occur in four phases over approximately 18 years and would allow for the eventual renovation of approximately 289,360 square feet, demolition of approximately 429,277 square feet, and construction of approximately 818,676 square feet of building space. This would result in a net increase of 389,399 square feet of new government office uses.

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND INITIAL STUDY:** The County has prepared an Initial Study that provides a detailed project description and evaluation of the potential environmental effects of the FSP Project. The Notice of Preparation and accompanying Initial Study are available at the following locations:

County of Orange  
Hall of Administration  
333 W. Santa Ana Boulevard  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Santa Ana Public Library  
Main Library  
26 Civic Center Plaza  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Also accessible online at: <http://ocplanning.net/planning/projects>

**RESPONDING TO THIS NOTICE:** The County of Orange welcomes input and comments from agencies, persons, and organizations regarding the preparation of the EIR. **Comments in response to this notice must be received no later than 30 days beginning August 17, 2016, and ending the close of business on September 15, 2016.** All comments or other responses to this notice must be submitted in writing to Eric E. Hull, AICP, CEO Real Estate/Land Development, Hall of Administration, 333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Suite 144, Santa Ana, CA 92701-4062 or by email to Eric.Hull@ocgov.com.

**PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING:** The County of Orange will conduct a public scoping meeting in conjunction with this Notice of Preparation in order to present the FSP Project and the EIR process and to receive public comments and suggestions regarding the scope and content of the EIR. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 30, 2016 between 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.** at the County of Orange Hall of Administration at 333 W. Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, CA 92701.