



Notice of Availability

Date: August 14, 2026
To: Reviewing Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties
From: City of Norco
Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the City of Norco 2050 General Plan Update Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2024110840)

Notice is hereby given that the City of Norco, as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and the State *CEQA Guidelines*, has completed a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft PEIR) for the proposed City of Norco *2050 General Plan Update* (Project) and is inviting public review and comment.

The purpose of this Notice of Availability (NOA) is to inform reviewing agencies, organizations, and interested parties of the availability of the Draft PEIR pursuant to *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15087, and to advise and solicit comments regarding the contents of the Draft PEIR.

Project Location

The Project encompasses the incorporated limits of the City of Norco, Riverside County, California.

Project Description

The proposed Project consists of adoption and implementation of the City of Norco *2050 General Plan Update*. The proposed *2050 General Plan* updates the following General Plan elements required by State Planning and Zoning Law: (1) Land Use and Community Character (including the Land Use Map); (2) Circulation; (3) Infrastructure and Facilities; (4) Open Space and Conservation; (5) Safety; and (6) Noise.

The *2050 General Plan* includes Goals, Policies, and implementation actions developed through community outreach to advance the City's vision and community priorities. The *2050 General Plan* is intended to preserve Norco's rural, equestrian-oriented atmosphere and residential agricultural, animal-keeping neighborhoods; support local businesses;

establish a more prominent downtown consistent with the community's identity; maintain and enhance parks, public facilities, and open space; improve transportation and public safety; and strengthen Norco as a destination for equestrian, agricultural, and recreational experiences while addressing current planning needs and State planning requirements.

Environmental Topics Evaluated

The Draft PEIR evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of the proposed *2050 General Plan Update* in accordance with CEQA. Environmental topics evaluated include:

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

The Draft PEIR identifies one significant impact related to paleontological resources. The proposed *2050 General Plan* includes *Goal OSC-19* and *Policy OSC-19.1* to protect paleontological resources, and Mitigation Measure PAL-1 requires future development projects in areas of high or unknown paleontological sensitivity to conduct paleontological surveys or monitoring. With implementation of these measures, impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level with mitigation.

Public Review Period

The Draft PEIR is available for public review beginning on **Friday, August 14, 2026**. Written comments must be received no later than **5 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2026**. Please include the name and email address of a contact person at your agency with any submitted comments.

Written comments should be submitted to:

Colby Cataldi
Community Development Director
City of Norco
2870 Clark Avenue
Norco, CA 92860

Emailed comments should be submitted to: GP2050@ci.norco.ca.us

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Draft Program Environmental Impact Report—2050 General Plan Update

Document Availability

Copies of the Draft PEIR are available for review online at www.norco.ca.us/publicnotice and at Norco City Hall, located at 2870 Clark Avenue, Norco, CA 92860.

Public Hearings

Planning Commission

Tuesday, September 15, 2026
City Council Chamber
2820 Clark Avenue
Norco, CA 92860

City Council

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
City Council Chamber
2820 Clark Avenue
Norco, CA 92860

The Project site is not included on any list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 (California Department of Toxic Substances Control list of various hazardous sites).