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Project Title: City of Norco 2050 General Plan Update

Lead Agency: City of Norco

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Project Location: Norco Riverside
City County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed project consists of adoption and implementation of the City of Norco 2050 General Plan Update. The proposed 2050 General Plan includes updates to the following 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 General Plan is intended to preserve Norco's residential agricultural neighborhoods with a rural, equestrian-oriented atmosphere; 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.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The Draft Program EIR identifies one significant impact related to paleontological resources. Future ground-disturbing activities associated with development facilitated by the General Plan could disturb previously unknown paleontological resources. The Open Space and Conservation Element of the General Plan includes Goal OSC-19 and Policy OSC-19.1, which require protection of paleontological and geologic resources through resource assessments and implementation of appropriate measures for projects in areas of moderate to high paleontological sensitivity. In addition, Mitigation Measure PAL-1 requires future development projects in areas of high sensitivity, or areas without mapped sensitivity, to conduct a paleontological field survey or provide monitoring by a qualified paleontologist during ground-disturbing activities. With implementation of the General Plan Policies and MM PAL-1, impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level with mitigation.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

At the time of publication of the Draft Program EIR, the City is not aware of any areas of known controversy or unresolved issues associated with the proposed 2050 General Plan Update.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Air Resources Board, Caltrans District 8, California Department of Conservation, California Department of Fish and Wildlife – Region 6, Native American Heritage Commission, Office of Historic Preservation, Regional Water Quality Control Board – Region 8, Department of Toxic Substances Control, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Southern California Association of Governments