Chapter 1

Introduction

This document contains comments submitted by public agencies, organizations, private companies, and individuals concerning the February 2014 Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP) (the proposed project), responses to those comments, and appropriate revisions to the Draft EIR. The Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency for this project.

The Draft EIR was made available to the public and regulatory agencies for review and comment during a 60-day comment period between February 28, 2014 and April 29, 2014.

1.1 CEQA Requirements

The Guidelines implementing CEQA require that written responses be prepared for all written comments received on a Draft EIR during the public review period. Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15132, the Final EIR shall consist of:

1. The Draft EIR or a revision of that draft.
2. Comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR either verbatim or in a summary.
3. A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR.
4. The response of the Lead Agency to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process.
5. Any other information added by the Lead Agency

1.2 Final EIR Contents

This Final EIR has been prepared in compliance with the CEQA Guidelines and includes the following.

Volume I: Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report

The revised Draft EIR shows deletions in strikeout and additions in underline. In some cases entire figures or tables were replaced as noted in text.

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