1 INTRODUCTION

This Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) has been prepared to provide an assessment of the potential environmental consequences of adoption and implementation of the Town of Danville Draft 2030 General Plan (Draft 2030 General Plan). This assessment has been completed to inform decision-makers, the Town of Danville, other agencies, and the general public of the nature of the Draft 2030 General Plan and its effect on the environment. The Daft 2030 General Plan is analyzed in this Draft EIR, which has been prepared in accordance with, and in fulfillment of, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. The Town of Danville (Danville) is the lead agency on the project and the Draft EIR.

A. Proposed Action

The proposed action analyzed by this Draft EIR is the implementation of the Draft 2030General Plan. The Draft 2030 General Plan is an update of the Danville 2010General Plan, adopted in 1999. The Draft 2030 General Plan would be the principal policy document to guide future conservation and development in Danville. The Draft 2030General Plan not only provides concepts for long-term planning through 2030, it also provides overall direction to the day-to-day actions of Danville, its elected officials, and staff. The Draft 2030 General Plan is described in detail in Chapter 3 of the Draft EIR.

The proposed Draft 2030 General Plan includes goals, policies, and implementation measures that are intended to achieve the community's vision for Danville. The goals, policies, and implementation measures are to be used by Danville to guide everyday decision-making and to ensure progress toward the attainment of the goals outlined in the plan.

B. EIR Scope, Issues, and Concerns

This document is a program-level EIR that analyzes the proposed adoption and implementation of the Draft 2030 General Plan. Because it is a program-level EIR, it does not evaluate the impacts of specific, individual develop-

ments that may be allowed under the Draft 2030 General Plan. Each specific future project will require separate environmental review, as required by CEQA, prior to approval of any necessary discretionary development entitlements. Therefore, while subsequent environmental review may be tiered off this EIR, this EIR is not intended to address impacts of individual projects.

The scope of the Draft EIR was established by the Town of Danville through the General Plan Update process. Issues addressed in the Draft EIR include:

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forest Resources
- Air Quality
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology, Soils, and Mineral Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services and Recreation
- Traffic and Transportation
- Utilities and Infrastructure

C. *Report Organization*

This Draft EIR is organized into the following chapters:

- **Chapter 1: Introduction.** This chapter provides a preface and overview describing both the intended use of the document and the review and certification process of the proposed Draft 2030 General Plan and the Draft EIR.

- **Chapter 2: Report Summary**. This chapter summarizes environmental consequences that would result from the proposed project, describes recommended mitigation measures, and indicates the level of significance of environmental impacts before and after mitigation measures. A Summary Table of impacts and related mitigation measures is also included in this chapter.
- **Chapter 3: Project Description.** This chapter describes the Draft 2030General Plan in detail, including a summary of the chapters and a description of proposed land use designation changes and discussion of the proposed expansion of the Danville Planning Area and Sphere of Influence.
- **Chapter 4: Environmental Evaluation.** This chapter provides in-depth analysis of the potential environmental impacts of implementation of the Proposed Draft 2030 General Plan. The chapter also presents recommended mitigation measures, whenever required, to reduce their significance.
- **Chapter 5: Alternatives to the Proposed Project**. This chapter considers three alternatives to the proposed project, including the CEQA-required "No Project Alternative."
- **Chapter 6: CEQA-Required Assessment Conclusions**. This chapter discusses growth inducement, unavoidable significant effects, and significant irreversible changes as a result of the project.
- **Chapter 7: Report Preparers.** This chapter identifies the Draft EIR's preparers.

D. Environmental Review Process

The Public Review Draft EIR will be available for review by the public and interested parties, agencies, and organizations for a period of at least 45 days, as required by State law. A public hearing on the Draft EIR will be held with the Planning Commission during the review period, during which oral and written comments are welcome.

Written comments on the Draft EIR are encouraged for incorporation in the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) and should be submitted to:

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Following the close of the public comment period, a Final EIR will be prepared to respond to all substantive comments regarding the Draft EIR. The Final EIR will be reviewed by the Planning Commission together with the Draft 2030 General Plan. The Planning Commission will forward its recommendations regarding the Draft 2030 General Plan and Draft EIR to the Town Council for adoption/certification.