



## Notice of Preparation

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**DATE:** January 16, 2009

**TO:** Responsible Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

**LEAD AGENCY:** City of Ione  
Contact: Christopher Jordan, AICP, City Planner  
1 East Main Street  
P.O. Box 398  
Ione, CA 95640

**SUBJECT:** Environmental Impact Report for the Ione General Plan Update

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In discharging its duties under Section 15021 of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the City of Ione (as Lead Agency) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the City of Ione General Plan Update (proposed project). In accordance with Section 15082 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the City of Ione has prepared this Notice of Preparation to provide Responsible Agencies and other interested parties with sufficient information describing the proposed project and its potential environmental effects.

Project Name: Ione General Plan Update

Project Location: The City of Ione is located in southwestern Amador County approximately 30 miles southeast of Sacramento and 30 miles northeast of Stockton at the junction of State Highways 124 and 104 (see **Figure 1** for the regional location). The Ione General Plan Planning Area boundary (the study area for the General Plan update) encompasses approximately 31,770 acres and includes the existing City limits, sphere of influence (SOI), and lands just beyond the SOI (see **Figure 2** for the General Plan Planning Area).

Project Description: The proposed project consists of adoption of an updated General Plan for the City of Ione, an SOI amendment and annexation of land associated with the City's wastewater treatment plant and additional land(s), updates to the City's Zoning Code (Title 17 of the City's Municipal Code), and various roadway improvements.

The determination to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for this project was made by the City of Ione. The EIR will address the following environmental issues:

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology/Soils
- Hazards/Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Land Use/Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population/Housing/Employment
- Public Services/Utilities
- Recreation
- Transportation/Traffic

As specified by the State CEQA Guidelines and the City's local CEQA Guidelines, the Notice of Preparation will be circulated for a 30-day review period. The City of Lone welcomes agency and public input during this review. In the event that no response or request for additional time is received by any Responsible Agency by the end of the review period, the Lead Agency may presume that the Responsible Agency has no response.

Comments may be submitted in writing during the review period and addressed to:

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In addition, oral comments will be accepted at a **Public Scoping Meeting** on **Tuesday, February 10, 2009**, from 4:00 to 5:45 p.m. in the Lone City Hall, Council Chambers located at 1 East Main Street, Lone. Questions should be directed to Christopher Jordan, AICP, City Planner, at the same location or at (209) 274-2412, x104. Copies of this Notice of Preparation are available at City Hall.

**The comment period for the Notice of Preparation closes on February 16, 2009**