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TO: Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission
FROM: Peter Brundage, Executive Officer *PB*
RE: Natomas Joint Vision Update

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file this report. The purpose of this report is to provide the Commission with a brief update on the status of the Natomas Joint Vision.

DISCUSSION

On December 10, 2002, the City of Sacramento and the County of Sacramento entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish principles for the City to amend its Sphere of Influence for the area identified as the Natomas Joint Vision. This area is shown on the attached map.

The intent of the MOU was to establish a collaborative effort between the City and County to develop land use, open space preservation planning and revenue sharing principles prior to annexation. LAFCo is participating in this process as a partner so that the environmental document and Municipal Service Review can be utilized by LAFCo when it evaluates the Sphere of Influence Amendment for the city of Sacramento. This does not pre-suppose any decision your Commission may ultimately arrive at. However, this collaboration represents a more efficient use of public resources. The Natomas Joint Vision process currently consists of four (4) main components:¹

¹ The attached flow chart illustrates the conceptual work plan and time line.

Contract Approved

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| (1) | Open Space Program | August, 2006 |
| (2) | Environmental Impact Report (EIR) | November 21, 2006 |
| (3) | Municipal Service Review (MSR) | November 21, 2006 |
| (4) | Sphere of Influence Amendment | |
- Application Pending Completion of 1-3 Above

Open Space Program

The City of Sacramento has hired the Dangermond Group to evaluate constraints and opportunities of open space resource preservation within the Natomas Joint Vision Area. The open space report will examine and evaluate the following issues:

- a. Airport Protection
- b. Flood Management
- c. Habitat and Ecological Issues
- d. Agricultural Preservation, including a Sustainable Water Supply
- e. Recreation and Trail Access and Connectivity
- f. Community Separators

The objective of the Dangermond Group report is to determine the areas best suited for open space preservation and those areas best suited for urbanization. In addition, this process will examine how to finance open space acquisition in order to provide property owners with fair compensation.

The Dangermond Group will prepare a draft proposal and alternatives. The open space recommendation will be presented to the County of Sacramento and City of Sacramento for discussion. The Board of Supervisors and City Council will evaluate and approve or modify the draft recommendations. ***The objective is to reach a consensus on the preferred project description and alternatives within the Natomas Joint Vision Area.***

The next step in this process is to prepare an Environmental Impact Report and the Municipal Service Review based on the preferred project description and alternatives. Upon completion of the Open Space Program, MSR and EIR, LAFCo will use these studies to review and evaluate the Sphere of Influence for the Natomas Joint Vision Area in light of SACOG's projected population growth for the Sacramento Region. This is a very comprehensive approach that includes many stakeholders and agencies including, but not limited to:

- Property owners
- Community Interests
- Environmental Interests
- Agricultural Interests
- Airports

SAFCA and other Flood Control Agencies
Natomas Basin Conservancy
Yolo and Sutter County Interests
Natomas Central Mutual Water Company
Reclamation District #1000
Rio Linda-Elverta Recreation and Park District
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
California State Department of Fish and Game
SACOG
City/ County

**Environmental Impact Report and
Municipal Service Review**

RBF Consulting has been awarded the contract for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report and Municipal Service Review. LAFCo is a co-lead agency with the City of Sacramento in preparation of these documents.

The scope of this work is dependent on developing a project description and alternatives based on the open space program.

Conclusion

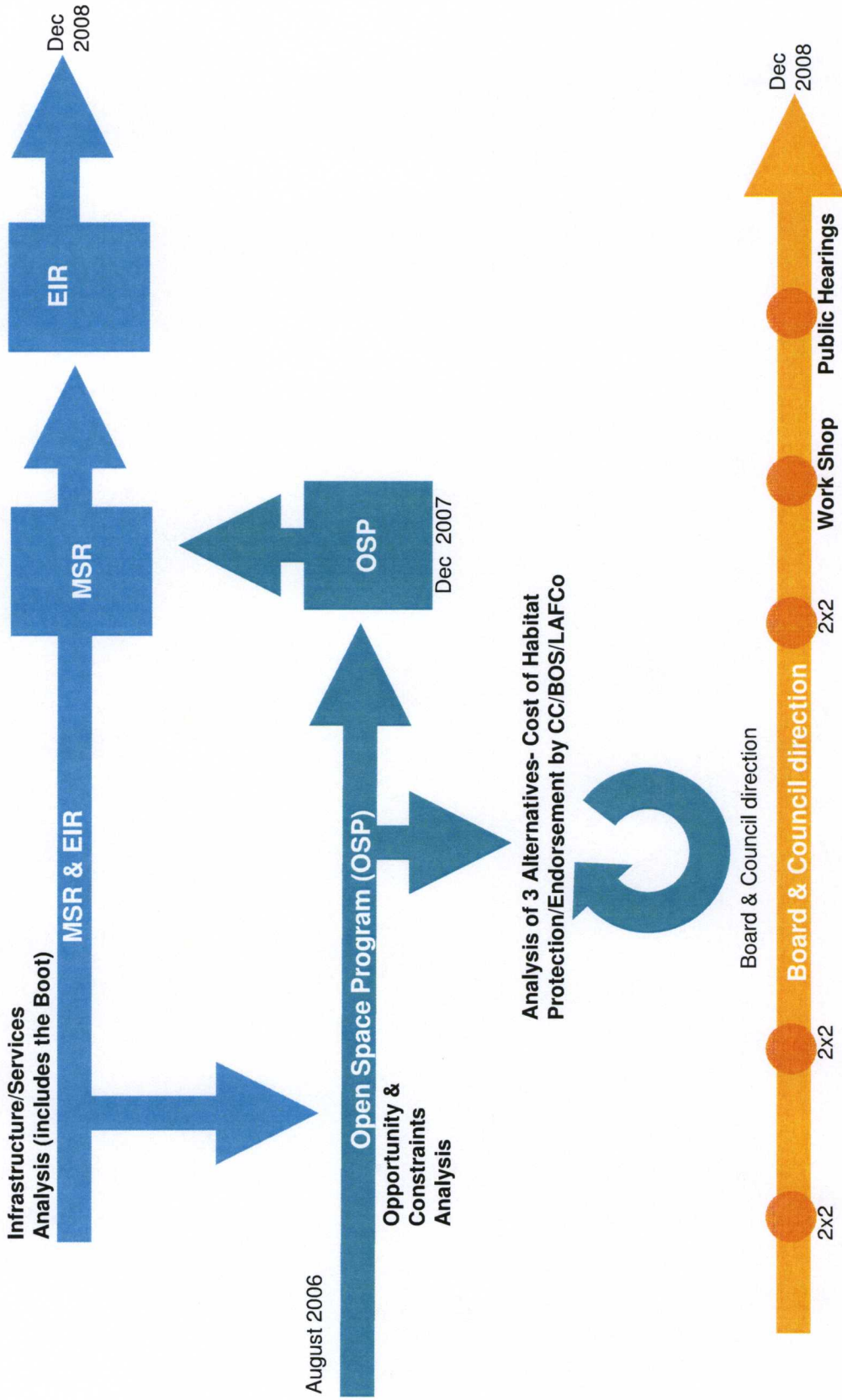
The development of a project description and alternatives continues to be a complicated and challenging process because of the number of stakeholders involved and the competing issues and inter-relationships between the stakeholder groups. There are a number of sensitive issues and concerns that must be addressed. We will continue to report back on the status and progress of this project.

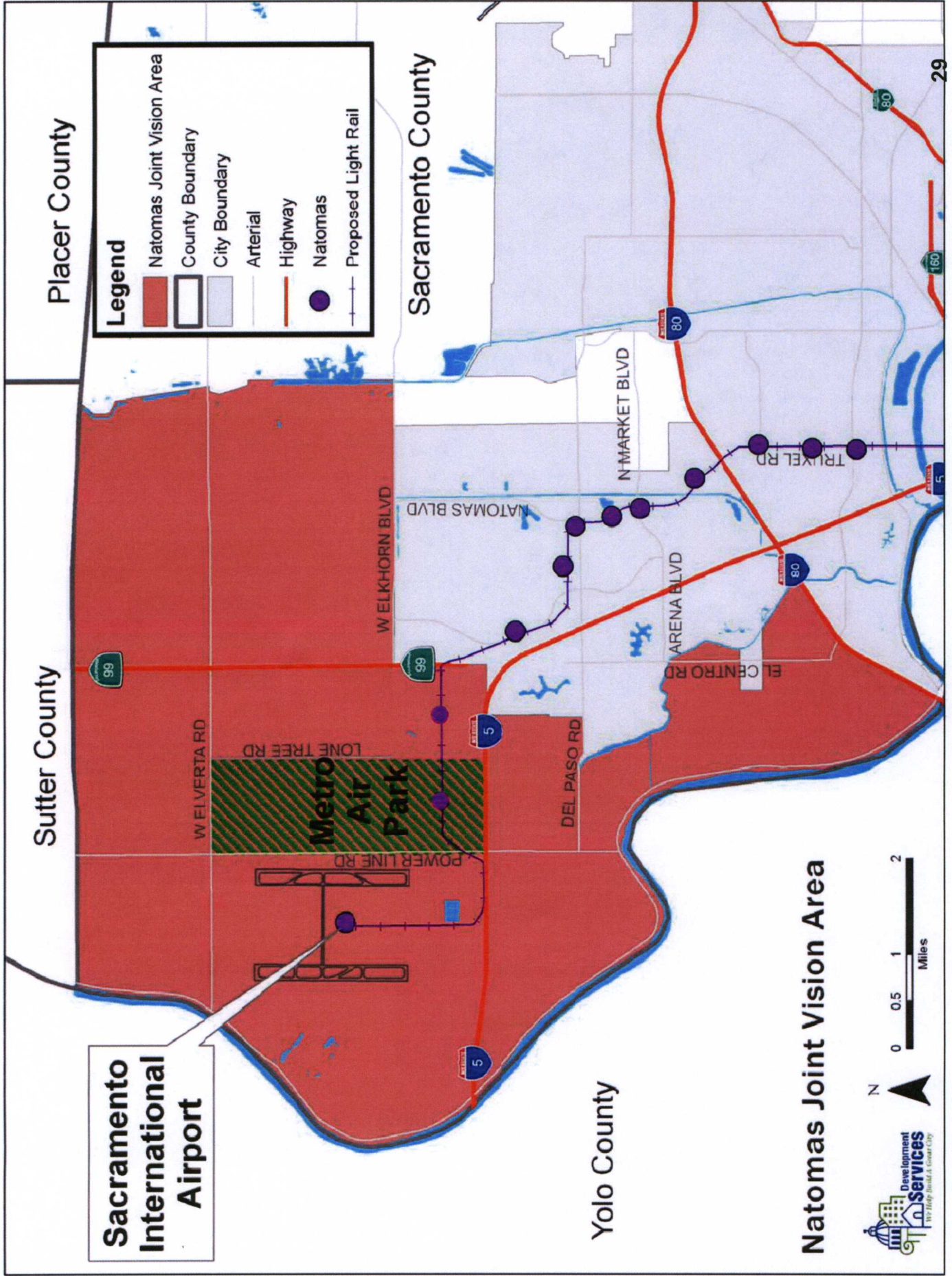
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Attachments
(Natomas Joint Vision Update)

Attachment A

NATOMAS JOINT VISION COORDINATION of the

Municipal Services Review, Open Space Program, & Board/Council Direction





Placer County

Legend

- Natomas Joint Vision Area
- County Boundary
- City Boundary
- Arterial
- Highway
- Natomas
- Proposed Light Rail

Sacramento County

Sutter County

Sacramento International Airport

W ELVERTA RD

LONE TREE RD

Metro Air Park

POWER LINE RD

WELKHORN BLVD

NATOMAS BLVD

DEL PASO RD

ARENA BLVD

EL CENTRO RD

N MARKET BLVD

TRUXEL RD

Yolo County

Natomas Joint Vision Area





