

## Notice of Preparation

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Date: February 11, 2011

To: Responsible Agencies and Other Interested Parties	From: City of Vacaville Community Development Department 650 Merchant Street Vacaville, CA 95688
State Clearinghouse P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	

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The City of Vacaville (Lead Agency) is preparing a programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Vacaville General Plan Update and Climate Action Plan (CAP). This programmatic EIR will address the environmental impacts associated with the broad policies of the General Plan and the CAP. The EIR will not evaluate detailed, site-specific projects under the General Plan. Therefore the analysis will be more qualitative in nature than a project EIR. The Vacaville General Plan and CAP project is described below. Additional information regarding the Vacaville General Plan and CAP project is available at [www.vacavillegeneralplan.org](http://www.vacavillegeneralplan.org).

Members of the public and public agencies are invited to provide comments in writing as to the scope and content of the EIR. The City needs to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than the close of the NOP review period on March 17, 2011.

Please send your response to Tyra Hays, Senior Planner, at the address shown above. Please include a name and contact information for a contact person for your agency.

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1. **Project Name:** Vacaville General Plan Update and Climate Action Plan

2. **Project Location:**

Vacaville is located in Solano County between Dixon and Fairfield. Interstate 80 runs from the southwest to the northeast through the city. Figure 1 shows the regional setting of Vacaville. The Study Area of the General Plan Update is shown in Figure 2.

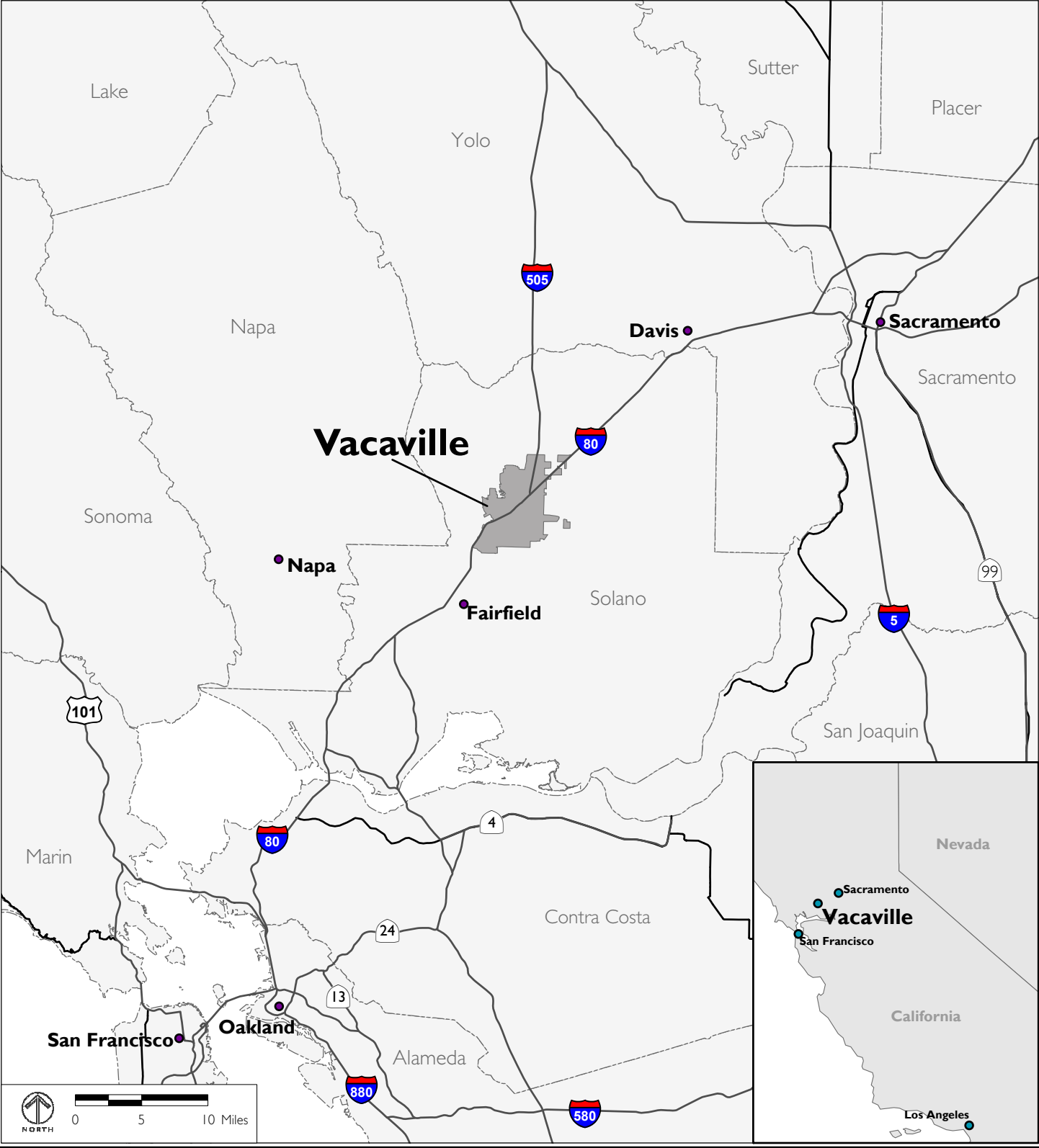
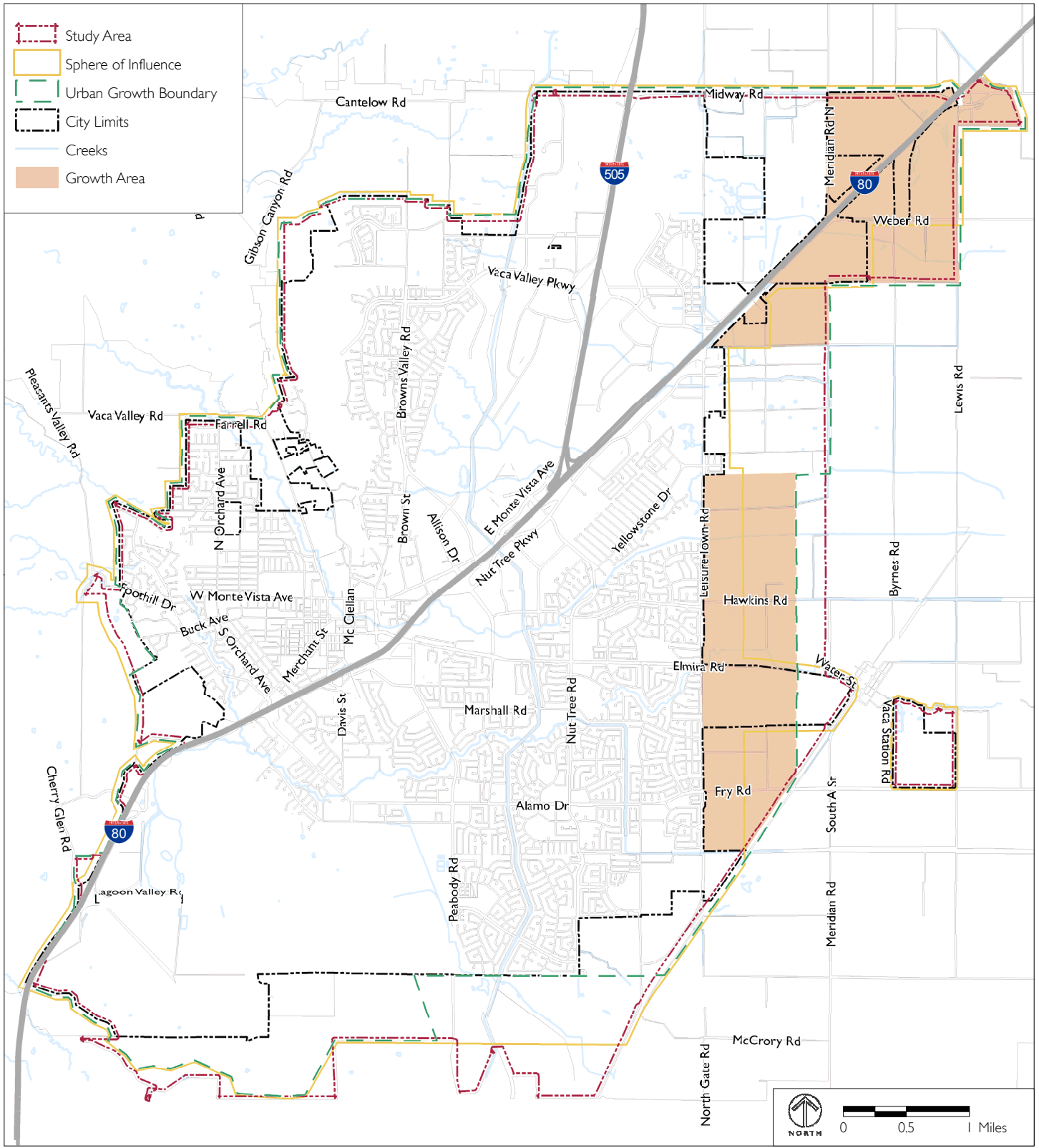


FIGURE I  
REGIONAL LOCATION



Source: City of Vacaville.

FIGURE 2  
STUDY AREA

**3. Lead Agency Contact:**

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**4. Project Sponsor:**

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**5. Project Description:**

The City of Vacaville is preparing a comprehensive update to its existing General Plan. The update is expected to be completed in 2012 and will guide the City's development and conservation for the next 20 years. The project also includes a preparation of a Climate Action Plan (CAP). The CAP will be a separate document that sets targets and establishes measures to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Vacaville.

State law requires that the General Plan contain seven elements: Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Open Space, Noise, Safety, and Conservation. The content of these elements is outlined in State law. The Vacaville General Plan Update will include revisions to the policies and land use map of the existing General Plan.

The updated General Plan will include all State-required elements and some optional elements, including the following: Land Use; Transportation; Conservation and Open Space; Parks and Recreation; Public Facilities, Institutions, and Utilities Element; Safety; and Noise. The Housing Element was recently updated and adopted by the City Council on April 27, 2010, and will not be included as part of the General Plan Update.

The overall purpose of Vacaville General Plan is to create a policy framework that articulates a vision for the city's long-term physical form and development, while preserving and enhancing the quality of life for Vacaville's residents. The key components of this project will include broad community goals for the future of Vacaville and specific policies and implementing actions that will help meet the goals.

In addition, the General Plan Update will establish land use designations for two major growth areas located on the eastern edge of Vacaville and shown in Figure 2. These growth areas were established through the City's Urban Growth Boundary, which was initiated through a voter signature gathering process and approved by the City Council in 2008. The General Plan Update will also consider potential land use changes to other areas within Vacaville where change or

enhancement of existing uses is desired over the next 20 years. However, the majority of the land use designations in the developed areas in Vacaville will remain as designated under the existing General Plan.

**6. Probable Environmental Impacts of the Project**

The EIR for the proposed General Plan and CAP will address the range of impacts that could result from adoption and implementation of the General Plan and CAP. Below is a list of environmental topics that will be examined in the Vacaville General Plan and CAP EIR.

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

**7. Public Scoping Meeting**

The City will have a Scoping Meeting to: 1) inform the public and interested agencies about the proposed project; and 2) solicit public comment on the scope of the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR.

Date/Time: Thursday, March 10, 2011  
6:00 pm

Location: City of Vacaville  
City Hall  
City Council Chambers  
650 Merchant Street  
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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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