

# **Environmental Standing Committee Report**



December 14, 2023



# Committee Information

- Committee Members

- George Steed, Chairperson
- Jan Kuenzi
- Melinda Peak
- David Yeh
- Bob Williams

- Initial Meeting

- December 4, 2023

- Committee Goals

- Develop processes with EDC departments and EDH community to gather and incorporate comments, concerns, and recommendations
- Build awareness and knowledge of environmental processes associated with EDC land use policies and ordinances
- Engage constructively, work collaboratively



# Current Activities

- Verizon/Epic Wireless Monopole
  - Prepared comment letter from APAC for 12/14 Planning Commission meeting
- CEDHSP 3<sup>rd</sup> Partial Revised DEIR
  - Review and prepare recommendation for APAC action at January meeting
- EDH Business Park
  - Assess state of formation documents related to environmental impact reports and studies
  - Assess impact of recent studies and prepare report and recommendations to APAC



# CEDHSP 3<sup>rd</sup> Partial Revision DEIR

- Committee Members are concerned and frustrated with EDC direction
  - This revision fails to address any issues in the previous APAC Findings Report
  - EDC condoning the applicant's proposed process is unacceptable
    - Most likely scenario now is the sale of land to CSD
    - Continuing wastes scarce staff resources to the detriment of other projects and applicants
  - EDC Planning Notice of Availability includes Project Information that states:
    - Conflicts with or *obstructs* implementation of the applicable air quality plan
    - Exposes sensitive receptors to *substantial* toxic air contaminants
    - Causes a *substantial adverse* change in the significance of an archaeological resource
    - Generates *significant* GHG and conflicts with applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted
    - Exposes people or generates noise in excess of General Plan Standards
- Committee will review and report at January meeting



# EDH Business Park

- Formation Documents
  - Environmental reports and studies are not readily available
  - Predate EDC and State digitizing
  - Predate creation of Carson Creek Preserve
- New Environmental Information
  - Helix and ESA reports
  - Special Status Wildlife, Species of Special Concern, Birds of Prey and Migratory Birds identified in CC Preserve and within 5-mile radius
- Current Projects
  - Gateway El Dorado
    - Industrial Wholesale Distribution
    - Retail/Commercial
  - Latrobe Self-Storage (CUP22-0017)
    - Water Run-off into CC Preserve
  - Carson Creek R&D (P22-0009)
    - Industrial Wholesale Distribution
    - Significant truck trips
    - EDC AQMD Waiver??



## Other Items

- Research and Learn – Land Use Environmental Issues
  - Research area policies, precedents and history
  - Review pending projects and documents
  - Identify best practices of surrounding communities
- Coordinate closely with Transportation Committee
  - EDH Business Park research and assessment
    - **Cumulative** impact of projects **must** be considered
- Monitor projects with DEIRs in process
  - Creekside Village
  - Town and Country