

# TAAG PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING REPORT TO TAAG BOARD

**Thursday, September 23, 2021**

## **1. DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR) FOR THE PROPOSED CO-LOCATED DISPATCH FACILITY PROJECT—**

The TAAG Board recommended that the Project Review Committee further review this DEIR and present specific recommendations for TAAG comments and recommendations about this project. Because of a limited time-frame for comments—due by October 11, 2021—this special meeting was called.

After significant deliberation, PRC identified four areas of concern.

A report will be prepared on each of these items and presented at a SPECIAL TAAG Board meeting for consideration. Recommendations regarding transportation impacts will be prepared by Dorothy Jennings. Recommendations regarding lighting will be prepared by Erik Gorham. Recommendations regarding drainage and flood control will be prepared by Bruce Jones. Recommendations regarding visual esthetics will be prepared by Dede Davis and Murray Powell. Below is a description of the project:

The County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works (County) proposes to construct a Co-Located Dispatch Facility that includes the Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center (SODC) and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire), and San Luis Obispo County Fire Department's Emergency Command Center (ECC). The facility would serve as the County's primary Public Safety Answering Point to provide dispatch for law enforcement, fire, and ambulance services throughout the unincorporated regions of the county, as well as within the seven incorporated communities. The proposed facility would be located at the existing San Luis Obispo County Sheriff facility at 350-358 North Main Street, Templeton, CA 93465 (project site; site) (Figure 1). The site is a County-owned parcel approximately 5 acres in size with an access drive off North Main Street. The project will be built to essential services requirements to provide uninterrupted communications for emergency services in the event of disaster or emergency. Existing facilities at the site to remain include a County sheriff building, a County Department of Agriculture building, a covered vehicle area, a stormwater basin, and the access drive and a pedestrian walkway to the parcel off North Main Street. Proposed facilities for the Co-Located Dispatch Facility include an approximately 16,000- to 20,000-square feet, two-story Essential Services Emergency Dispatch building that will include dispatching centers, staff offices, dormitory, IT server and radio communications space, secure armory, kitchen and break areas, locker rooms, exercise room, laundry, and delivery, supply, and storage areas. The facility would support between 15 and 30 personnel. The Co-Located Dispatch Facility would also include construction of a 140-foot-high public safety radio communications tower with two-way radio antennas, microwave radio antennas, and other associated public

safety related communications equipment. Antennas attached to the top of the tower could increase the total height of the structure to 160 feet

Public comments regarding the project's Draft Environmental Impact Report must be submitted to the SLO County Public Works Department by no later than October 11, 2021.

Here is a link to this 240-page DEIR County document:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Forms-Documents/Projects/Co-Located-Dispatch-Facility/Co-Located-Dispatch-Facility-DEIR.pdf>