

## **I INTRODUCTION**

### *A. Purpose of the Environmental Impact Report*

This document has been prepared in the form of an addendum to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Siena Hill project. The Draft EIR identified the likely environmental consequences associated with the project, and recommended mitigation measures to reduce potential significant impacts.

The Final EIR responds to comments on the Draft EIR and makes revisions to the Draft EIR as necessary in response to these comments.

This document, together with the Draft EIR, will constitute the Final EIR if the City of Oakland Planning Commission certifies it as complete and adequate under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

### *B. Environmental Review Process*

According to CEQA, lead agencies are required to consult with public agencies having jurisdiction over a proposed project, and to provide the general public and project applicant with an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIR. This Final EIR has been prepared to respond to those comments received on the Draft EIR and to clarify any errors, omissions, or misinterpretation of discussions of findings in the Draft EIR.

The Draft EIR was made available for public review on November 22, 2004. The Draft EIR was distributed to local and State responsible and trustee agencies and the general public was advised of the availability of the Draft EIR through public notice posted by the City Clerk of the City of Oakland as required by law. The 45-day public comment period on the Draft EIR ended on January 5, 2005.

Copies of all written comments received on the Draft EIR are contained in this report. A summary of comments made at the public hearings is also included.

*C. Method of Organization*

This Final EIR for the proposed Siena Hill project contains information in response to concerns raised during the public comment period. This report is organized into the following chapters:

- ◆ Following this introductory Chapter 1, **Chapter 2** of this document contains text changes (initiated by the Oakland Community and Economic Development Department staff and those resulting from comments on the Draft EIR) and errata to the Draft EIR.
- ◆ **Chapter 3** contains a list of all persons and organizations that submitted written comments on the Draft EIR and that testified at the public hearing held on January 2, 2005.
- ◆ **Chapter 4** contains comment letters received during the comment period and the responses to each comment. Each comment is labeled with a number in the margin and the response to each comment is presented immediately after the comment letter.
- ◆ **Chapter 5** contains a summary of the public comments received during the public hearing held on January 5, 2005, and the responses to the comments received during the public hearings.