



City of Los Angeles

Proposed Citywide Cat Program Environmental Impact Report

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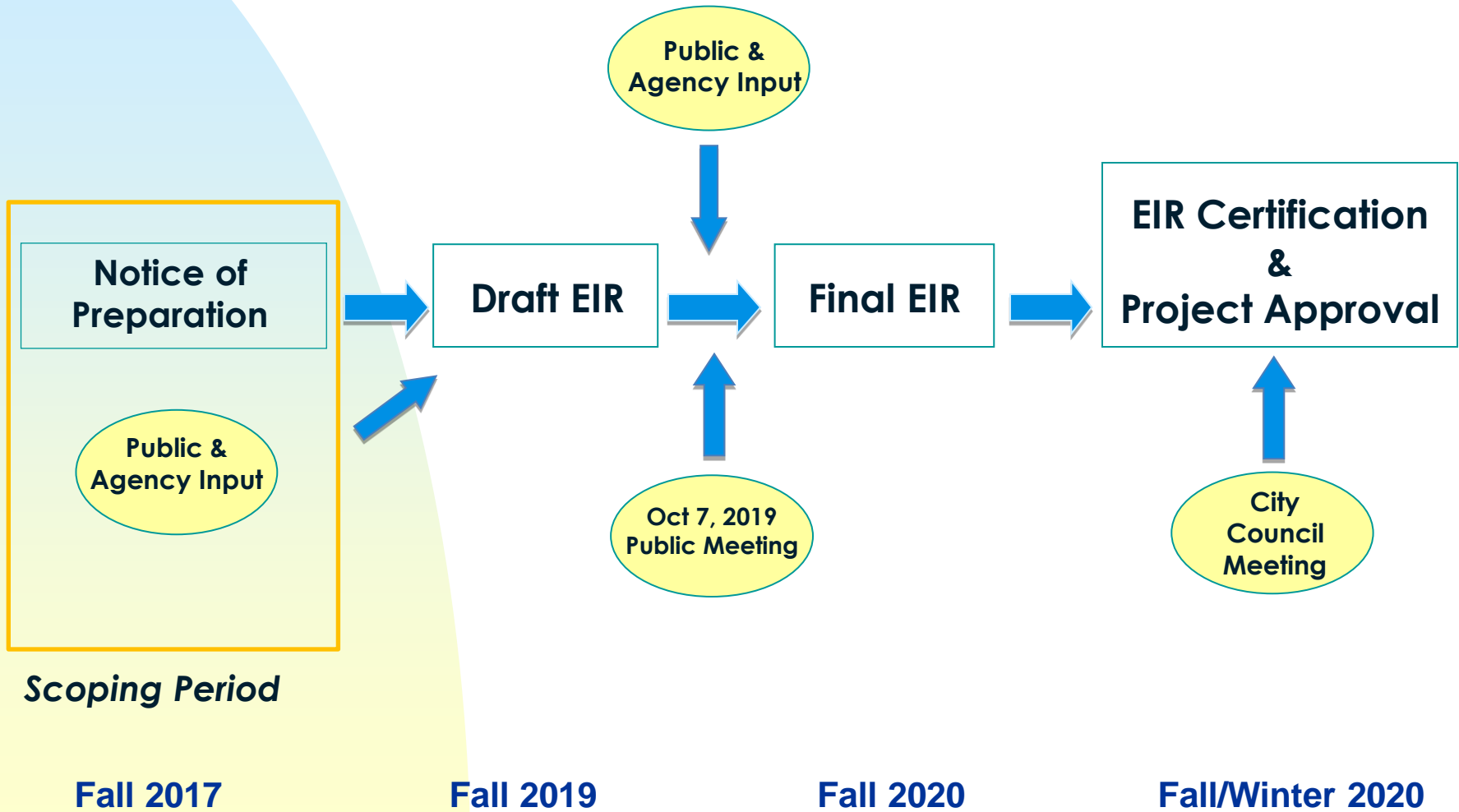
Project Objectives

- Facilitate spaying and neutering of cats in the City.
- Reduce the relative number of free-roaming cats in the City over time.
- Facilitate more public education on animal-related topics, including free-roaming cats.
- Train animal services center staff members on cat management programs and engage in collaborative efforts with local rescue groups to help respond to and address free-roaming cat issues.
- Further implement the City's no-kill policy by reducing the rate of euthanasia of cats in City animal services centers.
- Adopt Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) as the preferred policy to humanely address free-roaming cats.

Project Description (Chap 1 Final EIR)

- **Funding** for the spay/neuter of 20,000 free-roaming cats a year for next 30 years
- **Code Amendments** to broaden permitted use of Animal Sterilization Fund and definition of a cat kennel
- **Modified Trap, Neuter & Return (TNR) Program** that facilitates TNR through use of a voucher program for sterilizations, community education and outreach, and collaboration with TNR organizations; Includes guidelines focused on TNR best practices
- **City of LA Working Cat Program** – free-roaming cats adopted to indoor/enclosed sites, sites self-select
- **Public Education and Outreach Campaign** – will raise public awareness of the existing impacts of free-roaming cats related to wildlife, habitat, and public health

CEQA Environmental Review Process



EIR Scope

The Draft EIR analyzed these environmental issues in detail:

- **Biological Resources**
- **Water Quality**
- **Human Health Hazards**

Utilizing these methods/approaches:

- **Comprehensive Literature Review**
- **Population Dynamics Model**
- **Environmentally Sensitive Areas**



How CEQA Impacts were Calculated

1. We analyzed the existing environmental conditions and what expected future conditions would look like without the proposed Project (**Baseline Conditions – Existing Impacts**) (Draft EIR Chap 4)
2. We analyzed the environmental conditions over the life (30 years) of the proposed Project (**Project conditions – Project Impacts resulting from act of trapping, sterilizations, returning cat to where it was found**). (Draft EIR Chapter 4, Final EIR Chapter 3)
3. We compared the baseline and project conditions. The difference between baseline and project conditions (the delta) is compared to CEQA thresholds (**Impact analysis**).
4. If the delta exceeds the threshold, the impact is considered significant. If the delta does not exceed the threshold, the impact is considered less than significant (**CEQA determination**).

Findings of EIR

- **Less than Significant Impact (See Chapter 4 of Draft EIR):**
 - Biological Resources
 - Water Quality
 - Human Health Hazards
- **No Impact (See Chapter 3 of Draft EIR):**
 - Aesthetics
 - Air Quality & Greenhouse Gas Emissions
 - Cultural Resources & Tribal Cultural Resources
 - Energy
 - Geology and Soils
 - Land Use
 - Noise
 - Population and Housing
 - Public Services
 - Transportation
 - Public Utilities
 - Wildfire Hazards

Alternatives (Draft EIR Chap 5)

- **No Project Alternative*** – No City engagement or facilitation of TNR
- **Alt 1*** – **Funding for 20K sterilization vouchers for owned pet cats**
- Alt 2 – No-roaming ordinance for owned cats
- Alt 3 – pet cat license and registration
- Alt 4 – City ban on outdoor feeding of all cats (owned & free-roaming)
- Alt 5 – Enforce mandatory spay/neuter of owned cats
- **Alt 6*** – **Facilitate free trapping/streamlined permitting to surrender to shelter or other options, no return to field; Focus on increased trapping**
- Alt 7 – Reduce the number of cats allowed per residence
- Alt 8 – Dusk to dawn curfews for owned cats – keep pets in at night
- Alt 9 – Limit allowed number of cats per residence based on square footage
- Alt 10 – Ban pet owners from allowing animals to trespass on any unenclosed public property or private property or private property without consent
- Alt 11 – alternative locations
- Alt 12 – Trap and euthanize free-roaming cats

**Alternatives analyzed in more detail in the Draft EIR*

***See also Master Response Alternatives Analysis in the Final EIR*

Public Comments (FEIR Chap 2)

- Findings – Biological Impacts, Public Health Impacts, Water Quality Impacts
- Modeling
- Implementation Guidelines
- Mitigation Measures
- Feeding
- Removal of Nuisance Cats
- Alternatives Analysis
- General Support

Changes from Draft EIR to Final EIR (FEIR Chap 3)

- Modeling Updates
- Implementation Guidelines
- Public Education and Outreach Campaign
- Removal of Nuisance Cats