

Image Sources: MIG, 2017; WMB, 2017 and 2018; NPS, 1990

# Yolo County Library New Yolo Branch Library Building Project Draft EIR Public Meeting – August 14, 2018



# Introduction – New Yolo Branch Library Building Project EIR

The Yolo County Library issued a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the New Yolo County Library Building Project on July 20, 2018.

Tonight's meeting is on the contents of the Draft EIR. We will review:

- The project's background and purpose
- The key characteristics of the project
- Why an EIR was prepared
- What is in the EIR
- What is the CEQA/EIR process
- How to comment on the EIR



Image Sources: WMB, 2018; July 2018 Draft EIR Cover; Figure 2-6 from Draft EIR

## The existing Yolo Branch Library:

- Is the oldest (almost 100 years) and smallest library building in the County library system
- Is a historical resource listed on the National Register of Historic Places and California Register of Historical Resources
- Has significant structural deficiencies and other fire and life safety, plumbing, electrical, roofing, and deferred maintenance issues.

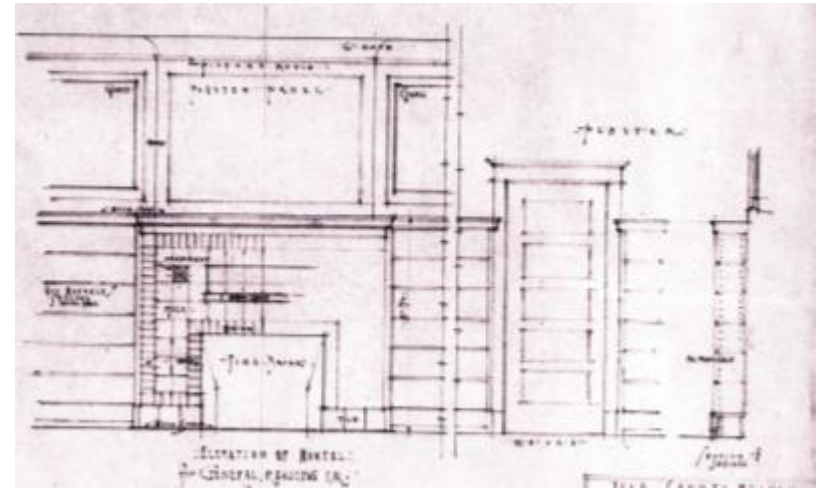
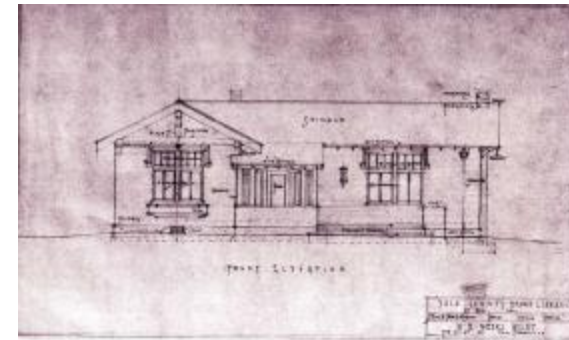


Image Sources: WMB, 2018; Buehler & Buehler, 2016



The project is intended to:

- Eliminate existing building's structural and other issues (i.e., provide a permanent library facility)
- Provide a new, larger library that:
  - Has programming flexibility
  - Expands book and media collections
  - Improves services / operating goals
  - Can be operated by limited staff
- Provide a meeting room / other space that supports the library's use as a community gathering place
- Retain the look, feel, character, and history of the site and Town – to “link” the new library building to its history in a feasible manner.



Source: NPS, 1990, MIG, 2017; WMB 2018

The proposed project involves:

- Demolition / deconstruction of the existing library building (approx. 1,000 sq. ft.) at 37750 Sacramento Street and existing residence (approx. 1,150 sq. ft.) on adjacent lot at 14184 Second Street
  - Yolo Fire Protection District is interested in potential controlled-burn training exercise as a means to remove residence
- Construction of the new Yolo Branch Library building (one-story, approx. 3,800 sq. ft.), with community mtg. room
- Lot merger (to 0.65-acres) and rezone to Public/Quasi Public use
- Operation of the new library



Image Sources: MIG, 2017; Draft EIR Figure 2-8

# Why did the Yolo County Library Prepare an EIR? (EIR Ch. 1, 2, and 4)

The proposed project would demolish a historical resource (the existing library), which is a significant impact under CEQA and requires the preparation of an EIR.

The EIR process provides maximum opportunity for agency/public participation.

Draft EIR development included Notice of Preparation (NOP), agency coordination, preparation of a Historical Resources Report (by JRP Historical Consulting, LLC), other research and analyses.

NPS Form 10-900  
(Rev. 8-89)

United States Department of the Interior  
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NATIONAL REGISTER  
REGISTRATION FORM

OMB No. 1024-0118

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

**1. Name of Property**  
historic name Yolo Branch Library  
other names/site number Yolo Carnegie Library

**2. Location**  
street & number 200 Sacramento St. n/a  not for publication  
city, town Yolo n/a  vicinity  
state California code CA county Yolo code 113 zip code 95697

**3. Classification**

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district		<u>0</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		<u>0</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		<u>0</u>
	<input type="checkbox"/> object		<u>0</u>
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
		Total	

Name of related multiple property listing: California Carnegie Libraries  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Stephyn Swartz Signature of certifying official 10/20/90 Date  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

**5. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby, certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.  
 determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  
 determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Selma Byun Signature of the Keeper 12/10/90 Date of Action  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

STAMP: STORED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Excerpt from Yolo Branch Library NRHR Registration form (1990)

The Draft EIR identifies no/less than significant impacts on:

- Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gases, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Utilities and Service Systems

The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant impacts on:

- Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural/Tribal Cultural Resources, Hazards, Hydrology/Water Quality, Noise and Vibration
  - Most impacts (7 out of 12) are temporary, construction-related impacts, including impacts from potential controlled burn activities: AES-1, AIR-1, BIO-1, CUL-3 (including tribal cultural resources), HAZ-1, HYD-1, and NOI-1
  - Mitigation measures for construction-related impacts include pre-construction surveys for resources, construction monitoring, community notification of construction activities, etc.

The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant permanent / operations-related impacts on:

- Aesthetics (AES-1): Existing building's architectural style has been part of Town for 100 years; the Yolo County Library would incorporate character-defining architectural features of the existing library into the new project design.
- Hydrology (HYD-2 and HYD-3): Stormwater and flooding impacts addressed through site design mitigation
- Noise (NOI-2): Community use of the library must end by 9:00 PM, amplified sound is prohibited during community meetings.
- Cultural (Historical) Resources (CUL-1 and CUL-2): Demolition of the existing historical library building



The Draft EIR identifies 4 mitigation measures pertaining to demolition of the existing Yolo Branch Library building :

- CUL-1A: Documentation and recordation of the existing building
- CUL-1B: Incorporate interpretive materials into final project design.
- CUL-1C: Salvage Plan to identify and incorporate architectural design/specific elements into final project design.
- CUL-1D: Seek funding to preserve and relocate the building.

These measures would document significant physical characteristics, inform the community and public about the library's history, and salvage and reinterpret certain important architectural elements . . . . But, they may not avoid the demolition of the library.

Impact CUL-1 is a **significant and unavoidable** impact, even with feasible mitigation measures.

The Draft EIR identifies 7 potential alternatives:

- 5 alternatives are rejected from detailed consideration because they are infeasible, would not obtain most of the project's objectives, and/or do not avoid or substantially lessen the project's significant impacts:
  - Rehabilitate the Existing Library Building, Expand the Existing Library Building, Preserve the Existing Library Building, Alternative Site Location, Temporary Service Options
- No Project Alternative: Continues interim library services from the modular – this alternative does not achieve any project objectives and may avoid demolition in the near-term, but not in the long-term.
- Reduced Project Alternative: Results in approx. 2,000 to 2,500 sq. ft. new library building without community room – this alternative achieves half of the project's objectives, but does not avoid demolition of the library.

# New Yolo Branch Library Building Project Benefits

Environmental, social, economic, and other benefits of the project:

- Provides new, larger library that can better serve the area and meet library service goals
- Increases access to information, particularly digital information
- Redevelopment minimizes impacts associated with “greenfield” development – less habitat loss, less new impervious surface area
- Redevelopment promotes increases in efficiency – less GHG emissions
- New public/civic structure enhances the Town
- The design and construction of the new library project provides high-skilled architecture, engineering, and construction jobs

# What is the Project CEQA Process?

The Yolo County Library is the CEQA Lead Agency for the project. The EIR process includes:

- 1) Nov. 2017 Notice of Preparation and Public Scoping Meeting
- 2) **Publish Draft EIR – July 20, 2018**
  - **45 day review and comment period**
  - **Closes Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018**
- 3) Publish a Final EIR
  - Responds to comments on Draft EIR
  - Identifies project revisions / EIR errata
- 4) Prepare Statement of Overriding Considerations, certify Final EIR, approve project
  - Occurs at Board of Supervisors hearing
- 5) File Notice of Determination



Image sources: MIG, 2017; WMB 2018; Figure 2-8 from Draft EIR



# How to Comment on the EIR

Three ways to comment:

- 1) Provide oral and written comments tonight
- 2) Mail written comments to the County Librarian:

Mr. Mark Fink, County Librarian and Chief Archivist  
226 Buckeye Street  
Woodland, CA 95695

- 3) E-mail comments to the County Librarian:

[mark.fink@yolocounty.org](mailto:mark.fink@yolocounty.org)

(Subject: “Draft EIR”)

- **Submit written comments by Tuesday, September 4, 2018**

## EIR Comments (continued)

- Please limit comments to the scope and content of the information in the EIR. For example:
  - The EIR should provide more information on Impact HAZ-1.
  - The EIR should not limit the time the meeting room can be used.
  - The EIR should provide more detail on the Salvage Plan identified in Mitigation Measure CUL-1C.
  - The EIR should consider an additional alternative to the project.
- All comments become part of the record, including comments for or against the project.

## Additional Information

- The Draft EIR is available on the Yolo Branch Library Website:

<http://www.yolocounty.org/general-government/general-government-departments/library/hours-and-locations/yolo-branch/construction-project/>

- The Draft EIR is also available at:

Yolo Branch Library  
37750 Sacramento Street  
Yolo, CA 95697

Yolo County Library Offices  
226 Buckeye Street  
Woodland, CA 95695

# Questions and Comments

Please state your name and organization (if applicable)

You are strongly encouraged to leave a comment card and follow-up with written comments on the EIR

Comments made after the close of the question and answer session will not be considered part of the official record