CASE STUDY
Assisting City of Dublin with CEQA Review for Major Kaiser Permanente Medical Facility

THE CHALLENGE
Kaiser Foundation Hospitals is proposing to develop approximately 1.2 million square feet of medical campus and commercial use over multiple phases on a 58-acre unimproved, undeveloped project site in Dublin, CA. The Kaiser Permanente Dublin Medical Campus would provide the wide range of healthcare services currently offered by Kaiser Permanente, including outpatient specialty and primary care, radiology, Cancer Center, Urgent Care and Ambulatory Surgery services.

The City of Dublin needs an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that gives them a clear roadmap for development, while complying with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) regulations. Kaiser Permanente proposed an aggressive schedule to complete CEQA review in 2015.

OUR SOLUTION
FirstCarbon Solutions (FCS) was poised and ready to meet the City of Dublin’s specific time and project goals. While the project site is currently vacant with no known creeks, trees, wildlife or archeology to contend with, careful consideration must still be taken for impacts from potential future development of the surrounding areas.

We are reviewing emissions from the adjacent Interstate 580 (I-580) in particular, which runs along the project’s southern boundary. We are also evaluating the impact of the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Livermore extension and how it might affect the project.

To accommodate increased traffic related to the project, FCS is evaluating the surrounding roadway network in terms of intersection upgrades, lane additions and other enhancements to ensure safe and efficient vehicle, pedestrian and transit circulation.

THE FCS ADVANTAGE
When it came time to choose an expert to draft their EIR, FCS’ local presence, combined with our vast experience in the healthcare industry, gave the City of Dublin the confidence they needed to move forward with FCS for this unique project. With 30+ years’ experience in environmental planning, FCS has a wide range of expertise in the healthcare industry, and an extensive resume of CEQA compliance.

We are steeped in local issues and have worked in the project area’s ‘backyard’ for years, currently working on a project across I-580 from the proposed site, and actively working east, north and south of the location. After working extensively in Pleasanton, San Ramon, Livermore and throughout Contra Costa County, we are well acquainted with the challenges and opportunities presented in these areas.

When our local, industry and CEQA expertise is coupled with a Team that is communicative and easy to work with, Clients gain the peace of mind that their projects will be seamlessly executed.

DELIVERABLES AND RESULTS
- EIR
- CEQA compliance
- Timely environmental consulting services

Guidance on construction placement to minimize environmental and residential impacts
Pre-construction recommendations for Air Quality, Noise and Traffic