



RESOLUTION NO. **xxx**

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

TO AMEND THE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN BY ADOPTING THE SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE

WHEREAS, the County of El Dorado is mandated by the State of California to maintain an adequate and proper General Plan; and

WHEREAS, because of that mandate, El Dorado County's General Plan and the various elements thereof must be periodically updated with current data, recommendations, and policies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted a General Plan on July 19, 2004, which identified planned land and infrastructure for physical development in the unincorporated areas of the County of El Dorado; and

WHEREAS, counties are required to review their Safety Element of the General Plan when their Housing Element or Local Hazard Mitigation Plans are updated, at least once every eight years, and make updates to include new information related to natural hazards, climate adaptation, resiliency strategies, and evacuation accessibility, and to comply with statutory changes outlined in California Government Code Sections 65302(g) and 65302.15; and

WHEREAS, the County of El Dorado updated its Housing Element on August 31, 2021, which then necessitated this update to the Public Health, Safety, and Noise Element (Safety Element); and

WHEREAS, the County updated its Safety Element to meet the requirements of California Government Code Sections 65302(g) and 65302.15 as updated by Senate Bills 1241, 379, 1035, and 99 as well as Assembly Bills 747 and 1409; and

WHEREAS, the County released a public draft of the Safety Element Update for public comment from November 8, 2023 to January 5, 2024, and the County received approximately 10 written public comments; and

WHEREAS, the County submitted a draft of the Safety Element Update to the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board of Forestry) for review on February 20, 2024, and the California Geological Survey on March 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Forestry reviewed the County's draft Safety Element Update on March 5, 2024 and provided the County with a list of minor, editorial recommended revisions. The Safety Element Update was well received by the Board of Forestry with minimal recommendations. The County has not received any recommended revisions from the California Geological Survey; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission publicly noticed a hearing on the Safety Element Update which was held on May 9, 2024, to amend the County General Plan (GPA 24-0002). Following closure of the public hearing and deliberation, the Planning Commission voted unanimously (4-0 with one Commissioner absent) to approve staff's recommendation that the Planning Commission forward a recommendation to the Board to approve the General Plan Amendment (GPA 24-0002) amending the General Plan to incorporate the Safety Element Update. The Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors 1) adopt the Addendum to the El Dorado County General Plan Environmental Impact Report, certified in May 2003 (State

Clearinghouse No. 2001082030); and 2) Approve General Plan Amendment GPA24-0002 amending the General Plan to incorporate the Safety Element Update; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has reviewed and held public hearings on the recommended amendments to the Public Health, Safety, and Noise Element; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that the proposed amendments to the General Plan are consistent with all elements of the General Plan not otherwise amended; and

WHEREAS, the County prepared an addendum to El Dorado County’s General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR), certified in May 2003 (State Clearinghouse Number 2001082030) demonstrating that the analysis in that EIR adequately addresses the potential physical impacts associated with implementation of the Safety Element Update and it would not trigger any of the conditions described in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15162 calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR or negative declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, before taking action on the Safety Element, accepted the addendum to El Dorado County's General Plan EIR and, pursuant to Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that: a) the addendum has been completed in compliance with CEQA; b) the addendum to El Dorado County's General Plan EIR was presented to the Board, and the Board reviewed and considered the information contained in the addendum to El Dorado County's General Plan EIR prior to taking action on the General Plan Amendment; and c) the addendum to El Dorado County's General Plan EIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of El Dorado County’s Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors hereby approves and accepts the environmental document on the following amendment to the General Plan, and approves and adopts the Safety Element Update to the General Plan based on the reasons set forth in the staff reports, including all exhibits, and Planning Commission’s actions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the [redacted] day of [redacted], 2024, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:
Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Chair, Board of Supervisors