

FINDINGS

General Plan Amendment GPA 24-0002/Safety Element Update Planning Commission/May 9, 2024

Based on the review and analysis of this project by staff and affected agencies, and supported by discussion in the staff report and evidence in the record, the following findings can be made:

1.0 CEQA Findings

- 1.1 The Safety Element Update was prepared in accordance with California Government Code Sections 65302(g) and reviewed by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection as well as the California Geological Survey to ensure compliance with State law. An Addendum was prepared to El Dorado County's General Plan 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 proposed project. Furthermore, the proposed project would not trigger any of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR or negative declaration based on the analysis provided in the Addendum.
- 1.2 The proposed GPA24-0002/Safety Element Update is deemed to be in the public interest. The Safety Element serves as a policy guide to reduce the potential risk of death, injuries, property damage, economic loss, and social dislocation resulting from natural and human-caused hazards, such as drought, earthquakes, extreme heat, fire, flood, and landslides. The Safety Element identifies potential health and safety concerns in the unincorporated areas of the County and lays out goals and policies to protect the community.
- 1.3 The potential impacts of the proposed amendment have been assessed and have been determined not to be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare. It is intended to provide a long-term framework on how the County will grow and keep communities and their assets safe through hazard identification, goals and policies, and implementation programs focused on hazard risk reduction and avoidance.
- 1.4 The documents and other materials that constitute the record of proceedings upon which this decision is based are in the custody of the Planning and Building Department at 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667.

2.0 GENERAL PLAN FINDINGS

- 2.1 The proposed General Plan Amendment is consistent and compatible with the rest of the General Plan and any implementation programs that may be affected.
- 2.2 Implementation of some programs identified in the Safety Element may require amendment to other Elements of the General Plan to ensure internal consistency. This Safety Element Update replaces the 2019 Safety Element in the General Plan.