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Sonoma County Planning Commission Actions

Permit Sonoma Hearing Room

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June 5, 2025

Meeting No.: 25-03

Roll Call

Commissioner Freeman, District 1

Commissioner Gilardi, District 2

Commissioner Striplen, District 3

Commissioner Koenigshofer, District 5 Absent

Commissioner McCaffery, Chair, District 4

Staff Members

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Planning Commission Regular Calendar

Item No.: 1

Time: 1:05 PM

File: GPA25-0001 Sonoma County General Plan Safety Element Update

Applicant: N/A

Owner: N/A

Cont. from: N/A

Staff: Katrina Braehmer

Env. Doc: Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

Proposal: State law requires the County to include a Safety Element in its General Plan. The purpose of the Safety Element is to reduce the potential short- and long-term risks to the community resulting from fires, floods, geologic and seismic hazards, climate change, and other hazards. The proposed Safety Element

Update would replace the existing Public Safety Element as an amendment to Sonoma County General Plan 2020. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for General Plan 2020 (State Clearinghouse No. 2003012020) was certified by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors on September 23, 2008. Pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21166 and CEQA Guidelines § 15162, Permit Sonoma evaluated the proposed Safety Element Update based on the EIR for General Plan 2020 and determined that the Safety Element Update would have no new significant environmental impacts or previously identified significant impacts made more severe by the changes to policies, programs, topics and organization of the Safety Element. Therefore, under Public Resources Code § 21166 and CEQA Guidelines § 15162, subsequent or supplemental CEQA review is not required. An Addendum to the General Plan 2020 EIR has been prepared to document the basis for this determination. As provided in CEQA Guidelines § 15164, the decision-making body must consider the Addendum with the EIR for General Plan 2020, prior to making a decision on the project. The Addendum will be posted with the meeting agenda and item materials.

Recommended

Action: Permit Sonoma recommends that the Planning Commission:

1. Accept the staff report and presentation;
2. Open and close the public hearing to accept public comments;
3. Consider the Addendum to the certified General Plan 2020 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) together with the General Plan 2020 EIR; and
4. Adopt a resolution finding the Safety Element Update consistent with the General Plan and recommending that the Board of Supervisors adopt a General Plan amendment repealing the Public Safety Element, adopt the Safety Element Update, and adopt the Addendum to the General Plan 2020 EIR.

Location: County of Sonoma

APN: Various

District: All

Zoning: Countywide (unincorporated areas)

Action: **Commissioner Striplen** motioned to accept the staff report and presentation, consider the addendum to the certified General Plan 2020 Environmental Impact report (EIR) together with the general plan 2020 EIR and adopt a resolution finding the Safety Element Update consistent with the General Plan and recommending that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Safety Element Update, and adopt the addendum to the General Plan 2020 EIR. Seconded by **Commissioner Freeman** and approved with a 4-0-1-0 vote.

Appeal Deadline: N/A

Resolution No.: 25-03

Vote:

Commissioner Freeman	Aye
Commissioner Gilardi	Aye
Commissioner Striplen	Aye
Commissioner Koenigshofer	Absent
Commissioner McCaffery	Aye

Ayes: 4
Noes: 0
Absent: 1
Abstain: 0