



County of Sonoma
State of California

Date: August 22, 2023

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Certifying the Environmental Impact Report for the 2023-2031 Housing Element Update
Project, Making Findings of Fact Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act,
Adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Approving a Mitigation Monitoring
and Reporting Program**

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma is the decision-making body for the 2023-2031 Sonoma County Housing Element Update Project (the Project), which includes adoption and implementation of the 2023-2031 Housing Element and related amendments to General Plan land use and zoning of sites as necessary to accommodate the County's 3,824-unit regional housing need allocation ("RHNA") for the planning period (the "Project"); and

Whereas, on June 15, 2022, the County issued a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") and Notice of Public Scoping Session for the Project. A scoping session was held on June 28, 2022 to provide responsible, trustee, and federal agencies and members of the public the opportunity to comment on the scope and content of the environmental analysis to be included in the EIR. Written comments from public agencies and members of the public were accepted during the 45-day scoping period that ended on July 30, 2022; and

Whereas, on December 28, 2022, the County posted and filed the Draft Environmental Impact Report ("Draft EIR") (State Clearinghouse No. 2022060323), and a Notice of Completion of the Draft EIR and Notice of Public Hearing to be held on February 2, 2023 was posted with the

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County Clerk, transmitted to the State Clearinghouse, mailed to local and state agencies, published in the Press Democrat, and emailed to interested parties. Owners and neighbors within 300 feet of sites proposed for rezoning or land use amendment received the Notice of Availability by mail with project contact information to address questions and written comment; and

Whereas, on February 2, 2023, during the public review and comment period for the Draft EIR, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing to receive oral comments on the Draft EIR; and

Whereas, on June 30, 2023, in accordance with applicable law, the County published and posted the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Project (“Final EIR”), which includes written responses to all comments received on the Draft EIR during the public review and comment period, as well as revisions and errata to the Draft EIR. The Final EIR volume published on June 30, 2023, including its Appendices, together with the Draft EIR and all appendices thereto, constitute the Final EIR for the Housing Element Update Project; and

Whereas, on July 13, 2023 and July 20, 2023, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing, in accordance with applicable law, to hear and consider all relevant testimony and evidence on the Final EIR and the Housing Element Update Project, and to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding certification of the Final EIR and adoption of the Housing Element Update Project; and

Whereas, the Planning Commission adopted a resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors certify the Final EIR and adopt the Project, with recommended modifications to certain programs and sites proposed for land use amendments and rezoning for inclusion in the Housing Element site inventory; and

Whereas, in accordance with applicable law, the Board of Supervisors held a duly noticed public hearing on August 22, 2023, during which the Board of Supervisors heard and received all relevant testimony and evidence presented regarding the Project. All interested persons were given an opportunity to hear and be heard regarding the Project; and,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors finds and determines as follows:

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1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and incorporated into these findings.
2. The Final EIR was presented to the Board, and the Board independently reviewed, considered and analyzed the Final EIR and other information in the entire record of these proceedings, including comments received at the public hearings on the Final EIR and on the Project, prior to approving the Project.
3. The Board's findings herein are based upon the information and evidence set forth in the Final EIR and upon other substantial evidence presented at the hearing and in the entire record of these proceedings.
4. The Board of Supervisors finds that agencies and interested members of the public have been afforded ample notice and opportunity to comment on the Final EIR and the Project.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Certifies, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15090 and Public Resources Code Section 21082.1, that the Final EIR is adequate and completed in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and the County Code, and that the Final EIR reflects the independent judgement and analysis of the County as lead agency and the Board of Supervisors as its decision-making body.
2. Adopts the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Project, attached hereto as Exhibits "1C" and "1D" and incorporated herein by reference.
3. Adopts and incorporates into the Project all of the mitigation measures for the Project that are identified in the Findings and that are within the responsibility and jurisdiction of the County.
4. Adopts the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Project, attached hereto as Exhibit 1B and incorporated herein by reference.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Supervisors designates the Director of Permit Sonoma or designee as the custodian of the documents and other material which constitute the record

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of proceedings upon which the decision herein is based. These documents may be found at the County of Sonoma Permit and Resource Management Department, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, California 95403.

The Foregoing Resolution was introduced by Supervisor _____ who moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor _____ and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Coursey:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.