



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Draft Environmental Impact Report

City of Redlands General Plan Update and Climate Action Plan

Notice is hereby given that the City of Redlands has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) (SCH #2016081041) for the Draft 2035 General Plan Update and Draft 2035 Climate Action Plan (CAP) and each are now available for review. Public comment on this document is invited for a 45-day period extending from May 8, 2017 to June 23, 2017. Additional information is provided below.

Project Description

The proposed General Plan is intended to respond directly to changes experienced in Redlands since the preparation of the current General Plan (adopted in 1995), and to plan for city growth through 2035. The proposed General Plan, which establishes a long-range planning framework and policies, will fully supplant the city's existing General Plan when adopted by the City Council, except for the Housing Element that was last amended in 2014.

The Draft General Plan is organized into an Introduction Chapter and a number of themes. Each theme includes an introduction, background information, maps and figures, and principles and actions. The Draft General Plan discusses the following State-required elements: land use, circulation, conservation, open space, safety, and noise.

Redlands' Planning Area encompasses 46 square miles, including all land within the Redlands city limits and the area within the City's Sphere of Influence (SOI) outside of city limits. The SOI is defined as the City's ultimate service area as established by the San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), and includes the unincorporated communities of Mentone and Crafton. The Donut Hole, an unincorporated island located in the northwest of portion of Redlands within city limits, is not within the SOI. The City's authority to regulate development is limited to its corporate limits, but San Bernardino County General Plan policies commit the County to support annexation of land designated for urban development, and collaboration between the City and the County on land use planning is possible.

The Draft CAP presents a strategy for achieving specific reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The proposed CAP's objectives are to meet CEQA requirements (Section 15183.5) to allow for future tiering and streamlining of the analysis of GHG emissions. The CAP includes an inventory of the city's GHG emissions, forecasts of future GHG emissions, monitoring and

reporting processes to ensure state targets are met, and options for reducing GHG emissions beyond State requirements that could be adopted at a future date.

The City and its consultants (Dyett & Bhatia) have prepared a Draft EIR pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to analyze and disclose the potential adverse significant impacts associated with implementation of the Draft General Plan and Draft CAP. A Final EIR will be prepared following public review and comment on the DEIR. The Planning Commission and City Council will consider this information during their deliberations. Following certification of the Final EIR, the City Council will adopt a final General Plan and CAP.

Significant Effects

The DEIR identifies the potential for significant effects in the following impact areas: Aesthetics; Agricultural Resources; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Energy, Greenhouse Gas, and Climate Change; Geology, Soils, and Seismicity; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Historical, Archeological, and Paleontological Resources; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Housing; Mineral Resources; Noise; Public Facilities and Services; Public Utilities; Transportation; Impacts Not Potentially Significant; Alternatives; and CEQA Required Conclusions. Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15087(c)(6), hazardous waste sites are identified in Section 3.7 of the EIR as enumerated in the listing required by Government Code section 65962.5.

Public Review and Written Comments

Comments on this Draft EIR can be submitted in writing or via email to:

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All comments received or postmarked by June 23, 2017 will be accepted.

Document Availability

Copies of the Draft EIR are now available for public review online at the web link listed below or in printed form at the City of Redlands City Clerk's Office (Suite 4).

<http://www.redlands2035.org/reports-and-products.html>