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Notice of Availability

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT UPDATE TO THE NAPA COUNTY GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Napa County General Plan Housing Element Update (HEU) is a County-initiated effort to amend the General Plan to update the County's Housing Element, including goals, objectives, policies, and implementation programs that address the maintenance, preservation, improvement, and development of housing in unincorporated Napa County. In addition, the HEU would identify sites appropriate for the development of multifamily housing, and the County would rezone those sites as necessary to meet the requirements of State law. The project would also include amendments to other elements of the County General Plan in order to maintain internal consistency, to provide consistency of the Safety Element with the 2020 Napa County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and to comply with recent changes in State law.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Physical copies of the Draft Housing Element Update will be available for in person review at the Planning, Building and Environmental Services Department:

Napa County Planning, Building and Environmental Services Department
1195 Third Street, 2nd Floor, Suite 210
Napa, CA 94559

The Draft Housing Element Update can also be downloaded for public review from the Napa County website via the following link:

<https://www.countyofnapa.org/3250/2022-Housing-Element-Update>

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) in preparation and forthcoming. Pursuant to CEQA and State CEQA guidelines Section 15064, the discussion of potential effects on the environment in the DEIR shall be focused on those impacts that the County has determined may be potentially significant as follows: Aesthetics, Agricultural Resources, Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Biological Resources, Cultural and Historic Resources, Geology and Soils, Energy, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities and Services Systems, and Wildfires.

The DEIR is expected to be released for a 45-day public comment and review period on or about July 24, 2022. Notice of release of the DEIR and notice of a public hearing before the Planning Commission to comment on the DEIR will be provided at a future date and at least ten days in advance of the hearing.

PROVIDING COMMENTS

The public comment period for the Draft Housing Element Update begins on June 10, 2022, and closes on July 11, 2022. Please submit written comments on the Draft Housing Element Update in person, by first class mail or email to:

Napa County Planning, Building and Environmental Services Department
1195 Third Street, 2nd Floor, Suite 210
Napa, CA 94559
Attention: Trevor Hawkes, Project Planner
Telephone: (707) 253-4388 Fax: (707) 299-4320
Email: trevor.hawkes@countyofnapa.org

All comments must be received by the Planning, Building and Environmental Services Department no later than 4:00 p.m. on July 11, 2022. Comments provided by email should include “Draft Housing Element Update” in the subject line, and the name and physical address of the commenter in the body of the email.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Napa County Planning Commission will conduct a public meeting to discuss the contents of the Draft Housing Element Update and receive public and agency comments. The meeting time and location are as follows:

July 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.
Board of Supervisors’ Room
1195 Third Street, 3rd Floor
Napa, CA 94559

The meeting space is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals needing special assistive devices or language translation will be accommodated to the County’s best ability. For more information, please contact Trevor Hawkes (at the contact information above) at least 48 hours before the meeting.