

**Notice of Availability  
of the City of Sausalito General Plan  
Recirculated Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report  
and Notice of a Planning Commission Teleconference Public Hearing on November 4, 2020  
and Notice of a City Council Teleconference Public Hearing on November 17, 2020  
to Solicit Comments on the Environmental Document**

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**Date:** October 27, 2020

**To:** State Clearinghouse; Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, and other Interested Agencies, Parties, and Organizations

**From:** City of Sausalito, Community Development Department

**Subject:** Notice of Availability of the City of Sausalito General Plan Recirculated Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (SCH # 2019100322) and Notice of Public Hearings on November 4, 2020 and November 17, 2020 to solicit comments

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A Draft EIR, dated June 4, 2020, (original Draft EIR) was prepared for the 2040 General Plan, and was circulated for public review between June 4, 2020 and August 5, 2020. The city held several public meetings during the review period and received four comment letters on the original Draft EIR and Draft General Plan. In response to the public review process, the city has added and/or modified General Plan policies where needed. In light of the additions and revisions to General Plan policies and to provide additional information and detail in response to comments received on the original Draft EIR, the city has determined that the preparation of a revised environmental analysis was warranted. The recirculated Revised Draft EIR (Revised Draft EIR) incorporates the modified and additional policies and includes more extensive analysis into the text. With the implementation of mitigation, the Revised Draft EIR does not identify any significant environmental impacts beyond those identified in the Draft EIR circulated to the public on June 4, 2020.

**AS SUCH, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Sausalito (lead agency) has prepared a recirculated Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (Revised Draft EIR) for the City of Sausalito General Plan and is now available for public review. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(f)(1), the Revised Draft EIR is being recirculated in its entirety, and therefore, new comments are required.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(f)(1) states, "When an EIR is substantially revised and the entire document is recirculated, the lead agency may require reviewers to submit new comments and, in such cases, need not respond to those comments received during the earlier circulation period. The lead agency shall advise reviewers, either in the text of the revised EIR or by an attachment to the revised EIR, that although part of the administrative record, the previous comments do not require a written response in the final EIR, and that new comments must be submitted for the revised EIR. The lead agency need only respond to those comments submitted in response to the recirculated revised EIR."

**45-DAY COMMENT PERIOD ON RECIRCULATED REVISED DRAFT EIR:** The City of Sausalito is soliciting comments from responsible agencies, trustee agencies, public agencies, organizations, and members of the public regarding the Revised Draft EIR. In accordance with the time limits established by CEQA, the Revised Draft EIR public review period will begin on **October 27, 2020**, and end on **December 11, 2020**. Please provide your written/typed comments (including name, affiliation, telephone number, and contact information) to the address shown below by **5:00 p.m., December 11, 2020**:

Lilly Whalen, Community Development Director, ATTN: DEIR COMMENTS  
Community Development Department  
City of Sausalito, 420 Litho Street, Sausalito, CA 94965  
Email: [deircomments@sausalito.gov](mailto:deircomments@sausalito.gov)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** The City of Sausalito will hold two public hearings to provide additional opportunity for public comment on the Revised Draft EIR. The Planning Commission hearing will be held on **Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 6:30pm** as a Teleconference Meeting. The City Council hearing will be held on **Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 7:00pm** as a Teleconference Meeting.

In response to the COVID-19 crisis and Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, these hearings will be conducted utilizing teleconferencing technology. Specific instruction on how join the hearing and provide public comment will be outlined as part of the agenda available prior to the hearing on the City's Meetings and Notice webpage on the City Website:

- <https://www.sausalito.gov/city-government/webcasts>
- <https://www.sausalito.gov/city-government/boards-and-commissions/planning-commission/meetings-and-agendas>
- <https://www.sausalito.gov/city-government/city-council/meetings-and-agendas>

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The Revised Draft EIR, including the technical appendices, can be reviewed on the city's website (<https://www.sausalitogeneralplan.org/>). Due to the COVID-19 crisis, city facilities are currently closed to the public. Hard copies of the EIR will be available via Library circulation curbside check-out. Once public access to city facilities resumes, hard copies of the EIR can be viewed at the City of Sausalito Community Development Department.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The City of Sausalito is in southern Marin County, California. The 2.1-square mile city is located on the shores of the San Francisco Bay with a population of 7,416 people. The city is bound by San Francisco Bay and Richardson's Bay to the east, Golden Gate National Recreation Area to the west and south, and Marin City to the northwest. Regional access to the City of Sausalito is provided via Highway 101, as well as by passenger ferry service to and from San Francisco.

The Sausalito General Plan Planning Area (Planning Area) consists of all properties located within the incorporated boundary of the city, as well as lands within the city's Sphere of Influence (SOI). The Planning Area is comprised of approximately 1,730 acres. Approximately 981 acres are located within the city limits, 143 acres of which encompass water areas. Approximately 749 acres are located within the SOI, 645 acres of which encompass water areas. The SOI, established by the Marin County Local Agency Formation Committee, contains land that may ultimately be annexed into the city.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City of Sausalito's comprehensive General Plan was initially prepared in 1995. Since 1995, the Circulation and Parking Element was updated in 1999, the Housing Element was updated in 2012 and 2015, and the Health and Safety Element was updated in 2019. The Sausalito General Plan Update is a focused effort to refine the objectives, policies, and programs within the existing General Plan to reflect current regulations and help guide and shape the community over the next 20 years. As part of the update process, the objectives, policies, and programs of the Marinship Specific Plan have been incorporated into the Land Use and Growth Management, Waterfront, Community Design, Historic and Cultural Preservation, Circulation and Parking, Health, Safety, and Community Resilience, Sustainability, and Economic Elements.

The General Plan includes the following elements and meets State requirements:

- Land Use and Growth Management
- Housing
- Waterfront
- Community Design, Historic and Cultural Preservation
- Circulation and Parking
- Environmental Quality (includes the mandatory conservation, open space, and air quality elements)
- Health, Safety, and Community Resilience (includes the mandatory noise and safety elements)
- Sustainability
- Economic