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Project Title: Fairfield Forward 2050: City of Fairfield Comprehensive General Plan Update, Housing Element Update, a

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Project Location: Fairfield, Solano County
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

This Draft EIR is for a comprehensive update to all elements of the City of Fairfield's General Plan, with the exception of the Housing Element, which was adopted in 2023, and includes a new Environmental Justice Element. It also includes the Climate Action Plan (CAP), which contains a community-wide inventory of greenhouse gas emissions and a strategy for reducing them to achieve State-mandated targets. The Proposed Project would establish a planning and policy framework that would extend to horizon year 2050. It contains policies to guide decision-making related to development, housing, transportation, environmental quality, public services and facilities, parks, and open spaces. The CAP establishes greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets that demonstrate compliance with statewide targets for 2030 and demonstrate substantial progress toward the State 2045 target.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Significant and Unavoidable:

Agricultural Resources: The Project would allow for development on Prime Farmland. Numerous proposed policies would help reduce the impact of conversion of Important Farmland in other parts of the Planning Area near Fairfield's Urban Limit Line. However, the loss of farmland remains significant and unavoidable, and no mitigation is available.

Mineral Resources: Development under the Project would require the Nelson Hill Mine closure, and loss of availability to such mineral resources. Because mineral resources are a finite and irreplaceable resource; no feasible mitigation is available to reduce this impact.

Noise: The increase in ambient noise levels adjacent to roadway segments would likely remain at levels that would expose existing sensitive receptors to a significant increase in ambient noise levels. Because the noise impacts would be to existing homes and other noise-sensitive uses in an already urbanized area, there is no feasible mitigation.

Transportation: The Project does not achieve a 15 percent VMT reduction. Numerous proposed policies would help reduce the impact; however, it is not anticipated that VMT reductions associated with proposed TDM measures in MM-VMT-1 would be large enough to guarantee that significant impacts could be fully mitigated.

Potentially significant impacts but reduced to less than significant with mitigation incorporated:

Aesthetics, Air Quality, Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Geology and Soils

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

The issues listed below have been identified for the Project and may be controversial:

- Loss of Prime Farmland;
- Active transportation and GHG;
- Wildfire evacuation routes; and
- Growth inducement.

In addition, the lead agency received comment letters from public agencies during the 30-day public review period in response to the Recirculated NOP. In general, the comment letters recommended that the proposed General Plan update take into consideration potential impacts to the following environmental resources: traffic impacts and transportation planning; impacts to the Suisun Marsh and consistency with the Delta Marsh Plan; requirements of a "qualified CAP" for GHG planning; consistency with the Travis Air Force Base Land Use Compatibility Plan; consistency with Solano County LAFCO standards and procedures; proximity to hazardous materials; and requirements of tribal consultation.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Federal, State, regional, and local government agencies that may have jurisdiction over development proposals in the Planning Area include:

- Bay Area Air Quality Management District
- San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
- California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology
- California Department of Fish and Game
- California Department of Transportation
- California Department of Housing and Community Development
- California Public Utilities Commission
- San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Boards
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission
- Native American Heritage Commission
- Solano County Fire Districts
- Solano County Water Agency
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Fairfield Suisun Sewer District
- Department of Defense
- Solano County Airport Land Use Commission
- Solano County LAFCO
- Solano Transportation Authority
- County of Solano
- Fairfield Suisun Unified and Travis Unified school districts