



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
PLANNING DIVISION

MARIN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
PUBLIC SCOPING SESSION
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
HOUSING ELEMENT AND SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATES
Tuesday, January 11, 2022
6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

EIR PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

Purpose of the Scoping Session

The County is holding this virtual public scoping session to facilitate maximum public participation in the development of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Housing and Safety Element Updates to the 2007 Countywide Plan. This scoping session is being held pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to provide early consultation with the public on the EIR being prepared for the project. This early consultation is typically called scoping.

The purpose of this public scoping session is to provide individuals, organizations and agencies an opportunity to raise concerns about the environmental effects of the proposed project. Comments will be recorded and be made part of the formal EIR record. There are likely to be questions raised by speakers at the session, although in the interest of giving everyone a chance to speak, any questions asked will be responded to through the EIR process rather than at this meeting. Responses to comments and questions will not be provided at the scoping session since the purpose of the session is for the public to provide information to the County.

Comments must be limited to the scope of environmental effects to be studied, rather than commenting on the merits of the project at this time. CEQA defines environmental effects as direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts to the natural and man-made environment affected by the project. Effects analyzed under CEQA must be related to a physical change in the environment. (State CEQA Guidelines sections 15358 and 15360.)

Comment Procedure

In compliance with COVID-19 adaptive procedures, and as allowed by Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, a virtual scoping session will be held on **Tuesday, January 11, 2022** from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held via Zoom, and members of the public may attend and participate in this scoping session online. To participate in the scoping session, the Zoom weblink and meeting information is as follows:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82023833240>

Webinar ID: 820 2383 3240

Or by Telephone: (669) 900-6833

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During the virtual public scoping session, members of the public will have the opportunity to provide oral comments, which will be recorded and included in the Draft EIR. Those wishing to speak will need to indicate so during the course of the meeting by either using the "Raise Hand" button. If you choose to call in to the Zoom meeting, press *9 to inform the moderator that you would like to comment. In anticipation of a good turnout and limited time, and in order to allow everyone an equal opportunity to speak, each speaker will be limited to three minutes, more or less, depending upon the number of speakers in the queue. Members of organizations are encouraged to select a spokesperson from the organization to speak on the group's behalf to avoid repetition of the same concerns.

Following the scoping session, written comments about the scope of the environmental report will be accepted until **Monday, January 24, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.** Please submit written comments that you have on the scope of the EIR to County staff by email prior to the January 24, 2022. Comment letters and/or emails should clearly identify the subject of the comments as the Scoping Session for the Housing Element or Safety Element EIR. Commenters are advised to mail written comments postmarked on or before January 24, 2022 to the attention of Rachel Reid, Environmental Planning Manager at 3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 308, San Rafael, CA 94903. Comments are also encouraged to be submitted via email to envplanning@marincounty.org before the end of the comment period deadline.

Other Opportunities for Public Comment

The public will have additional opportunities to comment during the EIR process and hearings on the merits of the proposed plans. Updates will be emailed to everyone who subscribes to the environmental webpage for the project. Please visit the environmental project page listed below and click on "subscribe to this page" in order to receive email updates:

<https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/environmental-review/current-eir-projects/marin-county-housing-and-safety-elements-environmental-impact-report>