

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
FOR THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE
TO THE 2007 COUNTYWIDE PLAN
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Marin County Community Development Agency has completed the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) volume of the EIR for the Housing Element and Safety Elements updates to the 2007 Countywide Plan, which includes responses to comments on the Draft EIR and text revisions to the Draft EIR. The FEIR is available for public review on the County's Housing and Safety Elements Update EIR webpage:

<https://housingelements Marin.org/marin-county-environmental-review>

Project Description: The proposed Project consists of amendments to two elements of the Marin County General Plan (also referred to as the 2007 Countywide Plan) as well as associated amendments to other elements of the 2007 Countywide Plan as necessary to ensure consistency and amendment to the Marin County Code for effective implementation of the proposed Project, as described below.

Housing Element:

Article 10.6 (Housing Elements) of the Government Code requires the County to adopt a sixth revision to the Housing Element for the eight-year planning period 2023 through 2031 to accommodate the County's regional housing need allocation ("RHNA") of 3,569 housing units. The Housing Element is a required element of general plans pursuant to Government Code Section 65302(c). The County has prepared an update to the Housing Element that would facilitate development of up to 5,124 new housing units, which meets the County's RHNA as well as additional units for applicants requesting a density bonus and a buffer to ensure that the County maintains adequate sites at all income levels throughout the Housing Element planning period. The Project also include rezoning of sites at the identified locations as necessary to accommodate and enable development of these new housing units.

Marin County, like other communities in California, initiated a planning process to identify how to meet the County's housing needs at all income levels. This process involved updating the County's Housing Element, which is part of the Countywide Plan (the County's General Plan). Marin County's Housing Element Update has identified adequate sites for 5,124 new housing unit to meet the requirements described above. Sites are distributed throughout the unincorporated areas of the County consistent with goals to affirmatively further fair housing and meet site requirements stipulated by HCD. The Housing Element also presents programs and policies to meet the housing needs of unincorporated Marin County.

According to State housing element legislation, all local governments must adopt land use plans and regulations that provide opportunities for, and do not unduly constrain, housing development. Because housing availability is a critical issue with statewide implications, and most housing decisions occur at the local level, State law requires housing elements to be updated on a regular cycle. Accordingly, the timeframe addressed by this Housing Element update is the planning period of 2023-2031. The State also mandates that housing elements, unlike other elements of the general plan, be reviewed and certified by the State.

Safety Element:

Marin County has initiated a planning process under State law to update the Safety Element in the Countywide Plan (the County's General Plan) to address climate change resilience. SB 379 requires all counties and cities to review and update their general plan safety elements with climate change adaptation measures. The update consists of the following three parts:

- A vulnerability assessment that identifies the risks climate change poses to the local jurisdictions;
- Identification of adaptation and resiliency goals, policies, and objectives; and
- Feasible implementation measures.

The Safety Element update also addresses other legislative mandates to reduce fire and flood risk and plan for emergency evacuation. The update will occur simultaneously and in conjunction with the Housing Element update, and will also occur in coordination with the update of the Marin County Multijurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

For more information about the Housing and Safety Element Update processes, please visit the Planning Division's webpage at:

<https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/planning/housing-and-safety-elements>

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that two public hearings on the FEIR will be conducted. The first will be held virtually by the Marin County Planning Commission on **Thursday, January 5, 2023** starting at **1:00 pm** or thereafter. At the hearing, the Planning Commission will consider making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on the certification of the Final EIR, which consists of both the Draft EIR and Final EIR response to comments document. A staff report will be available on the Planning Commission hearing webpage on or after December 23, 2022. The meeting link information is as follows:

Join by computer or mobile device: www.zoom.us/join

Webinar ID: 850 2578 3183

Password: 226423

Or call in by telephone: (888) 788-0099 *toll free*

Webinar ID: 850 2578 3183

Password: 226423

More information about the Planning Commission hearing, including the staff report once it's posted, can be found on the Planning Division's Planning Commission hearings webpage at:

<http://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/planning/boards-commissions-and-public-hearings/planning-commission-hearings-page>.

Following the recommendation by the Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors will consider certification of the Final EIR and approval of the Housing and Safety Elements Update to the 2007 Countywide Plan at a subsequent hearing tentatively scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, January 24, 2023**. As the date approaches, please check the Board of Supervisor's webpage for future updates including the agenda, time of the hearing, and staff report:

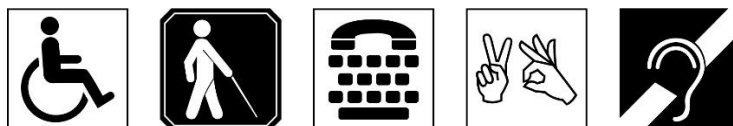
<https://www.marincounty.org/depts/bs/meeting-archive>

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