



NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND SCOPING MEETING

Environmental Impact Report for the San Ramon General Plan 2040 and Climate Action Plan Update

Date: Friday, June 24, 2022

To: Reviewing Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the San Ramon General Plan 2040 and Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update (GPA 2021-0001) as well as Notice of EIR Scoping Meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

The City of San Ramon (City), as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is preparing a General Plan Amendment (GPA 2021-0001) to update all General Plan Elements, including the Housing Element, and update the Climate Action Plan (CAP) to guide growth and development through 2040. The City has determined that preparation of a programmatic EIR is necessary to evaluate potential environmental impacts of the General Plan 2040 and CAP Update pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City is the CEQA Lead Agency and is requesting input on the scope of the EIR from responsible and trustee agencies, interested public agencies and organizations, and the general public (pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15082).

This NOP provides a summary of the plans, the City's preliminary identification of the potential environmental issues to be analyzed in the programmatic EIR; and information on how to comment on the scope of the EIR. This NOP and background documents associated with the General Plan 2040 and CAP Update are available for review on the San Ramon General Plan 2040 and CAP Update webpage at: <https://www.sanramon.ca.gov/> and <https://plansanramon.com/>.

EIR NOP Public Review Period: June 24, 2022 to July 25, 2022

The City requests your review and consideration of this notice and invites input and comments from interested agencies, persons, and organizations regarding the preparation of the General Plan 2040 and CAP Update EIR. Comments in response to this notice must be in writing and submitted to the Lead Agency Contact below by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2022**. If applicable, please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization.

NOP Written Comments: Comments must be submitted via mail or email with "NOP Comments: San Ramon General Plan 2040 + CAP Update EIR" in the subject line and the name and physical address of the commenter in the body of the comment to the Lead Agency Contact at the following address or e-mail by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2022**:

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EIR Public Scoping Meeting: The City of San Ramon Planning Commission will hold a public EIR scoping meeting commencing at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 7000 Bollinger Canyon Road**. The full meeting agenda with instructions to view or participate via teleconference or in person will be available online at least 72 hours prior to the meeting at www.sanramon.ca.gov/meeting under the July 5, 2022 event date. The Public EIR scoping meeting will provide an opportunity for agency staff and interested members of the public to submit verbal comments on the scope of the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR. **No decisions concerning the proposed plans will be made at this meeting.**



Plans Location: The San Ramon General Plan 2040 and CAP Update encompass the entirety of the City of San Ramon. Figure 1 shows the regional location, and Figure 2 shows both the San Ramon General Plan 2040 boundary (the Planning Area) and the CAP Update boundary (City limits).

Proposed Plans: The General Plan Amendment would entail two plans: 1) the General Plan 2040 and 2) the CAP Update. The General Plan 2040 would serve as a long-term framework for future growth, establish the City's eight-year housing plan from 2023 to 2031, reflect issues identified from community input and changes in State law, and update all elements of the General Plan including the Housing, Economic Development, Growth Management, Land Use, Traffic and Circulation, Parks and Recreation, Public Facilities and Utilities, Open Space and Conservation, Safety, Noise, and Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Elements. The update to the General Plan would include, but is not limited to, addition of Environmental Justice policies, revisions to policies, narratives, data, and figures to reflect the new buildout period. The CAP Update would quantify existing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and projected emissions associated with estimated community growth, set reduction goals and timelines for community emissions, develop and quantify reduction measures and actions to achieve the emissions reduction goals, and establish a framework for monitoring emissions levels.

EIR Environmental Impact Areas: The EIR will provide a programmatic evaluation of potential environmental impacts of the plans. The EIR also will evaluate the cumulative impacts of the plans when considered in conjunction with other related past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects. The City anticipates that the plans could result in potentially significant environmental impacts with regard to the following topic areas, which will be further evaluated in the EIR.

- Aesthetics
Air Quality
Biological Resources
Cultural Resources
Energy
Geology and Soils
Greenhouse Gas Emissions
Hazards and Hazardous Materials
Hydrology and Water Quality
Land Use and Planning
Noise
Population and Housing
Public Services
Recreation
Transportation
Tribal Cultural Resources
Utilities and Service Systems
Wildfire

EIR Project Alternatives: The EIR will also evaluate a reasonable range of plan alternatives that could reduce or avoid potential environmental effects identified in the EIR, including a required "No Plans" Alternative.

When the Draft EIR is completed, it will be available for review at City offices located at 7000 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon, CA 94583 and online at: https://www.sanramon.ca.gov/. The City will issue a Notice of Completion and Notice of Availability of a Draft EIR at that time to inform the public and interested agencies, groups, and individuals regarding how to access the Draft EIR and provide comments. Additional information about the proposed plans can be accessed at the https://plansanramon.com/ webpage and the City website at https://www.sanramon.ca.gov/.

If you have questions regarding this NOP or the EIR public scoping meeting, please contact the Lead Agency Contact, Cindy Yee, at (925) 973-2562 or via email at Planning@sanramon.ca.gov.

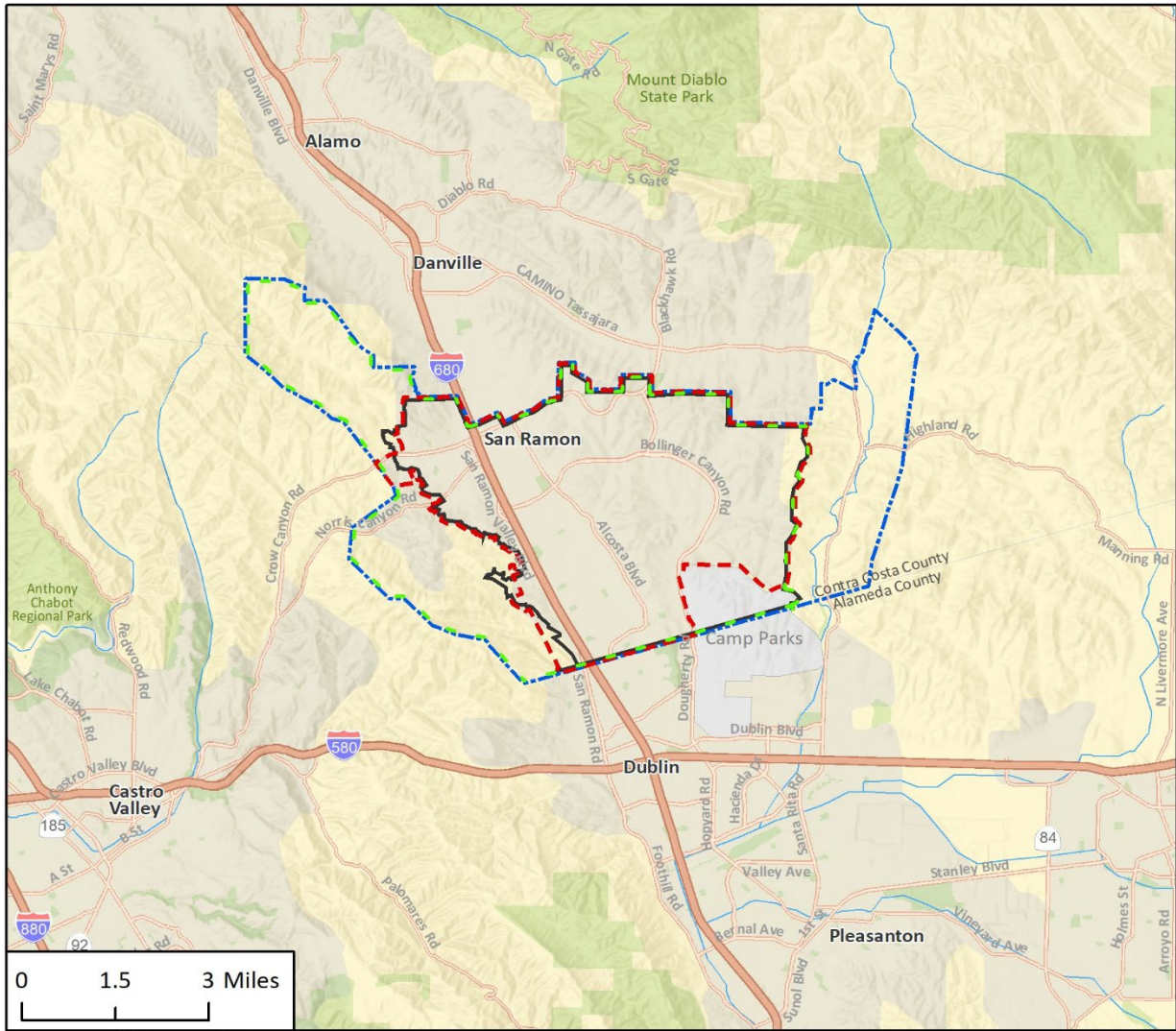
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Debbie Chamberlain, Community Development Dept. Director

6/17/2022

Date

Figure 1 Regional Location



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 Diablo, Dublin and Las Trampas Ridge quadrangles and T02S
 R01W S01-05, 08-17, 22-27,35 & T02S R01E S06-09,17-20.

- - - City Limits (CAP Update Boundary)
- - - Planning Area (General Plan 2040 Boundary)
- - - Sphere of Influence
- Urban Growth Boundary

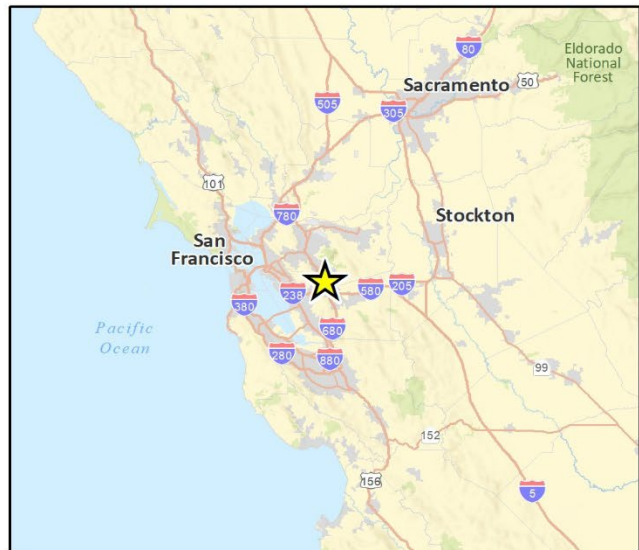


Figure 2 General Plan 2040 and CAP Update Boundaries

