



CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

Notice of Intent to Adopt Negative Declaration

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION For Climate Adaptation and Safety Element Update (City File EID-0437-2022)

The City of San Luis Obispo has completed an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the update to the Climate Adaptation and Safety Element (CASE) of the City's General Plan. The CASE updates and replaces the existing Safety Element, which was adopted in 2012. The CASE updates and replaces the existing Safety Element, which was adopted in 2012. The CASE would serve as the City's Safety Element, which is a required element of a general plan under State law. It also implements State requirements for the Environmental Justice Element in accordance with State Guidelines.

The purpose of the CASE is to reduce the potential short and long-term risk of death, injuries, property damage, and economic and social disruptions resulting from wildfires, floods, droughts, earthquakes, landslides, climate change, and natural and manmade hazards. The increasing severity of impacts of climate change is also a critical consideration in safety elements. State law requires that the safety element include a vulnerability assessment that identifies the risks posed by climate change and a series of adaptation goals, policies, and implementation measures designed to protect the community (Senate Bill 379, 2015). The CASE also identifies hazards and abatement provisions to guide local decisions related to zoning, subdivisions, and entitlement permits, and includes general hazard and risk reduction strategies complementary to those included in the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Reference copies of the Negative Declaration are available on the City's website at <http://www.slocity.org/government/department-directory/community-development/documents-online/environmental-review-documents>. If you are unable to access the internet, please contact Teresa McClish at tmclish@slocity.org or (805) 783-7840 to arrange for an alternative means to view the study. The required **30-day** public review period for the Negative Declaration will extend from Thursday, November 10, 2022 to Monday, December 12, 2022. Anyone interested in commenting on the document should submit a written statement to the City of San Luis Obispo, Community Development Department, 919 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, Attention: Teresa McClish, Housing Policy and Programs Manager or by email tmclish@slocity.org, by 5:00 p.m., by December 12, 2022.

A hearing is tentatively scheduled with the City of San Luis Obispo Planning Commission on December 14, 2022 to evaluate the project. Interested persons can access the Planning Commission agenda at <https://www.slocity.org/government/mayor-and-city-council/agendas-and-minutes> to locate the agenda of the public hearing for this project.

A hearing is tentatively scheduled with the City of San Luis Obispo City Council on January 17, 2022 to evaluate the project. Interested persons can access the City Council agenda at <https://www.slocity.org/government/mayor-and-city-council/agendas-and-minutes> to locate the agenda of the public hearing for this project.