

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
COLFAX GENERAL PLAN 2040 UPDATE AND  
PUBLIC MEETING TO SOLICIT PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Colfax (City), as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the City's General Plan Update 2040 (the "Project"). The Draft EIR and technical appendices will be available for public review/comment beginning on **September 22, 2023**. A City Council public meeting to receive comments on the Draft EIR will be held on October 11, 2023, at 6 PM in the City Council Chambers, 33 South Main, Colfax, CA 95713.

A copy of the DEIR, all documents incorporated by reference in the DEIR, and the Draft Colfax General Plan 2040 Update are available at: <https://colfax-ca.gov/government/planning/colfax-planning-documents/>

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was prepared for the City of Colfax in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the Colfax General Plan 2040 Update. A General Plan is a legal document that guides decision-makers on resource allocation and development in Colfax. The 2040 General Plan includes updates to required elements under State Planning and Zoning Law, as well as optional elements. The updated plan includes Land Use, Community Design, Circulation, Housing (separate element), Noise, Safety, Conservation and Open Space, and Economic Development Elements. The proposed General Plan goals, policies, and implementation measures would guide development and conservation in Colfax through 2040. The 2040 General Plan Update would introduce new land use designations of public-quasi public facilities, parks, mixed-use, and downtown mixed-use and modify the city's land use diagram to increase low-density residential land and reduce medium-density, high-density, industrial, and commercial land.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** City of Colfax and Sphere of Influence

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS:** The Draft EIR identifies environmental impacts that are less than significant or require mitigation to reduce impacts to less than significant in the following topic areas: aesthetics, biological resources, energy, geology, soils and mineral resources, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, public services and recreation, utilizes and service systems. Significant and unavoidable impacts have been identified in the following topic areas: agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, cultural and tribal cultural resources, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, population and housing, transportation, and wildfire.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** A copy of the DEIR is available online at <https://colfax-ca.gov/government/planning/colfax-planning-documents/>

**PUBLIC MEETING AND COMMENT:** This public notice is posted to officially notify the public, public agencies, and responsible and trustee agencies that the required 45-day public review/comment period will commence on **September 22, 2023**, and conclude on **November 6, 2023**. Any written comments (via email or letter) on the Draft EIR must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on **November 6, 2023**. Written comments may be mailed to City of Colfax Planning Department, PO Box 702, 33 S. Main Street, Colfax, CA 95713. Email comments can be sent to [planning@colfax-ca.gov](mailto:planning@colfax-ca.gov).

You may comment by providing testimony at a public hearing before the City Council. **The public meeting will be on October 11, 2023, at 6 PM in the City Council Chambers, 33 S Main Street, Colfax, CA 95713.** This meeting will be open to the public. Written and verbal comments on the Draft EIR will be accepted during the meeting. The City Council will preside over the meeting; however, it will not take any action on the Draft EIR or project. Staff will note general themes of verbal comments made and will address them in the Final EIR. Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments to ensure that their specific comments are represented in the project record and addressed in the Final EIR.

If you challenge this environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or others in written correspondence or in hearings on the proposed project.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact us at (530) 346-2313. Notification at least 72 hours prior to the hearing will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements.