



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

April 22, 2024

City of Folsom 2035 General Plan Amendments for Increased Residential Capacity Project

City of Folsom

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Comment Period: April 22, 2024 to June 6, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the City of Folsom, as lead agency, has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) for the City of Folsom 2035 General Plan Amendments for Increased Residential Capacity Project (project). The Draft SEIR analyzes the potential environmental effects associated with the project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In accordance with Section 15087 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City of Folsom has prepared this Notice of Availability (NOA) to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with notice of the availability of the Draft SEIR and solicit comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the project.

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PROJECT TITLE: City of Folsom 2035 General Plan Amendments for Increased Residential Capacity Project

PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide, City of Folsom

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: As part of the Housing Element update the City is required to establish and maintain multi-family and mixed-use land available to meet the target housing demand at all income levels over an eight-year period. To create adequate capacity for lower-income RHNA the 2021-2029 Housing Element includes Program H-2 to strategically increase densities in targeted areas of the City, including the East Bidwell Mixed-Use Overlay, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) transit priority areas (Glenn and Iron Point light rail stations), and the Folsom Plan Area (FPA). To implement Program H-2 and increase opportunities for multi-family high density development to support lower income housing capacity in the City, the project includes amendments to the City's General Plan and FPA Specific Plan. In total, the project would create capacity for up to 6,046 additional residential units in the City.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Draft SEIR evaluates project impacts in relation to the 2035 General Plan EIR impact conclusions. The General Plan EIR identified significant and unavoidable impacts to scenic resources and visual character, new sources of light and glare, operational air quality emissions, exposure to toxic air contaminants, increased odors, historical and archaeological resources, greenhouse gas emissions, traffic noise, transportation level of service, and tribal cultural resources. There are sites in the project area that are listed on the Hazardous Waste and

Substances Sites List as set forth in Government Code Section 65962.5. The impacts associated with hazardous materials is addressed in Section 3.0, "Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures."

As identified in the Draft SEIR, after implementation of the recommended mitigation measures, most all of the impacts associated with the project would be reduced to a less-than-significant level or remain significant and unavoidable. However, the project would not result in any new or substantially more severe significant and unavoidable impacts beyond what was determined in the General Plan EIR.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A public review period for the Draft SEIR will commence on **April 22, 2024** and end on **June 6, 2024** at 5:00 p.m., for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Draft SEIR may be submitted at the above address within the public review period. The full name and physical mailing address of the agency, individual, or organization must be included in the comment. Please use the phrase "Folsom 2035 General Plan Amendments for Increased Residential Capacity Project Draft SEIR" in the subject line.

Copies of the Draft SEIR are available for review at:

- The City's offices at 50 Natoma Street
- The Folsom Public Library at 411 Stafford Street, Folsom, 95630
- On the City's web site at <https://www.folsom.ca.us/housingstudy>.