

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2023110069

Project Title: Alameda County 2023-2031 Housing Element Update

Lead Agency: Alameda County

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Project Location: Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, Hayward Acres, Fairview, San Lorenzo in Alameda County
City County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed 2023-2031 Housing Element Update (HEU), herein referred to as the “proposed HEU” or “proposed project,” would amend the Alameda County General Plan by updating the current Housing Element with the proposed 2023-2031 Housing Element. The proposed HEU establishes policies and programs to further the goal of meeting the existing and projected housing needs of all household income levels of the County. In addition, the HEU’s sites inventory provides evidence of the County’s ability to accommodate the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) through the year 2031, as established by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

The proposed project would also involve amending the Castro Valley General Plan, Eden Area General Plan, Ashland Cherryland Business District Specific Plan, Castro Valley Central Business District Specific Plan, Fairview Specific Plan, Madison Area Specific Plan, San Lorenzo Village Center Specific Plan, and Alameda County Municipal Code as needed for consistency and HEU implementation.

The Recirculated IS-MND analyzes a total number of 3,779 units by 2031 from a residential rezone program which will be implemented to adequately meet the County’s assigned RHNA of 4,711 units.

Identify the project’s significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Impacts related to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Noise, and Tribal Cultural Resources would be significant but mitigable to less than significant.

The following Mitigation Measures are required:
Air Quality: MM AQ-1 (Project-level Air Quality Analysis), MM AQ-2 (Construction Health Risk Assessment)

Biological Resources: MM BIO-1 (Special-status Bat Species Avoidance and Minimization), MM BIO-2 (Preconstruction Surveys for Nesting Birds), MM BIO-3 (Biological Resources Screening and Assessment)

Cultural Resources: MM CUL-1 (Identification of Historical Resources), MM CUL-2 (Treatment of Historical Resources), MM CUL-3 (Archaeological Resources Assessment), MM CUL-4 (Unanticipated Discoveries of Archaeological Resources)

Geology and Soils: MM GEO-1 (Paleontological Resources Assessment)

Greenhouse Gas Emissions: MM GHG-1 (Consistency with BAAQMD's Project-Level GHG Threshold)

Noise: MM NOI-1 (Construction Noise Reduction Plan), MM NOI-2 (Construction Vibration Reduction Plan)

Tribal Cultural Resources: MM TCR-1 (Suspension of Work Around Potential Tribal Cultural Resources)

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Utilities and Service Systems; Public Services (Schools); Transportation

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

The Housing Element has been submitted to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for review and comment and the City will seek certification of the Housing Element from HCD.