



## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), SCH #2023120387 has been prepared by the City of Irwindale (City), as the Lead Agency, and is available for a 45-day public review period on the City's website at: <https://www.irwindaleca.gov/570/Housing-Element-General-Plan-Update> and in-person during normal business hours at the following locations:

- Irwindale City Hall – 5050 Irwindale Avenue, Irwindale, CA 91706
- Irwindale Community Development-Planning Division – 16102 Arrow Highway, Irwindale, CA 91706
- Irwindale Public Library - 16053 Calle De Paseo, Irwindale, CA 91706

The 45-day public review period begins on **Friday, April 4, 2025**, and ends on **Monday, May 19, 2025**, after which a Final PEIR will be prepared containing comments and responses to comments that are received during the 45-day period. In accordance with the time limits established by CEQA, the City requests comments be received by **5:00 p.m. on May 19, 2025**. The Final PEIR will be used by the City of Irwindale Planning Commission and City Council for consideration of the proposed Project, at future dates for which notice shall separately be provided. If you have problems accessing the document on the City's website please contact Marilyn Simpson, at [msimpson@irwindaleca.gov](mailto:msimpson@irwindaleca.gov).

**PROJECT TITLE:** City of Irwindale Housing Element and General Plan Update

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The City of Irwindale is located within the easterly portion of Los Angeles County at the periphery of the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area. The City has a total land area of 6,080 acres or 9.5 square miles. The San Gabriel River delineates the northerly boundary of the city with the foothills of the nearby San Gabriel Mountains located further north. The City is centrally located within the San Gabriel Valley and is bisected by the San Gabriel River into an eastern section and a western section. The City is generally bounded on the north by Duarte, on the east by Azusa, on the south by Baldwin Park, and on the west by the cities of Monrovia and Arcadia.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Project includes the City's updated Housing and Safety Elements and the development of a new Environmental Justice (EJ) Element. The Housing Element provides a plan to accommodate the City's 6<sup>th</sup> cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) and includes housing policies and programs to guide the City in planning and decision-making to achieve its RHNA allocation. The Project includes the General Plan and zoning amendments for five sites necessary for the implementation of the Housing Element.

The updated Safety Element (previously named the Public Safety Element) identifies the potential risks to life and property resulting from naturally occurring hazards, such as earthquakes and floods, and man-made hazards, such as air pollution and contamination of water quality as well as the appropriate public safety providers, such as law enforcement, emergency preparedness, and response teams.

With the updated Housing and Safety Elements, the City is also required to adopt an EJ Element at this time. The entire City meets the State-defined criteria for disadvantaged communities, where the EJ Element's purpose is to address the unique or compounded health risks throughout the city. The EJ Element includes policies, programs, and measures to reduce these health risks, such as improving air quality; promoting public facilities, food access, safe and sanitary homes; and physical activity

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:** The Draft PEIR analyzed potential environmental impacts associated with the project, including: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils (paleontological resources), Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems. While there are properties within the City that are listed in databases enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5, the five housing sites identified for future residential development are not on the lists. Based on the analyses contained in the Draft PEIR, implementation of the Project would result in significant impacts that cannot be mitigated with respect to: (1) Air Quality (2) Cultural Resources, and (3) Noise. All other impacts studied in the Draft PEIR were found to be less than significant or less than significant with mitigation measures.

**CONTACT:** If you have questions about this Project, or wish to comment on the public draft document, you are encouraged to contact:

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