

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Fresno

From: (Public Agency): City of San Joaquin
21900 Colorado Avenue, P.O. Box 758
San Joaquin, CA 93660

(Address)

Project Title: General Plan amendment to adopt an Environmental Justice Element and Safety Element update

Project Applicant: City of San Joaquin

Project Location - Specific:

City wide

Project Location - City: San Joaquin Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Environmental Justice Element examines the role of six key factors influencing a person's health status, referred to as the environmental determinants of health (California Government Code Section 65302). The environmental determinants of health include pollution exposure and air quality, public facilities, safe and sanitary homes, physical activity and public health, food access, and civic and community engagement. The City of San Joaquin is an identified disadvantaged community, and therefore must adopt an Environmental Justice Element, or include environmental justice policies within other elements of the General Plan, that fulfill the requirements of SB 1000. Upon adoption, the Environmental Justice Element will serve as a stand-alone element of the General Plan.

The Safety Element is undergoing an update to bring the City's General Plan in compliance with Government Code Section 65302(g), which requires jurisdictions to update its Safety Element upon revisions to the Housing Element or local hazard mitigation plan. The Safety Element includes seven goals, 27 policies, and 44 programs which were created to reduce risk to people and property from natural and man-made hazards. These goals and policies work in tandem with other topics in the General Plan, including those set forth in Housing Element, Land Use Element, Transportation and Circulation Element, Conversation Element, and Environmental Element.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of San Joaquin

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Elizabeth Cabrera, City Manager

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Common Sense 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:


The proposed project involves the adoption of policy documents to maintain consistency with State law and does not in and of itself propose or approve physical development. As such, the proposed project is not anticipated to result in any changes to the physical environment, nor will it result in potential environmental impacts.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Eric VonBerg Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 721-6063

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 6/5/2024 Title: Contract City Planner

Signed by Lead Agency

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____