



# CITY OF PINOLE

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PINOLE CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN AND CEQA GHG EMISSIONS THRESHOLDS

The City of Pinole has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration (IS-ND) for the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Thresholds, as described below, and is requesting comments on the Draft IS-ND. The Draft IS-ND addresses the potential physical environmental effects of implementation of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds in accordance with CEQA.

The City of Pinole is the Lead Agency for the proposed plan. This notice is being sent to the State Clearinghouse, Contra Costa County Clerk, and other interested agencies and parties. No responsible agencies, trustee agencies, or public agencies besides the City of Pinole that also have a role in approving or carrying out the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds have been identified.

**PLAN TITLE:** Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds

**PLAN LOCATION:** The Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds apply to all areas and plans/projects within the City of Pinole limits. The plan location includes all of Pinole's incorporated lands.

**DESCRIPTION OF PLAN:** The Climate Action and Adaptation Plan is a strategic framework that establishes a specific pathway for how the City will reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and help the community prepare to adapt and become more resilient to the effects of climate change. The City is committed to a GHG emissions reduction target in line with the state's goals for 2030 and 2045. The state's goals are developed relative to the state's 1990 GHG emission baseline. Senate Bill 32 establishes a goal to reduce statewide GHG by 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030, and Assembly Bill 1249 establishes the state's goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2045. The City's GHG targets were developed relative to the 2017 Community GHG emissions by back-casting to 1990. This back-cast utilized the change in statewide GHG emissions between 2017 and 1990 as a proxy for change in Pinole during the same period. As mentioned, this 2030 GHG emissions goal was selected to be consistent with California Senate Bill 32 State emissions targets, CEQA, and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District guidelines for a qualified GHG emissions reduction strategy, and to be achievable by City-supported measures and actions identified in the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. To achieve the 2030 GHG emissions target, the City has developed 21 measures related clean electricity, building decarbonization, transportation decarbonization and sustainable land use planning, solid waste and water use reductions, community engagement, and climate adaptation. The CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds establish quantitative efficiency thresholds for use in evaluating whether a plan or project's GHG emissions would result in a potentially significant environmental impact under CEQA for plans or projects with pre-2030 buildout or initial operation years.

**SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:** As discussed in the Draft IS-ND, the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds were found to result in no significant environmental

effect or a less-than-significant environmental effect with regard to all CEQA Guidelines Appendix G environmental topics. No mitigation measures are required.

**DRAFT IS-ND REVIEW PERIOD:** The City is soliciting comments on the Draft IS-ND from **June 17, 2024**, through **July 17, 2024**. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074, the City of Pinole will consider the IS-ND together with any comments received during the public review process. Comments on the Draft IS-ND and any questions or comments should be directed via email or in writing to:

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Comments on the Draft IS-ND must be received **on or before July 17, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

**COPIES OF THE DRAFT IS-ND:** The Draft IS-ND is available for review online on the City's website: [www.pinolespeaks.com/pinolectimateaction](http://www.pinolespeaks.com/pinolectimateaction). Hard copies can be mailed upon request. If you need a hardcopy of the IS-ND or the documents referenced therein, please contact Kapil at [kamin@pinole.gov](mailto:kamin@pinole.gov).

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The Pinole City Council is anticipated to consider the IS-ND and make a decision on the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds during a future regularly scheduled meeting to be noticed to the public. Interested attendees should visit the City Council webpage to confirm the meeting date, time, agenda, and logistics:

[https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city\\_government/city\\_council/agendas\\_and\\_minutes](https://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/city_government/city_council/agendas_and_minutes)

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