

**FOURTH ADDENDUM TO THE FINAL CERTIFIED
ESCONDIDO GENERAL PLAN UPDATE,
DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN UPDATE, AND
CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT (SCH #2010071064)**

TO AMEND THE GENERAL PLAN AND ADOPT THE COMMUNITY
PROTECTION ELEMENT UPDATE; AND COMMUNITY HEALTH
AND SERVICE ELEMENT UPDATE

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose and Background

This Fourth Addendum to the Final Certified Escondido General Plan Update, Downtown Specific Plan Update, and Climate Action Plan Environmental Impact Report (“Addendum”) has been prepared by the City of Escondido (“City”) in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) (“CEQA”), the regulations promulgated thereunder (14 California Code of Regulations section 15000 et seq.) (“CEQA Guidelines”), and the City’s Environmental Review Guidelines (Article 47 of the Escondido Zoning Code) to amend the General Plan, consisting of the following (collectively referred to herein as the “Project”):

1. A General Plan text amendment to update the City of Escondido’s Community Protection Chapter (which serves as both the Safety and Noise Elements for purposes of compliance with Government Code section 65302). The Community Protection Chapter, which is part of the City’s General Plan, is a policy document designed to provide the City possible solutions and establish standards and policies for proactively addressing threats to life and property. The Chapter addresses such issues as flood and fire hazards, geologic and seismic activity, and hazardous materials. Sections regarding Emergency Preparedness, Police and Fire service, and Noise are also included; however, changes to this Chapter serve only to amend those policies that qualify for purposes of fulfilling Government Code section 65302(g) on requirements for the Safety Element. The City is able to meet its fair share of safety requirements through the required updates without many changes to the General Plan. Therefore, the Community Protection Chapter update is consistent with the basic planning assumptions that were utilized to prepare the General Plan.
2. A General Plan text amendment to update the Community Health and Services Chapter. As part of its effort to address environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives, the Community Health and Services Chapter of the General Plan would be amended to include additional policies to expand outreach efforts to disadvantaged communities and target populations, particularly on issues that relate to social equity and health. Increased environmental justice provides an equitable and diverse perspective to inform future city policy and thus relates to all elements of the General Plan. Therefore, increased environmental justice in and of itself is consistent with all other elements of the General Plan.

The purpose of this Addendum is to provide updated information to the Final Certified Escondido General Plan Update, Downtown Specific Plan Update, and Climate Action Plan Environmental Impact Report (“Final EIR”). Section 15164(a) of the CEQA Guidelines states that “[t]he lead agency or a responsible agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred.” Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines provides that a subsequent EIR is required when (1) substantial changes are proposed in the

project or circumstances that will require major revisions of the prior EIR due to new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or (2) new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the prior EIR was certified, shows that (a) the project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the prior EIR, (b) significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the prior EIR, (c) mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative, or (d) mitigation measures or alternatives that are considerably different from those analyzed in the prior EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

As discussed in the following sections, the new information and minor technical modifications are not considered “significant” pursuant to CEQA. Specifically, the Addendum to the Final EIR finds that the impacts resulting from implementation of the 2012 General Plan Update and the Climate Action Plan as described in the Final EIR, as well as the Downtown Specific Plan Update, remain the same, aside from the Project’s proposed modification, and the mitigation measures would remain unchanged and are still valid and enforceable. No considerably different mitigation measures or feasible alternatives have been identified or are required. The Addendum to the Final EIR finds that the previously identified impacts and mitigation measures, as described in the Final EIR, are still applicable to the updated General Plan. Therefore, the Final EIR, as certified, remains adequate and complete.

The Housing Element is one of the mandatory elements of the General Plan and was required by State law to be updated for the 2021-2029 planning period (also called the 6th Cycle planning period). State law requires the Public Safety Element, which is another mandatory element of the General Plan, to be updated—in compliance with Government Code section 65302(g)—upon revision of the Housing Element. The City of Escondido prepared an update to the Housing Element in 2021, approved in 2023, which triggered the need to update the City’s Safety Element.

The Safety Element, which is housed within the Community Protection Chapter in the 2012 Escondido General Plan, addresses potential and existing hazards in the City, which are outlined in the following categories: Emergency Preparedness, Geological Hazards/Seismic Activity, Flood Hazards, Hazardous Material and Mining Hazards, Public Safety Services and Facilities, Fire Hazards and Protection, and Severe Weather Hazards. Among updates to the Goals and Policies, an additional category for Climate Adaptation and Resiliency has been added, along with new and revised maps.

In addition, the City is also required by Government Code section 65302(h) to include environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives in the General Plan when two or more elements of the General Plan are updated concurrently. Environmental justice is defined by the State of California as the “fair treatment and meaningful involvement of people of all races,

cultures, incomes, and national origins with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of laws, regulations, and policies” (California Government Code section 65040.12(e)). Inclusion of these goals, policies, and objectives may be accomplished through adoption of an Environmental Justice Element, or integration of related goals, policies, and objectives into other elements. Since approving the Housing Element, certain environmental justice goals and policies have been integrated into the City’s Community Health and Services Element in response to state requirements. The Community Health and Services Chapter of the 2012 Escondido General Plan is an optional element of the General Plan and includes goals and policies that influence good land use planning in order to enhance community health and welfare. The chapter’s purpose is to support access to healthy foods, availability of parks, recreational opportunities, libraries and cultural services, as well as promote educational advancement and civic engagement to improve economic, physical, and social conditions. However, the existing Community Health and Services Chapter does not fulfill all requirements outlined in section 65302(h). As such, this Chapter serves as a good place for the addition of environmental justice context, goals, policies, and exhibits for compliance with state law.

All such draft strategies and policies within both the Community Protection and Community Health and Services Chapters build upon, augment, or refine existing strategies and policies of the current General Plan, and they introduce no new policies that would conflict with existing General Plan elements having the most direct relation to allowable use and development, such as land use, circulation, or safety element policies. Therefore, the Project may be approved as an activity covered within the scope of the Final EIR.

All other environmental analysis sections are not contained herein because the original Final EIR for those environmental areas are still applicable and do not require updated information. CEQA does not require that the original Final EIR be circulated with the Addendum, but the original Final EIR is available for public review from the City of Escondido upon request. The Final EIR can be found at the following link:

<https://escondido.gov/1208/2012-General-Plan-EIR>

Therefore, please refer to the original Final EIR for other environmental topics not contained in this Addendum.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This section provides information related to CEQA and the revised analysis to the Final EIR, as it relates to the Community Protection and Community Health and Services Chapter updates. This section discusses the original Final EIR (SCH #2010071064), which was certified in 2012 and provides background information on the need to provide updated information to the original analysis in reference to the General Plan amendment.

1.1 Project Description

Legal Context

Pursuant to Government Code section 65302(g), a Safety Element is required to consist of an identification and analysis of hazards that could cause injury, death, property damage, or environmental damage. These hazards include earthquakes, floods, fires, landslides, and climate change. The Safety Element must establish goals and policies to reduce the risk of these hazards. Specifically, a Safety Element is required to contain the following:

- Identification of primary hazards/issues
- Floodplain mapping
- Wildfire mapping and goals and policies to address wildfire hazards
- Climate change impact, adaptation, and mitigation strategies
- Identification of evacuation constraints associated with residential developments
- Updates concurrent with the Housing Element or local hazard mitigation plan
- Inclusion of the floodplain management ordinance

Pursuant to Government Code section 65302(h), an Environmental Justice Element is required to consist of an identification and analysis of disadvantaged communities (defined below) within the sphere of influence of a jurisdiction. The Environmental Justice Element must establish objectives, goals, and policies to reduce health risks and promote civic engagement in these communities. Specifically, an Environmental Justice Element is required to contain the following:

- Objectives and policies to reduce the unique or compounded health risks in disadvantaged communities by means that include, but are not limited to:
 - the reduction of pollution exposure, including the improvement of air quality,
 - the promotion of:
 - i) public facilities,
 - ii) food access,
 - iii) safe and sanitary homes,
 - iv) and physical activity
- Objectives and policies to promote civic engagement in the public decision-making process and prioritize improvements and programs that address the needs of disadvantaged communities.

Senate Bill (SB) 1035, 379, 99, and Assembly Bill (AB) 747

SB 1035 (2018) requires counties to align Safety Element updates with Housing Element updates and/or Local Hazard Mitigation Plan revisions (LHMP). It amends the timing of updates related to the original bill language in SB 379 (2015), which required the Safety Element of a community's General Plan to address the hazards created or exacerbated by climate change, including a vulnerability assessment and a set of goals, policies, and measures, to adapt and improve resiliency to anticipated changes by January of 2022.

AB 747 (2019) requires jurisdictions to review and update the Safety Element of their General Plan as necessary to identify evacuation routes and evaluate their capacity, safety, and viability under a range of emergency scenarios after January of 2022. Incorporating the LHMP, Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) or another document that fulfills these objectives by reference is acceptable to comply with AB 747. SB 99 (2020) requires cities, upon the next revision of the Housing Element on or after January 1, 2020, to review and update the Safety Element to include information identifying residential developments in hazard areas that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes.

As a result of the 2021 Housing Element update, the City was required to consider these Bills and undertake a comprehensive update to the Community Protection Chapter (Safety Element).

SB 1000

SB 1000 (2016) requires cities and counties to integrate environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives into the General Plan upon the concurrent update to two or more elements when certain conditions within the jurisdiction exist. The Housing Element update of 2021 required the Safety Element to be updated, which triggered the Environmental Justice Element update. The proposed General Plan text amendment to the Community Health and Services Chapter, which is an optional element to the General Plan, directly relates to topics mandated for the environmental justice policies of the General Plan but does not go so far as to remedy environmental justice concerns for communities particularly impacted by such issues. Environmental justice goals are achieved when everyone in the City has the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards; a healthy environment in which to live, learn, and work; and equal access to the decision-making process. The environmental justice policies contained within the Community Health and Services Chapter are aimed at reducing health risks, promoting civic engagement, and prioritizing the needs of disadvantaged communities with implementable actions that achieve them—thus fulfilling the requirements of Government Code section 65302(h) and SB 1000.

SB 1000 defines a disadvantaged community (DAC) as “an area identified by the California Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code or an area that is a low-income area that is disproportionately affected by environmental pollution and other hazards that can lead to negative health effects, exposure, or environmental degradation.” Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code states,

“[DACs] shall be identified based on geographic, socioeconomic, public health, and environmental hazard criteria, and may include, but are not limited to, either of the following:

1. Areas disproportionately affected by environmental pollution and other hazards that can lead to negative public health effects, exposure, or environmental degradation.
2. Areas with concentrations of people that are of low income, high unemployment, low levels of homeownership, high rent burden, sensitive populations, or low levels of educational attainment.”

Low-income thresholds outlined in SB 1000 are household incomes at or below 80% of the state’s median income, or household incomes at or below the Department of Housing and Community Development’s list of state income limits adopted pursuant to Section 500093.

Community Protection (CP) and Community Health and Services Chapter (CHS) Revisions

The proposed General Plan text amendment to the Community Protection and Community Health and Services Chapters (Project) consists of the following major components:

Community Protection Chapter

- Updated existing, and introduction of new goals and policies;
- An updated Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation Plan;
- Updated maps of limited access roads and residential parcels for evacuation routes;
- Incorporation of the Escondido Climate Action Plan (E-CAP), Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Report, Local and State Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps, and Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) by reference.

The Community Protection Chapter includes one (1) new goal and 20 new policies, along with minor text revisions to the existing goals and policies. One (1) goal and four (4) associated policies are related to Climate Adaptation and Resiliency. The 16 other new policies are distributed amongst Soils and Seismicity, Flood Protection, Fire Protection, and Emergency Services. These new goals and policies can be found in Appendix A of this addendum.

Community Health and Services Chapter

- A comprehensive section on environmental justice including:
 - Background and legal context for the incorporation of environmental justice
 - An analysis of the City’s demographics to identify Disadvantaged Communities (DACs), Environmental Justice Communities (EJCs), and Priority Investment Neighborhoods (PINs);
 - Strategies to address the City’s identified EJ needs, including environmental justice goals, policies, and programs;
 - Incorporation of the E-CAP by reference.

The Community Health and Services Chapter now contains the new Environmental Justice section, which includes two (2) new goals, nine (9) new policies, and 84 new subpolicies. Of these additions, two (2) policies and 20 subpolicies are related to Pollution Reduction, two (2) policies and 16 subpolicies are related to Public Facilities, two (2) policies and 13 subpolicies are related to Food Access, one (1) policy and seven (7) subpolicies are related to Physical Activity, one (1) policy and 13 subpolicies are related to Safe and Sanitary Housing, and one (1) policy and 15 subpolicies are related to Civic Engagement. These new goals and policies can be found in Appendix B of this addendum.

1.2 California Environmental Quality Act

CEQA requires that state and local government agencies consider the environmental consequences of projects over which they have discretionary authority before taking action on those projects (Public Resources Code sections 21000 et seq.). CEQA also requires that each public agency mitigate or avoid, wherever feasible, the significant environmental impacts of a project that it approves or implements. A significant impact is one that would lead to a substantial adverse change in the physical conditions of the environmental areas affected by the project.

An Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) is an informational document used in state, regional, and local planning and decision-making processes to meet the requirements of CEQA. The EIR for a proposed project must disclose environmental effects that cannot be avoided; growth-inducing effects; effects found not to be significant; and significant cumulative impacts of all past, present and reasonably anticipated future projects. In addition, an EIR must identify potential methods of avoiding or reducing effects (i.e., mitigation measures) and alternatives to the proposed project or program.

1.3 Final EIR for the 2012 General Plan Update, Downtown Specific Plan Update, and Climate Action Plan

The Final EIR addresses a full range of environmental issues associated with the 20-year planning horizon of the 2012 General Plan (actual horizon year: 2035). The Final EIR was certified on May 23, 2012, by the Escondido City Council (Resolution No. 2012-53.) A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (“MMRP”); Findings of Fact including significant and unavoidable air quality, biological resources, noise, vibration, housing, traffic, and utilities impacts; and a Statement of Overriding Considerations were also adopted at the same public hearing.

This Addendum constitutes the fourth addendum to the Final EIR. The first addendum to the Final EIR was prepared for the Downtown Specific Plan Density Transfer Program, which was adopted by City Council Resolution 2019-06 on May 8, 2019. The second addendum to the Final EIR was prepared for the Downtown Specific Plan amendment to address and remove ground-floor retail requirements, which was adopted by City Council Resolution 2021-114 on August 11, 2021. The third addendum to the Final EIR was prepared for the 6th Cycle Housing Element Update of the General Plan, which was adopted by City Council Resolution 2023-31 on August 11, 2021.

1.4 Lead Agency and Discretionary Approvals

This Addendum documents the City's consideration of the potential environmental impacts resulting from the change in the project by way of the Community Protection and Community Health and Services amendments and explains the City's decision that a subsequent EIR is not required. The City of Escondido is the lead agency and has approval authority over the Project and changes.

1.5 Documents Incorporated by Reference

CEQA Guidelines section 15150 authorizes agencies to incorporate by reference other documents that provide relevant data and analysis into their environmental documents. The following documents are hereby incorporated by reference within this Addendum, and all of these documents are considered part of the Final EIR:

- Draft Environmental Impact Report – City of Escondido General Plan Update, Specific Plan Update, and Climate Action Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Report, State Clearinghouse #2010071064, prepared for the City of Escondido, by Atkins, dated January 10, 2012.
- Final Environmental Impact Report – City of Escondido General Plan Update, Specific Plan Update, and Climate Action Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Report, State Clearinghouse #2010071064, prepared for the City of Escondido, by Atkins, dated April 23, 2012.
- First addendum to the previously adopted EIR for 2012 General Plan Update, Downtown Specific Plan Update, and Climate Action Plan, prepared for the City of Escondido, by Harris & Associates, adopted May 8, 2019.
- Second addendum to the previously adopted EIR for 2012 General Plan Update, Downtown Specific Plan Update, and Climate Action Plan, adopted August 11, 2021.
- Third addendum to the previously adopted EIR for 2012 General Plan Update, Downtown Specific Plan Update, and Climate Action Plan, adopted August 11, 2021.
- Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan: City of Escondido Annex, dated 2023.
- City of Escondido Climate Action Plan (E-CAP), dated March 2021

1.6 Document Availability

The Office of the City Clerk is the custodian of the administrative record for the Final EIR. The administrative record is available for public review during normal business hours.

2.0 CEQA REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Use of an Addendum

Section 15160 of the CEQA Guidelines explains that there are several mechanisms and variations in environmental documents that can be tailored to different situations and intended uses of environmental review. These variations, including Subsequent EIRs, Supplemental EIRs, and

Addenda, are not exclusive. “Lead agencies may use other variations consistent with the guidelines to meet the needs of other circumstances.” (CEQA Guidelines § 15160.)

Public Resources Code section 21166 sets the standard to determine whether another EIR should be prepared when an original EIR has been prepared. Section 21166 states:

When an environmental impact report has been prepared for a project pursuant to this division, no subsequent or supplemental environmental impact report shall be required by the lead agency or by any responsible agency, unless one or more of the following events occurs:

(a) Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the environmental impact report.

(b) Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken which will require major revisions in the environmental impact report.

(c) New information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time the environmental impact report was certified as complete, becomes available.

Similarly, CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 states:

(a) When an EIR has been certified or a negative declaration adopted for a project, no subsequent EIR shall be prepared for that project unless the lead agency determines, on the basis of substantial evidence in the light of the whole record, one or more of the following:

(1) Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;

(2) Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken, which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or

(3) New information of substantial importance which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the Negative Declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:

(A) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or negative declaration;

(B) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;

(C) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or

(D) Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

(b) If changes to a project or its circumstances occur or new information becomes available after adoption of a negative declaration, the lead agency shall prepare a subsequent EIR if required under subsection (a). Otherwise, the lead agency shall determine whether to prepare a subsequent negative declaration, an addendum, or no further documentation.

(c) Once a project has been approved, the lead agency's role in project approval is completed, unless further discretionary approval on that project is required. Information appearing after an approval does not require reopening that approval. If after the project is approved, any of the conditions described in subsection (a) occurs, a subsequent EIR or negative declaration shall only be prepared by the public agency which grants the next discretionary approval for the project, if any. In this situation no other Responsible Agency shall grant an approval for the project until the subsequent EIR has been certified or subsequent negative declaration adopted.

(d) A subsequent EIR or subsequent negative declaration shall be given the same notice and public review as required under Section 15087 or Section 15072. A subsequent EIR or negative declaration shall state where the previous document is available and can be reviewed.

Thus, CEQA Guidelines section 15162 clarifies that a subsequent EIR or supplemental EIR is only required when "substantial changes" occur to a project or the circumstances surrounding a project, or "new information" about a project implicates "new significant environmental effects" or a "substantial increase in the severity of previously significant effects." In evaluating whether these thresholds are met, the key is to determine if any circumstances have changed enough to justify repeating a substantial portion of the environmental documentation process. If conditions do not justify a new or supplemental EIR, but minor additional or technical changes are appropriate to keep the document current and useful, an agency may prepare an addendum. (CEQA Guidelines § 15164).

Specifically, CEQA Guidelines section 15164 states:

(a) The lead agency or a responsible agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred

(b) An addendum to an adopted negative declaration may be prepared if only minor technical changes or additions are necessary or none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR or negative declaration have occurred.

(c) An addendum need not be circulated for public review but can be included in or attached to the final EIR or adopted negative declaration.

(d) The decision-making body shall consider the addendum with the final EIR or adopted negative declaration prior to making a decision on the project.

(e) A brief explanation of the decision not to prepare a subsequent EIR pursuant to Section 15162 should be included in an addendum to an EIR, the lead agency's required findings on the project, or elsewhere in the record. The explanation must be supported by substantial evidence.

2.2 Summary of Analysis and Findings

Based upon the supporting checklist responses (Section 3), other than the minor changes to the Project in reference to map changes and text changes, the environmental effects associated with the changes in the Project do not require additional analysis beyond the analysis previously prepared and distributed in the Final EIR.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15164, the City of Escondido finds that only minor modifications are required and that none of the conditions described in Public Resources Code section 21166 or CEQA Guidelines section 15162 requiring preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR have occurred. More specifically, the City of Escondido has determined all of the following:

- There are no substantial changes to the Project that would require major revisions of the Final EIR due to new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of impacts identified in the previous Final EIR.
- No substantial changes have occurred in the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken that will require major revisions of the Final EIR to disclose new significant environmental effects or that would result in a substantial increase in the severity of the impacts identified in the Final EIR.
- There is no new information of substantial importance, which was not known at the time that the previous Certified Final EIR for the proposed Project was circulated, indicating that:

- The Project will not have one or more significant effects not previously discussed in the Certified Final EIR;
- There are no impacts that were determined to be significant in the previous Certified Final EIR that would be substantially more severe.
- There are no additional mitigation measures or alternatives to the project that would substantially reduce one or more of the significant effects identified in the previous Certified Final EIR; and
- There are no additional mitigation measures or alternatives which were rejected that are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous Certified Final EIR that would substantially reduce any significant impact identified in the Certified Final EIR.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

This section of the Addendum analyzes the potential environmental effects associated with the implementation of the General Plan to update the Community Protection and Community Health and Services Chapters as compared to the environmental analysis provided in the Final EIR. Each environmental topic is organized first to identify the impacts and significance level determinations previously identified in the Final EIR, second to identify the impacts of the Project and whether new or increased severity of significant impacts would occur, and third to evaluate whether the Project would result in substantial changes in the circumstances or new information not previously identified in the Final EIR. This section provides substantial evidence to support the findings and basis to prepare the Addendum, which is that the Project would not create substantial changes, or bring to light new information of substantial importance that was not previously examined in the Final EIR, that would trigger the preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR as set forth in CEQA Guidelines sections 15162 and 15163. As such, the Addendum is consistent with the provisions of CEQA Guidelines section 15164 because only minor changes and additions to the Final EIR are necessary to address the project.

The Environmental Impact Report EIR for the City's General Plan is a program-level (also called "first-tier") document prepared under CEQA Guidelines section 15168 and 15152. Its purpose is to evaluate, at a broad citywide/program-level scale, the environmental effects of adopting the General Plan's goals, policies, and land-use diagram. Goals and policies are a jurisdiction's way of setting forth guidelines to govern future growth and development. Every new development within the City of Escondido will need to be checked against the General Plan goals and policies to ensure consistency. Individual development proposals that come forward after General Plan adoption will be "second-tier" or "project-level" actions that will undergo their own environmental review, which will "tier" from (i.e., incorporate by reference and build on) the program-level analysis in this EIR.

3.1 Aesthetics

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	☒	☐	☐	☐
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within view from a state scenic highway?	☒	☐	☐	☐
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?	☒	☐	☐	☐
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	☒	☐	☐	☐

These less than significant impacts were addressed in Section 4.1, Aesthetics, of the Final EIR, on pages 4.1-1 through 4.1-50.

Community Protection

The Project seeks to amend the Community Protection Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Safety Element Law, as it was described previously in the Final EIR. The update to the Community Protection Chapter to integrate certain safety policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the

City. These goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying potential environmental hazards and improvement areas to better equip the City with the tools to protect the community from future unnecessary natural and man-made hazards. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

Changes incorporated into the goals and policies of the Community Protection Chapter pertain only to those topics which relate to Government Code section 65302(g) and no changes would occur to the portion of the Community Protection Chapter that serves as the City's Noise Element. Those changes to the Community Protection Chapter are based on the state mandated regulations outlined within Section 1.1 of this Addendum and identified under section 65302(g)(1-5).

The Community Protection Chapter is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of a safety program that was updated to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Protection Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with updated disaster preparedness, police services, code compliance, fire, flood, and hazards protection, soils and seismic impacts, and climate adaptation and resiliency measures contained in the Chapter.

Community Health and Services

The Project seeks to amend the Community Health and Services Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Environmental Justice Law. The update to the Community Health and Services Chapter to integrate certain environmental justice policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. Environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying disadvantaged communities and demographics to better understand the unique and disproportionate challenges faced by these communities. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

The Community Health and Services Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of an environmental justice program that was created to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Health and Services Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with reduced pollution exposure, increased public facilities, equitable food access, increased safe and sanitary homes, increased physical activity, and inclusive civic engagement measures contained in the Element.

Conclusion

As described in the Final EIR Section 4.1, Aesthetics issues would result in less than significant impacts resulting from the implementation of the Escondido General Plan Update ("GP 2012

Update”), Downtown Specific Plan Update (“DSP Update”), and the Escondido Climate Action Plan (“E-CAP”). Implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP would not obstruct existing views and resources by complying with existing regulations and the proposed GP 2012 Update and DSP Update policies. Implementation of the City’s Grading and Erosion Ordinance and General Plan update policies in the Resource Conservation Chapter would protect views of ridgelines by requiring development to comply with grading design guidelines for development on all steep slopes, requiring slope analyses and visual analyses for development near skyline ridges, and prohibiting development on skyline ridges. Implementation of the GP 2012, DSP Update, and E-CAP, would have the potential to change the existing visual character or quality in some areas of the City, but not degrade it. Development consistent with the GP 2012 Update and DSP Update would be high quality development designed to be compatible with existing adjacent land uses. Additionally, there would not be substantial impacts in regards to lighting or glare, as all new development would be required to comply with the City’s outdoor lighting ordinance. Also, the GP 2012 Update and DSP Update include policies that require new development, including development that would install reflective surfaces as part of the E-CAP implementation, to avoid light and glare impacts, including spillover light and incompatible glare. Therefore, impacts to Aesthetic Issues would be less than significant.

No new goals and policies associated with the Project are related to aesthetics. All future projects associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Chapter updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are actually proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA.

Based on the above discussion, the Project is not expected to result in new or more severe impacts to aesthetics. Refer to the Final EIR for the original environmental analysis for aesthetics.

3.2 Agricultural Resources

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
Would the project:				
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?	☒	☐	☐	☐
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	☒	☐	☐	☐
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined in Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined in Government Code section 51104(g))?	☒	☐	☐	☐
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	☒	☐	☐	☐

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	☒	☐	☐	☐

These less than significant impacts were addressed in Section 4.2, Agricultural Resources, of the Final EIR on pages 4.2-1 through 4.2-28.

Community Protection

The Project seeks to amend the Community Protection Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Safety Element Law, as it was described previously in the Final EIR. The update to the Community Protection Chapter to integrate certain safety policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. These goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying potential environmental hazards and improvement areas to better equip the City with the tools to protect the community from future unnecessary natural and man-made hazards. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

Changes incorporated into the goals and policies of the Community Protection Chapter pertain only to those topics which relate to Government Code section 65302(g) and no changes would occur to the portion of the Community Protection Chapter that serves as the City's Noise Element. Those changes to the Community Protection Chapter are based on the state mandated regulations outlined within Section 1.1 of this Addendum and identified under section 65302(g)(1-5).

The Community Protection Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of a safety program that was updated to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the

Community Protection Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with updated disaster preparedness, police services, code compliance, fire, flood, and hazards protection, soils and seismic impacts, and climate adaptation and resiliency measures contained in the Chapter.

Community Health and Services

The Project seeks to amend the Community Health and Services Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Environmental Justice Law. The update to the Community Health and Services Chapter to integrate certain environmental justice policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. Environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying disadvantaged communities and demographics to better understand the unique and disproportionate challenges faced by these communities. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

The Community Health and Services Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of an environmental justice program that was created to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Health and Services Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with reduced pollution exposure, increased public facilities, equitable food access, increased safe and sanitary homes, increased physical activity, and inclusive civic engagement measures contained in the Chapter.

Conclusion

As described in the Final EIR Section 4.2, Agricultural Resources issues would result in less than significant impacts resulting from the implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and the E-CAP. Implementation of the GP 2012 Update would result in the potential direct conversion of 1,846 acres of agricultural resources. However, the GP 2012 update provides multiple policies within various elements that promote preservation and encourage agricultural uses within the City. The E-CAP provides reduction measures that encourage agricultural efficiencies. Additionally, zoning designations would be made consistent with the GP land use designations with the adoption of the GP 2012 Update and would not impact any land under an existing Williamson Act Contract. Implementation of the GP 2012 Update policies and smart growth planning strategies would reduce the potential for agricultural resources to be converted to non-agricultural uses. Therefore, impacts to Agricultural Resource issues would be less than significant.

No new goals and policies associated with the Project are related to agricultural resources. All future projects associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Chapter

updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA.

Based on the above discussion, the Project is not expected to result in new or more severe impacts to agricultural resources. Refer to the Final EIR for the original environmental analysis for agricultural resources.

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3.3 Air Quality

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
Would the project:				
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	☒	☐	☐	☐
b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?	☒	☐	☐	☐
c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	☒	☐	☐	☐
d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors adversely affecting a substantial number of people?	☒	☐	☐	☐

These impacts were addressed in section 4.3, Air Quality, of the Final EIR on pages 4.3-1 through 4.3-40.

Community Protection

The Project seeks to amend the Community Protection Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Safety Element Law, as it was described previously in the Final

EIR. The update to the Community Protection Chapter to integrate certain safety policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. These goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying potential environmental hazards and improvement areas to better equip the City with the tools to protect the community from future unnecessary natural and man-made hazards. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

Changes incorporated into the goals and policies of the Community Protection Chapter pertain only to those topics which relate to Government Code section 65302(g) and no changes would occur to the portion of the Community Protection Chapter that serves as the City's Noise Element. Those changes to the Community Protection Chapter are based on the state mandated regulations outlined within Section 1.1 of this Addendum and identified under section 65302(g)(1-5).

The Community Protection Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of a safety program that was updated to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Protection Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with updated disaster preparedness, police services, code compliance, fire, flood, and hazards protection, noise exposure, soils and seismic impacts, and climate adaptation and resiliency measures contained in the Element.

Community Health and Services

The Project seeks to amend the Community Health and Services Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Environmental Justice Law. The update to the Community Health and Services Chapter to integrate certain environmental justice policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. Environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying disadvantaged communities and demographics to better understand the unique and disproportionate challenges faced by these communities. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

The Community Health and Services Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of an environmental justice program that was created to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Health and Services Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with reduced pollution exposure, increased public facilities, equitable food access, increased safe and sanitary homes, increased physical activity, and inclusive civic engagement measures contained in the Element.

Conclusion

As described in the Final EIR Section 4.3, Air Quality, implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and the E-CAP is consistent with the SANDAG projections accounted for in the Regional Air Quality Strategy (“RAQS”) and the State Implementation Plan (“SIP”). Future development would be required to demonstrate compliance with the strategies and measures adopted as part of the RAQS and SIP during the City’s environmental review process, as well as with the requirements of the City and/or the San Diego Pollution Control District (“SDAPCD”) to reduce emissions of particulate matter. Therefore, these impacts would be less than significant.

Annual construction emissions and operational emissions associated with future development under the GP 2012 Update would result in significant emissions of volatile organic carbons (“VOCs”), particulate matter 10 (“PM10”), and PM2.5. Realistically, yearly construction emissions for all pollutants may be greater or lower depending on how development is implemented. Future development under the GP 2012 Update would be required to comply with CARB motor vehicle standards, SDAPCD regulations from stationary sources and architectural coatings, and the GP 2012 Update goals and policies. Additionally, the San Diego Air Basin (“SDAB”) is a nonattainment area for the state standards for ozone, PM10, and PM2.5. Therefore, with the implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP, there would be a cumulatively considerable impact for these pollutants. Mitigation measures Air-1 and Air-2 would be incorporated to mitigate these effects. While these measures and policies are intended to reduce impacts associated with air quality violations, these measures cannot guarantee that emissions would be reduced to a less than significant level. Therefore, even with the implementation of mitigation, impacts from construction and operation would remain significant and unavoidable under this issue.

Future development consistent with the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP, would result in potentially significant emissions of diesel particulate matter (“DPM”) and toxic air contaminants (“TACs”). Land development projects are required to comply with AB 2588, SDAPCD RULE 1210, Toxic Air Contaminant Public Health Risks – Public Notification and Risk Reduction, and CARB standards for diesel engines. The GP 2012 Update Air Quality and Climate Protection Element requires future land uses to be sited according to CARB recommendations. However, CARB does not make specific recommendations for certain potential sources of TACS including waste transfer, industrial, medical, and research and development facilities. Incorporation of mitigation measures Air-3 and Air-4 would reduce potential impacts associated with exposure of sensitive receptors to TACs to less than significant under this issue.

While odor sources are present within the GP 2012 Update and DSP Update planning areas, compliance with SDAPCD Rule 51 and the GP Update 2012 would ensure that a substantial number of sensitive receptors would not be exposed to objectionable odors. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant under this issue.

The updates to the Community Health and Services Chapter include new goals and policies related to reducing pollution, such as policies 1.1 through 1.2. As the Project entails policy adoption only and no physical improvements are proposed or programmed as a result of these policies, these changes would not impact air quality. The Project would inform future City actions

by guiding them to consider and prioritize decision making that increase air quality and comply with existing regulations seeking to reduce pollution exposure.

All future projects associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Element updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are actually proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA.

Based on the above discussion, the Project is not expected to result in new or more severe impacts to air quality. Refer to the Final EIR for the original environmental analysis for air quality

3.4 Biological Resources

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	☒	☐	☐	☐
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or US Fish and Wildlife Service?	☒	☐	☐	☐
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	☒	☐	☐	☐

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	☒	☐	☐	☐
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	☒	☐	☐	☐
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?	☒	☐	☐	☐

These significant impacts were addressed in Section 4.4, Biological Resources, of the Final EIR on pages 4.41 through 4.4-40.

Community Protection

The Project seeks to amend the Community Protection Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Safety Element Law, as it was described previously in the Final EIR. The update to the Community Protection Chapter to integrate certain safety policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the

City. These goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying potential environmental hazards and improvement areas to better equip the City with the tools to protect the community from future unnecessary natural and man-made hazards. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

Changes incorporated into the goals and policies of the Community Protection Chapter pertain only to those topics which relate to Government Code section 65302(g) and no changes would occur to the portion of the Community Protection Chapter that serves as the City's Noise Element. Those changes to the Community Protection Chapter are based on the state mandated regulations outlined within Section 1.1 of this Addendum and identified under section 65302(g)(1-5).

The Community Protection Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of a safety program that was updated to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Protection Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with updated disaster preparedness, police services, code compliance, fire, flood, and hazards protection, noise exposure, soils and seismic impacts, and climate adaptation and resiliency measures contained in the Element.

Community Health and Services

The Project seeks to amend the Community Health and Services Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Environmental Justice Law. The update to the Community Health and Services Chapter to integrate certain environmental justice policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. Environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying disadvantaged communities and demographics to better understand the unique and disproportionate challenges faced by these communities. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

The Community Health and Services Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of an environmental justice program that was created to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Health and Services Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with reduced pollution exposure, increased public facilities, equitable food access, increased safe and sanitary homes, increased physical activity, and inclusive civic engagement measures contained in the Element.

Conclusion

As described in the Final EIR Section 4.4, Biological Resources, implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and the E-CAP would have the potential to result in direct and indirect impacts to special status plant and wildlife species and their habitats, riparian habitats, sensitive communities, wildlife corridors, and native wildlife nursery sites. Existing federal and state regulations and land use agreements prohibit the take of sensitive species without permitting from wildlife and limit the amount of habitat that can be impacted by new development. The goals and policies of the GP 2012 Update included in the Resource Conservation Element, Community Health and Services Element, and Land Use and Community Form Element require projects with the potential to impact sensitive species to prepare a biological survey and mitigate any impacts that would occur. Appropriate mitigation is required to be determined through consultation with the wildlife agencies. The update of the Community Health and Services Chapter associated with the Project would not impact the previously approved mitigation. Compliance with these goals and policies would lessen impacts from the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and the E-CAP under these issues; however, a significant cumulative impact still exists for these issues. Adoption of the City's Multiple Habitat Conservation Program ("MHCP") Subarea Plan would establish an implementation program to protect biological resources. Until the City has adopted this plan, these impacts would be cumulatively considerable.

Implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and the E-CAP would have the potential to result in impacts to federal wetlands from future development. However, future development that would potentially impact a wetland would be required to obtain permitting from federal and/or state regulations. Additionally, GP 2012 Update policies included in the Resource Conservation element would ensure impacts would be less than significant under this issue.

Future projects under the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and the E-CAP would be required to comply with all applicable sections of the City's Zoning Ordinance, existing regulations, preservation agreements, and applicable habitat conservation plans and Natural Community Conservation Plans ("NCCPs") as well as policies in the GP 2012 Update. Therefore, impacts associated with conflicts with local policies and ordinances and habitat conservation plans and NCCPs would be less than significant under these issues.

No new goals and policies associated with the Project are related to biological resources. All future projects associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Element updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are actually proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA.

Based on the above discussion, the Project is not expected to result in new or more severe impacts to biological resources. Refer to the Final EIR for the original environmental analysis for biological resources.

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3.5 Cultural Resources

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
Would the project:				
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to § 15064.5?	☒	☐	☐	☐
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to § 15064.5?	☒	☐	☐	☐
c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	☒	☐	☐	☐

These impacts were addressed in Section 4.5, Cultural and Paleontological Resources, of the Final EIR on pages 4.5-1 through 4.5-48.

Community Protection

The Project seeks to amend the Community Protection Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Safety Element Law, as it was described previously in the Final EIR. The update to the Community Protection Chapter to integrate certain safety policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. These goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying potential environmental hazards and improvement areas to better equip the City with the tools to protect the community

from future unnecessary natural and man-made hazards. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

Changes incorporated into the goals and policies of the Community Protection Chapter pertain only to those topics which relate to Government Code section 65302(g) and no changes would occur to the portion of the Community Protection Chapter that serves as the City's Noise Element. Those changes to the Community Protection Chapter are based on the state mandated regulations outlined within Section 1.1 of this Addendum and identified under section 65302(g)(1-5).

The Community Protection Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of a safety program that was updated to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Protection Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with updated disaster preparedness, police services, code compliance, fire, flood, and hazards protection, noise exposure, soils and seismic impacts, and climate adaptation and resiliency measures contained in the Element.

Community Health and Services

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The Community Health and Services Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of an environmental justice program that was created to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Health and Services Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with reduced pollution exposure, increased public facilities, equitable food access, increased safe and sanitary homes, increased physical activity, and inclusive civic engagement measures contained in the Element.

Conclusion

As described in the Final EIR Section 4.5, Cultural and Paleontological Resources, implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and the E-CAP would have potentially significant impacts to historical and archeological resources. Future development projects would have the potential to

result in substantial adverse changes to the significance of archeological and historical resources through demolition, destruction, alteration, or structural relocation as well as disturbance of an important archeological site that contains or has the potential to contain information important to history or prehistory. While existing City and County policies and regulations and the GP 2012 Update and DSP Update goals and policies are intended to protect historical and archeological resources, the incorporation of mitigation measures Cul-1, Cul-2, Cul-3, Cul-4, Cul-5, and Cul-6 are necessary to ensure the intended protections are achieved. Therefore, with the inclusion of mitigation, impacts would be less than significant under these issues.

Future development under the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP would have the potential to damage or destroy paleontological resources in the underlying rock units due to construction-related and earth-disturbing actions. The plan areas range from no potential to moderate potential for paleontological resources meaning it is possible for ground-disturbing activities to destroy fossil-bearing geologic formations. However, existing policies and regulations and the GP 2012 Update goals and policies (i.e. Goal 5 of the Resource Conservation Element and Policy 5.2) would protect unique paleontological resources. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant under this issue.

Implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and the E-CAP would have the potential to disturb human remains, including those located outside of formal cemeteries, due to ground disturbing activities from the development of land. However, compliance with existing federal and state policies and regulations (i.e. Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 and Public Resources Code 5097.98) would reduce impacts associated with human remains to a level below significant under this issue.

No new goals and policies associated with the Project are related to cultural resources. All future projects associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Element updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are actually proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA.

Based on the above discussion, the Project is not expected to result in new or more severe impacts to cultural resources. Refer to the Final EIR for the original environmental analysis for cultural resources.

3.6 Energy

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-than-Significant Impact	No Impact
Would the project:				
a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?	☐	☐	☐	☒

This section was not required at the time of the Final EIR in 2012, and as a result, these issues were not addressed.

Community Protection

The Project seeks to amend the Community Protection Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Safety Element Law, as it was described previously in the Final EIR. The update to the Community Protection Chapter to integrate certain safety policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. These goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying potential environmental hazards and improvement areas to better equip the City with the tools to protect the community from future unnecessary natural and man-made hazards. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

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Conclusion

The Project would not result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation. The Project would not conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency. The adoption of the Project would not result in any changes to the environment, and the updated policies contained within the revised Community Health and Services and Community Protection Chapters are intended to reduce impacts to energy use, especially within environmental justice communities.

No new goals and policies associated with the Project are related to energy. All future projects that propose a physical change in the environment associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Element updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects that might impact the environment associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are actually proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA. However, the proposed changes in policies and programs overall will not create significant environmental impacts. Therefore, the Project would not result in impacts with regard to energy.

3.7 Geology and Soils

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
Would the project:				
a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.	☒	☐	☐	☐
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?	☒	☐	☐	☐
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	☒	☐	☐	☐
iv) Landslides?	☒	☐	☐	☐
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	☒	☐	☐	☐

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	☒	☐	☐	☐
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1997), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?	☒	☐	☐	☐
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?	☒	☐	☐	☐
f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?	☒	☐	☐	☐

These less than significant impacts were addressed in Section 4.6, Geology and Soils, of the Final EIR on pages 4.6-1 through 4.6-38.

Community Protection

The Project seeks to amend the Community Protection Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Safety Element Law, as it was described previously in the Final EIR. The update to the Community Protection Chapter to integrate certain safety policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. These goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying potential environmental hazards and improvement areas to better equip the City with the tools to protect the community from future unnecessary natural and man-made hazards. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

Changes incorporated into the goals and policies of the Community Protection Chapter pertain only to those topics which relate to Government Code section 65302(g) and no changes would occur to the portion of the Community Protection Chapter that serves as the City's Noise Element. Those changes to the Community Protection Chapter are based on the state mandated regulations outlined within Section 1.1 of this Addendum and identified under section 65302(g)(1-5).

The Community Protection Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of a safety program that was updated to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Protection Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with updated disaster preparedness, police services, code compliance, fire, flood, and hazards protection, noise exposure, soils and seismic impacts, and climate adaptation and resiliency measures contained in the Element.

Community Health and Services

The Project seeks to amend the Community Health and Services Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Environmental Justice Law. The update to the Community Health and Services Chapter to integrate certain environmental justice policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. Environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying disadvantaged communities and demographics to better understand the unique and disproportionate challenges faced by these communities. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

The Community Health and Services Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of an environmental justice program that was created to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Health and Services Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with reduced pollution exposure, increased public facilities, equitable food

access, increased safe and sanitary homes, increased physical activity, and inclusive civic engagement measures contained in the Element.

Conclusion

As described in the Final EIR Section 4.6, Geology and Soils, issues would result in less than significant impacts on geology and soils with the implementation of the GP 2012 Update, the DSP Update, and the E-CAP. The GP 2012 Update would designate land uses that would allow development to occur in areas with geologic hazards such as seismically-induced ground shaking, liquefaction, and landslides as well as impacts to topsoil, expansive soils, and wastewater disposal systems. Impacts from seismically induced fault rupture would not occur due to the lack of active fault traces in the area. Future development would be required to comply with all relevant federal and state regulations and building standards, including Seismic Design Categories E and F structural design requirements identified in the California Building Code (“CBC”) and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) to control erosion of unstable soils. The GP 2012 Update also includes multiple policies intended to reduce seismic hazards, soil erosion, landslides, expansive soils, and soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks. Compliance with these regulations and policies would reduce potential impacts to less than significant under these.

The updates to the Community Protection Chapter include new goals and policies related to soils and seismicity, such as policy 7.7. This policy directs the City to coordinate with local and state emergency services departments for earthquake preparedness. As the Project entails policy adoption only and no physical improvements are proposed or programmed as a result of these policies, these changes would not impact geology and soils. The Project would inform future City actions by guiding them to consider and prioritize decision making that reduce risk associated with geology, soils, and seismicity.

All future projects associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Element updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are actually proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA.

Based on the above discussion, the Project is not expected to result in new or more severe impacts to geology and soils. Refer to the Final EIR for the original environmental analysis for geology and soils.

3.8 Greenhouse Gas Emissions

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
Would the project:				
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?	☒	☐	☐	☐
b) Conflict with any applicable plan, policy or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	☒	☐	☐	☐

These less than significant impacts were addressed in Section 4.7, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, of the Final EIR on pages 4.7-1 through 4.7-30.

Community Protection

The Project seeks to amend the Community Protection Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Safety Element Law, as it was described previously in the Final EIR. The update to the Community Protection Chapter to integrate certain safety policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. These goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying potential environmental hazards and improvement areas to better equip the City with the tools to protect the community from future unnecessary natural and man-made hazards. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

Changes incorporated into the goals and policies of the Community Protection Chapter pertain only to those topics which relate to Government Code section 65302(g) and no changes would

occur to the portion of the Community Protection Chapter that serves as the City's Noise Element. Those changes to the Community Protection Chapter are based on the state mandated regulations outlined within Section 1.1 of this Addendum and identified under section 65302(g)(1-5).

The Community Protection Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of a safety program that was updated to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Protection Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with updated disaster preparedness, police services, code compliance, fire, flood, and hazards protection, noise exposure, soils and seismic impacts, and climate adaptation and resiliency measures contained in the Element.

Community Health and Services

The Project seeks to amend the Community Health and Services Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Environmental Justice Law. The update to the Community Health and Services Chapter to integrate certain environmental justice policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. Environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying disadvantaged communities and demographics to better understand the unique and disproportionate challenges faced by these communities. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

The Community Health and Services Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of an environmental justice program that was created to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Health and Services Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with reduced pollution exposure, increased public facilities, equitable food access, increased safe and sanitary homes, increased physical activity, and inclusive civic engagement measures contained in the Element.

Conclusion

As described in the Final EIR Section 4.7, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, issues would result in less than significant impacts from the implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and the E-CAP. Implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and the ECAP would be in compliance with Assembly Bill ("AB") 32, which sets reduction targets of statewide greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 or, as outlined in the AB 32 Scoping Plan, the functional equivalent of 15 percent below current (2005) levels. The GP 2012 Update and E-CAP incorporates GHG-reducing policies and measures that would reduce the City's emissions by 21% from the 2020 emissions inventory. (The E-CAP was recently amended on March 10, 2021, and the new

GHG reductions target is 52% by 2035.) Additionally, future development consistent with the policies of the GP Update 2012 and the reduction measures of the E-CAP, particularly those measures designed to conserve water and reduce energy, would work to reduce the effects of global climate change. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant under these issues.

The updates to the Community Health and Services Chapter include new goals and policies related to reducing pollution, such as policies 1.1 through 1.2. The updates to the Community Protection Chapter also include new goals and policies relating to climate adaptation and resiliency, such as policy 9.1 which focuses on projecting carbon emissions to prioritize more sustainable future projects. As the Project entails policy adoption only and no physical improvements are proposed or programmed as a result of these policies, these changes would not impact greenhouse gas emissions. The Project would inform future City actions by guiding them to consider and prioritize decision making that increase air quality and comply with existing regulations seeking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

All future projects associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Element updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are actually proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA.

Based on the above discussion, the Project is not expected to result in new or more severe impacts to greenhouse gas emissions. Refer to the Final EIR for the original environmental analysis for greenhouse gas emissions.

3.9 Hazards and Hazardous Materials

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
Would the project:				
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	☒	☐	☐	☐
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	☒	☐	☐	☐
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	☒	☐	☐	☐

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	☒	☐	☐	☐
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?	☒	☐	☐	☐
f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	☒	☐	☐	☐
g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?	☒	☐	☐	☐

These less than significant impacts were addressed in Section 4.8, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, of the Final EIR on pages 4.8-1 through 4.8-54.

Community Protection

The Project seeks to amend the Community Protection Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Safety Element Law, as it was described previously in the Final EIR. The update to the Community Protection Chapter to integrate certain safety policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. These goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying potential environmental hazards and improvement areas to better equip the City with the tools to protect the community from future unnecessary natural and man-made hazards. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

Changes incorporated into the goals and policies of the Community Protection Chapter pertain only to those topics which relate to Government Code section 65302(g) and no changes would occur to the portion of the Community Protection Chapter that serves as the City's Noise Element. Those changes to the Community Protection Chapter are based on the state mandated regulations outlined within Section 1.1 of this Addendum and identified under section 65302(g)(1-5).

The Community Protection Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of a safety program that was updated to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Protection Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with updated disaster preparedness, police services, code compliance, fire, flood, and hazards protection, noise exposure, soils and seismic impacts, and climate adaptation and resiliency measures contained in the Element.

Community Health and Services

The Project seeks to amend the Community Health and Services Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Environmental Justice Law. The update to the Community Health and Services Chapter to integrate certain environmental justice policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. Environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying disadvantaged communities and demographics to better understand the unique and disproportionate challenges faced by these communities. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

The Community Health and Services Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of an environmental justice program that was created to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is

proposed as part of the Community Health and Services Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with reduced pollution exposure, increased public facilities, equitable food access, increased safe and sanitary homes, increased physical activity, and inclusive civic engagement measures contained in the Element.

Conclusion

As described in the Final EIR Section 4.8, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, issues would result in less than significant impacts with the implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and the E-CAP. Future businesses, operations, or facilities developed under the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and the E-CAP, would involve an increase in the transport, use, and disposal of hazardous waste as well as potential accidental releases of hazardous waste. Additionally, there is potential for hazardous emissions and hazardous materials handling by future development within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school as well as human habitation or occupation on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. However, all future development allowable under the proposed land use designations identified in the GP 2012 Update would be required to comply with applicable federal, state, and local regulations related to hazardous materials and wastes. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant under these issues.

Future development with the implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and the ECAP would be predominantly low-density residential land uses or public land/open space within two miles of public or private airports. These land uses have low concentrations of persons, which would reduce the risk of safety hazards for people residing or working in the area. Therefore, significant impacts would not occur under these issues.

The GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP does not include measures that would impair emergency response or evacuation plans. However, it is possible that land uses and development implemented under these plans would require the updating of these emergency response plans. Compliance with existing regulations and continual updating of emergency response and evacuation plans would prevent implementation of the GP 2012 Update and DSP Update from impairing emergency response and evacuation plans. Impacts would be less than significant under this issue. The update associated with the Community Protection Chapter further incorporates the City's emergency response and evacuation plans and identifies more comprehensive and existing evacuation routes for the City's residential parcels. The change primarily consists of updated maps, and as a result would not increase a previously identified impact.

Implementation of the GP 2012 Update and DSP Update would result in land uses that allow residential, commercial, and industrial development in areas that are prone to wildfires due to a majority of the area being susceptible to wildland fires. However, compliance with existing regulations, including the Community Wildfire Protection Plan by the Escondido Fire Department,

and implementation of the proposed General Plan Update policies within the Community Protection Chapter would reduce impacts to a level below significant under this issue.

The updates to the Community Protection Chapter include new goals and policies relating to increasing emergency services, and incorporating and following the Local and Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, such as policy 1.15, 1.17, and 9.3. As the Project entails policy adoption only and no physical improvements are proposed or programmed as a result of these policies, these changes would not impact hazards and hazardous materials. The Project would inform future City actions by guiding them to consider and prioritize decision making that increase safety and comply with existing regulations seeking to reduce hazard exposure.

All future projects associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Element updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are actually proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA.

Based on the above discussion, the Project is not expected to result in new or more severe impacts to hazards and hazardous materials. Refer to the Final EIR for the original environmental analysis for hazards and hazardous materials.

3.10 Hydrology and Water Quality

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
Would the project:				
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or groundwater quality?	☒	☐	☐	☐
b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?	☒	☐	☐	☐
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:	☒	☐	☐	☐
i) Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;	☒	☐	☐	☐

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
ii) Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite;	☒	☐	☐	☐
iii) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or	☒	☐	☐	☐
d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?	☒	☐	☐	☐
e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?	☒	☐	☐	☐

These less than significant impacts were addressed in Section 4.9, Hydrology and Water Quality, of the Final EIR on pages 4.9-1 through 4.9-48.

Community Protection

The Project seeks to amend the Community Protection Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Safety Element Law, as it was described previously in the Final

EIR. The update to the Community Protection Chapter to integrate certain safety policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. These goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying potential environmental hazards and improvement areas to better equip the City with the tools to protect the community from future unnecessary natural and man-made hazards. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

Changes incorporated into the goals and policies of the Community Protection Chapter pertain only to those topics which relate to Government Code section 65302(g) and no changes would occur to the portion of the Community Protection Chapter that serves as the City's Noise Element. Those changes to the Community Protection Chapter are based on the state mandated regulations outlined within Section 1.1 of this Addendum and identified under section 65302(g)(1-5).

The Community Protection Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of a safety program that was updated to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Protection Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with updated disaster preparedness, police services, code compliance, fire, flood, and hazards protection, noise exposure, soils and seismic impacts, and climate adaptation and resiliency measures contained in the Element.

Community Health and Services

The Project seeks to amend the Community Health and Services Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Environmental Justice Law. The update to the Community Health and Services Chapter to integrate certain environmental justice policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. Environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying disadvantaged communities and demographics to better understand the unique and disproportionate challenges faced by these communities. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

The Community Health and Services Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of an environmental justice program that was created to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Health and Services Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with reduced pollution exposure, increased public facilities, equitable food access, increased safe and sanitary homes, increased physical activity, and inclusive civic engagement measures contained in the Element.

Conclusion

As described in the Final EIR Section 4.9, Hydrology and Water Quality, issues would result in less than significant impacts with the implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and the E-CAP. Construction and operation of future development under the GP 2012 Update and DSP Update would mandatorily comply with all applicable existing regulations including but not limited to the Clean Water Act, NPDES permit program, Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, San Diego Basin Plan, City of Escondido water quality management plans, as well as policies proposed under the GP 2012 Update in the Resource Conservation Element, Community Protection Element, Mobility and Infrastructure Element, and Land Use Element. The plans would not utilize groundwater for any purpose and would, therefore, not deplete groundwater supplies. Further, the GP 2012 Update, DSP Updates, and measures identified in the E-CAP would not result in the placement of development in areas that would expose people to hazards associated with inundation by a tsunami, seiches, or mudflows. The update of the Community Protection Chapter associated with the Project would not increase this previously identified impact. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant under these issues.

The updates to the Community Protection Chapter include new goals and policies relating to water flow and flood protection, such as policies 1.7 and 6.1. Additionally, the updates to the Community health and Services Chapter include new goals and policies relating to stormwater infrastructure, such as policies 1.3 and 1.4. As the Project entails policy adoption only and no physical improvements are proposed or programmed as a result of these policies, these changes would not impact hydrology and water quality. The Project would inform future City actions by guiding them to consider and prioritize decision making that increase water quality and comply with existing regulations seeking to provide safe and equitable access to water.

All future projects associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Element updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are actually proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA.

Based on the above discussion, the Project is not expected to result in new or more severe impacts to hydrology and water quality. Refer to the Final EIR for the original environmental analysis for hydrology and water quality.

3.11 Land Use

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
Would the project:				
a) Physically divide an established community?	☒	☐	☐	☐
b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	☒	☐	☐	☐

These less than significant impacts were addressed in Section 4.10, Land Use, of the Final EIR on pages 4.10-1 through 4.10-38.

Community Protection

The Project seeks to amend the Community Protection Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Safety Element Law, as it was described previously in the Final EIR. The update to the Community Protection Chapter to integrate certain safety policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. These goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying potential environmental hazards and improvement areas to better equip the City with the tools to protect the community from future unnecessary natural and man-made hazards. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

Changes incorporated into the goals and policies of the Community Protection Chapter pertain only to those topics which relate to Government Code section 65302(g) and no changes would occur to the portion of the Community Protection Chapter that serves as the City's Noise Element. Those changes to the Community Protection Chapter are based on the state mandated

regulations outlined within Section 1.1 of this Addendum and identified under section 65302(g)(1-5).

The Community Protection Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of a safety program that was updated to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Protection Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with updated disaster preparedness, police services, code compliance, fire, flood, and hazards protection, noise exposure, soils and seismic impacts, and climate adaptation and resiliency measures contained in the Element.

Community Health and Services

The Project seeks to amend the Community Health and Services Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Environmental Justice Law. The update to the Community Health and Services Chapter to integrate certain environmental justice policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. Environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying disadvantaged communities and demographics to better understand the unique and disproportionate challenges faced by these communities. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

The Community Health and Services Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of an environmental justice program that was created to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Health and Services Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with reduced pollution exposure, increased public facilities, equitable food access, increased safe and sanitary homes, increased physical activity, and inclusive civic engagement measures contained in the Element.

Conclusion

As described in the Final EIR Section 4.10, Land Use, issues would result in less than significant impacts with the implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and the E-CAP. The GP 2012 Update and DSP Update do not propose any new roadways or other specific features that would physically divide an established community. Growth under the GP 2012 Update would be concentrated in 15 designated study areas and would not substantially change physical development patterns in established communities. Development standards in the GP 2012 Update would ensure that new development would not preclude future development as long as it is consistent with the proposed land use plan. The DSP Update would retain the development

standards that ensure compatibility with the character and vision for the downtown area. The GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and the E-CAP would not conflict with ant HCPs or NCCPs and would comply with regulations set forth in the Resource Conservation Element in the GP 2012 Update. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant under these issues.

No new goals and policies associated with the Project are related to land use. All future projects associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Element updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are actually proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA.

Based on the above discussion, the Project is not expected to result in new or more severe impacts to land use. Refer to the Final EIR for the original environmental analysis for land use.

3.12 Mineral Resources

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
Would the project:				
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?	☒	☐	☐	☐
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?	☒	☐	☐	☐

These less than significant impacts were addressed in Section 4.11, Mineral Resources, of the Final EIR on pages 4.11-1 through 4.11-14.

Community Protection

The Project seeks to amend the Community Protection Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Safety Element Law, as it was described previously in the Final EIR. The update to the Community Protection Chapter to integrate certain safety policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. These goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying potential environmental hazards and improvement areas to better equip the City with the tools to protect the community from future unnecessary natural and man-made hazards. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

Changes incorporated into the goals and policies of the Community Protection Chapter pertain only to those topics which relate to Government Code section 65302(g) and no changes would occur to the portion of the Community Protection Chapter that serves as the City's Noise Element. Those changes to the Community Protection Chapter are based on the state mandated regulations outlined within Section 1.1 of this Addendum and identified under section 65302(g)(1-5).

The Community Protection Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of a safety program that was updated to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Protection Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with updated disaster preparedness, police services, code compliance, fire, flood, and hazards protection, noise exposure, soils and seismic impacts, and climate adaptation and resiliency measures contained in the Element.

Community Health and Services

The Project seeks to amend the Community Health and Services Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Environmental Justice Law. The update to the Community Health and Services Chapter to integrate certain environmental justice policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. Environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying disadvantaged communities and demographics to better understand the unique and disproportionate challenges faced by these communities. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

The Community Health and Services Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of an environmental justice program that was created to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Health and Services Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with reduced pollution exposure, increased public facilities, equitable food access, increased safe and sanitary homes, increased physical activity, and inclusive civic engagement measures contained in the Element.

Conclusion

As described in the Final EIR Section 4.11, Mineral Resources, issues would result in less than significant impacts from the implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and the E-CAP. The existing GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP does not include any goals or policies specifically related to mineral resources or mineral resource extraction. However, if new mineral extraction facilities were to be approved, it would be required to comply with the goals and policies that apply to all development. The existing GP 2012 Update planning area is developed

with land uses that limit the availability of mineral resources. Additionally, only a small portion of the planning area has been designated as containing known mineral resources of value. New development proposed near existing extraction facilities would be required to demonstrate compatibility with existing land uses as part of project approval. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant under these issues.

No new goals and policies associated with the Project are related to mineral resources. All future projects associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Element updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are actually proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA.

Based on the above discussion, the Project is not expected to result in new or more severe impacts to mineral resources. Refer to the Final EIR for the original environmental analysis for mineral resources.

3.13 Noise

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
Would the project result in:				
a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?	☒	☐	☐	☐
b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?	☒	☐	☐	☐
c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	☒	☐	☐	☐

These impacts were addressed in Section 4.12, Noise, of the Final EIR on pages 4.12-1 through 4.12-54.

Community Protection

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Changes incorporated into the goals and policies of the Community Protection Chapter pertain only to those topics which relate to Government Code section 65302(g) and no changes would occur to the portion of the Community Protection Chapter that serves as the City's Noise Element. Those changes to the Community Protection Chapter are based on the state mandated regulations outlined within Section 1.1 of this Addendum and identified under section 65302(g)(1-5).

The Community Protection Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of a safety program that was updated to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Protection Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with updated disaster preparedness, police services, code compliance, fire, flood, and hazards protection, noise exposure, soils and seismic impacts, and climate adaptation and resiliency measures contained in the Element.

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The Community Health and Services Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of an environmental justice program that was created to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Health and Services Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with reduced pollution exposure, increased public facilities, equitable food

access, increased safe and sanitary homes, increased physical activity, and inclusive civic engagement measures contained in the Element.

Conclusion

As described in the Final EIR Section 4.12, Noise, future development under the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP would have the potential to expose noise-sensitive land uses (NSLU) and new commercial, office, and industrial land uses to excessive noise levels from existing roadway noise and noise related to existing commercial, industrial, and extractive land uses, and the Palomar Energy Center power plant. However, compliance with existing regulations such as the Noise Ordinance, and implementation of the GP 2012 Update's goals and policies, including Noise Policies 5.1 through 5.4 and the Noise Compatibility Guidelines, would reduce impacts under this issue to less than significant.

Construction of new land uses under the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP and placement of new development in close proximity to the SPRINTER rail line would have the potential to result in impacts associated with excessive groundborne vibration. This includes significant impacts related to groundborne noise during construction and potential damage to buildings that may be susceptible to vibration damage from construction equipment. The potential also exists for cumulative construction projects to result in combined construction impacts if occurring simultaneously or construction activities in close proximity to the SPRINTER line.

The GP 2012 Update Noise Policy 5.5 requires compliance with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) vibration criteria for construction that would occur under these plans. However, additional mitigation is necessary to ensure proper setbacks are established. Mitigation measures Noi-1 and Noi-2 would be implemented to reduce direct and cumulative impacts associated with groundborne vibrations, but not to a less than significant level. Impacts would remain significant and unavoidable under this issue.

Future development and redevelopment consistent with the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP would have the potential to substantially increase ambient noise levels above existing conditions as a result of increases in roadway noise and new operational noise sources. However, implementation of the GP 2012 Update Noise Policy, including Noise Policy 5.6 which requires technical reports be prepared for future development that would have the potential to substantially increase ambient noise levels, the Incremental Noise Impact Standards by the FTA, and the City's Noise Ordinance would reduce direct impacts related to permanent increases in ambient noise to less than significant under this issue. However, land use development in accordance with these plans would still contribute to cumulative future regional noise increases associated with roadway traffic. Two mitigation measures were identified to fully reduce impacts to below a level of significance but the City determined that these measures were infeasible.

Future development under the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP would have the potential to result in temporary increases in ambient noise levels due to construction of new land uses and infrastructure. However, existing City policies, the GP 2012 Update goals and Policies, and the

City's Noise Ordinance would reduce impacts to less than significant under this issue. Future development under the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP would not expose people residing or working in the GP 2012 Update area to excessive noise levels from a nearby public airport or private airstrip. Impacts would be less than significant under this issue.

No new goals and policies associated with the Project are related to noise. All future projects associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Element updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are actually proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA.

The updates to the Community Protection Chapter associated with the Project would not increase these previously identified impacts. Based on the above discussion, the Project is not expected to result in new or more severe impacts to noise. Refer to the Final EIR for the original environmental analysis for noise.

3.14 Population and Housing

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
Would the project:				
a) Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	☒	☐	☐	☐
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	☒	☐	☐	☐

These impacts were addressed in Section 4.13, Population and Housing, of the Final EIR on pages 4.13-1 through 4.13-24.

Community Protection

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Changes incorporated into the goals and policies of the Community Protection Chapter pertain only to those topics which relate to Government Code section 65302(g) and no changes would occur to the portion of the Community Protection Chapter that serves as the City's Noise Element. Those changes to the Community Protection Chapter are based on the state mandated regulations outlined within Section 1.1 of this Addendum and identified under section 65302(g)(1-5).

The Community Protection Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of a safety program that was updated to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Protection Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with updated disaster preparedness, police services, code compliance, fire, flood, and hazards protection, noise exposure, soils and seismic impacts, and climate adaptation and resiliency measures contained in the Element.

Community Health and Services

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The Community Health and Services Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of an environmental justice program that was created to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Health and Services Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with reduced pollution exposure, increased public facilities, equitable food access, increased safe and sanitary homes, increased physical activity, and inclusive civic engagement measures contained in the Element.

Conclusion

As described in the Final EIR Section 4.13, Population and Housing, implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP would directly and indirectly induce population growth that is consistent with forecasted growth for these plan areas. The GP 2012 Update is a comprehensive plan to guide future growth and includes a framework for land use development, as well as goals and policies to prevent unanticipated or inappropriate population growth in the GP and DSP area.

Compliance with the GP 2012 Update policies and regulations would reduce impacts to less than significant under this issue.

Future development under the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and the E-CAP would result in the displacement of substantial number of existing housing and people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere. The GP 2012 Update land uses would displace up to 142 existing residential dwelling units and the GP 2012 Update's proposed Mobility and Infrastructure Element would have the potential to displace up to 300 businesses and residences. Mitigation measure Pop-1 would be implemented to mitigate impacts related to the displacement of homes. Despite compliance with existing regulations, implementation of the proposed GP 2012 Update policies, and mitigation measures Pop-1, the project's direct impact would remain significant and unavoidable.

The updates to the Community Health and Services Chapter include new goals and policies related to increasing safe and equitable housing access, such as policy 1.8. As the Project entails policy adoption only and no physical improvements are proposed or programmed as a result of these policies, these changes would not impact population and housing. The Project would inform future City actions by guiding them to consider and prioritize decision making that increases safe and sanitary housing and complies with existing housing regulations, including the City's current and certified sixth cycle housing element.

All future projects associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Element updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are actually proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA.

Based on the above discussion, the Project is not expected to result in new or more severe impacts to population and housing. Refer to the Final EIR for the original environmental analysis for population.

3.15 Public Services

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
a) Fire protection?	☒	☐	☐	☐
b) Police protection?	☒	☐	☐	☐
c) Schools?	☒	☐	☐	☐
d) Parks?	☒	☐	☐	☐
e) Other public facilities?	☒	☐	☐	☐

These less than significant impacts were addressed in Section 4.1, Aesthetics, of the Final EIR, on pages 4.14-1 through 4.14-38.

Community Protection

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Changes incorporated into the goals and policies of the Community Protection Chapter pertain only to those topics which relate to Government Code section 65302(g) and no changes would occur to the portion of the Community Protection Chapter that serves as the City's Noise Element. Those changes to the Community Protection Chapter are based on the state mandated

regulations outlined within Section 1.1 of this Addendum and identified under section 65302(g)(1-5).

The Community Protection Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of a safety program that was updated to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Protection Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with updated disaster preparedness, police services, code compliance, fire, flood, and hazards protection, noise exposure, soils and seismic impacts, and climate adaptation and resiliency measures contained in the Element.

Community Health and Services

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The Community Health and Services Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of an environmental justice program that was created to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Health and Services Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with reduced pollution exposure, increased public facilities, equitable food access, increased safe and sanitary homes, increased physical activity, and inclusive civic engagement measures contained in the Element.

Conclusion

As described in the Final EIR Section 4.14, Public Services, these issues would result in less than significant impacts resulting from the implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP. Implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP would not increase the demand for fire protection, police protection, school services, and library services. Development consistent with the GP 2012 Update and DSP Update includes policies that help to minimize deterioration of fire and policy agency response times and school and library services and environmental impacts related to the construction or expansion of additional facilities. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant under these issues. The updates to the Community Protection Chapter associated with the Project would not increase the previously identified impacts.

The updates to the Community Health and Services Chapter include new goals and policies related to increasing safe and equitable public facilities, such as policies 1.2.8, 1.3, and 1.4. As the Project entails policy adoption only and no physical improvements are proposed or programmed as a result of these policies, these changes would not impact public services. The Project would inform future City actions by guiding them to consider and prioritize decision making that increases access to public facilities.

All future projects associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Element updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are actually proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA.

Based on the above discussion, the Project is not expected to result in new or more severe impacts to public services. Refer to the Final EIR for the original environmental analysis for public services.

3.16 Recreation

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	☒	☐	☐	☐
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	☒	☐	☐	☐

These less than significant impacts were addressed in Section 4.15, Recreation, of the Final EIR on pages 4.15-1 through 4.15-24.

Community Protection

The Project seeks to amend the Community Protection Chapter portion of the General Plan to meet the statutory requirements of Safety Element Law, as it was described previously in the Final EIR. The update to the Community Protection Chapter to integrate certain safety policies, goals, and objectives, identifies issues and needs anticipated to be of ongoing concern to people in the City. These goals, policies, and objectives were developed by identifying potential environmental hazards and improvement areas to better equip the City with the tools to protect the community from future unnecessary natural and man-made hazards. This will guide the City's efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity, and environmental justice.

Changes incorporated into the goals and policies of the Community Protection Chapter pertain only to those topics which relate to Government Code section 65302(g) and no changes would occur to the portion of the Community Protection Chapter that serves as the City's Noise Element. Those changes to the Community Protection Chapter are based on the state mandated regulations outlined within Section 1.1 of this Addendum and identified under section 65302(g)(1-5).

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Conclusion

As described in the Final EIR Section 4.15, Recreation, issues would result in less than significant impacts resulting from implementing the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP. As analyzed in the Final EIR, neighborhood and community parks are currently deficient in the City and implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP would increase use of existing parks, thereby resulting in accelerated deterioration of recreational facilities. Additionally, the construction or expansion of recreational facilities to address the increased growth, may have an

adverse effect on the environment. However, implementation of the proposed General Plan Update policies and Planning Principal and Guideline 1k(1) within the Downtown Specific Plan Update and E-Cap measures would reduce impacts to below a level of significance under these issues. The updates to the Community Health and Services associated with the Project would not increase these previously identified impacts.

The updates to the Community Health and Services Chapter include new goals and policies related to increasing healthy physical activity and access to recreation, such as policies 1.4 and 1.7. As the Project entails policy adoption only and no physical improvements are proposed or programmed as a result of these policies, these changes would not impact recreation. The Project would inform future City actions by guiding them to consider and prioritize decision making that increases access to recreation.

All future projects associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Element updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are actually proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA.

Based on the above discussion, the Project is not expected to result in new or more severe impacts to recreation. Refer to the Final EIR for the original environmental analysis for recreation.

3.17 Transportation and Traffic

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
Would the project:				
a) Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?	☒	☐	☐	☐
b) Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?	☒	☐	☐	☐
c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	☒	☐	☐	☐
d) Result in inadequate emergency access?	☒	☐	☐	☐

These impacts were addressed in Section 4.16, Transportation and Traffic, of the Final EIR on pages 4.16-1 through 4.16-88. However, since the 2012 EIR was adopted, the CEQA guidelines for Transportation and Traffic analysis have been updated. As a result, section 3.17b of this

addendum was not previously analyzed, as the standards for determining significance were changed from using the Level of Service (LOS) metric to Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT).

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Changes incorporated into the goals and policies of the Community Protection Chapter pertain only to those topics which relate to Government Code section 65302(g) and no changes would occur to the portion of the Community Protection Chapter that serves as the City's Noise Element. Those changes to the Community Protection Chapter are based on the state mandated regulations outlined within Section 1.1 of this Addendum and identified under section 65302(g)(1-5).

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The Community Health and Services Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of an environmental justice program that was created to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is

proposed as part of the Community Health and Services Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with reduced pollution exposure, increased public facilities, equitable food access, increased safe and sanitary homes, increased physical activity, and inclusive civic engagement measures contained in the Element.

Conclusion

As described in the Final EIR Section 4.16, issues would result in some less than significant impacts and one would result in significant and unavoidable impacts resulting from the implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP. Implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP would not result in changes to air traffic patterns, result in increased traffic on roadways with horizontal or vertical curves that are sharper than existing standards, or impair emergency access. In addition, implementation of policies in the DSP Update and E-CAP measures would create provisions for alternative modes of transportation, including multi-modal transit stations, bike lanes, bus stops, trails, and sidewalks. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant under these issues.

Implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP would result in 14 deficient roadway segments and seven deficient intersections throughout the proposed project area resulting in a significant direct and cumulative impact. Implementation of the proposed GP 2012 Update and DSP Update policies and mitigation measures, in addition to compliance with applicable regulations, would reduce nine traffic impacts to a level below significant. However, 11 roadway segment and intersection impacts would remain above a level of significance because mitigation for these impacts has been determined to be infeasible by the City. Therefore, the proposed project would result in significant and unavoidable traffic and level of service (LOS) impacts under this issue.

Consistency with 15064.3, subdivision (b) (unchecked box in table above). The criteria for significance in the Transportation and Traffic section of the Final EIR in 2012 has since been updated. Where LOS was initially used to determine significance, VMT is the new threshold pursuant to Senate Bill 743 (2013). Although the criteria has changed, the Project would not result in more significant impacts under the new threshold, VMT. The nature of the policies and programs within the Project would not generate new trips or put any additional vehicles on the road. Additionally, the Project itself does not include any land development. Therefore, there would be no conflict with transportation and traffic impacts under VMT thresholds and no impact associated with the adoption of the Project.

The update associated with the Community Protection Chapter further incorporates the City's emergency response and evacuation plans, and identifies existing comprehensive evacuation routes for the City's residential parcels. The change primarily consists of updated maps, and as the Project entails policy adoption only and no physical improvements are proposed or programmed as a result of these policies, these changes would not impact transportation and

traffic. The Project would inform future City actions by guiding them to consider and prioritize decision making that decrease traffic impacts and improve efficient and sustainable modes of transportation.

All future projects associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Element updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are actually proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA.

Based on the above discussion, the Project is not expected to result in new or more severe impacts to transportation and traffic. Refer to the Final EIR for the original environmental analysis for transportation and traffic.

3.18 Tribal Cultural Resources

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-than-Significant Impact	No Impact
Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a Cultural Native American tribe, and that is:				
a) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code Section 5020.1(k), or	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.	☐	☐	☐	☒

This section was not required at the time of the Final EIR in 2012, and as a result was not addressed.

Community Protection

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The Community Protection Chapter Update is a policy document and its adoption would not, in itself, produce environmental impacts. It consists of a safety program that was updated to reflect current conditions and legal requirements; no actual development is proposed as part of the Community Protection Chapter Update. However, implementation of the programs contained in the document would ensure future development is in accordance with updated disaster preparedness, police services, code compliance, fire, flood, and hazards protection, noise exposure, soils and seismic impacts, and climate adaptation and resiliency measures contained in the Element.

Community Health and Services

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Conclusion

The Project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource as defined in Public Resources Code section 21074. The adoption of the Project would not result in any changes to the environment, and the updated policies contained within the revised Community Health and Services and Community Protection Elements are intended to reduce environmental impacts and impacts to tribal cultural resource, especially within environmental justice communities.

The update to the Community Health and Services Chapter includes a new policy, policy 2.1.15, that is intended to elevate the fair treatment and involvement of Tribal Governments in the decision-making process in Escondido. As the Project entails policy adoption only and no physical improvements are proposed or programmed as a result of these policies, these changes would not impact tribal cultural resources which would trigger subsequent or supplemental review as identified under Sections 15162 and 15163 of the CEQA Guidelines. The Project would inform

future City actions by guiding them to consider and prioritize decision making that includes tribal input and complies with existing regulations, such as Assembly Bill (AB) 52 and Senate Bill (SB) 18.

All future projects that propose a physical change in the environment associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Element updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are actually proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA. However, the proposed changes in policies and programs overall will not create significant environmental impacts to tribal cultural resources.

The City notified all 25 tribes identified by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for purposes of compliance with SB 18. City staff sent out letters in hard and soft copy form to all 25 tribes in late 2021/early 2022, via certified mail and email, respectively. Mailed letters were generally received between January 28, 2022 and February 22, 2022 by various tribes. The City received two requests for consultation under SB 18. The Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians responded to the City's request on August 9, 2022 and the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians responded on March 25, 2022. The City entered into consultations with each Tribe beginning in August 2022 and May 2022, respectively.

Consultation may continue through planning commission or city council deliberation on a general plan proposal (State of California Tribal Consultation Guidelines Supplement to General Plan Guidelines, 2005). As of the writing of this Addendum, consultations for purposes of SB 18 are still ongoing and conclusion of consultation efforts pursuant to Government Code section 65352.2 and 65352.4 must occur prior to formal adoption of the Project.

Both the Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians and the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians concluded consultation for purposes of SB 18 on July 16, 2025 and September 16, 2025, respectively--prior to the City Council action scheduled for October 1, 2025.

3.19 Utilities and Service Systems

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
Would the project:				
a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or stormwater drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?	☒	☐	☐	☐
b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?	☒	☐	☐	☐
c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	☒	☐	☐	☐

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d) Generate solid waste in excess of state or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?	☒	☐	☐	☐
e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?	☒	☐	☐	☐

These less than significant impacts were addressed in Section 4.17, Utilities and Service Systems, of the Final EIR on pages 4.17-1 through 4.17-58.

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regulations outlined within Section 1.1 of this Addendum and identified under section 65302(g)(1-5).

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Conclusion

As described in the Final EIR Section 4.17, Utilities and Service Systems, some issues would result in less than significant impacts resulting from the implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP. Issues surrounding water supply and landfill capacity would result in significant and unavoidable impacts resulting from the implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP. Implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update and ECAP could result in the demand for wastewater treatment services to increase at a rate disproportionate to facility capabilities, which would result in a violation in wastewater treatment standards. However, compliance with existing regulations and implementation of the GP 2012 Update and E-CAP reduction measures would reduce this impact to below a level of significance. Similarly, the implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP could have the potential to

increase the demand requiring the construction of new or expanded water, wastewater, and stormwater facilities and increase the demand for wastewater treatment services. However, existing regulations and policies in the GP 2012 Update and E-CAP reduction measures would reduce impacts to these facilities and services to levels below significance. Similarly, implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP would increase demand for energy, resulting in the need for new or expanded energy facilities to be constructed, which would have the potential to result in significant environmental effects. However, the construction of new energy facilities would be subject to CEQA and/or NEPA and impacts would be mitigated, to the extent feasible. Additionally, multiple GP 2012 Update and E-CAP policies exist that would reduce energy consumption and the need to build new energy facilities. Therefore, impacts associated with energy would be less than significant under these issues.

Implementation of the GP 2012 Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP would result in significant and unavoidable impacts associated with adequate water supplies. Adequate water supply may not be available to serve the proposed project due to projections of water shortages during multiple dry water years by San Diego County Water Authority (“SDCWA”), Vallecitos Water District (“VWD”) and Rincon Del Diablo Water District (“RDD”). Cumulative projects would also result in a significant cumulative impact and the proposed project would contribute to a significant cumulative impact associated with adequate water supplies. Even with compliance with existing regulations, policies contained in the GP 2012 Update policies, E-CAP reduction measures, and mitigation measure Util-1, impacts would remain significant and unavoidable under this issue. Similarly, the 2012 GP Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP has the potential to be served by a landfill with insufficient capacity to accommodate the solid waste disposal needs of the project. Compliance with existing regulations and GP 2012 Update policies and E-CAP reduction measures would reduce impacts associated with sufficient landfill capacity, although not to below a level of significance. Mitigation measures have been identified to reduce impacts to a less than significant level; however, the City finds these measures to be infeasible because they do not meet the project objectives, would prohibit growth, and place undue burden on developers to create additional landfill capacity. Until additional solid waste disposal facilities are permitted and constructed within the San Diego region, the proposed project’s impact would remain significant and unavoidable. Therefore, the 2012 GP Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP would result in significant direct and cumulative impacts under this issue.

The updates to the Community Health and Services Chapter include new goals and policies relating to water access and stormwater infrastructure, such as policies 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4. As the Project entails policy adoption only and no physical improvements are proposed or programmed as a result of these policies, these changes would not impact utilities and service systems. The Project would inform future City actions by guiding them to consider and prioritize decision making that support service systems infrastructure and comply with existing regulations related to solid waste.

All future projects associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Chapter updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are actually proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA.

The updates to the Community Protection and Community Health and Services Chapters associated with the Project would not increase these previously identified impacts or mitigations. Based on the above discussion, the Project is not expected to result in new or more severe impacts to utilities and service systems. Refer to the Final EIR for the original environmental analysis for utilities and service systems.

3.20 Wildfire

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-than-Significant Impact	No Impact
If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:				
a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?	☐	☐	☐	☒
c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?	☐	☐	☐	☒
d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?	☐	☐	☐	☒

This section was not required at the time of the Final EIR in 2012, and as a result was not addressed.

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regulations outlined within Section 1.1 of this Addendum and identified under section 65302(g)(1-5).

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Conclusion

The adoption of the Project would update the Community Protection Chapter to include policies and programs that reduce environmental risks associated with wildfire. The Project would not substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. The update associated with the Community Protection Chapter further incorporates the City's emergency response and evacuation plans, and identifies more comprehensive evacuation routes for the City's residential parcels. The change primarily consists of updated maps, and as a result would not increase a previously identified impact. The Project would not exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire in that it proposes policy language changes and new direction that seeks to reduce the threat of wildfire within the Project area, as detailed in draft Fire

Protection Policies 2.19 through 2.25. The Project would not require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment as the Project entails policy adoption only and no physical improvements are proposed or programmed as a result of these policies. The Project would inform future City actions by guiding them to consider and prioritize decision making that reduces wildfire risk and complies with existing regulations seeking to reduce risk as well. The Community Protection Chapter and the updates associated with this Project are aimed at reducing wildfire risk and pollutant spread. The Project would not expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes. The Community Protection Chapter update focuses on policies that reduce exposure to risks associated with wildfire and other hazards.

All future projects associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Element updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are actually proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA. However, the proposed changes in policies and programs overall will not create significant wildfire impacts.

3.21 Mandatory Findings of Significance

	Issues Areas that are Consistent with Previous Environmental Document	Project Includes New or More Severe Significant and Unmitigated Impact?	Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Substantial Change in Project; Substantial Change in Circumstances; or New Information Which Could Not Have Been Known	SEIR Required?
a) Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number, or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	☒	☐	☐	☐
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?	☒	☐	☐	☐

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c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	☒	☐	☐	☐

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Conclusion

The Final EIR analyzes the Project and its impacts related to the environment. All updates to the Community Protection and the Community Health and Services Chapters include policies and programs aimed at making the city safer for the population and reducing environmental hazards. Project changes do not result in new impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified impact, as described above. Standard conditions and mitigation measures identified in the Final EIR that reduce impacts to a less than significant level still apply to the project.

All future projects associated with environmental justice and safety would be subject to future environmental review, as required under CEQA, once sufficient information is available to complete such review. Both proposed General Plan updates are associated with the reduction of environmental hazards, damage, and disparities, and as such the adoption of these Chapter updates would lessen any environmental impacts, not increase. The potential impacts of any specific future projects associated with improved safety or environmental justice programs underneath the General Plan would be assessed at the time when the projects are actually proposed, and mitigation measures would be adopted as necessary, in conformance with CEQA.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 Rationale for the Addendum

The Addendum to the Final EIR finds that the impacts resulting from implementation of the 2012 GP Update, DSP Update, and E-CAP remain the same, aside from the Project's proposed modification, and the mitigation measures would remain unchanged and are still valid and enforceable. No considerably different mitigation measures or feasible alternatives have been identified. The Addendum finds that the previously identified impacts and mitigation measures, as described in the Final EIR, are still applicable to the General Plan. Therefore, the Final EIR, as certified, remains adequate and complete. The Project can be approved as an activity covered within the scope of the Final EIR. No circumstances exist calling for the preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15162 and 15163.

4.2 Findings from the Addendum

There are no substantial changes to the circumstances under which the proposed Project is undertaken that would require major revisions to the Final EIR. There is no new information of substantial importance that was not known or could not have been known at the time the Final EIR was certified that shows the proposed Project would have significant effects not discussed previously; a substantial increase in severity of a previously identified significant impact; mitigation measures or alternatives previously found infeasible that would now be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects; or mitigation measures or alternatives that are considerably different from those analyzed in the Final EIR that would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment. Environmental effects associated with the Project were evaluated in the Final EIR. The Project would not result in new or more severe impacts beyond those addressed in the Final EIR, and would not meet any other standards for requiring further environmental review under CEQA Guidelines sections 15162 and 15163. No further analysis is required.