

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

CITY OF ELK GROVE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NOTICE DATED JULY 27, 2018

COMMENT PERIOD JULY 27, 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

Notice is hereby given that the City of Elk Grove, as lead agency, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the below referenced Project. The Draft EIR analyzes the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In accordance with Section 15087 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City of Elk Grove has prepared this Notice of Availability (NOA) to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with notice of the availability of the Draft EIR and solicit comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed Project.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Elk Grove Attn: Christopher Jordan, AICP, Director Strategic Planning and Innovation 8401 Laguna Palms Way Elk Grove, CA 95758 Email: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org

PROJECT TITLE: CITY OF ELK GROVE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROJECT

PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide, City of Elk Grove

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Elk Grove is conducting a comprehensive update of its General Plan to ensure that the guiding policy document remains a useful tool, keeps pace with change, and provides workable solutions to current and future issues. The General Plan Update Project includes the following related components: (1) General Plan Update; (2) Climate Action Plan Update; (3) Specific Plan Amendments; (4) Zoning Code Amendments; and, (5) Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update. The General Plan includes the following State-required elements or topics: Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise, Safety, and Environmental Justice. The updated Elk Grove General Plan will be divided into 10 chapters, which together address the topics mandated by the State, as well as additional topics of interest to the City. The following chart identifies where the State-required elements are located in the updated General Plan:

MANDATED ELEMENTS BY GENERAL PLAN CHAPTER

| Elk Grove | Mandated Elements ¹ | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------|---------|--------------|---------------|-------|--------|--------------------------|
| General Plan Chapters | Land Use | Circulation | Housing | Conservation | Open Space | Noise | Safety | Environmental Justice |
| Chapter 1: Introduction | | | | | | | | |
| Chapter 2: Vision | | | | | | | | |
| Chapter 3: Planning Framework | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Chapter 4: Urban and Rural Development ² | Х | | Х | | | | | 0 |
| Chapter 5: Economy and the Region | | | | | | | | |
| Chapter 6: Mobility | | Х | | | | | 0 | |
| Chapter 7: Community and Resource Protection | | | | Х | Х | | | |
| Chapter 8: Services, Health, and Safety | | 0 | | | | Х | Х | Х |
| Chapter 9: Community and Area Plans | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chapter 10: Implementation Strategy ^b | 0 | 0 | 0 | О | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chapter 11: Glossary and Acronyms | | | | | | | | |
| Chapter 12: Technical Information | Т | Т | Т | | | Т | Т | Т |

Key:

X = Chapter that primarily addresses element requirements pursuant to the Government Code.

O = Chapter that has policies or discussion that supports the element requirements or addresses components pursuant to the Government Code not addressed in the primary chapter.

T = Chapter has technical information mandated by the element requirements in the Government Code. Notes:

1. California Government Code Section 65302.

2. Chapter 4: Urban and Rural Development contains the Housing Element goals and policies and Chapter 10: Implementation Strategy contains the Housing Element programs, which are updated separately from the remainder of the General Plan in order to comply with the mandated timelines for certification by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Draft Environmental Impact Report has identified the following environmental issue areas as having potentially significant environmental impacts from implementation of the Project:

- Aesthetics, Light, and Glare
- Agricultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Greenhouse Gases and Energy

- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Noise
- Public Services
- Public Utilities
- Transportation

There are approximately 54 sites in the Planning Area that are listed on the Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List as set forth in Government Code Section 65962.5.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A public review period for the Draft EIR will commence on **July 27, 2018** and end on **September 26, 2018**, for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Draft EIR may be submitted at the above address within the public review period.

Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review at:

- The City's offices at 8401 Laguna Palms Way
- At the Elk Grove Library, located at 8962 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove
- At the Franklin Library, located at 10055 Franklin High Rd, Elk Grove
- On the City's web site at www.elkgrovecity.org or www.egplanning.org/environmental/.

PUBLIC MEETING: The City of Elk Grove will receive public comments on the Draft EIR at a public meeting on **September 13, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.**, or soon thereafter, in the City Council Chambers, 8400 Laguna Palms Way.