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PUBLIC DISCLOSURE NOTICE INTENT TO ADOPT FINDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 15164(a) OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

March 11, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego Intends to adopt findings in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act Section 15164(a) for the following project.

The proposed findings and the associated analysis can be reviewed at http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/pds/ceqa_public_review.html, or at Planning & Development Services (PDS), Project Processing Counter, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 110, San Diego, California 92123. Under this process, public review is not required however any comments received will be accepted and taken into consideration. The proposed findings and the associated analysis for the Safety and Environmental Justice Elements will be available for review on March 11, 2021. The proposed findings and the associated analysis for the Housing Element will be available for review on March 16, 2021.

SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE: PDS2019-GPA-19-001; PDS2021-ER-21-00-002.

In accordance with State law (Government Code Section 65302), the County has prepared an update to its Safety Element. The proposed Safety Element Update organizes safety goals and policies into eight sections: (1) Hazards Mitigation Planning, Disaster Preparedness, and Emergency Response; (2) Wildfires; (3) Geological and Seismic Hazards; (4) Flood Hazards; (5) Climate Change; (6) Hazardous Materials; (7) Law Enforcement; and (8) Airport Hazards.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT: PDS2017-GPA-17-004; PDS2021-ER-21-00-002.

The County is developing a new Environmental Justice Element to be part of the County's General Plan and reflect the County's efforts in addressing Environmental Justice. The State of California defines Environmental Justice as "the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies" (California Government Code §65040.12.e).

In 2016, the State of California passed Senate Bill 1000 (SB 1000) requiring cities and counties to address Environmental Justice in their general plans. The County has elected to prepare a separate Element rather than integrating Environmental Justice policies among existing General Plan elements. As provided by State Government Code 65302(h), the Environmental Justice Element has the same weight as the mandatory elements of the General Plan and is internally consistent with the other elements. The purpose of the Environmental Justice Element is to address public health risks and environmental justice concerns of those living in disadvantaged communities as defined in Gov. Code, § 65302, subd. (h)(4)(A), many of which are the result of geographic or procedural inequities.

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: PDS2021-GPA-21-001; PDS2021-ER-21-00-001.

The County of San Diego (County) is updating the Housing Element for the 2021-2029 planning period (6th Housing Element Cycle), as required by State law. California Government Code (65580 - 65589.11) requires that the County update the Housing Element every eight years. These frequent updates are required because housing is critical to ensure economic prosperity and quality of life in our region. The 2021-2029 Housing Element will include housing-related goals, policies, and programs to address the existing and projected future housing needs of the unincorporated County.

Comments on the proposed findings and associated analysis for the Safety Element Update and Environmental Justice Element must be received no later than April 12, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Comments on the proposed findings and associated analysis for the Housing Element Update must be received no later than April 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. These documents can also be reviewed at the PDS, Project Processing Counter, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 110, San Diego, CA 92123.

For additional information, please contact Mike Madrid at 858-505-6677 or by e-mail at PDS.advanceplanning@sdcounty.ca.gov.