

MARIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT THE 2023 SAFETY ELEMENT AND AMEND THE 2007 MARIN COUNTYWIDE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Marin County Board of Supervisors adopted the Marin Countywide Plan on November 6, 2007. The overarching theme presented in the Plan is planning sustainable communities.

WHEREAS, the Marin Countywide Plan is a comprehensive, long term general plan for the physical development of Marin County and establishes an overall framework and set of goals for countywide development in the unincorporated area of the County. The 2007 Marin Countywide Plan includes policies to preserve and enhance the natural environment, to strive for a high-quality built environment, and to support public safety.

WHEREAS, the Marin County Safety Element is a required element of the Countywide Plan per Government Code § 65302(g).

WHEREAS, the current Natural Systems and Agriculture Element of the 2007 Marin Countywide Plan includes goals and policies to increase public safety from environmental hazards, including geology and seismicity, fire, flooding, and hazard awareness.

WHEREAS, amendments to Government Code § 65302(g) since the 2007 Countywide Plan was adopted require additional content in Safety Elements to address climate change resilience, evacuation planning, and increased risks of wildfire and flooding.

WHEREAS, the objective of the 2023 Draft Safety Element is to facilitate community resilience and reduce future loss of life and property, injuries, environmental damage, and social and economic disruption resulting from environmental hazards consistent with California Government Code §§ 65302.6 and 65302(g).

WHEREAS, the 2018 Marin County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (MCM LHMP) complies with all requirements set forth under Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and includes information also relevant to the Safety Element. Government Code §§ 65302.6, 65302(g), and the California Disaster Assistance Act allow California jurisdictions to incorporate by reference Local Hazard Mitigation Plans into Safety Elements, which has the effect of increasing the share of local federal emergency funds to such local governments. The 2023 Draft Safety Element incorporates by reference the 2018 MCM LHMP.

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2022, the Marin County Community Development Agency submitted the 2023 Draft Safety Element to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection for review pursuant to California Government Code § 65302.5(b). The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection held a duly-noticed public meeting on September 22, 2022 where it approved Marin County's 2023 Draft Safety Element.

WHEREAS, the Marin County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors held duly-noticed, joint public hearings on development and review of the 2023 Draft Safety Element on February 1, 2022, April 19, 2022, June 14, 2022, and October 11, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Marin County Planning Commission held duly-noticed public hearings on the 2023 Draft Safety Element on December 12, 2022 and January 5, 2023.

WHEREAS, at all these public hearings, the Planning Commission heard and received all relevant testimony and evidence presented orally or in writing regarding the 2023 Draft Safety Element, and all interested persons were given an opportunity to hear and be heard regarding the 2023 Draft Safety Element;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has separately reviewed, and recommended that the Board of Supervisors certify the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the Housing and Safety Element Update to the Marin Countywide Plan as adequate and complete in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the County Environmental Review Procedures, and as adequate and complete for consideration in making a decision on the Housing and Safety Element Update project.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MARIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLVES as follows, based on substantial evidence in the record:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated by reference into this action.
2. The Marin County Planning Commission recommends that the Marin County Board of Supervisors adopt the 2023 Draft Marin County Safety Element with revisions as contained in Exhibit A of this Resolution, and incorporate it into the 2007 Marin Countywide Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a special meeting of the Planning Commission of the County of Marin held on this 5th day of January, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES:

ABSENT:

DON DICKENSON, CHAIR
MARIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Attest:

Ana Hilda Mosher
Planning Commission Recording Secretary

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