

# Safety Element and Development Code Updates

Joint Board of Supervisors  
and Planning Commission Workshop

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# Agenda

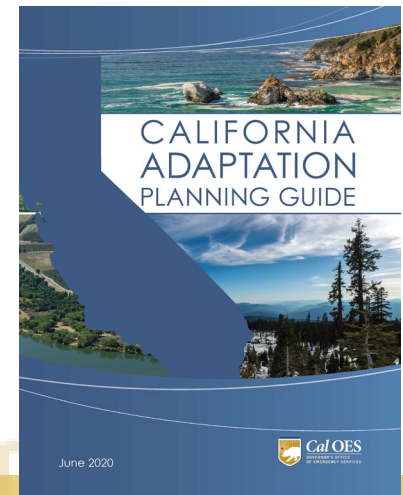
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- Provide an overview of the Safety Element update process
- Discuss comments and changes to the draft Safety Element
- Present Development Code Amendments for addressing sea level rise
- Solicit input



# Updating the Safety Element

- Updated every 8 years (with the Housing Element)
- Focus on new requirements for Safety Elements
- Requires a Vulnerability Assessment
- Plan should emphasize equity & needs of vulnerable communities



# Vulnerable Populations

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Financially  
constrained  
households

Physically or socially  
isolated communities

Persons with high  
outdoor exposure

Racial or ethnic  
minorities (historically  
have limited access  
to resources)

Persons with limited  
mobility, chronic  
health conditions or  
dependent on people  
or services

# Themes from Comments

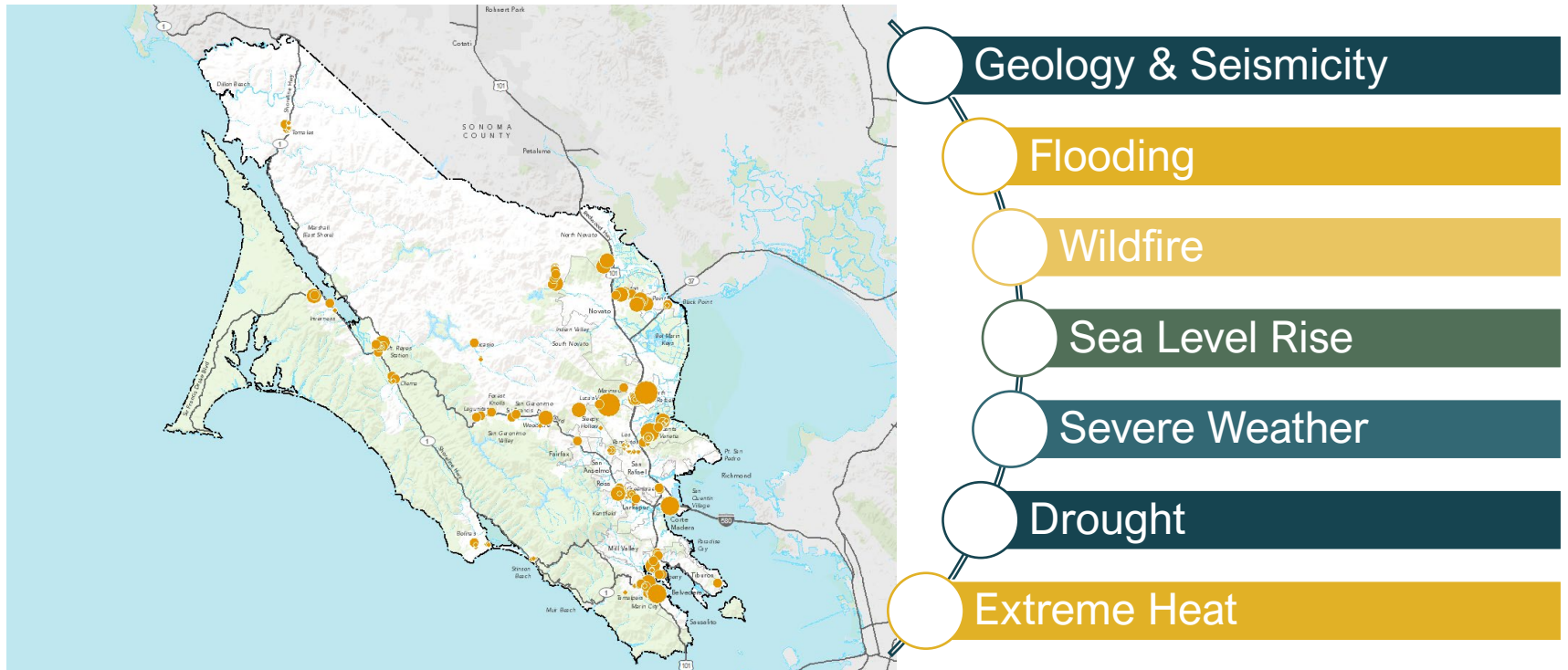
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- Concern about evacuation routes
- Involvement from other County departments
- Safety Element shows that new housing is not safe



# New Housing is not Safe?

## Apply Safety Element Filters to **Site Selection**



# Safety Element Makes Housing Safer

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## Apply Safety Element Policies to **Safely Develop Housing**



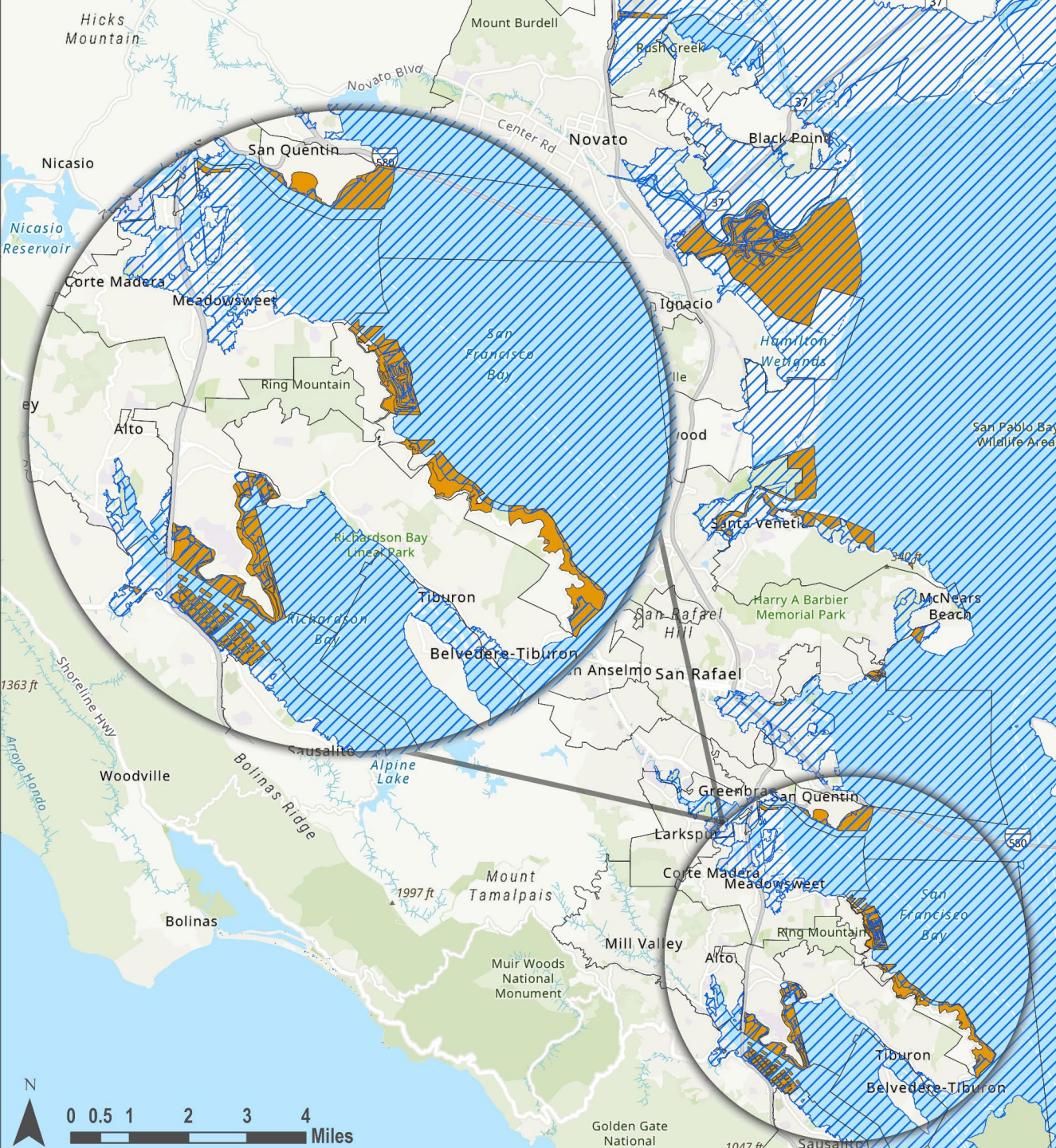
SE Policies will Improve Hazard Safety so Housing can be Developed Safely



SE Policies Specify Development Requirements so New Housing will be Constructed Safely



SE Policies Plan for all Equitable Protection from Climate Change Hazards



# Bayfront Conservation Combining District





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Amend to include sea level rise planning measures



Identify specific sea level rise scenarios to identify an area that will be impacted by sea level rise.



Require siting upland and elevation of habitable buildings



Require that nature-based measures be assessed for shoreline protection projects



Record a deed restriction acknowledging the risk and accepting liability for impacts of sea level rise

# Goals, Policies, and Programs

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- Review new goals
- Red text highlights changes
- No major changes



# Potential Programs to Address Equity

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Create equitable processes for achieving climate resilience.

**Identify** and  
map  
vulnerable  
populations

Community  
specific  
engagement

Community-  
led safety  
programs



# Mitigation, Preparedness, Response & Recovery Programs

Ensure readiness in and after emergency situations and create an effective evacuation route network.

Preparedness:  
outreach and  
engagement;  
and supporting  
community-led  
disaster  
preparedness

Response:  
improving  
**evacuation routes**  
&  
communications

Recovery:  
update  
Emergency  
Recovery Plan  
and plan for post-  
disaster  
affordable  
housing

← Improve County's Public Emergency Portal →



# Potential Wildfire Programs

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Protect people and property from hazards associated with wildland and structure fires

Regulate  
development  
in VHFHSZ

Improve  
emergency  
evacuation  
routes

Vegetation  
management  
& habitat  
protection

# What Falls Under Resiliency Planning?



Sea Level  
Rise



Severe  
Weather



Extreme  
Heat



Drought



# Potential Climate Resiliency Programs

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Manage the threat of climate risks to the current and future Marin community.

Adaptation  
integration  
and  
**requirements**

County  
leadership on  
multi-  
jurisdictional  
adaptation

Resilience  
Hubs  
**(warming  
centers)**

Disclosure of  
current and  
future  
hazards



# Questions

