SUMMARY OF MARIN COUNTYWIDE PLAN SAFETY ELEMENT PUBLIC OUTREACH

Public outreach for the Safety Element (SE) update was paired with the Housing Element (HE) as the Housing and Safety Elements are both elements of the Marin Countywide Plan being updated in 2023. With COVID 19 still a threat to public safety, the meetings were held virtually. Meeting attendance was generally higher at these virtual meetings than at in-person meetings. Additional meetings for the Housing Element were conducted, but in this summary the focus is on meetings where the Safety Element was presented and discussed.

Focus Groups
Public outreach for the Safety Element began in August 2021 with a series of six focus group meetings on both the Housing and Safety Elements. The meetings spanned August through September 2021 and included the following:

- Community Based Organizations (2 sessions)
- Homeowners (1 session)
- Low-income residents (1 session)

Public Workshops and Community Workshops
The first round of public workshops began in September 2021. Some of the workshops were joint Housing and Safety Element workshops and some focused mainly on the Safety Element.

Public Workshops:
- September 22, 2021 - HE overview, SE introduction
- November 15, 2021 - SE Focus
- January 11, 2022 - HE and SE Update, CEQA Scoping
- April 5, 2022 - SE Focus

After public drafts of the Housing and Safety Elements were released and reviewed by the respective State reviewing agencies, a second series of workshops were held. At these workshops, both the Housing and Safety Elements were presented and discussed.

Community Workshops:
- November 1, 2022, West Marin
- November 3, 2022 North Marin
- November 8, 2022 Central Marin
- November 10, 2022 South Marin
Joint HE SE Design Review Board Meetings
Marin County has three Design Review Boards that advise the Marin County Planning Commission. Design Review Board meetings are open to the public and provide an additional avenue for public outreach as well as specific community input. The Safety Element was presented alongside the Housing Element at the following meetings:

- October 13, 2021 Kentfield
- October 20, 2021 Tamalpais Valley
- October 18, 2021 Strawberry

After release of the public draft and review of both the HE and SE by respective state reviewing agencies:

- October 26, 2022 Kentfield
- November 2, 2022 Tam Valley
- November 7, 2022 Strawberry

Joint Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission Workshops for SE
Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission workshops were held in the evenings to provide easy access to the public. With the exception of the June 14, 2022 workshop, the workshops below focused solely on the Safety Element.

- February 1, 2022- SE Focus
- April 19, 2022- SE Focus
- June 14, 2022 – HE and SE
- October 11, 2022- SE and BFC Focus

PC Hearings for the Housing and Safety Elements
December 12, 2022, January 5, 2022