

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-16

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACCEPTING THE ADDENDUM TO THE 2008 SOLANO COUNTY GENERAL PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND ADOPTING THE 2023-2031 SOLANO COUNTY HOUSING ELEMENT

Whereas, State Housing Element Law (Government Code section 65580 et seq.) requires that the Solano County Board of Supervisors (Board) adopt an updated Housing Element of its General Plan for the eight-year period 2023-2031 to accommodate the regional housing need allocation (RHNA) of 315 housing units for the unincorporated County of Solano. The 315 housing units includes 80 very-low income units, 50 low-income units, 56 moderate-income units, and 129 above-moderate income units; and

Whereas, the County prepared the 2023-2031 Housing Element in compliance with State Housing Element Law, and has identified sites that can accommodate housing units to meet the County's RHNA; and

Whereas, as provided in Government Code section 65350 et. seq., the Housing Element is a mandatory element of the General Plan, and adoption of the Housing Element constitutes a General Plan amendment; and

Whereas, as provided in Government Code sections 65352-65352.5, the County mailed a public notice to all California Native American tribes provided by the Native American Heritage Commission and to other entities listed. The Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Tribe requested consultation, which occurred in June of 2022; and

Whereas, the County conducted extensive community outreach since December 2021, which included providing a Housing Element project website, consultations with ten stakeholders from eight organizations that provide services in the Solano County region, two Housing Element Introduction Workshops, two Housing Needs Assessment Workshops, two Fair Housing Workshops, and a Community Survey. There were also two public meetings at the Board of Supervisors; and

Whereas, on March 8, 2022, the County held a virtual study session for the Board of Supervisors to introduce the 2023-2031 Housing Element and to review new State laws. The public was invited to attend and participate in the study session; and

Whereas, in accordance with Government Code section 65585(b), the public review draft updated Housing Element was made available for public comment for a 30-day period from November 15, 2022 to December 16, 2022. On December 13, 2022, County staff presented the public review draft updated Housing Element to the Board of Supervisors. This was an opportunity for the Board and the public to provide feedback and comment on the draft during the 30-day review period; and

Whereas, on January 6, 2023, after responding to public comments, the County submitted the initial draft 2023-2031 Housing Element to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for its 90-day review; and

Whereas, on June 23, 2023, the County revised the draft 2023-2031 Housing Element in response to comments received by HCD, and submitted a revised version to HCD for a 60-day review period; and

Whereas, on October 19, 2023, in response to additional comments from HCD, the County further revised the draft 2023-2031 Housing Element and resubmitted it to HCD for another 60-day review period; and

Whereas, on December 14, 2023, the County received a letter from HCD stating that the revised draft 2023-2031 Housing Element meets statutory requirements and will comply with State Housing Element Law once adopted by the County and submitted to HCD for final certification in accordance with Government Code section 65585; and

Whereas, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the County prepared an Addendum to the Solano County 2008 General Plan Environmental Impact Report (certified in July 2008, State Clearinghouse Number 2007122069) (2008 EIR) to demonstrate the 2008 EIR adequately addresses the potential physical impacts on the environment associated with implementation of the 2023-2031 Housing Element. The Addendum further demonstrates that the updated Housing Element would not trigger any of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines section 15162 calling for a subsequent EIR or negative declaration; and

Whereas, on January 11, 2024, the Solano County Airport Land Use Commission adopted a resolution finding the 2023-2031 Housing Element consistent with the provisions of the Travis Air Force Base, Nut Tree Airport, and Rio Vista Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans. The resolution included a condition emphasizing that housing projects must comply with the airport compatibility plan densities; and

Whereas, on January 18, 2024, the Solano County Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing and adopted a resolution recommending that the Board approve the Addendum to the 2008 EIR and adopt the 2023-2031 Housing Element; and

Whereas, the Board has conducted a duly noticed public hearing to take public testimony and consider approval of the Addendum to the 2008 EIR and adoption of the 2023-2031 Housing Element. The Board reviewed and considered the Addendum to the 2008 EIR, the 2023-2031 Housing Element, and all other pertinent documents and materials, including the 2008 EIR, HCD's findings, the County staff report and attachments, and oral and written public comments; and

Whereas, the Board, based on oral testimony and documentary evidence submitted during the public hearing, now finds it proper to adopt the 2023-2031 Housing Element and incorporate it into the County General Plan.

Resolved, the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby accept the Addendum to the 2008 Solano County General Plan Environmental Impact Report and directs staff to file a Notice of Determination in accordance with State law.

Resolved, the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve and adopt the Solano County 2023-2031 Housing Element Update, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Passed and adopted by the Solano County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on February 6, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS Hannigan, Brown, Williams, Vasquez, and Chair Mashburn

NOES: SUPERVISORS None

EXCUSED: SUPERVISORS None



MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BILL EMLLEN, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: 
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk