

RESOLUTION NO. 28531

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT UPDATING THE OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION AND NOISE AND SAFETY ELEMENTS OF THE GENERAL PLAN - FILE NUMBER GPAM13-004

WHEREAS, in August 2013, the City of Santa Rosa began preparation of the Housing Element update. Upon revision to the Housing Element, Section 65302 of State law requires that the Conservation Element be updated to identify rivers, creeks, streams, flood corridors, riparian habitats, and land that may accommodate floodwater for purposes of groundwater recharge and stormwater management, and the Safety Element must be updated regarding specific safety issues including flooding, dam inundation, and fire hazards; and

WHEREAS, the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, adopted by the Regional Water Quality Control Board in 2010, includes a requirement to amend the General Plan to include watershed and storm water quality and quantity management considerations and policies as needed to remain consistent with the permit; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan can be amended three times per year. The subject General Plan Amendment to update the Open Space and Conservation and Noise and Safety Elements is part of the Summer 2014 General Plan Amendment package; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2014, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing noticed in compliance with Chapter 20-66 of the Zoning Code (Public Hearings) in consideration of a General Plan Amendment to update the Open Space and Conservation and Noise and Safety Elements of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission determined that the proposed General Plan Amendment is within the scope of the General Plan 2035 Environmental Impact Report certified by the City Council on November 3, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found that a General Plan Amendment to update the Open Space and Conservation and Noise and Safety Elements of the General Plan is justified to achieve the objectives and policies of the General Plan and recommended that the Council approve the General Plan Amendment as identified in Exhibit A (Open Space and Conservation Element), and Exhibit B (Noise and Safety Element); and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2014, the Council conducted a public hearing noticed in compliance with Chapter 20-66 of the Zoning Code (Public Hearings) in consideration of a General Plan Amendment to update the Open Space and Conservation and Noise and Safety Elements of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Council considered the staff report and the attachments to the staff report including Exhibit A and Exhibit B, which identifies recommended changes to the Open Space and Conservation and Noise and Safety Elements, and Exhibit C, which identifies additional recommended changes to the Noise and Safety Element; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that a General Plan Amendment to update the Open Space and Conservation and Noise and Safety Elements of the General Plan is justified to achieve the objectives and policies of the General Plan in that:

- A. The proposed amendment ensures and maintains internal consistency with the goals and policies of all elements of the General Plan;
- B. The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City;
- C. The site is physically suitable (including absence of physical constraints, access, compatibility with adjoining land uses, and provision of utilities) for the requested/anticipated land use developments; and
- D. The proposed project has been reviewed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, the Council authorizes City staff to make minor typographical and editorial changes to the Open Space and Conservation and Noise and Safety Elements as necessary for consistency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa approves a General Plan Amendment to update the Open Space and Conservation and Noise and Safety Elements as identified in Exhibit A and Exhibit B, as amended by Exhibit C.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 29th day of July, 2014.

AYES: (7) Mayor Bartley, Vice Mayor Swinth, Council Members Carlstrom, Combs, Olivares, Ours, Wysocky

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney