

General Plan Amendment to Noise & Safety Element



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- Proposed General Plan Amendment includes minor change to the Noise and Safety Element of General Plan 2035
- November 3, 2009, the Council adopted General Plan 2035, which includes the Noise and Safety Element
- Assembly Bill No. 2140 allows counties and cities to be considered for additional state cost-share if Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) is referenced in Noise and Safety Element
- City's current LHMP was adopted by the City Council in December of 2021



SANTA ROSA GENERAL PLAN

2035



November 3, 2009

12-2 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

The Santa Rosa Emergency Operations Plan addresses how the city will respond to extraordinary events or disasters, from preparation through recovery. It includes a comprehensive assessment of potential hazards and threats, and sets forth policies and procedures pertaining to emergency planning, organization, and response. The plan is based on the principles and functions of the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS). Additionally, in ~~2006~~ 2021, the City adopted a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan¹ (LHMP) which is incorporated by reference and integrated into this Element to ensure consistency with the LHMP. The plan's overall goal is to make Santa Rosa a disaster resistant community by reducing the potential loss of life, property damage, and environmental degradation from natural disasters while accelerating economic recovery. The Sonoma County Fire and Emergency Services Department is the lead agency for the Sonoma Operational Area and the City is one of nine incorporated cities within the organizational boundary.

12-8 GOALS AND POLICIES

NS-A Prepare for disasters.

NS-A-1 Maintain the Emergency Operations Plan as the city's disaster-response plan. Work with Sonoma County to update joint-emergency response and disaster response plans, as needed.

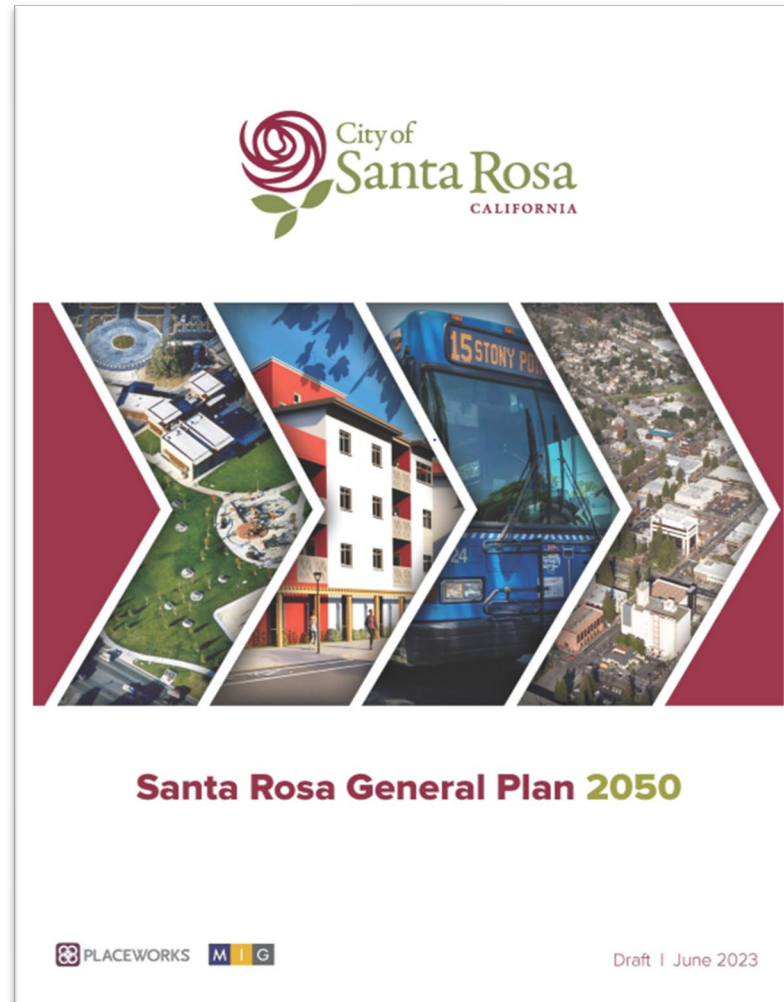
NS-A-2 Continue to promote the Citizens Organized to Prepare for Emergencies (COPE) public awareness program on the nature and extent of natural hazards in the Planning Area, and ways of minimizing the effects of disasters.

NS-A-3 Establish community programs which train volunteers

NS-A-4 Implement the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to better prepare Santa Rosa for disaster.

The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan¹ is an adopted "implementation appendix" to this incorporated by reference into this Safety Element. It can be viewed on the City of Santa Rosa website.

¹ The Santa Rosa City Council adopted an updated hazard mitigation plan (Volume 1 and Volume 2) on December 7, 2021.



General Plan Amendment Findings

- The proposed amendment ensures and maintains internal consistency with the goals and policies of all elements of the General Plan.
- The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City.
- 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
- The proposed project has been reviewed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Environmental Review

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- **General Plan 2035 Environmental Impact Report was certified by the Council on November 3, 2009**
- **Amendment within the scope of the General Plan EIR**
- **Project does not require further environmental review under CEQA Guidelines Section 15183**

It is recommended by the Planning Commission and the Planning and Economic Development Department that the Council, by resolution, approve a General Plan Amendment to amend the General Plan 2035 Noise and Safety Element to incorporate the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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