CITY OF ENCINITAS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT UPDATED NOTICE (WEB LINK UPDATE)

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT/SECTION 504 REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 AND TITLE VI, THIS AGENCY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PUBLIC ENTITY AND DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, ETHNIC ORIGIN, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, RELIGION, VETERANS STATUS OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY IN EMPLOYMENT OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICE. IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT (760) 633-2710 AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING. PARA ASISTENCIA EN ESPAÑOL, POR FAVOR LLAME AL (760) 943-2150.

The Public Review Draft of the General Plan Safety Element Update is available for public review and comment through January 18, 2023.

CASE NUMBER: PLCY-005198-2022 GPA/LCPA; APPLICANT: City of Encinitas; LOCATION: City-wide; PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Safety Element of the City of Encinitas General Plan is required by State law to identify community safety risks and establish goals, policies, and programs to safeguard residents and businesses from those risks. Safety risks posing the greatest local threat include fire hazards, geologic risks, flooding, and climate change. Other topics addressed in the Safety Element include emergency preparedness, hazardous materials and waste, evacuation constraints, shoreline protection and how the City of Encinitas should respond to sea level rise. The Safety Element is being updated in compliance with Government Code Section 65302(q)(3). The Safety Element would also amend specific portions of the City's Local Coastal Program ("LCP") as a part of the update. **ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS:** Pursuant to State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guideline Section 15162, a subsequent EIR or a Negative Declaration is not required for the update to the City's Safety Element in that substantial changes are not proposed to the draft document, the circumstances to which the 1995 Safety Element was adopted have not changed, and no new information of substantial importance has arisen since the prior environmental documents have been certified. Furthermore, it has been determined that the proposed Safety Element is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3) in that the proposed amendments which are primarily limited to policy modifications and updates in compliance with Government Code Section 65302(g)1 through 9 are not anticipated to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, nor will the proposed changes have the potential for causing significant effect on the environment. STAFF CONTACT: Melinda Dacey, Senior Planner: (760) 633-2711 or mdacey@encinitasca.gov. The Public Review Draft is available on the City's website at: www.encinitasca.gov/safety-element-update

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: This Safety Element update includes an amendment to the LCP. If the City Council approves the amendment, the proposed LCP must be submitted to the California Coastal Commission for review and adoption. The LCP amendment will not become effective until after adoption by the California Coastal Commission. This Notice of Availability opens a **six-week public review period (November 18, 2022 through January 18, 2023)** and is required to elapse prior to any final action being taken by the City Council on the LCP amendment request.

Please submit written comments to Melinda Dacey, Senior Planner, Development Service Department, City of Encinitas, 505 South Vulcan Avenue, Encinitas, CA 92024, or by email at mdacey@encinitasca.gov. The public comment period will close at 5 p.m. on January 18, 2023.

La presentación será en inglés. Llame al (760) 943-2150 antes del 2 de diciembre si lo necesita servicios de traducción durante la presentación. Para mas información, contacte con Melinda Dacey, Senior Planner por correo electrónico mdacey@encinitasca.gov.

The public and interested parties are also encouraged to attend future public hearings to be scheduled before the Planning Commission and City Council prior to the adoption of the Safety Element. All future public hearings will be duly noticed and held at the City of Encinitas Council Chambers, 505 South Vulcan Avenue, Encinitas, CA 92024.