

IN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LEANDRO

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XXX

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS ELEMENT OF THE 2035 GENERAL PLAN

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65302(g) mandates that the City shall include a Safety Element in its General Plan, that identifies and establishes a set of comprehensive goals, policies, and objections to avoid and reduce the risks associated with local structural, flooding, fire, and geologic hazards; and

WHEREAS, the 2035 General Plan includes the Environmental Hazards Element, which serves as the City's Safety Element; and

WHEREAS, the State of California enacted legislation requiring the City to assess the capacity of emergency evacuation routes (AB 747), identify residential areas with less than two evacuation routes (SB 99), and to identify evacuation locations (AB1409); and

WHEREAS, the State of California enacted legislation requiring the City to assess climate risks and identify goals, objectives, and policies that support its adaptation and resilience (SB 379); and

WHEREAS, the City prepared amendments to the Environmental Hazards Element to comply with the requirements of state law which includes evaluation of potential hazards, emergency planning and preparedness, community services, climate change adaptation and resilience, as well as feasible mitigation action for the identified hazards and safety topics; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the Environmental Hazards Element complies with the requirements of California Government Code Section 65302(g); and

WHEREAS, the California Board of Forestry reviewed and approved the City of San Leandro's Draft Environmental Hazards Element at its regular meeting of August 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, in February 2025, the State of California released revised updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps that changed the Fire Hazard Severity Zones within the City of San Leandro from Very High to High and Moderate; and

WHEREAS, City Council adopted the updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps by Ordinance No. 2025-007 at its regular meeting of June 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has released a draft of the Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Code, which is used to enact policies to protect life and property in areas where development may be affected by wildfires, which policies have been incorporated into the draft Environmental Hazards Element by reference; and

WHEREAS, the City prepared amendments to the draft Environmental Hazards Element to reflect the amendments to the Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps; and

WHEREAS, in September 2021 the City commenced an extensive community outreach process and solicited public input on various amendments to the 2035 General Plan, including amendments to the Environmental Hazards Element; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2016, the City Council adopted a resolution certifying an Environmental Impact Report for the 2035 General Plan Update (SCH #2001092001) (the “General Plan EIR”); and

WHEREAS, the General Plan EIR identified potentially significant environmental impacts and related mitigation measures, which the City adopted together with mitigation findings and a Mitigation Monitoring Program, which mitigation measures and monitoring program continue to apply to development in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City prepared a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2022010214) (“SEIR”) to identify the potential environmental impacts of the adoption of various amendments to the 2035 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the SEIR is supplemental to the General Plan EIR in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15163; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2022, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 2022-010 recommending that the City Council adopt the amendments to the Environmental Hazards Element at a duly noticed public hearing, at which time all interested parties had the opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-213 certifying the SEIR and related Mitigation Monitoring Program; and

WHEREAS, the City’s General Plan, Zoning Code, and Municipal Code, are incorporated herein by reference, and are available for review at City Hall during normal business hours.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of San Leandro does **RESOLVE** as follows:

That the above recitals are true and correct and made a part of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Leandro does hereby adopt the amendments to the Environmental Hazards Element, as shown in the attached Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Leandro finds that:

1. The SEIR complies with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. The amended Environmental Hazards Element establishes appropriate goals, policies, and programs.

3. The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) is incorporated into the Environmental Hazards Element of the 2035 General Plan by reference.
4. The Environmental Hazards Element serves as the Safety Element of the 2035 General Plan.
5. The amended Environmental Hazards Element will not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, or welfare of the City.
6. The amended Environmental Hazards Element is internally consistent, and is consistent with the City's 2035 General Plan, as amended.
7. The Environmental Hazards Element, as amended, conforms with the relevant and applicable provisions of the California Government Code in that it adequately addresses all of the statutorily required components and content.

Introduced by Councilmember _____ and passed and adopted this 17th day of November 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: _____ ()

NOES: _____ ()

ABSENT: _____ ()

ATTEST: _____
Sarah Bunting
Acting City Clerk