



Notice of Availability of the Public Review Draft General Plan and Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration

Date: August 11, 2021
To: Agencies, Organizations, Interested Parties, and State Clearinghouse,
Lead Agency: City of Oakley
3231 Main Street
Oakley, CA 94561
Comment Period: August 11, 2021 to September 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
Project Name: Oakley Focused General Plan Update

Project Location

The City of Oakley is located in the eastern region of Contra Costa County and is within the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. Oakley's west border is situated at the intersection of Highway 4 and Highway 160, which provide access to San Francisco, San Jose, Sacramento, and the Central Valley. Oakley is a Delta community along with the cities of Pittsburg, Antioch, Brentwood, and the unincorporated areas of Bay Point, Bethel Island, Byron, and Knightsen. The San Joaquin River side of the Delta borders Oakley to the north, with unincorporated County territory to the east, the City of Brentwood to the south and the City of Antioch to the west. Oakley's location within the region is shown in Figure 1 of the Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration.

The proposed Oakley Focused General Plan Update project is a citywide planning effort developed by the City of Oakley Planning Division that covers the city, Sphere of Influence, and Planning Area, as shown in Figure 2 of the Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration.

Project Description

The project is the adoption and implementation of the Focused General Plan Update, an amendment to the City of Oakley General Plan. The purpose of the Focused General Plan Update is to update the General Plan to bring it into compliance with State requirements related to environmental justice, mobility, and climate change and adaptation. The Focused General Plan Update also updates the setting information as well as minor revisions to the goals, policies, and programs in the Land Use, Growth Management, Open Space and Conservation, Parks and Recreation, Noise, and Economic Development, to be consistent with current conditions, to remove policies and programs that have been implemented or are no longer applicable, and to update policies and programs where appropriate to reflect current City practices, clarify the City's approach to achieving the vision and goals of the General Plan, and to be consistent with existing conditions.

The Focused General Plan Update updates the General Plan Land Use Map (Figure 3 of the Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration) to reflect the renaming of residential land use designations and to reflect approved projects. The Land Use Map also includes a minor modification to re-classify two parcels (APN 037-020-007 and 037-020-008) as Light Industrial, which were previously designated Business Park. There are no changes to the land use designations that would increase allowed densities or intensities, such as lot coverage and floor area ratio.

Environmental Review

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, the Oakley Focused General Plan Update is considered a project and has to go through the environmental review process prior to approval and adoption by the City. In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, an Initial Study was prepared, which determined that environmental impacts that would occur with implementation of the Project would be less than significant impacts or would have no impact.

Public Review Period

The Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration is available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15072 and 15073 (CEQA). All comments must be submitted in writing to the address below. The comment period during which the City will receive comments on the Initial Study/Negative Declaration is set for:

Starting Date: August 11, 2021

Ending Date: September 20, 2021

Responses and Comments

Please send your written comments to:
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If we do not receive a response from your agency or organization, we will presume that your agency or organization has no response to make.

Document Availability

Copies of the Public Review Draft General Plan and Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration and other pertinent materials related to this project are available for public review at the Planning Division (3231 Main Street) from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. City Hall is closed on 1st and 3rd Friday of every month. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, a hard copy of the documents may not be accessible at the Oakley Library (1050 Neroly Road in Oakley). However, the IS/MND document will be made available on the City's website at: <https://www.ci.oakley.ca.us/ceqa-documents/>.