

Notice of Availability San Jacinto General Plan Update Draft Environmental Impact Report

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To: State Clearinghouse, Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

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Project Title: City of San Jacinto General Plan Update

Project Location: San Jacinto City limits and Sphere of Influence

Project Description: The City of San Jacinto is preparing a comprehensive update to its existing General Plan, which was last comprehensively updated in 2006. The updated San Jacinto General Plan is scheduled to be considered for adoption in 2022 and will guide the City's development and conservation through land use objectives and policy guidance. The General Plan Update is intended to be an expression of the community's vision for the City and Study Area and constitutes the policy and regulatory framework by which future development projects will be reviewed and public improvements will be implemented. The City will implement the General Plan Update by requiring development, infrastructure improvements, and other projects to be consistent with its policies and by implementing the actions included in the General Plan Update.

The General Plan Update will include a comprehensive set of goals, policies, and actions (implementation measures), organized into Elements, as well as a revised Land Use Map. The goals and policies provide guidance to the City on how to direct change, manage growth, and manage resources over the 20-year life of the General Plan.

The General Plan Update includes the eight elements mandated by State law, including: Circulation, Conservation, Housing, Land Use, Noise, Open Space, Environmental Justice and Safety. General plans must also address the topics of climate change and resiliency planning, either as separate elements or as part of other required elements. At the discretion of each jurisdiction, the general plan may combine these elements and may add optional elements relevant to the physical features of the jurisdiction. The City may also address other topics of interest; this General Plan Update includes an element related to Economic Development.

While no specific development projects are proposed as part of the San Jacinto General Plan Update, the General Plan Update will accommodate future growth in San Jacinto, including new businesses, expansion

of existing businesses, and new residential uses. The buildout analysis assumes a 20-year planning horizon (the level of development that could reasonably be expected by the year 2040), while the year 2060 is assumed to be the full buildout year of the General Plan (the point at which all parcels in the City are developed according to their General Plan land use designation). The 20-year planning horizon (2040) represents approximately 50 percent of total buildout; this expected pace of growth is based on historical development patterns in and around San Jacinto and development trends projected for Western Riverside County.

Consistent with the proposed General Plan Land Use Map, new growth is anticipated to occur at infill locations within existing urbanized areas of the City, as well as new growth adjacent to existing urbanized areas; refer to Figure 1, attached. Buildout of the General Plan could yield a total of up to 32,081 housing units, a population of 107,152 people, 24,413,227 square feet of non-residential building square footage, and 26,986 jobs within the Study Area. This represents development growth over existing conditions of up to 16,252 new housing units, 54,280 people, 21,839,634 square feet of new non-residential building square footage and 19,674 jobs.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report provides a review of environmental effects associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan Update. When considering approval of subsequent activities under the proposed General Plan Update, the City of San Jacinto would utilize this EIR as the basis in determining potential environmental effects and the appropriate level of environmental review, is any, of a subsequent activity. Projects or activities successive to this EIR may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Approval and funding of major projects and capital improvements;
- Future Specific Plan, Planned Unit Development, or Master Plan approvals;
- Revisions to the San Jacinto Municipal Code (Title 8 Health and Safety, Title 16 Subdivisions, and Title 17 – Zoning) Update;
- Development plan approvals, such as tentative subdivision maps, variances, conditional use permits, and other land use permits;
- Development Agreements;
- Property rezoning consistent with the General Plan;
- Permit issuances and other approvals necessary for public and private development projects; and
- Issuance of permits and other approvals necessary for implementation of the General Plan.

Public Review: 45 days, extending from July 28, 2022 to September 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Document Availability: The Draft EIR and the San Jacinto General Plan are available for review at the City of San Jacinto City Hall, 595 S. San Jacinto Avenue, San Jacinto, CA 92583; The City of San Jacinto Library, 595 S. San Jacinto Avenue, San Jacinto, CA 92583, and the San Jacinto Community Center, 625 Pico Avenue, San Jacinto, CA 92583 in addition to online at https://sanjacinto.generalplan.org/.

Provision of Comments: Members of the public and other interested agencies and individuals are invited to provide comments on the San Jacinto General Plan and Draft EIR. Comments on the San Jacinto General

Plan and the Draft EIR can be provided in writing to the City at the address above, or by email at generalplan@sanjacintoca.gov, during the 45-day public review period, ending September 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Significant Environmental Impacts: The Draft EIR identifies significant environmental impacts related to the following environmental topics: Agricultural Resources, Cumulative Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Cumulative Air Quality, Biological Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Cumulative Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Noise, and Irreversible Effects.

