

### **NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Project Title/File Number: Housing Element Update/GPA 000057

City of Roseville File #2009 PL-058

Project Location: City wide

**Project Description:** The City of Roseville is proposing to amend the General Plan to adopt the

updated Housing Element.

Project Applicant: City of Roseville Community Services Department, Housing Division

Property Owner: Various

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jan Shonkwiler, Housing Programs Manager

**Community Services Department** 

311 Vernon Street Roseville, CA 95678

<u>DECLARATION:</u> The Community Development Director has determined that the above project will have no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the requirement of an Environmental Impact Report. The determination is based on the following findings:

- A. The project will not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of rare or endangered plants or animals or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory.
- B. The project will not have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals.
- C. The project will not have impacts which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable.
- D. The project will not have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.
- E. No substantial evidence exists that the project will have a negative or adverse significant effect on the environment.

**Public Review/Comment:** The public comment period will extend for 30 days starting **June 22, 2009 and ending on July 22, 2009.** The proposed negative declaration is available for public review at the following locations: Roseville Planning Department, 311 Vernon Street, Roseville, CA 95678 during normal operating hours (8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday). Questions regarding the project or comments on the environmental document may be directed to: Jan Shonkwiler, Housing Division, 311 Vernon Street, Roseville CA 95678 (774-5273).

**Meetings/Public Hearings:** The City of Roseville Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to consider the Negative Declaration and provide a recommendation to City Council concerning project approval on **July 9, 2009**. The Roseville City Council is tentatively scheduled to consider adoption of the Negative Declaration and project approval on **August 5, 2009**. Planning Commission and City Council meetings start at 7:00 P.M. in the Roseville Council Chambers, 311 Vernon Street, Roseville, CA. *Interested parties should call the Roseville City Clerk's Department (774-5263) to confirm Planning Commission and City Council meeting agendas, times and dates.* 

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# INITIAL STUDY & ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Housing Element Update/GPA 000057(City of Roseville File #2009 PL-058) Project Title/File Number

**Project Location** City of Roseville, Placer County, California

The City of Roseville is proposing to amend the General Plan to adopt the **Project Description** 

updated Housing Element.

**Project Applicant** City of Roseville Community Services Department, Housing Division

**Lead Agency Contact Person** Jan Shonkwiler, Housing Programs Manager

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This initial study has been prepared to identify and assess the anticipated environmental impacts of the above described project application. The document relies on previous environmental documents (see Attachments) and site-specific studies prepared to address in detail the effects or impacts associated with the project.

This document has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), (Public Resources Code. Section 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR 15000 et seq.).

### **Environmental Determination**

In reviewing the information provided for this project, the City of Roseville has analyzed the potential environmental impacts and determined that the proposed project could not have a significant effect on the environment and a Negative Declaration will be prepared.

Prepared by:

Mark Morse

Environmental Coordinator

Date:

#### I. PROJECT PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION

### **Background and Purpose**

Regulatory Setting: The Housing Element is one of seven mandatory elements of the City of Roseville General Plan. The purpose of the Housing Element is to identify and analyze existing and projected housing needs in an effort to preserve, improve and develop housing for all economic segments of the community in accordance with state law. It is the only general plan element for which State certification is required. It is also the only element with a regulated update cycle. State law requires that Housing Elements be updated periodically, pursuant to legislative action, which are set by region. As a jurisdiction of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) region, the City of Roseville has a requirement to update its Housing Element by June 30, 2008 for the 2008-2013 planning period.

<u>Update Process</u>: The existing Housing Element was adopted by the City and certified by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in September 2002. The current effort to update the Housing Element commenced late in 2007. Since that time, the City has engaged in a series of consultations, workshops, and meetings with housing advocates, developers, local service providers, neighborhood associations, and the community-at-large to solicit input regarding the Element and issues related to its implementation. Based on this information the City revised and updated the existing Housing Element which was then submitted to the HCD and made available for public review beginning on October 25, 2008. Following the HCD and public review and comment period the Element was revised again to address comments received (primarily from HCD) and then resubmitted for HCD review/approval. The City is in receipt of a June 10, 2009 letter from HCD acknowledging that the revised draft Housing Element dated April 10, 2009 has been deemed in substantial compliance with State Housing Element law, conditioned upon final approval by the Roseville Planning Commission and City Council. Therefore the next steps to complete the update process are to hold public hearings before the Planning Commission on July 9, 2009 and then the City Council for adoption on August 5, 2009.

### **Project Description – Housing Element Update**

The project is a proposal by the Community Services Department's Housing Division to update of the Housing Element of the City's General Plan. The existing Housing Element would be replaced with the revised element. The proposed April 10, 2009 version of the Housing Element is currently available for public review and is the subject of this environmental analysis. Copies of the proposed draft Housing Element update may be reviewed at the City of Roseville Housing Division, 311 Vernon Street, during normal business hours. Copies of the Draft Housing Element update are also available online at: http://www.roseville.ca.us/housing/housing element.asp

The proposed 2009 Housing Element update covers the City's housing policies, goals and objectives for the five-year planning period 2008 through 2013. The updated Housing Element also addresses the following topics as required by State law:

- Population growth and employment trends
- · Household characteristics
- Housing costs and vacancy rates
- Inventory of available residentially zoned land
- Governmental and non-governmental constraints to housing production
- Special housing needs
- Energy conservation measures
- Existing affordable housing developments
- Review and evaluation of the previous Housing Element (2002 2007)

As established by State law (Government Code 65588(a)) the primary purpose of the Housing Element update is threefold: 1) to evaluate and make changes as appropriate to the City's housing goals and policies in order to remain consistent with and help attain State housing goals; 2) To evaluate the effectiveness of the Housing Element over the prior planning period (2002-2007); and 3) To evaluate the progress of the City in implementation of the Housing Element. As part of this effort, the City updated the Element to reflect new available data from the 2000 Census, the State Department of Finance, and the 2008 Regional Housing Needs Plan prepared by SACOG.

### **Housing Needs Allocation and Existing Available Inventory**

The updated "fair share housing need" issued to the City over the planning period (2006 through 2013) as determined by SACOG is 8,993 dwelling units comprised as follows in terms of income groups: 2,680 units for very low income families; 1,817 units for low income families; 1,162 units for moderate income families; and 2,774 units for above moderate income families over the planning period. Since the City is allowed to count housing units developed during 2006 and 2007, the "adjusted" regional housing need allocation assigned to the City is 7,120 housing units, for the period of the Housing Element (2008 – 2013). The housing needs of very low and low income levels are required by State law as being best served by designating adequate high density sites. The adjusted housing units to accommodate very low income equate to 2,665 units, and very low income equate to 1,721 units, which result in an adjusted, combined high density land use designation for 4,386 units, during this planning period. Existing vacant high density designated properties (i.e., properties zoned 20 units per acre or higher) in the City have the potential to produce 2,595 units which leaves a fair share allocation shortfall of 1,791 high density units. This means the City's existing land inventory, as designated in August 2008, was inadequate to satisfy its new Regional Housing Need Allocation for the upcoming planning period and was the primary focus of the proposed Housing Element update.

### **Summary of Proposed Housing Element Revisions**

No modifications to existing land use or zoning designations are proposed as a part of the Housing Element update, however there are projects and parcels identified with future rezoning potential, which are identified in the Residential Land Inventory section of the Housing Element. The draft Housing Element goals, policies and implementation measures were revised with a commitment to enhance and streamline the voluntary rezone process and a future commitment to revising zoning provisions relating to emergency, transitional and supportive housing as discussed below.

Voluntary Rezoning: The City has been successful in facilitating voluntary rezone projects and the draft Housing Element revisions are intended to further facilitate this practice. Rezones are intended to increase a parcel's housing density or change allowed uses for example from commercial to high density residential. The Planning Department has either recently processed or are currently processing voluntary rezone applications for several parcels in the West Roseville Specific Plan and North Central Specific Plan which may increase the supply of available high density housing sites by approximately 1,138 and 356 units, respectively. To facilitate voluntary rezoning the updated Element also encourages identification of under-utilized parcels that could accommodate high density housing, such as parcels in the City's revitalization areas. To ensure that rezone projects significantly contribute to the identified unit shortfall, proposed Housing Element revisions also call for adoption of a Voluntary Rezone Program within one year of adoption of the Housing Element. This program will provide expedited processing in order to assist in promoting the Voluntary Rezone Program.

The proposed Housing Element also identifies the Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) and its adoption within 1 year of adoption of the Housing Element, in order to accommodate the balance of the high density unit shortfall. The DSP has the potential to create over 800 new units using a High Density Housing overlay zone created by the specific plan. The Downtown and Riverside Gateway Specific Plans, when combined, provide an opportunity to have an additional 685 high density residential units.

The combination of voluntary rezones, as well as the new capacity to develop under-utilized parcels in the revitalization areas, could yield an additional 2,179 high density housing units, which adequately addresses the high density shortfall previously identified in 2008. It is expected that with the combination of existing residential zoning, voluntary rezones and adoption of revitalization plans that include the use of High Density Housing overlay zones the City will meet its total fair share housing allocation of 7,120 units during the upcoming planning period covered by the draft Housing Element (2008 – 2013).

<u>Emergency Shelters</u>: Recent legislation (Senate Bill 2 *Cedillo*) requires that jurisdictions allow emergency shelters to develop by right, without discretionary approvals, in at least one zone district. In addition, the legislation requires that the City provide for the allowance of transitional and supportive housing within residential zones without discretionary approvals. The City's current zoning ordinance only identifies temporary residence shelters and does not address emergency shelters to be developed by right. Consequently the zoning ordinance will require amendment to incorporate these requirements. Revisions to the proposed Housing Element comply with the SB 2 requirements by requiring conforming amendments to the City's zoning ordinance within 1 year of adoption of the Housing Element.

#### II. PREVIOUS CEQA DOCUMENTS AND PROJECT STUDIES/REPORTS

### **Previous Environmental Review and Applicable CEQA Documents**

The City of Roseville, the Lead Agency for CEQA compliance for this project, has determined that an Initial Study shall be prepared in order to determine whether the potential exists for unmitigatable impacts resulting from the proposed project. Relevant analysis from the City's General Plan, West Roseville Specific Plan (WRSP) and Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) EIRs and other project-specific studies and reports that have been generated to date, were used as the database for the Initial Study. The decision to prepare the Initial Study utilizing the analysis contained in the aforementioned EIRs is sustained by Sections 15168 and 15152 of the CEQA Guidelines as discussed below.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15168 relating to Program EIRs indicates that where subsequent activities involve site-specific operations, the agency should use a written checklist to document the evaluation of the site and the activity, to determine whether the environmental effects of the project at hand were covered in the earlier Program EIR. A Program EIR is intended to provide the basis in an Initial Study for determining whether the later activity may have any significant effects. Program EIRs can also be incorporated by reference to address regional influences, secondary effects, cumulative impacts, broad alternatives, and other factors that apply to the program as a whole. The City of Roseville General Plan EIR, as updated by the WRSP and DSP EIRs, provides program level CEQA analysis that is relied in this Initial Study.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15152 addresses Tiering of environmental documents. "Tiering" refers to using the analysis of general matters contained in a broad EIR (such as one prepared for a general plan or policy statement) with later EIRs and negative declarations on narrower projects; incorporating by reference the general discussions from the broader EIR; and concentrating the later negative declaration solely on the issues specific to the later project. Agencies are encouraged to tier the environmental analyses which they prepare for separate but related projects including general plans and development projects. This approach can eliminate repetitive discussions of the same issues and focus the later negative declaration on the actual issues ripe for decision at each level of environmental review. This Initial Study tiers from the General Plan, WRSP, DSP and Transportation System CIP Update Subsequent EIRs.

The following Program and Project-level EIRs are hereby incorporated by reference according to CEQA Section 15150:

- City of Roseville General Plan Program EIR (November 1992) SCH # 92072064
- The West Roseville Specific Plan (WRSP) Project EIR (February 2004) SCH # 2002082057
- Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) Project EIR (April 2009) SCH # 2007102090
- City of Roseville 2020 Transportation System Capital Improvements Program Update Subsequent Program/Project EIR (April 2007) SCH # 2006062086

The above documents are available of review Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm, at the Roseville Civic Center, 311 Vernon Street, Roseville, CA 95678.

#### **Analytical Methodology and Summary**

The project consists of amendment of the City's General Plan to adopt the updated Housing Element. The proposed project updates Housing Element background information and adds the City's fair share housing allocation for the new planning period. The update makes no modification to existing General Plan goals, policies or land use designations, however it does incorporate minor revisions to two Housing Element implementation measures to further ensure the City's fair share housing allocation is achieved. For example revisions to Affordable Housing Implementation Measure 17 Emergency Shelter Ordinance, memorialize the City's commitment to approve an ordinance amendment within one year of adoption of the Housing Element to ensure that transitional and supportive housing uses are treated as a primary residential use under the City's zoning code. In addition, Residential and Land Inventory Implementation Measure 5 Voluntary Rezone Program is revised to clarify that the target density for voluntary rezone projects is 20 units per acre minimum with zoning designations that exclusively allow residential use (such as the City's R-3 attached housing zone).

Per the above, the proposed Housing Element Update does not identify new areas for urban development nor is the intensity of existing development altered from that which is presently allowed under the General Plan. Therefore the environmental impacts of City buildout under the proposed Housing Element would remain as disclosed in the City's General Plan EIR (November 1992) as updated by the West Roseville Specific Plan Final EIR (February 2004) and recently approved Downtown Specific Plan and EIR (April 2009). Thus, with the exception of ongoing voluntary rezones described in the updated Housing Element, the environmental impacts of adopting the updated Housing Element have been previously disclosed in accordance with CEQA. The proposed minor revisions to Housing Element implementation measures described above will not result in any physical changes, new effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified effects. CEQA compliance for the voluntary rezones currently in progress and identified as part of the update will be accomplished with separate project level environmental documents prior to rezone approvals. As such, as further elaborated in the following Initial Study Checklist responses, approval of the proposed Housing Element Update would result in no impact.

#### III. CITY OF ROSEVILLE MITIGATING ORDINANCES, GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) allows the use of uniformly applied, previously adopted development policies or standards as mitigation for the environmental effects of future projects when those standards have been adopted by the City, with findings based on substantial evidence that the policies or standards will substantially mitigate environmental effects (CEQA Guidelines §15183(f)). The standards and policies adopted by the City Council which are uniformly applied to mitigate environmental impacts include:

- The City's Zoning Ordinance
- Noise Regulation (RMC Ch.9.24)
- Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (RMC Ch.9.80)
- Traffic Mitigation Fee (RMC Ch.4.44)
- Drainage Fees (Dry Creek [RMC Ch.4.49] Pleasant Grove Creek [RMC Ch.4.48])
- Urban Stormwater Quality Management and Discharge Control Ordinance (RMC Ch.14.20)
- Stormwater Quality Design Manual (Resolution 07-432)
- City of Roseville Design/Construction Standards (Resolution 17-137)
- Tree Preservation Ordinance (RMC Ch.19.66)
- Subdivision Ordinance (RMC Ch.18)
- Community Design Guidelines (Resolution 95-347)
- Specific Plan Design Guidelines include standards and policies that are uniformly applied to development projects throughout the City.
- Development Guidelines Del Webb Specific Plan (Resolution 96-330)
- Landscape Design Guidelines for North Central Roseville Specific Plan (Resolution 90-170)
- North Roseville Specific Plan and Design Guidelines (Resolution 00-432)
- Northeast Roseville Specific Plan (Olympus Pointe) Signage Guidelines (Resolution 89-42)
- North Roseville Area Design Guidelines (Resolution 92-226)
- Northeast Roseville Specific Plan Landscape Design Guidelines (Resolution 87-31)
- Southeast Roseville Specific Plan Landscape Design Guidelines (Resolution 88-51)
- Stoneridge Specific Plan and Design Guidelines (Resolution 95-83)
- Highland Reserve North Specific Plan and Design Guidelines (Resolution 97-128)
- West Roseville Specific Plan and Design Guidelines (Resolution 04-40)

In March 2003, the City of Roseville adopted Findings of Fact confirming that certain environmental impacts for the following issue areas are mitigated by the uniform application of the above ordinances, guidelines, and standards (Resolution 03-169):

- Flooding
- Urban Form/Aesthetics
- Tree Impacts
- Hazards/Hazardous Materials
- Water Quality
- Drainage
- Traffic

The City's mitigating ordinances, guidelines and standards are referenced, where applicable, in this Initial Study Checklist. Because the City of Roseville has adopted CEQA Findings that these Mitigating Policies and Standards substantially mitigate environmental impacts, no additional project-specific mitigation is required for the specified impact areas.

#### IV. INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

The initial study checklist recommended by the CEQA Guidelines is used to describe the potential impacts of the proposed project on the environment. Environmental issues identified in the checklist are followed by a discussion that includes recommended mitigation measures.

- 1. All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including offsite as well as onsite, cumulative as well as project level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect is significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 3. "Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level.
- 4. "Less Than Significant Impact" applies where the impact does not require mitigation or result in a substantial or potentially substantial change of any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project.
- 5. Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D).
- 6. Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page(s) or section(s) where the statement is substantiated.

### I. Aesthetics

Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				Х
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				x
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?				x
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare, which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				х

#### Discussion:

Aesthetic impacts due to residential development in accordance with the updated Housing Element are as described in the City of Roseville General Plan EIR as updated by the WRSP and DSP EIRs. According to the General Plan EIR aesthetic impacts would be less than significant with the application of applicable community form and community design guideline policies. All residential development that occurs pursuant to the General Plan and adopted specific plans is subject to these policies and related design standards. The proposed minor revisions to Housing Element implementation measures will not result in any new effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified effects to aesthetic resources. Any aesthetic impacts related to voluntary rezones would be evaluated, disclosed and mitigated as part of project level CEQA review required for the rezoning project. Consequently the Housing Element Update project would result in no impact to aesthetic resource issues.

# II. Agricultural Resources

Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to nonagricultural use?				х
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				x
c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to nonagricultural use?				X

#### Discussion:

Agricultural impacts due to residential development in accordance with the updated Housing Element are as described in the City of Roseville General Plan EIR as updated by the WRSP EIR. According to the WRSP EIR, residential development within the WRSP would result in significant and unavoidable conversion of agricultural land to developed uses as well as significant but mitigable agricultural land use compatibility impacts. These impacts were previously disclosed and the appropriate findings and overriding considerations have been adopted. The proposed minor revisions to Housing Element implementation measures will not result in any physical change, new effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified effects to agricultural resources. Consequently the Housing Element Update project would result in no impact to agricultural resource issues.

# III. Air Quality

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<ul> <li>a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?</li> </ul>				х
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?				х
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria for which the project region is nonattainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors), including greenhouse gas emmissions?				х
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?				х
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?				х

### Discussion:

Air quality impacts due to residential development in accordance with the updated Housing Element are as described in the City of Roseville General Plan EIR as updated by the WRSP and DSP EIRs. According to these EIRs, residential development within the City would result in significant and unavoidable air quality impacts. These impacts were previously disclosed and the appropriate findings and overriding considerations have been adopted. The City of Roseville General Plan Air Quality Element includes policy to address greenhouse gas emissions and the proposed minor revisions to Housing Element implementation measures will not result in any physical change, new effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified effects to air quality. Any air quality impacts related to voluntary rezones would be evaluated and mitigated as part of project level CEQA review required for the rezoning project. Consequently the Housing Element Update project would result in no impact to air quality issues.

# IV. Biological Resources

Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				х
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies or regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				х
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				х
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				х
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				X
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				х

#### Discussion:

Biological resource impacts due to residential development in accordance with the updated Housing Element are as described in the City of Roseville General Plan EIR as updated by the WRSP EIR. According to these EIRs, residential development within the City would result in significant and unavoidable biological resource impacts. These impacts were previously disclosed and the appropriate findings and overriding considerations have been adopted. The proposed minor revisions to Housing Element implementation measures will not result in any new physical change, effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified effects to biological resources. Consequently the Housing Element Update project would result in no impact to biological resource issues.

### V. Cultural Resources

Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource as defined in Section 15064.5?				х
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?				х
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				Х
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				Х

#### Discussion:

Cultural resource impacts due to residential development in accordance with the updated Housing Element are as described in the City of Roseville General Plan EIR as updated by the WRSP and DSP EIRs. According to the WRSP EIR, development within the WRSP would result in significant and unavoidable removal of historically significant properties and/or the loss of historic integrity of such resources. These impacts were previously disclosed and the appropriate findings and overriding considerations have been adopted. The proposed minor revisions to Housing Element implementation measures will not result in any new effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified effects to cultural resources. Consequently the Housing Element Update project would result in no impact to cultural resource issues.

# VI. Geology and Soils

Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				х
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? (Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.)				х
ii) Strong seismic groundshaking?				Х
iii) Seismic-related ground failure,				X
including liquefaction?				
iv) Landslides?		<u> </u>		Х
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				Х
c) Be located in a geological unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?				х
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?				x
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?				х

#### Discussion:

Geology and soils impacts due to residential development in accordance with the updated Housing Element are as described in the City of Roseville General Plan EIR as updated by the WRSP EIR. According to these EIRs geology and soil impacts would be less than significant with the application of applicable City ordinances and development standards. All residential development that occurs pursuant to the General Plan and adopted specific plans is subject to these policies and related design standards. The proposed minor revisions to Housing Element implementation measures will not result in any new effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified effects to geology and soil resources. Consequently the Housing Element Update project would result in no impact to geology and soil resource issues.

### VII. Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				х
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				x
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				х
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				х
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				х
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing in the project area?				x
g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				x
h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				х

#### Discussion:

Hazards and hazardous materials impacts due to residential development in accordance with the updated Housing Element are as described in the City of Roseville General Plan EIR. According to the General Plan EIR, while implementation of relevant General Plan policies would result in adequate response to a hazardous materials related emergency, the daily potential for such an emergency due to the presence of the Union Pacific

Railyard would remain a significant and unavoidable impact. This impact was previously disclosed and the appropriate findings and overriding considerations have been adopted. The proposed minor revisions to Housing Element implementation measures will not result in any new effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified effects to hazards and hazardous materials. Any hazards and hazardous materials impacts related to voluntary rezones would be evaluated, disclosed and mitigated as part of project level CEQA review required for the rezoning project. Consequently the Housing Element Update project would result in no impact to hazards and hazardous materials resource issues.

# VIII. Hydrology and Water Quality

Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant	Potentially Significant	Less Than Significant	No Impact
	Impact	Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Impact	
a) Violate any water quality standards or		-		Х
waste discharge requirements?				^
b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with				
groundwater recharge such that there would				
be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a				
lowering of the local groundwater table level				
(e.g., the production rate of pre-existing				X
nearby wells would drop to a level which				
would not support existing land uses or				
planned uses for which permits have been				
granted)?				
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage				
pattern of the site or area, including through				
the alteration of the course of a stream or				X
river, in a manner which would result in				
substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage				
pattern of the site or area, including through				
the alteration of the course of a stream or				х
river, or substantially increase the rate or				
amount of surface runoff in a manner which				
would result in flooding on- or off-site?				
e) Create or contribute runoff water which				
would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or				Х
provide substantial additional sources of				^
polluted water?				
f) Otherwise substantially degrade water				_
quality?				X
g) Place housing within a 100-year flood				
hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood				
Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate				X
Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				
h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area				
structures which would impede or redirect				Х
flood flows?				
i) Expose people or structures to a significant				
risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding,				
including flooding as a result of the failure of				Х
a levee or dam?				
j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or				Х
mudflow?				^

#### Discussion:

Hydrology and water quality impacts due to residential development in accordance with the updated Housing Element are as described in the City of Roseville General Plan EIR. According to the General Plan EIR hydrology and water quality section, existing residential areas could be subject to significant and unavoidable flooding impacts as a result of existing flood hazards. Existing General Plan policy and development standards would prevent flood hazards from impacting future residential development projects. This impact was previously disclosed and the appropriate findings and overriding considerations have been adopted. The proposed minor revisions to Housing Element implementation measures will not result in any new effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified flood hazard effects. Any hydrology and water quality impacts related to voluntary rezones would be evaluated, disclosed and mitigated as part of project level CEQA review required for the rezoning project. Consequently the Housing Element Update project would result in no impact to hydrology and water quality resource issues.

# IX. Land Use and Planning

Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Physically divide an established community?				X
b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				х
c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				х

#### Discussion:

Land use and planning impacts due to residential development in accordance with the updated Housing Element are as described in the City of Roseville General Plan EIR as updated by the WRSP EIR. According to the WRSP EIR, development within the WRSP would result in significant and unavoidable internal land use compatibility impacts. These impacts were previously disclosed and the appropriate findings and overriding considerations have been adopted. The proposed minor revisions to Housing Element implementation measures will not result in any new effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified effects to land use. Consequently the Housing Element Update project would result in no impact to land use issues.

### X. Mineral Resources

Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				x
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?				Х

#### Discussion:

No mineral resource impacts were identified in the General Plan, WRSP, or DSP EIRs. All residential development provided for in the General Plan would occur on land already designated under the General Plan for residential land uses and already analyzed for impacts under the General Plan EIR. The proposed minor revisions to Housing Element implementation measures will not result in any new effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified effects to mineral resources. Any mineral resource impacts related to voluntary rezones would be evaluated, disclosed and mitigated as part of project level CEQA review required for the rezoning project. Consequently the Housing Element Update project would result in no impact to mineral resources.

### XI. Noise

Would the project result in:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				х
b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				х
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				х
d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				x
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				х
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				х

#### Discussion:

Noise impacts due to residential development in accordance with the updated Housing Element are as described in the City of Roseville General Plan EIR as updated by the WRSP EIR. According to these EIRs, roadway, railroad and fixed noise sources could cause significant and unavoidable noise impacts on existing residential development within the City. These impacts were previously disclosed and the appropriate findings and overriding considerations have been adopted. The City of Roseville General Plan Noise Element and General Plan and WRSP EIRs include noise policy and mitigation measures to minimize noise impacts from transportation and fixed noise sources however related noise impacts were found to be unavoidable for some existing residential development. The proposed minor revisions to Housing Element implementation measures will not result in any physical change, new effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified noise impacts. Consequently the Housing Element Update project would result in no impact to noise issues.

# XII. Population and Housing

Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				х
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				х
c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				х

#### Discussion:

Population and housing impacts due to residential development in accordance with the updated Housing Element are as described in the City of Roseville General Plan EIR as updated by the WRSP EIR. According to these EIRs, buildout in accordance with the Land Use and Housing Elements of the General Plan would cause significant and unavoidable inducement of substantial population growth. This impact was previously disclosed and the appropriate findings and overriding considerations have been adopted. The City of Roseville General Plan contains growth management policies that serve to minimize impacts related to population growth. The proposed minor revisions to Housing Element implementation measures will not result in any physical change, new effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified population and housing impacts. Any population and housing impacts related to voluntary rezones would be evaluated and mitigated as part of project level CEQA review required for the rezoning project. Consequently the Housing Element Update project would have no impact on population and housing.

#### XIII. Public Services

Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, or the need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the following public services:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Fire protection?				Х
b) Police protection?				Х
c) Schools?				Х
d) Parks?				Х
e) Other public facilities?				X

#### Discussion:

Public service impacts due to residential development in accordance with the updated Housing Element are as described in the City of Roseville General Plan EIR as updated by the WRSP and DSP EIRs. According to these EIRs, buildout in accordance with the General Plan would cause less-than-significant impacts on public services.

The City of Roseville General Plan contains growth management policies and the General Plan, WRSP and DSP EIRs contain mitigation measures that serve to ensure impacts to provision of services remain less than significant. The proposed minor revisions to Housing Element implementation measures will not result in any new physical change, effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified public services impacts. Any public service impacts related to voluntary rezones would be evaluated and mitigated as part of project level CEQA review required for the rezoning project. Consequently the Housing Element Update project would have no impact on public services.

### XIV. Recreation

Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				x
b) Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				х

#### Discussion:

Recreation impacts due to residential development in accordance with the updated Housing Element are as described in the City of Roseville General Plan EIR as updated by the WRSP EIR. According to these EIRs, buildout in accordance with the General Plan would cause less-than-significant impacts on recreation. The proposed minor revisions to Housing Element implementation measures will not result in any new physical change, effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified recreation impacts. Any recreation impacts related to voluntary rezones would be evaluated and mitigated as part of project level CEQA review required for the rezoning project. Consequently the Housing Element Update project would have no impact on public services.

# XV. Transportation/Traffic

Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume-to-capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?			x	
b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads and highways?				х
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that result in substantial safety risks?				х
d) Substantially increase hazards due to design features (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				х
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?				Х
f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?				Х
g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?				х

#### Discussion:

Transportation and traffic impacts due to City-wide buildout in accordance with the updated Housing Element and General Plan are as described in the City of Roseville General Plan EIR as updated by the WRSP EIR, DSP EIR and City of Roseville 2020 Transportation System Capital Improvements Program Update Subsequent EIR. According to these EIRs, City-wide buildout would result in significant and unavoidable transportation and circulation impacts. These impacts were previously disclosed and the appropriate findings and overriding considerations have been adopted. The City of Roseville General Plan and WRSP and related EIRs as well as the City of Roseville 2020 Transportation System Capital Improvements Program Update Subsequent EIR contain policy and mitigation measures that serve to minimize transportation and circulation impacts. The proposed minor revisions to Housing Element implementation measures will not result in any physical change, new effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified effects to transportation and circulation. Any transportation and circulation impacts related to voluntary rezones would be evaluated and mitigated as part of project level CEQA review required for the rezoning project. Consequently the Housing Element Update project would result in no impact to transportation and circulation issues.

# XVI. Utilities and Service Systems

Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				Х
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				х
c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				х
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				x
e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition of the provider's existing commitments?				х
f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				х
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				х

#### Discussion:

Public utility impacts due to development in accordance with the updated Housing Element are as described in the City of Roseville General Plan EIR as updated by the WRSP EIR. According to these EIRs, buildout in accordance with the General Plan would cause significant and unavoidable increased demand for solid waste services at the Western Regional Sanitary Landfill and Materials Recycling Facility. The WRSP EIR also recognizes a significant and unavoidable impact from demand for construction debris solid waste services. These impacts were previously disclosed and the appropriate findings and overriding considerations have been adopted. The City of Roseville General Plan, the WRSP and related EIRs contain policy and mitigation measures that serve to minimize impacts to solid waste and recycling services. The proposed minor revisions to Housing Element implementation measures will not result in any physical change, new effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified utility and services system impacts. Any utility and services system impacts related to voluntary rezones would be evaluated and mitigated as part of project level CEQA review required for the rezoning project. Consequently the Housing Element Update project would have no impact on utility and service systems.

# XVII. Mandatory Findings of Significance

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant	No Impact
a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				x
b) Does the project have impacts which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects).				х
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				Х

#### Discussion:

Impacts to biological and cultural resources, cumulative impacts and adverse effects on human beings as a result of proposed Housing Element amendments are examined in the General Plan EIR as updated by the WRSP EIR, DSP EIR and City of Roseville 2020 Transportation System Capital Improvements Program Update Subsequent EIR. No new areas are introduced to urban development nor is the intensity of development altered from that which is presently allowed under the General Plan as a result of the proposed update. Therefore, as discussed throughout this initial study, the proposed Housing Element Update project falls within the scope of prior EIR analyses and would not result in additional impacts in these areas. No Impact.

### **Environmental Determination**

In reviewing the information provided for this project, the City of Roseville has analyzed the potential environmental impacts created by this project and determined that the proposed project **could not have a significant effect** on the environment and a Negative Declaration will be prepared.