



ITEM IV-B: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT - SAFETY ELEMENT – CITYWIDE – FILE# 2009PL-027 (GPA-000053)

REQUEST

The City requests approval of a General Plan Amendment to update the Flood Protection component of the Safety Element to include language required by the State that indicates that the City's General Plan complies with the State Plan of Flood Control. The amendment to the General Plan will also include minor text changes to correct administrative errors.

Applicant: City of Roseville

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Redevelopment Department recommends that the Planning Commission take the following action:

- A. Recommend that the City Council approve the General Plan Amendment to the Safety Element of the General Plan as shown in Exhibit A.

SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES

There are no outstanding issues associated with this request.

BACKGROUND

In 2008, the State of California implemented a State Plan of Flood Control (State Plan) that requires all cities and counties within the Central Valley drainage shed, which includes the City of Roseville, to include in their General Plan the statement that "all new development will be in compliance with the State Plan". While all local jurisdictions have until 2015 to amend their general plans, all State water and flood assistance grant applications currently inquire whether the applying community's general plan complies with the State Plan. In order to bring the City into compliance with the State Plan and to make the City eligible for grant funding, City staff has found it important to amend the Flood Protection component of the Safety Element at this time.

EVALUATION

A key component of the State plan is to require all new development to be above the 200-year water surface elevation. The City's current Improvement Standards for new development, in or near the regulatory floodplain, currently meets this requirement. The Improvement Standards require a minimum of two feet of freeboard above the 100-year water surface elevation. Since the difference in water surface elevation between the 100-year and the 200-year floodplain is typically between six inches and one foot, the development standards currently meet the new State requirements. Based on this, new development will remain unaffected by the required change.

As part of amending the Flood Protection component of the Safety Element to add the State Plan compliance information, staff is also taking this opportunity to make a few other minor revisions to the

Safety Element. These changes are minor in nature and do not change existing policies or establish new policies. The changes include:

- corrections to typographical errors,
- text changes to clarify City requirements and to clearly define terms, and
- corrections to references to the City's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and Emergency Operations Plan throughout the section.

All proposed changes are identified in Exhibit A.

CONCLUSION

Staff has found that the proposed update to the General Plan will not only bring the City into compliance with State Law, but will also allow the City to better compete for State water and flood related grant funds, which will allow the City to better leverage funds should grant funding be awarded in the future.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

This project is categorically exempt from the environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061b3, as the project does not have the potential to have a significant effect on the environment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission take the following action:

- A. Recommend that the City Council approve the GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT – SAFETY ELEMENT - FILE# 2009PL-027 (GPA-000053) as shown in **Exhibit A**.

Exhibits

- A. Safety Element (Redlined)