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CITY OF FAIRFIELD
GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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Project Title: Fairfield Forward 2050: General Plan Update, 6th Cycle Housing Element Update, and Climate Action Plan
Lead Agency: City of Fairfield
Project Location: Citywide
County: Solano County
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Pursuant to Sections 15087 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, and Public Resources Code Section 21092, the City of Fairfield as the Lead Agency is circulating a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for public comment on the Fairfield Forward 2050 project (Proposed Project). The Proposed Project consists of a General Plan Update, 6th Cycle Housing Element Update, and Climate Action Plan (CAP).

The Proposed Project is an update to the City's 2002 General Plan and would guide future land use decisions in the City of Fairfield, providing a long-term vision for the future and, through its policies and implementing actions, indicates how that vision would be achieved over the next 25 years. Together with the Zoning Ordinance and related sections of the Municipal Code, the Proposed Project would serve as the basis for planning-related decisions made by City staff, the Planning Commission, and the City Council.

The CAP is a comprehensive plan for addressing the community's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The proposed CAP was developed concurrently with the Proposed Plan, reflecting the City's proposed land use and transportation strategy, and GHG implications of various Proposed Plan's goals and policies. The proposed CAP is intended to reinforce the City's commitment to reducing GHG emissions and demonstrate how the City will comply with State GHG emission reduction targets. As a Qualified GHG Reduction Strategy, the CAP will also enable streamlined environmental review of future development projects, in accordance with CEQA.

The Planning Area encompasses 278 square miles including the City of Fairfield (approximately 41 square miles) and its Sphere of Influence (SOI) (approximately 11 square miles). The SOI is generally coterminous with the City boundary but includes a handful of areas surrounding the city limits, with the largest section located in the northeast area of the City limits, adjacent to Travis Air Force Base. The Planning Area also includes the surrounding unincorporated areas in Green Valley and Suisun Valley, as in the current General Plan, and the Suisun Marsh Protection Plan area (225 square miles). Although the City of Fairfield does not have jurisdiction in areas outside of its City limits, what happens in those

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areas bears a relation to the City's planning and must be considered in the General Plan, per California Government Code Section 65300.

### **Environmental Review and Comment**

The DEIR addresses environmental impacts in the following resource areas: aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural and tribal cultural resources, energy, climate change, and greenhouse gas emissions; geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise and vibration, population and housing, public services and recreation, transportation, utilities and service systems, and wildfire.

### **Project Impacts**

The proposed project will result in unavoidable significant impacts with regard to the following areas: agricultural resources, mineral resources, and transportation.

### **Presence of Site on Lists Enumerated Under Government Code Section 65962.5**

The General Plan's Planning Area contains sites included on lists enumerated under Government Code Section 25962.5. See the Hazards and Hazardous Materials Section of the DEIR for more information.

### **Document Availability**

Copies of the DEIR are available for review during office hours at the City of Fairfield Community Development Department, at the address noted above, or for downloading on the Fairfield Forward 2050 project website at: [www.fairfieldforward.com](http://www.fairfieldforward.com).

### **Review Period and Submittal of Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report**

The DEIR is also available at the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street, Fairfield, California and the Fairfield Cordelia Library, 5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield, California.

The 45-day public review period for the DEIR begins on **July 26, 2024** and ends on **September 9, 2024**. Your comments must be received no later than **5:00 PM on September 9, 2024**. Your name should be included with your comments. Please send your comments to the attention of Jessie Hernandez at the address noted above. Comments can also be submitted via email to the following address: [jhernandez@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:jhernandez@fairfield.ca.gov). **Email comments must also be received no later than 5:00 PM on September 9, 2024.**

### **Public Hearing**

The City will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **August 14, 2024** to take written and oral comments on the DEIR. The hearing will be held at the Harry T. Price Memorial Council Chambers located at 1000 Webster Street, at 6:00 PM.

If you have any questions regarding this NOA, please contact Jessie Hernandez at the above address or via email at [jhernandez@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:jhernandez@fairfield.ca.gov).