

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 216

**RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AMENDING THE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN BY ADOPTING THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
SAFETY CHAPTER UPDATE**

WHEREAS, the County of Solano is mandated by the State of California to maintain an adequate and proper General Plan; and

WHEREAS, because of that mandate, Solano County's General Plan and the various elements thereof must be periodically updated with current data, recommendations, and policies; and

WHEREAS, counties are required to review the Safety Element of their General Plan upon each revision to the Housing Element or Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, but not less than once every eight years, and make updates to include new information related to natural hazards, climate adaptation, resiliency strategies, and evacuation accessibility, and to comply with statutory changes outlined in California Government Code Sections 65302(g) and 65302.15; and

WHEREAS, Solano County last updated its Public Health and Safety Chapter, which serves as its Safety Element, on August 11, 2015, and adopted its updated Housing Element on February 6, 2024, necessitating this update to the Public Health and Safety Chapter; and

WHEREAS, the County initiated an update to its Public Health and Safety Chapter in June, 2021 to meet the current requirements of California Government Code Sections 65302(g) and 65302.15; and

WHEREAS, the County submitted a draft of the Public Health and Safety Chapter Update to the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection on May 29, 2024, and the California Geological Survey on January 18, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Forestry reviewed the County's draft Public Health and Safety Chapter Update and provided the County with a list of minor recommended revisions on July 17, 2024. The Public Health and Safety Chapter Update was well received by the Board of Forestry with minimal recommendations. The California Geological Survey did not provide comments; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Public Health and Safety Chapter Update incorporates by reference the Solano County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in 2022, as required by Assembly Bill 2140 to increase opportunities for financial assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Public Health and Safety Chapter Update is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). This exemption applies because the proposed project does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The proposed project involves policies and implementation programs to meet California Government Code Section 65302(g) requirements to protect the community from any unreasonable risk associated with the effects of various hazards and would not have the potential to cause a significant physical effect on the environment. As described in Section 2.2.2, *Proposed Public Health and Safety Chapter*, the proposed project establishes a road map for how to achieve its goals through identification of policies and implementation programs that comply with new laws and reinforce existing policy direction for improved public health and safety. The County does not have to change any land uses or zoning standards or make any physical improvements to adopt the proposed project. Further, the proposed project does not propose site-specific development and is instead an update to an existing policy document, and therefore it would not result in any direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Subsequent amendments to the County's land use or zoning regulations would be subject to a separate CEQA review at the time the amendments are prepared, if required. For these reasons, it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2024, the Solano County Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing and adopted a resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors approve the Public Health and Safety Chapter Update with one non-substantive edit to change the term "air resources" to "air quality" within the first paragraph on page HS-1. This change is captured in the proposed Public Health and Safety Chapter Update attached as Exhibit A to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2024, the Solano County Airport Land Use Commission adopted a resolution finding the Public Health and Safety Chapter Update consistent with the provisions of the Travis Air Force Base, Nut Tree Airport, and Rio Vista Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has conducted a duly noticed public hearing to take public testimony and consider approval of the Public Health and Safety Chapter Update. The Board reviewed and considered the text of the draft Public Health and Safety Chapter Update, the minutes of the November 7, 2024, Solano County Planning Commission meeting, the County staff report, oral and written public comments, and all other pertinent documents and materials; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the proposed amendment to the General Plan to adopt the Public Health and Safety Chapter Update is consistent with all elements of the General Plan not otherwise amended.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the Public Health and Safety Chapter Update attached as Exhibit A to this resolution.

Passed and adopted by the Solano County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on December 10, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:	SUPERVISORS	Brown, Williams, Vasquez and Chair Mashburn
NOES:	SUPERVISORS	None
EXCUSED:	SUPERVISORS	Hannigan



MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

BILL EMLEN, Clerk

Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: 
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk