



Notice of Availability Environmental Impact Report Lake County

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TO: State Clearinghouse
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SUBJECT: Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Reports for Lake County
General Plan 2050

Lead Agency: Lake County

Project Title: Lake County General Plan 2050

Project Sponsor: Lake County

Notice is hereby given that Lake County (County), as lead agency for the proposed project, has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The purpose of this notice is to (1) serve as the public Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Draft EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15087, and (2) advise and solicit comments regarding the content of the Draft EIR for a 45-day period, ending at 5:00 p.m. on April 24, 2026. Following the close of the public review period, a Final EIR will be prepared containing comments and responses to comments that, together with the Draft EIR, will form the Final EIR. The Final EIR will be used by the Board of Supervisors in its consideration of approval of the proposed Lake County General Plan 2050.

Project Location

Lake County lies within the Pacific Coastal range, approximately 100 miles north of San Francisco, 90 miles northwest of Sacramento, and 35 miles east of the Pacific Ocean. Lake County is bounded by Mendocino and Glenn Counties to the north; Yolo, Colusa, and Glenn Counties to the east; Sonoma and Napa Counties to the south; and Mendocino and Sonoma Counties to the west. The major roadways that traverse the county include State Route (SR-) 20, which connects to Highway 101 and Interstate (I-) 5 to the west and east, and SR-29, SR-53, and SR-175, as shown in Figure 1, *Regional and Vicinity Map*. The County includes eight Planning Areas. Lake County encompasses 1,330 square miles of incorporated and unincorporated areas of Lake County as well as federal, state, and tribal land; however, the County only has jurisdiction over unincorporated land.

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Project Description

Lake County is preparing a comprehensive update to the 2008 General Plan and all eight of the County's Local Area Plans, which were adopted at various times between 1988 and 2010. The General Plan is being updated to respond to new State laws, changing conditions, and emerging issues and opportunities. State law requires that the General Plan contain eight elements: land use, circulation, housing, open space, noise, safety, conservation, and environmental justice. The County's updated General Plan, including the eight Planning Areas (Local Area Plans) include goals, policies, and actions that set the long-term plan for potential future development in unincorporated Lake County. The proposed project builds off the current General Plan and Local Area Plans to provide a framework for land use, transportation, and conservation decisions, and direct future growth within unincorporated Lake County through the year 2050.

Significant Environmental Effects

The Draft EIR identifies the following effects by environmental topic:

- No Impact/Less than Significant without Mitigation or Mitigating Policies and Actions: energy, greenhouse gas emissions, land use and planning, mineral resources, population and housing, public services, and recreation.
- Less than Significant with Mitigation or Mitigating Policies and Actions: aesthetics, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, and tribal cultural resources.
- Significant and Unavoidable: agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, transportation, utilities and service systems, and wildfire.

Hazardous Materials

As described in Section 3.9, *Hazards and Hazardous Materials*, of the Draft EIR, 23 sites are under investigation by the California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC). Some of those facilities were referred by DTSC to other agencies and were subsequently determined to require no further action, or were classified as low/medium priority back in 1988, leaving 10 hazardous material clean up sites Lake County. There are also 13 active sites under investigation by the Regional Water Quality Control Board in Lake County. Most of the sites involve releases from leaking underground storage tanks or aboveground storage tanks and are in various stages of remediation. Four of the sites are historic mines that are under investigation for potential releases of mercury to downstream wetlands or waterways.

Public Review and Document Availability

The public review period for the Draft EIR ends at 5:00 p.m. on April 24, 2026. The Draft EIR will be available for review electronically on the project's website: <https://lakecounty2050.org/documents/>
Comments should be submitted as follows:

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Following the close of the public review period for the Draft EIR, the County will prepare a Final EIR, incorporating all comments received during the public comment period, for consideration by the Board of Supervisors at a date for which notice shall be provided. As required by CEQA (Section 21092.5), the Final EIR,

including written responses to the comments submitted by public agencies, will be available at least 10 days prior to certification.

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Figure 1 Regional and Vicinity Map