

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2024070598

Project Title: City of Atascadero Comprehensive 2045 General Plan Update and Zoning Code Update

Lead Agency: City of Atascadero

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Project Location: Citywide - Atascadero, San Luis Obispo County

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project involves a comprehensive update to the City of Atascadero's current 2025 General Plan, which was adopted in 2002 and most recently amended in 2020 to reflect a 2045 horizon year (2045 General Plan Update). The project also includes updates to the Atascadero Municipal Code to ensure consistency with the 2045 General Plan Update, to clarify existing standards and practices, and incorporate current City policy (Zoning Code Update). Chapter 2, Project Description, of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) provides an overview of the Planning Area location and setting as well as the background, objectives, land use components, policies, and required approvals of the 2045 General Plan Update and subsequent Zoning Code Update. The 2045 General Plan Update would be comprehensive and internally consistent, serving as the City's top-level planning document to guide the City's future growth and development. Final adoption of Zoning Code standards are expected to follow adoption of the General Plan. The Zoning Code Update focuses on reorganization of Title 9 for readability and accessibility while incorporating new zoning districts to correspond to updated General Plan placetypes, as well as codification of current City policies. The Zoning Code Update will also include changes to zoning code administration and entitlement processing to correspond to current best practice, current policy, State law, and/or to meet the Council's streamlining and public outreach goals, as well as updated definitions and development standards to acknowledge new uses and trends and implement the General Plan vision for each placetype.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

This Draft EIR evaluates the physical changes associated with community buildout anticipated to occur under the 2045 General Plan Update and Zoning Code Update, if adopted, as well as the physical effects that may result from the establishment and implementation of the goals and policies of the project. Significant environmental effects are anticipated related to air quality, greenhouse gases, and transportation. Descriptions of specific impacts and associated mitigation are provided in the EIR.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

The City circulated a Notice of Preparation (NOP) to responsible, trustee, and affected agencies and other interested parties for a 30- day public review period that began on July 15, 2024, and ended on August 14th, 2024. The City also held a public scoping meeting on July 24, 2024. Table 1.1 of the EIR summarizes comments received at the scoping meeting in addition to those received during the NOP circulation period.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

County of San Luis Obispo Planning
Air Resources Board
Caltrans District #5
Fish & Game Region #4
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Housing & Community Development
Native American Heritage Commission
Regional WQCB #3
SWRCB: Water Quality
Office of Emergency Services