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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT / NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared for the below described project in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as set forth in the Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 to 21174, as amended. As a result of this project, significant, but mitigable, effects on the environment are anticipated in the areas of agricultural resources, air quality & greenhouse gas emissions, noise, and transportation and traffic. The impacts identified for all other issue areas would be less than significant.

1. Environmental Document No: SCH# 2025020584

2. Applicant: City of Santa Maria

3. Project Description: The plan is an update to the City's current General Plan, which includes the following elements: Land Use, Circulation, Safety, Health and Environmental Justice, Conservation and Open Space, Noise, Public Facilities and Services, Recreation and Parks, and Economic Development. The plan establishes the City's vision for future development through the horizon year of 2045. The plan will serve as a blueprint for future development and conservation of a community. The 2045 General Plan Update, together with the already adopted 6th Cycle Housing Element, will help the City plan for important community issues, such as community growth; housing, mobility, and infrastructure needs; climate change; and environmental protection.

The draft EIR and all documents referenced in the report may be reviewed on the City of Santa Maria Planning Division website: https://www.cityofsantamaria.org/services/departments/community-development/planning-division/planning-policies-and-regulations/general-plan-update-2045

Public Comments: Written comments on the draft EIR will be accepted during the public comment period **from August 14, 2025, through September 28, 2025**. Please submit comments on or before 5:00 p.m. on **September 28, 2025,** the close of the public comment period to Dana Eady, Planning Division Manager, by email at deady@cityofsantamaria.org.

Two Public Meetings will be held to receive comments on the Draft EIR:

- A virtual meeting is scheduled on **August 19 from 1:00PM to 2:30PM**. Information on how to join the virtual meeting is available on the City of Santa Maria Planning Division website.
- An in-person meeting is scheduled on **August 20 from 5:00PM to 6:30PM** at the City of Santa Maria Public Library, Shepard Hall, located at 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria, CA 93454.