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SCH #**Project Title:** General Plan New Environmental Justice Element and Disaster Preparedness and Safety Element Update

Lead Agency: City of Berkeley, Planning and Development Department

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City: Berkeley

Zip: Citywide

County: Alameda

Project Location: County: Alameda

City/Nearest Community: Berkeley

Cross Streets: Citywide

Zip Code: Citywide

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 37 ° 52 ' 14.79" N / 122 ° 18 ' 03.52" W Total Acres: 11,328

Assessor's Parcel No.: Citywide

Section: Twp.: Range: Base:

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: I-580, I-80, SR 13, SR 123, SR 24

Waterways: San Francisco Bay, Codornices Creek, Strawberry Creek, varios others citywide

Airports: None

Railways: BART, Union Pacific Railroad Schools: Berkeley Unified School District Citywide Schools

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP ☐ Draft EIR NEPA: ☐ NOI Other: ☐ Joint Document
☐ Early Cons ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR ☐ EA ☐ Final Document
☒ Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) ☐ Draft EIS ☐ Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update ☐ Specific Plan ☐ Rezone ☐ Annexation
☐ General Plan Amendment ☐ Master Plan ☐ Prezone ☐ Redevelopment
☒ General Plan Element ☐ Planned Unit Development ☐ Use Permit ☐ Coastal Permit
☐ Community Plan ☐ Site Plan ☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) ☐ Other: _____

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ ☐ Transportation: Type _____
☐ Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ ☐ Mining: Mineral _____
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ ☐ Power: Type _____ MW _____
☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ ☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
☐ Educational: _____ ☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
☐ Recreational: _____ ☐ Other: New Environmental Justice Element and Disaster Preparedness and Safety Element Update
☐ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual ☐ Fiscal ☒ Recreation/Parks ☒ Vegetation
☒ Agricultural Land ☒ Flood Plain/Flooding ☒ Schools/Universities ☒ Water Quality
☒ Air Quality ☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard ☒ Septic Systems ☒ Water Supply/Groundwater
☒ Archeological/Historical ☒ Geologic/Seismic ☒ Sewer Capacity ☒ Wetland/Riparian
☒ Biological Resources ☒ Minerals ☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading ☒ Growth Inducement
☐ Coastal Zone ☒ Noise ☒ Solid Waste ☒ Land Use
☒ Drainage/Absorption ☒ Population/Housing Balance ☒ Toxic/Hazardous ☒ Cumulative Effects
☐ Economic/Jobs ☒ Public Services/Facilities ☒ Traffic/Circulation ☐ Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Citywide

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

See attachment

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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☒ Air Resources Board	☒ Office of Historic Preservation
☐ Boating & Waterways, Department of	☐ Office of Public School Construction
☐ California Emergency Management Agency	☐ Parks & Recreation, Department of
☐ California Highway Patrol	☐ Pesticide Regulation, Department of
☒ Caltrans District # 4	☐ Public Utilities Commission
☐ Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	☒ Regional WQCB #2
☐ Caltrans Planning	☐ Resources Agency
☐ Central Valley Flood Protection Board	☐ Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
☐ Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	☐ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
☐ Coastal Commission	☐ San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Colorado River Board	☐ San Joaquin River Conservancy
☒ Conservation, Department of	☐ Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Corrections, Department of	☐ State Lands Commission
☐ Delta Protection Commission	☐ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
☐ Education, Department of	☐ SWRCB: Water Quality
☐ Energy Commission	☐ SWRCB: Water Rights
☒ Fish & Game Region # 3	☐ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
☐ Food & Agriculture, Department of	☒ Toxic Substances Control, Department of
☒ Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	☒ Water Resources, Department of
☐ General Services, Department of	☐ Other: _____
☐ Health Services, Department of	☐ Other: _____
☐ Housing & Community Development	
☒ Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date September 25, 2026 Ending Date October 26, 2026

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____

Date: 9/22/26

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

The proposed project consists of a focused update to the City of Berkeley General Plan to update the Disaster Preparedness and Safety Element and add a new Environmental Justice (EJ) Element. The purpose of the Disaster Preparedness and Safety Element is to protect Berkeley's residents, businesses, and natural environment from the impacts of natural and human-caused hazards while building long-term resilience to climate change. It establishes a clear framework for reducing risk, safeguarding critical infrastructure, and ensuring that emergency preparedness and recovery efforts are equitable and effective. The proposed project involves an update to the Disaster Preparedness and Safety Element that incorporates new data, hazard mapping, scientific findings, and community priorities.

The purpose of the EJ Element is to fulfill the City's obligation under Senate Bill 1000 and to incorporate EJ goals, policies, and programs into its General Plan. The EJ Element identifies six focus areas as policy topics necessary for reducing the unique or compounded health risks in disadvantaged communities, which includes pollution exposure and air quality, public facilities, food access, housing stability, physical activity and active transportation, and civic and community engagement.

The proposed project is a policy level action that establishes goals, policies, and implementation measures. Adoption of, or updates to, these elements does not approve or commit the City to specific physical developments, infrastructure projects, or land use changes. The elements provide a framework that may inform or influence future discretionary actions, and future activities undertaken to implement these policies would be subject to separate environmental review under CEQA, if necessary.

The project area encompasses the city of Berkeley; therefore, the project area is included on a list of hazardous material sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.