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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

CLIMATE COMPASS PROJECT

DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Elk Grove, as lead agency, has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) for the below referenced Project. The Draft SEIR analyzes the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In accordance with Section 15087 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City of Elk Grove has prepared this Notice of Availability (NOA) to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with notice of the availability of the Draft SEIR and solicit comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed Project.

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PROJECT TITLE: City of Elk Grove Climate Compass Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The General Plan Planning Area is 48.8 square miles (31,238 acres) and includes all land within the current city limits as well as lands outside the city limits in the four designated study areas (i.e., north, east, south, and west study areas). The General Plan Planning Area is generally bounded by Interstate 5 (I-5) on the west; Calvine Road and the City of Sacramento on the north; Grant Line Road and Deer Creek on the east; and Eschinger Road on the south. State Route (SR) 99 traverses north-south, bisecting the city near its center.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Climate Compass (Plan) is a comprehensive update to the City of Elk Grove's (City's) current Climate Action Plan (CAP), adopted in 2019. The proposed Plan establishes a roadmap for the City to achieve its greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets and includes actions and strategies to adapt to anticipated climate-related impacts. In addition, the proposed Plan aligns local efforts with Assembly Bill (AB) 1279 (2021-22 Legislative Session), which requires California to achieve net-zero GHG emissions and an 85 percent reduction in anthropogenic GHG emissions by 2045.

The Climate Compass contains six chapters and technical appendices, which provide additional details on the topics covered in the Plan. A brief summary of the main components of the Plan is provided below:

- **Chapter 1, Introduction:** Provides an introduction to the Climate Compass as well as to the overall climate action planning process and key methodologies and terms. This chapter also provides an overview of the development of the Plan to date, including summarizing public and agency input, as well as how the Plan fits in with the State's larger climate planning efforts.
- **Chapter 2, GHG Inventory and Targets:** Provides the foundation for the Climate Compass, presenting the City's GHG emissions inventory, emissions forecasts, and the targets for reducing emissions in line with State and local goals.

- **Chapter 3, Climate Action Strategies:** Addresses the comprehensive strategies and actions the City would implement to reduce GHG emissions across various sectors, such as energy, transportation, land use, and waste management, while also promoting community resilience and adaptation to climate change impacts.
- **Chapter 4, City Operations:** Focuses on the strategies and actions the City would adopt to reduce GHG emissions from City operations.
- **Chapter 5, Implementation and Monitoring:** Details the implementation framework for the Climate Compass, including timelines, funding strategies, partnerships, and the monitoring and reporting processes to ensure the Plan's success.
- **Chapter 6, Work Cited:** Provides the sources used in the development of the Plan.
- **Appendices** include more detailed information on GHG emissions inventories and forecasts, strategy quantification, and supporting documents, such as a cost analysis and funding and financing roadmap.

The Plan establishes strategies and actions to reduce GHG emissions generated from current and future activities within the city as well as GHG emissions generated by City facilities and operations. The Plan is structured to align with State and regional laws, policies, regulations, and plans to reduce GHG emissions and improve resilience to climate change-related impacts. State regulations related to GHG emissions that are applicable and were current at the time of the development of the Plan include Senate Bill (SB) 32, AB 1279, and the California Air Resources Board's (CARB's) 2022 Scoping Plan for Achieving Carbon Neutrality (2022 Scoping Plan) at the State level

The Plan has been developed to provide:

- A baseline of major sources of GHG emissions;
- A projection of future GHG emissions expected to occur within the Planning Area and be generated by City operations;
- Targets for reducing GHG emissions to specified levels that are aligned with State laws and policies; and
- Strategies and actions to reduce GHG emissions to meet the targets.

More specifically, the Plan identifies the following:

- Baseline GHG emissions for the Planning Area and forecasts potential increases in these emissions over time, both for the Planning Area (i.e., "community") and for City operations.
- GHG emissions reduction targets for 2030 and 2045 in alignment with the State's GHG reduction goals as directed by the 2022 Scoping Plan and AB 1279.
- Strategies and actions to achieve the 2030 and 2045 GHG emissions reduction targets for both community and City operations.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Draft SEIR has not identified any environmental issue areas as having potentially significant environmental impacts from implementation of the Climate Compass. Within the General Plan Planning Area, there are sites that are listed on the Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List as set forth in Government Code Section 65962.5.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 49-day public review period for the Draft SEIR will commence on **June 27, 2025** and end on **August 15, 2025**, for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Draft SEIR must be received at the address listed below within the public review period.

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The Draft SEIR is available for review at City Hall, located at the address above, as well as online at the City's website at <https://elkgrove.gov/cap>.

Virtual PUBLIC MEETING: The City of Elk Grove will be holding a virtual public meeting to discuss the findings of the Draft SEIR on **July 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** This virtual meeting will be for informational purposes only. Registration for the virtual meeting is available at: <https://uso6web.zoom.us/meeting/register/kbrRJTJQSoCbtvhrQoqLSg>