

SUTTER COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

FLOOD PROTECTION

Goal X.X Minimize the potential for loss of life, personal injury and property damage associated with floods. (Revised Goal 7.C)

Policy X.X-1 NFIP. Continue to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program and the Community Rating System. (Revised Policy 7.C-1)

Policy X.X-2 Minimize Risk of Flood Damage. Require a minimum of 100-year flood protection and regulate development in accordance with local, State, and federal requirements to avoid or minimize the risk of flood damage. (New Policy)

Implementation Program 1 for Policy X.X-2: Work with local, regional, State, and federal agencies to develop funding mechanisms to finance local flood protection responsibilities, and pursue funding to improve flood protection in Sutter County. (New Policy)

Policy X.X-3 Flood Protection for New Development. Require new development in urban and/or urbanizing areas to provide 200-year flood protection within three years of adoption of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan in accordance with state regulations, and require new development outside urban or urbanizing areas to provide 100-year flood protection in accordance with Federal regulations. (New Policy)

Implementation Program 3 for Policy X.X-3: Once the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan is adopted, amend the General Plan within 24 months and Zoning Code within 36 months to be consistent with that Plan. (New Policy)

Policy X.X-4 Development in Dam Inundation Areas. Require new development located in dam inundation areas to consider the risks from dam failure. (New Policy; GP Requirement)

Policy X.X-5 Essential Facilities. Require that new essential public facilities (e.g., hospitals, health care facilities, emergency shelters, fire stations, etc.) be located, when feasible, outside of flood hazard zones, as defined by FEMA, or designed to maintain the structural and operational integrity of the facility during flooding events. (New Policy)

Policy X.X-6 Inter-Agency Coordination. Coordinate efforts with local, regional, State, and federal agencies to maintain and improve the existing levee system to protect life and property. (Revised Policy 7.C-3)

GEOLOGIC AND SEISMIC HAZARDS

Goal X.X Minimize the risk of personal injury and property damage due to geologic and seismic hazards and adverse soil conditions. (Modified 7.B)

Policy X.X-1 Review Standards. Review and enforce seismic and geologic safety standards and require the use of best management practices in site design and building construction methods. (New)

Policy X.X-2 Minimize Exposure to Geologic Hazards. Minimize development in areas where geologic hazards exist from landslides and erosion. (Modified 7.B-1)

Policy X.X-3 Site-Specific Geotechnical Analysis. Require the preparation of a County approved site-specific geotechnical analysis prior to approval of development in areas where the potential for geologic or seismic hazards exists (e.g., ground shaking, landslides, liquefaction, expansive soils, steep slopes, subsidence, and erosion) and incorporate recommended project features to avoid or minimize the identified hazards. (Modified 7.B-2; EIR MM)

Policy X.X-4 Essential Facilities. Promote the upgrade, retrofitting, and/or relocation of existing essential facilities (e.g., hospitals, schools, law enforcement and fire stations, etc.) that do not meet current building code standards and are within areas susceptible to seismic or geologic hazards. (New)

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- Goal X.X** Protect health, safety, property, and the environment from the use, transport, disposal, and release/discharge of hazardous materials and waste. (Modified 7.F)
- Policy X.X-1 Use and Disposal.** Ensure that the use and disposal of hazardous materials and waste complies with appropriate federal, state, and local requirements. (Modified 7.F-1)
- Policy X.X-2 Hazardous Materials Area Plan.** Maintain and implement a Sutter County Hazardous Materials Area Plan consistent with the requirements of state law. (Modified 7.F-2)
- Policy X.X-3 Project Review.** Coordinate with appropriate state and federal agencies to review all proposed development projects that manufacture, use, or transport hazardous materials and waste. (Modified 7.F-3)
- Policy X.X-4 Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMBP).** Require the owner or operator of a facility to complete a HMBP if the facility handles hazardous materials or a mixture containing hazardous materials that has a quantity equal to or greater than 55 gallons for liquid, 500 pounds for solids, or 200 cubic feet for compressed gas. Provide a copy of the HMBP to the Sutter County Environmental Health Division (as a Certified Unified Program Agency). (Existing 7.F-4)
- Policy X.X-5 Remediation of Known Sites.** Require that businesses and property owners of known hazardous materials contamination and waste sites coordinate with the County, state, and/or appropriate federal agencies to develop and implement a plan to investigate, facilitate, and manage the remediation of the known sites. (Modified 7.F-5)
- Policy X.X-6 New Development.** Ensure buildings and sites are investigated for the presence of hazardous materials and /or waste contamination before development for which County discretionary approval is required. (New; EIR MM)
- Policy X.X-7 Siting of New Development.** Ensure that the siting of facilities that transfer, treat, store or dispose of hazardous materials is compatible with surrounding land uses. (New; EIR MM)
- Policy X.X-8 Education.** Educate residents and businesses on how to reduce or eliminate the use of hazardous materials and products, and encourage the use of safer, nontoxic, environmentally friendly equivalents. (New)

EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Goal X.X Respond appropriately, effectively, and efficiently to natural and human-made emergencies and disasters. (New)

Policy X.X-1 Emergency Operation Plans. Continue to implement and regularly update countywide emergency operation plans to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property from natural or human-made emergencies and disasters. (New)

Policy X.X-2 Evacuation Routes. Regularly review established evacuation routes to ensure emergency access to and from all parts of the County. (New; GP Requirement)

Policy X.X-3 Post-Disaster Response. Plan for the continued function of essential facilities following a major disaster to facilitate post-disaster response. (New; GP Requirement)

Policy X.X-4 Emergency Access. Require minimum road and driveway widths and clearances around structures consistent with established requirements in order to ensure emergency access. (New; GP Requirement)

Policy X.X-5 Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Training. Coordinate with local and regional agencies to regularly conduct emergency and disaster preparedness training to test operational and emergency plans. (New)

Policy X.X-6 StormReady Program. Continue to be a member of the StormReady Program ensuring a higher level of community awareness to minimize the loss of life and property from severe weather. (New)

Policy X.X-7 Coordination. Continue to be responsible for planning, preparedness, emergency response, and recovery activities associated with natural and human-made disasters. Provide communication and coordination between local and federal agencies, medical facilities, schools, local radio stations, and special needs service providers. (New)

Policy X.X-8 Mutual Aid Agreements. Continue to participate in mutual aid agreements to ensure adequate resources, facilities, and other support services necessary for emergency response. (New)

Policy X.X-9 Public Education. Support public education and awareness regarding emergency response and disaster preparedness. (Modified Policy 3.G-4)