

Application No: n/a

APN: n/a

Applicant: City of Watsonville

Hearing Date: October 26, 2021

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FINDINGS (WMC § 14-12.708)

- a. **The proposed amendment is consistent with the policies embodied in the General Plan.**

Supportive Evidence

The proposed text amendment is in harmony with the overall intent of the Environmental Resource Management Chapter for the protection and wise use of the environmental resources found in the Watsonville Planning Area. In addition, the proposed text amendment is consistent with and implement further the following General Plan goals concerning environmental resource management, transportation and circulation:

- **Goal 9.1 Open Space Network** – Provide a comprehensive network of open space land uses for outdoor recreation and environmental protection.
- **Goal 9.2 Open Space Preservation** – Preserve the open space and agricultural land uses surrounding the urban limit line which contribute to the economic base, provide scenic vistas, and offer opportunities for scientific exploration.
- **Goal 9.3 Natural Resources** – Identify and protect the natural resources of the Watsonville Planning Area.
- **Goal 9.4 Air Quality** Maintain or improve the present air quality level within the Pajaro Valley.
- **Goal 9.5 Water Quality** – Ensure that surface and groundwater resources are protected.
- **Goal 9.12 Energy** – Promote the conservation of energy and the use of alternative energy resources in transportation and residential, commercial, and industrial development.
- **Goal 10.2 Transit Facilities and Service** – Promote the use of transit as an alternative to the automobile for all types of travel.

- **Goal 10.3 Rail Facilities and Service** – Plan and provide for the continued use of rail to move industrial/agricultural commodities and encourage the establishment of passenger service to the Watsonville area.
- **Goal 10.4 Bicycle Circulation** – Plan for and provide a safe, convenient network of bicycle facilities.
- **Goal 10.5 Pedestrian Circulation** – Recognize the importance of pedestrian travel, alone, or in combination with other travel modes.

b. That the proposed amendment is compatible to the extent possible with the actual and general planned use of the adjacent properties.

Supportive Evidence

The proposed text amendment will incorporate the CAAP into the Watsonville 2005 General Plan, thus requiring that the City reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the community to meet the target of 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 and make progress towards the goal of net-negative emissions by 2030. The proposed text amendment will serve to help achieve the resilience goals in the CAAP.