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The Escondido Planning Commission will hold a meeting in the City Council Chambers, Escondido City Hall, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California at 7 p.m., Tuesday August 8, 2023, to consider the item listed below:

PL 22-0010 – 2022 General Plan Amendment: Community Protection (Safety Element) Update and Creation of an Environmental Justice Element

REQUEST: The 2022 General Plan Amendment consists of an update to the Community Protection Chapter (Safety Element) and creation of an Environmental Justice Element. **City staff will provide the Planning Commission with an update on the Environmental Justice Element’s draft policy language and final draft Environmental Justice Communities.**

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: CityWide

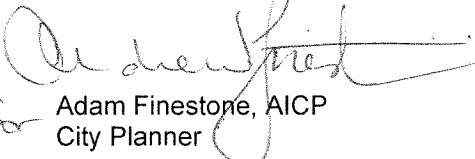
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The overall project is policy-related and does not involve any construction activities. Updates to the City’s General Plan as described below, would occur at a citywide level, including the City’s sphere of influence.

- 1) Community Protection Chapter (Safety Element) Update: This project would update the City’s Community Protection Chapter of the General Plan, which serves as the City’s Safety Element. The update to the Community Protection Chapter is required pursuant to Government Code Section 65302(g) and will include topics pertaining to fire hazards, climate adaptation and resiliency strategies, and evacuation routes. In addition to requirements outlined in 65302(g), the Community Protection Chapter will be updated to account for general clean up items such as nominal changes to City departments, and updated references.
- 2) Creation of an Environmental Justice Element: The creation of an Environmental Justice Element is required pursuant to Government Code Section 65302(h) and will include the identification of disadvantaged communities (Gov. Code Sec. 65302(h)(1)) within the City of Escondido, as well as topics including reduction in pollution exposure, the promotion of public facilities, food access, safe and sanitary homes, physical activity, and civic engagement in the public decision-making process. This project would amend the existing Community Health and Services Chapter within the City’s General Plan, which is an optional element (i.e., it is not a required element pursuant to Government Code Section 65302), and overhaul this chapter so that it is dedicated to environmental justice policies, goals, and objectives.

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All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting. The Planning Commission agenda with the staff reports will be available at the Escondido Planning Division, 201 N. Broadway, and on the City’s website at <https://escondido-ca.municodemeetings.com/> after Thursday, August 3, 2023. **For further information, please contact Veronica Morones, Principal Planner, at (760) 839-4548, or via email at vmorones@escondido.org.**

DATED: July 27, 2023


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