

**RESOLUTION 2024-22**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FERNDALE CERTIFYING THE FINAL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE No. 2023020217) PREPARED FOR THE FERNDALE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE MAP, AND LAND USE ELEMENT AND SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATES OF THE FERNDALE GENERAL PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Land Use Element update of the Ferndale General Plan is a framework that establishes the general distribution and types of land uses for a given area, as well as the policies and standards that guide how that land is developed and conserved; the General Plan Land Use Map identifies land use designations for each parcel in the city limits of the City of Ferndale consistent with the goals, policies, and implementation measures of the Land Use Element; and

**WHEREAS**, the Safety Element update of the Ferndale General Plan establishes goals, policies, and implementation measures to reduce the potential risk of death, injuries, property damage, and economic and social dislocation resulting from fires, floods, earthquakes, landslides, and other natural and man-made hazards; further, the Safety Element update incorporates by reference the City of Ferndale's Hazard Mitigation Plan, adopted by Resolution 2020-02 on February 19, 2020 by the Ferndale City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ferndale ("City") has been involved in the public process of updating the General Plan Land Use Map, and the Land Use Element and Safety Element of the Ferndale General Plan, and has completed a comprehensive update to the General Plan Land Use Map, and the Land Use Element and Safety Element; and

**WHEREAS**, the update to the General Plan and its implementation is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines (the "Guidelines") CCR §15082, the public and interested agencies were informed of the City's intent to evaluate the General Plan Land Use Map, and the Land Use Element and Safety Element updates evidenced in part by a Notice of Preparation published on February 3, 2023, by the Office of Planning and Research (State Clearinghouse No. 2023020217), and by the February 3, 2023 posting of the same document at the office of the Humboldt County Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) was prepared and circulated for more than 45 days with Notice of Availability and the Draft PEIR available for public review through the State Clearinghouse, the City of Ferndale website at <https://ci.ferndale.ca.us/documents/general/>, the Ferndale Library and the City of Ferndale City Hall from August 26, 2024 to October 10, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, a joint public meeting before the Ferndale City Council and Planning Commission was held on September 4, 2024, where public input on the Draft PEIR was received; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines CCR §15089, a Final PEIR was prepared with the contents specified in §15132 of the Guidelines, including responses to the comments received on the Draft EIR; and

**WHEREAS**, substantive comments to the Draft PEIR have been considered, addressed, and either incorporated in the Final PEIR or considered in the context of the project approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City Council of the City of Ferndale,

1. Each fact set forth in the recitals above is true and correct, and incorporated in full herein by reference.
2. Certify that the General Plan Land Use Map, Land Use Element and Safety Element updates, dated November 20, 2024, and the Final Program Environmental Impact Report, dated November 4, 2024, incorporated herein in full by reference:
  - a. have been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Guidelines § 15089(a)(1)); and
  - b. the information contained in the Final PEIR was reviewed and considered by the City Council prior to approving the project (Guidelines § 15089(a)(2)); and
  - c. the Final PEIR reflects the City Council's independent judgement and analysis (Guidelines § 15089(a)(3)); and
3. Adopt the General Plan CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations dated November 13, 2024, incorporated herein by reference, making the Findings of Fact pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21081 and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091 as outlined in the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations; and the findings for the Statement of Overriding Considerations pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21081.6, and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15093 as outlined in the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations; and
4. Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program dated November 4, 2024, incorporated herein by reference; and
5. Direct staff to file a notice of CEQA determination with the Humboldt County Clerk and the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (formerly known as the Office of Planning and Research).

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION IS HEREBY PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Ferndale, State of California this 20th day of November 2024, by the following ROLL CALL vote of the City Council for the City of Ferndale:

YES: 5 (Lund/OSTLER)

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Attest:

Kristene Hall

Kristene Hall, City Clerk

Randy Cady  
Randy Cady, Mayor