

**Finding of Consistency – 6th Cycle Housing Element
CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2)**

Project Title: 6th Cycle Housing Element Update, GPA 24-062

Project Location: City of Manteca, city-wide

Project Applicant: City of Manteca

Public Agency Approving and Carrying Out the Project: City of Manteca

Description of the Project:

The proposed project includes an amendment to the 2043 General Plan. The Project will replace the Housing Element of the 2043 General Plan with the 6th Cycle Housing Element Update.

The proposed project is within the scope of the adopted certified Environmental Impact Report for the Manteca General Plan Update, SCH# 2020019010 (General Plan EIR). The certified General Plan EIR was completed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines. The above-described project has been evaluated under CEQA to determine whether changes in the project, circumstances, or information would trigger the need for any supplemental environmental documentation based on new or substantially more severe significant environmental impacts.

The General Plan EIR anticipated that subsequent activities would occur to implement the 2040 General Plan, including but not limited to, future Specific Plan approvals, Master Plan approvals, revisions to the Zoning Ordinance, and development plan approvals, such as tentative subdivision maps, variances, conditional use permits, and other land use permits.

The proposed project updates the Housing Element to address current requirements of State law and to remove inconsistencies between the 2043 General Plan and the Housing Element adopted in 2016. The proposed project updates the City's inventory of residential sites to be consistent with the sites identified by the 2043 General Plan for residential and mixed use. The proposed project identifies zoning text and map modifications that would bring the Zoning Ordinance into consistency with the 2043 General Plan. The proposed project does not approve or entitle any development applications. The proposed project does not change the location or intensity of potential development in the City and would not result in environmental impacts beyond those disclosed in the General Plan EIR.

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After a thorough factual evaluation, the City of Manteca has determined that no further supplemental environmental review is required because: (1) the proposed project is consistent with the original project; (2) the proposed project implements the original project in order to bring the allowed densities, allowed uses, and sites designated for residential development identified in the Housing Element into consistency with the range of uses and density and intensity of development anticipated for the original project; (3) the proposed project does not propose substantial changes to the original project; (4) the proposed project will not involve substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the original project was undertaken, which would require major revisions to the previously-certified EIR due to the involvement of new or substantially more severe significant impacts; and (5) no substantially important new information requiring new analysis of significant effects, mitigation, or alternatives is known that would require major revisions to the previously-certified EIR due to the proposed project.

The City finds that no further environmental documentation is required because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in the previously certified EIR pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated to the extent feasible pursuant to the previously certified EIR. Therefore, in accordance with CEQA and CEQA Guidelines (Section 15168(c)(2)), the project is within the scope of the previously certified EIR; the EIR continues to be pertinent with considerable information value; and such General Plan amendments to update the Housing Element do not give rise to any new or substantially more severe significant effects, nor do they require any new mitigation measures or alternatives. Accordingly, no new environmental document is required.