

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION 2026-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLISTER RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE 2040 GENERAL PLAN AND ADOPT A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, in 2020 the City Council of the City of Hollister initiated preparation of a comprehensive update of the City's General Plan pursuant to California Government Code Section 65300 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, through the course of the project development, the City also prepared a Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hollister, in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA guidelines, prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) which analyzes the impacts of the proposed project (SCH #2021040277), which was certified by the City Council on December 3, 2024 via Resolution 2024-200; and

WHEREAS, following the certification of the EIR, and a duly noticed public hearing, the City Council adopted the 2040 General Plan (Resolution 2024-201) and the Climate Action Plan (Resolution 2024-202) on December 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, a referendum petition was filed in response to the Council's adoption of the 2040 General Plan, and on March 3, 2025 the City Council adopted Resolution 2025-26, repealing the 2040 General Plan in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2025 the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing and provided direction to make specific amendments to the 2040 General Plan, in accordance with the April 2023 Public Review Draft that had been previously published during the General Plan Update process; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared the 2040 General Plan in accordance with this direction, and has prepared an update to the adopted Climate Action Plan (collectively the "2026 General Plan Update") to ensure internal consistency between the two documents; and

WHEREAS, the City has maintained a website, Hollister2040.org, dedicated to the General Plan Update process, throughout the course of the Project, where information on

any upcoming activities or meetings, as well as all information from past public meetings and workshops related to the Project could be reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared an Addendum to the Certified EIR (SCH #2021040277) for the 2026 General Plan Update because evaluation of the 2026 Draft General Plan determined that none of the circumstances requiring a subsequent or supplemental EIR are applicable; specifically, the 2026 Draft General Plan would not result in impacts that differ from the 2024 General Plan, and it would not trigger the need for preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR under the criteria in CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162(a) and 15163(a), and it would not change the assumptions made under the Certified EIR; and

WHEREAS, the City has referred the 2040 General Plan Safety Element to the California Board of Forestry (BOF) for review and comment, and BOF completed their review following their March 10, 2026 Resource Protection Committee meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Element of the General Plan integrates and incorporates by reference the current San Benito County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, including the City of Hollister Annex, approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, in accordance with California Government Code Sections 8685.9, 65302, and 65302.6; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 General Plan, Climate Action Plan, and EIR Addendum have been published for public review and referred to other public agencies for review and comment as required by State law; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2026, the City of Hollister Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing to consider the 2040 General Plan, Climate Action Plan, and EIR Addendum; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the Planning Commission deliberated and determined to make a recommendation of approval on the Project to the City Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission of the City of Hollister does hereby recommend that the City Council take the following actions:

1. Hold a public hearing to consider the 2040 General Plan and Climate Action Plan;

2. Adopt a resolution adopting the 2040 General Plan; and
3. Adopt a resolution adopting a Climate Action Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, at a regular meeting of the City of Hollister Planning Commission held on this 26th day of March 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Chairperson of the Planning Commission
of the City of Hollister

ATTEST:

Eva Kelly, Secretary