

RESOLUTION NO. 6836

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF WOODLAND ADOPTING THE 2035 GENERAL PLAN**

WHEREAS, state law requires the City of Woodland to adopt and maintain a general plan that contains certain mandatory elements, describes the City's long-term goals, and develops policies and programs to achieve those goals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Woodland completed a comprehensive update of its General Plan which was approved by the City Council on February 27, 1996, and which was subsequently submitted to the City of Woodland voters for consideration via a referendum petition, and Woodland voters decided to retain the General Plan as adopted by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the City of Woodland conducted a Five-Year Review and Update Amendment of its General Plan and Background report, which was adopted by the City Council on December 17, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the City of Woodland in early 2013 initiated the process of updating the City of Woodland General Plan by approving a work plan and schedule, appointing a citizen steering committee, undertaking public meetings, and conducting public workshops; and

WHEREAS, in conformance with Government Code Section 65300 *et seq.*, the City of Woodland commenced a comprehensive update of the City's General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City identified stakeholders, appointed a citizen advisory committee, conducted a community-wide household survey, held six community workshops, 17 public meetings, nine City Council updates, two joint meetings of the City Council and Planning Commission, and five adoption hearings that were attended by members of the public, appointed and elected officials, and other affected agencies to assure public participation in the process; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code Section 65302, a comprehensive update to the City's General Plan was prepared, which addresses the mandatory elements required by state law, and also includes optional elements for Administration, Community Design, Historic Preservation, Economic Development, Public Facilities and Services, and Sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the 2035 General Plan includes goals and policies regarding each of these General Plan elements; and

WHEREAS, the 2035 General Plan includes Appendix A, which will not be an official part of the adopted General Plan, but does identify the actions, time frame, primary responsibility and funding for the City to carry out the General Plan goals and policies; and

WHEREAS, the 2035 General Plan applies to the entire incorporated City (9,624 acres) in addition to a 3,148 acre area outside of the City within unincorporated Yolo County, which

together comprise the “Planning Area” and is identical to the Urban Limit Line established by City of Woodland voters in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the 2035 General Plan is a citywide document that is an integrated and internally consistent statement of the official land use policy for the City of Woodland; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Housing Element is a mandatory general plan element and had previously been prepared for the 2013-2021 planning period and was certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (“HCD”) in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City subsequently prepared an amendment to the Housing Element to ensure consistency with the changes proposed for the other components of the 2035 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City submitted the amendment to the Housing Element to HCD on July 29, 2016, and on September 22, 2016, the City received a letter from HCD stating that the amended Housing Element remains in compliance with the State Housing Element law, and the updated Housing Element is included in the 2035 General Plan as Chapter 9 and Appendix E; and

WHEREAS, the City sent the Draft 2035 General Plan to affected public entities and agencies in compliance with state law (Government Code Sections 65302(g)(7), 65302.5, 65302.7, 65352, 65352(a)(9) and Public Utilities Code Section 21676), and in accordance with Government Code Section 65352.3 contacted California Native American tribes that are on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission to invite those tribes to consult on the proposed Draft 2035 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City released the Public Review Draft 2035 General Plan on July 8, 2016 and invited comments on it from July 11, 2016 through September 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) (SCH #2013032015) for the Public Review Draft 2035 General Plan that provides a description of potential environmental impacts of the project and recommends mitigation measures to reduce the impacts to a less than significant level, where feasible, and released the Draft EIR on September 15, 2016 for a 45-day public review period that ended on November 3, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City received numerous comments on both the Public Review Draft 2035 General Plan and the Draft EIR, considered and analyzed the comments, and made numerous changes to the EIR and the Draft 2035 General Plan as a result of the comments received and incorporated the comments and responses to comments on the Draft EIR in the Final EIR and included comments and responses to comments on the Draft 2035 General Plan as a separate document for the public and decision-makers to review as a part of the Planning Commission public hearing process; and

WHEREAS, comments on the Draft 2035 General Plan that were received from the public were presented and revisions were proposed for Planning Commission consideration, which were included as Attachment F to the March 2, 2017 Planning Commission staff report; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2017 and March 16, 2017, the City of Woodland Planning Commission held duly noticed public hearings on the EIR and the Draft 2035 General Plan, considered all written and oral reports of staff and public testimony on the matter, and such other matters as are reflected in the record of this matter; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2017, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. PC17-01, recommending adoption of the General Plan with certain specified changes and making findings that the 2035 General Plan and all of its elements comprise a logical, integrated, internally consistent, and compatible statement of the City's goals, policies, and objectives, that the 2035 General Plan is reasonably related to the public health, safety, and welfare as it guides and accommodates land uses, housing, and circulation infrastructure in accordance with current law, community needs, and future demands, that the 2035 General Plan covers all territory within the boundaries of the City and the area of likely expansion outside of the City as defined by the 2006 voter-initiative and approved Urban Limit Line, and that the 2035 General Plan, together with the adopted Housing Element as amended addresses all of the mandatory general plan elements; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, April 18, and May 16, 2017, the City Council held duly noticed public hearings on the 2035 General Plan, considered all written and oral reports of staff, provided opportunities for the public to speak, considered all public testimony on the matter and such other matters as are reflected in the record; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on April 4, 2017, adopted a series of motions to provide staff with direction to make certain additional changes to the 2035 General Plan and to prepare final documents for City Council certification of the EIR and adoption of the 2035 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2017, the City Council reviewed and clarified the direction given, and motions adopted during the April 4, 2017 City Council meeting, accepted public comment and testimony, and directed that the General Plan should include Specific Plan Areas 1A, 1B, 1C, 2, and 3 for development consideration during the horizon of the 2035 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, during the continued public hearing of May 16, 2017, the City Council considered three changes to the 2035 General Plan recommended by City staff to clarify land use issues in the General Plan, as set forth in the staff report prepared for the May 16, 2017 City Council hearing, and the City Council approves of those changes, which have been incorporated into the 2035 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also accepted additional public comment during the continued public hearing on May 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City published notice of its Planning Commission and City Council public hearings in The Daily Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) (Public Resources Code § 21000 *et seq.*), the City Council of the City of Woodland on May 16, 2017, certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for the City of Woodland 2035 General Plan and the 2035 Climate Action Plan, made findings relating to significant environmental impacts, mitigation measures, and alternatives, adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and approved an Errata to the EIR that reflected various text changes to four EIR mitigation measures and one environmental impact and amended the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program to reflect the final table of significant environmental impacts and mitigation measures, and found that none of these changes changed the intent of the mitigation measures or required additional analysis of environmental effects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council, based upon substantial evidence in the record, hereby makes the following findings in support of adoption of the 2035 General Plan:

A. State law requires that each city adopt a general plan to describe its long-term goals and policies and programs to achieve those goals. The general plan is often referred to a city’s “constitution” for future growth and development as land use decisions, the Zoning Code, development approvals, and other policies of the City must be consistent with the General Plan. The 2035 General Plan outlines a vision for Woodland’s long-term physical and economic development and community enhancement and sets forth goals and policies that will allow this vision to be accomplished. The 2035 General Plan also provides the basis for establishing City priorities for implementing plans and programs, including the Zoning Code, the Capital Improvement Program, and master and specific plans.

B. It is in the best interest of public health, safety, and welfare to update the City’s 2002 General Plan to incorporate current conditions and community goals and to extend the planning horizon to 2035. The 2035 General Plan is centered around a vision statement and 12 guiding principles about the quality, character, development, sustainability, and public services within the City of Woodland.

C. The 2035 General Plan is consistent with the requirements of the California Government Code regarding General Plans and the General Plan guidelines in effect as of the date of this Resolution, and the General Plan is internally consistent with all of the objectives, policies, general land uses, programs, and actions of all elements of the 2035 General Plan. The 2035 General Plan is a comprehensive update of the 2002 General Plan and includes an update of the existing elements as well as the addition of new elements. The 2035 General Plan includes the following mandated and optional elements: Administration; Land Use, Community Design and Historic Preservation; Circulation; Economic Development; Public Facilities and Services; Healthy Community; Conservation and Open Space; Safety; and Housing.

D. The 2035 General Plan is in compliance with the provisions of CEQA. An EIR has been prepared for the 2035 General Plan that provides a description of potential environmental impacts of the 2035 General Plan, includes mitigation measures to reduce impacts to less than

significant levels where feasible, and evaluates alternatives to the 2035 General Plan. All interested parties and members of the public were permitted to comment on the Draft EIR during the 45-day public comment period, and the City prepared written responses to comments in accordance with CEQA, which were included in the Final EIR. Neither the changes to the Proposed Project nor the Final EIR constitute significant new information triggering recirculation of the EIR. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15092 and 15093, the City Council finds that it may approve the Proposed Project despite the remaining significant effects on the environment that are unavoidable as the City Council has determined in its Resolution Certifying the EIR for the 2035 General Plan and 2035 Climate Action Plan that any remaining significant effects on the environment that are unavoidable are acceptable due to overriding considerations.

E. The 2035 General Plan will promote the public health, safety, and welfare by establishing goals and policies to guide the City’s development within the Planning Area, to ensure an attractive built environment, to protect the natural environment and promote sustainability, and to ensure provision of adequate infrastructure and services.

2. The City Council hereby approves the 2035 General Plan, which is comprised of the Public Review Draft General Plan dated July 8, 2016 (**Exhibit A**) and the changes set forth in **Exhibit B**, “Changes to the July 2016 Draft 2035 General Plan.” Both Exhibit A and Exhibit B are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The 2035 General Plan has been amended to eliminate all references to the “East” and the “South” Alternatives as, instead, the City Council is adopting a modified or “hybrid” growth strategy. This modified strategy also necessitated the modification of certain policies, which are also incorporated into the 2035 General Plan and set forth in the Errata. The City Council adopts the 2035 General Plan in accordance with the Planning Commission’s March 16, 2017 recommendation, set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. PC17-01, and has not made substantial modifications to the 2035 General Plan from the Planning Commission’s recommendation.

3. The City Clerk, in accordance with Government Code section 65357, is hereby directed to make the final 2035 General Plan, including all diagrams, available to the public for inspection.

4. Within ten (10) days following adoption of this Resolution and the 2035 General Plan, City’s Community Development Director shall submit the final Housing Element to the State Housing and Community Development (HCD) pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(g) for a mandatory ninety-day review.

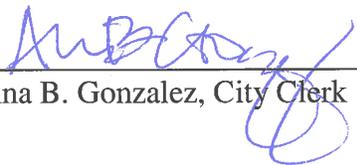
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council this 16th day of May, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davies, Rodriguez, Stallard and Mayor Barajas
NOES: Mayor Pro Tempore Fernandez
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None



Angel Barajas, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ana B. Gonzalez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kara K. Ueda, City Attorney