

RESOLUTION 2025-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORTUNA CERTIFYING THE FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PREPARED FOR FORTUNA GENERAL PLAN LAND USE ELEMENT AMENDMENTS, THE MILL DISTRICT SPECIFIC PLAN AND IMPLEMENTING Q- QUALIFIED ZONE AND DESIGN GUIDELINES, MAKING THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS AND ADOPTING THE MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 65300 of the State Planning and Zoning Law (Division 1 Title 7 of the California Government Code) in October 2010, the Fortuna City Council certified the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Fortuna General Plan 2030 (State Clearinghouse # 2007062106) and adopted Fortuna General Plan 2030 as the long-term vision for the City's physical evolution. General Plan 2030 includes the following elements: Land Use, Economic Development, Housing, Transportation and Circulation, Natural and Cultural Resources, Parks, Recreation, and Open Space, Public Facilities, Health and Safety, Community Design, and Administration and Implementation. Each element of the General Plan provides Goals, Policies, and Programs to carry out the objective of the Element, as required by State Law; and

WHEREAS, Fortuna General Plan, 2030, Program LU-18 calls for the preparation and adoption of a Mill District Area Plan to implement Mill District Focus Area goals and policies (Goal LU-14, Focus Area: Mill District) and Program LU-16 calls for the preparation and adoption of design and development standards and criteria for the Mill District, and Land Use Element Policy LU-1.3, encourages the use of specific plans for large parcels within the City that would benefit from infrastructure enhancements and carefully planned growth; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Amendments to the Land Use Element, the Mill District Specific Plan and Implementing Q-Qualified Zone and Design Guidelines is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR, State Clearinghouse # 2007062106) was prepared for the for the Mill District Specific Plan, which was prepared as a supplement to the PEIR for the Fortuna General Plan 2030 to analyze the potential environmental effects of the Mill District Specific Plan and was made available for public review on August 30, 2024, with a public period that extended to October 15, 2024, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held before the Fortuna Planning Commission during the public comment period on September 24, 2024, where the public could provide input on the Draft SEIR; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Fortuna,

1. Each fact set forth in the recitals above is true and correct, and incorporated in full herein by reference.
2. Certify that the Amendments to the Land Use Element, adoption of the Mill District Specific Plan and implementing Q-Qualified Zone and Design Guidelines and the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, dated January 24, 2025, 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 SEIR was reviewed and considered by the City Council prior to approving the project (Guidelines§ 15089(a)(2)); and
 - c. the Final SEIR 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 February 11, 2025, 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 January 2025 (Attachment A to the Final SEIR) incorporated herein by reference; and

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 18th day of February, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mike Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Siana L. Emmons, City Clerk