

Resolution Number: 05-18-2026-B

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA APPROVING THE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT ADOPTING THE CITY OF SONORA SAFETY ELEMENT 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Sonora is mandated by the State of California to maintain an adequate and proper General Plan; and,

WHEREAS, because of this mandate, the City of Sonora's General Plan and various elements thereof must be periodically updated in accordance with State law; and

WHEREAS, Cities are required to review their Safety Element of the General Plan when their Housing Element or Local Hazard Mitigation Plans are updated, at least once every eight years, and make updates to include new information related to natural hazards, climate adaption, resiliency strategies, and evacuation accessibility, and to comply with statutory changes outlines in California Government Code Sections 65302(g) and 65302.15; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sonora updated its 2024-2029 Housing Element in 2025, which then necessitated the Safety Element Update for the Public Health and Safety; and

WHEREAS, the City updated its Safety Element to meet the requirements of California Government Code Sections 65302(g) and 65302.15 as updated by Senate Bills 1241, 379, 1035, and 99 as well as Assembly Bills 747 and 1409; and

WHEREAS, the City released a public draft of the Safety Element Update for public comment from July 14, 2025 to August 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City submitted the draft Safety Element Update to the California Board of Forestry and Fire Prevention (Board of Forestry) for review on February 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Forestry reviewed the City's draft Safety Element on March 10, 2026, and provided the City with confirmation that the Safety Element Update was reviewed and approved; and,

WHEREAS, the City has determined, based upon the Initial Study/Negative Declaration prepared for the Safety Element, that the Safety Element will not result in new policies, programs or objectives that may result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment, and that the Initial Study/Negative Declaration is the appropriate level of environmental review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines; and,

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2026, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the final Safety Element, and by a 5-0 vote, recommended the City Council adopt the Initial Study/Negative Declaration as the appropriate level of environmental review and adopt the Draft Safety Element; and,

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2026, the City Council conducted a public hearing on the final Safety Element; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed and held public hearings on the recommended General Plan Amendments including the Safety Element; and

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WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed amendments to the General Plan are consistent with all elements of the General Plan not otherwise amended; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SONORA CITY COUNCIL HEREBY ADOPTS the Safety Element attached herewith and incorporated by reference.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED as a Resolution by the Sonora City Council at a meeting held by the City Council on the 18 day of May, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAINING: _____

Dated:

Ann Segerstrom, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Nicole McCutchen, City Clerk