



Yolo County
General Plan Amendment

Environmental Justice and Climate Safety

Board of Supervisors
January 10, 2023

Amendment Needed to Comply with:

- Senate Bill 1000 Planning for Healthy Communities Act
 - Integration of Environmental Justice policies into the General Plan to address the needs of disadvantaged communities
 - Promote equitable land use planning and meaningful community engagement
- Government Code Section 65302(g)(3),(4)
 - Addressing climate adaptation and resiliency

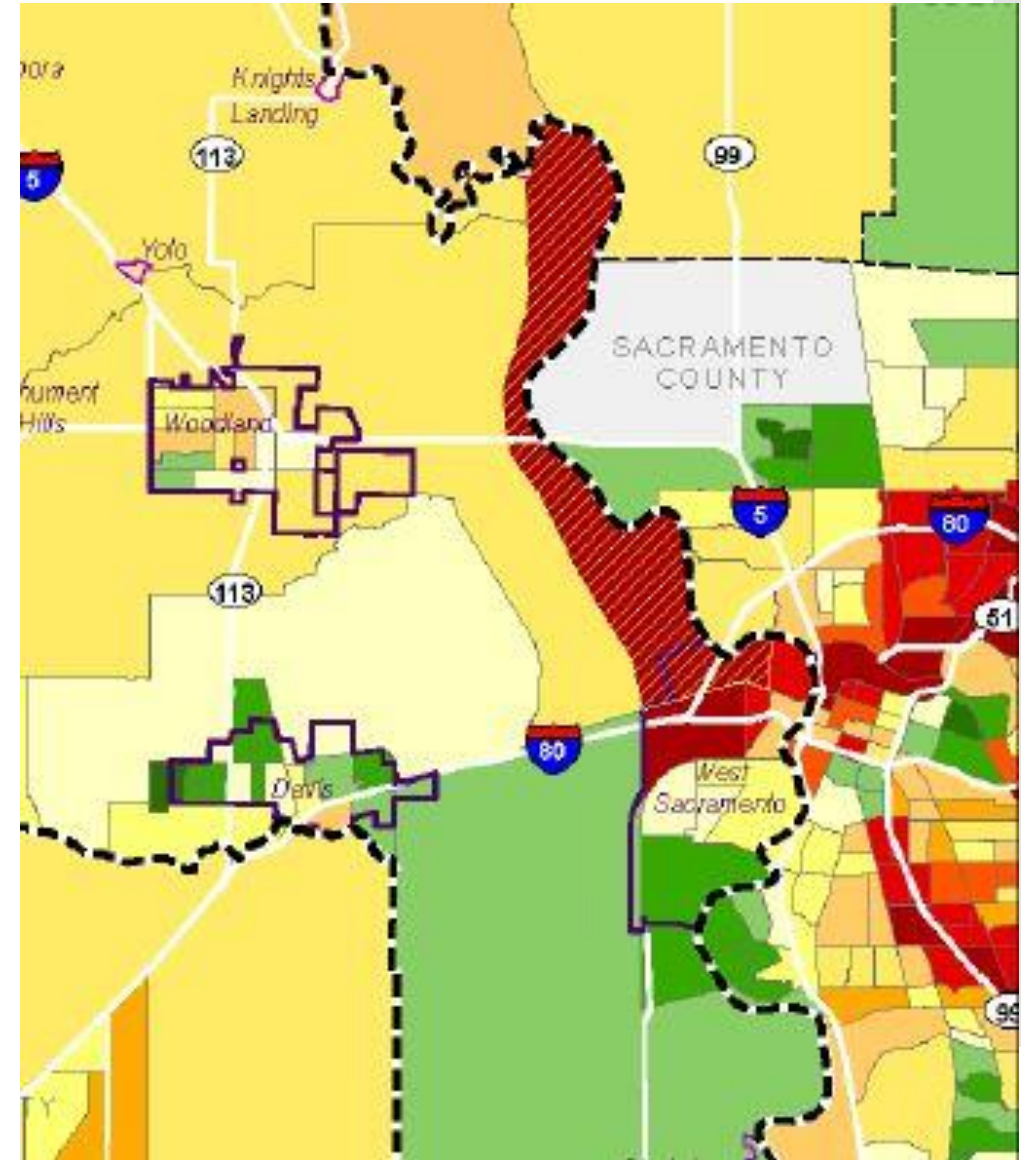
Three Elements to be Amended

- Land Use and Community Character
- Conservation and Open Space
- Health and Safety

Land Use and Community Character Element

Add Environmental Justice Section.

The State has identified census tract 101.02 as a disadvantaged community due to pollution exposures and poor air quality.



Land Use and Community Character Element

Add Section 8 and Goal LU-8: Environmental Justice

- 4 Policies
- 3 Actions

(improve local planning efforts to reduce disproportionate environmental and health impacts on vulnerable residents, consider overall health and well-being in land use decisions, and promote redevelopment that considers anti-displacement strategies)

Conservation and Open Space Element

Goal CO-7 Energy Conservation

- Add 4 Policies and 1 Action

(Promote energy efficiency, alternative fuel stations, and VCE)

Goal CO-8 Climate Change

- Update 1 policy and 1 action
- Add 1 action

(Update GP to new State GHG reduction targets)

Health and Safety Element

Goal HS-2 Flood Hazards

- Update 1 Policy and 2 Actions

(Address climate-related flood events, ensures flood protection)

Goal HS-3 Wildland Fire

- Update 1 Action
- Add 1 Policy and 2 Actions

(New facilities in safe areas, require fire plans, FPD consultations, review emergency access and evacuation routes)

Health and Safety Element

Add Section 7: Climate Adaptation
and Resiliency

Add Goal HS-7 Climate Adaptation

- Add 6 policies and 4 Actions

(Long-term planning to prepare for climate change scenarios, related risks, and adaptive responses; provide for resilient infrastructure, identify cooling shelters, and update extreme weather preparation)

Recommended Action

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Hold a public hearing, receive a staff presentation, and consider a recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding a 'white paper' addressing climate safety and environmental justice issues (Attachment A) and proposed amendments to the Land Use and Community Character Element, Conservation and Open Space Element, and Health and Safety Element of the 2030 Countywide General Plan (Attachment B) in accordance with State law;
- B. Determine that the "Common Sense" Exemption is the appropriate level of environmental documentation pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CEQA Guidelines (Attachment D) ; and
- C. Adopt a resolution amending the General Plan to include Environmental Justice and Climate Adaptation policies, as mandated by State law (Attachment E).