

ATTACHMENT 3
EL DORADO COUNTY
ADDENDUM TO THE 2004 GENERAL PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
REPORT FOR AN AMENDMENT TO OBJECTIVE 6.1.1 AND POLICY 6.1.1.1

Introduction

This document is an Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 2004 El Dorado County General Plan (General Plan). The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors certified the Final EIR in August 2004. This addendum has been prepared in accordance with 14 C.C.R. §15164 to address a proposed amendment to Policy 6.1.1.1 of the Health, Safety, and Noise Element of the General Plan. This section states that the lead agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes are necessary but none of the conditions described in §15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR has occurred.

Section 15162 provides a subsequent EIR must be prepared only if one or more of the following occurs:

1. Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
2. Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revision of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or
3. New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known at the time the previous EIR was certified shows any of the following:
 - a. The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR;
 - b. Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;
 - c. Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or
 - d. Mitigation measures or alternatives that are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

As discussed in detail below, the proposed policy amendment would not result in new or more significant environmental effects that were not disclosed in the General Plan EIR. No new mitigation measures been identified that could further reduce the impacts

previously identified. As a result, these revisions do not fall within any of the categories requiring a subsequent EIR as provided by 14 CCR § 15162 and, therefore, are appropriately discussed via this addendum.

Proposed Text Amendment

OBJECTIVE 6.1.1: EL DORADO COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL LOCAL HAZARD EMERGENCY OPERATIONS FUNCTIONAL MITIGATION PLAN

The El Dorado County ~~Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Emergency Operations Functional~~ Mitigation Plan shall serve as the implementation program for this Goal.

Policy 6.1.1.1 The El Dorado County ~~Operational Area Local Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Emergency Operations Functional~~ Mitigation Plan (LHMP) shall serve as the implementation program for the coordination of hazard planning and disaster response efforts within the County and is incorporated by reference into this Element as required by State law. The County will ensure that the ~~El Dorado County Operational Area Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Functional Plan~~ LHMP is updated on a regular basis to keep pace with the growing population.

The proposed amendment changes the name of the document and incorporates it into the General Plan.

Review of Impacts and Mitigation Measures from the 2004 El Dorado County General Plan Environmental Impact Report

The LHMP implements several provisions of the General Plan. It identifies and assesses the hazards associated with the following: Floods, dam failure, earthquakes, landslides, sinkholes, winter storms, volcanoes, erosion, severe thunderstorms, hurricanes, and avalanches. The plan specifically references each applicable General Plan policy in Section IV, Mitigation Goals, Policies, and Action Plan.

The following discussion is a review of the impacts and mitigation measures that were identified in the EIR and addressed in the LHMP.

Impact 5.8-5 and 5.8-6 – Risk of exposure to flood hazards and dam failure inundation

The EIR identified this impact as significant and unavoidable after mitigation. The LHMP identifies the flood hazards and vulnerability, and references the policies under Objective 6.4.1 and Policies 6.4.2.1 and 6.4.2.2. This is consistent with Mitigation Measures 5.8-6(a) and (b).

Impact 5.8-10 – Increased potential for fire incidents and hazards

The General Plan identified this impact as significant and unavoidable. The mitigation goals and action plan of the LHMP does not specifically address fire hazards, but the discussion under Sections II and III (Hazard Assessment and Vulnerability) is consistent with the analysis in the General Plan EIR and Mitigation Measures 5.8-10(a) and (b).

Impact 5.9-2 – Increased development in areas susceptible to landslide and avalanche hazard

This impact was identified as less than significant after mitigation, and was mitigated by requiring geologic analysis in areas prone to geological or seismic hazards [MM 5.9-2(b)]. Policy 6.3.2.5 requires such analysis with development of new habitable structures. The LHMP discusses avalanche hazards in Sections II and III, and is consistent with the applicable policies and Mitigation Measure 5.9-2(b).

Impact 5.9-4 – Increase in rate or extent of erosion

This impact was identified to be less than significant after mitigation. Mitigation Measures 5.9-4(b) and (c) were applied limiting development on steep slopes and creating an agricultural grading permit process. The LHMP references these measures as incorporated into Policies 7.1.2.1, 7.1.2.2, and 7.1.2.3.

Conclusion

The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and the proposed amendment to incorporate it into Policy 6.1.1.1 does not raise any new environmental issues that were not fully disclosed in the 2004 General Plan EIR, and there are no new mitigation measures that have been identified that would further reduce the impacts discussed in the EIR. Therefore, preparation of an addendum (§15164) is appropriate.