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Dear Community Members:

The City is pleased to announce the release of the Preliminary Draft of the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Chapter 7: Adaptation of the Sacramento Climate Action & Adaptation Plan. The City released the Preliminary Draft Sacramento Climate Action Plan in July 2022, with the intention of subsequently preparing and incorporating Chapter 7: Adaptation. With these additions, the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan not only identifies a path to carbon neutrality by 2045, but also describes the climate impacts that pose the greatest risk to Sacramento and the key goals and actions that will guide adaptation to these changes in order to create a more resilient city.

These Preliminary Draft documents are being released now for an initial review period to provide the community with an opportunity for advanced review and to comment on the draft goals proposed to adapt and respond to the impacts of climate change. During this preliminary review period, the planning team will continue to refine and expand both documents, with the intent to also incorporate public input into both documents.

The full suite of Sacramento 2040 Draft documents will be available for public review beginning in early 2023, including the full Draft Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Action & Adaptation Plan. At that time a range of engagement activities are planned to facilitate community review of the documents, including a series of orientation webinars, a virtual open house with online activities, and workshops with the Planning and Design Commission and City Council. It is important that the Sacramento 2040 draft documents are released together to tell the full story and to allow the community to see the interaction between all the draft policies.

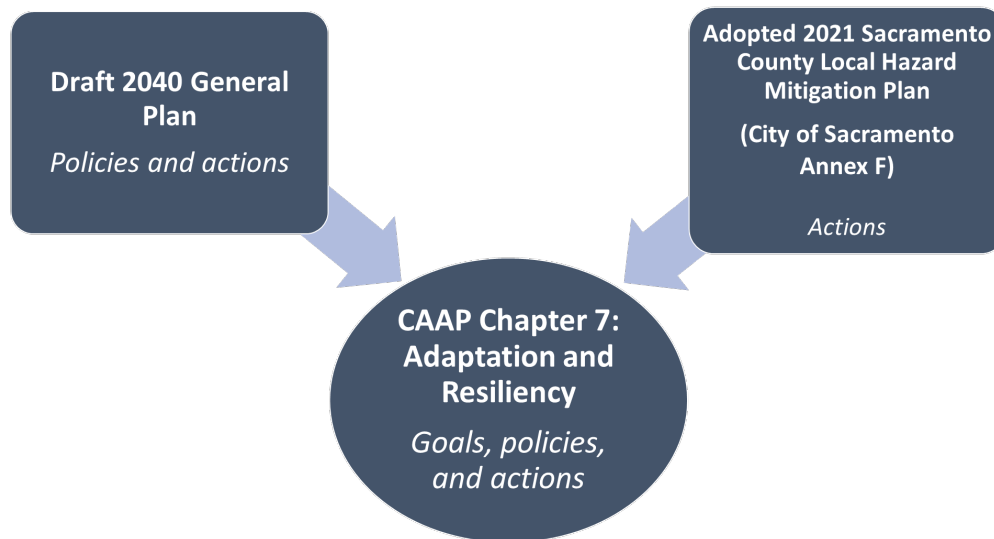
Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment

The Preliminary Draft Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment utilizes data from Cal-Adapt, a statewide climate change assessment tool, and other data to determine which climate impacts are most likely to affect the City of Sacramento. The Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment identifies vulnerable areas, populations, critical facilities, and infrastructure most at risk to climate change hazard events. It also describes actions currently being taken within the state and Sacramento region to address climate change and includes an assessment of the capacity of the City, other local public agencies, and the community to adapt and respond to climate hazards. This Preliminary Draft Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment lays the foundation for Climate Action & Adaptation Plan Chapter 7: Adaptation.

Chapter 7: Adaptation

The Preliminary Draft Chapter 7: Adaptation summarizes projected climate change impacts in Sacramento, characterizes existing adaptive capacity, and identifies adaptation priorities which are translated into goals that have supporting policies and actions to be implemented by the City and its partners.

The Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Action & Adaptation Plan are critical components of the larger Sacramento 2040 effort that involves a comprehensive update of the Sacramento General Plan and the preparation of a Master Environmental Impact Report. The City has proactively incorporated extensive climate adaptation and resilience actions into the Draft 2040 General Plan and the adopted 2021 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Relevant policies and actions from these documents have been incorporated into Chapter 7: Adaptation, as detailed in the graphic representation below.



In addition to the policy guidance drawn from these prior and concurrent planning efforts, the City has drafted additional actions that are specific to Chapter 7: Adaptation. The City encourages reviewers of the Preliminary Draft Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Chapter 7: Adaptation to focus review and comment on these newly drafted actions, as well as the five primary goals which these policies and actions are intended to support.

Public Comment on the Preliminary Draft Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Chapter 7: Adaptation

The preliminary draft public review period runs from October 31 through December 5. Please submit comments on the Preliminary Draft Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Chapter 7: Adaptation of the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan via email to CAP@cityofsacramento.org. The City team looks forward to hearing your questions, concerns, and recommendations.

Sincerely,

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