



# **City of Chula Vista Safety Element**

## **City Council**

**Item 8.1**

**April 23, 2024**

# What is a Safety Element?

- **Mandatory chapter of the General Plan**
- **Required by California Government Code Section 65302**
- **Identify and plan for response to avoid and minimize effects of natural and human-made hazards**



# Natural and Manmade Hazards

## NATURAL HAZARDS

**Geologic and Seismic Activity**  
**Wildfires**  
**Flooding**  
**Sea Level Rise**  
**Drought**  
**Tsunami**  
**Climate Change Impacts**

## HUMAN-MADE HAZARDS

**Dam Inundation**  
**Crime**  
**Hazardous Materials**  
**Vulnerability of Critical Facilities**

# Why is the City Updating It?

Required by law to be updated every time the Housing Element is updated

New laws have come into effect since the last adoption of the element

- Addition of climate resiliency policies
- Evacuation routes identification and assessment
- Linkage to Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Linkage to other City Plans- CAP, EOP

Updated data/information is available



# Public Outreach

## One Online Survey

- English and Spanish
- 90+ Responses

## Two Community Workshops

- Identical – Eastern and Western Chula Vista
- Presentation and interactive exercises

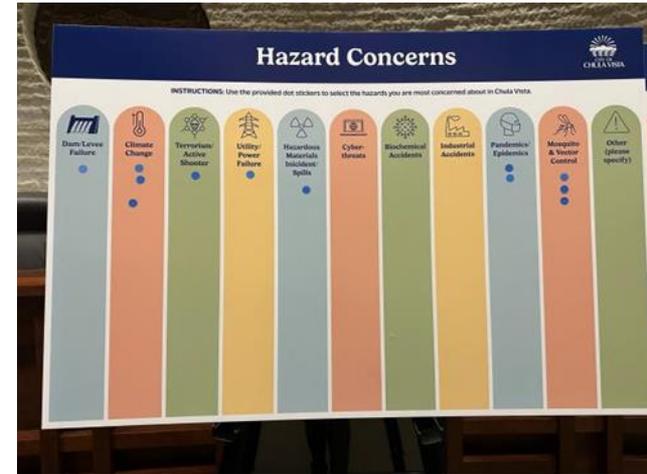
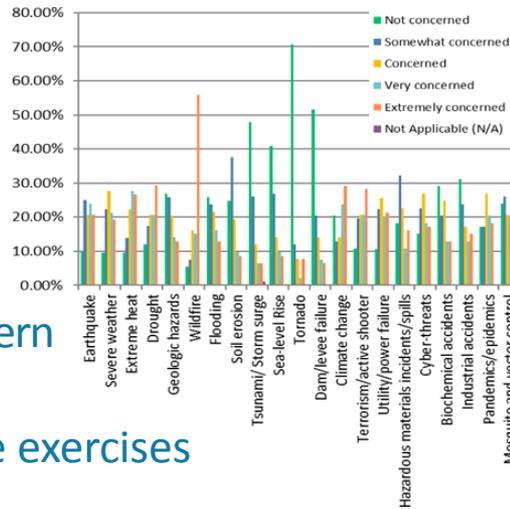
## Public Review Period

- March 4 to March 19, 2024

## Staff/ Agency Review

- City Staff- Planning, Public works, Fire, Police
- City Attorney
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

How concerned are you about the following hazards in Chula Vista?



# Organization

## Current Safety-Related Goals and Policies

- Environmental Element
- Public Services and Facilities Element

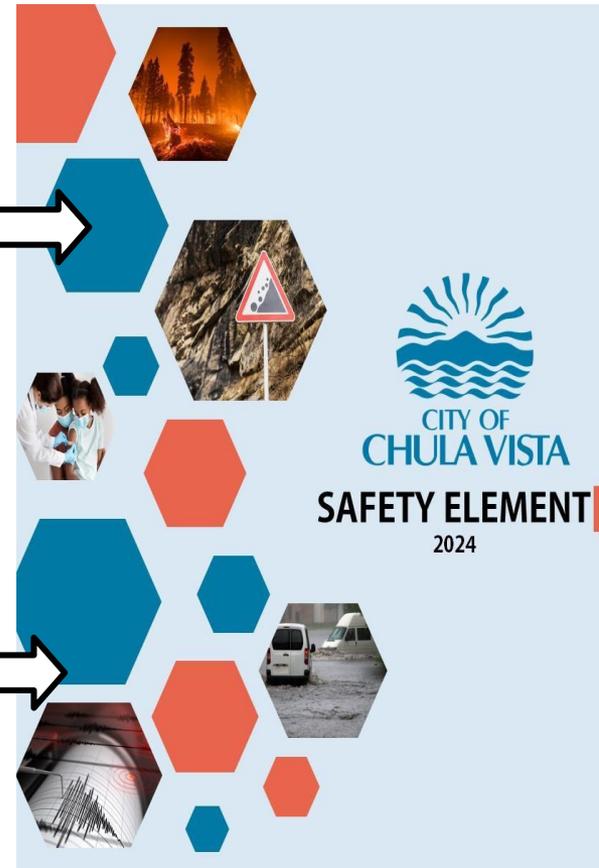
## New Safety Element

- Repeal sections from existing GP
- Ease of update with the Housing Element update every cycle

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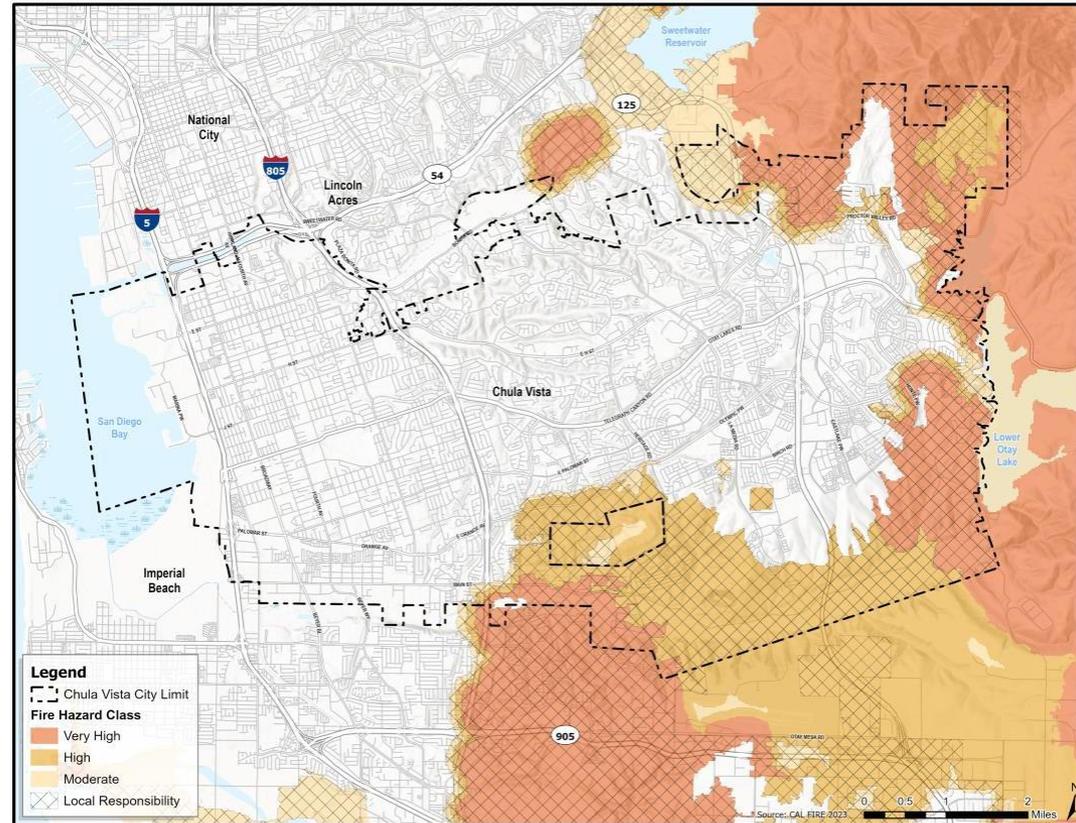
# SAFETY ELEMENT

# Cal Fire Consultation

## Fire Hazard Areas

### Pursuant to SB 1241

- Consultation with Cal Fire
- Addition and updates to Wildfire policies and actions
  - Fuel modification/ defensible space
  - Fire-safe design
  - Fire breaks
  - Evacuation
  - Water supply
  - Emergency services
  - Education/outreach



**Reviewed by Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)  
Staff- Approval hearing – April 9, 2024**

# Evacuation Routes Study

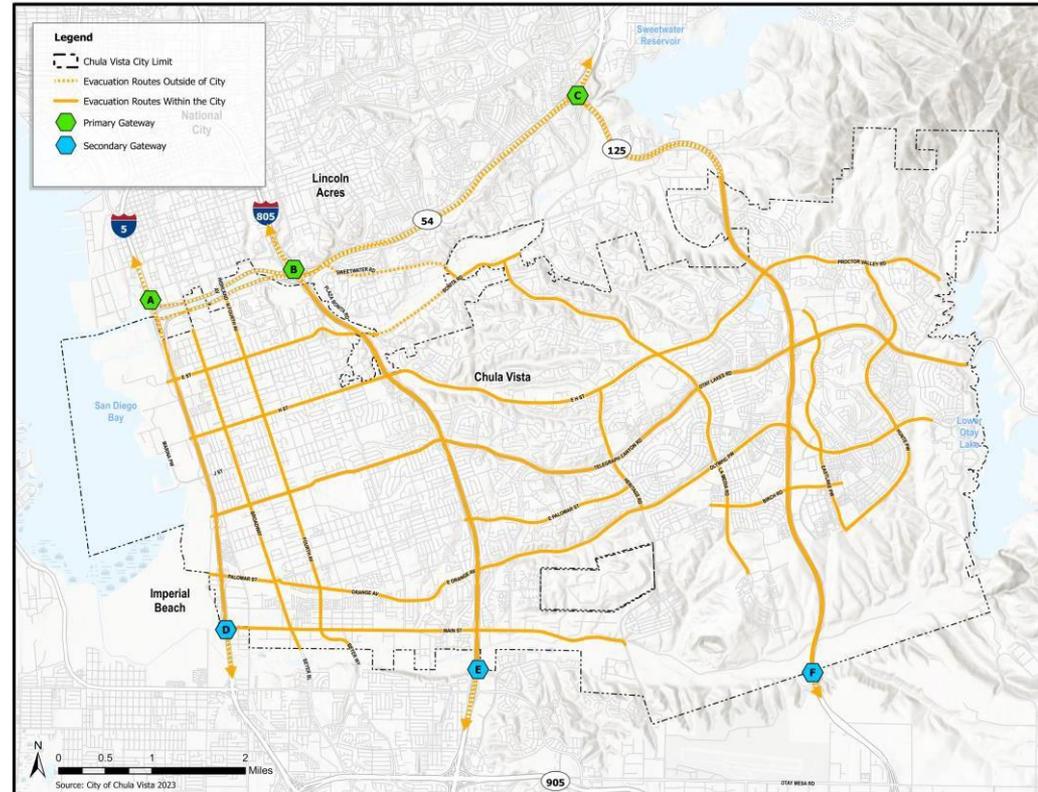
## Pursuant to SB 99

- Identification of evacuation routes and access to two or more evacuation routes for residential areas

## Pursuant to AB 747

- Analysis of evacuation routes to include the safety, viability, and capacity under a range of emergency scenarios
- Two scenarios analyzed

## Evacuation Routes

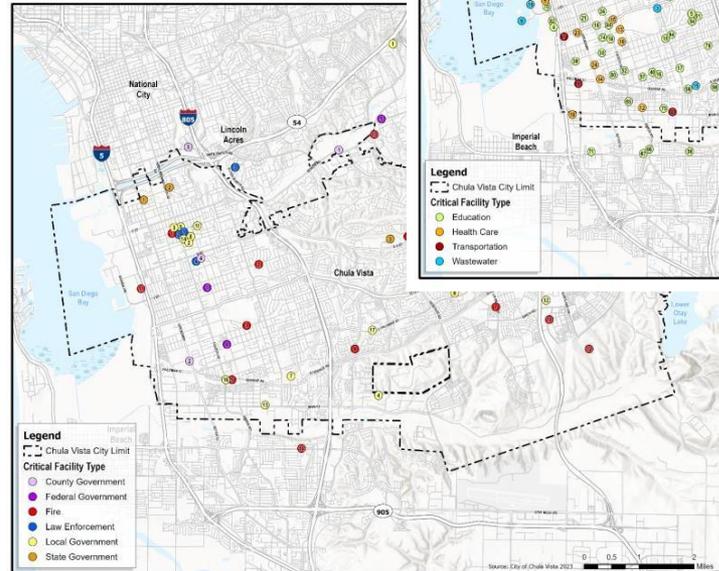


# Integration of Hazard Mitigation Plan

## Pursuant to AB 2140

- San Diego County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
- City- Jurisdictional Partner
- Allows for the implementation of hazard mitigation strategies
- Cover local shares of the 25% non-federal portion of grant- funded post-disaster projects
- Vulnerability Assessment of Critical Facilities

## Critical Facilities



# Climate Resilience

## Climate Change

### Pursuant to SB 379

- Vulnerability Assessment from MJHMP of critical facilities
- Topics- Climate change, Extreme Heat, Sea Level Rise, Resilience, Drought
- Address climate adaption and resiliency strategies
- CAP integrated by reference
- Addition of climate resilience policies and actions

Climate Change Factors impacting the City	Observed (1961-1990)	Mid-Century (2035-2064)	
		Medium Emissions	High Emissions
Annual Average Maximum Temperature (°F)	71.0 - 71.7	72.6 – 76.0	73.1 – 76.5
Extreme Heat Days (days)	2 – 4	5 – 16	6 – 20
Annual Precipitation (inches)	10.8	10.6	10.4
Annual Average Area Burned (acres)	247.5 – 290.1	279.0 – 335.6	303.2 – 344.1



# SAFETY ELEMENT

On March 27<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission voted 6-0-1 to recommend that City Council approve the resolution to amend the General Plan to establish a new Safety Element.



**PLANNING COMMISSION**

# Emergency Management – Preparedness and Mitigation

- Example of the City’s commitment to properly planning for emergency preparedness, mitigation, and public safety
- Remain current with Local, State, and Federal guidelines and best practices
- Supports requirements for:
  - Grant opportunities
  - Reimbursement post disaster
  - Fire Risk Reduction Community List (FRRCL)

## Safer from Wildfires in



**DID YOU KNOW**

Homeowners can take 3 important steps to help make their homes **'Safer from Wildfires'**

-   
**PROTECT YOUR STRUCTURE**
-   
**PROTECT THE IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS**
-   
**WORK TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY**

These 3 steps, part of the **'Safer from Wildfires' Program**, **reduce wildfire risk** and may qualify homeowners for **property insurance discounts!**



# Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the Resolution to establish the Safety Element.