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TITLE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION FOR THE GENERAL PLAN

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND QUARTERLY

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

This item is an administrative report. No formal action is required.

EXCECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City is undertaking the Visión Salinas 2040 General Plan Update and Climate Action Plan and released an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Notice of Preparation (NOP) on September 1, 2023. The NOP process gives the community and agencies the chance to comment on the scope and focus areas to guide EIR drafting. Land use changes are a critical part of this update and EIR and this process is another opportunity to review the Draft Place Types. Staff is currently drafting General Plan policies and content and reviewing with the Steering Committee. Additional engagement for the General Plan and Climate Action Plan (CAP) will continue this fall and winter, with the intent to release full drafts of the General Plan, CAP, and EIR in spring 2024. The Housing Element continues on its separate track for adoption before the December 15, 2023, statutory deadline. Staff is working on addressing preliminary comments received from the state Department of Housing and Community Development and preparing a separate environmental document for the Housing Element.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Notice of Preparation for the General Plan Environmental Impact Report
- 2. Draft Place Types Description Table
- 3. Draft Place Types Map (NOP Figure 2)
- 4. Draft Areas of Change Map