



**UNDER GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S ORDER N-29-20 OF MARCH 18, 2020, TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION WILL BE UTILIZED BY ALL CITY PLANNING COMMISSIONERS, MANAGEMENT STAFF AND CITY ATTORNEY. PARTICIPATION BY TELEPHONE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT THE FOLLOWING NUMBER: (559) 846-4900, PASSCODE 93630.**

**COMMENTS WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED BY EMAIL AT:**

[publicmeeting@cityofkerman.org](mailto:publicmeeting@cityofkerman.org).

## **NOTICE OF KERMAN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING ON 2040 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE FOR CITY OF KERMAN**

Notice is hereby given that at 6:30 PM on Monday, May 11, 2020, at Kerman City Hall, at 850 S. Madera Avenue, Kerman, CA, the City of Kerman Planning Commission will conduct a TELEPHONIC public hearing to consider the following item:

Consideration of Adoption of a Resolution of the City of Kerman Planning Commission Recommending the City Council (1) Adopt the Findings Required by CEQA Guidelines, Section 15091; (2) Certify the Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2019049018) for the City of Kerman 2040 General Plan, Including General Plan Amendment No. 2020-01; (3) Adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations; and (4) Adopt the City of Kerman 2040 General Plan Update by Approving General Plan Amendment No. 2020-01.

California State law requires that every city prepare and maintain a general plan “for the physical development of the city and any land outside its boundaries that bears relation to its planning.” A general plan serves as the jurisdiction’s “constitution” or “blueprint” for future decisions concerning a variety of issues including land use, health and safety, and resource conservation. All specific plans, subdivisions, public works projects, and zoning decisions must be consistent with the local jurisdiction’s general plan.

The Kerman 2040 General Plan Update contains the goals and policies upon which the City Council and Planning Commission base their decisions. The 2040 General Plan is a comprehensive update of the City’s current 2007 General Plan and establishes the community vision for future development of the City through 2040. As part of the general plan update process, the 2040 General Plan is reorganized and reformatted, with updated goals and policies that reflect the community vision for the City of Kerman.

The City’s General Plan Land Use Diagram has also been updated to reflect the vision and the underlying theme that threads through the 2040 General Plan; creating quality places that improve the quality of life for residents, attract new and retain existing businesses, and enhance the City’s fiscal stability, while preserving successful areas of the community. There are nine mandatory elements (topical areas) required to be included in a general plan by the State, although each jurisdiction can combine and organize these elements as desired. Other elements can be added as desired to address local concerns.

The Housing Element, which is a State-mandated element, has already been prepared and adopted by the City and was not modified as part of the update process.

The General Plan Update is considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as the City has discretionary authority to approve the project. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared to satisfy CEQA (Pub. Res. Code, Section 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 CCR §15000 et seq.). CEQA requires that all cities consider the environmental consequences of projects over which they have discretionary authority before acting on those projects.

Figure 2-4 Kerman 2040 General Plan Land Use Map



The City published and distributed a Notice of Availability of the Draft EIR in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15087 on November 22, 2019. The public comment period for the Draft EIR closed on January 6, 2020.

Copies of the 2040 General Plan Update and the EIR are available at Kerman City Hall, 850 S. Madera Avenue, Kerman, CA, and online at <http://kermangp.com/>.

For additional information, contact the City of Kerman Planning Department at (559) 846-9386, or Olivia Pimentel at [opimentel@cityofkerman.org](mailto:opimentel@cityofkerman.org).

Written comments on the project may be submitted to the Planning Division at any time before the public hearing or until the close of the public hearing. If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing. The public hearing for the Planning Commission meeting will be telephonically held as follows:

**Date:** Monday, May 11, 2020  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Kerman City Hall  
850 S. Madera Ave.  
Kerman, CA 93630

Dated: April 22, 2020  
Pub: April. 29, 2020

/s/ Olivia Pimentel, Assistant Planner