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## **CEQA Filing Fee Determination Form**

Date Submitted: August 31, 2020

Applicant Name: City of Dublin

Applicant Address: 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568

Project Name: Dublin Climate Action Plan 2030 and Beyond

CEQA Lead Agency: City of Dublin

**CEQA Document Type:** Certified Regulatory Program Document

## SCH Number and/or local agency ID Number: 2020070437

**Project Location:** The City of Dublin's (City) Climate Action Plan (CAP 2030) applies to all areas within the Dublin city limits. The City of Dublin is located in Alameda County, more specifically in the eastern Alameda County region known as the Tri-Valley area. The City of Dublin covers approximately 14.59 square miles and is generally bounded by the City of San Ramon to the north, unincorporated Community of Castro Valley to the west, the City of Pleasanton to the south, and the City of Livermore to the east (City of Dublin n.d.). Additionally, the City of Dublin is approximately 14 miles east of the San Francisco Bay, 23 miles southeast of the City of Oakland, and 30 miles northeast of the City of San Jose.

**Brief Project Description:** The draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration addresses the environmental impacts of implementing the City of Dublin Climate Action Plan 2030 and Beyond (CAP 2030) as well as the City of Dublin California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Significance Thresholds.

The City proposes to adopt the CAP 2030, which is organized into five strategies, four of which include measures that have specific quantified GHG emissions reduction projections and all have additional measures that are supportive of GHG emissions reduction but do not have quantified GHG emissions reduction. Altogether, the CAP 2030 measures are intended to reduce communitywide GHG emissions by 48,058 MT CO2e by 2025 and 73,452 MT CO2e by 2030 to achieve the goal of reducing GHG emissions to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030. CAP 2030 will also set the City on the path to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045, though further actions will be required to meet this goal. In order to execute the CAP 2030 implementation progress annually, provide City Council updates on CAP 2030 implementation every two years beginning in 2022, conduct a GHG emissions inventory no less than every three years to track progress, and assess the need to complete an update to the CAP 2030 based on

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progress towards the 2025 GHG emissions reduction goals. To achieve carbon neutrality by 2045, in 2028 City staff will initiate the development of a new CAP to establish new strategies and measures to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045.

CAP 2030 and the draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration would, if approved, also be useful in streamlining CEQA review for projects that are consistent with the CEQA GHG Emissions Analysis Compliance Checklist. For plans or projects with pre-2030 buildout or initial operation years that would not be consistent with the CEQA GHG Emissions Analysis Compliance Checklist, the City proposes to adopt quantitative CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds for use in evaluating whether a plan or project's GHG emissions would result in a potentially significant environmental impact under CEQA.

**Determination:** Based on a review of the Project as proposed, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has determined that for purposes of the assessment of CEQA filing fees [Fish and Game Code 711.4(c)] the project has potential effects on fish, wildlife and habitat and the project as described REQUIRES payment of a CEQA filing fee. At the time of filing of the NOD with the County Clerk, the appropriate CEQA filing fee will be due and payable.

This determination does not determine the significance of any potential project effects evaluated pursuant to CEQA. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Marcia Grefsrud, Environmental Scientist, at (707) 644-2812 or <u>Marcia.Grefsrud@wildlife.ca.gov</u>; or Ms. Brenda Blinn, Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisory), at (707) 944-5541 or <u>Brenda.Blinn@wildlife.ca.gov</u>.

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