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Project Title: City of Palmdale 2045 General Plan Update

Lead Agency: City of Palmdale

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Project Location: City of Palmdale (*City*) Los Angeles (*County*)

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed project (the Plan) is a three-plus-year comprehensive update to the City's General Plan, the guiding document for the future of Palmdale over 23 years (2022-2045). The Plan focuses on enhancing community identity, building on planned infrastructure investments, improving multi-modal active transportation and connectivity, integrating health and equity, and capitalizing on the City's unique location in the region. The Plan identifies major strategies and physical improvements for the City over the next 23 years. These strategies include creating a vibrant downtown near the future multimodal transit station, establishing three health and wellness districts and two education districts, transforming Palmdale Boulevard into a mixed-use corridor, promoting a diversity of housing types in the City, forming village centers that offer a mix of residential choices and daily goods and services near existing neighborhoods, and building off existing industrial and aerospace business opportunities. These strategies will support existing and future employees, businesses, and residents by improving quality of life in Palmdale. The following actions will also be taken by the City in connection with the Plan and are also considered part of the proposed project analyzed in the EIR: Adopt and implement the General Plan Update (Palmdale 2045 Plan); Adopt and implement the Climate Action Plan; Adopt any Zoning Ordinance Amendments required to make the Zoning Ordinance consistent with the General Plan Update; Adopt the Housing Element Update; Adopt revisions to the Palmdale Transit Area Specific Plan to slightly expand its boundary.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The Draft EIR found that the Plan would result in the following significant and unavoidable environmental effects:

• Air Quality Impact AQ-1. Individual development projects carried out under the Plan would generate construction and operational-related emissions. Such emissions may conflict with or obstruct the implementation of the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District's Ozone Attainment Plan. Implementation of Plan policies, compliance with existing regulations, and implementation of mitigation would reduce construction and operational emissions, but not below applicable emissions thresholds.
• Air Quality Impact AQ-2. Individual development projects facilitated by the Plan would generate construction and operational emissions. Such emissions may result in adverse impacts to local air quality. Implementation of Plan policies and compliance with existing regulations would reduce emissions, but not below applicable levels of significance.
• Utilities and Service Systems Impact U-1. Development facilitated by the Plan would create additional demand for water supply and wastewater facilities, which would require the construction or relocation of new or expanded water and wastewater facilities. Sufficient water supplied by Palmdale Water District and Los Angeles County Waterworks District 40 would not be available to serve the Plan and reasonably foreseeable future development. The Plan would also exceed capacity of local wastewater treatment facilities.

The Draft EIR also found that the proposed project would result in impacts that would be less than significant with incorporation of mitigation measures described in the Draft EIR in the following areas: Biological Resources (nesting birds and associated habitat); Cultural Resources (archaeological and historical resources); Geology and Soils (paleontological resources); Noise (construction vibration); and Tribal Cultural Resources. A summary of all impacts and mitigation measures is shown in Table ES-1 of the Draft EIR.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

There are no areas of controversy known to the lead agency, but the opinions of the public and other agencies have been solicited during the Scoping process and throughout preparation of the General Plan, CAP, and EIR.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Trustee Agency: California Department of Fish and Wildlife