

Staff Report

TO: Town of Loomis Town Council and Planning Commission

FROM: Christy Consolini, Planning Director

DATE: October 17, 2023

RE: 2040 General Plan Update Draft Environmental Impact Report Workshop

RECOMMENDATION

Receive information and public comment on the 2040 General Plan Draft EIR and direct staff and consultant to address comments received during the public review period in the Final Environmental Impact Report.

BACKGROUND

The Town Council directed staff to proceed with the Town of Loomis General Plan Update at their meeting of August 13, 2019.

The Town of Loomis General Plan provides the vision and guidance for development within the Town, it is the Town's Constitution. State General Plan Guidelines and good planning practice recommend that a community's General Plan be updated on a regular basis, typically at five- and twenty-year intervals. The State requires annual reports on the Town's progress implementing the General Plan, an opportunity for the Town Decision makers to make interim adjustments.

The Town adopted its General Plan in 2001 and has amended it since that date, most recently in 2019. With the twenty year life span of the 2001 General Plan nearing, it is appropriate to update the General Plan to reflect the Town's existing conditions, changes in Federal and State regulations, changes to the State General Plan Guidelines, changes in technology, changes in the economy, and to assure the General Plan is internally consistent.

Some of the changes required by the State of California include the addition of a Green House Gas (GHG) Element, the addition of a Social Justice Element, the establishment of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) policies in the Transportation Element, and additions reflecting State mandates and guidance for affordable housing to meet our Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA).

The community participation program for the General Plan update has included several components:

OPEN HOUSES

Two "Open House" Workshops where approximately 50 Loomis residents met at the Loomis
Depot on November 7 and 9, 2020 to obtain community input on the General Plan Update and
their concerns and ideas for the Town, and provide the participants with information on the
update process;

ON-LINE SURVEYS

- Rural Main Street Technical Assistance Program 10/16/2020 through 11/6/2020 with 500+ participants;
- An online housing survey focused on Housing Element topics with input from 208 Loomis residents;
- An online survey on each General Plan topic area with input from 28 Loomis residents and business owners providing 75 unique comments, and which had over 4,228 views;
- An online survey on the Town of Loomis Mission Statement that began November 16, 2021 received 130 unique comments;
- An online survey on the General Plan Committees Recommendations that began in June 2022 and will continue until the release of the Town Draft General Plan;

WORKSHOPS AND FORUMS

- General Plan Update Open House workshops were conducted on November 7 & 9, 2020 at the Loomis Depot. This event was published in the Loomis News and a door-to-door mailer was sent to Loomis residents. Approximately 60 public members participated;
- Three workshops by the Local Government Commission on housing, land use, and circulation character: Housing Choices (March 2020), Streetscape Layout and Design (April) 2020, and the Housing Density (May 2020);
- Three Rural Main Street Technical Assistance workshops were held in September and October 2020.
- In April 2021 the Town launched the Social Pinpoint platform. To date there are 1,145 followers.
- Two public forums held on June 15 and 19, 2021 to gain public input on the draft General Plan Update and public workshops for review of the draft plan prior to public hearings.
- General Plan Update EIR Scoping Workshops were held on June 8the and 9th, 2022 during which the proposed May 2022 Draft General Plan Update was presented to the Town Council, Planning Commission, and the public, at which time comment on the Draft General Plan Update was received, land use diagram modifications and "no net loss" requirements were discussed, and direction was provided to staff to proceed with the preparation of the required California Environmental Quality Act Environmental Impact Report based on the May 2022 Draft General Plan Update and direction from the Town Council and Planning Commission.

COMMITTEES

• Recommendations for modifications to the General Plan by 17 Council-appointed General Plan Committees and Subcommittees comprised of a Town Councilmember (Chairperson), Town Planning Commissioner (Vice Chairperson) and volunteer residents and nonvoting auxiliary members. The Committees met over 80 times over 15 months between December, 2020 and May 2022 with Town staff and the Town's consultants to review the former General Plan and setting, update its policies where appropriate, and formulate additional proposed policies and the draft Land Use Diagram. The meetings were conducted via Zoom, live stream recorded to the Town's YouTube channel, and when allowed in person while maintaining YouTube live stream and Zoom;

WEBSITES

- A dedicated General Plan Update website containing each version of the General Plan documents as they were drafted for public review and comment with a total participation of 5,485 persons.
- The Town posted information and updates on the General Plan Update on its Facebook page.

- A dedicated email address (GPUPDATE@LOOMIS.CA.GOV) was established for the public to submit comments on any of the posted documents;
- Pre-addressed comment forms:
- Availability of staff in person and by phone;
- Town-wide post cards (door-to-door mailing) informing residents and businesses of the Open Houses;
- Throughout the entire process the Town distributed Email blasts via Mailchimp to every member on the Town's email distribution list;
- Banners promoting participation in the General Plan update posted at the Loomis Train Depot, over Taylor Road near Horseshoe Bar Road, and the Chamber sign on Horseshoe Bar Road in May 2020;
- Monthly General Plan status reports were provided to the Town Council, Planning Commission, and posted on the Town's Web site.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

Discretionary projects in California are required to undergo environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 (California Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 15000 et seq. [14 CCR Section 15000 et seq.]). The Town is the CEQA lead agency and has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) compliant with CEQA for the Town of Loomis 2020–2040 General Plan Update (also referred to as "the 2040 General Plan" or "the proposed project").

The EIR describes the potential environmental impacts associated with adoption and implementation of the 2040 General Plan. The 2040 General Plan is a policy document that will guide development and conservation within the Town, including the public infrastructure and public facility improvements required to serve future development. Development projects, public facility improvements, population growth, economic development, and other changes contemplated in the Town through the year 2040 could result in environmental impacts, which are analyzed in the EIR.

The EIR evaluates the potential environmental effects of implementing the 2040 General Plan Update compared to existing baseline conditions, along with three alternatives, including the no-project alternative. For many environmental topic areas, existing conditions have been identified and summarized in updated background setting sections, provided as Volume III of the General Plan Update. These setting sections are incorporated by reference into the EIR and used, as appropriate, to inform the existing conditions from which many of the environmental impacts are analyzed, as further detailed below. The EIR also addresses direct, reasonably foreseeable indirect, cumulative, and growth-inducing effects. The EIR identifies feasible mitigation measures, if available, to reduce significant and potentially significant impacts.

CEQA SCOPING

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) was submitted to the Office of Planning and Research on May 16, 2022, indicating the Town would be preparing an EIR for the 2040 General Plan (Attachment 1). The purpose of the NOP is to provide an opportunity to comment on the scope and proposed content of the EIR. A Joint Town Council and Planning Commission Scoping Workshop was held on June 8th and 9th, 2023 to receive guidance on the scope of analysis for the EIR, including identification of specific issues requiring additional study; receive ideas for feasible mitigation to eliminate or reduce potentially significant impacts; and receive suggestions for alternatives to the proposed project that could potentially reduce or avoid potentially significant or significant impacts.

The Town will rely on responsible and trustee agencies to provide information relevant to the analysis of resources falling within the jurisdiction of such agencies. Input was requested on the scope of the EIR analysis, mitigation measures, and alternatives. As outlined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(b),

each responsible and trustee agency must identify specific environmental issues, alternatives, and mitigation measures that should be explored in the EIR. If there was no response within 30 days, the Town assumed that there were no specific environmental issues, alternatives, or mitigation measures that the responsible and trustee agencies believe should be incorporated into the EIR.

PROJECT LOCATION

The project site is the Planning Area for the 2040 General Plan, which contains all land within the Town's boundaries, and the Town's Sphere of Influence (which is co-terminus with the Town boundaries), as required by California Government Code Section 65300. The Town is in southern Placer County, approximately 25 miles northeast of the city of Sacramento. Loomis is divided into two distinct areas by Interstate 80, which traverses through the center of Town. The area north of I-80 contains the Town's existing retail, office, and industrial development, as well as residential development at different densities. Industrial land uses are located in the triangular area between Taylor Road and Swetzer Road in the northeastern portion of the Town. The area south of I-80 is almost exclusively rural and residential in character.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Town of Loomis adopted its first General Plan in 1987. The first comprehensive update of the General Plan occurred in 2001 and a variety of amendments to the General Plan have been adopted since 1987. This is the second comprehensive update. California state law requires each county, and each incorporated city or town, to adopt a comprehensive general plan "for the physical development of the county or city, and any land outside its boundaries which in the planning agency's judgment bears relation to its planning" (California Government Code Section 65300). A general plan establishes the community's development and conservation goals and public policy relative to the distribution of future land uses, both public and private. Since the general plan affects the welfare of current and future generations, State law requires that the plan take a long-term perspective (California Government Code Section 65300). The 2040 General Plan is a policy document that will guide development and conservation within the Town, including the public infrastructure and public facility improvements required to serve future development. Development projects, public facility improvements, population growth, economic development, and other changes contemplated in the Town through the year 2040 could result in environmental impacts, which have been analyzed in the EIR.

ANALYSIS

The following environmental topic areas are evaluated in the Draft EIR.

- Aesthetics and Visual Resources —The EIR summarizes the existing visual conditions in the Planning Area and evaluates the potential impacts on scenic vistas, scenic roadways, and visual character that may result from 2040 General Plan implementation, as well as impacts related to light and glare, including consideration of how proposed 2040 General Plan policies and implementation measures would help to reduce adverse effects to aesthetic and visual resources.
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources This section describes the California Department of
 Conservation Important Farmland Mapping Classifications within the Planning Area, along with
 any areas that may be held under Williamson Act contracts. The analysis evaluates the potential
 for direct and indirect conversion of Important Farmland to non-agricultural uses, or conflicts
 with active Williamson Act contracts. As forestry resources do not exist within the Planning
 Area, this section will only briefly discuss the potential for conflicts with, or future conversion of,
 forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220[g]), timberland (as defined by
 Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned for Timberland Production.
- Air Quality—Construction and operation of land uses accommodated under the 2040 General Plan would generate air pollutant emissions. Earth may be disturbed during site development activities, generating dust, and construction vehicles and equipment would create short-term pollutant emissions. Development accommodated under the 2040 General Plan may result in additional vehicular traffic and demand for energy that would generate air pollution. The EIR

discusses the regional and local air quality setting and quantify projected changes in air pollutant emissions as a result of implementation of the 2040 General Plan. The emissions estimates were derived with consideration of recommended methods and significance thresholds developed by the Placer County Air Pollution Control District, and the EIR explains how methods and thresholds are designed to assess potential human health effects.

- Biological Resources—The EIR summarizes the biological resources in the Planning Area, identifies existing habitats, and evaluates the project's potential effects on waterways and wetlands, sensitive habitats and mature native trees, sensitive plants and wildlife, and wildlife movement corridors, and includes a discussion of potential conflicts with relevant biological resources policies or ordinances, as well as how proposed General Plan policies and implementation measures will reduce or avoid potential impacts.
- Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources—The EIR summarizes existing cultural and tribal cultural resources and evaluates potential impacts on those resources. The EIR also describes consultation with California Native American tribes to obtain input that informs policies and implementation measures related to cultural and tribal cultural resources.
- Energy—The EIR includes an analysis of energy consumption attributable to implementation of the 2040 General Plan, with an emphasis on avoiding or reducing inefficient, wasteful, or unnecessary consumption of energy. The section includes a discussion of potential conflicts with applicable plans for renewable energy or energy efficiency. Adverse physical environmental effects associated with energy demand within the Planning Area are reported in relevant topic area sections, such as Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions.
- Geology, Soils, Minerals, and Paleontology—The EIR briefly describes the geologic setting as related to seismicity, soils, other geologic hazards, and unique paleontological (fossil) resources. This section outlines design measures, best management practices, and regulatory requirements to minimize impacts on people or structures from seismic, soil, and other geologic hazards. The EIR also identifies any potential impacts to undiscovered fossils. The California Geological Survey mineral land classifications within the Planning Area is discussed, and impacts to any regionally or locally important mineral resources are evaluated.
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions—The EIR presents an analysis of greenhouse gas emissions
 attributable to implementation of the 2040 General Plan, and cumulative impacts related to
 climate change. The EIR does not analyze the impact of climate change or other environmental
 impacts on the Planning Area, except to the extent the 2040 General Plan would substantially
 exacerbate these hazards.
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials—The EIR identifies potential impacts from the transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials; accidental releases of hazardous materials; emissions of hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste near a school; proximity to known hazardous materials sites on the Cortese List (California Government Code Section 65962.5); and impairment of an adopted emergency response or evacuation plan. Fire hazards are discussed in the Wildland Fire Hazards section of the EIR. The Town's Planning Area is not located in or near any airfields or airports or any associated airport land use plans; therefore, airport safety hazards are not evaluated in this EIR.
- Hydrology and Water Quality—The EIR provides a brief overview of existing hydrologic and
 water quality conditions in the Planning Area and evaluates potential short-term constructionrelated effects on water quality from stormwater runoff, as well as longer-term effects from the
 addition of impervious surfaces on stormwater drainage, flooding, and water quality. This
 section evaluates potential impacts on groundwater recharge and sustainability. Potential
 impacts related to flood flows are evaluated in this section. This section outlines design
 features, best management practices, and regulatory requirements required to minimize
 hydrology and water quality effects.

- Land Use and Planning, Population, and Housing—The EIR evaluates the potential for the 2040 General Plan to divide an existing community, or to conflict with existing, adopted land use plans or regulations that were adopted for the purpose of reducing or avoiding environmental effects. The EIR evaluates the potential for 2040 General Plan implementation to induce substantial unplanned population growth, or to displace substantial numbers of housing units or people that could lead to potentially significant physical environmental effects.
- Noise and Vibration—This section presents an analysis of noise generation associated with implementation of the 2040 General Plan, as well as vibration impacts. The Town's Planning Area is not located in or near noise contours associated with airfields or airports that are a concern for land use compatibility planning; therefore, airport noise is not evaluated in the EIR.
- Public Services and Recreation—The EIR describes existing public services related to fire, police, schools, and parks, and evaluates whether the 2040 General Plan would result in potential increases in demand that would require new facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts. The EIR also evaluates whether any increased use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities would result in substantial physical deterioration of such facilities.
- Transportation and Circulation—The EIR discusses the Town's transportation network and
 identifies potential conflicts with applicable policies related to circulation, including transit,
 roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities and any potential conflicts with State guidance related
 to increases in travel demand. The EIR analyzes potential impacts related to hazardous design
 features and emergency access.
- Utilities and Service Systems—The EIR evaluates physical environmental impacts related to the
 provision of utility systems, including water supply, wastewater treatment, solid waste disposal,
 electricity, and natural gas. Stormwater drainage facilities are assessed in the Hydrology and
 Water Quality chapter of the EIR.
- Wildland Fire Hazards—The Planning Area is located near state responsibility areas to the north
 and east but is not situated within a state responsibility area or lands classified by the state as
 very high fire hazard severity zones. However, the Town has adopted fire hazard severity zone
 ratings for the Planning Area, which include moderate and high hazard classifications. The EIR
 will evaluate the potential for the 2040 General Plan to exacerbate wildland fire hazards, and
 any potential conflicts with applicable policies designed to reduce fire hazards.

POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The EIR has evaluated the potential environmental effects of implementing the proposed 2040 General Plan compared to existing baseline conditions, along with a reasonable range of alternatives, including the no-project alternative. For many environmental topic areas, existing conditions have been identified and summarized in updated background setting sections, provided as Volume III of the General Plan Update. These setting sections have been incorporated by reference into the EIR and used, as appropriate, to inform the existing conditions from which many of the environmental impacts have been analyzed, as further detailed below. The EIR also addresses direct, reasonably foreseeable indirect, cumulative, and growth-inducing effects. The EIR identifies feasible mitigation measures, if available, to reduce significant and potentially significant impacts.

The following environmental topic areas have been evaluated in the EIR to have potentially significant environmental impacts:

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural and Tribal Resources
- Geology, Soils, Minerals, and Paleontology
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- Noise and Vibration
- Public Services and Recreation
- Transportation and Circulation

PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

The following table provides a summary of environmental impacts and mitigation measures corresponding to the environmental issues discussed in Draft EIR Section 4, Environmental Impact Analysis. The summary table is arranged in four columns: Impacts; Level of Significance before Mitigation; Mitigation Measures; and Level of Significance after Mitigation.

Cumulative impacts are described in detail in Chapter 6 if the Draft EIR. The proposed General Plan would have a cumulatively considerable contribution to significant cumulative impacts related to aesthetics and visual resources, air quality, cultural and tribal cultural resources, and noise.

Impacts	Significance before Mitigation	Mitigation Measures	Significance after Mitigation
4.1 Aesthetics and Visual Resources			
Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	No Impact	None.	No Impact
Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a State scenic highway?	No Impact	None.	No Impact
Impact 4.1-1. In nonurbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.1-2. Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
4.2 Agriculture and Forestry Resources			
Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code Section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code Section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g))?	No Impact	None.	No Impact
Impact 4.2-2. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	No Impact	None.	No Impact
Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	No Impact	None.	No Impact
Impact 4.2-1. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant

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the California Resources Agency, to non- agricultural use?			
Impact 4.2-2. Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to nonforest use?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
4.3 Air Quality			
Impact 4.3-1. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	Significant	Mitigation Measure 4.3-1a: Revise Implementation Measure AQGHGE-1.1.2.1 under Policy AQGHGE-1.1.2 as follows: Implementation Measure AQGHGE-1.1.2.1: During the development review process for projects subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, the Town will require that project proponents conduct an air quality analysis to determine potential air quality impacts. Analysis will evaluate emissions relative to Placer County Air Pollution Control District thresholds of significance or other applicable thresholds. Those projects that exceed applicable significance thresholds, or could otherwise result in a significant air quality impact, shall incorporate applicable and feasible mitigation measures, as recommended by Placer County Air Pollution Control District or otherwise demonstrated to achieve reductions, in order to minimize or offset construction and operational emissions. All projects shall implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) for reducing air pollutant emissions associated with the construction and operation of development projects as a standard condition of approval for projects within the Town of Loomis. Proposed projects shall incorporate feasible construction mitigation strategies, including those listed below, those included in an updated set of mitigation recommendations prepared by the PCAPCD, or those determined by the Town of Loomis to be as effective: — Water all active construction areas at least twice daily.	Significant and Unavoidable

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		 Apply chemical soil stabilizers on inactive construction areas (disturbed lands within construction projects that are unused for at least four consecutive days). 	
		 Cover inactive storage piles. 	
		 Vehicles traveling across unpaved areas shall be limited to no more than 15 miles per hour. 	
		 All construction equipment shall be maintained and properly tuned in accordance with manufacturer's specifications. 	
		 Haul trucks shall maintain at least two feet of freeboard. 	
		 Cover all trucks hauling soil, sand, and other loose materials. 	
		 Plant vegetative ground cover in disturbed areas as soon as possible. 	
		 Sweep streets at least once per day if visible soil material is carried out from the construction site. 	
		 Idling of diesel or gasoline equipment or vehicles within 1,000 feet of a sensitive receptor is not permitted. 	
		 Limit all idling of vehicles and equipment that use gasoline or diesel fuel to five minutes maximum. 	
		 Use alternative power source, such as electricity, for construction equipment or use reformulated and emulsified fuels, incorporate catalyst and filtration technologies, and generally modernize the equipment fleet with cleaner and newer engines. 	
		Mitigation Measure 4.3-1b: Include the following new Implementation Measure in the General Plan:	
		Implementation Measure AQGHGE-1.1.2.4: For new developments that are expected to exceed the PCAPCD threshold of significance related to construction after BMPs	

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		have been applied, additional emission control strategies are	
		required to further reduce these impacts. These may include:	
		Water all active construction areas three times daily.	
		 Non-road engines shall be equipped with Best Available Control Technology (e.g., Tier 4 Final or better nonroad compliant engines). 	
		 Site accesses to a distance of 100 feet from the paved road shall be treated with a 6- to 12-inch compacted layer or wood chips, mulch, or gravel. 	
		Minimizing the idling time of diesel-powered construction equipment to a maximum of two minutes.	
		Use low VOC coatings beyond the local requirements (i.e., PCAPCD Rule 218).	
Impact 4.3-2 . Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the	Significant	Mitigation Measure 4.3-2a: Include the following new Implementation Measure in the General Plan:	Significant and Unavoidable
project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?		Implementation Measure AQGHGE-1.1.2.5: Projects that could have a potentially significant effect, as demonstrated by exceedance of the PCAPCD-recommended thresholds of significance, shall incorporate applicable PCAPCD-recommended standard operational mitigation measures, as listed below or as they may be updated in the future, or those design features determined by the Town to be as effective:	
		 Wood burning or pellet stoves/fireplaces shall not be permitted. 	
		Electrical outlets should be installed on the exterior walls of both the front and back of residences to promote the use of electric landscape maintenance equipment.	
		 All newly constructed residential buildings shall comply with the California Green Building Standards Code (CalGreen) Tier 2 standards. 	

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		Site design shall maximize access to transit, to accommodate bus travel, and to provide lighted shelters at transit access points.	
		 A pedestrian access network shall link complementary land uses. 	
		 Provide bicycle storage to promote bicycling. 	
		 Vanpool parking only spaces and preferential parking for carpools should be required for employment- generating uses. 	
		 Consider using concrete or other non-polluting materials for paving parking lots instead of asphalt. 	
		 Landscaping should be designed to eventually shade buildings and parking lots. 	
		Mitigation Measure 4.3-2b: Include the following new Implementation Measure in the General Plan:	
		Implementation Measure AQGHGE-1.1.2.6: If, following implementation of other policies and implementation measures, a project's operational emissions would still exceed PCAPCD-recommended thresholds of significance, the Town would require the project to offset remaining project emissions in excess of thresholds by establishing off-site mitigation or participation in PCAPCD's Off-site Mitigation Program.	
Impact 4.3-3. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	Significant	Mitigation Measure 4.3-3a: Implementation Measure AQGHGE-1.2.1.2 under Policy AQGHGE-1.2.1 should be revised as follows:	Significant and Unavoidable
		Implementation Measure AQGHGE-1.2.1.2: The Town will coordinate with Placer County Air Pollution Control District in evaluating the exposure of sensitive receptors to toxic air contaminants (TACs). New development subject to the California Environmental Quality Act shall be required to implement CARB's Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Health Perspective guidance concerning land use compatibility and recommended setback distances with	

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		regard to sources of TAC emissions and sensitive land uses, or related guidance as it may be updated in the future. When projects could generate or expose sensitive receptors to substantial air pollutant concentrations, t-The Town will communicate with the Placer County Air Pollution Control District to identify new development projects with operational sources of toxic air contaminants and determine the need for equire a screening level analysis, and if necessary, a more detailed site-specific health risk analysis to assess potential health impacts prior to approval of new developments. Projects shown to result in significant health risks shall incorporate mitigation strategies recommended by Placer County Air Pollution Control District and other effective strategies, as needed, to reduce exposure and related impacts. Mitigation measures could include but are not limited to providing enhanced filtration systems (e.g., Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value [MERV] 13 or greater) for nearby sensitive receptor buildings, use of solid barriers to pollution, and vegetation to reduce pollutant concentrations, the use of Tier 4 certified heavy duty diesel construction equipment or electrified equipment, changes to the emission source's operation (e.g. technology or best performance standards that reduce harmful emissions), and positioning of exhaust and intake for ventilation systems to minimize exposure, among others.	
		Mitigation Measure 4.3-3b: Include the following new Implementation Measure in the General Plan: Implementation Measure AQGHGE-1.2.1.4: New development subject to CEQA and that would require the use of diesel-fueled construction equipment within 300 feet of an existing sensitive receptor shall use an equipment mix, incorporate buffering, schedule construction activities, or use other strategies to reduce potential health risk consistent with guidance from the PCAPCD. As an alternative, a project applicant may prepare a site-specific health risk assessment, with mitigation, if necessary,	

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		to demonstrate compliance with applicable PCAPCD-recommended health risk thresholds.	
Impact 4.3-4. Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?	Potentially Significant	Mitigation Measure 4.3-4: Include the following new Implementation Measure in the General Plan: Implementation Measure AQGHGE-1.2.1.5: New land uses that create substantial odor impacts on existing or planned residential uses shall be located, buffered, or otherwise designed to avoid such impacts. The width of such buffers will be determined on a case-by-case basis considering prevailing winds and other relevant factors. The width of public rights-of-way, drainages, and easements may count as part of the buffer.	Less than Significant
4.4 Biological Resources	ı		
Impact 4.4-1. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	Potentially Significant	Mitigation Measure 4.4-1: The following mitigation measures are included to address potentially significant impacts to special-status plant and wildlife species that may occur from implementation of the 2040 General Plan. Implementation Measure Bio-1.1.1.1 and Bio-1.1.1.3 should be revised as follows: Implementation Measure Bio-1.1.1.1: The Town willshall require projects that may have sensitive plant or wildlife species to identify sensitive plant and wildlife species that may occur on a project site through the preparation of a Biotic Resources Evaluation. In addition, pPrior to approval of discretionary development permits involving parcels near significant ecological resource areas, the Town shallwill require, as part of the environmental review process, a Biotic Resources Evaluation prepared by a qualified biologist. The Biotic Resources Evaluation prepared for a project will be consistent with agency guidance and protocols for applicable species, and be submitted concurrent with development applications. The surveys shall inventory the type, quantity, and quality of existing vegetation communities and habitats on-site including any suitable habitat for special-status plants or wildlife and known occurrences of special-	Less than Significant with Mitigation

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		status plants or wildlife on or in the vicinity of the site. This requirement may be waived if the Town determines that the proposed project area is already sufficiently surveyed or contains habitats that are deemed unsuitable to support populations of special-status plants or wildlife. The biologist shall follow accepted protocols for surveys (if needed) and eSubsequent procedures thatsurveys may be necessary to complete the evaluation of project related impacts on special-status plants and wildlife. The Biotic Resources Evaluation shall identify all "Significant Ecological Areas" that may be directly or indirectly impacted by a project. Significant Ecological Areas shall include, but not be limited to: — Aquatic resources; — Stream environment zones; — Suitable habitat for rare, threatened, or endangered species, species of concern, and other sensitive species; — Large areas of non-fragmented native or naturalized habitat, including oak woodlands and riparian habitat; — Potential wildlife movement corridors; and, — Important spawning areas for anadromous fish. Implementation Measure Bio 1.1.1.3: The project proponent in conjunction with the Town will identify feasible opportunities to avoid and preserve on-site special-status species occurrences and sensitive habitats through design and planning. If impacts to special-status species cannot be avoided, the project proponent shall be required to mitigate all adverse effects to special-status species in accordance with guidance from the appropriate state or federal agency charged with the protection of the subject species and their habitat. Measures may include implementation of impact minimization measures based on accepted standards and guidelines and best available science, and compensatory mitigation for unavoidable loss of special-status species and sensitive habitats.	

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		If the project would result in take of state or federally listed species, the Town will require the project proponent to obtain take authorization from the USFWS and/or the CDFW, as appropriate, depending on species status, and comply with all conditions of the take authorization.	
		The Town will require project proponents to develop and implement a mitigation and monitoring plan (Plan) inclusive of permit conditions required by State and/or federal regulatory agencies for onsite or offsite actions that will be implemented to compensate for effects to or loss of special-status species and sensitive habitats. The Plan will describe in detail how impacts to special-status species or sensitive habitats will be avoided or offset, including the following information: 1. detailed information on the habitats present within the preservation and mitigation areas,	
		 information on the long-term management and monitoring procedures to be followed within these habitats, legal protection for the preservation of mitigation areas (e.g., conservation easement, declaration of restrictions), and funding mechanism information (e.g., endowment), 	
		 4. details on restoration and creation of suitable habitat, 5. compensation for the temporal loss of suitable habitat, 6. proposed management and monitoring regimes to avoid indirect habitat degradation of the managed area over time 	
		(e.g., management of invasive plant species, maintenance of required hydrology), 1. success criteria to ensure that goals and objectives of the mitigation area are met,	
		8. remedial actions if performance standards are not met. 9. Purchase of applicable mitigation credits at an agency-approved mitigation bank (i.e., approved by the agency with jurisdiction over the affected species or habitat) in Placer County, will be acceptable for compensatory mitigation for	

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		project-related impacts to special-status species if avoidance or onsite or offsite management is not feasible of if it is the agencies preference for the project to obtain mitigation credits for project-related impacts to special-status plants and wildlife. Where direct and indirect impacts to special-status plant and wildlife species or their habitat cannot be avoided, project proponents shall develop appropriate avoidance and minimization measures for implementation during construction and operation of the project, and appropriate mitigation to reduce impacts to these resources to the maximum extent feasible.	
Impact 4.4-2. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	Potentially Significant	Mitigation Measure 4.4-2: The proposed 2040 General Plan should be revised to include the following new and revised Implementation Measures for the protection of riparian habitat and sensitive natural communities: New Implementation Measure Bio 1.2.1.14: If a proposed project would result in removal or alteration of a riparian community or other designated sensitive habitat identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Town will require the project proponent to notify the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, obtain a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement if determined necessary by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and comply with all conditions of the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement. Measures for riparian habitat and sensitive natural communities protection include, but are not limited to, avoidance of impacts by establishing a setback between adjacent land uses and riparian habitat, oak woodland, or other sensitive natural community; protect and preserve riparian habitat and sensitive natural communities onsite to the extent feasible; and compensate for loss of riparian habitat and sensitive natural communities by creating, restoring, or preserving in-kind off-site habitat within Placer County to compensate for on-site impacts in coordination with the applicable resource agencies.	Less than Significant with Mitigation

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		Revised Implementation Measure Bio 1.4.1.3: Healthy protected trees shall only be removed or significantly trimmed for a proposed project when determined to be necessary because of safety concerns, conflicts with utility lines and other infrastructure, the need for thinning to maintain a healthy stand of trees, to implement required fire reduction, or where there is no feasible alternative to removal. Trimming of protected trees shall be conducted under the direct supervision of an ISA-certified arborist. Revised Implementation Measure Bio 1.4.1.4: When protected trees are removed by a proposed project, they shall be replaced in sufficient numbers to maintain the Town's overall tree canopy. For sites that have selective tree removal with some protected trees remaining on-site, selective tree removal shall be conducted under the direct supervision of an ISA-certified arborist to ensure incidental damage to preserved protected trees does not occur during the tree removal process.	
Impact 4.4-3. Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.4-4. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	Potentially Significant	Mitigation Measure 4.4-4a: Implement Mitigation Measure 4.4-1 (Revised Implementation Measures BIO-1.1.1.1 and BIO-1.1.1.3 for Special-status Plants, Wildlife and Habitat) Mitigation Measure 4.4-4b: Implement Mitigation Measure 4.4-2 (New Implementation Measure BIO-1.2.1.14, New and Revised Implementation Measures for Sensitive Communities including Riparian and Oak Woodland)	Less than Significant with Mitigation
Impact 4.4-5. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	No Impact	None.	No Impact
Impact 4.4-6. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural	No Impact	None.	No Impact

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Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?			
4.5 Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources			
Impact 4.5-1. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to § 15064.5?	Potentially Significant	Mitigation Measure 4.5-1: The 2040 General Plan should be revised to include the following new Implementation Measures: Implementation Measure H-1.1.1.1a: As part of environmental review for the identification and evaluation of cultural resources and their significance to take place early in the planning process by qualified professionals, the Town of Loomis Environmental Review Application shall edit the "XII. Cultural Resources" section to add a "Date of Construction for Existing Structures" entry to the application as well as "Yes" and "No" checkboxes for "Over 50 years old?" Similarly, the Building Permit application shall edit the "A. Building Project information" section to add a "Date of Construction" entry to the application as well as "Yes" and "No" checkboxes for "Over 50 years old?" This information would allow the Town to be informed of any potential historical resources that may be affected by a project. Implementation Measure H-1.1.1.1b: The following guidance for the identification and evaluation of cultural resources to assist with the decision making regarding any actions proposed for discretionary projects that could adversely affect built environment historical resources is as follows: 1. The project proponent shall identify if historic-age resources (building, structure, or objects) 50 years or older from the current calendar year, will be directly affected by the project through major exterior alterations (such as replacement siding, replacement windows and doors, and additions) or demolition. 2. When reviewing Building Permit Applications for exterior alterations and/or demolition of historic-age resources, the Town shall consider the architectural style of the building, design, arrangement, relationship to surrounding buildings	Significant and Unavoidable

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Impacts		and historic character of an area, texture, materials, and any other pertinent factors relating to the potential historical significance of the affected historic-age resource. 3. If upon review of the historic-age resource(s) that would be adversely affected by the project that have not previously been evaluated for significance against California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR) and/or National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) evaluation criteria, or has not been presumed or determined to be historically significant by the Town supported by substantial evidence as a historical resource for the purposes of CEQA, the project proponent will be required to retain the services of a qualified architectural historian and/or historian consultant that meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, to conduct a historical resource assessment unless the Town has determined the historicage resource lacks physical integrity and/or historian will evaluate the significance of the historian and/or historian will evaluate the significance of the historic-age resource that would be directly or indirectly affected by the project. The historical assessment will include field survey; background and archival research; consultation with local historical societies, museums or other interested parties; and evaluation of the resources against CRHR and/or NRHP evaluation criteria. If the resource is recommended as a	
		historical resource, character-defining features must be identified by the qualified consultant. 5. If after the historical resource assessment is concluded, and the qualified consultant does not identify any historical resources that may be directly or indirectly impacted by project activities, there is no adverse change to historical resources and no further action is required. 6. If after the historical resources assessment is concluded, and the qualified consultant does identify a significant historical resource that may be directly or indirectly adversely affected by project activities, the qualified	

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		consultant shall recommend appropriate minimization measures to alter the project design, or prepare mitigation measures to reduce impacts to less than significant. Avoidance shall be considered the primary mitigation option. If avoidance is not feasible, then the maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, or reconstruction of the historical resource, conducted in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties will reduce impacts to a less than significant level. If adherence to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards cannot avoid materially altering in an adverse manner the physical characteristics or historic character of the surrounding environmental setting that contribute to a resource's historic significance, additional mitigation may be required. 7. If avoidance is not feasible and minimizing measures through adherence to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties is not feasible, documentation of the adversely affected historical resource is required using, as appropriate, Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), and/or Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) guidelines before the historical resource is altered by project activities. The subsequent recordation will be submitted, at minimum, to the Loomis Basin Historical Society collection at the Loomis Library. Implementation Measure H-1.1.1.1c: The following guidance for studies related to the identification and evaluation of cultural resources to assist with the decision making regarding any actions proposed for projects that require discretionary approval and are subject to California Environmental Quality Act Review that could adversely affect archaeological resources is as follows: 1. The project proponent will request a search of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Sacred Lands	
		<u>Files and request a list of California Native American tribal</u> <u>contacts that may have specific knowledge of</u>	

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	archaeological resources in the area that could be affected by project implementation. Each Native American group and individual identified by the Native American Heritage Commission will be contacted to obtain any available information on cultural resources in the project area. Additional communication with relevant tribal representatives may be appropriate depending on the level of cultural sensitivity. Note, this outreach is separate from AB 52 consultation required for tribal cultural resources. 2. The project proponent will be required to retain the services of a cultural resources consultant with access to the North Central Information Center of the California Historical Resources Information System to request a search of the project area with an appropriate search radius buffer, to determine whether the project area has been previously surveyed and whether cultural resources were identified. In the event the records indicate that no previous survey has been conducted or existing survey data is greater than five years old, the project applicant will retain the services of a qualified archaeologist that meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards to assess the adequacy of the existing data (if any) and assess the archaeological sensitivity of the project area. If previous surveys did not meet current professional standards or regulatory guidelines, or relies on outdated information, a qualified archaeologist will make a recommendation on whether a survey is warranted based on the sensitivity of the project area for archaeological resources. 3. If a survey is warranted, it will include all necessary background research in addition to an archaeological pedestrian survey. Based on findings of the survey, additional technical studies may be required, such as geoarchaeological sensitivity analysis, or other analysis scaled according to the nature of the individual project. A report will document the results of the background research, survey, and provide appropriate management r	

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		Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) 523 site record	
		forms and cultural resources reports.	
		Management recommendations may include, but are not limited to, additional studies to evaluate identified sites or	
		archaeological monitoring at locations determined by a	
		qualified archaeologist to be sensitive for subsurface	
		cultural resource deposits.	
		5. Once approved by the Town, the final cultural reports and DPR 523 forms will be provided to the North Central Information Center.	
		6. If no archeological resources are identified that may be directly or indirectly impacted by project activities and the sensitivity for buried archaeological resources is low, there would be no adverse effect to known archeological	
		resources and no further action is required.	
		7. When a project will impact a known archaeological site, and avoidance through project redesign is not a feasible option, a qualified archaeologist shall evaluate the eligibility of the site for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR). If the archaeological site is found to be a historical resource per CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5(a)(3), the qualified archaeologist shall recommend further mitigative treatment which could include	
		 preservation in place or data recovery. 8. If a known site to be tested is prehistoric, local tribal representatives should be afforded the opportunity to observe the ground-disturbing project activities. 	
		9. If significant archaeological resources that meet the definition of historical or unique archaeological resources are identified in the project area, the preferred mitigation of impacts is preservation in place. If impacts cannot be avoided through project design, appropriate and feasible	
		treatment measures are required, which may consist of, but are not limited to actions, such as data recovery	
		excavations. If only part of a site will be impacted by a	
		project, data recovery will only be necessary for that portion	

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		of the site. Data recovery will not be required if the implementing agency determines prior testing and studies have adequately recovered the scientifically consequential information from the resources. Studies and reports resulting from the data recovery shall be deposited with the North Central Information Center.	
Impact 4.5-2. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to § 15064.5?	Potentially Significant	Mitigation Measure 4.5-2: The 2040 General Plan should include the following new Implementation Measure: Implementation Measure H-1.1.1.2a: For projects that could adversely affect previously unknown buried cultural resources (prehistoric or historical archeological sites) that could be found during construction, the following procedures shall be adopted to minimize impacts: 1. During ground-disturbing activities necessary to implement proposed development and infrastructure projects, if any prehistoric or historical subsurface cultural resources are discovered, all work within 100 feet of the find shall be halted and a qualified archaeologist that meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards shall be consulted within 24 hours to assess the significance of the find, according to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5, and implement, as applicable, CEQA Guidelines Sections 15064.5(d), (e), and (f). 2. If the archaeological site is found to be a historical resource as per CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5 (a)(3), the qualified archaeologist shall recommend further mitigative treatment, which could include avoidance, preservation in place, or data recovery. If significant archaeological resources that meet the definition of historical or unique archaeological resources are identified in the project area, the preferred mitigation of impacts is preservation in place. 3. If avoidance through project design is not feasible, the qualified archaeologist shall develop and oversee the execution of a treatment plan. The treatment plan shall include, but shall not be limited to, data recovery procedures based on location and type of archaeological	Less than Significant with Mitigation

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Impact 4.5-3. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?	Potentially Significant	resources discovered and a preparation and submittal of report of findings to the North Central Information Center. Data recovery shall be designed to recover the significant information the archaeological resource is expected to contain, based on the scientific/historical research questions that are applicable to the resource, what data classes the resource is expected to possess, and how the expected data classes would address the applicable resource questions. Data recovery, in general, should be limited to the portions of the historical property that could be adversely affected by project proponents' actions. Destructive data recovery methods shall not be applied to portions of the archaeological resources if nondestructive methods are practical. Archaeological sites containing human remains shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code. Mitigation Measure 4.5-2: The 2040 General Plan should be revised to include the following new Implementation Measure: Implementation Measure H-1.1.1.1d: For projects that could adversely affect previously unknown human remains interred outside of dedicated cemeteries: Consistent with Health and Safety Code, Section 7050 through 7052 and Health and Safety Code, Section 8010 through 8030, in the event of the accidental discovery or recognition of any human remains in any location other than a dedicated cemetery during construction, the Town and project proponent's contractor(s) shall take the following steps: 1) No further excavation or disturbance of the project site or any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent human remains will occur until: A. the County Coroner has been contacted to determine that no investigation of the cause of death is required, and	Less than Significant with Mitigation

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		B. if the coroner determines the remains to be Native American:	
		 the coroner shall contact the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) within 24 hours; 	
		 the NAHC shall identify the person or persons it believes to be the most likely descendant from the deceased Native American; and 	
		3. the most likely descendant may make recommendations to the landowner or the person responsible for the excavation work, for means of treating or disposing of, with appropriate dignity, the human remains and any associated grave goods, as provided in Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code; or	
		Where the following conditions occur, the landowner or his or her authorized representative shall rebury the Native American remains and associated grave goods with appropriate dignity on the property in a location not subject to further subsurface disturbance:	
		A. the NAHC is unable to identify a most likely descendant or the most likely descendant fails to make a recommendation within 24 hours after being notified by the commission;	
		B. the most likely descendant identified fails to make a recommendation; or	
		C. the landowner or his or her authorized representative rejects the recommendation of the most likely descendant, and mediation by the NAHC fails to provide measures acceptable to the landowner.	
		If the remains are not Native American, the Town or project proponent shall contact a qualified archaeologist that meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards to create a plan applicable for the situation that could include site preservation as a preferred	

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		alternative; or some appropriate other actions such site definition including geophysical testing, appropriate excavation, and reinterment.				
 Impact 4.5-4. Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code § 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is: listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or a resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code § 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code § 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe. 	Potentially Significant	Implement Mitigation Measure 4.5-1: The 2040 General Plan should include the following new Implementation Measure: Refer to Mitigation Measure 4.5-1 (new Implementation Measure H-1.1.1.1c) included under impact 4.5-1 above. Implement Mitigation Measure 4.5-2: The 2040 General Plan should include the following new Implementation Measure: Refer to Mitigation Measure 4.5-2 (new Implementation Measure H-1.1.1.2a) included under impact 4.5-2 above.	Less than Significant with Mitigation			
4.6 Energy Resources						
Impact 4.6-1. Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation, or conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant			
4.7 Geology, Soils, Mineral Resources, and Paleonte	4.7 Geology, Soils, Mineral Resources, and Paleontological Resources					
Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:	No Impact	None.	No Impact			

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 Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map, issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. 			
 Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? 			
Landslides?			
Impact 4.7-1. Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving strong seismic ground shaking?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.7-2. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.7-3. Be located on expansive soil, creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.7-4. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.7-5. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site?	Potentially Significant	Mitigation Measure 4.7-5: The proposed 2040 General Plan should be revised to include the following new Policy and Implementation Measure:	Less than Significant with Mitigation
		Policy H-1.1.4: The Town shall encourage the preservation of unique paleontological resources.	
		Implementation Measure H-1.1.4.1: For development of new land uses (except for single-lot residential development) subject to the California Environmental Quality Act that could have impacts related to unique paleontological resources, such as where construction activities would occur within the Mehrten or lone Formations, or Older Alluvium, the project applicant shall provide a site-specific analysis of the project's potential to damage or destroy unique paleontological	

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		resources, and measures designed to protect unique paleontological resources, as needed and appropriate. Such measures may include, but are not limited to, construction worker personnel training, periodic monitoring during construction activities, stopping work within 50 feet of any fossil that is discovered, evaluation of the fossil by a qualified paleontologist, and proper recordation and curation of the specimen.	
4.8. Greenhouse Gas Emissions			T
Impact 4.8-1. Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment, or conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	Cumulatively Considerable	Mitigation Measure 4.8-1: The 2040 General Plan should include the following new Implementation Measures: Implementation Measure AQGHGE-1.1.4.4: The Town shall utilize electric landscape maintenance equipment to the extent feasible on parks and public/quasi-public lands. Implementation Measure AQGHGE-1.1.5.1: The Town shall monitor the effectiveness of current and forthcoming regulations and legislation intended to reduce GHG emissions from mobile sources (e.g., AB 1493, SB 375), area sources (e.g., California Green Building Standards Code), and indirect sources (i.e., Renewable Energy Portfolio standards) on community and municipal GHG emissions. The Town will implement related programs locally, where appropriate, to further reduce GHG emissions of 2040 General Plan buildout. Mitigation Measure 4.8-2: Revise Implementation Measure AQGHGE 1.1.2.3: The Town will develop an ordinance prohibiting the installation of wood burning stoves and fireplaces and regulating and limiting natural gas devices or infrastructure in new residential or commercial development consistent with the State's carbon neutrality target time frames, with appropriate phasing and exemptions. The Town will consider exemptions where, due to the specific requirements of the proposed use, the use of all-electric devices is demonstrated to be infeasible. The Town will consider electricity reliability and will coordinate	Cumulatively Considerable and Unavoidable

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		with prevailing electricity suppliers regarding the reliability of electricity sources in the development of this ordinance.	
4.9 Hazards and Hazardous Materials			
Impact 4.9-1. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials or possible release of hazardous materials from upset or accident conditions?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.9-2. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.9-3. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code § 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?	No Impact	None.	No Impact
Impact 4.9-4. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
4.10 Hydrology and Water Quality			
Impact 4.10-1. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.10-2. Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant

Impacts	Significance before Mitigation	Mitigation Measures	Significance after Mitigation
Impact 4.10-3. Substantially alter drainage patterns or add impervious surfaces, in a manner that would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.10-4. Substantially alter drainage patterns or add impervious surfaces in a manner that would exceed the capacity of stormwater drainage systems, provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff, substantially increase surface runoff resulting in on-site or off-site flooding, or impede or redirect flood flows?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.10-5. In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.10-6. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
4.11 Land Use, Planning, Population and Housing			
Impact 4.11-1. Physically divide an established community?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.11-2. Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.11-3. Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.11-4. Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
4.12 Noise			

Significance before Mitigation	Mitigation Measures	Significance after Mitigation
No Impact	None.	No Impact
Significant	To further reduce short-term noise associated with construction activities subject to review under CEQA, the following revisions shall be incorporated into the 2040 General Plan to replace proposed Policy Noise-1.1.16 and add new Implementation Measures Noise-1.1.16.1 and Noise-1.1.16.2 (revised and expanded upon from prior proposed 2040 General Plan Policy Noise-1.1.16) to provide construction-related noise standards. Policy Noise-1.1.16: (New) The Town considers an increase of 12 dBA over ambient noise levels to be a potentially significant temporary construction noise impact as experienced at outdoor gathering spaces associated with noise-sensitive uses. Consider the use of temporary noise barriers, limited hours, and limiting times of year for construction near schools to reduce construction related noise effects. Implementation Measure Noise 1.1.16.1: The Town shall require construction activity adhere to the following time restrictions to limit construction-related noise exposure for noise-sensitive uses: — Demolition, construction, site preparation, and related activities that would generate noise perceptible at the property line of the subject property are limited to the hours between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays and holidays (with permission of the Town Planning Commission or Town Council). Implementation Measure Noise 1.1.16.1: (Revised from	Unavoidable Viate on Section 1988
	before Mitigation No Impact	No Impact None. To further reduce short-term noise associated with construction activities subject to review under CEQA, the following revisions shall be incorporated into the 2040 General Plan to replace proposed Policy Noise-1.1.16 and add new Implementation Measures Noise-1.1.16.1 and Noise-1.1.16.2 (revised and expanded upon from prior proposed 2040 General Plan Policy Noise-1.1.16) to provide construction-related noise standards. Policy Noise-1.1.16: (New) The Town considers an increase of 12 dBA over ambient noise levels to be a potentially significant temporary construction noise impact as experienced at outdoor gathering spaces associated with noise-sensitive uses. Consider the use of temporary noise barriers, limited hours, and limiting times of year for construction near schools to reduce construction related noise effects. Implementation Measure Noise 1.1.16.1: The Town shall require construction activity adhere to the following time restrictions to limit construction-related noise exposure for noise-sensitive uses: Demolition, construction, site preparation, and related activities that would generate noise perceptible at the property line of the subject property are limited to the hours between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays and holidays (with permission of the Town Planning Commission or Town Council).

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	Mitigation	following strategies be considered to reduce construction- related noise exposure for noise-sensitive uses: - Ensure that construction equipment is properly maintained and equipped with noise control components, such as mufflers, in accordance with manufacturers' specifications; - Locate noisy construction equipment away from surrounding noise-sensitive uses; - If proposed construction activity is predicted to cause noise levels exceeding average daytime noise levels by more than 12 dBA, additional noise reduction strategies such as, but not limited to, the following shall be implemented: - Use sound aprons or temporary noise enclosures around noise-generating equipment; - Install temporary noise barriers between noise-generating activity and noise-sensitive uses;	
		Limiting times of year for construction near schools to reduce construction-related noise effects.	
Impact 4.12-2. Result in the Exposure of Sensitive Receptors to Long-term Transportation Noise?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.12-3. Result in the Exposure of Sensitive Receptors to Long-term Non-Transportation Noise?	Significant	No additional feasible mitigation measures are available.	Significant and Unavoidable
Impact 4.12-4. Result in the Exposure of Sensitive Receptors to Increases in Vibration levels?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
4.13 Public Services and Recreation			
Impact 4.13-1. Increased demand for fire protection services and facilities?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.13-2. Increased demand for police protection facilities?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.13-3. Increased demand for school services and facilities?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant

Impacts	Significance before Mitigation	Mitigation Measures	Significance after Mitigation
Impact 4.13-4. Result in the need for new or expanded parks to meet parkland standards and potential for accelerated or substantial deterioration of existing parks and recreation facilities from increased use?	Potentially Significant	No additional feasible mitigation measures are available.	Significant and Unavoidable
Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	Physical impacts addressed, as appropriate, in the applicable resource sections throughout this EIR.	Not applicable.	Not applicable
4.14 Transportation			
Impact 4.14-1. Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.14-2. Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines § 15064.3, subdivision (b)?	Significant	Mitigation Measure 4.14-2: The proposed 2040 General Plan should be amended to include the following new Implementation Measure CIR-3.2.2.2: The Town shall develop a VMT reduction program. Proposed development projects that could have a potentially significant VMT impact shall consider reasonable and feasible project modifications and other measures during the project design and environmental review stage of project development that would reduce VMT effects in a manner consistent with state guidance on VMT reduction. The below list of potential measures is not intended to be exhaustive, and not all measures may be feasible, reasonable, or applicable to all projects. The purpose of this list is to identify options for future development proposals, not to constrain projects to this list, or to require that a project examine or include all measures from this list. Potential measures include:	Significant and Unavoidable

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		- increase project density;	
		 increase the mix of uses within the project or within the project's surroundings; 	
		 locate the project near transit; 	
		 improve or increase access to transit; 	
		 increase access to common goods and services; such as groceries, schools, and daycare; 	
		 incorporate affordable housing into the project; 	
		 incorporate neighborhood electric vehicle network; 	
		 orient the project toward transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities; 	
		 improve pedestrian or bicycle networks, or transit service; 	
		 provide traffic calming; 	
		provide bicycle parking;	
		limit parking supply when appropriate;	
		unbundle parking costs;	
		provide parking cash-out programs;	
		— <u>implement roadway pricing;</u>	
		 implement or provide access to a commute reduction program; 	
		 provide car-sharing, bike sharing, and ride-sharing programs; 	
		- provide transit passes;	
		 shifting single occupancy vehicle trips to carpooling or vanpooling, for example providing ride-matching services; 	

Impacts	Significance before Mitigation	Mitigation Measures	Significance after Mitigation
		- providing telework options;	
		 providing incentives or subsidies that increase the use of modes other than single-occupancy vehicle; 	
		 providing on-site amenities at places of work, such as priority parking for carpools and vanpools, secure bike parking, and showers and locker rooms; 	
		 providing employee transportation coordinators at employment sites; 	
		 providing a guaranteed ride home service to users of non- auto modes; 	
		- locate the project near transit;	
		- increase project density;	
		 increase the mix of uses within the project or within the project's surroundings; 	
		 increase connectivity and/or intersection density on the project site; 	
		 deploy management strategies (e.g., pricing, vehicle occupancy requirements) on roadways or roadway lanes; and/or 	
		 fund, implement, operate, and/or participate in Travel Demand Management Programs. 	
		The measures to increase project density, increase the mix of uses within the project, and locate the project near transit are considered to be some of the most feasible and beneficial measure that could be implemented for future projects in Loomis, and should be taken into consideration when evaluating all future development projects in the Town.	
Impact 4.14-3. Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant

Impacts	Significance before Mitigation	Mitigation Measures	Significance after Mitigation
dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?			
Impact 4.14-4. Result in inadequate emergency access?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
4.15 Utilities and Service Systems	•		
Impact 4.15-1. Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.15-2. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.15-3. Result in a determination by the waste water treatment provider, which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
Impact 4.15-4. Generate solid waste in excess of state or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals, and comply with solid waste statutes and regulations?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant
4.16 Wildfire	•		
Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?	No Impact	None.	No Impact
Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may	Physical impacts addressed, as appropriate, in	Not applicable.	Not applicable

Impacts	Significance before Mitigation	Mitigation Measures	Significance after Mitigation
exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?	the applicable resource sections throughout this EIR.		
Impact 4.16-1. Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?	Less than Significant	None.	Less than Significant

This meeting serves as the public comment workshop for the EIR. Comments can be submitted to the Town and are due to the Town no later than November 6, 2023. Interested public agencies and individuals should mail or email comments to:

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1. EIR Comment Form
- 2. 2040 General Plan Draft EIR Notice of Availability

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TOWN OF LOOMIS GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

2040 General Plan Draft Environmental Impact ReportMail or hand deliver this Comment Form

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT TOWN OF LOOMIS 2040 GENERAL PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Loomis (Town), as lead agency, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) (State Clearinghouse Number 2022050323) for the below referenced 2040 General Plan Update (also referred to as "the 2040 General Plan" or "the proposed project"). The Draft EIR analyzes the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In accordance with Section 15087 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Town has prepared this Notice of Availability (NOA) to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with notice that the Draft EIR is now available for review, and to solicit comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed 2040 General Plan from September 22, 2023 to November 6, 2023.

PROJECT LOCATION

The project site is the Planning Area for the 2040 General Plan, which contains all land within the Town's boundaries, and the Town's Sphere of Influence (which is co-terminus with the Town boundaries), as required by California Government Code Section 65300. The Town is in southern Placer County, approximately 25 miles northeast of the city of Sacramento. Loomis is divided into two distinct areas by Interstate 80, which traverses through the center of Town. The area north of I-80 contains the Town's existing retail, office, and industrial development, as well as residential development at different densities. Industrial land uses are located in the triangular area between Taylor Road and Swetzer Road in the northeastern portion of the Town. The area south of I-80 is almost exclusively rural and residential in character.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Town of Loomis adopted its first General Plan in 1987. The first comprehensive update of the General Plan occurred in 2001 and a variety of amendments to the General Plan have been adopted since 1987. This is the second comprehensive update. California state law requires each county, and each incorporated city or town, to adopt a comprehensive general plan "for the physical development of the county or city, and any land outside its boundaries which in the planning agency's judgment bears relation to its planning" (California Government Code Section 65300). A general plan establishes the community's development and conservation goals and public policy relative to the distribution of future land uses, both public and private. Since the general plan affects the welfare of current and future generations, State law requires that the plan take a long-term perspective (California Government Code Section 65300). The 2040 General Plan is a policy document that will guide development and conservation within the Town, including the public infrastructure and public facility improvements required to serve future development. Development projects, public facility improvements, population growth, economic development, and other changes contemplated in the Town through the year 2040 could result in environmental impacts, which have been analyzed in the EIR.

POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The EIR has evaluated the potential environmental effects of implementing the proposed 2040 General Plan compared to existing baseline conditions, along with a reasonable range of alternatives, including the no-project alternative. For many environmental topic areas, existing conditions have been identified and summarized in updated background setting sections, provided as Volume III of the General Plan Update. These setting sections have been incorporated by reference into the EIR and used, as appropriate, to inform the existing conditions from which many of the environmental impacts have been analyzed, as further detailed below. The EIR also addresses direct, reasonably foreseeable indirect, cumulative, and growth-inducing effects. The EIR identifies feasible mitigation measures, if available, to reduce significant and potentially significant impacts.

The following environmental topic areas have been evaluated in the EIR to have potentially significant environmental impacts:

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural and Tribal Resources
- · Geology, Soils, Minerals, and Paleontology
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Noise and Vibration
- Public Services and Recreation
- Transportation and Circulation

PUBLIC REVIEW

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PUBLIC MEETING

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