Comment Received on Draft Safety Element dated October 2023

with Staff Responses and Edits Reflected in January 2024 Revised Draft Safety Element

Date	Comment Source	Comment or question	Action for January 2024 revision	Pg	Staff response
	Agricultural Advisory				
	Committee - Committee	table of contents - Extreme Heat need to be in ALL CAPS like the other	SE - table of contents - Extreme Heat need to be in ALL CAPS like the		
11/28/2023	member	sections	other sections	ii	Revised as noted
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		communications in all languages spoken in our communities. At this			
		time, I think the County only communicates emergency info in English-			
		this is not ok			
			Edit Policy P21 to read: The County shall develop, implement, and		
		Speaker 3: The County needs to provide emergency preparedness	maintain an effective evacuation program, available in commonly-		
	Community - SLZ Library	materials in multiple languages at all County offices and at convenient	spoken languages, for areas of risk in the event of a natural or human	-	
10/30/2023	Workshop	locations in the unincorporated areas	caused disaster.	29	Revised as noted
		Dead end streets like welch creek, kilkare, etc, we need to talk about			
		exits out of these communities, ladder fuels in these communities - want	Add policy P26: In fire-prone communities with limited egress, the		
		to see something in SE to protect exits in these areas by controling	County shall explore options to minimize fire risk and threats to		
	Planning Commission -	vegetation, and have PWA make this responsibility. Give permission to	evacuation routes that may be posed by overgrown vegetation and		
12/4/2023	Commissioner	cut smaller limbs to reduce ladder fuels in ROW	other potential barriers along roadways.	31	Revised as noted
			Add policy P26: In fire-prone communities with limited egress, the		
			County shall explore options to minimize fire risk and threats to		
	Sunol CAC - Public	Want an ordinance requiring fire fuels/vegetation to be pushed back	evacuation routes that may be posed by overgrown vegetation and		
11/15/2023	Comment	from the road in high fire severity zones, as in Oakland.	other potential barriers along roadways.	31	Revised as noted
			Add policy P27.The County shall encourage agencies that conduct		
		Add specific goals to start doing veg management inspections earlier in	vegetation management fire safety inspections to begin inspections		
	Planning Commission -	the year, i.e. start June 1 and complete by July 20, talk to ACFDs about	as early as possible each year in order to ensure timely inspections of		
	Commissioner	this, CalFire, etc		21	Revised as noted
12/4/2023	Commissioner	add policy to create an ordinance requiring utilities to remove broken or	all impacted properties prior to peak fire season. Add policy P28:The County shall explore options for requiring utility	31	
	Planning Commission	old wires from power poles - these create weight issues and make poles			
12/4/2022	Planning Commission -		companies to remove abandoned cable from utility poles in public	22	Devised as noted
12/4/2023	Commissioner	less sound in storms	rights-of-way.	32	Revised as noted

		distribution lines from utility poles to homes are a gap in fire prevention			
	Sunol CAC -	systems – PG&E says it's the owner's responsibility, and it's not part of	Add policy P29: The County shall identify and address gaps in existing		
11/15/2023	Councilmember	CalFire's assessment.			Revised as noted
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		Speaker 3: The County needs to provide emergency preparedness			
	Community - SLZ Library	materials in multiple languages at all County offices and at convenient	Edit Policy A6 to read: Encourage fire safety public education and		
10/30/2023		locations in the unincorporated areas		32	
	Sunol CAC -	Sinbad Creek is missing from SE watercourses that pose flooding risk list			
11/15/2023	Councilmember	and requested to add it.	Add Sinbad Creek to list of watercourses that pose flood risk	37	Revised as noted
		Safety Element states that Flood Control and Zone 7 "systems are	Change sentence to "Historically, systems have been adequate for		
	Sunol CAC -	adequate for most situations" – noted that this statement does not ring	most situations, but may require additional evaluation in climate		
11/15/2023	Councilmember	true in their experience.	change scenarios."	37	Revised as noted
	Sunol CAC -				
11/15/2023	Councilmember	Calaveras Dam should not be crossed off list of dams and reservoirs.	SE pg 44 - Add Calaveras Dam back to list of dams and reservoirs	44	Make correction
			Add Policy P10 Increase resilience of existing Cooling Centers by		
			increasing guidance, providing low-tech information sources, and		
	Planning Commission -	We need to make sure cooling facilities are working look at adding	seeking funding for additional resources, such as improved		
	Commissioner	battery backup etc to cooling centers and resilience hubs	ventilation and backup power capabilities.	53	Revised as noted
12/4/2023					
		Comment regarding cooling centers - the Cherryland Community Center			
		followed County guidelines for cooling centers during the last big heat			
		wave, which means it didn't open until day 7 of the extreme heat event.			
		It only opened when a community member refused to leave. County			
	Community - SLZ Library	needs to adjust its standards locally so that cooling centers open as	Add Policy P9: Engage heat-vulnerable communities when setting		
	Workshop	needed in each community	extreme heat thresholds for Cooling Center operations.	53	Revised as noted

		Add a policy to the CCAP or Safety Element about lowering the			
	Eden MAC -	temperature threshold to the mid 80's F for opening of County Cooling	Add Policy P9: Engage heat-vulnerable communities when setting		
11/14/2023	Councilmember	Centers.	extreme heat thresholds for Cooling Center operations.	53	Revised as noted
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		time, I think the County only communicates emergency info in English-			
		this is not ok			
		Speaker 3: The County needs to provide emergency preparedness	edit Policy P3 to read: Provide community education in commonly-		
	Community - SLZ Library	materials in multiple languages at all County offices and at convenient	spoken languages to help protect vulnerable populations from the		
10/30/2023	Workshop	locations in the unincorporated areas	increasing intensity of extreme heat events.	53	Revised as noted
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		time, I think the County only communicates emergency info in English-			
		this is not ok	Edit Policy P4 to read: Work with Pacific Gas & Electric and Ava		
			Community Energy to promote and help educate residents about		
		Speaker 3: The County needs to provide emergency preparedness	time-of-day energy rates and the cost benefits of reducing electricity		
	Community - SLZ Library	materials in multiple languages at all County offices and at convenient	use during peak demand periods, ensuring that information is		
10/30/2023	Workshop	locations in the unincorporated areas	available in commonly-spoken languages.	53	Revised as noted
			Add policy P3: As part of the General Plan Annual Report, the County		
			shall provide the Board of Supervisors and relevant advisory bodies		
	Sunol CAC -	Request to receive annual updates on status of CCAP and SE	and Board committees with annual updates on the status of		
11/15/2023	Councilmember	Implementation.	implementation of the Safety Element.	68	Revised as noted

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			Add policy P4: The County shall evaluate the effectiveness of utilizing		
	Unincorporated Services	Add to Safety Element: reinstated/expanded use of air raid sirens for	emergency sirens as communications tools in hazard-prone areas and		
12/6/2023	Committee- Supervisor	hazard communication	present findings to relevant Board Committees.	68	Revised as noted
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		communications in all languages spoken in our communities. At this			
		time, I think the County only communicates emergency info in English-	Edit Policy A3 to read: Develop public education programs, offered in		
		this is not ok	commonly-spoken languages, on first-aid training and disaster		
			preparedness that encourage residents and businesses to stockpile		
		Speaker 3: The County needs to provide emergency preparedness	emergency food, water and medical supplies, and provide		
	Community - SLZ Library	materials in multiple languages at all County offices and at convenient	information on emergency access routes. Other topics should be		
10/30/2023		locations in the unincorporated areas		69	Revised as noted
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	Unincorporated Services	Safety and evacuation routes – OES has evacuation plans (Genasys	Add Action A9: Conduct outreach in multiple languages to ensure		
	Committee- Public	Connect/ ZoneHaven), need to better advertise existing systems. If we	that all residents are aware of the County's evacuation and		
12/6/2023	Speaker	had to evacuate now, we'd have total chaos	emergency notification systems (e.g. AC Alert, Genasys Connect).	70	Revised as noted
	Eden MAC -	Add a policy about dangerous trees (i.e. trees that are a fall risk, risk to	Add policy A10: Consider adopting a Hazardous Tree Ordinance to		
11/28/2023	Councilmember	life or property) - See Oakland's Hazardous Tree ordinance	address trees that are a risk to life or property.	70	Revised as noted
	Sunol CAC -				
11/15/2023	Councilmember	Safety Element page numbers are off	Safety Element page numbers are off	all	Revised as noted
					streamlined projects must also abide wit
					health and safety provisions, and that
	Unincorporated Services	The Safety Element discusses trying to avoid building in hazard-impacted			landslide or other hazard areas would be
12/6/2023	Committee- Supervisor	areas, but given housing crunch, how do we enforce that?	none	n/a	considered in review process
	Fairview MAC -				
	Councilmember				Addressed in MEASURE BE-3.1
11/7/2023	comments	Want to see more programs to winterize homes	none	n/a	"weatherization"

					Addressed in Safety Element P21: The
		There is no flood warning system currently funded in the arroyo mocho			County shall develop, implement, and
		upstream of the city of livermore. The plan should encourage support of			maintain an effective evacuation program
		flood warning systems that could predict closures of Mines road. Please			for areas of risk in the event of a natural or
12/6/2023	Email -member of public		none		human-caused disaster.
		I've participated in disaster prep through the Citizens' Academy, but it's		, «	
		nice and very important to have local materials presented here in our			
10/30/2023			none	n/a	received
10/30/2023		Flood Control Agency has already said that they have a capital backlog –		11 <i>7</i> ŭ	
	Eden MAC - Public	it would require a ballot measure to fund the flood control measures in			
11/14/2023			none	n/a	received
		Wondering if the state will establish heat limits for habitability, like it has		ηa	
	Commissioner	with cold	none	n/a	received
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	Sunol CAC -				
11/15/2023	Councilmember		none	n/a	received
		the Safety Element does address which agencies are responsible for			
		flooding response. These are great policies, but we haven't followed			
11/15/2023	Comment	them.	none	n/a	received
					SB 99 requires review and update of Safety
					Element to include information to identify
					residential developments in hazard areas
					that do not have at least two emergency
					evacuation routes. This is intended to assist
	Agricultural Advisory				the County in identifying opportunities to
	Committee - Committee	Questions about the specific requirements of the evacuation route			improve the connectivity and resiliency of
11/28/2023	member	capacity analysis - what exactly does the law require	none	n/a	the transportation system.
		We need to pin down who is responsible for flooding in Sunol. All water			
		from Mt Diablo south is channeled into Sunol and Sunol is getting hit			
		hard. PWA and Zone 7 are the two agencies that should be responsible			
	Planning Commission -	in different parts of the County. Zone 7 has talked about creating gravel			
12/4/2023	Commissioner	ponds to catch flood water – need things done with some teeth on it	None	n/a	See attached response from Zone 7

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		Sunol community experienced extreme flooding; did not receive the help			
		they needed; no agency was willing to take responsibility. Want to take			
		action now so that destructive floods like those of early 2023 do not			
	Sunol CAC -	happen again. Request adding a policy about identifying which			
11/15/2023	Councilmember	agency/ies have responsibility for future flooding events in Sunol.	None	n/a	See attached response from Zone 7
	Sunol CAC - Public	Want Zone 7 to evacuate water to a safe place instead of sending it all		,	·
11/15/2023	Comment	downstream to Sunol.	None	n/a	See attached response from Zone 7
		Want to see mitigation fees, paid by developers for impervious surfaces			
	Sunol CAC - Public	used to make systems to sink or hold water onsite. The Safety Element			
11/15/2023	Comment	talk about this, but it isn't done.	None	n/a	See attached response from Zone 7
	Sunol CAC - Public	Zone 7 has a plan to fill the quarries and divert water to Shadow Cliffs.			
11/15/2023	Comment	Noted that this should be done now to prevent future flooding in Sunol.	None	n/a	See attached response from Zone 7
					Streamlined projects must also abide with
	Fairview MAC -				health and safety provisions, and landslide
	Councilmember	Concerned about streamlined projects being allowed on land identified			areas would be considered during the
11/7/2023		as a landslide risk.	none	n/a	review process for any relevant projects.
	CV MAC -				The contents of the Safety Element are
11/13/2023	Councilmember	Why isn't public safety included in the Safety Element?	none	n/a	dictated by state law
					The contents of the SE are dictated by state
					law. Roadway safety is addressed in other
					areas, such as the circulation element, law
	Eden MAC -				enforcement initiatives, and PWA's Bicycle
	Councilmember	Why doesn't Safety Element address roadway dangers?	none	n/a	Pedestrian Master Plan.
11/14/2023	councilmentaci			11/ 0	The County uses Genasys Protect (formerly
					ZoneHaven) for evacuation plans and
					information:
					https://protect.genasys.com/search?z=14&l
					atlon=37.668766%2C-122.080996. The
					County also uses ACAlert to send emergency
					notifications:
	Eden MAC -				https://member.everbridge.net/453003085
11/14/2023	Councilmember	Does the County has an existing evacuation plan?	none	n/a	612570/new.

		Streams identified as flood hazards in the Safety Element are inconsistent with streams recognized by the Flood Control District.			The Watercourse Protection Ordinance is
	CV MAC - Public	Planning and Public Works need to coordinate in order to implement the			regulated by the Public Works Agency and is
11/13/2023		SE's flood control measures.	none	n/a	not addressed in the CCAP or SE.
,,	Fairview MAC -	Inconsistency between the streams/creeks identified as flood risks in the			The Watercourse Protection Ordinance is
	Councilmember	Safety Element and creeks that are officially recognized by the County			regulated by the Public Works Agency and is
	comments	Flood Control District, e.g. Sulfur Creek.	none	n/a	not addressed in the CCAP or SE.
		Request help in the Safety Element to ensure that all creeks at risk of			
		flooding are officially recognized by the County, i.e. Sulfur Creek and			The Watercourse Protection Ordinance is
	Fairview MAC - Public	Ward Creek. Creeks need to be recognized and protected, otherwise			regulated by the Public Works Agency and is
11/7/2023	Comment	people will take advantage and eliminate the creeks.	none	n/a	not addressed in the CCAP or SE.
		Water courses called out as hazards in safety element "don't exist" in			The Watercourse Protection Ordinance is
		County's watercourse protection act, e.g. Sulfur Creek in Fairview. The			regulated by the Public Works Agency and is
12/4/2023	T&P - Public speaker	Watercourse Protection act "erased" creeks from consideration	none	n/a	not addressed in the CCAP or SE.
					The Watercourse Protection Ordinance is
	Unincorporated Services	There have been developments in watercourse protection act that will			regulated by the Public Works Agency and is
12/6/2023	Committee- Supervisor	be coming to full BOS	none	n/a	not addressed in the CCAP or SE.
		Request a table of what staff responses are to the roadshow, what has			
	Planning Commission -	changed from first draft. Safety Element –can we have a table of			This table provides page numbers of
12/4/2023	Commissioner	changes instead of hard tracks?	none	n/a	changes since first draft.
					This was not a requirement. It was
					submitted as required to CalFire, CA Board
					of Forestry and Fire, ACFD, CA Office of
	CV MAC -				Emergency Services, and CA Geological
11/13/2023	Councilmember	Was Safety Element submitted to the State with the Housing Element?	none	n/a	Survey.
		How will County achieve existing measures in Safety Element that were			
		not changed as part of this update, i.e. P15 "protect the community from			This will require political support and
	Sunol CAC -	the unreasonable risk of wildfires"; A14 - require private property		,	ongoing collaboration between County
11/15/2023	Councilmember	owners to maintain vegetation on property to decrease fire risk.	none	n/a	agencies
		Would like to see more preside actions that the stifted in how we will be			Where possible, cross-reference more of
		Would like to see more precise actions about specifically how we will be			our actions for their impact on extreme
12/1/2022		addressing hazards like extreme heat. If an action contributes to		n/-	heat preparedness (e.g. tree planting
12/4/2023	T&P - Supervisor	reducing extreme heat (e.g. tree planting), be sure to call it out	none	n/a	measures)
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Revisions and edits suggested by County	y Staff			
		"State Required Consultation" - Updated info re required referrals:		
	Correct info re required referrals: sent to the CA Geological Survey of the	sent to the CA Geological Survey of the Department of Conservation		
	Department of Conservation and the CA Office of Emergency Services	and the CA Office of Emergency Services pursuant to gov code 65302		
	pursuant to gov code 65302 (g) and the State Board of Forestry and Fire,	(g) and the State Board of Forestry and Fire, CalFire, and ACFD		
11/8/2023 County staff - Planning	CalFire, and ACFD pursuant to gov code 65302.5	pursuant to gov code 65302.5	5	Revised as noted
		Revised County map pg 10 - 2012 map highlights the cities and		
10/26/2023 County staff - Planning	Update County map for final draft	ignores the unincorporated areas.	10	Revised as noted
		Edit SE Policy P22: The County shall support the creation of resilience		
		hubs and other place-based resilience resources to provide		
		community members with essential services before, during, and after		
		seismic related hazard events, partnering with community groups		
		and residents of frontline communities to establish location,		
		programming and activation of resource hubs and other place-based		
		resilience resources.		
	P22 - add "Partner with community groups and residents of frontline	Revised this policy in SE, along with two other resilience hub-related		
	communities to establish location, programming and activation of	policies for wildfire and flooding. All three policies use the same exact		
12/14/2023 County staff - HCSA	resource hubs and other place-based resilience resources."	language aside from the mention of the hazard.	29	Revised as noted
	SE Deliny D2 ng E2	Edit Deliay D2 to read "Develop and implement a Coal Community		
	SE Policy P2 pg 52 add "prioritizing implementation in the areas most	Edit Policy P2 to read "Develop and implement a Cool Community		
	impacted by heat island effects currently."	Strategy to reduce the impacts of the Heat Island effect through		
		various measures including increasing urban tree canopy and use of		
	Pg 52, Policy P2 - remove reference to "Cool Our Communities" program	cool roofs and cool pavements as well as increasing green space in		
	OR make consistent with CCAP Action HR-3.3.1 (i.e. heat and health	the unincorporated areas of the county, prioritizing implementation		
12/14/2023 County staff - HCSA	resources only, NOT tree planting)	in the areas most impacted by heat island effects currently."	52	Revised as noted

		Pay particular attention to the evacuation needs of residents with			
		limited mobility, residents with visual or hearing impairments, residents			
		who must evacuate with medical equipment, residents without access to			
		vehicles and non- or limited-English speaking residents. The county			
		should ensure that all evacuation programs meet the needs of residents,			
		including language, community literacy levels, and consideration of low-	Add policy P5: Pay particular attention to the evacuation needs of		
		income communities, people with disabilities, LGBTQ people,	residents with limited mobility, residents with visual or hearing		
		incarcerated persons, and other marginalized populations.	impairments, residents who must evacuate with medical equipment,		
		Communications materials, both written and audio recorded, should be	residents without access to vehicles and non- or limited-English		
		available in all threshold languages as well as to all communities that	speaking residents. The county should ensure that all evacuation		
		speak non-written languages and dialect (Maya Mam, etc.). These	programs meet the needs of residents, including language,		
		translated communications materials should be prepared, revised, and	community literacy levels, and consideration of low-income		
		tested for community literacy levels well in advance of a disaster, and	communities, people with disabilities, LGBTQ people, incarcerated		
12/14/2023	County staff - HCSA	not just as needed during an emergency event.	persons, and other marginalized populations.	68	Revised as noted
		Safety Element - These translated communications materials should be	Add Policy P6. The County shall prepare, translate, revise, and test all		
		prepared, revised, and tested for community literacy levels well in	emergency communications materials for community literacy levels		
		advance of a disaster, and not just as needed during an emergency	well in advance of a disaster, and not just as needed during an		
12/14/2023	County staff - HCSA	event.	emergency event.	69	Revised as noted
			Add Policy P7: The County shall provide emergency communication		
		Would it be appropriate to reference AB 1638 (recently passed) in the	materials in all non-English languages spoken by more than 5 percent		
		Safety Plan since we're referencing information sources, and A&W	of the countywide population by January 1, 2025 pursuant to AB		Add new policy to Safety Element to
1/17/2024	County staff - OES	outreach initiatives in the actions?	1638 of 2023.	69	address AB 1683

ZONE 7 RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Abbors, Alison, CDA

From:	Rank, Elke <erank@zone7water.com></erank@zone7water.com>
Sent:	Thursday, January 4, 2024 1:55 PM
То:	Abbors, Alison, CDA
Cc:	Mahoney, Carol
Subject:	RE: Input requested - County General Plan Safety Element

Ali,

Thank you for asking for our input on the County General Plan Element and forwarding the questions. Our general response which addresses all of the questions is as follows:

Zone 7 provides regional stream gauges and a regional hydrologic and hydraulic (H&H) model. These tools are available and of benefit to the entire region. Zone 7 engages in extensive public outreach regarding flood preparedness, including hosting a public Flood Preparedness Open House. Zone 7 also plans for regional flood protection projects where feasible and achievable. Zone 7 also engages in pre-rainy season coordination with staff from city and county public works departments, parks districts, Department of Water Resources, and other state and local agency partners.

In addition to these regional activities, Zone 7 owns and maintains 37 miles of channels. Zone 7 does not own or manage flood protection facilities outside of our jurisdiction in Alameda County, and does not perform maintenance or flood control activities on channels owned by others. Zone 7 does not own or maintain any facilities in the Sunol area, which receives flood flows both from the Livermore Hills and from Contra Costa County.

Zone 7 is continuing progress on its comprehensive Flood Management Plan, a new high-level flood management strategy that will guide the agency's investment in flood control work well into the future. This Plan is anticipated to include new flood protection facilities. In 2024 we will be conducting public outreach and seeking input from stakeholders; we would welcome the community's participation in these continued efforts. More information is available on our website: https://www.zone7water.com/post/flood-management-plan-1.

Zone 7's long-term flood protection and water supply planning includes our future Chain of Lakes Project which would be created from a series of abandoned gravel quarries between Livermore and Pleasanton. The long-term vision is to use a porous Chain of Lakes allowing us to detain stormwater. These gravel quarries are owned by private companies and are to be transferred to Zone 7 when mining has been completed – likely taking several years or even decades. Zone 7 does not have any control over when the quarries will be transferred to Zone 7.

Zone 7 does collect Developer Impact Fees as mitigation fees from developers for installation of impervious surfaces. These fees are available for new flood protection facilities to be identified in the Flood Management Plan.

We think your Safety Element language as stated in your email is still valid.

Let us know if you have any questions.

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From: Abbors, Alison, CDA <<u>Alison.Abbors@acgov.org</u>> Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 5:48 PM

To: Mahoney, Carol <<u>carol@zone7water.com</u>> Subject: Input requested - County General Plan Safety Element

CAUTION – This email came from outside of Zone 7 Water Agency. Do not open attachments or click on links in suspicious emails. Greetings, Carol,

The Community Development Agency Planning Department is working on amendments to the unincorporated County General Plan Safety Element. We released a <u>public draft</u> in late October, and we've received several comments (listed below) from community members, Planning Commissioners, and advisory board members regarding flood response in Sunol. We'd appreciate your input on these questions as we prepare our next draft, due out in January:

- We need to pin down who is responsible for flooding in Sunol. All water from Mt Diablo south is channeled into Sunol and Sunol is getting hit hard. PWA and Zone 7 are the two agencies that should be responsible in different parts of the County. Zone 7 has talked about creating gravel ponds to catch flood water need things done with some teeth on it
- Sunol community experienced extreme flooding; did not receive the help they needed; no agency was willing to take responsibility. Want to take action now so that destructive floods like those of early 2023 do not happen again. Request adding a policy about identifying which agency/ies have responsibility for future flooding events in Sunol.
- Want Zone 7 to evacuate water to a safe place instead of sending it all downstream to Sunol.
- Want to see mitigation fees, paid by developers for impervious surfaces used to make systems to sink or hold water onsite. The Safety Element talk about this, but it isn't done.
- Zone 7 has a plan to fill the quarries and divert water to Shadow Cliffs. Noted that this should be done now to prevent future flooding in Sunol.

The Safety Element's language with regard to flood response is below:

- (Page 36) "Throughout the urbanized parts of the County, flood hazards have been greatly reduced through the efforts of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (ACFCWCD) and the Zone 7 Water Agency. Each of these entities designs, constructs, and maintains flood protection facilities to meet existing and projected community needs. Their systems are adequate for most situations."
- (Page 38) "Within Alameda County, the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (ACFCWCD), the Zone 7 Water Agency, and Public Works Agency provide regulatory guidance and oversee the flood control system within unincorporated Alameda County. In addition, the Planning Department and PWA, Building Inspections Division oversees land use and development."
- (Page 48) Policy P10 "The County shall work with the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and Zone 7 Water Agency to provide for development of adequate storm drainage and flood control systems to serve existing and future development. (Source: ECAP, pg. 67, with minor revision)"

Thank you! Ali

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