

## City of Cle Elum, Washington SEPA Checklist

### Purpose of the Checklist

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization, or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

### Instructions for Applicants

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. **You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown.** You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to **all parts of your proposal**, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

### Use of the Checklist for Nonproject Proposals

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B, plus the [Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions \(Part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in "Part B: Environmental Elements" that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

## **A. Background** Find help answering background questions

**1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:**

City of Cle Elum 2026 Periodic Update

**2. Name of applicant:**

City of Cle Elum

**3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact**

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**4. Date checklist prepared:** August 10, 2026

**5. Agency requesting checklist:**

City of Cle Elum

**6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):**

Adoption by City Council - Fall 2026

**7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.**

Implementation of the Comprehensive Plan is expected to occur over the next 20-years.

**8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.**

Previous versions of the Comprehensive Plan and the adoption of CEMC edits was subject to SEPA review.

**9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.**

The Transportation Element is expected to be certified by Quadco in Fall 2026.

**10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if**

**known.** Final adoption is expected to occur in the fall of 2026.

- 11. Give a brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)**

This project will update the City of Cle Elum Comprehensive Plan (Land Use, Housing, Capital Facilities, Utilities, Transportation, Climate, and Parks and Recreation Elements), Development Regulations (CEMC Titles 14, 16, 17) and Critical Areas Ordinance (CEMC 18.01) in accordance with Growth Management Act (GMA) requirements.

- 12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.**

Cle Elum City Limits and UGA.

## B. Environmental Elements

### 1. Earth Find help answering earth questions

#### a. General description of the site:

This is a non-project action (WAC 197-11-704(2)(b)) that encompasses the full Cle Elum City limits, which contains a variety of topography including flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, and critical areas. Potential environmental impacts will be assessed concurrently with future development projects, when warranted.

Circle or highlight one: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other:

#### b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

Some areas in Cle Elum are very steep, up to and exceeding 30% slope.

#### c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them, and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Cle Elum contains a diverse range of soil types. Because this is a non-project legislative action, no soil disturbance would occur as a result of adoption of the Comprehensive Plan or development regulations. Future development proposals involving grading or excavation will be reviewed during project permitting for compliance with grading, erosion control, critical areas, and stormwater regulations.

#### d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

Cle Elum includes some areas of mapped hazardous slopes. Future development proposals involving clearing, grading, erosion, or impervious surface creation will be reviewed at the project level and required to comply with the City's development regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance, grading requirements, and applicable stormwater regulations.

#### e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

As a non-project action, no fill is associated with adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations. Future projects that include fill will undergo environmental review when required.

#### f. Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Any areas of potential erosion as a result of clearing, construction, or use will be identified during future project review.

#### g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

The City of Cle Elum allows for a variety of impervious surface allowances, depending on the zoning district. Future projects will be required to meet coverage standards.

#### h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.

Measures to reduce or control erosion will be determined based on future projects.

## 2. Air [Find help answering air questions](#)

**a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.**

These non-project actions will not generate or affect air emissions. Future projects that may generate and affect air emissions will be reviewed using best management practices, as appropriate.

**b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.**

None known.

**c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any.**

Measures to reduce or control air emissions will be determined based on future projects.

## 3. Water [Find help answering water questions](#)

**a. Surface Water:** [Find help answering surface water questions](#)

**1. Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.**

Cle Elum contains or is adjacent to several water bodies including but not limited to the Yakima River, Hanson Ponds, Crystal Creek, and other streams.

**2. Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.**

Future development is expected to occur within 200 feet of the identified waters.

**3. Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.**

None at this time.

**4. Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

None at this time. Future proposals for water withdrawal or diversion will be assessed for environmental impacts when warranted.

**5. Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.**

Cle Elum contains mapped FEMA flood hazard areas associated with the Yakima River, and other waterways. The Comprehensive Plan itself does not authorize development within flood hazard areas. Future development proposals within mapped floodplains will be required to comply with applicable floodplain regulations, shoreline regulations, Critical Areas Ordinance provisions, and state and federal requirements.

6. Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

No discharges are directly associated with the Periodic Update.

**b. Ground Water:** [Find help answering ground water questions](#)

1. Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Not as a direct result of this Periodic Update. Future groundwater withdrawal may occur consistently with the City's Water Systems Plan, as amended.

2. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

None known as a result of the Periodic Update.

**c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):**

- a) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

All stormwater associated with future projects will be required to contain stormwater on-site in accordance with the Eastern WA stormwater manual.

- b) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

Not as a result of the Periodic Update.

- c) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

No.

- d) Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any.

Future projects will be assessed for surface, ground, water runoff, and other impacts based on the scope and intensity of the project.

#### 4. Plants [Find help answering plants questions](#)

- a. **Check the types of vegetation found on the site:** Cle Elum contains nearly all of the listed vegetation types below
- ☐ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
  - ☐ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
  - ☐ shrubs
  - ☐ grass
  - ☐ pasture
  - ☐ crop or grain
  - ☐ orchards, vineyards, or other permanent crops.
  - ☐ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
  - ☐ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
  - ☐ other types of vegetation
- b. **What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?**  
None.
- c. **List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.**  
Potential areas or threatened and endangered species are identified on the WDFW's Priority Habitat and Species Map.
- d. **Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.**  
None as a result of the Periodic Update.
- e. **List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.** Noxious weeds or invasive species may be identified during future project review.

#### 5. Animals [Find help answering animal questions](#)

- a. **List any birds and other animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.** Cle Elum contains a wide variety of birds and animals.
- Examples include:
- **Birds:** hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
  - **Mammals:** deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
  - **Fish:** bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:
- b. **List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.**  
Potential areas or threatened and endangered species are identified on the WDFW's Priority Habitat and Species (PHS) Map.
- c. **Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.**  
Yes - Cle Elum includes migration routes as identified on the PHS Map.
- d. **Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.**  
Future projects will be assessed for wildlife preservation or enhancement, where warranted.
- e. **List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.** See WDFW PHS Map

## 6. Energy and Natural Resources [Find help answering energy and natural resource questions](#)

1. **What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.**

There are multiple energy types available in Cle Elum, depending on location, which are used for all land use types.

2. **Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.**

Potential areas for solar energy may be assessed when future projects are proposed in city limits.

3. **What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any.**

None as a result of the Periodic Update. Future development projects may address energy conservation, when warranted.

## 7. Environmental Health [Find help with answering environmental health questions](#)

- a. **Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur because of this proposal? If so, describe.**

1. **Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.**

Because this is a non-project legislative action, there is no specific project site associated with the Periodic Update. Therefore, no site-specific investigation of contamination from present or past uses has been conducted as part of this proposal. Any future development proposals will be evaluated for potential contamination during project permitting and environmental review, as appropriate.

2. **Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.**

The Periodic Update does not apply to a specific project site and does not involve site development or construction. Project-specific design will be required to comply with applicable local, state, and federal regulations governing hazardous materials and public safety.

3. **Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.**

Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and associated development regulations will not involve construction or operational activities and will not result in the storage, use, or production of toxic or hazardous chemicals. Any future development facilitated by the Comprehensive Plan will be required to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations governing the handling, storage, use, and disposal of hazardous materials.

4. **Describe special emergency services that might be required.**

The Periodic Update does not create a need for special emergency services. Future development projects may require emergency response services typical of urban development, including fire, police, and emergency medical services, which will continue to be provided by the City of Cle Elum and other appropriate service providers.

5. **Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.**

The Comprehensive Plan establishes policies and development regulations intended to protect public health and safety while accommodating planned growth. Future development proposals will be required to comply with applicable building, fire, health, stormwater, hazardous materials, and environmental regulations. Project-specific mitigation measures will be identified through the development review and environmental review processes, as appropriate.

## **b. Noise**

- 1. What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?**

Typical noise associated with urban development.

- 2. What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site)?**

Typical noise associated with urban development.

- 3. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any.**

None as part of the Periodic Update. Future development projects will be assessed for noise impacts when warranted.

## **8. Land and Shoreline Use** [Find help answering land and shoreline use questions](#)

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.**

Cle Elum contains residential, commercial, industrial, and public uses.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses because of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?**

There are no existing areas of agriculture or forest land of long-term commercial significance in the city limits. However, depending on location, some tree removal does require DNR permitting.

- 1. Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how?**

Not as a result of the Periodic Update.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.**

Cle Elum contains a variety of residential, commercial, and industrial structures within city limits.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?**

Not as a result of the Periodic Update.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?**

Citywide; all existing zoning districts.

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?**

Citywide; all existing Comprehensive Plan land use designations.

**g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?**

Cle Elum contains areas of Rural Conservancy, Urban Conservancy, Aquatic, and Shoreline Residential designations.

**h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.**

Yes - Cle Elum has several identified and mapped Critical Areas - See CEMC 18.01.

**i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?**

Based on Kittitas County projections, Cle Elum is planning for an additional 848 people by the year 2046 - for a total of 3,005.

**j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?**

None

**k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.**

The Periodic Update includes goals and policies to reduce displacement impacts.

**l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.**

Analysis in the Periodic Update provides for compatibility of existing and future land uses.

**m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any.**

The Comprehensive Plan does not impact agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance.

**9. Housing** [Find help answering housing questions](#)

**a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

Based on Kittitas County allocations, Cle Elum is planning for 380 new homes at a variety of income levels.

**b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

Not known.

**c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any.**

New housing is expected to be constructed

## **10. Aesthetics** [Find help answering aesthetics questions](#)

### **a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?**

As a non-project legislative action, the Periodic Update does not propose any structures or building materials. Future development will be reviewed for compliance with applicable zoning and development standards.

### **b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?**

Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations will not alter or obstruct existing views. Any future impacts to views will be evaluated during project-specific review.

### **c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any.**

The Comprehensive Plan includes policies promoting compatible development and community character. Future development will be required to comply with applicable zoning, landscaping, design, and building standards intended to minimize aesthetic impacts and ensure compatibility with surrounding uses.

## **11. Light and Glare** [Find help answering light and glare questions](#)

### **a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?**

Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations will not produce light or glare. Future development may generate light or glare, which will be reviewed during project permitting.

### **b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? No.**

The Periodic Update will not create light or glare or interfere with existing views.

### **c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?**

Existing sources of light and glare within the city include street lighting, vehicle headlights, commercial lighting, and other developed areas.

### **d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any.**

Future development will be required to comply with applicable lighting and development standards intended to minimize light spillover, glare, and impacts on adjacent properties.

## **12. Recreation** [Find help answering recreation questions](#)

### **a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?**

Cle Elum offers a variety of recreational opportunities, including city parks, trails, the Yakima River, the Washington State Horse Park, and nearby state and federal recreation lands.

### **b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.**

No. The Periodic Update will not displace any existing recreational uses.

### **c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any.**

The Comprehensive Plan includes goals and policies supporting the preservation and expansion of parks, trails, and recreational opportunities. Future development will be reviewed for consistency with applicable park and open space requirements.

### 13. Historic and Cultural Preservation [Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)

- a. **Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.**

Yes. Cle Elum contains historic buildings, structures, and sites that are listed in or eligible for listing on national, state, and local historic registers.

- b. **Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.**

Yes. Cle Elum contains known cultural and historic resources, including areas of archaeological and tribal significance. Additional resources may be identified during future project review.

- c. **Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.**

The Periodic Update considered available historic and cultural resource information. Future development proposals will be reviewed in coordination with the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP), affected Tribes, and other agencies, as appropriate.

- d. **Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.**

The Comprehensive Plan includes policies supporting the protection of historic and cultural resources. Future development will be required to comply with applicable local, state, and federal laws, including consultation and permitting requirements, where applicable.

### 14. Transportation [Find help with answering transportation questions](#)

- a. **Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.**

The Periodic Update applies to all public streets, highways, and transportation facilities within the Cle Elum city limits and Urban Growth Area. No changes to access are proposed as part of this legislative action.

- b. **Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?**

Yes. Portions of Cle Elum are served by public transit, including regional transit services.

- c. **Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle, or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).**

No physical transportation improvements are proposed as part of the Periodic Update. Future transportation improvements will be identified through the Transportation Element, Capital Facilities Plan, and individual development proposals.

- d. **Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.**

No. The Periodic Update does not involve water, rail, or air transportation facilities.

- e. **How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?**

The Periodic Update will not directly generate vehicle trips. Future development will be evaluated for transportation impacts and trip generation during project-specific review, as applicable.

- f. **Will the proposal interfere with, affect, or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.**

No. The Periodic Update is not expected to interfere with the movement of agricultural or forest products.

- g. **Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any.**

The Comprehensive Plan includes policies supporting a safe, efficient, and connected transportation system. Future development will be required to comply with applicable transportation standards and mitigation requirements.

**15. Public Services** [Find help answering public service questions](#)

- a. **Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.**

The Periodic Update does not directly increase demand for public services. Future growth anticipated under the Comprehensive Plan will increase demand for public facilities and services, which is addressed through the Capital Facilities Element and coordinated planning.

- b. **Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.**

The Comprehensive Plan coordinates future growth with planned public facilities and services. Future development will be reviewed to ensure adequate public services are available consistent with applicable standards.

**16. Utilities** [Find help answering utilities questions](#)

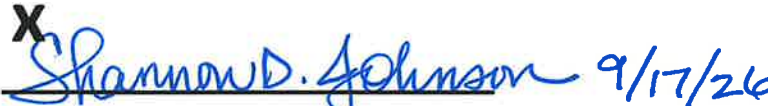
- a. **Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other:**

- b. **Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.**

The Periodic Update does not propose utility construction or expansion. Future utility improvements will occur as needed to serve development and will be reviewed through the City's development review process and Capital Facilities Plan.

**C. Signature** [Find help about who should sign](#)

**The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.**

**X**  
 9/17/26

Type name of signee: Shannon Johnson

Position and agency/organization: City of Cle Elum Planning Director [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Date submitted: [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)

## D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet](#)

IT IS NOT REQUIRED to use this section for project actions.

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

**1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?** The Periodic Update will not directly increase discharges, emissions, hazardous substances, or noise. Any future impacts will be evaluated during project-specific review.

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:** Future development will comply with applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

**2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?** The Periodic Update will not directly affect biological resources.

- **Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:** Future development will be required to comply with the City's Critical Areas Ordinance and other applicable environmental regulations.

**3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?** The Periodic Update will not directly deplete energy or natural resources. Future development will increase demand for utilities and resources consistent with planned population and employment growth.

- **Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:** The Comprehensive Plan includes policies supporting efficient land use, infrastructure planning, resource conservation, and sustainable development.

**4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection, such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?** The Periodic Update does not directly affect environmentally sensitive areas. Future development within or adjacent to these resources will be reviewed for compliance with applicable environmental regulations.

- **Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:** The Comprehensive Plan, Critical Areas Ordinance, and other development regulations include policies and standards intended to protect environmentally sensitive resources.

**5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?** The Periodic Update updates land use policies to guide future growth consistent with the Growth Management Act.

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:** Future development will be reviewed for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, zoning, and Shoreline Master Program.

- 6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?** The Periodic Update supports planned growth, which may increase future demand for public facilities and services.
- **Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:** Infrastructure needs will be addressed through the City's Capital Facilities Plan, Transportation Element, and development review process.
- 7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.** No conflicts are anticipated. The Periodic Update has been prepared to comply with applicable local, state, and federal environmental requirements.