

5.0 PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP

The Public Safety Group encompasses General Plan elements concerned with aspects of Shasta County's natural and man-made environment which pose potential threats to human life or property. The individual elements contained in the Public Safety Group are listed below:

- Seismic and Geologic Hazards
- Flood Protection
- Dam Inundation
- Fire Safety and Sheriff Protection
- Noise
- Hazardous Materials

These elements are grouped together because collectively they define basic constraints on land use that will affect community development patterns. They are presented first because an understanding of their limitations is essential to formulating a development pattern which adequately provides for human safety.

It is also important to understand the interrelationships of the three element groups. Elements contained in the Public Safety Group place limits on the use of the County's physical resources in order to reduce the risks of loss or damage to life and property to acceptable levels. Elements contained in the Resources Group describe the opportunities available due to the County's resource base, and then define the limits within which these resources may be used on a long-term, sustainable basis. Elements in the Community Development Group in turn respond to risks posed by natural and man-made hazards and to the opportunities presented by the resource base.

Responding to these risks and opportunities in a responsible manner will ensure that both present and future generations of County residents will be able to enjoy the quality of life which Shasta County now offers.

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