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SUBJECT: 2024 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

These comments on the County's General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) for calendar 2024 address the scope and content of the report.

More specifically, this communication focuses on County decisions...

- ◆ To not include all reporting required by state law
- ◆ To not report on nearly half of the programs in the General Plan Policy Document and
- ◆ To not directly address program deliverables.

(These comments address 129 implementation programs in the General Plan Policy Document. They do not address any programs or objectives in the Housing Element.)

I have a very good understanding of the County's preparation of annual progress reports. I have thoroughly researched every APR prepared by the County since 2000, the year of the last update of the General Plan. I have testified before the Planning Commission and your Board each year since the County resumed drafting APRs in 2013.

I begin this discourse by offering my observations of the County's implementation of annual progress reports over the last two decades. On June 10, 2003, your Board approved the first APR for the County's earlier 2000 General Plan. That APR highlighted the rigor needed to successfully implement the Plan. That first APR championed the use of an Indicators Program to track land use changes over time to help measure progress toward attaining General Plan goals. It also contained a timeframe calling for the update all regional and unincorporated community plans by 2010. Those time-consuming and costly tasks were in addition to the already heavy workload imposed by the 121 implement programs in the 2000 General Plan.

For reasons unknown to the public, in 2004 the County decided not to prepare subsequent APRs, and over the next decade, there was little to no progress in the implementation of General Plan programs, in the tracking of changed conditions or in the update of regional and community plans. By 2013, it was clear that the County had abandoned the implementation of many General Plan programs.

In 2014, the League of Women Voters of Fresno filed a complaint with the Fresno County Grand Jury in the hope that it would compel the County to resume the preparation of annual progress reports, the preparation of which is required by law. The complaint was successful, and in 2015 the County resumed the preparation of annual progress reports. But the resumption of reporting was a disappointment, as the reporting largely hid the fact that the County was not adhering to General Plan directives.

Clearly, by 2015, the General Plan was in need of a big fix. It needed updating, but rather than engage in a process to "update" the Plan, the County elected to "revise" the General Plan through a review process that the County had begun a decade earlier — in 2005 — but had never completed. (Begun five years after the General Plan update in 2000, the review process became known as the "Five-Year Review" of the General Plan.) One of the objectives of the review was to revise General Plan programs to mirror what was taking place at the time, i.e., actual practice.¹ And so, through this review process, which was completed in February 2024 (18 years after its initiation), the County deleted or revised programs that were no longer workable, as well as those that County officials and planners could not implement or did not want to implement.

In short, with the cleanup of the General Plan in 2024, the County started afresh with newly approved implementation programs. I reasoned, therefore, that the first APR under the revised Plan would be a walk in the park, that the County would have no trouble producing complete and accurate reporting. But no.

1. The 2024 APR fails to include all of the reporting required by state law.

Just as with previous reports, the County's 2024 APR does not include all of the reporting required by law. What's missing is information required by Government Code § 65400 (a)(2)(A)(F), namely, "*The degree to which [the County's] approved general plan complies with the guidelines developed and adopted [by the Office of Planning and Research, 2017] pursuant to Section 65040.2.*"

Annually for the past five years, I've informed your Board of the absence of this required reporting, and at no time has your Board ever agreed to rectify matters.

So this year, to make sure your Board fully understands the situation, I'm citing an email exchange with Nils Jepson, an employee of the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI), formerly the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. That email identifies the *General Plan Guidelines* (Guidelines) that must be reviewed as part of the County's preparation of an APR. I've also printed out the law mandating that review, and I've noted every mention of those Guidelines in the 2024 APR.

What you will discover is that although all APRs must include a discussion of the degree to which a general plan complies with the aforementioned Guidelines, the County's APR for 2024 does not include that discussion — a clear and unequivocal violation of state law.

¹ From the Fresno County Annual Progress Report for calendar years 2013 and 2014, page 4. **"Summary of the General Plan Five-Year Review Process:** In June 2006, the Board of Supervisors executed a consultant agreement with the consulting firm of Mintier/Harnish and directed staff to initiate the Five-Year Review of the General Plan, along with the comprehensive revision of the Zoning Ordinance. The purpose of this Five-Year Review is to evaluate the General Plan goals, policies and implementation programs of all the General Plan Elements to reflect the current status of General Plan implementation and to ensure they reflect changed conditions, priorities, and new laws since the adoption of the General Plan in 2000. The evaluation of the policies and programs will determine which policies and implementation programs still serve a purpose and should be kept, and which ones have served their purpose and should be deleted or modified to effectively carry out the County's vision set forth by the Board of Supervisors." (My underlining)

On March 14, I sent an email message to several people employed by the Governor's Office and Land Use and Climate Innovation. I inquired as to the Guidelines in need of review as part of the preparation of an APR. Below is my email to LCI, followed by a reply email from Nils Jepson.

March 14, 2025

To Whomever can Help Answer this Question:

In reading Government Code § 65400(a)(1)(F), I understand that a local jurisdiction's annual progress report on the implementation of its general plan should contain "the degree to which its approved general plan complies with the guidelines developed and adopted pursuant to Section 65040.2...."

Could you tell me how I might find on the Internet the most recent and most complete version of these guidelines?

Thank you,

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This was Mr. Jepson's reply.

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Subject: Guidelines per Government Code Section 65040.2
Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2025 23:31:34 +0000

Hi Radley,

I was forwarded your question re: finding the most up-to-date version of the General Plan Guidelines.

The most up-to-date version of the General Plan Guidelines is from 2017, and can be found here: https://lci.ca.gov/docs/OPR_COMPLETE_7.31.17.pdf

Just as an FYI, we're in the process of currently updating these guidelines and should a new version in 2027 reflecting recent state laws, etc. Stay tuned and thanks for reaching out!

Best,
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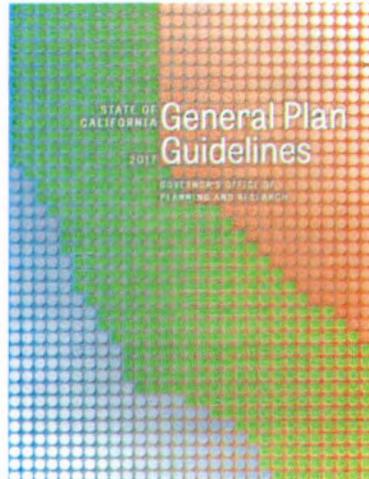
By clicking on the URL on the previous page, the viewer is taken to the 404-page document shown at the right. These are the Guidelines the County was to have reviewed as part of the preparation of its 2024 APR.

Below is a copy of the Government Code that requires the County to review these Guidelines.

California Code, Government Code - GOV § 65400

(a) After the legislative body has adopted all or part of a general plan, **the planning agency shall do both of the following:**

- (1) Investigate and make recommendations to the legislative body regarding reasonable and practical means for implementing the general plan or element of the general plan so that it will serve as an effective guide for orderly growth and development, preservation and conservation of open-space land and natural resources, and the efficient expenditure of public funds relating to the subjects addressed in the general plan.
- (2) **Provide by April 1 of each year an annual report to the legislative body**, the Office of Planning and Research, and the Department of Housing and Community Development **that includes all of the following:**
(F) **The degree to which its approved general plan complies with the guidelines developed and adopted pursuant to Section 65040.2** and the date of the last revision to the general plan.
(My highlighting in blue)



As you can see, the mandate that the County assess the degree to which the General Plan complies with the state's General Plan Guidelines is clear and unequivocal. I have proof that the County did not comply with this requirement. Printed out below is every reference to the Guidelines in the 2024 APR. As your Board can see, there is no discussion of the degree to which the County's General Plan complies with the state's General Plan Guidelines.

From pages 1 and 2 of the County's APR for Calendar Year 2024

"Purpose of the General Plan

California Government Code Section 65300 requires each city and county to prepare and adopt a comprehensive General Plan in accordance with LCI **General Plan Guidelines**. The General Plan is a long-range policy document intended to guide physical development, economic growth, and protection of natural resources."

From page 4 of the 2024 County's APR for Calendar Year 2024

"The Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) **General Plan Guidelines** are predominately advisory rather than prescriptive, thereby allowing local jurisdictions to address planning topics in a locally appropriate manner. However, the **Guidelines** require General Plans to include the following Elements: Land Use, Circulation, Open Space, Conservation, Air Quality, Noise, Safety, Housing, and Environmental Justice."

The Fresno County General Plan Policy Document includes independent elements for Land Use (i.e., Agriculture and Land Use), Circulation (i.e., Transportation and Circulation), Environmental Justice, and Housing. However, the required Open Space, Conservation, and Air Quality Elements are combined into a single Element (i.e., Open Space and Conservation), and the required Noise and Safety Elements are combined into a single Element (i.e., Health and Safety). In addition to the Elements mandated by LCI **General Plan Guidelines**, the Policy Document includes an Economic Development Element and a Public Facilities and Services Element."

From pages 5 and 6 of the County's APR for Calendar Year 2024

"However, the LCI's APR preparation memorandum suggests the following content to be included in the APR:

- Introduction
- Table of contents
- Date of acceptance by the local legislative body
- The date of the last update to the General Plan
- Measures associated with the implementation of the General Plan with specific reference to individual Elements
- Housing Element reporting per HCD requirements
- to which the General Plan complies with General Plan Guidelines, including environmental justice considerations, collaborative planning with military lands and facilities, and consultation with tribal communities
- Priorities for land use decision-making established by local legislative body
- Goals, policies, objectives, standards, or other planning proposals that need to be added or amended or were deleted
- Lists of the following:
 - Planning activities initiated
 - General Plan Amendments
 - Major Development applications"

As you can see, there is in the 2024 APR no discussion whatsoever of the degree to which Fresno County's General Plan complies with LCI's General Plan Guidelines.

This fault has occurred in every APR since the resumption of the preparation of APRs in 2013. The violation of state law must be corrected. The 2024 APR must include the required analysis.

2. The 2024 APR fails to include a report on all 129 implementation programs.

Although there is no requirement that the County's APR report progress on the successful implementation of every program in the General Plan, there is this to consider.

A) The decision to not report on each program is an unexplained departure from past practice. The County's APRs for the previous 11 years (2013 through 2023) reported progress — or the lack thereof — for every General Plan program. However, beginning with this APR, the County has decided, instead, to engage in selective reporting. As a result, the 2024 APR fails to report on progress toward implementing 59 programs, which is 46% of the total number of programs designed to help implement the General Plan.

B) No criteria were presented to explain why certain programs were bypassed for review. There is no way for the reader to know why the County decided to sidestep reporting for certain programs. Perhaps it's because some programs are of lesser importance. Perhaps it's because the County is reluctant to explain why there's been no progress in the implementation of some programs.

Compounding the problem is the fact that the County has chosen a new format for its reporting. Appendix A, which contains the bulk of the reporting, has always been in tabular format. This year it's not; it's in prose form. Being in prose form makes it difficult for the reader to make use of the County's existing alphanumeric code to locate program reporting, and it's absolutely impossible for the reader to know which programs are not being reviewed.

For example, below and on the following page are screenshots of the County's total reporting for two General Plan elements: the Public Facilities and Services Element and the Open Space and Conservation Element. The Public Facilities and Services Element has 11 implementation programs; the Open Space and Conservation Element has 14 implementation programs — for a total of 25 programs.

And how many of these 25 programs are reviewed in the County APR for 2024 — only 5, or 20% of the total. The percentage is so low that there's no way to determine whether these two elements are being successfully implemented or not. In fact, considering that the two elements have a combined total of 22 goals, the decision to report the implementation of only 5 programs makes reporting a farce.

Below and on the next page are screenshots of the County's report on these 5 programs. Immediately following that, on pages 8 through 12, you will see how the 5 programs would have been reported had the County employed the tabular format used in prior years.

Screenshots of Prose-Form Reporting in the County's 2024 APR

PF-D.A The County shall work with service providers to prepare, or cause to be prepared, sewer master plans for wastewater treatment facilities for development proposed in unincorporated communities. The County shall approve such plans prior to or concurrently with approval of the proposed development.

In 2024, the PWP continues to be responsible for implementing the provisions of the master plans. Areas that experience urban growth must prepare a sewer master plan or update the current master plan for review and approval by the County.

PF-F.A The County shall require new commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential uses to provide adequate areas on-site to accommodate the collection and storage of recyclable materials.

PWP staff reviews and conditions commercial, industrial, and multi-family proposals through the required site plan review process to ensure adequate collection and storage facilities are provided and located in a manner that does not impact parking or on-site circulation.

In 2024, where appropriate, PWP staff also coordinated with affected cities for proposals within their respected spheres of influence to ensure proposals provided for adequate receptacles that were not in conflict with city standards.

The County implemented a mandatory hauler program in the mid-2000s to mandate refuse and recycling collection for all unincorporated areas. As part of the permit review process, projects reviewed through site plan review must have adequate trash disposal areas. Local haulers are engaged as necessary.

OS-F.A The County shall make the Fresno County Oak Management Guidelines and other educational resources available to landowners located in oak woodland habitat.

The County continues to review and condition projects in identified oak woodland areas to establish oak management plans. These plans are typically drafted by an environmental professional retained by the land developer and contain site-specific measures to mitigate impacts on oak woodland areas.

The boundaries of the oak woodland habitat area have yet to be established; when they are, a handout will be prepared and distributed with every permit that is issued within these areas.

Individual projects in oak woodland areas are evaluated for buffering or tree preservation requirements depending on the sensitivity of the habitat and relative health of tree growth, as indicated by independent studies provided by project applicants. Further, Policy OS-F.11, which contains the County's Oak Woodlands Management Guidelines, is considered.

OS-G.A The County shall work cooperatively with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) to review their published Guide for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts and consider the feasibility to adopt procedures for performing air quality impact analysis and mitigation measures with any modifications deemed appropriate.

The County continues to circulate proposed development projects to the SJVAPCD for review for potential air quality impacts. It requires development projects to comply with SJVAPCD rules to mitigate any impact on air quality. For discretionary projects, County staff will review SJVAPCD comments and impose district requirements if warranted (i.e., indirect source review, etc.) as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review process.

OS-G.C The County shall amend its Subdivision and Grading Ordinances and Development Standards to address dust control measures for new development, access roads, and parking areas.

In 2024, discretionary land use projects continued to be evaluated and conditioned to address dust control measures.

All development projects must comply with the SJVAPCD regulations for dust control. Conditions or mitigation measures for discretionary land use permits may require additional levels of dust control.

The next five pages provide the same information but in tabular form — with every implementation program accounted for. Tabular formatting makes it much easier to find a program using the County's alphanumeric code. By listing every program, it's also immediately evident that the County has chosen to forego progress reporting for most of the implementation programs in these two elements.

Form of the Reporting had the County Used Traditional Tabular Formatting

APPENDIX A
Review of General Plan Implementation Programs

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES ELEMENT			
PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS / PROGRESS
PF-C.A			
The County shall participate in Inter-Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) efforts with other regional partners to identify and implement projects and programs to improve water supply reliability and quality.	Emerg. Services Public Works	Ongoing	No progress report.
PF-C.B			
The County shall work with service providers to prepare or cause to be prepared water master plans for water delivery systems for development proposed in unincorporated communities. The County shall approve such plans prior to, or concurrently with, approval of the proposed development.	Public Works	Ongoing	No progress report.
PF-C.C			
The County shall prepare a Water Conservation Ordinance that includes water conservation technologies, methods, and practices to maximize the beneficial use of water resources. The County shall review and update the ordinance periodically to eliminate practices that no longer prove beneficial and add new technologies that become available.	Public Works	Ongoing 2021 -2025	No progress report.
PF-C.D			
The County shall assess the need for, and suitability of, a tiered water pricing structure for specific County Service Areas and Waterworks Districts on an as needed basis.	Public Works	2025 -2030	To be implemented after 2024.
PF-C.E			
The County shall adopt cost-effective urban best water conservation management practices, consistent with the intent of the California Urban Water Agencies, advisories, California Department of Water Resources, or similar authoritative agencies or organizations.	Public Works	Ongoing 2025 -2030	To be implemented after 2024.
PF-D.A			
The County shall work with service providers to prepare, or cause to be prepared, sewer master plans for wastewater treatment facilities for	Public Works	Ongoing	In 2024, the PWP continues to be responsible for implementing the provisions of the master plans. Areas that experience urban growth must prepare a sewer

development proposed in unincorporated communities. The County shall approve such plans prior to or concurrently with approval of the proposed development.			master plan or update the current master plan for review and approval by the County.
PF-E.A			
The County shall work with responsible flood control agencies to pursue adoption of appropriate regulations and programs as necessary and appropriate to implement required actions under State and Federal stormwater quality programs.	Bd. of Supervisors Public Works	Ongoing	No progress report.
PF-F.A			
The County shall require new commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential uses to provide adequate areas on-site to accommodate the collection and storage of recyclable materials.	Public Works	Ongoing	<p>PWP staff reviews and conditions commercial, industrial, and multi-family proposals through the required site plan review process to ensure adequate collection and storage facilities are provided and located in a manner that does not impact parking or on-site circulation.</p> <p>In 2024, where appropriate, PWP staff also coordinated with affected cities for proposals within their respected spheres of influence to ensure proposals provided for adequate receptacles that were not in conflict with city standards.</p> <p>The County implemented a mandatory hauler program in the mid-2000s to mandate refuse and recycling collection for all unincorporated areas. As part of the permit review process, projects reviewed through site plan review must have adequate trash disposal areas. Local haulers are engaged as necessary.</p>
PF-H.A			
The County shall work with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, local fire protection agencies, and city fire departments to maximize the use of resources to develop functional and/or operational consolidations and standardization of services and to maximize the efficient use of fire protection resources.	Admin. Office	Ongoing	No progress report.
PF-I.A			
The County shall coordinate the updating of regional, community, and specific plans necessitated by the General Plan with applicable school districts to identify the need for and potential location of new or expanded school facilities.	Public Works	Ongoing	No progress report.
PF-I.B			
The County shall coordinate the updating of regional, community, and specific plans with applicable library districts and library interest groups to identify the need for and potential location of new or expanded library facilities. The Library Master Facility Plan shall be used as part of this process.	County Library Public Works	Ongoing	No progress report.

OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION ELEMENT			
PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
OS-A.A			
The County shall coordinate with Groundwater Sustainability Agencies and other water resource management agencies to identify and protect lands sustainable for groundwater recharge.	Public Works	Ongoing 2021 -2025	No progress report.
OS-B.A			
The County, in consultation with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, shall conduct an evaluation of the Forest Practice Rules with regard to: clearcutting and other forest management practices with potential visual impacts; use of prescribed burning; protection of biological, soil, and water resources; and protection of old growth forest in Fresno County. If the Forest Practice Rules are determined to be inadequate, a compilation of Special Forest Practice Rules for Fresno County shall be proposed to the Board of Forestry to address those inadequacies.	Public Works	2025 -2030	To be implemented after 2024.
OS-B.B			
The County shall encourage the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to complete an inventory, including the condition, of existing and residual stands of ancient and old growth forest on private timberlands in Fresno County. The results of this inventory shall be incorporated into the County's biological resources database for use in future land use planning decisions.	Public Works	Ongoing 2021 -2025	No progress report.
OS-B.C			
The County shall participate in U.S. Forest Service management plan development and encourage the U.S. Forest Service and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to address multiple forest management goals supporting healthy forests, habitat, watershed, fuels reduction, special management of old growth forest and other unique biotic or geologic features, and economic and recreational uses of forest resources.	Public Works	Ongoing	No progress report.
OS-B.D			
The County shall encourage the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to include educational materials for residents in its Notice of Intent to Harvest Timber. Such materials should include information concerning the Forest Practice Act, Forest Practice Rules, and Department of Forestry and	Public Works	Ongoing	No progress report.

Fire Protection Timber Harvest Plan review process.			
OS-D.A			
The County shall work toward the acquisition by public agencies or private non-profit conservation organizations of creek corridors, wetlands, and areas rich in wildlife or of a fragile ecological nature as public open space where such areas cannot be effectively preserved through the regulatory process. Such protection may take the form of fee acquisition or protective easements and may be carried out in cooperation with other local, State, and Federal agencies and private entities. Acquisition shall include provisions for maintenance and management in perpetuity.	Public Works	Ongoing	No progress report.
OS-F.A			
The County shall make the Fresno County Oak Management Guidelines and other educational resources available to landowners located in oak woodland habitat.	Public Works	Ongoing	<p>The County continues to review and condition projects in identified oak woodland areas to establish oak management plans. These plans are typically drafted by an environmental professional retained by the land developer and contain site-specific measures to mitigate impacts on oak woodland areas.</p> <p>The boundaries of the oak woodland habitat area have yet to be established; when they are, a handout will be prepared and distributed with every permit that is issued within these areas.</p> <p>Individual projects in oak woodland areas are evaluated for buffering or tree preservation requirements depending on the sensitivity of the habitat and relative health of tree growth, as indicated by independent studies provided by project applicants. Further, Policy OS-F.11, which contains the County's Oak Woodlands Management Guidelines, is considered.</p>
OS-G.A			
The County shall work cooperatively with the SJVAPCD to review their published Guide for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts and consider the feasibility to adopt procedures for performing air quality impact analysis and mitigation measures with any modifications deemed appropriate.	Public Works	2021 -2025	The County continues to circulate proposed development projects to the SJVAPCD for review for potential air quality impacts. It requires development projects to comply with SJVAPCD rules to mitigate any impact on air quality. For discretionary projects, County staff will review SJVAPCD comments and impose district requirements if warranted (i.e., indirect source review, etc.) as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review process.
OS-G.B			
The County shall continue to implement programs to reduce its employees' work-related vehicular trips.	Public Works Admin. Office	Ongoing	No progress report.
OS-G.C			
The County shall amend its Subdivision and Grading Ordinances and Development Standards to address dust control measures for new development, access roads, and parking areas.	Public Works	2021 -2025	<p>In 2024, discretionary land use projects continued to be evaluated and conditioned to address dust control measures.</p> <p>All development projects must comply with the SJVAPCD regulations for dust control. Conditions or mitigation measures for discretionary land use permits may require additional levels of dust control.</p>

OS-H.A			
The County shall work with local, State, and Federal agencies to complete a comprehensive inventory of all County owned parks and recreation areas and services in the county and to identify other areas suitable for potential park acquisition and development as funds permit. The County shall consider preparation of a County park and recreation master plan to provide a policy framework for independent implementation by the cooperating agencies.	Public Works	2021 -2025 2025 -2030	No progress report.
OS-H.B			
As new development occurs, the County shall consider contracting with existing entities that have the authority to receive dedications or grants of land or funds, plus the ability to charge fees for acquisition, development, and maintenance of parks, open space, and riding, hiking, and bicycle trails.	Public Works	Ongoing	No progress report.
OS-J.A			
The County shall prepare and maintain, using a GIS database, an inventory of historical sites, buildings, and landmarks.	Historic Records	2025 -2030	To be implemented after 2024.
OS-L.A			
The County shall work with Caltrans to apply for scenic highway designation for the State highway segments eligible for such designation, and take necessary steps for approval, including adoption of scenic corridor protection programs for eligible segments.	Public Works	Ongoing	No progress report.

The use of tabular formatting makes it easy for the reader to locate various programs and to see which programs have no report.

3. The 2024 APR fails to directly address program deliverables.

I return again to the Open Space and Conservation Element by way of example. The element contains the three implementation programs charted on the next page. In all three cases, the APR fails to state directly that in 2024 no progress was made.

Each chart identifies the program deliverable, cites the County's assessment of progress made (from the 2024 APR) and includes my analysis of what should have been reported in the APR. As my reporting is more direct and to the point, generally speaking, it's more candid.

The three programs are these: Program OS-F.A (Distribution of the Fresno County Oak Woodlands Management Guidelines), Program OS-G.A (Review the *Guide for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts* published by the Air Pollution Control District and OS-G.C (Amendment of the Subdivision and Grading Ordinances and Development Standards to address dust control).

Program OS-F.A has the following deliverable:	Distribution of the Fresno County Oak Woodlands Management Guidelines to landowners with oak woodland habitat.
Report in the County's 2024 APR:	<p>"The County continues to review and condition projects in identified oak woodland areas to establish oak management plans. These plans are typically drafted by an environmental professional retained by the land developer and contain site-specific measures to mitigate impacts on oak woodland areas.</p> <p>The boundaries of the oak woodland habitat area have yet to be established; when they are, a handout will be prepared and distributed with every permit that is issued within these areas.</p> <p>Individual projects in oak woodland areas are evaluated for buffering or tree preservation requirements depending on the sensitivity of the habitat and relative health of tree growth, as indicated by independent studies provided by project applicants. Further, Policy OS-F.11, which contains the County's Oak Woodlands Management Guidelines, is considered."</p>
What the 2024 APR should have reported:	The 2042 General Plan contains on page 2-131 a copy of the County's "Oak Woodlands Management Guidelines," but because oak woodlands are not mapped and because the General Plan does not contain a directive to map oak woodlands, it's very unlikely that Program OS-F.A will ever be implemented in any meaningful way.

Program OS-G.A has the following deliverable:	Review the <i>Guide for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts</i> published by the Air Pollution Control District and consider the feasibility of adopting procedures for performing air quality impact analyses.
Report in the County's 2024 APR:	"The County continues to circulate proposed development projects to the SJVAPCD for review for potential air quality impacts. It requires development projects to comply with SJVAPCD rules to mitigate any impact on air quality. For discretionary projects, County staff will review SJVAPCD comments and impose district requirements if warranted (i.e., indirect source review, etc.) as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review process."
What the 2024 APR should have reported:	The County has made no effort to review the Air District's <i>Guide for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts</i> . (This requirement has been in the Plan since 2000.)

Program OS-G.C has the following deliverable:	Amendment of the Subdivision and Grading Ordinances and Development Standards to address dust control.
Report in the County's 2024 APR:	<p>"In 2024, discretionary land use projects continued to be evaluated and conditioned to address dust control measures.</p> <p>All development projects must comply with the SJVAPCD regulations for dust control. Conditions or mitigation measures for discretionary land use permits may require additional levels of dust control.</p>
What the 2024 APR should have reported:	This implementation program has been a component of the General Plan for the past 24 years. Amendment of the Subdivision and Grading Ordinances and Development Standards to address dust control measures was to have been completed by 2003. There is no progress whatsoever in the implementation of this program."

To conclude, my comments clearly show that the County's APR for 2024...

- Does not include all reporting required by state law
- Does not report progress in the implementation of half of the 129 General Plan programs
- Does not directly address all program deliverables and
- Does not present information in a format that's easily usable or adequately instructive.

Please find appended to these comments three exhibits.

Exhibit 1 (pages 15 – 42) is a reformatted version of Appendix A in the County's 2024 Annual Progress Report. In Exhibit 1, the appendix appears in tabular form rather than in prose form. This reformatting gives the reader easy access to each of the County's 129 implementation programs. It also identifies the departments responsible for implementation, lists the timeframes for completion and presents the County's reporting.

Exhibit 2 (pages 43 – 50) lists the deliverable for each implementation program and, based on the County's reporting, identifies progress made using the following color scheme.

 Not Applicable in 2024

 Good Progress

 Poor Progress

 No Record of Progress

Exhibit 3 (pages 51 and 52) contains a calculation of the County's report of progress made in implementing 129 programs (all but those in the Housing Element). It's important to note that the degree of progress reported in 2024 is similar to progress reported in prior years.

Final Calculation of the Implementation of 129 Programs

Programs to be initiated after 2024	12%
Programs with good progress reported	26%
Programs with poor progress reported	12%
Programs with no progress reported	50%

Sincerely,



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EXHIBIT 1

Below is a reformatted version of Appendix A from the County's 2024 Annual Progress Report. The reformatted appendix is in tabular form. It includes a printout of 129 implementation programs along with the departments responsible for implementation, the timeframes for implementation and the status or progress of implementation as reported by the County.

APPENDIX A

Review of General Plan Implementation Programs

PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS / PROGRESS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT			
ED-A.A			
The County shall allocate resources to support the County's economic development implementation programs.	Bd. of Supervisors Admin. Office	Ongoing	<p>The County is currently contracting with EDC for assistance with the implementation of the Economic Development Element Programs of the County General Plan.</p> <p>In 2024, the Fresno County EDC and the County of Fresno staff continued to review priority projects and meet monthly to discuss prospective and existing client projects, and ongoing initiatives.</p>
ED-A.B			
The County shall collaborate with the Fresno Council of Governments and existing food, fiber, and agricultural product processing firms to assess the current state of regional and intermodal transportation infrastructure, the needs for the future, and the role of the County and other agencies in facilitating infrastructure development.	Bd. of Supervisors Admin. Office Public Works	2021 - 2025	<u>No progress report.</u>
ED-C.A			
The County shall continue to work with regional workforce training organizations, community colleges, vocational centers, and others to promote and maintain the existing countywide workforce preparation system.	Workforce Bd. Employment Dept.	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing. Fresno County EDC is an active participant on the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) which serves to mobilize and integrate all private and public partners to effectively educate, train, and place individuals with the necessary resources and skills to fulfill employer needs in the County. EDC's Vice-President of Workforce Development currently serves as a board member.</p> <p>The County of Fresno is currently contracting with the Fresno County EDC for various economic development activities. In the 2023-2024 contract, language was included to allow Good Jobs Challenge resources and funding to be utilized for County hiring needs. Furthermore, EDC staff works alongside the Department of Social Services (DSS) to conduct routine workforce/jobs analysis to help inform training needs, programs, and partnerships.</p> <p>In 2024, EDC continued to implement the \$23 million Good Jobs Challenge (GJC) grant awarded from the U.S. Department of Commerce. EDC partnered with the Fresno Workforce Development Board, local building trades, business trade associations, community-based</p>

			<p>organizations, and post-secondary institutions to create and expand training programs within the Construction, Manufacturing, Transportation/Distribution, and Business Services sectors. The EDC began implementation of training programs across all sectors in Spring 2024.</p> <p>Good Jobs Central Valley announced the launch of the first Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (FAME) Chapter west of the Rockies in October 2024 and designated Reedley College as the FAME Chapter partner in January 2025. FAME has over 40 chapters throughout the United States, primarily concentrated in traditional manufacturing hubs. This expansion into California is a significant development for the long-term competitiveness of the region's manufacturing businesses as the FAME program for Advanced Manufacturing Technicians will result in a far more robust training program coupled with on-the-job training and employer sponsorship.</p> <p>SJVMA, Fresno County EDC, and the Manufacturing Institute have been working closely with the region's employers to improve the advanced manufacturing curriculum available locally. The first cohort of 15-20 FAME students in California, is now set to enroll in August 2025. By year two, the program will have two active cohorts and a total of 30-40 students attending classes two days per week and receiving paid, on-the-job training at their respective sponsoring employers the other three days.</p> <p>In 2024, EDC conducted 38 training programs in 4 industry sectors. In total, more than 525 County residents began a Good Jobs training program in 2024.</p>
ED-C.B			
The County shall provide skills inventory information on the CalWORKs labor pool, upon request, for local expansion and new businesses seeking employees.	Employment Dept.	Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing. The EDC routinely updates its Ready2Hire portal, which aligns the CalWORKs labor pool with employment opportunities from the EDC's client network. In 2023 and 2024, EDC refined its comprehensive quarterly jobs analysis using EMSI/Lightcast and provides a quarterly jobs report to DSS. The quarterly jobs report outlines top occupations in demand by the number of unique job postings, employers that are hiring, and job postings ranked by wage level and growth. The analysis is also prepared at the city level, providing DSS Job Specialists and EDC staff updated insights on key industries, employers, and occupations actively hiring within Fresno County.</p> <p>EDC continues to conduct wage analyses and provide industry sector reports upon request to local or prospective businesses looking to establish or maintain operations in the County. In 2024, EDC initiated dialogue between DSS and a local hospital system to design a training pathway for CalWORKs jobseekers in the healthcare sector that will provide a work and learn opportunity, supporting entry-level employment and beyond.</p>
ED-C.C			
The County shall continue to improve and maintain tracking systems for employment and retention for CalWORKs recipients.	Employment Dept.	Ongoing	<p>With the Good Jobs Challenge (GJC) grant award, EDC coordinated meetings with DSS staff responsible for CalWORKs programming on ways to leverage its collective programs and federal GJC funding for CalWORKs recipients. EDC and DSS staff implemented a Human Resources Generalist and Administrative Assistant training program to assist DSS with current</p>

		<p>eligibility workers and office administration openings from the CalWORKs job seekers pool.</p> <p>DSS uses an automated system developed for use by counties throughout the State to record employment information. During the Summer of 2023, DSS migrated to CalSAWS, a single statewide automated welfare system that supports eligibility and benefits determination and public assistance case management. DSS continues to use this system to track eligible participants.</p> <p>In Summer 2024, EDC in partnership with DSS completed a website revamp of Ready2Hire.org, which included a rebrand and clearer navigation for both Job Seekers and Employers.</p> <p>EDC has dedicated two employment retention specialists who focus on the successful retention of CalWORKs recipients participating in the New Employment Opportunities program (NEO). Retention services are provided for one year following the conclusion of a NEO contract. Once participants have been placed into employment through NEO, the Retention Specialists conduct monthly face-to-face outreach to enrolled businesses to evaluate the performance of the employee and relay any concerns to DSS Job Specialists to proactively address challenges. To enhance employment and retention results, DSS authorized EDC to contact DSS clients related to job openings and job fair opportunities and to address any on-the-job issues following job placement.</p> <p>Moreover, EDC utilizes its pool of participating businesses and placed CalWORKs recipients to carry out program evaluation of NEO. The program evaluation allows EDC to determine the efficacy of the program, which positions, and industries have experienced the most success (e.g., retention), and which are best positioned to experience growth, thus presenting additional hiring needs.</p>
ED-C.D		
<p>The County shall continue efforts to assist placement agencies and businesses in hiring CalWORKs recipients who match required skill sets and are in need of employment.</p>	<p>Employment Dept.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>During the 2024 calendar year, four cohorts of the Truck Drivers Training Program were held, graduating 46 CalWORKs recipients. Moreover, three cohorts completed the Valley Apprenticeship Connections program, graduating 16 CalWORKs recipients.</p> <p>The County DSS through the CalWORKs program provides services such as job clubs, job fairs, participant assessments, adult basic education, and vocational training. The County is also an active participant on the Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board which serves to mobilize and integrate all private and public partners to effectively educate, train and place individuals with the necessary resources and skills to fulfill employer needs.</p> <p>The EDC worked collaboratively with the County of Fresno to prepare CalWORKs recipients for employment opportunities. Four job fairs were attended on behalf of DSS, connecting CalWORKs eligible job seekers with employers.</p> <p>In addition, EDC staff coordinated meetings with County staff on utilizing Good Jobs Challenge grant funding to make available additional services for CalWORKs recipients that remove barriers and promote work readiness. Building off the Program Design work in 2023, EDC began the implementation phase of training programs in Spring 2024.</p>

<p>ED-C.E</p> <p>The County shall continue its collaborative planning and funding efforts with agencies such as the Fresno County Office of Education, State Economic Development Department Ongoing (EDD), local school districts, post-secondary educational institutions, training agencies, vocational centers, and the cities. Such efforts may include education management services, employment placement services, retention services, youth employment programs, job readiness, and career information.</p>			
Social Services	Ongoing	<p>DSS through the CalWORKs program provides services such as job clubs, job fairs, participant assessments, adult basic education, and vocational training. The County is also an active participant on the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board which serves to mobilize and integrate all private and public partners to effectively educate, train and place individuals with the necessary resources and skills to fulfill employer needs. EDC's Vice-President of Workforce Development currently serves as a board member.</p> <p>In addition to EDC staff's participation on behalf of the County on the Workforce Development Board, EDC staff serves on Fresno Unified School District's Career Technical Advisory Board where they help share industry insights and hiring needs.</p> <p>As stated, EDC developed a comprehensive Good Jobs Challenge grant proposal that included extensive engagements and partner commitments with the Fresno County Office of Education, post-secondary institutions, trade associations (San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance), training providers, workforce agencies, unions, and cities. The goal of this coalition is to place 2,500 individuals into good jobs with benefits that pay above the occupational average.</p> <p>During this past year, dialogue continued with the Fresno County Office of Education and the State Center Community College District explored ways on how to align their students, faculty, and programs with EDC's workforce efforts.</p>	

<p>ED-C.F</p> <p>The County shall continue to work with regional workforce training organizations to provide the necessary training in the skills required by the clusters and industries targeted for expansion, attraction, and new enterprise development.</p>			
Workforce Bd.	Ongoing	<p><u>No progress report.</u></p>	

AGRICULTURE AND LAND USE ELEMENT

<p>LU-A.A</p> <p>The County shall review and amend its Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances to ensure consistency with policies and standards of this section.</p>			
Public Works	2021 - 2025	<p>The Zoning Ordinance was amended with the comprehensive Zoning Ordinance update in February 2024 and will be reviewed periodically and updated as necessary to address changes to State law.</p>	
<p>LU-A.B</p> <p>During the develop review process, the County shall evaluate and incorporate all practical buffers for new non-agricultural uses proposed in agricultural areas of the county. Buffer design and maintenance guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Buffers shall be physically and biologically designed to avoid conflicts between agriculture and non-agricultural uses. b) Buffers shall be located on the parcel for which a permit is sought and shall protect the 			
Public Works	Ongoing	<p>During the 2024 calendar year, the County continued to evaluate land use applications, such as proposed photovoltaic solar facilities and subdivision maps, for their proximity to existing agricultural activities.</p> <p>The County requires buffers for certain land uses that have the potential to impact agricultural uses. For discretionary land use proposals, including subdivision maps, buffers are taken into consideration as part of the conditions imposed on the project.</p> <p>During 2024, buffers continue to be applied to utility-scale photovoltaic solar facilities with a general buffer area of 50 feet between panels or structures and surrounding agricultural properties.</p>	

<p>maximum amount of farmable land.</p> <p>c) Buffers generally shall consist of a physical separation between agricultural and non-agricultural uses. The appropriate width shall be determined on a site-by-site basis taking into account the type of existing agricultural uses, the nature of the proposed development, the natural features of the site, and any other factors that affect the specific situation.</p> <p>d) Appropriate types of land uses for buffers include compatible agriculture, open space and recreational uses such as parks and golf courses, industrial uses, and cemeteries.</p> <p>e) The County may condition its approval of a project on the ongoing maintenance of buffers.</p> <p>f) A homeowners association or other appropriate entity shall be required to maintain buffers to control litter, fire hazards, pests, and other maintenance problems.</p> <p>g) Buffer restrictions may be removed if agricultural uses on all adjacent parcels have permanently ceased.</p>			
LU-A.C			
The County shall continue to implement the County's Right-to-Farm Ordinance, and provide information to the local real estate industry to help make the public aware of the right-to-farm provisions in their area.	Ag. Department	Ongoing	<p>County staff utilize the Right-to-Farm Ordinance notification process for several types of discretionary land use applications to ensure that applicants or future property owners are aware of ongoing agricultural activities in the vicinity of developments approved via a discretionary approval process.</p> <p>Further, Public Works and Planning (PWP) staff also work with the Agricultural Commissioner's Office to review discretionary projects proposed in agricultural areas and seek comments from the Agricultural Commissioner's Office regarding those projects.</p>
LU-A.D			
The County shall periodically review agricultural land preservation programs and assess their effectiveness in furthering the County's agricultural goals and policies.	Public Works	Ongoing	<p>During the 2024 calendar year, the County conducted a review of its program, which resulted in a streamlining action. On August 6, 2024, the Board of Supervisors dissolved the Agricultural Land Conservation Committee. This action was taken in part due to fewer items being brought before the Committee and to streamline the contract cancellation process.</p> <p>Williamson Act Cancellations would be considered directly by the Board of Supervisors going forward.</p> <p>Both the Williamson Act Program and conservation easements continue to be considered effective methods for preserving agricultural land in Fresno County as they provide financial benefits to the landowners for the continued utilization of their land</p>

			<p>for agricultural purposes, which furthers the County's goals and policies for the preservation of productive agricultural land.</p> <p>The County continues to administer the Williamson Act Program for participating properties and, at the request of property owners, will assist with reviewing, supporting, or processing conservation easements, and County staff continue to audit Williamson Act contracts for conformity with State and County requirements when a landowner submits a development application or building permit proposal.</p>
LU-A.E			
The County should assist interested farmers and ranchers in obtaining grants under provisions of the California Farmland Conservancy Program for conservation easements.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
LU-A.F			
The County, in cooperation with UC Cooperative Extension, resource conservation districts, and other industry agencies, should develop and implement a public outreach program to inform agriculturalists and the public of the advantages of participation in land trust agreements, conservation easements, dedication incentives, Williamson Act contracts, Farmland Security Act contracts, and the California Farmland Conservancy.	Public Works	Ongoing 2025 -2030	<u>To be implemented after 2024.</u>
LU-A.G			
The County shall maintain an inventory of lot size exceptions granted by discretionary permit. This inventory, including number of exceptions, size of the lots, and their location, shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors during the annual review of the General Plan.	Public Works	Ongoing Annual 2021 -2025	<u>No progress report.</u>
LU-C.A			
As funding become available, the County will update and maintain the Kings River Regional Plan to guide County decision-making concerning land use and environmental quality within the Kings River influence area.	Bd. of Supervisors Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
LU-C.B			
The County shall continue to work with the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, San Joaquin River Conservancy, City of Fresno, and other interested agencies and organizations to implement the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan.	Bd. of Supervisors Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
LU-F.A			
The County shall work with the Cities of Clovis and Fresno and other cities as appropriate to encourage adoption of incentives and disincentives that lead to	Bd. of Supervisors	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>

compact urban development and infill of vacant and under-utilized land.			
LU-F.B			
The County shall review its Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance to incorporate amendments that will implement the policies for pedestrian and transit-oriented development.	Bd. of Supervisors	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
LU-G.A			
The County shall review and revise, as appropriate, its Zoning Ordinance to facilitate moderate increases in density of housing in unincorporated urban communities.	Public Works	Ongoing	During 2024, with the adoption of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Update and General Plan Review (GPR), residential density increases approved during the past four years were carried over to the new documents.
LU-G.B			
The County shall review all annexation proposals submitted to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and prepare a recommendation to LAFCO for each proposal. The County shall formally protest when the annexation is inconsistent with a city's adopted general plan or with the County's General Plan, or with the standards of annexation which is included in the memorandum of understanding between the County and the cities within the county.	Bd. of Supervisors Public Works	Ongoing	The County reviewed eight annexation proposals during the 2024 calendar year. In addition, the County and Cities of Fowler, Huron, and Fresno extended their master tax-sharing agreements, addressing the coordination of annexation proposals between these Cities and the County.
LU-H.A			
The Planning Commission shall review the General Plan annually, focusing principally on actions undertaken in the previous year to carry out the implementation programs of the plan. The Planning Commission's report to the Board of Supervisors shall include, as the Commission deems appropriate, recommendations for amendments to the General Plan	Bd. of Supervisors Planning Comm. Public Works	Ongoing Annual	<p>This program is ongoing. County staff prepares a General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) each year, which is presented to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors before the APR is submitted to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).</p> <p>Transportation and Circulation Element</p> <p>The Transportation and Circulation Element is divided into two parts. The first part is comprised of the County's circulation diagram and roadway classification system. The second part is comprised of goals, policies, and implementation programs organized under the following sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streets and Highways • Transit • Transportation Systems Management • Bike Facilities • Rail Transportation • Air Transportation
TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION ELEMENT			
TR-A.A			
The County shall update and maintain the Improvement Standards for other County development improvements, including private roads dedicated to public use.	Public Works	2021 -2025	The County engaged a consultant in 2022 to assist with the Development Standards update, which is scheduled for adoption in 2026.

TR-A.B			
The County shall prepare and adopt a priority list of street and highway improvements for the Road improvement Program (RIP) based on a horizon of at least five (5) years. The Board of Supervisors shall update the RIP every year based on the recommendation of the Department of Public Works and Planning. The RIP shall program maintenance and rehabilitation, reconstruction, capacity, operational, safety improvements, and specific plan lines on a prioritized basis.	Bd. of Supervisors Public Works	Annual	The Board approved the 2025-2028 Road Improvement Program on December 17, 2024.
TR-A.C			
The County shall coordinate its transportation planning with the Fresno Council of Governments, Caltrans, cities within the county, and adjacent jurisdictions.	Public Works	Ongoing	The County has representatives who serve on Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG)'s Transportation Technical Committee, Policy Advisory Committee, Policy Board, and other committees and regularly collaborates with FCOG and other cities.
TR-A.D			
The County shall consider adopting a traffic impact fee ordinance for areas outside the spheres of influence of cities in the county. The traffic fees should be designed to achieve the adopted LOS and preserve structural integrity based on a twenty (20) year time horizon. The traffic mitigation fees should be updated at least every five years, or concurrently with the approval of any significant modification of the land use allocation used to develop the fees. The County shall require new development within the spheres of influence of cities in the county to pay the traffic impact fees of those cities.	Bd. of Supervisors Public Works	Ongoing 2025 -2030	<u>To be implemented after 2024.</u>
TR-A.E			
The County shall continue to identify and pursue appropriate new funding sources for transportation improvements. Grant funds from regional, State, and Federal agencies should be pursued and utilized when compatible with the General Plan policies and long-term local funding capabilities.	Public Works	Ongoing	In 2024, PWP applied for over \$100 million in grants through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality, Active Transportation Projects, Surface Transportation Block Grant, Highway Bridge Program, Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity, Sustainable Transportation Planning, Office of Traffic Safety, and the Rural Surface Transportation Program.
TR-A.F			
The County shall prepare Complete Streets Design Guidelines and update them every five years.	Public Works	Ongoing 2025 -2030	<u>To be implemented after 2024.</u> The County is currently developing a Complete Streets Design Guidelines, with the anticipated completion date of 2026.
TR-B.A			
The County shall work with the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) and transit providers in the county to periodically review and update the shortrange transit plans in the county.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>

TR-B.B			
The County shall encourage transit providers and FCOG to prepare, adopt, and implement a long-range strategic transit master plan for the county or subareas of the county. The master plan shall review the transit corridors in this Policy Document and designate a set of transit corridors so that appropriate planning can be concentrated on these corridors. The plan(s) shall be reviewed and updated on a regular basis.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
TR-B.C			
The County shall work with Caltrans and other agencies to determine the need for additional or expanded park-and-ride lots and to identify additional sites for such lots.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
TR-B.D			
The County shall work with the FCOG and other agencies to identify right-of-way needs within designated transit corridors and to acquire needed rights-of-way, including abandoned rights-of-way and track structures.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
TR-B.E			
The County shall work with the cities in the county to prepare and adopt land use and design standards for areas within designated urban transit corridors to promote transit accessibility and use.	Public Works	2021 -2025	<u>No progress report.</u>
TR-B.F			
The County shall work with FCOG and FCRTA (a joint powers agency) to identify and pursue funding for transit.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
TR-D.A			
The County shall continue to identify and pursue appropriate new funding sources for bikeway implementation. Grant funds from regional, State, and Federal agencies should be pursued and used when compatible with the General Plan policies and long-term local funding capabilities.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
TR-D.B			
The County shall require that sufficient pavement width for bikeways shown on the Regional Bikeway Plan be constructed in conjunction with road construction projects, and that adequate right-of-way and/or pavement width for bicycle facilities be included in frontage improvements required of new development. Implementation through signing and striping is an operational decision, and may not coincide with initial construction.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>

TR-D.C			
The County shall use California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) or American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards as guidelines for construction of Class I, II, III bicycle facilities.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
TR-D.D			
The County shall work with other agencies to provide facilities that help link bicycles to other modes of transportation, including provision of bike racks or space on buses and parking or lockers for bicycles at transportation terminals.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
TR-D.E			
The County shall periodically review and update the Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan.	Public Works	Ongoing	<p>On October 8, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved the Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP). The 2024 Regional ATP is intended to serve as a guidance document for active transportation in the County of Fresno. It serves as an implementation tool for each of FCOG's member agencies' General Plan Circulation Elements. Endorsement of Fresno County's portion of the 2024 Regional ATP would promote the safety of walking and bicycling in Fresno County and promote walking and bicycling within the unincorporated communities. The 2024 Regional ATP prioritizes pedestrian and bicycle networks, focusing on areas with the greatest need for infrastructure as determined by underserved areas.</p> <p>The 2024 Regional ATP promotes walking and biking for transportation and recreation by all members of the community by creating a connected and complete network of trails, walkways, and bikeways that provide safe, convenient, and enjoyable connections to key destinations and neighborhoods while also promoting pedestrian and bicyclist safety and collision reduction.</p> <p>Specifically, the 2024 Regional ATP envisions a complete, safe, and comfortable network of paths, sidewalks, and bikeways that serves all residents of Fresno County. Specifically, this plan has been developed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a network of safe and attractive sidewalks, shared-use paths, and bikeways that connect Fresno County residents to key destinations, especially local schools, parks, and transit; • Create a network of regional bikeways that allows bicyclists to safely ride between cities and other regional destinations; • Create better connections to transit, especially for communities with limited access to other transportation options; • Increase walking and bicycling trips and thus reduce vehicle miles traveled and improve air quality in the region by creating user-friendly facilities; and • Increase safety by improving crosswalks and sidewalks and expanding the bikeway network.

			The 2024 Regional ATP complies with the California Transportation Commission 2023 Active Transportation Program Guidelines and complies with the 2022 Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.
TR-E.A			
The County shall use appropriate zoning and work with other agencies to plan line-designated railroad corridors to facilitate the preservation of important railroad rights-of-way for future rail expansion or other appropriate transportation facilities.	Public Works	Ongoing	The County continues to work with other agencies, including the California High Speed Rail Authority for rail expansion to facilitate the railroad rights-of-way for railroads and other transportation facilities.
TR-E.B			
The County shall participate in the Council of Fresno County Governments Rail Committee to support improvement, development, and expansion of rail service in Fresno County.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES ELEMENT			
PF-C.A			
The County shall participate in Inter-Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) efforts with other regional partners to identify and implement projects and programs to improve water supply reliability and quality.	Emerg. Services Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
PF-C.B			
The County shall work with service providers to prepare or cause to be prepared water master plans for water delivery systems for development proposed in unincorporated communities. The County shall approve such plans prior to, or concurrently with, approval of the proposed development.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
PF-C.C			
The County shall prepare a Water Conservation Ordinance that includes water conservation technologies, methods, and practices to maximize the beneficial use of water resources. The County shall review and update the ordinance periodically to eliminate practices that no longer prove beneficial and add new technologies that become available.	Public Works	Ongoing 2021 -2025	<u>No progress report.</u>
PF-C.D			
The County shall assess the need for, and suitability of, a tiered water pricing structure for specific County Service Areas and Waterworks Districts on an as needed basis.	Public Works	2025 -2030	<u>To be implemented after 2024.</u>
PF-C.E			
The County shall adopt cost-effective urban best water conservation	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>To be implemented after 2024.</u>

management practices, consistent with the intent of the California Urban Water Agencies, advisories, California Department of Water Resources, or similar authoritative agencies or organizations.		2025 -2030	
PF-D.A			
The County shall work with service providers to prepare, or cause to be prepared, sewer master plans for wastewater treatment facilities for development proposed in unincorporated communities. The County shall approve such plans prior to or concurrently with approval of the proposed development.	Public Works	Ongoing	In 2024, the PWP continues to be responsible for implementing the provisions of the master plans. Areas that experience urban growth must prepare a sewer master plan or update the current master plan for review and approval by the County.
PF-E.A			
The County shall work with responsible flood control agencies to pursue adoption of appropriate regulations and programs as necessary and appropriate to implement required actions under State and Federal stormwater quality programs.	Bd. of Supervisors Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
PF-F.A			
The County shall require new commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential uses to provide adequate areas on-site to accommodate the collection and storage of recyclable materials.	Public Works	Ongoing	<p>PWP staff reviews and conditions commercial, industrial, and multi-family proposals through the required site plan review process to ensure adequate collection and storage facilities are provided and located in a manner that does not impact parking or on-site circulation.</p> <p>In 2024, where appropriate, PWP staff also coordinated with affected cities for proposals within their respected spheres of influence to ensure proposals provided for adequate receptacles that were not in conflict with city standards.</p> <p>The County implemented a mandatory hauler program in the mid-2000s to mandate refuse and recycling collection for all unincorporated areas. As part of the permit review process, projects reviewed through site plan review must have adequate trash disposal areas. Local haulers are engaged as necessary.</p>
PF-H.A			
The County shall work with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, local fire protection agencies, and city fire departments to maximize the use of resources to develop functional and/or operational consolidations and standardization of services and to maximize the efficient use of fire protection resources.	Admin. Office	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
PF-I.A			
The County shall coordinate the updating of regional, community, and specific plans necessitated by the General Plan with applicable school districts to identify the need for and potential location of new or expanded school facilities.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>

PF-I.B			
The County shall coordinate the updating of regional, community, and specific plans with applicable library districts and library interest groups to identify the need for and potential location of new or expanded library facilities. The Library Master Facility Plan shall be used as part of this process.	County library Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION ELEMENT			
OS-A.A			
The County shall coordinate with Groundwater Sustainability Agencies and other water resource management agencies to identify and protect lands sustainable for groundwater recharge.	Public Works	Ongoing 2021 -2025	<u>No progress report.</u>
OS-B.A			
The County, in consultation with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, shall conduct an evaluation of the Forest Practice Rules with regard to: clearcutting and other forest management practices with potential visual impacts; use of prescribed burning; protection of biological, soil, and water resources; and protection of old growth forest in Fresno County. If the Forest Practice Rules are determined to be inadequate, a compilation of Special Forest Practice Rules for Fresno County shall be proposed to the Board of Forestry to address those inadequacies.	Public Works	2025 -2030	<u>To be implemented after 2024.</u>
OS-B.B			
The County shall encourage the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to complete an inventory, including the condition, of existing and residual stands of ancient and old growth forest on private timberlands in Fresno County. The results of this inventory shall be incorporated into the County's biological resources database for use in future land use planning decisions.	Public Works	Ongoing 2021 -2025	<u>No progress report.</u>
OS-B.C			
The County shall participate in U.S. Forest Service management plan development and encourage the U.S. Forest Service and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to address multiple forest management goals supporting healthy forests, habitat, watershed, fuels reduction, special management of old growth forest and other unique biotic or geologic features, and economic and recreational uses of forest resources.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>

OS-B.D			
The County shall encourage the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to include educational materials for residents in its Notice of Intent to Harvest Timber. Such materials should include information concerning the Forest Practice Act, Forest Practice Rules, and Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Timber Harvest Plan review process.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
OS-D.A			
The County shall work toward the acquisition by public agencies or private non-profit conservation organizations of creek corridors, wetlands, and areas rich in wildlife or of a fragile ecological nature as public open space where such areas cannot be effectively preserved through the regulatory process. Such protection may take the form of fee acquisition or protective easements and may be carried out in cooperation with other local, State, and Federal agencies and private entities. Acquisition shall include provisions for maintenance and management in perpetuity.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
OS-F.A			
The County shall make the Fresno County Oak Management Guidelines and other educational resources available to landowners located in oak woodland habitat.	Public Works	Ongoing	<p>The County continues to review and condition projects in identified oak woodland areas to establish oak management plans. These plans are typically drafted by an environmental professional retained by the land developer and contain site-specific measures to mitigate impacts on oak woodland areas.</p> <p>The boundaries of the oak woodland habitat area have yet to be established; when they are, a handout will be prepared and distributed with every permit that is issued within these areas.</p> <p>Individual projects in oak woodland areas are evaluated for buffering or tree preservation requirements depending on the sensitivity of the habitat and relative health of tree growth, as indicated by independent studies provided by project applicants. Further, Policy OS-F.11, which contains the County's Oak Woodlands Management Guidelines, is considered.</p>
OS-G.A			
The County shall work cooperatively with the SJVAPCD to review their published Guide for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts and consider the feasibility to adopt procedures for performing air quality impact analysis and mitigation measures with any modifications deemed appropriate.	Public Works	2021 -2025	<p>The County continues to circulate proposed development projects to the SJVAPCD for review for potential air quality impacts. It requires development projects to comply with SJVAPCD rules to mitigate any impact on air quality. For discretionary projects, County staff will review SJVAPCD comments and impose district requirements if warranted (i.e., indirect source review, etc.) as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review process.</p>
OS-G.B			
The County shall continue to implement programs to reduce its employees' work-related vehicular trips.	Public Works Admin. Office	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>

OS-G.C			
The County shall amend its Subdivision and Grading Ordinances and Development Standards to address dust control measures for new development, access roads, and parking areas.	Public Works	2021 -2025	In 2024, discretionary land use projects continued to be evaluated and conditioned to address dust control measures. All development projects must comply with the SJVAPCD regulations for dust control. Conditions or mitigation measures for discretionary land use permits may require additional levels of dust control.
OS-H.A			
The County shall work with local, State, and Federal agencies to complete a comprehensive inventory of all County owned parks and recreation areas and services in the county and to identify other areas suitable for potential park acquisition and development as funds permit. The County shall consider preparation of a County park and recreation master plan to provide a policy framework for independent implementation by the cooperating agencies.	Public Works	2021 -2025 2025 -2030	<u>No progress report.</u>
OS-H.B			
As new development occurs, the County shall consider contracting with existing entities that have the authority to receive dedications or grants of land or funds, plus the ability to charge fees for acquisition, development, and maintenance of parks, open space, and riding, hiking, and bicycle trails.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
OS-J.A			
The County shall prepare and maintain, using a GIS database, an inventory of historical sites, buildings, and landmarks.	Historic Records	2025 -2030	<u>To be implemented after 2024.</u>
OS-L.A			
The County shall work with Caltrans to apply for scenic highway designation for the State highway segments eligible for such designation, and take necessary steps for approval, including adoption of scenic corridor protection programs for eligible segments.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
HEALTH AND SAFETY ELEMENT			
HS-A.A			
In coordination with cities, special districts, and State and Federal agencies, the County shall review and update regularly the Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.	Admin Office Emerg. Services Sheriff's Office CalFire, etc. Public Works	Ongoing	In 2024, the Fresno County Office of Emergency Services (OES), along with the 15 incorporated cities and a handful of Special Districts, began the process of updating the Fresno County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Fresno County contracted with a consultant to assist OES with the rewrite and coordination. Several public presentations, along with a local on-camera media campaign to, encourage residents to participate by responding to a hazards survey. The campaign was very successful in receiving over 1,000 responses on the concerns of hazards in Fresno County. The plan is completed and currently in review with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES).

			When the review is completed, the document will be sent to FEMA for review and approval. Once approved, Fresno County OES will present it to the County Board of Supervisors for adoption.
HS-A.B			
The County shall continue to monitor and periodically evaluate County emergency planning, operations, and training capabilities. The County shall support post disaster response efforts that are targeted toward the most vulnerable populations by developing culturally sensitive responses, including language access services, communications, and other support services.	Emerg. Services	Ongoing	<p>During 2024, OES, working with representatives from all departments within the County, completed an update to our Emergency Operations Plan. During these planning meetings, each department was able to identify if they were primary, secondary, or not needed in areas of response during an emergency. Having this information ahead of an actual emergency helps the entire county prepare better. In addition, OES also created new plans for the County, including a Care and Shelter Plan, Recovery Plan, and Communications Plan. A Drought Plan is currently being created and will be completed in mid-2025. In all of the plans, a concerted effort was made to not only consult with those vulnerable populations but also have them on the various planning committees.</p>
HS-A.C			
The County shall continue to review actions in the Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan on an annual basis to be considered for annual FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant allocations or after a presidential disaster declaration in California for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding as well as for other local, state, and federal funding opportunities.	Admin Office Emerg. Services Sheriff's Office Co. Fire District Public Works	Annual	The Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) was specifically created to meet the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) requirements, ensuring the County's eligibility for future mitigation grant funding opportunities. As part of the update, Fresno County identified key projects for FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs, focusing on enhancing resilience to wildfire, drought, and flooding.
HS-A.D			
The County shall continue to periodically evaluate County-owned safety and emergency management facilities and public utility systems for susceptibility to damage due to flood inundation, seismic or geologic hazards, or wildfire hazards and implement corrective actions should problems be identified.	Emerg. Services Public Works	Ongoing	<p>During 2024, the Department of Public Health (DPH) Facility Management Team conducted a comprehensive review of County-owned and leased properties where safety and emergency management programming occurs. Based on this review, the team updated and enhanced the policy and procedure guidelines to incorporate best practices for hazard identification, mitigation strategies, and emergency response planning.</p> <p>To ensure ongoing safety and preparedness, these properties are subjected to a structured inspection process that includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual Inspections: A thorough evaluation of all safety and emergency management facilities and associated public utility systems to identify any vulnerabilities related to the above hazards. 2. Post-Natural Event Inspections: Targeted assessments are conducted immediately after natural events (e.g., storms, earthquakes, or wildfire incidents) to determine the extent of any damage or newly emerging risks. <p>When hazards or vulnerabilities are identified, corrective actions are implemented promptly. This ongoing process of evaluation and mitigation ensures the County-owned and leased facilities are prepared to withstand natural hazards while maintaining the safety and continuity of critical services.</p>

			<p>The County Department of Internal Services evaluates County facilities in conjunction with concerns raised by the occupying department.</p> <p>Facility issues or any damage resulting from events are inspected with the assistance of Risk Management staff and qualified consultants or sub-consultants.</p> <p>Modifications, improvements, or construction of new structures to replace existing facilities are also evaluated with the assistance of the PWP staff. A more comprehensive inventory of existing facilities is targeted as budgeting and staffing permits.</p>
HS-A.E			
The County shall research available funding sources to provide sustainable backup power sources for critical facilities in the event of a power outage triggered by a climate event.	Public Works	2021 -2025 2025 -2030	<u>No progress report.</u>
HS-A.F			
The County shall continue to conduct programs to inform the general public of emergency preparedness and disaster response procedures. Programs shall be developed to reach the most vulnerable populations in the County.	Emerg. Services	Ongoing	<p>In addition to our normal outreach programs, the City and County of Fresno are currently planning a Preparedness Fair on September 20, 2025. This fair will include government agencies, non-government organizations (NGOs), and partners from the private sector who represent our entire community, with those vulnerable populations at the forefront of planning. Organizations will have the opportunity to set up a booth and communicate with the entire community. Extensive pre-event marketing and promotion will occur across all avenues of communication with how these vulnerable communities receive their information. OES is taking this opportunity to not only extend preparedness information but also as an opportunity to increase our opt-ins to emergency notifications.</p>
HS-A.G			
The County shall continue to support standardized informational and telecommunications systems among local, regional, State and Federal agencies to provide for better interoperability.	Admin Office Emerg. Services Sheriff's Office Co. Fire District Public Works	Ongoing	Law enforcement, fire services, and emergency medical services continue to coordinate telecommunications services with all local, state, and federal agencies using the interoperability resources. Updates and changes are immediately shared among participating agencies.
HS-A.H			
The County shall identify residential developments in hazard areas that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes and work with affected residents to help prepare them to anticipate their evacuation alternatives. As part of development review process, fire responders should evaluate applications for compliance with the Attorney General Wildfire Guidance from October 22, 2022, which states that new development should have adequate fire protection, including proximity to adequate emergency services, adequate provisions for fire flow and emergency vehicle access and fire hardened communication, including high speed internet service.	Emerg. Services Sheriff's Office Public Works	Ongoing	<p>No notable activity or changes related to this program occurred in 2024. The Department continues to work with County OES staff as needed during the update of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) to identify developments without a secondary emergency access. During 2024, a rural residential development at Friant and Willow Avenues was approved with emergency access points as recommended by the local fire agency. County staff will continue to work with first responder agencies when reviewing new development proposals to ensure they are provided the ability to review and comment.</p>

HS-A.I			
The County shall seek and secure funding to conduct near-term and long-term climate hazard assessment (such as for flooding and wildfire) for at-risk County facilities. The assessment shall identify adaptation or retirement plans for at-risk buildings and facilities, and prioritize necessary retrofits or upgrades based on the age, criticality, and vulnerability and need of the County facility.	Public Works Co. Fire District	2021 -2025 2025 -2030	<u>No progress report.</u>
HS-B.A			
In partnership with neighborhood- and community-based organizations, the County shall seek funding to establish a climate change education program that would inform residents and businesses about climate change preparedness and the benefits of improving homes and businesses to contemporary fire safe standards.	Co. Fire District	2021 -2025	<u>No progress report.</u>
HS-B.B			
To promote consistency with changing State Fire Code requirements, the County will update its County Code in accordance with State Fire Code revisions.	Co. Fire District Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
HS-B.C			
The County shall update emergency planning documents, such as the Emergency Operations Plan, and procedures every 8 years in tandem with required Safety Element updates to minimize emergency response and evacuation challenges county-wide.	Emerg. Services Sheriff's Office Co. Fire District Public Works	Ongoing	In 2024, Fresno County updated its Master Emergency Operations Plan to reflect and update changes to current emergency management standard practices and Fresno County operational procedures. This plan, along with the newly created Communications Plan, Care and Shelter Plan, and Recovery Plan, have all been adopted by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. In 2025, Fresno County will have completed the Drought Plan and the LHMP approved through FEMA and adopted by the Board of Supervisors.
HS-B.D			
The County shall seek federal and/or state funding to support enforcement of defensible space and hardening standards to mitigate structure ignitions and reduce losses.	Co. Fire District	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
HS-B.E			
As part of the application process, the County shall review proposed new and existing developments and ensure they have adequate emergency access, water supplies and provisions for fire suppression.	Co. Fire District Public Works	Ongoing	Implementation of this program is ongoing. County staff continues to route development applications to affected fire districts. In 2024, as an example, a rural residential development at Friant and Willow Avenues was approved with emergency access points and adequate fire prevention provisions as the local fire agency recommended.
HS-B.F			
The County shall continue to coordinate with CAL FIRE, the U.S. Forest Service, and neighboring jurisdictions on wildfire risk reduction activities in fire hazard severity zones in, wildland urban interface areas, and open spaces.	Co. Fire District	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>

HS-C.A			
The County shall prepare, maintain, and implement a Countywide Flood Emergency Plan that is consistent with the Fresno General Plan and city adopted general plans. The plan should be prepared in coordination with cities in Fresno County and address the requirements of Senate Bill 5.	Public Works	2025 -2030	<u>To be implemented after 2024.</u>
HS-C.B			
The County shall with each revision of its Housing Element review and update as necessary the General Plan to include new flooding information not previously available, as required by with AB 162 (2007).	Public Works	2021 -2025	Updated flood information was included in the adopted GPR approved in February of 2024.
HS-C.C			
The County shall update and periodically review the Special Flood Hazard Areas provisions contained in the County Code to ensure adequate protection for structures located within identified flood zones.	Public Works	Ongoing	The County regularly engages with the State of California and Federal representatives regarding flood hazard maps. PWP maintains the most current FEMA flood hazard maps and updates the information as necessary or as FEMA releases new data/maps. All submitted projects are reviewed to determine proximity to the Special Flood Hazard Area during the grading permit process.
HS-C.D			
The County shall establish development standards for new construction to reduce flooding. Standards should include minimizing paved areas or impervious surfaces, retaining large areas of undisturbed, naturally vegetated habitat to allow for water infiltration, and intermix areas of pavement with naturally vegetated infiltration sites to reduce the concentration of stormwater runoff from pavement and buildings.	Public Works	2025 -2030	<u>To be implemented after 2024.</u> The County regularly engages with State and Federal agencies regarding flood zone requirements and evaluates projects against those requirements.
HS-C.E			
The County shall, as part of the development review process, require that the design and location of dams and levees be in accordance with applicable design standards and specifications and accepted design and construction practices. The County shall ensure development applications are routed to the proper review agencies and departments to confirm design standards are met.	Public Works	Ongoing	There are 23 dams within Fresno County that pose a significant risk to people and/or property. The Fresno County Office of Emergency Services has developed dam failure evacuation plans for each of these 23 dams. The Fresno County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan evaluates dam failure in Fresno County. According to this document, there were 14 dam failures between 1976 and 1983, but all were earthen dams on private property. Although there remains a risk of dam failure in Fresno County, there has not been any failure of major dams.
HS-C.F			
The County shall develop, implement, and maintain a monitoring program to assess overall system capabilities.	Public Works	Ongoing	PWP maintains current FEMA flood hazard maps and updates information as necessary or as FEMA releases new data/maps. The PWP reviews all submitted projects for conformance with floodplain requirements through the grading permit process for both ministerial and discretionary proposals with respect to the designated floodplains.

HS-C.G			
The County shall participate in the investigation and support the construction of water storage and banking facilities by other entities for the upper San Joaquin River Basin.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
HS-C.H			
The County shall maintain flood hazard maps and other relevant floodplain data and shall revise or update this information as new information becomes available. In the County's review of applications for building permits and discretionary permits and proposals for capital improvement projects, the County shall determine whether the proposed project is within the 100-year floodplain based on these maps and shall encourage open space uses in flood zones.	Public Works	Ongoing	PWP maintains current FEMA flood hazard maps and updates information as necessary or as FEMA releases new data/maps. PWP reviews all submitted projects for conformance with floodplain requirements through the grading permit process for both ministerial and discretionary proposals with respect to the designated floodplains.
HS-C.I			
The County shall continue to develop and review relevant dam failure evacuation plans and continue to provide public information on dam failure preparedness.	Public Works	Ongoing	Fresno County OES stays in communication with all local dam operators, participating in plan updates and exercises. In the 4th quarter of 2024, Fresno County OES met and toured Millerton and Pine Flat Dam to foster communication and maintain relationships. Also, in 2024, Fresno County OES participated in the planning for a 2025 exercise of the Hume Lake Dam. Fresno County OES stores a copy of Emergency Plans from all of Fresno County Dams, and it is on the flow chart to be called in an emergency.
HS-D.A			
The County shall regularly review readily available information published by the California Division of Mines and Geology and other agencies and use the information to update County maps and the General Plan Background Report.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
HS-D.B			
The County shall create and adopt a Geologic Hazards Checklist to be utilized during the development review process.	Public Works	2025 -2030	<u>To be implemented after 2024.</u>
HS-E.A			
The County shall refer to the Fresno County Airport Land Use Commission for review projects within the Airport Review Area requiring amendments of general plans, community and specific plans, airport master plans, rezoning applications, zoning ordinance text amendments, and building code amendments for consistency with the appropriate Airport Land Use Policy Plan.	Airport Comm. Public Works	Ongoing	All land use applications in the vicinity of an airport in the County and adjacent counties are referred to the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) administered by FCOG to evaluate consistency with the Airport Land Use Plan. The ALUC's recommendations are considered part of the staff's evaluation of the proposed projects.
HS-E.B			
The County shall, as part of the development review process, ensure that new development, including public infrastructure projects, does not create manmade safety hazards such as glare	Public Works	Ongoing	Both public and private projects are evaluated based on local and state regulations.

from direct or reflective sources, smoke, electrical interference, hazardous chemicals, or fuel storage in violation of adopted safety standards.			
HS-F.A			
The County shall continue to review discretionary uses which involve use of hazardous materials or generate hazardous wastes in regulated quantities.	Public Health Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
HS-F.B			
The County shall coordinate with the Regional Water Quality Control Board to review plans to mitigate soil or groundwater contamination for redevelopment or infill projects.	Public Health Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
HS-G.A			
The County shall support property owners in applying for and accessing financial assistance for eligible low-income individuals for constructing and retrofitting buildings to be more energy efficient and for the purchasing of low-carbon-emitting appliances.	Bd. of Supervisors Admin Office	2025 -2030	<u>To be implemented after 2024.</u>
HS-G.B			
The County shall coordinate with Cities to identify and map cooling centers in locations accessible to vulnerable populations and establish standardized temperature triggers for when they will be opened.	Public Health	2021 -2025	OES and the County Administration Office's office maintain an emergency website that is always available to the public. Information on this website includes locations of cooling and warming centers and any other information needed before, during, and after an emergency. www.fresnocountyemergency.com .
HS-G.C			
The County shall work with community based organizations to site immediate assistance and emergency shelter hubs in areas with high numbers of vulnerable populations and establish climate related triggers for opening the Immediate Assistance and Emergency Shelter Hubs (such as temperature thresholds and air quality thresholds). The following essential resources shall be made available at Immediate Assistance and Emergency Shelter Hubs: health programming and resources, food and water, refrigeration, charging stations, basic medical supplies, and other emergency supplies.	Public Health Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
HS-G.D			
The County shall identify corridors, particularly pedestrian pathways and bikeways that connect transit stations to nearby residential areas and public spaces, with the greatest need for shade and impermeable surfaces. Project implementation shall be prioritized in disadvantaged unincorporated communities.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>

HS-G.E	The County shall work with the University of California Cooperative Extension and the Farm Bureau to develop an education and outreach campaign best suited to agricultural producers in the county, that increases field observation and monitoring and provides climate information services to agricultural producers in the County. Climate information services shall include early warnings systems for extreme weather events and estimates weather and climate impacts on crop and livestock operations.	Ag. Commissioner	2025 -2030	<u>To be implemented after 2024.</u>
HS-H.A				
The County shall amend and enforce the Fresno County Noise Ordinance as necessary consistent with the policies and standards within this element.	Public Health Sheriff's Office	2025 -2030		<u>To be implemented after 2024.</u>
HS-H.B				
The County shall develop an effective noise control program that includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> An ordinance (1) defining acceptable noise levels based on land use, (2) setting forth monitoring methodology and determination of violations, (3) defining exemptions and variance procedures, and (4) delineating enforcement and abatement procedures; and A public information program to inform county residents of the impact of noise on their lives. 	Public Health Public Works	2025 -2030		<u>To be implemented after 2024.</u>
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT				
EJ-A.A	During the development review process, the County shall ensure that adequate measures, including but not limited to, landscaping, buffers, and setbacks are incorporated into each project to minimize potential project impacts associated with odor, light, glare, groundwater contamination and air emissions on disadvantaged community residents.	Public Works	Ongoing	Provisions have been included in the Zoning Ordinance. Section 834.4.450 of the Zoning Ordinance outlines commercial/industrial/warehousing development standards.
EJ-A.B	The County shall incorporate into its Zoning Ordinance development standards and that address potentially pollution producing land uses that are proposed to be located adjacent to existing sensitive land uses (such as residential uses, schools, senior care facilities, and day care facilities).	Public Works	Ongoing	Provisions have been included in the Zoning Ordinance and are implemented as part of the Department's development review process. Section 834.4.450 of the Zoning Ordinance outlines commercial/industrial/warehousing development standards. Section 858.5.090 regarding Temporary Use Permits includes a discussion of regulation of nuisance factors.

EJ-A.C			
The County, in coordination with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, shall develop a list of pollution reducing technologies and best practices to make available to the local commercial and industrial industry.	Public Works	Ongoing	The County regularly routes discretionary land use applications to the Air Pollution District for comment and shares comments with applicants. Comments may include a list of air pollution-reducing technologies.
EJ-A.D			
The County shall seek funding from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and the CalEPA to establish a Healthy Homes HVAC retrofitting subsidy program.	Public Works	2021 -2025	<u>No progress report.</u>
EJ-A.E			
The County shall coordinate with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District on County-initiated infrastructure projects and largescale public or private developments for applicable funding opportunities to mitigate roadway pollution.	Public Works	Ongoing	The County regularly coordinates with the Air Pollution District and will consider funding opportunities when appropriate.
EJ-A.F			
The County shall continue coordination with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District for project review and comment on both County- and privately initiated projects.	Public Works	Ongoing	During 2024, all discretionary land use projects and Site Plan Review applications were routed to the Air District as part of the review process.
EJ-A.G			
The County shall mail a written notice to property owners and occupants within 15 days of the County's acceptance of a discretionary development review application located within a disadvantaged community. Notification shall be in English and Spanish and shall provide the opportunity for residents to submit written comments within 15 days following the date of the notice. Notification shall be from the exterior boundary of the property proposed for development and shall be in accordance with the Fresno County Zoning Ordinance public noticing requirements.	Public Works	Ongoing	The County has begun implementing these procedures for projects within or in the vicinity of disadvantaged unincorporated communities, as identified in the previous SB 244 analysis.
EJ-A.H			
Annually, the County shall develop a list of viable infrastructure and active transportation improvement projects for its disadvantaged communities and shall seek available grant funding.	Public Works	Ongoing	The County Adopted the Regional ATP in September 2024. An ATP project was completed in Biola in 2024. There are ongoing funded projects in Del Rey, Calwa, Cantua Creek, Tranquillity, Easton, and Caruthers. There are ongoing water projects in the communities of Cantua Creek and Raisin City scheduled for completion in 2025/2026. Park Improvements funded through ARPA in El Porvenir, Raisin City, and Laton are also scheduled for completion in 2025/2026.
EJ-A.I			
During the development review process, new industrial projects shall be subject to the Zoning Ordinance industrial development standards to reduce	Public Works	Ongoing	Provisions have been included in the Zoning Ordinance and are implemented during the Department's development review process. Section 834.4.450 of the Zoning Ordinance outlines commercial/industrial/

impacts to sensitive receptors and conflicts with surrounding properties.			warehousing development standards. Section 858.5.090 regarding Temporary Use Permits includes a discussion of the regulation of nuisance factors.
EJ-A.J			
Truck traffic from new industrial development is prohibited from traveling through existing residential zoned areas.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
EJ-B.A			
Periodically, and during the updating of the County's unincorporated community plans, the County shall meet with local school districts and local, regional, and state organizations to identify need and the funding necessary to implement safe and walkable pedestrian routes to schools.	Public Works	Ongoing	During the Del Rey and Biola Community Plan update, the County met with the respective school districts for the communities to discuss school needs and walkable pedestrian routes. The County continues to search for funding to improve walkable pedestrian routes in these communities.
EJ-B.B			
The County shall seek funding from the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Outdoor Equity Grants Program and Per Capita Program to develop a targeted Park Improvement Fund. The County shall work with and assist local community services districts in disadvantaged communities to seek funding from the parks related grant programs to develop their Park Improvement Funds.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
EJ-B.C			
The County shall seek funding from the Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads to develop the Rural Complete Streets Program.	Public Works	Ongoing	The County has secured federal funding for a Safe Streets for All Action Plan. An agreement with a consultant is scheduled to go to the Board of Supervisors in March 2025. The Action Plan should be adopted by 2027.
EJ-C.A			
The County shall continue to promote Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) within disadvantaged areas through letters of support and engagement with local city and County decision-making bodies.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
EJ-C.B			
Annually, the County shall meet with medical service providers to identify obstacles to providing services in disadvantaged communities.	Code Enforcement Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
EJ-C.C			
The County shall collaborate with Fresno County Rural Transit to maintain and/or identify new routes to healthcare facilities and shopping outlets that provide access to healthy foods, including fresh produce and proteins.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
EJ-C.D			
The County shall develop a local definition of food desert and develop a	Public Works	2025 -2030	<u>To be implemented after 2024.</u>

<p>food desert map (food access points). The County will evaluate available public transportation routes and assess feasibility of integration into an existing public asset or increasing/adding healthy food availability services.</p>			<p>The Fresno County DPH has conducted an initial literature review of national, state, and local definitions of food deserts and maps and complied with Food Insecurity data in Fresno County Overview. DPH has baseline data; however, the data set is now at least 5 years old. A new literature review and analysis will be conducted. DPH will work on conducting a regional outreach component so that local/regional experts can help define the County definition of a food desert, and food insecurity and help shape the mapping tool methods.</p> <p>The City of Fresno, Fresno Area Express (FAX) conducted a survey and has baseline data from 2022 for routes and serving the disadvantaged communities, access to parks, community centers, schools, and core jobs.</p> <p>The City of Fresno FAX has conducted a new ridership survey in 2024. Data has been analyzed, and a summary will be presented to the City Council in February 2025. The data will be released to the public shortly after it has been presented to the City Council and approved. FAX is working on updating existing routes and maps, including grocery stores. The Department will work with FAX to provide Farmers Market and/or Community Gardens in the maps.</p> <p>Fresno County Rural Transportation Agency (FCRTA) offers safe, reliable, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly means of transportation to Fresno County residents. FCRTA has relationships with local, regional, and statewide transit providers, including FAX, Clovis Transit, Kings Area Transit, Dinuba Connection, Sequoia Shuttle, and Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System. FCRTA also provides a regional ride-share program.</p> <p>FCRTA conducted a Transit Microgrid and Multi-Modal Community Resiliency Hub Feasibility Study, held community workshops, and conducted surveys throughout 2022. This study was conducted to expand transit service and access in rural disadvantaged communities, reduce transportation emissions, encourage electric vehicle adoption, support other transit agencies, leverage microgrid investments in rural communities, and support residents during emergencies. The final advisory committee meeting was held June 20, 2024. The final report was made public in May 2024. FCRTA-Microgrid-Study_FINAL_5.2024.pdf.</p> <p>FCRTA currently has route maps, but they do not integrate food access points. However, FCRTA is open to adding such stops to their website and maps for the fixed routes. The intra-city routes are a demand response, and residents always have access to each of the 13 incorporated cities in Fresno County. FCRTA does not have a mobile app at this time for routes or service information. All route information and fixed route information are listed and shown on this site: Home – FCRTA.</p>
EJ-C.E			
<p>The County shall develop a list of potential stakeholder contacts and relevant administering departments prior to initiating outreach. After initial outreach occurs the County shall conduct periodic updates to stakeholder lists and initiate subsequent outreach efforts as</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	<p>2021 -2025</p>	<p>The County and respective Departments have access to existing multiple stakeholders lists through various partnership channels. The Departments utilizes existing stakeholder listservs when conducting outreach with communities throughout Fresno County. The Departments utilize their respective existing stakeholder lists when conducting outreach such as</p>

<p>needed to ensure education and awareness programs remain current with changing state and local disease indicators and nutrition guidelines.</p>			<p>health updates and sharing of education, information, recruiting for focus groups and community meetings, and monthly health observances tied to disease indicators impacting County residents.</p> <p>Additionally, the Departments utilize social media for community outreach. When conducting outreach specifically to nutrition and chronic disease indicators, the Department utilizes the Fresno Metro Ministry's Food Security Network listserv that consists of 70 organizations and individuals, the Fresno County Community Health Worker Network listserv, which consists of seven contracted community-based organizations, and 64 Community Health Workers, the Health Disparity Program listserv consists of 60 community health worker, seven community-based organizations and one Federally Qualified Health Care Center, the Community Health Worker Collaborative consists of 129 internal and external partners that are individuals and organizations.</p> <p>The Departments provide updated annual mortality data reports such as the Leading Cause of Deaths and are available to the public on the County's website (https://www.fresnocountyca.gov/Departments/Public-Health/Epidemiology-Surveillance-and-Data-Management/Reports-and-Statistics/Mortality). Disease indicator data is also available upon request. Requests for data and data sets can be made via the department website at Epidemiology - County of Fresno.</p> <p>Additionally, the Departments share health educational materials that meet Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Standards and speak about emerging health trends and other disease indicators. These materials are then shared within the various channels listed as a way to educate partner agencies and the community members they serve. These emerging health trends are monitored through a syndromic surveillance process in partnership with the local hospitals and by monitoring the local wastewater. These indicators help inform the type of health educational materials that are disseminated widely.</p> <p>The Department's CalFresh Healthy Living program, a nutrition and physical activity education program, follows United States Department of Agriculture nutrition recommendations and utilizes SNAP-Ed approved messaging and curriculums, along with the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans when providing nutrition education services in the community.</p>
EJ-C.F			
<p>The County shall include provisions in its Zoning Ordinance that permits the establishment and operation of farmer's markets without the need for a discretionary development review permit.</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	<p>2021 -2025</p>	<p>In 2024, with the adoption of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Update, provisions have been included with the Zoning Ordinance Update. C-1 and C-2 zone districts permit by-right.</p>
EJ-C.G			
<p>The County shall establish, in partnership with local nonprofits and food banks, a countywide food recovery program focused on increasing food access in low-income communities.</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	<p>2021 -2025</p>	<p>Fresno County DPH, DSS, and Behavioral Health have an existing partnership with a countywide network of stakeholders working to address food insecurity in Fresno County. The Fresno Metro Ministry (Metro) founded the Fresno Food Security Network (FFSN) in 2016 in an effort to address food hardships impacting Fresno County. FFSN, a collaboration of community</p>

			<p>organizations and leaders meeting monthly, is committed to increasing food access, food waste prevention and recovery, and healthy food consumption by utilizing standardized tools to address the diversity of community needs in Fresno County. The County has been an active member since 2016.</p> <p>Metro launched planning efforts for a Food Policy Council for Fresno County in 2020 as a more strategic, comprehensive, and inclusive approach to effectively address the interrelated issues preventing Fresno County from making progress in decreasing food hardship and increasing access to healthy foods for low-income families. In 2022, FFSN applied and was selected to participate in the Johns Hopkins Nationwide Food Policy Council Community of Practice to advance regional approaches to optimizing the local food system. Metro, Fresno County Department of Public Health, and Central California Food Bank represented the FFSN.</p> <p>Furthermore, locally, Metro founded Food to Share, a community food partnership that collects wholesome, nutritious foods from restaurants, schools, growers and packers, gleanings, and shares with (redistributes) local churches, pantries, distribution centers, and food kitchens to feed low-income residents in underserved neighborhoods. During the monthly FFSN meetings, information and resources are shared with partners regarding nutrition education, food distributions, food recovery, food waste prevention, farmers markets, community gardens, gleaning, and CalFresh outreach efforts in Fresno County. Continued collaboration is underway as this is an ongoing effort that aligns with the Department's Community Health Improvement priorities.</p>
EJ-C.H			
The County shall evaluate all federal, state, and local resources that can support the development of a countywide food recovery program. The County shall also evaluate its solid waste landfill fee structure and update it as necessary in order to support diverting organic waste into the landfill.	Public Works	2021 -2025	<u>No progress report.</u>
EJ-C.I			
The County shall provide the public available data for chronic diseases via the Fresno County Health Priority Index webpage or other local, State/Federal developed resources that reflect the impact of the most prevalent chronic diseases impacting Fresno County residents.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
EJ-D.A			
The County shall utilize available notification techniques to convey information to community residents on projects that may affect their community and encourage their participation in the planning process and expressing their concerns to the decision makers.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>

EJ-D.B			
The County shall seek funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development to fund housing programs focused on supporting disadvantaged and underserved communities, such as the CalHome grant, the National Housing Trust Fund, and Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grants.	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
EJ-E.A			
Annually, the County shall utilize existing community events and regularly scheduled (i.e., farmer's markets, festivals, school events, parades, community service district meetings) events to effectively and equitably engage area residents regarding Fresno County programs and projects (health services and healthy foods, HOME program, major infrastructure).	Public Works	Ongoing	<u>No progress report.</u>
EJ-E.B			
The County Board of Supervisors shall develop and adopt a countywide public noticing and public outreach policy document applicable to all County departments that consider diversity in race, ethnicity, culture, language, age, ability, and socioeconomic status.	Admin. Office	2021 -2025	<u>No progress report.</u>

EXHIBIT 2

Exhibit 2 lists the deliverables for each implementation program and, based on the County's reporting, identifies progress made using the following color scheme.

 To be implemented after 2024	 Poor Progress
 Good Progress	 No Record of Progress

2042 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT			
No.	ID No.	Comment	Deliverable(s)
1	ED-A.A		Allocation of resources to support the County's economic development implementation programs.
2	ED-A.B	No progress report.	Assessment of the current state of regional and intermodal transportation infrastructure.
3	ED-C.A		Promotion and maintenance of the countywide workforce preparation system.
i4	ED-C.B		Upon request, distribution of skills inventory information on the CalWORKs labor pool.
5	ED-C.C		Improvement of an employment and retention tracking system for CalWORKs recipients.
6	ED-C.D		Assistance with the assessment of the work availability and readiness of CalWORKs recipients to the Fresno Economic Development Corporation, placement agencies and businesses.
7	ED-C.E		Collaboration with various agencies and institutions to plan and fund a wide variety of services designed to promote employment.
8	ED-C.F	No progress report.	Delivery of employee skills training required by the business clusters and industries targeted for expansion, attraction and development.
2042 AGRICULTURE AND LAND USE ELEMENT			
No.	ID No.	Comment	Deliverable(s)
9	LU-A.A		Amendment of the Zoning Ordinance to ensure conformity with the Agriculture and Land Use Element.
10	LU-A.B		Incorporation of buffers for new non-agricultural uses proposed in agricultural areas of the county.
11	LU-A.C	No examples. Off topic.	Implementation of the County's Right-to-Farm Ordinance; dissemination of information to the real estate industry.
12	LU-A.D	Totally off topic.	Periodic assessment of the effectiveness of agricultural land preservation programs.
13	LU-A.E	No progress report.	Assistance to interested farmers and ranchers in obtaining grants for conservation easements.

14	LU-A.F	To be implemented after 2024.	Development and implementation of a public outreach program for agricultural land conservation.
15	LU-A.G	No progress report.	Maintenance of an inventory of lot size exceptions granted by discretionary permit.
16	LU-C.A	No progress report.	As funding becomes available, update of the Kings River Regional Plan.
17	LU-C.B	No progress report.	Assistance with the implement the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan.
18	LU-F.A	No progress report.	Adoption of incentives/disincentives to support compact urban development and infill.
19	LU-F.B	No progress report.	Review of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance to incorporate amendments to implement policies for pedestrian and transit-oriented development.
20	LU-G.A		Revision of the Zoning Ordinance to facilitate moderate increases in housing density.
21	LU-G.B		Review of all annexation proposals, including formal County protests when annexations are inconsistent with either the cities' general plans or the County's General Plan.
22	LU-H.A		Annual review of the General Plan.

2042 TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION ELEMENT

No.	ID No.	Comment	Deliverable(s)
23	TR-A.A	No information for 2024.	Update of the Improvement Standards for County development projects, including private roads dedicated to public use.
24	TR-A.B		Annual update of a the County's Road Improvement program (RIP).
25	TR-A.C	No examples of planning.	Coordination of transportation planning with LAFCo, Caltrans, the cities and neighboring counties.
26	TR-A.D	To be implemented after 2024.	Consideration of the adoption of a traffic fee ordinance.
27	TR-A.E		Pursuit of new funding sources for transportation improvements.
28	TR-A.F	To be implemented after 2024.	Preparation of Complete Streets Design Guidelines, to be updated every five years thereafter.
29	TR-B.A	No progress report.	Periodic review and update of short-range transit plans.
30	TR-B.B	No progress report.	Encouragement to transit providers and the Fresno Council of Governments to prepare, adopt and implement a long-range strategic transit master plan for the county or subareas of the county.
31	TR-B.C	No progress report.	Identification of the need for additional or expanded park-and-ride lots.
32	TR-B.D	No progress report.	Identification of rail right-of-way needs in designated transit corridors and acquisition of such rights-or-way.
33	TR-B.E	No progress report.	Preparation and adoption of land use and design standards that promote transit accessibility and use within designated urban transit corridors.
34	TR-B.F	No progress report.	Pursuit of transit funding through the Fresno Council of Governments and the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency.

35	TR-D.A	No progress report.	Identification and pursuit of appropriate new funding sources for bikeway implementation.
36	TR-D.B	No progress report.	Surety that road construction projects incorporate sufficiently wide bikeways.
37	TR-D.C	No progress report.	Use of Caltrans or AASHTO standards for the construction of bike lanes.
38	TR-D.D	No progress report.	Creation of facilities that link bicycle use with other modes of transportation, including the provision of bicycle racks or bicycle space on buses, as well as parking or lockers for bicycles at transportation terminals.
39	TR-D.E		Periodic review and update of the County's Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan.
40	TR-E.A	Lack of specifics.	Preservation of railroad rights-of-way for future rail expansion or other transportation facilities.
41	TR-E.B	No progress report.	Support of the improvement, development, and expansion of rail service in Fresno County.

2042 PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES ELEMENT

No.	ID No.	Comment	Deliverable(s)
42	PF-C.A	No progress report.	Identification and implementation of projects and programs to improve water supply reliability and quality.
43	PF-C.B	No progress report.	Preparation of water master plans for development proposed for unincorporated communities.
44	PF-C.C	No progress report.	Preparation of a Water Conservation Ordinance that includes water conservation technologies, methods, and practices to maximize the beneficial use of water resources.
45	PF-C.D	To be implemented after 2024.	When appropriate, assessment of the need for tiered water pricing structure for County Service Areas and Waterworks Districts.
46	PF-C.E	To be implemented after 2024.	Adoption of cost-effective urban best water conservation management practices.
47	PF-D.A	Lack of specifics.	Preparation of sewer master plans for development proposed for unincorporated communities.
48	PF-E.A	No progress report.	Adoption of regulations and programs to implement required state and federal stormwater quality programs.
49	PF-F.A	No examples.	Surety that new commercial, industrial and multi-family residential developments accommodate the collection and storage of recyclable materials.
50	PF-H.A	No progress report.	In cooperation with the California Department of Forestry and local fire protection agencies, the consolidation and standardization of fire protection services.
51	PF-I.A	No progress report.	Identification of the location for new or expanded school facilities as regional, community and specific plans are updated.
52	PF-I.B	No progress report.	Identification of the need for new or expanded library facilities as regional, community and specific plans are updated.

2042 OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION ELEMENT

No.	ID No.	Comment	Deliverable(s)
53	OS-A.A	No progress report.	In coordination with Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, identification and protection of lands for groundwater recharge.
54	OS-B.A	To be implemented after 2024.	Evaluation of Forest Practice Rules regarding clearcutting, prescribed burning and the protection of soil, water and biological resources, including the protection of old growth forests.
55	OS-B.B	No progress report.	Encouragement of the U.S. Forest Service and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to complete an inventory of old growth forests in Fresno County.
56	OS-B.C	No progress report.	Encouragement to the U.S. Forest Service and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to address multiple forest management goals supporting healthy forests, habitat, watershed, fuels reduction and special management of old growth forests.
57	OS-B.D	No progress report.	Encouragement of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to include in its Notices of Intent to Harvest Timber educational materials for residents on the Forest Practice Act, Forest Practice Rules and the Timber Harvest Plan review process.
58	OS-D.A	No progress report.	Assistance to various agencies and non-profit conservation organizations in their acquisition of creek corridors, wetlands and areas rich in wildlife or of a fragile ecological structure.
59	OS-F.A	No plan to map oak woodlands.	Distribution of the Fresno County Oak Management Guidelines to landowners with oak woodland habitat.
60	OS-G.A	Totally off topic.	Review the <i>Guide for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts</i> published by the Air Pollution Control District and consider the feasibility of adopting procedures for performing air quality impact analyses.
61	OS-G.B	No progress report.	Implementation of programs to reduce County employee work-related vehicular trips.
62	OS-G.C	Totally off topic.	Amendment of the Subdivision and Grading Ordinances and Development Standards to address dust control.
63	OS-H.A	No progress report.	As funds permit, inventory of recreation areas in the county; possible design of a parks and recreation master plan.
64	OS-H.B	No progress report.	As new development occurs, consideration of contracting with existing entities for the development and maintenance of parks, open space, and riding, hiking, and bicycle trails.
65	OS-J.A	To be implemented after 2024.	Preparation and maintenance of an inventory of historical sites, buildings, and landmarks.
66	OS-L.A	No progress report.	Application for scenic highway designation for eligible segments of state highways, including adoption of scenic corridor protection programs for eligible segments.

2042 HEALTH AND SAFETY ELEMENT

No.	ID No.	Comment	Deliverable(s)
67	HS-A.A		Regular review and update the Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

68	HS-A.B		Monitoring and periodic evaluation of County emergency planning, operations and training capabilities.
69	HS-A.C	No examples.	Annually review actions in the Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in preparation for possible local, state, and federal disaster funding opportunities.
70	HS-A.D		Periodic evaluation of County-owned safety and emergency management facilities and public utility systems for susceptibility damage from flood inundation, seismic or geologic hazards or wildfire hazards, and implement corrective actions should problems be identified.
71	HS-A.E	No progress report.	Pursuit of funding sources to provide sustainable backup power sources for critical facilities.
72	HS-A.F	No specifics. Off topic.	Development and implementation of programs that inform the general public of emergency and disaster response procedures.
73	HS-A.G		Support for standardized informational and telecommunications systems among local, regional, State and Federal agencies to provide for better interoperability.
74	HS-A.H	No evidence of progress made.	Identification of residential developments in hazard areas that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes and work with affected residents to anticipate evacuation alternatives.
75	HS-A.I	No progress report.	Pursuit of funding to conduct near-term and long-term climate hazard assessments for at-risk County facilities.
76	HS-B.A	No progress report.	Pursuit of funding to establish a climate change education program that would inform residents and businesses about climate change preparedness and the benefits of improving homes and businesses to contemporary fire safe standards.
77	HS-B.B	No progress report.	Update of the County Fire Code in accordance with State Fire Code revisions.
78	HS-B.C		Every 8 years in tandem with required Safety Element updates, the County shall update its emergency planning documents.
79	HS-B.D	No progress report.	Pursuit of funding to support enforcement of defensible space and hardening standards to mitigate structure ignitions and reduce losses.
80	HS-B.E		As part of the application process, review of proposed and existing developments to ensure they have adequate emergency access, water supplies and provisions for fire suppression.
81	HS-B.F	No progress report.	Continued coordination with CAL FIRE, the U.S. Forest Service, and neighboring jurisdictions on wildfire risk reduction activities in fire hazard severity zones, wildland urban interface areas and open spaces.
82	HS-C.A	To be implemented after 2024.	Preparation, maintenance and implementation of a Countywide Flood Emergency Plan.
83	HS-C.B		With each revision of the Housing Element, as necessary, review and update of the General Plan to include new flooding information not previously available.
84	HS-C.C	Lack of specifics.	Update and periodically review the Special Flood Hazard Areas provisions contained in the County Code to ensure adequate protection for structures located within identified flood zones.

85	HS-C.D	To be implemented after 2024.	Establishment of development standards for new construction to reduce flooding.
86	HS-C.E	Off topic.	As part of the development review process, requirement that the design and location of dams and levees is in accord with applicable design standards and accepted construction practices.
87	HS-C.F	Off topic.	Development, implementation and maintenance of a monitoring program to assess overall system capabilities.
88	HS-C.G	No progress report.	Participation in the investigation and support by various entities for the construction of water storage and banking facilities for the upper San Joaquin River Basin.
89	HS-C.H	Lack of specifics.	Revision and update flood hazard maps as new information becomes available.
90	HS-C.I		Review of dam failure evacuation plans; dissemination of information on dam failure preparedness.
91	HS-D.A	No progress report.	Regular review of information published by the California Division of Mines and Geology to update County maps and the General Plan Background Report.
92	HS-D.B	To be implemented after 2024.	Adoption of a Geologic Hazards Checklist to be utilized during the development review process.
93	HS-E.A	Lack of specifics.	Referral of projects within the Airport Review Area to the Fresno County Airport Land Use Commission.
94	HS-E.B	Lack of specifics.	As part of the development review process, surety that new development does not create manmade safety hazards.
95	HS-F.A	No progress report.	Review of discretionary uses which involve hazardous materials or generate hazardous wastes.
96	HS-F.B	No progress report.	Coordination with the Regional Water Quality Control Board to review plans to mitigate soil or groundwater contamination for redevelopment or infill projects.
97	HS-G.A	To be implemented after 2024.	Support for property owners' application of financial assistance for eligible low-income individuals for constructing and retrofitting buildings to be more energy efficient and for the purchasing of low-carbon-emitting appliances.
98	HS-G.B	Lack of specifics.	Coordination with Cities to identify and map cooling centers and establish standardized temperature triggers for when they will be opened.
99	HS-G.C	No progress report.	Coordination with community based organizations to site immediate assistance and emergency shelter hubs in areas with high numbers of vulnerable populations and establish climate related triggers for opening such hubs.
100	HS-G.D	No progress report.	Identification of pedestrian pathways and bikeways that connect transit stations to nearby residential areas and public spaces.
1021	HS-G.E	To be implemented after 2024.	Coordination with the University of California Cooperative Extension and the Farm Bureau to develop an education and outreach campaign best suited to agricultural producers in the county to include early warnings systems for extreme weather events and estimates of weather and climate impacts on crop and livestock operations.
102	HS-H.A	To be implemented after 2024.	Amendment of the Fresno County Noise Ordinance, as necessary, to achieve consistency with the policies and standards within this element.

103	HS-H.B	To be implemented after 2024.	Development of a noise control program that includes an ordinance that defines acceptable noise levels based on land use and informs residents of the impact of noise on their lives.
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2042 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT

No.	ID No.	Comment	Deliverable(s)
104	EJ-A.A		As part of the development review process, ensure that potential project impacts associated with odor, light, glare, groundwater contamination and air emissions on disadvantaged community residents are minimized.
105	EJ-A.B		Incorporation into the Zoning Ordinance development standards that address potentially pollution-producing land uses proposed to be located adjacent to existing sensitive land uses.
106	EJ-A.C	Totally off topic.	In coordination with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, development of a list of pollution reducing technologies and best practices to make available to the local commercial and industrial industry.
107	EJ-A.D	No progress report.	Pursuit of funding from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and the CalEPA to establish a Healthy Homes HVAC retrofitting subsidy program.
108	EJ-A.E	Lack of specifics.	For County-initiated infrastructure projects and large-scale public or private developments, pursuit of applicable funding opportunities to mitigate roadway pollution through coordination with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.
109	EJ-A.F		Coordination with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District for project review and comment on both County- and privately-initiated projects.
110	EJ-A.G		Notification of property owners and occupants within 15 days of the County's acceptance of a discretionary development review application located within a disadvantaged community.
111	EJ-A.H		Annually, development of a list of viable infrastructure and active transportation improvement projects for its disadvantaged communities and the pursuit of grant funding.
112	EJ-A.I		As part of the development review process, compliance with Zoning Ordinance industrial development standards to reduce impacts to sensitive receptors and conflicts with surrounding properties.
113	EJ-A.J	No progress report.	Prohibition of truck traffic from new industrial development to travel through existing residential zoned areas.
114	EJ-B.A		During the update of unincorporated community plans, meeting of the County with local school districts and local, regional, and state organizations to implement safe and walkable pedestrian routes to schools.
115	EJ-B.B	No progress report.	Pursuit of funding from the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Outdoor Equity Grants Program and Per Capita Program to develop a targeted Park Improvement Fund.
116	EJ-B.C		Pursuit of funding from the Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads to develop the Rural Complete Streets Program.
117	EJ-C.A	No progress report.	Promotion of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) within disadvantaged areas through letters of support and engagement with local city and County decision-making bodies.

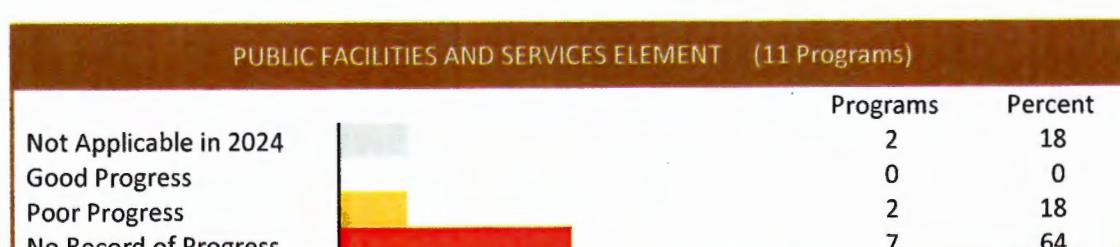
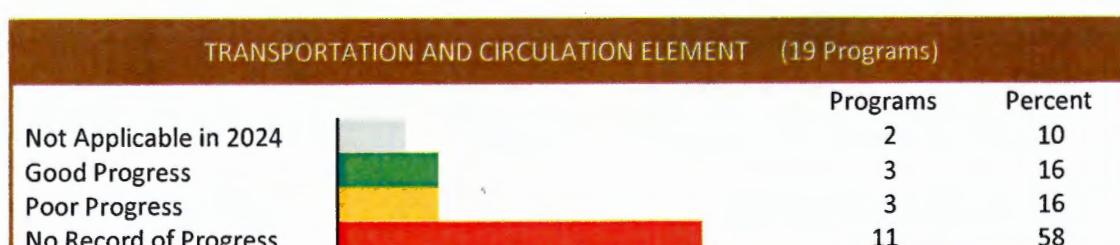
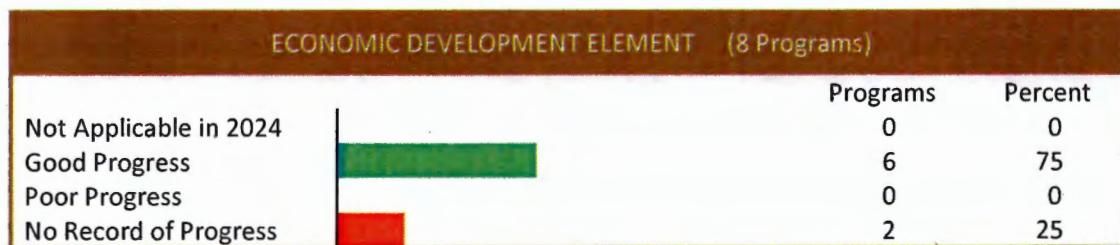
118	EJ-C.B	No progress report.	Meeting of the County annually with medical service providers to identify obstacles to providing services in disadvantaged communities.
119	EJ-C.C	No progress report.	Collaboration with Fresno County Rural Transit to maintain and/or identify new routes to healthcare facilities and shopping outlets that provide access to healthy foods, including fresh produce and proteins.
120	EJ-C.D	To be implemented after 2024.	Development of a local definition of food desert and development of a food desert map.
121	EJ-C.E		Development and periodic update of a list of potential stakeholder contacts and relevant administering departments prior to initiating outreach to ensure education and awareness programs remain current with changing state and local disease indicators and nutrition guidelines.
122	EJ-C.F		Inclusion of provisions in the Zoning Ordinance that permit the establishment and operation of farmer's markets without the need for a discretionary development review permit.
123	EJ-C.G	No evidence of a food recovery program set up by the County of Fresno.	Establishment by Fresno County, in partnership with local nonprofits and food banks, of a countywide food recovery program focused on increasing food access in low-income communities.
124	EJ-C.H	No progress report.	Evaluation of all federal, state and local resources that can support the development of a countywide food recovery program, and evaluation of the County's solid waste landfill fee structure and update it in order to support diverting organic waste into the landfill.
125	EJ-C.I	No progress report.	Distribution to the public of available data for chronic diseases via the Fresno County Health Priority Index webpage or other local, State/Federal developed resources.
126	EJ-D.A	No progress report.	Utilization of available notification techniques to convey information to community residents on projects that may affect their community and encourage their participation in the planning process and expressing their concerns to the decision makers.
127	EJ-D.B	No progress report.	Pursuit of funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development to fund housing programs focused on supporting disadvantaged and underserved communities.
128	EJ-E.A	No progress report.	Annually, utilization of existing community events and regularly scheduled events to equitably engage area residents regarding Fresno County social programs and health services.
129	EJ-E.B	No progress report.	Adoption of a countywide public noticing and public outreach policy document applicable to all County departments that consider diversity in race, ethnicity, culture, language, age, ability, and socioeconomic status.

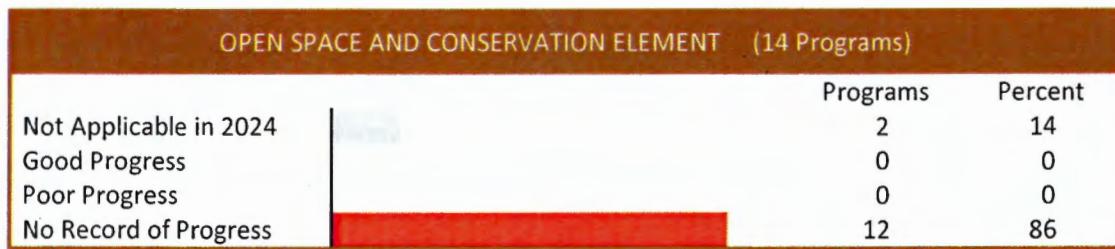
EXHIBIT 3

Exhibit 3 calculates the progress made in implementing the 129 programs listed in the 2042 General Plan (all but the Housing Element). It's important to note that the progress reported in 2024 is similar to progress reported in prior years. Overall, progress in 2024 was as follows:

Programs to be initiated after 2024	12%
Programs with good progress reported	26%
Programs with poor progress reported	12%
Programs with no progress reported	50%

The charts below record total progress for each element of the General Plan.





The final chart summarizes progress reported in the County's 2024 for all 129 implementation programs.

