

ATTACHMENT A



Inter Office Memo

ATTENTION: FOR FINAL ACTION OR MODIFICATION TO OR ADDITION OF CONDITIONS, SEE FINAL BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES.

DATE: February 8, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Planning Commission

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 13030 – GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRESNO COUNTY 2000 GENERAL PLAN FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023

APPLICANT: County of Fresno

STAFF CONTACT: Yvette Quiroga, Principal Planner

REQUEST: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the Resolution accepting the Annual Progress Report (APR) for the Fresno County General Plan for the 2023 calendar year and authorize the submittal of the APR to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:

At its February 8, 2024, public hearing, the Planning Commission considered the Staff Report and public testimony (summarized in Exhibit A).

A motion was made by Chairman Abrahamian and seconded by Commissioner Arabian to recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt a Resolution accepting the 2023 APR, noting that in its recommendation the Commission requested that both public and Commission comments be relayed to the Board, that the APR be revised to clearly state whether activity occurred for a particular program rather than its status being listed as "ongoing", and directed the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

This motion passed on the following vote:

VOTING: Yes: Commissioners Abrahamian, Arabian, Hill, and Quist
 No: Commissioner Woolf
 Absent: Commissioners Carver, Chatha, and Zante
 Abstain: None

STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR
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Exhibit "A"

GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRESNO COUNTY 2000 GENERAL PLAN FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023

Staff: Staff presented a summary of the Annual Progress Report (APR) for the Fresno County General Plan for the 2023 calendar year noting that the purpose of the APR is to report on implementation of the General Plan Implementation Programs including the Housing Element, major planning activities that occurred in 2023, and various development projects initiated or funded during the 2023 calendar year.

Others: A member of the public stated that the 2023 APR does not comply with State law and the County General Plan. The speaker further stated that the 2023 APR should include reporting on the 2000 General Plan EIR mitigation monitoring program, and recommended that the 2023 APR be revised to be more direct in its disclosure of and explanation for inactivity in the implementation of General Plan policies and programs, and then be returned to the Commission for further consideration.

No other members of the public addressed the Commission.

Correspondence: The individual that addressed the Commission also provided a letter asserting that the 2023 APR does not comply with State law and the County General Plan, the 2023 APR should include reporting on the 2000 General Plan EIR mitigation monitoring, and the 2023 APR presents an inaccurate assessment of General Plan compliance.

Commission: The Commission discussed the use of the word "ongoing" as a descriptor for General Plan program implementation status and recommended to the Board of Supervisors that the APR be revised to clearly state whether activity occurred for a program rather than stating "ongoing".



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
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Planning Commission Staff Report Agenda Item No. 5 February 8, 2024

SUBJECT: 2023 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

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RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the Fresno County General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) for the 2023 calendar year and recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept the 2023 APR.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

The General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines. The APR is a government activity that does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

California Government Code Section 65300 requires each city and county to adopt a comprehensive General Plan to guide the physical development of land under their jurisdiction.

The current Fresno County General Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2000. It includes a Background Report, Policy Document, Economic Development Strategy and Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Additionally, the General Plan also contains goals, policies, and implementation programs to guide the County's physical development and economic growth, and to protect productive agricultural land and other natural resources.

Implementation of the General Plan is the responsibility of County Departments and agencies contracted to implement General Plan goals, policies, and programs. The information included in the 2023 APR was provided by County Departments and the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), which is under contract with the County to assist with the implementation of policies and programs in the Economic Development Element of the General Plan.

California Government Code Section 65400 requires that all cities and counties submit an APR to their legislative bodies detailing the status of their General Plan and progress in its implementation. Further, the statute also requires the APR to be submitted to the Governor's

Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) by April 1st of each year. Considering the role of the Planning Commission as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors, Department staff is presenting the 2023 APR to the Planning Commission prior to submitting the 2023 APR to the Board of Supervisors.

The 2023 APR, which is included with this Staff Report as Exhibit 1, provides an overview of General Plan implementation and related activities that occurred during the 2023 calendar year, and a detailed report of Housing Element information in a format prescribed by HCD.

The 2023 APR has been prepared in coordination with the County Counsel's Office.

Report on Implementation of the General Plan (excluding Housing Element):

The report on the General Plan provides information regarding General Plan implementation and related activities that occurred during the 2023 calendar year, except the Housing Element which is subsequently addressed in a format prescribed by HCD.

The report on the General Plan includes the following:

- Overview of General Plan Vision Statement, Key Goals, and Implementation Programs.
- Overview of General Plan annual reporting.
- Overview of General Plan Elements and related activities that occurred during the 2023 calendar year.
- Overview of the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update.
- Overview of planning and development activities that occurred during the 2023 calendar year.
- Status of General Plan Implementation Programs for the Economic Development Element, Agriculture and Land Use Element, Transportation and Circulation Element, Public Facilities and Services Element, Open Space and Conservation Element, and the Health and Safety Element (2023 APR Appendix A).

Report on Implementation of the General Plan Housing Element:

The report on the General Plan Housing Element (2023 APR Appendix B) provides information regarding Housing Element implementation and related activities that occurred during the 2023 calendar year in accordance with the format prescribed by HCD for the 2023 reporting period.

The report on the General Plan Housing Element includes the following:

- Residential permit activity for very-low, low, moderate, and above-moderate income populations.
- Progress in addressing Fresno County's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) obligation.
- Status of General Plan Implementation Programs for the Housing Element.

Public Correspondence:

On January 23, 2024, a member of the public submitted a written correspondence to Department staff that offered critiques of previous Fresno County APRs and made specific requests for the 2023 APR. That written correspondence, which is attached to this staff report

as Exhibit 2, was also submitted to the Fresno County Planning Commission by the same member of the public on January 25, 2024. Regarding the requests made within the written correspondence, the author requests that the 2023 APR include the following:

- The degree to which the County's General Plan complies with Government Code Section 65400 (i.e. California law requiring APRs).
- Full disclosure of the County's ability/inability to fully implement General Plan programs.
- Comprehensive report on the implementation of mitigation measures adopted in 2000 to lessen the adverse effects of buildout under the General Plan.

Regarding the request for the 2023 APR to state the degree to which the County's General Plan complies with Government Code Section 65400, staff acknowledges that Government Code Section 65400(a)(2)(F) states "*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... 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.*" However, Government Code Section 65040.2(c) states "*The guidelines shall be advisory to each city and county in order to provide assistance in preparing and maintaining their respective general plans.*" Further, the degree of general plan compliance can be ascertained by considering all the analysis and data within the APR as a whole. Regarding the date of the latest general plan revision, the County is currently working on a comprehensive review of the General Plan that will result in significant revisions to the General Plan. The General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update is discussed within the 2023 APR under the subsection titled "General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update Process".

Regarding the request for the 2023 APR to fully disclose the County's ability and inability to implement General Plan programs, individual analysis of each general plan program and each housing element program are included in Appendixes A and B of the 2023 APR, respectively.

Regarding the request for a comprehensive report on the implementation of general plan mitigation measures adopted in 2000, there is no single document (e.g. mitigation monitoring report) that demonstrates implementation of the 2000 General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) mitigation measures. The EIR prepared for the 2000 General Plan was a Program EIR and as stated in the 2000 EIR, "*The analysis of environmental impacts is, by necessity, general in nature. It is not intended to provide project- specific analysis for individual projects, although future projects may tier off of information in this EIR.*" (2000 General Plan EIR, p. 1-4.) In addition, "*The General Plan is intended to be self-mitigating; it assumes impacts identified in this EIR would generally be mitigated through adopted federal, State and local laws and regulations, through the implementation of the identified General Plan policies for unincorporated areas of the County, or some combination thereof, rather than through measures independent of the General Plan.*" (Ibid.)

In addition to implementation of General Plan policies and programs, all discretionary projects are assessed for potential environmental impacts according to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). If impacts on the environment are determined to be potentially significant, mitigation measures are imposed to bring the potential impacts to a less than significant level. For certain projects that may cause significant unavoidable impacts, those impacts must be overridden by the decision-making body as part of the EIR process through a Statement of Overriding Considerations.

Since the certification of the 2000 EIR, the County has processed hundreds of discretionary projects for which initial studies required some form of mitigation. Reference to the mitigation

monitoring and reporting program matrices for these discretionary projects may assist in the review of the effectiveness of the implementation of the 2000 EIR mitigation measures.

Summary:

The Fresno County General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) for the 2023 calendar year satisfies the Government Code Section 65400 requirement for the County to submit an APR to the Board of Supervisors detailing the status of the General Plan and progress in its implementation. Further, the Housing Element portion of the APR provides detailed information in a format prescribed by HCD for the 2023 reporting period, including the County's progress in addressing its share of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA).

PLANNING COMMISSION MOTIONS:

Recommended Motion:

- Receive the 2023 General Plan Annual Progress Report: and
- Recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept the 2023 General Plan Annual Progress Report: and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

Alternative Motion:

- Receive the 2023 General Plan Annual Progress Report: and
- Recommend that the Board of Supervisors not accept the 2023 General Plan Annual Progress Report: and
- Direct the secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's Action.

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2023 General Plan Annual Progress Report



APRIL 2024



**FRESNO COUNTY
2023 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**



**Submitted to
Fresno County Board of Supervisors**

**Prepared by
The Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Public Works and Planning is pleased to present the 2023 General Plan Annual Process Report (APR). The purpose of this report is to comply with California Government Code section 65400(b)(1), which mandates that all cities and counties submit to their legislative bodies an annual report on the status of their General Plan and progress in its implementation. A copy of this report will, as required under the statute, be provided to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The APR covering the calendar year 2023 has been prepared for the Fresno County Board of Supervisors' consideration and acceptance.

The Department of Public Works and Planning prepared the 2023 APR in accordance with the OPR's General Plan Annual Progress Report Memorandum last updated on October 6, 2022 and HCD's 2023 Housing Element APR Instructions. In fulfillment of the statutory requirement to report activities related to the Housing Element, including the County's progress in addressing its share of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), the APR includes Housing Element information in a format prescribed by HCD for the 2023 reporting period. The information included in the 2023 APR was provided by County Departments and agencies responsible for implementation of the Fresno County General Plan.

The 2023 APR includes the following:

- Overview of General Plan Vision Statement, Key Goals, and Implementation Programs.
- Overview of General Plan annual reporting.
- Overview of General Plan Elements and related activities that occurred during the 2023 calendar year.
- Overview of the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update.
- Overview of planning and development activities that occurred during the 2023 calendar year.
- Status of General Plan Implementation Programs for the Economic Development Element, Agriculture and Land Use Element, Transportation and Circulation Element, Public Facilities and Services Element, Open Space and Conservation Element, and the Health and Safety Element (Appendix A).
- Housing Element activities that occurred during the 2023 calendar year, including the status of General Plan Implementation Programs for the Housing Element (Appendix B).

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 OPR General Plan Guidelines. The General Plan is a long-range policy document intended to guide physical development, economic growth, and protection of natural resources. Additionally, the General Plan also provides an assessment of current and future needs and the resources required to implement General Plan Goals and Policies.

The current Fresno County General Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2000 and includes a Policy that requires a review of the General Plan every five years to

ensure compliance with legislation and reflect changes in circumstances and the Board of Supervisors' priorities. The County anticipates adopting in early 2024 a comprehensive review of the General Plan and a comprehensive update of the Zoning Ordinance to achieve full consistency between General Plan policies and County development regulations, and to bring the General Plan into compliance with California legislation.

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GENERAL PLAN OVERVIEW

California Government Code Section 65300 requires each city and county to adopt a comprehensive long-term General Plan to guide the physical development of land under their jurisdiction. The current General Plan was adopted by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors (Resolution No. 00-534) on October 3, 2000, which includes a Background Report, Policy Document, Economic Development Strategy, and Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Policy Document includes goals, policies, implementation programs, and land use and circulation diagrams that collectively constitute the County's primary policy for land use, development, and resource management.

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) 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 do 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), 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 also combined into a single Element (i.e. Health and Safety). In addition to the Elements mandated by OPR General Plan Guidelines, the Policy Document also includes an Economic Development Element and a Public Facilities and Services Element.

The requirement for an Environmental Justice Element was established in 2016. The General Plan Policy Document does not include an Environmental Justice Element. However, the County anticipates adopting a comprehensive review of the General Plan and a comprehensive update of the Zoning Ordinance to achieve full consistency between General Plan policies and County development regulations, and to bring the General Plan into compliance with California legislation in early 2024.

Vision Statement

The General Plan sets out a vision for Fresno County which is reflected in goals, policies, programs, and diagrams. The County considers its primary roles to be the protector of prime agricultural lands, open space, recreational opportunities and environmental quality, and the coordinator of countywide efforts to promote economic development.

The General Plan is based upon the following major themes:

- Economic Development
- Agricultural Land Protection
- Growth Accommodation
- Urban-Centered Growth
- Efficient and Functional Land Use Patterns
- Service Efficiency
- Recreational Development
- Resource Protection
- Health and Safety Protection
- Enhanced Quality of Life

Implementation Programs

Each General Plan Element contains implementation programs related to the goals of the respective Element. The implementation programs describe the proposed action, identify the agency responsible for executing the implementation program, and provide a timeframe for accomplishing the implementation program.

GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT (APR) OVERVIEW

California Government Code Section 65400 requires that all cities and counties submit an APR to their legislative bodies detailing the status of their General Plan and progress in its implementation. Further, the statute also requires the APR to be submitted to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) by April 1st of each year.

Department staff prepared the 2023 APR in accordance with OPR's General Plan Annual Progress Report Memorandum last updated on October 6, 2022, and HCD's 2023 Housing Element APR Instructions. In fulfillment of the statutory requirement to report activities related to the Housing Element, including the County's progress in addressing its share of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), the 2023 APR includes Housing Element information in a format prescribed by HCD for the 2023 reporting period.

According to OPR's General Plan Annual Progress Report Memorandum last updated on October 6, 2022, there is no mandated format for the APR other than Housing Element reporting, which is prescribed by HCD. Further, the OPR's APR preparation memorandum states that each jurisdiction should determine what locally relevant issues are important to include in the APR. However, the OPR'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
- Degree to which the General Plan complies with OPR General Plan Guidelines (including environmental justice considerations, collaborative planning with military facilities, and consultation with Native American Tribes)
- 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
 - Development applications

Since adoption of the General Plan in 2000, there were several legislative changes that prompted the OPR to comprehensively update their General Plan Guidelines in 2017. As previously stated, the County is currently working on a comprehensive review of the General

Plan and a comprehensive update of the Zoning Ordinance to achieve full consistency between General Plan policies and County development regulations, and to bring the General Plan into compliance with California legislation in early 2024. The General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update is discussed more thoroughly under the subsection of this report titled “General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update Process.”

GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS AND REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN 2023 RELATED TO EACH ELEMENT

Economic Development Element

The Economic Development Element is comprised of goals, policies, and implementation programs organized under the following sections:

- Job Creation
- Economic Base Diversification
- Labor Force Preparedness

The Economic Development Corporation (EDC) is the agency under contract with the County to assist with the implementation of policies and programs in the Economic Development Element.

Reporting on activities related to the Economic Development Element that occurred during the 2023 calendar year is provided in the 2023 APR Appendix A.

Agriculture and Land Use Element

The Agriculture and Land Use Element is divided into two parts. The first part is comprised of land use diagrams and development standards. The second part is comprised of goals, policies, and implementation programs organized under the following sections:

- Resource Lands
- Rural Development
- Urban Development
- Administration

Reporting on activities related to the Agriculture and Land Use Element that occurred during the 2023 calendar year is provided in the 2023 APR Appendix A.

Transportation and Circulation Element

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:

- Streets and Highways
- Transit
- Transportation Systems Management
- Bicycle Facilities
- Rail Transportation

- Air Transportation

Reporting on activities related to the Transportation and Circulation Element that occurred during the 2023 calendar year is provided in the 2023 APR Appendix A.

Public Facilities and Services Element

The Public Facilities and Services Element is comprised of goals, policies, and implementation programs organized under the following sections:

- General Public Facilities and Services
- Funding
- Water Supply and Delivery
- Wastewater Collection, Treatment, and Disposal
- Storm Drainage and Flood Control
- Landfills, Transfer Stations, and Solid Waste Processing Facilities
- Law Enforcement
- Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services
- School and Library Facilities
- Utilities

Reporting on activities related to the Public Facilities and Services Element that occurred during the 2023 calendar year is provided in the 2023 APR Appendix A.

Open Space and Conservation Element

The Open Space and Conservation Element is comprised of goals, policies, and implementation programs organized under the following sections:

- Productive Resources
- Natural Resources
- Recreation and Cultural Resources

Reporting on activities related to the Open Space and Conservation Element that occurred during the 2023 calendar year is provided in the 2023 APR Appendix A.

Health and Safety Element

The Health and Safety Element is comprised of goals, policies, and implementation programs organized under the following sections:

- Emergency Management and Response
- Fire Hazards
- Flood Hazards
- Seismic and Geologic Hazards
- Airport Hazards
- Hazardous Materials
- Noise

Reporting on activities related to the Health and Safety Element that occurred during the 2023 calendar year is provided in the 2023 APR Appendix A.

Housing Element

During the 2023 calendar year, the County coordinated with the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) and 14 of the incorporated cities within the County, excluding the City of Clovis, to develop the Sixth Cycle Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element Update (MJHE). In September 2023, the County released the draft Sixth Cycle MJHE Appendix 1A for public review, which is the County-specific component of the Sixth Cycle MJHE. On December 18, 2023, the County submitted the draft Sixth Cycle MJHE Appendix 1A to HCD for 90-day review. It is anticipated that the Sixth Cycle MJHE will be adopted in 2024, resulting in the 2023 APR being the final APR for the current (Fifth Cycle) MJHE.

Additionally, during the 2023 calendar year, the County and 14 of the incorporated cities within the County, excluding the City of Clovis, participated in monthly meetings with FCOG to coordinate and monitor the develop and status of the Sixth Cycle MJHE. Further, the County hosted a total of 8 community outreach meetings during the 2023 calendar year to inform residents of the Sixth Cycle MJHE process. These meetings were conducted in the unincorporated communities of Biola, Caruthers, Laton, Riverdale, Tranquillity, and the City of Fresno. Overall, the Housing Element and the housing needs of the residents of Fresno County was discussed in 15 community meetings in 2023.

Reporting on activities related to the Fifth Cycle MJHE is provided in the 2023 APR Appendix B and is formatted in accordance with HCD's 2023 Housing Element APR Instructions.

Not reported in the 2023 APR Appendix B, but noted to inform the efforts the County has taken to satisfy the RHNA obligation for the Sixth Cycle MJHE, on December 12, 2023, the County approved a General Plan Amendment and concurrent rezone to upzone five parcels to help satisfy the RHNA obligation for the Sixth Cycle MJHE.

GENERAL PLAN REVIEW AND ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE PROCESS

Program Environmental Impact Report

On April 28, 2023, the Department released the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR) for a 60-day public review period. The public review period ended on June 27, 2023.

For the General Plan Review/Zoning Ordinance Update, the DPEIR determined there would less-than-significant impacts resulting from project adoption and implementation with recommended Mitigation Measures or Biological Resources Significant and unavoidable impacts were anticipated for: Agriculture and Forestry Resources; Air Quality; Cultural Resources; Geology and Soils; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Transportation and Traffic Quality; Tribal Cultural Resources; Utilities and Service Systems; and Wildfire.

During the summer and fall of 2023, Department staff worked with County Counsel and the consultant to review and prepare the response to comments as part of the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (FPEIR). Staff received 36 individual comments from agencies, organizations, and individuals. Those comments have been bracketed and incorporated into the FPEIR, which was being completed at the end of 2023.

General Plan Review, Update of the Background Report, and Zoning Ordinance Update

Also released on April 28, 2023, were revised drafts of the General Plan Policy Document, General Plan Background Report, and Zoning Ordinance Update. The 60-day public review period coincided with the review period for the DPEIR and concluded on June 27, 2023.

Per Government Code section 65302.5 the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (BOF) must review updated safety elements at least 90 days prior to the adoption or amendment of the element if the jurisdiction contains State Responsibility Areas (SRAs) and Very High Fire Hazard Safety Zones (VHFHSZs). The draft safety element must be submitted to the BOF. (Gov. Code, § 65302.5, subd. (b). The BOF shall review the safety element and respond to the city or county with its findings regarding the uses of land and policies in SRAs or VHFHSZs that will protect life, property, and natural resources from unreasonable risks associated with wildfires, and the methods and strategies for wildfire risk reduction and prevention within SRAs or VHFHSZs. During the first quarter of 2023, Department staff, the consultant and staff of CalFire worked collaboratively on changes to the Safety Element in anticipation of presenting the Element before the Board of Forestry. This resulted in modifications to draft General Plan Policies and the addition of new policies.

On May 9, 2023, Public Works and Planning staff and the County's land use/PEIR consultant participated remotely in CalFire staff's presentation of the Safety Element to the BOF. At the meeting, members of the BOF were complimentary of the redrafted Safety Element. Following the meeting, on May 23, 2023, the County received confirmation by BOF staff that they had approved the draft Safety Element without any changes and the Safety Element for Fresno County met the BOF review criteria.

During this same period Department staff continued to coordinate with and request feedback from the State Attorney General's Office on the Draft Environmental Justice Element. This coordination resulted in modifications to some EJ policies with the addition of new policies and programs. Staff also worked with the consultant for the County's Sixth Cycle Housing Element to modify policies and Zoning Ordinance provisions to coincide with changes as proposed in Draft Housing Element.

Outreach and Engagement

During the months of May and June 2023, with the release of the DPEIR and revised draft documents, staff conducted seven community workshops throughout the County. Two environmental justice community workshops were held in late May 2023, followed by five community workshops (one for each supervisorial district) at the following locations:

- June 22, 2023 Betty Rodriguez Library (Supervisorial District 3)
- June 21, 2023 Riverdale Memorial District (Supervisorial District 4)
- June 19, 2023 Woodward Park Library (Supervisorial District 2)
- June 15, 2023 Clovis Police Department (Supervisorial District 5)
- June 13, 2023 Biola Community Services District Hall (Supervisorial District 1)
- May 24, 2023 Malaga Community Center (Environmental Justice workshop)
- May 23, 2023 Cantua Creek Elementary School (Environmental Justice workshop)

September 14, 2023 Planning Commission Workshop

On September 14, 2023, Department staff conducted a workshop with the Planning Commission on the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update. This General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update workshop was solely for the purpose of providing information to the Planning Commission ahead of scheduling the General Plan Review and Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Update for the Commission’s consideration and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors and no action was taken. The workshop included public testimony on the process and clarifications of such matters as timeline and planning horizon. It is anticipated that this item will be adopted in early 2024.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Discretionary Development Applications

Table 1 below provides a summary of discretionary development applications received by the Development Services and Capital Projects Division during the 2023 calendar year. As shown in the Table, the Division received a total of 169 new discretionary development applications during the 2023 calendar year.

Table 1				
Applications Received in 2023				
Application Type	Total Incoming	Approved	Denied / Withdrawn	Still in Process
Zone Map Amendment (Rezone)	11	0	1	10
Amendment to Text of the Zoning Ordinance (AT)	2	0	1	1
Conditional Use Permit (CUP)	24	6	2	16
Director Review & Approval (DRA)	25	7	0	18
General Plan Amendment (GPA)	2	0	1	1
Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	0	0	0	0
Merger	11	8	0	3
Pre-Certificate of Compliance	6	5	1	0
Property Line Adjustment (PLA)	20	12	0	8
Tentative Parcel Map (TPM)	10	6	0	4
Tentative Parcel Map Waiver	12	7	0	5
Tentative Tract Map	1	0	0	1
Variance (VA)	14	4	1	9
Cancellation of Williamson Act Contract	6	1	0	5
Nonrenewal of Williamson Act Contract	25	25	0	0
Revision to Williamson Act Contract	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	169	81	7	81

Table 1.1 Planning Commission Action in 2023			
Application Type	Approved / Recommended Approval	Denied / Withdrawn	Subtotal
Zone Map Amendment (Rezone)	0	1	1
Amendment to Text of the Zoning Ordinance	0	1	1
Conditional Use Permit	6	2	8
Director Review & Approval	0	0	0
General Plan Amendment	0	1	1
Environmental Impact Report	0	0	0
Tentative Tract Map	0	0	0
Variance (VA)	4	1	5
Time Extension	8	0	8
General Plan Conformity Findings	1	1	2
Total:	1 9	7	26

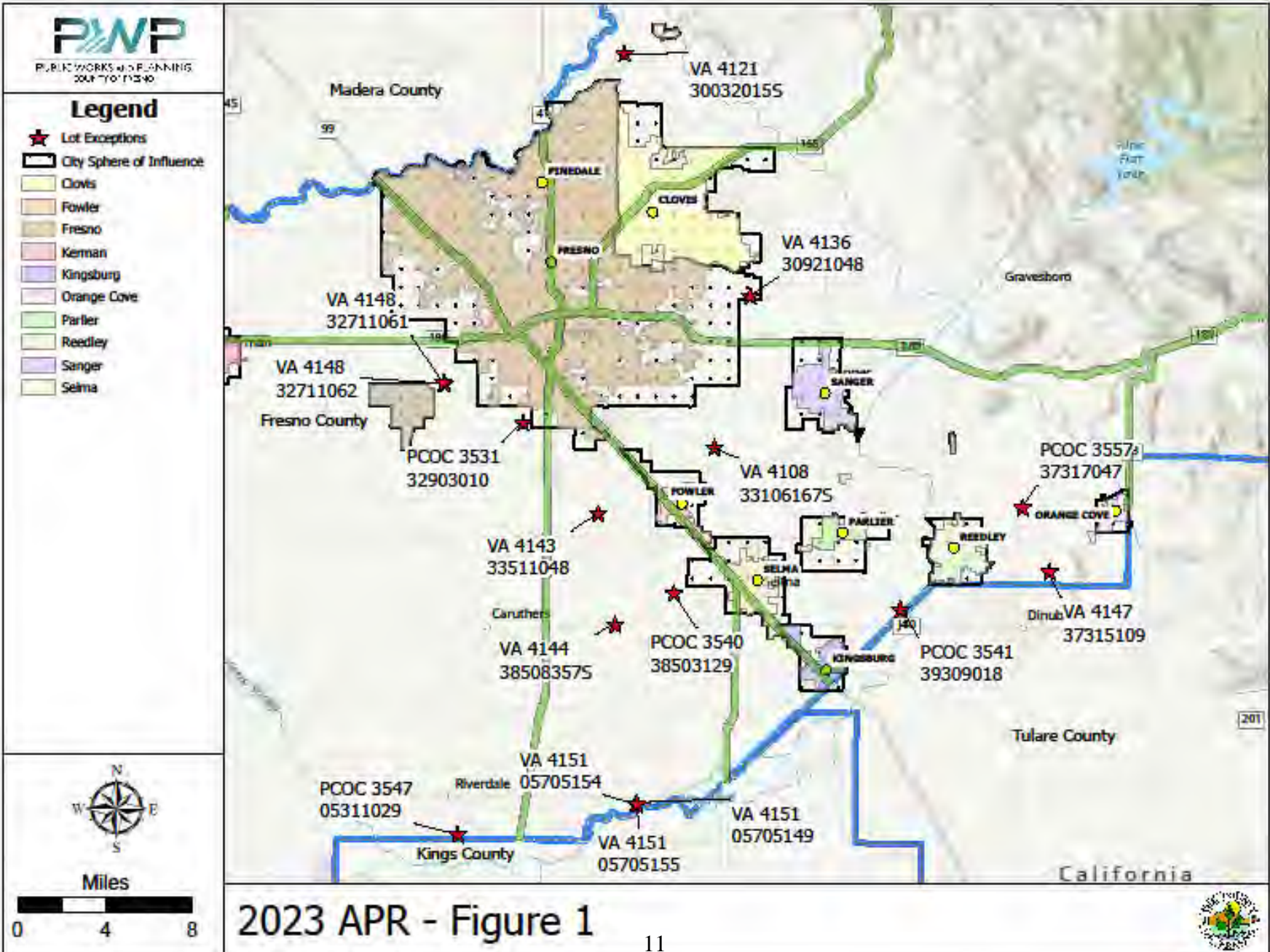
Table 2 Lot Size Exceptions Approved in 2023		
Exception Type	Size of Parcel Created	APN
Gift Deed (PCOC) 3531 *	2.5 acres	329-030-10
Gift Deed (PCOC) 3540 *	1.5 acres	385-031-29
Gift Deed (PCOC) 3541 *	1.46 acres and 18.57 acres	393-090-18
Gift Deed (PCOC) 3547 *	10 acres	053-110-29
Gift Deed (PCOC) 3557 *	2.5 acres and 17.5 acres	373-170-47
VA 4108	2.5 acres and 26.98 acres	331-061-67S
VA 4121	Four approximately 5-acre parcels	300-320-15S
VA 4136	2.24 acres, 2.79 acres, 16.53 acres, 1 acre, and 2.39 acres	309-210-48
VA 4143	5 acres and 13.61 acres	335-110-48
VA 4144	Two 2.5-acre parcels	385-083-57S
VA 4147	1.98 acres and 37.3 acres	373-151-09
VA 4148	5.18 acres and 4.49 acres	327-110-61 and 327-110-62
VA 4151	Two 2.49-acre parcels and one 3.71-acre parcel	057-051-49, 057-051-54, and 057-051-55

Figure 1 depicts the location of the parcels referenced in Table 2.

*Gift deed and homesite parcels are permitted per Section 816.5.A.2.b.(2) of the Zoning Ordinance.

Table 3 SB 9 Lot Splits Approved in 2023		
Application Type	Size of Parcels Created	APN
TPMW 22-14	Two 0.60-acre parcels	456-048-24

LOT SIZE EXCEPTIONS



GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS

The following are the General Plan Amendments that were submitted for processing in 2023 or were submitted in prior years and continued to be processed, or were concluded during the 2023 calendar year:

General Plan Amendment (GPA) Application	Description
555	Applicant Roger Van Groningen proposing to amend the Selma Community Plan by re-designating 27.85 acres from Agricultural to General Industrial – in process.
556	Applicant Elegante Estates LLC proposing to amend the Land Use Element of the Fresno County General Plan by changing the land use designation of a 15.24-acre parcel and a 21.18-acre parcel from Agricultural to Rural Residential; change the zoning of the subject parcels from the AE-20 Zone District to the R-R Zone District – in process.
557	Applicant C&A Farms, LLC proposing to amend the General Plan by re-designating 156.38 acres from Agricultural to Heavy Industrial – in process.
560	Applicants Akhavi, LLC and Britz Fertilizers, Inc. proposing to amend the General Plan by re-designating 14.71 acres from Agricultural to Service Commercial – in process.
561	Applicant Clarksfield Company proposing to amend the Millerton Specific Plan to remove Hotel, Conference Center and Par-3 Golf Course uses from the White Fox Creek Sub-Unit Plan and replace said uses with a 210-unit multiple-family residential development – in process.
565	Applicant Willow Partners, LLC proposing to amend the Riverdale Community Plan by re-designating 7.5 acres from Medium Density Residential to Medium High Density Residential – in process.
569	Applicant Nick Sahota proposing to rezone an existing 7.76-acre parcel from the AE-20 Zone District to the C-4 Zone District – in process.

570	<p>Applicant Fresno County proposing to:</p> <p>Amend the Medium High Density Residential land use designation in the County-adopted Caruthers, Clovis, Del Rey, Fresno High-Roeding, and Riverdale Community Plans to allow a density of up to 20 dwelling units per acre as was implemented in the County General Plan's Medium High Density Residential land use designation outside said Community Plans by the approval of General Plan Amendment No. 563 on November 24, 2020; and</p> <p>Amend the County-adopted Del Rey Community Plan to expand the Plan boundary to encompass an 18-acre parcel identified as APN 350-080-68T; and</p> <p>Amend the County-adopted Caruthers, Clovis, Del Rey, Fresno High-Roeding, and Riverdale Community Plans to re-designate five specified parcels as Medium High Density Residential. These modifications are submitted to help address the Sixth Cycle Housing Element Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) obligation for the unincorporated County.</p> <p>Approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 12, 2023.</p>
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ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The County implements the General Plan primarily through its Zoning Ordinance. Zoning Ordinance Amendments processed in 2023 are identified below.

Amendments to the Text of the Zoning Ordinance

The following are the Amendments to the Text of the Zoning Ordinance (ATs) that were submitted for processing in 2023 or were submitted in prior years and continued to be processed, or were concluded in the 2023 calendar year:

Amendment to Text (AT) Application	Description
384	Applicant Fresno County proposing to amend section 855-P of the Fresno County Zoning Ordinance to provide a 25% Local Density Bonus for affordable housing developments with at least 50% lower income units. This text amendment was presented to the Planning Commission on November 16, 2023. At that hearing, the Planning Commission voted to recommend denial of this text amendment. Department staff withdrew this text amendment following the Planning Commission hearing on November 16, 2023. As such, this text amendment was never presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.
385	Applicant Fresno County proposing a comprehensive update of the Zoning Ordinance – in process.

Rezone Applications

The following are the Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Rezone) Applications that were submitted for processing in 2023 or were submitted in prior years and continued to be processed, or were concluded in the 2023 calendar year:

Amendment (Rezone) Application	Description
3828	Applicant G4 Properties, Ltd proposing to rezone 124.17 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – in process.
3832	Applicant Roger Van Groningen proposing to rezone 27.85 acres from AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – in process.
3834	Applicant C&A Farms, LLC proposing to rezone 156.38 acres from AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – in process.
3836	Applicant Vincent Palacios proposing to rezone 5.5 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to C-M (Commercial and Light Manufacturing) – in process.
3840	Applicants Akhavi, LLC and Britz Fertilizers, Inc. proposing to rezone 14.71 acres from AC (Agricultural Commercial Center) and AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to C-6 (General Commercial) – in process.

3842	Applicants Angelo Paolucci and Rosanna Dilallo proposing to rezone 23.6 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – in process.
3843	Applicant Willow Partners, LLC proposing to rezone 7.5 acres from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Low Density Multiple Family Residential) – in process.
3844	Applicant James N. Clark proposing to rezone 15.02 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to R-1-B (Single Family Residential, 12,500 square-foot minimum parcel size) – in process.
3845	Applicant Jeffrey V. Gundy proposing to rezone 38.86 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – in process.
3847	Applicant Clarksfield Company, Inc. proposing to rezone 23.00 acres from O (Open Conservation) to C-6 (General Commercial) – in process.
3848	Applicant Peter Moua proposing to rezone 13.31 acres from AL-20 Zone (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – in process
3849	Applicant David Harler Jr. proposing to rezone 10.52 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – in process.
3850	Applicant Elegant Estates, LLC proposing to rezone 36.42 acres from AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to RR (Rural Residential) – in process.
3852	Applicant Khushpal Singh proposing to rezone one (1) acre from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing) – in process.
3853	Applicant Alejandro Magallan proposing to allow the rezone of a 17.63-acre parcel from the existing AE-20 Zone District to the M-3 Zone District. In addition, the project proposes to amend the Land Use Element of the Fresno County General Plan by changing the land use designation of the 17.63-acre parcel from Agricultural to General Industrial – in process.
3854	Applicant Gurjeet S Bath proposing to rezone an existing 33.57-acre and 4.84-acre parcel from the AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District to the M-1-C (Light Manufacturing, Conditional) Zone District – in process.
3855	Applicant Nick Sahota proposing to rezone an existing 7.76-acre parcel from the AE-20 Zone District to the C-4 Zone District – in process.
3856	Applicant Lauren Burgess proposing to rezone an existing 2.15-acre dual zoned M-3 and C-M to C-M – in process.
3857	Applicant SMS Construction proposing to rezone 8.19-acre parcel from AL 20 to M-1 – in process.

3858	Applicant Jesus Vargas proposing to re-zone a 28-acre parcel from AL-20 to AE-20 – in process.
3860	<p>Applicant Fresno County proposing to rezone two parcels from Supervisorial Districts One and Five to the R-3 (Medium Density Multiple Family Residential) Zone District, two parcels from Supervisorial District Four to the R-2 (Low Density Multiple Family Residential) Zone District, and separate portions of another parcel from Supervisorial District Four to the R-3 and R-1 (Single Family Residential) Zone Districts.</p> <p>These modifications are submitted to help address the Sixth Cycle Housing Element Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) obligation for the unincorporated County.</p> <p>Approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 12, 2023.</p>
3861	Applicant Arsh Samra proposing to allow re-zone parcel from AL-20 to M1 – in process.
3862	Applicant Fresno County proposing to Rezone AE-20 to AL-20 – in process.
3863	Applicant Dale G Mell and Associates proposing to rezone a 6-acre parcel in the AL-20 Zone District to R-A Zone District – in process.
3864	Applicant Art Lancaster proposing to amend the Land Use Element of the Fresno County General Plan by changing the land use designation of an approximate 5.25-acre portion of an 18.96- acre parcel known as Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 338-031-06 from Agricultural to Service, Commercial. There is an accompanying Zone Change application proposing to change the zoning of the 5.25-acre portion of the same parcel from the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District to the C-6 General Commercial Zone District – in process.

OTHER PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs)

The following are the Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) that were submitted for processing in 2023 or were submitted in prior years and continued to be processed, or were concluded in the 2023 calendar year:

EIR 5481 (Friant Ranch)

Update to Friant Ranch Specific Plan Project by preparing a partially recirculated EIR in response to litigation, *Sierra Club v. County of Fresno* (2018) 6 Cal.5th 502, and a State Supreme Court decision upholding a lower court decision that the project must address impacts to air quality. The California Supreme Court determined that portions of the County's air quality analysis violated the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). On remand from the State Supreme Court, the Superior Court entered judgment in favor of the Petitioners and issued a writ of mandate on March 19, 2019. The project entails construction of 2,500 age-restricted (ages 55 and above) residential units and a commercial center on 942 acres located within the unincorporated community of Friant and was originally approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 1, 2011. On April 13, 2021, the Board acted to repeal and rescind prior project approvals granted by the Board of Supervisors on February 1, 2011, and May 20, 2014, pursuant to the Amended Preemptory Writ of Mandate (Writ of Mandate) issued by the Fresno County Superior Court on February 16, 2021. The Writ of Mandate requires the County to repeal and rescind all Project Approvals, as defined below. As stated in the Writ of Mandate, approval of the proposed project is possible only after the preparation, circulation, and certification of further environmental work. Publishing The recirculated Final EIR is anticipated to be completed and presented to the Planning Commission in May of 2023.

EIR 7180 (Coalinga Oil Field)

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application Nos. 3538, 3539, and 3548 to allow ongoing oil and gas exploration, drilling, and production on 17,600 acres located within the Coalinga Oil Field six miles west of Interstate 5 (I-5) and 0.5 mile west of the City of Coalinga. A meeting was held for public comments on the scope of the EIR being prepared, the Draft EIR is being assembled. The Applicants have recently revised the project which will require additional work and revision to Preliminary documents a specific date when a draft EIR will be completed for review is estimated to potentially be completed in July 2024.

EIR 7230 (Scarlet Solar Revision)

Revision to the previous approved CUP 3555 will divide the existing approved unclassified Conditional Use permit into four separate permits to allow separate reclamation agreements and financial securities. The amendment will also eliminate 200-acres previously approved, allow the existing on-site well to be utilized by the project, and will include an addendum to the EIR to update the Air Quality and Hydrology sections of the EIR. The item is anticipated to be considered by the Planning Commission in March or April of 2024 with final development permits being potentially approved in July of 2024.

EIR 7524 (Malaga Rezone)

Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Rezone) Application No. 3834 proposing to rezone 156.38 acres from AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial). The subject property is located south of North Avenue between Minnewawa Avenue and Clovis Avenue, approximately one mile east of the unincorporated community of Malaga. A meeting was held for public comments on the scope of the EIR being prepared, the Draft EIR is being assembled, the draft EIR is anticipated to be submitted for review in March of 2024, a specific date when it will be release for public review and comment is not known.

EIR 7564 (Heartland Solar and Hydrogen Plant)

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3630 to allow construction and operation of two photovoltaic solar power generation facilities and a hydrogen production facility on 2,498 acres located west of State Route 33 (SR-33; Derrick Avenue) between American Avenue and Manning Avenue, approximately 6.5 miles south of the City of Mendota. A meeting was held for public comments on the scope of the EIR being prepared, the Draft EIR is being assembled, a specific date when it will be release for public review and comment is not known.

EIR 7763 (Cemex Rockfield Quarry)

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application Nos. 3666 and 3667 to allow the continuation and modification of current aggregate (rock, sand and gravel) mining and processing operations on 475.73 acres located between Friant Road and the San Joaquin River, approximately one mile north of the City of Fresno. A meeting was held for public comments on the scope of the EIR being prepared, the Draft EIR is being assembled, the completed Draft EIR is anticipated being submitted for internal review at the end of February 2024.

EIR 7869 (Sonrisa Solar)

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3677 to allow construction and operation of a 200-megawatt photovoltaic solar power generation facility and a 60-megawatt energy storage facility on 1,700 acres located east of State Route 33 (SR-33; Derrick Avenue) between Adams Avenue and Manning Avenue, approximately six miles south of the City of Mendota. A meeting was held for public comments on the scope of the EIR being prepared, the project has been modified add 200 acres and changing the path of the Gen-Tie line. The Draft EIR is being revised; it is anticipated that the Draft EIR will be released for public review and comment in February of 2024.

EIR 7896 (Kamm Avenue Pistachio Plant)

Classified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3685 to allow construction and operation of a pistachio processing facility on 316 acres located south of Kamm Avenue between San Bernardino Avenue and State Route 33 (SR-33; Derrick Avenue), approximately one mile northwest of the unincorporated community of Three Rocks. A Draft EIR was published and based on public comments the Projects was amended and new public meeting was held to receive public comments on the scope of the new Draft EIR being prepared, a specific date when it will be released for public review and comment is not known.

EIR 8077 (Stamoules Pistachio Plant)

Classified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3709 to allow construction and operation of a pistachio processing facility on a 316-acre property located on the northwest corner of Newcomb Avenue and Muscat Avenue, approximately 9.7 miles south of the City of Firebaugh. The Draft EIR was released for Public Comment, it is anticipated that the Project will be presented to the Planning Commission in March of 2024.

EIR 8189 (Key Energy Storage Project)

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3734 to allow construction and operation of a 3-gigawatt energy storage facility on 260 acres with a half mile Gen-Tie Line connecting it to PG&E's existing Gates Substation. The Project site is in western Fresno County, approximately 0.4 mile east of Interstate 5 (I-5), immediately south of West Jayne Avenue, and between I-5 and South Lassen Avenue (State Route 269) approximately Huron 4 miles southwest of the City of Huron. The Draft EIR was released for Public Review and Comment and the project's application is anticipated to be considered by the Planning Commission in March of 2024.

Other Activities

Tribal Consultation

Assembly Bill (AB) 52 requires local governments to conduct consultation with California Native American tribes that have requested to be notified by lead agencies of proposed projects in the geographic area with which the tribe is traditionally and culturally affiliated. Within 14 days of determining that an application for a project is complete, the lead agency must provide formal notification to the designated contacts or tribal representatives of the California Native American tribes that have requested notice. In turn, the tribes must respond in writing within 30 days of the formal notification to request consultation. The requirements of AB 52 apply to any project for which a Notice of Preparation, Notice of Mitigated Negative Declaration or Notice of Negative Declaration is filed on or after July 1, 2015. In 2023, Department staff provided formal notification to tribes regarding projects subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with AB 52.

Senate Bill (SB) 18 requires local governments to conduct consultation with California Native American tribes on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission prior to the adoption or amendment of a General Plan. In turn, the tribes must respond in writing within 90 days of the formal notification to request consultation. In 2023, Department staff provided formal notification to tribes regarding projects involving General Plan Amendments (GPAs) in accordance with AB 52.

Collaborative Planning with the Military Lands and Facilities

SB 1468, passed in 2002, requires cities and counties to consider the impact of growth on military readiness activities when preparing or updating their general plan for lands adjacent to military facilities or underlying designated military aviation routes and airspace. Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore straddles the Fresno County and Kings County line. NAS Lemoore, with two parallel runways and covering 30,000 acres, is the Navy's prime West Coast Tactical Naval Air Station, providing support for the US Pacific Fleet. NAS Lemoore averages approximately 210,000 flight operations annually, making it one of the Navy's busiest airfields. The base has more than 7,200 active-duty military and 1,300 civilian workers. Approximately 11,000 dependents live and work on and around the base. The US military has classified much of the air space above Fresno County as special use airspace or low-level flight paths, restricting their use by civilian aircraft.

In 2011, the County participated with the City of Lemoore, Kings County, and NAS Lemoore on the Lemoore Naval Air Station Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). The County continues to send discretionary land use permit applications for comment to NAS Lemoore should they fall within a specified boundary.

Land use projects that could have a potential impact on airport facilities throughout the County as well as NAS Lemoore are referred to the Fresno Council of Governments to be considered by the Airport Land Use Commission for consistency with the Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

Williamson Act Contract Audit

On September 18, 2012, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to audit existing Williamson Act Contracts on an ongoing basis for possible removal of lands from the program that do not meet the State or County's eligibility requirements to remain in the program.

In 2023, staff audited Williamson Act Contracts and recorded Notices of Nonrenewal on 25 parcels that did not meet State or County eligibility requirements.

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), signed into law in September of 2014, established a new structure for managing California’s groundwater resources at the local level by local agencies. SGMA required the formation of locally controlled Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the State’s higher priority groundwater basins by June 30, 2017. Each GSA was required to develop and implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to meet a sustainability goal of the basin that ensures that it is operated within a sustainable yield without causing undesirable results. Failure to form a GSA and implement a GSP in a groundwater basin could result in the State Water Resources Control Board asserting its power to manage local groundwater resources.

Each GSP includes projects and mitigations necessary to reach sustainability within the boundaries of each GSA and the subbasin as a whole. These mitigations may require a reduction in groundwater pumping and changes to the current water use practices utilized by residents of those areas. Members of the Board of Supervisors, or their department designees, actively participate on six (6) of the GSA governing boards within the four high-priority basins within Fresno County, as well as County staff’s annual participation in over 100 Board, policy, technical, and outreach committee meetings. Fresno County staff will continue working in coordination with the various GSAs to develop strategies and options to achieve the required sustainability goals and will present to the Board of Supervisors for possible direction and implementation once finalized.

Water Conservation Ordinance

On September 30, 2014, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors approved Ordinance Code Chapter 14.01 (Water Conservation Ordinance) which went into effect on October 31, 2014.

On March 14, 2023, County staff presented the 2023-24 Annual Report for the water year (April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024). Staff’s recommendation was that all Community Service Areas (CSAs) and Waterworks Districts (WWDs) continue to be on Stage 1 Water Conservation as it is the most closely comparing with the restrictions imposed on water users throughout the state by the statewide emergency drought regulations, with the exception of four CSAs and one WWD, which were recommended to continue on a water conservation stage of Stage 2 or higher. The recommendation was made for the Board to implement Stage 2 and Stage 3 Water Conservation for CSA 39AB to comply with the water regulations of their water provider (City of Fresno). The recommendation was also made for the Board to implement Stage 4 Water Conservation for CSAs 30, 32 and 49 and WWD 40 due to their water provider (Westlands) having imposed restrictions most closely comparing with Stage 4 Water Conservation and WWD 40 having water capacity issues with their water system. County staff has been working with WWD 40 to identify funding for new/additional sources of water and/or water treatment. The Board accepted the 2023-24 Annual Report and implemented all recommendations made by staff for the 2023-24 water year.

Operations of County Landfills

There are two landfills currently operating within the County: American Avenue Disposal Site (AADS) and Clovis Landfill (CL). The estimated closure date for AADS has been revised from October 16, 2037, to April 26, 2043, and the estimated closure date for CL is August 2066.

Recycling Programs

The County of Fresno is responsible for administration of management programs for solid waste streams in the unincorporated areas of the County. In addition, the County serves in an administrative capacity for the greater County of Fresno with respect to regional program implementation and reporting.

Annual and biannual reporting for both local and regional programs for solid waste streams is submitted to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

Programs and reporting requirements that are currently administered by the County relating to solid waste and recycling include:

- California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32)
- California Solid Waste Law – Diversion Requirements (AB 939)
- Waste Tonnage Reporting for County Cities and Facilities (AB 901)
- Mandatory Recyclable Material Requirement (AB 341)
- Mandatory Organic Waste Material Requirement (AB 1826)
- California Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy – Organic Waste Reduction (SB 1383)
- Waste Reporting Parameters (AB 1594)
- Construction and Demolition Waste Diversion Requirement (SB 1374), including Title 15 Building Standards Code related to diversion requirements

Community Plan Updates

The County of Fresno regularly searches for funding opportunities to update community plans to attract developers to develop in the unincorporated communities of Fresno County. In 2022, the County began using Fresno Council of Government (FCOG) Planning grant funds to develop criteria for the prioritization of community plan updates in a manner that would maximize development potential while considering the age of the plans.

On July 18, 2023, the Board of Supervisors accepted the Fresno County Guidance Document for Unincorporated Community Plans, which provides guidance for updating existing community plans as well as establishing new community plans and establishes a format for updating unincorporated community plans as well as minimum content requirements for those plans. Further, the Board also accepted scoring criteria to prioritize community plan updates and approved the order in which the County's community plans are to be updated.

County of Fresno began the update process in the Communities of Biola and Del Rey. Provost and Pritchard were hired to assist in the development of the Biola and Del Rey Community Plan. The County held a kick-off meeting in the Community of Biola on December 6, 2023, and in the Community of Del Rey on December 14, 2023. The Del Rey and Biola Community Plans are expected to be completed by December 2024.

Improving Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities

During the 2023 calendar year, the County continued to offer the Facade and Commercial Enhancement (FACE) program to enable eligible businesses located within unincorporated communities to rehabilitate and improve community storefront façades. The FACE program provides loans up to \$50,000 with zero interest and no required monthly payments.

During the 2023 calendar year, the County hosted 20 community outreach and educational meetings in the unincorporated communities of Biola, Caruthers, Laton, Riverdale, and Tranquillity regarding the Sixth Cycle Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element, the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update, and various affordable housing programs administered by the County. Nine of the 20 community meetings hosted were simultaneously broadcasted via Zoom. On Zoom people were able to comment and interact with the meeting and the presenters.

During the 2023 calendar year, federal grant funding awarded included \$300,000 for Safe Streets for All Action Planning to upgrade the existing Local Road Safety Plan which includes an in-depth equity assessment to address and remediate a legacy of harm and provide disadvantaged residents an opportunity to engage actively in road and pedestrian safety; \$2.1 million for safety improvement on Auberry and Frazier Road, \$200,000 for edgeline striping on various County roads; \$12.8 million for reconstruction of Fowler and Elkhorn Avenues and shoulder widening. State grant awarded included \$1 million for sidewalk improvements for Tranquillity, \$3 million for road improvements in Tranquillity; \$2 million for Cantua Creek/El Porvenir for street and sidewalk improvements; \$4 million for sidewalk and road improvements in Calwa, and \$2 million for intersection realignment at Auberry and Frazier Roads. The County was also awarded \$400,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for park improvements in Raisin City.

In addition, the County applied for a RAISE grant for Tranquillity Complete Streets, a Clean CA Grant for Calwa and Golden State Boulevard, a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant, a PROTECT planning grant to mitigate flood impacts on major roads in West Fresno County, a reconstruction/shoulder paving project for the community of Laton, shoulder paving project on Elkhorn, signal improvements at Central and Chestnut, and a roundabout at Millerton and Marina Drive.

In 2023, the County and Economic Development Corporation (EDC) applied and was awarded \$150,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Economic Development Administration to fund the creation of the County's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The County also applied for the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The goal of the grant is to empower communities that are actively taking steps to remove barriers to affordable housing and seeking to increase housing production and lower housing costs for families over the long term. The County's goal with this grant focuses on implementing the General Plan with an emphasis on the following activities: improving infrastructure in the County's unincorporated communities to support housing production, fund unincorporated community plan updates, provide funding for the creation of a pilot ADU loan program, development of a housing and services resource book, fund necessary zoning ordinance amendments, and prepare the County's 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan (see Exhibit A). In addition, these funds would serve to implement further Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing efforts, which are intended to foster inclusive communities and improve the quality of life for all its rural unincorporated residents.

The County issued a resolution of support for Fresno County Housing Authority's application for the Fresno Council of Governments' Housing Planning Grants, for grant funding related to Regional Early Action Planning Grant of 2021 (REAP 2.0) Program. If grant is awarded, funds will be used to purchase land to build affordable housing in the community of Biola.

Removing Barriers to Specialized Housing

In 2018, the Board of Supervisors voted to continue the suspension of Public Facilities Impact Fees until further notice. Should the Board reinstate Public Facilities Impact Fees, staff will monitor the fees annually to ensure they do not unduly constrain housing development.

In 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved General Plan Amendment (GPA) No. 563 to increase residential densities for specified residential and commercial land use designations to permit residential development at a maximum of 20 units per acre. At that time, the Board also approved Amendment to Text (AT) No. 380 to amend the Zoning Ordinance to accommodate Single Room Occupancy, Density Bonus, residential density of 20 units per acre in specified residential and commercial districts, and minor language modifications for Emergency Shelters and Reasonable Accommodations.

In 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved AT No. 381 to amend Zoning Ordinance sections related to employee and farmworker housing to allow greater compliance with state law and to address litigation stemming from the 5th Cycle Housing Element.

In 2022, the Board of Supervisors also approved AT No. 383 to further improve Zoning Ordinance sections related to Reasonable Accommodations, Density Bonus, and Supportive Housing.

Technology Review and Customer Service

In an effort to increase citizen participation during the 2023 calendar year, the County utilized various technologies such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams to allow citizens the opportunity to attend meetings virtually, not only in-person. The County's two annual housing meetings were conducted virtually and in-person. The County also hosted virtual and in-person meetings simultaneously at various locations for the latest round of community outreach meetings for the Sixth Cycle Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element Update. The County hosted a total number of nine simultaneous meetings. These meetings allowed participants to comment and participate with presenters and community members. The County also maintains two websites that allow the public easier access to various documents and information. One website allows the public access to the County's community plans and the other website provides residents with up-to-date information regarding the County's General Plan and various educational materials describing what a general plan is and the importance of the general plan.

The County continues to provide property and development information online via the Geographic Information System (GIS), Zoning, General Plan, EIR and other project links accessible through the County website.

The County commonly utilizes telephone conferencing and video meetings in lieu of physical meetings to minimize travel-related impacts. The County has been using video conferencing for both inter-County and intra-County meetings, with the resultant reduction in employee work-related vehicular trips. The County is also in the planning and development stages of countywide e-government programs that will impact the number of vehicular trips required to conduct business.

APPENDIX A

**Status of General Plan Implementation
Programs for the Economic Development
Element, Agriculture and Land Use Element,
Transportation and Circulation Element,
Public Facilities and Services Element, Open
Space and Conservation Element, and the
Health and Safety Element.**

APPENDIX A
Review of General Plan Implementation Programs

PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
Economic Development Element			
ED-A			
Economic Development			
ED-A.A			
<p>The County shall create an economic development staff position(s) in the County Administrative Office and the Planning & Resource Management Department to serve as liaison/facilitator and support for the economic development implementation program and the Action Team. (See Policy ED-A.2, ED-A.3)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">County Administrative Office (CAO)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Public Works & Planning (PW&P)</p>	<p>FY 00-01</p>	<p>Ongoing. The County is currently contracting with Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for assistance with implementation of the Economic Development Element Programs of the County General Plan.</p> <p>In 2023, 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			
<p>The County shall create, support, and staff an Action Team to coordinate countywide.</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors CAO</p>	<p>FY 00-01</p>	<p>See ED-A.A.</p>

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<p>ED-A.C</p> <p>The County shall retain an independent and qualified institution to conduct an evaluation at least every five (5) years of success in achieving the goals and targets of the Economic Development Strategy. (See Policy ED-A.4)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p>CAO</p>	<p>FY 05-06; every five (5) years thereafter</p>	<p>Ongoing. In February 2023, on behalf of the County, the EDC formally requested and received an extension of the County of Fresno’s 2017-2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for one year. With the region’s Good Jobs Challenge and Build Back Better awards, additional time was needed to integrate these projects and meaningfully engage rural and urban areas of the County of Fresno to inform the next CEDS.</p> <p>Throughout the year, EDC and County staff continued dialogue about updating the 5-Year CEDS and decided to apply to EDA (Economic Development Administration) for a CEDS planning grant. The Board of Supervisors approved and authorized the submission of a new grant application on March 28, 2023, of \$150,000 for the preparation of a new digitally integrated CEDS for the County and 14 of the 15 incorporated cities in Fresno County (excluding the City of Fresno). In June 2023, the grant application was approved.</p> <p>EDC and County staff are coordinating the development and release of an RFP (Request for Proposals) for qualified consultants to assist with this project.</p>
<p>ED-A.D</p> <p>The County, working in cooperation with the cities, shall develop criteria for the location in the unincorporated areas of value-added agricultural processing facilities that are compatible with an agricultural setting. Such criteria shall take into account the service requirements of facilities for processing agricultural products and the capability and capacity of the cities to provide the services required. (See Policy ED-A.7)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 01-02; 02-03; 03-04</p>	<p>Completed. This program has been implemented.</p>

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ED-A.E			
The County shall establish guidelines for the analysis of the economic impacts in staff reports of all discretionary decisions by the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and other County decision-making bodies. (See Policy ED-A.11)	Board of Supervisors CAO	FY 00-01	Completed. This General Plan requirement expired at the end of 2001.
ED-A.F			
The County shall contract with the Fresno EDC to develop marketing programs for Fresno County produce. (See Policy ED-A.14)	Board of Supervisors CAO	Ongoing	Completed. In 2023, the EDC developed and updated marketing materials for Fresno County to use during tradeshow, targeted missions, and direct business outreach. Annually, the EDC updates its Real Estate Forecast which features each Fresno County city profile and highlights new developments, projects, and incentives. This publication reaches more than 1,000 partners, both nationally and internationally.

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<p>ED-A.G</p> <p>The County shall determine, in cooperation with existing agencies, if capital deficiencies exist for farmers with the capital costs of shifting production modes to crops that create higher employment levels. If such deficiencies are identified, the County, in partnership with existing agencies, shall work to access additional funds or redirect existing funds. (See Policy ED-A.18)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p>County Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>FY 02-03; 03-04</p>	<p>Ongoing. While this program has not been implemented as written, EDC has successfully facilitated private investments into firms who are shifting production modes and harnessing agricultural waste materials to produce valuable high-quality goods.</p>

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ED-B Economic Base Diversification			
ED-B.A			
<p>The County shall convene a group of the existing service providers to assess the current state of telecommunications infrastructure, the needs for the future, and the role of the County and other agencies in facilitating implementation of services demanded by high technology firms. (See Policy ED-B.4)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors CAO</p>	<p>FY 02-03; 03-04</p>	<p>Ongoing. During the 2023 calendar year, the EDC has continued its participation in the Fresno Coalition for Digital Inclusion (FCDI) and their initiatives to expand middle mile and last mile broadband infrastructure in Fresno County. EDC staff worked with the Department of Public Works and Planning to secure a \$150,000 federal match from the EDA to update the County’s comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS), which will serve as a crucial piece of the County’s broadband plan and enable the region to draw down federal dollars to support broadband expansion efforts. The CEDS will help bolster economic resiliency in the region by providing a platform for stakeholders to engage and collaborate in regional planning and capacity building. EDC staff also worked with the County on drafting an RFP to identify a qualified consultant to build the digitally-integrated CEDS.</p> <p>The EDC also committed letters of support for Comcast’s Last Mile Grant application to secure funds from the California Federal Funding Account to deploy and expand broadband infrastructure in rural Fresno County. This fiber-based project proposed by Comcast will provide over 13,400 households and 700 businesses in unserved and underserved areas of Fresno County with multiple high-speed options for service, including low-cost and no-cost options when combined with the federal Affordable Connectivity program. This project will greatly benefit rural Fresno County residents in dire need of improved access to education, health care, and other online services, as well as allow local businesses to operate more efficiently and attract new investment into Fresno County’s unincorporated areas.</p> <p>Under the auspices of the County’s Chief Operating Officer, the County of Fresno has prepared planning analyses and applications to secure grant funding for telecommunication infrastructure.</p>

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<p>ED-B.B</p> <p>The County shall coordinate an initiative to deliver a comprehensive package of technical assistance regarding available technology to local businesses to improve their productivity and make this assistance available as an incentive for business prospects. (See Policy ED-B.9)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 02-03; 03-04</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>The Fresno County EDC works with local businesses throughout Fresno County providing technical assistance. The EDC works to enhance the stability and growth of Fresno County’s prospective and existing companies by connecting them with specific resources, information, and services with the primary objectives to assist businesses with expansions, survive economic difficulties, and make them more competitive in the wider marketplace. The EDC responds to businesses interested in Fresno County and develops comprehensive informational packets based on their individual needs.</p> <p>The EDC updates its Ready2Hire jobs platform to serve its New Employment Opportunities program in partnership with the County of Fresno Department of Social Services. The Ready2Hire online portal provides employers with hiring needs an intuitive platform to identify potential candidates based on unique hiring requirements and skillsets.</p>

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ED-B.C			
<p>The County shall convene a roundtable of major financial institutions, venture capital firms, and business finance agencies, such as the California Public Employees Retirement System (CALPERS), to determine the need for improving access to capital for non-agricultural businesses seeking to locate or expand in Fresno County. (See Policy ED-B.10)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CAO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PW&P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>EDC works with local financial institutions as part of EDC’s business outreach and technical assistance. In addition, the EDC’s CEO and Vice President serve on the Access Plus Capital Board of Directors.</p> <p>In August of 2022, EDC coordinated a Capital Roundtable involving financial institutions, private equity funds, foundations and family offices to identify hybrid financing structures to invest in companies looking to locate or expand. This input was used to support a capital recruitment campaign known as Fresno’s Impact Economy. EDC has utilized this private finance network to match company funding needs with investors.</p> <p>EDC staff work with businesses seeking to locate or expand in Fresno County by assisting them with financing, grants, and microloan programs.</p>
ED-B.D			
<p>The County shall initiate a planning process to identify additional recreation opportunities in the coast range foothills and other areas where “gateway opportunities” exist. (See Policy ED-B.18)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PW&P</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>Ongoing. In 2023, the County of Fresno and EDC remained involved with the citizen-led “Friends of Scenic 180,” a locally organized group of local property and business owners who are dedicated to supporting the growth in recreation, tourism, community, and commercial activities within the Yokuts Valley area.</p> <p>The County continues to identify recreational opportunities in the coast range foothills and other areas of the County.</p>

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<p>ED-B.E</p> <p>The County shall regularly evaluate the marketing programs of the Visitor and Convention Bureau and provide funding assistance as appropriate to support effective marketing programs that attract business travel to the County. (See Policy ED-B.20)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p>CAO</p> <p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 00-01</p>	<p>Ongoing. The EDC in cooperation with the Visitor and Convention Bureau works on developing effective marketing programs that attract business and travel to the County. EDC coordinates with the Fresno/Clovis Convention and Visitors Bureau to ensure messaging continuity as needed.</p> <p>EDC continues to enlist the Fresno/Clovis Convention Bureau to collaborate on special reports and analyses that support public events that generate business travel and local tourism.</p> <p>In the Summer of 2023, the EDC began serving on the Regional Advisory Committee for Visit CA. The goal of the committee is to inform and develop a regional and statewide tourism strategic plan.</p>

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ED-C Labor Force Preparedness			
ED-C.A			
<p>The County shall join with the Workforce Development Board, community colleges, and others to develop a countywide workforce preparation system. (See Policy ED-C.1)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Workforce Development Board</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Social Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>	<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 Economic Development Corporation (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 to conduct routine workforce/jobs analysis to help inform training needs, programs, and partnerships.</p> <p>In 2023, EDC continues 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 organizations, and post-secondary institutions to create and expand training programs within the Construction, Manufacturing, Transportation/ Distribution, and Business Services sectors. Currently, the EDC is working with project partners as part of a “Program Design” stage of the grant. The EDC will begin full implementation of training programs across all sectors in Spring 2024.</p> <p>In June 2023, the EDC sponsored its first cohort funded by GJC and began training on employer-specified skills for in-demand manufacturing careers. The 5-week Manufacturing Generalist course exemplifies the sector partnership strategy envisioned by EDA. Employers worked with the program’s instructor to design a curriculum responsive to their needs. Reedley College provided an instructor and facilities. Community Based Organizations, Higher Education Institutions, Adult Schools, and Employers</p>

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			<p>assisted with recruitment. During the training program, experienced case managers worked with instructors daily to ensure participants were supported. Employers visited the classroom on multiple occasions to provide encouragement and guidance. Fresno County EDC, Reedley College, and the San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance hosted the graduation ceremony in late July 2023.</p>
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<p>ED-C.B</p> <p>The County shall develop a skills inventory on the CalWORKs labor pool for local expansion and new businesses seeking employees. (See Policy ED-C.1)</p>	<p>Social Services</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>Ongoing. The EDC routinely updates its Ready2Hire portal, which aligns the CalWORKs labor pool with employment opportunities from the EDC's client network. In 2022, EDC refined its comprehensive quarterly jobs analysis using EMSI/Lightcast and began the implementation in 2023.</p> <p>A skills inventory was developed for positions in local industries. This was used as the basis for a coded skills inventory using the automated Welfare Employment Preparedness Index. The system could then be queried and sorted by specific skills and can produce a list of clients meeting given criteria.</p> <p>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 Economic Development Specialists updated insights on key industries, employers, and occupations actively hiring within Fresno County.</p>

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<p>ED-C.C</p> <p>The County shall improve tracking systems for employment and retention for CalWORKs recipients. (See Policy ED-C.1)</p>	<p>Social Services</p>	<p>FY 00-01</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>With the Good Jobs Challenge (GJC) grant award, EDC has coordinated meetings with Department of Social Services (DSS) staff responsible for CalWORKs programming on ways to leverage its collective programs and federal GJC funding for CalWORKs recipients. EDC and DSS staff have been in conversation about implementing a Human Resources Generalist training program to assist DSS with current 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.</p> <p>EDC has dedicated two 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>

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ED-C.D			
<p>The County shall continue efforts to assist the Fresno EDC, placement agencies, and businesses to assess the availability and work readiness of CalWORKs recipients for employment opportunities. (See Policy ED-C.1)</p>	<p>Social Services</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. During the 2023 calendar year, four cohorts of the Truck Drivers Training Program were held, graduating 41 CalWORKs recipients. Moreover, three cohorts completed the Valley Apprenticeship Connections program, graduating 10 CalWORKs recipients.</p> <p>The County Department of Social Services 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. Three job fairs were attended on behalf of DSS, and three specialized recruitment event was carried out on behalf of companies with hiring needs.</p> <p>In addition, EDC staff has 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. EDC is in Program Design and anticipated beginning training programs in Spring 2024.</p>

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<p>ED-C.E</p> <p>The County shall continue its collaborative planning and funding efforts with agencies such as the County Office of Education, State EDD, local school districts, post-secondary educational institutions, training agencies, and the cities. Such efforts may include education management services, employment placement services, relocation and retention programs, youth employment programs, job clubs, and neighborhood jobs services. (See Policy ED-C.1 and ED-C.2)</p>	<p>Social Services</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. The Department of Social Services 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. 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, on an ongoing basis, efforts initiated through the CalWORKS Job Creation Investment Fund to identify the skills required by the clusters and industries targeted for expansion, attraction, and new enterprise development. (See Policy ED-C.3)</p>	<p>Social Services</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. No specific activity was reported for the year 2023.</p> <p>This program is an ongoing effort. The Fresno County Department of Social Services prepares an annual overview of programs. The following was taken from the Programs Overview 2020:</p> <p>The Case Management branch of the Fresno County Department of Social Services administers The California Work Opportunity & Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Welfare to Work program to support families with a variety of services available to approved</p>

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			<p>CalWORKs applicants. The Welfare to Work program is the employment and training aspect of CalWORKs. Employment services are available to work activity participants including counseling, job preparedness, job development, training, and supportive services such as childcare, transportation, work clothing and tools. Services are also available to address barriers to employment including substance abuse, domestic violence, mental health, and legal issues.</p> <p>The Department partners with agencies and employers in the community to deliver educational, training and employment opportunities that provide our clients with the support to achieve self-sufficiency through higher education and gainful employment.</p> <p>Pregnant or parenting teens receiving CalWORKs are required to participate in the Cal-Learn program, designed to encourage graduation from high school or its equivalent, and support teens to become independent, and form healthy families.</p>
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Agriculture and Land Use Element			
LU-A Agriculture			
LU-A.A			
<p>The County shall review and amend its Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances to ensure consistency with policies and standards of this section. (See Policies LU-A.1 through LU-A.21)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors PW&P</p>	<p>FY 00-01; 01-02</p>	<p>Ongoing. In 2023, the County continued working on the comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance and General Plan and anticipates adoption to occur in early 2024.</p> <p>The County continues to amend its Subdivision Ordinance as necessary to ensure consistency between the Subdivision Ordinance and the General Plan.</p>
LU-A.B			
<p>The County shall evaluate minimum parcel sizes necessary for sustained agricultural productivity on land designated for agriculture throughout the County, and, as appropriate, amend the Zoning Ordinance according to the results of that analysis. (See Policy LU-A.6.)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 03-04</p>	<p>Ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred during the 2023 calendar year.</p> <p>Policy LU-A.6 states that the County shall maintain twenty (20) acres as the minimum permitted parcel size in areas designated Agriculture, except as provided in Policies LU-A.9, LU-A.10, and LU-A.11. The County may require parcel sizes larger than twenty (20) acres based on zoning, local agricultural conditions, and to help ensure the viability of agricultural operations.</p>

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<p>LU-A.C</p> <p>The County shall develop and implement guidelines for design and maintenance of buffers to be required when new non-agricultural uses are approved in agricultural areas. Buffer design and maintenance guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, the following:</p> <p>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 maximum amount of farmable land. 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. 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. e) The County may condition its approval of a project on the ongoing maintenance of buffers. f) A homeowners association or other appropriate entity shall be required to maintain buffers to control litter, fire hazards, pests, and other maintenance problems. g) Buffer restrictions may be removed if agricultural uses on all adjacent parcels have permanently ceased. (See Policy LU-A.16)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 03-04</p>	<p>Ongoing. During the 2023 calendar year, the County continued to evaluate land use applications, such as proposed tract maps and photovoltaic solar facilities, for their proximity to existing agricultural activities.</p> <p>The County requires buffers for certain land uses with the potential to hinder agricultural uses. For discretionary land use proposals including tract maps, buffers are taken into consideration as part of the conditions imposed on the project.</p> <p>This has also been applied to utility-scale photovoltaic solar facilities with a general buffer area of 50 feet between panels or structures and surrounding agricultural properties to be maintained by the solar facility operator.</p>

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LU-A.D			
<p>The County shall periodically review agricultural land preservation programs and assess their effectiveness in furthering the County's agricultural goals and policies. (See Policies LU-A.13 and LU-A.16)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. There was no comprehensive evaluation of agricultural land preservation programs in 2023.</p> <p>Both the Williamson Act Program and conservation easements are 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 for agricultural purposes, which furthers the County's goals and policies for the preservation of productive agricultural land. 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.</p> <p>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. County staff also work with the Agricultural Land Conservation Committee to review cancellation petitions and forward the Committee's recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.</p>
LU-A.E			
<p>The County shall continue to implement the County's Right-to-Farm Ordinance and will provide information to the local real estate industry to help make the public aware of the right-to-farm provisions in their area. (See Policy LU-A.15)</p>	<p>County Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. County staff utilize the Right-to-Farm Ordinance notification process for several types of discretionary land use permits 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. Further, County staff also work with the Agricultural Commissioner's Office for the review of discretionary projects proposed in agricultural areas and seek comments from the Agricultural Commissioner's Office regarding those projects.</p>

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LU-A.F			
<p>The County, in cooperation with UC Cooperative Extension, resource conservation districts, and other industry agencies, shall develop and implement a public outreach program to inform agriculturists 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 Agricultural Land Stewardship Program Fund. (See Policies LU-A.16 through LU-A.21)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PW&P County Department of Agriculture</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. No formal public outreach program has been developed or implemented to inform agriculturists and the public of the advantages of participation in land trust agreements or conservation easements, but it should be noted that the County no longer authorizes new Williamson Act contracts on non-contracted land because the State stopped providing subvention funding for the Williamson Act program in 2009.</p> <p>In prior years, the Board of Supervisors has adopted Resolutions of Support for landowners who wish to place their land under conservation easement. In 2014, 2015, and 2017, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolutions supporting the placement of 1,000 acres of farmland under conservation easement.</p>
LU-A.G			
<p>The County shall actively pursue grant funds under provisions of the Agricultural Land Stewardship Program Act of 1995 to assist interested farmers and ranchers in obtaining funds for conservation easements. (See Policy LU-A.16)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PW&P</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred during the 2023 calendar year.</p> <p>As stated above, the Board of Supervisors has adopted Resolutions of Support for landowners who wish to place their land under conservation easement.</p>

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LU-A.H			
<p>The County shall develop a program establishing criteria to prioritize funding for agricultural conservation easements. (See Policy LU-A.16)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>Ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred during the 2023 calendar year.</p> <p>However, the Board of Supervisors previously adopted Resolutions of Support for landowners who wish to place their land under conservation easement.</p>
LU-A.I			
<p>The County shall assess the approaches to determining agricultural land values in the 1981 Farmland Protection Policy Act land evaluation and site assessment (LESA) system, and the Tulare County Rural Valley Lands Plan, 1975 amendment, to determine the potential for developing a similar process for identifying and ranking the value of agricultural land in Fresno County. If appropriate, the County shall establish an agricultural quality scale system to assist the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors in agricultural land use conversion decisions. (See Policy LU-A.16)</p>	<p>PW&P County Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>FY 03-04</p>	<p>Ongoing. While the County has not formally assessed utilizing an agricultural quality scale system similar to LESA as part of the evaluation process of converting agricultural land to non-agricultural uses, it does consistently analyze project impacts associated with the conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural uses as part of the environmental assessment of discretionary projects.</p>

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LU-A.J			
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. (See Policies LU-A.9, LU-A.10, and LU-A.11)	PW&P Board of Supervisors	Annually	Ongoing. During the 2023 calendar year, five lot size exceptions were granted through provisions outlined in Policy LU-A.9 (Gift Deed and Homesite parcels), and eight lot size exceptions were granted through variance applications.
LU-B Westside Rangelands			
LU-B.A			
The County shall maintain an inventory of lot size exceptions granted by discretionary permit. This inventory, including numbers 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. (See Policies LU-B.7, LU-B.9, and LU-B.10)	PW&P	Annually	Ongoing. As noted above, during the 2023 calendar year, five lot size exceptions were granted through provisions outlined in Policy LU- A.9 (Gift Deed and Homesite parcels), and eight lot size exceptions were granted through the variance process.

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<p>LU-C River Influence Areas</p>			
<p>LU-C.A</p>			
<p>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. (See Policies LU-C.1 and OS-H.10)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors PW&P</p>	<p>FY 02-03 (first update); subsequently as needed</p>	<p>Ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred during the 2023 calendar year. Although the Kings River Regional Plan has not been updated, the existing plan continues to remain adequate and relied upon when considering proposed land use and environmental decisions.</p>
<p>LU-C.B</p>			
<p>The County shall 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.</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred during the 2023 calendar year.</p>

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LU-D Westside Freeway Corridor			
LU-D.A			
The County shall revise its Zoning Ordinance to implement the revised provisions of this section concerning the Westside Freeway Corridor. (See Policies LU-D.1 through LU-D.6)	Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 01-02	Ongoing. Revisions to the County Zoning Ordinance were approved March 27, 2001, by the Board of Supervisors to implement the revised provisions of this section concerning the Westside Freeway Corridor with approval of Amendment to Text (AT) No. 337. The ongoing General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update will make modifications for the establishment of Highway Interchanges along the Westside Freeway Corridor.
LU-F Urban Development Patterns			
LU-F.A			
The County shall work with the Cities of Clovis and Fresno and other cities as appropriate to adopt incentives and disincentives that will lead to compact urban development and infill of vacant and underutilized land. (See Policies LU-F.1 through LU-F.10)	Board of Supervisors	Ongoing	Ongoing. In 2023, County staff continued to coordinate with staff of both the cities of Fresno and Clovis on development and planned infrastructure projects to promote compact urban development and infill of vacant and underutilized land. The County's General Plan and the General Plans of the Cities of Fresno and Clovis include policies that promote infill of vacant and underutilized land.

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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. (See Policies LU-F.1 through LU-F.10)	Board of Supervisors	FY 01-02	Ongoing. The ongoing General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update will make provisions for pedestrian and transit-oriented developments, and it is anticipated to be adopted in early 2024.
LU-G Incorporated City, City Fringe Area, and Unincorporated Community Development			
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. (See Policies LU-G.21 through LU-G.23)	PW&P Board of Supervisors	FY 01-02	Ongoing. In 2022, the County amended its Zoning Ordinance sections pertaining to density bonus to allow for greater compliance with state law. Previously, in 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved amendments to the General Plan Land Use Element and the Zoning Ordinance to increase residential densities in certain land use designations and zone districts (R2, R2-A, R3, R3-A, R4, C4 and RP) to 20 units per acre. Additional zoning updates are anticipated to be adopted in 2024.
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 applicable community plan. (See Policies LU-G.1 through LU-G.20)	PW&P Board of Supervisors	As Needed	Ongoing. The County continues to implement this program annually as annexations are filed.

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LU-H General and Administrative Provisions			
LU-H.A			
The County shall prepare and adopt a regional plan for the Friant-Millerton area consistent with the directives of Policy LU-H.8. (See Policy LU-H.8)	Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 02-03	Ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred during the 2023 calendar year.
LU-H.B			
County Staff shall meet regularly with cities and adjacent counties to address planning and growth issues of common interest and concern. Staff shall report annually on cooperative planning efforts of the previous year and the planned schedule of meetings with local jurisdictions to address regional planning issues in the upcoming year.	PW&P	Ongoing	Ongoing. The County continues to implement this program annually by meeting with the City of Fresno monthly and with the City of Clovis quarterly. Additionally, the County has also been meeting monthly with the 14 cities participating in the 6 th Cycle Regional Housing Element.

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LU-H.C			
<p>The County shall prepare and adopt minimum format and content guidelines for the preparation of updated and new regional, community, and specific plans to ensure consistency with the countywide General Plan. (See Policy LU-H.10)</p>	<p align="center">PW&P</p>	<p align="center">FY 02-03</p>	<p>Ongoing. In 2023, the Board of Supervisors accepted the Fresno County Guidance Document for Unincorporated Community Plans, which provides guidance for updating existing community plans as well as establishing new community plans. The document also establishes a format for updating unincorporated community plans as well as minimum content requirements for those plans. Further, the Board also accepted scoring criteria to prioritize community plan updates and approved the order in which the County’s community plans are to be updated. In December 2023, the County held kick-off meetings in the communities of Del Rey and Biola to begin these community plan updates.</p>
LU-H.D			
<p>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. This review shall also be used to satisfy the requirements of Public Resources Code 21081.6 for a mitigation monitoring program. (See Policy LU-H.12)</p>	<p align="center">Planning Commission Board of Supervisors PW&P</p>	<p align="center">FY 02-03; annually thereafter</p>	<p>Ongoing. County staff prepares a General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) on an annual basis 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>
LU-H.E			
<p>The County shall conduct a major review of the General Plan, including the General Plan Policy Document and Background Report, every five years and revise it as deemed necessary. (See Policy LU-H.14)</p>	<p align="center">Board of Supervisors PW&P</p>	<p align="center">FY 05-06; every five (5) years thereafter</p>	<p>Ongoing. The County is currently working on a General Plan Review which includes a revision of the of the General Plan Policy Document and Background Report to achieve full consistency between General Plan policies and County development regulations, and to bring the General Plan into compliance with California legislation. It is anticipated that the revisions will be adopted in early 2024.</p>

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LU-H.F			
The County shall comprehensively review and amend as necessary the Zoning Ordinance text and Zoning Map to reflect new policies and standards included in the General Plan during the 2000 update. (See Policy LU-H.15)	PW&P	FY 02-03; 03-04	Ongoing. The County is currently working on a Zoning Ordinance Update to achieve full consistency between County development regulations and General Plan policies, and to bring the General Plan into compliance with California legislation. It is anticipated that the update will be adopted in early 2024.
LU Mitigation Measure 4.16-2			
In approving new development, the County shall require that lighting standards be designed and constructed to minimize the project contribution to ambient light production and to preclude "spillover" light onto adjacent light-sensitive (e.g., residences, hospitals) properties.	PW&P	Ongoing	Ongoing. The County continues to condition discretionary projects to require that exterior lighting be hooded and directed away from adjacent roads and properties.

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Transportation and Circulation Element			
TR-A			
Streets and Highways			
TR-A.A			
<p>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 seven (7) years. The Board of Supervisors shall update the RIP every five (5) years, or more frequently as recommended by the responsible departments. The RIP shall include program maintenance and rehabilitation, reconstruction, capacity, operational, safety improvements, and specific plan lines on a prioritized basis. The RIP shall be coordinated with the five (5)-year major review of the General Plan and shall be included in the annual General Plan review. (See Policies TR-A.4 and TR-A.11)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PW&P Board of Supervisors</p>	<p>FY 00-01; every five years thereafter</p>	<p>Ongoing. This program continues to be annually implemented via the RIP Board of Supervisors' approval of the 2021 RIP, which will be updated again in 2024.</p>

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TR-A.B			
<p>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 Level of Service (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. (See Policy TR-A.8)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PW&P Board of Supervisors</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FY 01-02</p>	<p>Ongoing. Funds collected through a Transportation Mitigation Input Fees Program used to help with the cost of future off-site publicly owned road and intersection improvements necessary to mitigate impacts from the development when the improvements are needed.</p>
TR-A.C			
<p>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. (See Policy TR-A.10)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PW&P</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. During the 2023 calendar year, federal grant funding awarded included \$300,000 for Safe Streets for All Action Planning to upgrade the existing Local Road Safety Plan which includes an in-depth equity assessment to address and remediate a legacy of harm and provide disadvantaged residents an opportunity to engage actively in road and pedestrian safety; \$131,000 for preliminary engineering for a left turn signal at Central and Chestnut, \$200,000 for edgeline striping on various County roads; \$12.8 million for reconstruction of Fowler and Elkhorn Avenues and shoulder widening. State funds awarded included \$1 million for sidewalk improvements for Tranquillity, \$3 million for road improvements in Tranquillity; \$2 million for Cantua Creek/El Porvenir for street and sidewalk improvements; and \$2 million for intersection realignment at Auberry and Frazier Roads. The County was also awarded \$400,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for park improvements in Raisin City.</p> <p>In addition, the County applied for a RAISE grant for Tranquillity Complete Streets, a Clean CA Grant for Calwa and Golden State Boulevard, a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant, a PROTECT planning grant to mitigate flood impacts on major roads in West Fresno County, a reconstruction/shoulder paving project for the community of Laton, shoulder paving project on</p>

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			<p>Elkhorn, signal improvements at Central and Chestnut, and a roundabout at Millerton and Marina Drive.</p>
<p>TR-A.D</p>			
<p>The County shall coordinate its transportation planning with the Council of Fresno County Governments, Caltrans, cities within the County, and adjacent jurisdictions. (See Policy TR-A.6)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. During the 2023 calendar year, the County continued coordinating its transportation planning with the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG), Caltrans, cities within the County and adjacent jurisdictions.</p> <p>In fall 2023, the County hosted the Central Valley County Engineer Association lunch and presented a program on Safe Streets for All. The cities of Fresno, Clovis, Fowler and Parlier agreed to collaborate with the County in the formation of a Regional Safety Task Force, representatives from the City of Fresno and Fresno COG attended the County’s Safe Streets for All Workshop.</p>

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TR-A.E			
The County shall update and maintain the Improvement Standards for other County development improvements, including private roads dedicated to public use. (See Policy TR-A.1)	PW&P	Ongoing	This program is ongoing. In August 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with Willdan Engineering to update the County’s improvement standards. Completion is anticipated, and Board adoption is anticipated in 2024.
TR-B Transit			
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 short-range transit plans in the County at least as often as required by State law. (See Policy TR-B.1)	PW&P	FY 01-02; every five years thereafter	Ongoing. The County collaborates with FCOG on review and update of the Short-Range Transit Plan on a continuous basis. The Short-Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area 2022-2026 was last adopted by the FCOG Policy Board on June 24, 2021.

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TR-B.B			
<p>The County shall encourage transit providers and FCOG to prepare, adopt, and implement a long-range strategic transit master plan for the County or sub-areas 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. (See Policy TR-B.1)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>The Fresno County Regional Long Range Transit Plan (LRTP) was approved by the FCOG Policy Board on April 25, 2019.</p> <p>The LRTP guides transit and multimodal investments and services in the Fresno region through the year 2050. The plan builds on Fresno COG's 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and prior transit planning studies and will inform the 2022 RTP. Further, the LRTP will integrate appropriate and effective public transportation planning and projects into the fabric of the region's overall circulation networks and systems.</p>
TR-B.C			
<p>Through its representation on the FCOG Board and the FCRTA (a joint powers agency), the County shall work with these agencies to identify and pursue funding for transit. (See Policy TR-B.4)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>In November 2023, Fresno County partnered with FCRTA, and the cities of Mendota and Firebaugh along with West Hills Community College to submit a letter of interest for a Thriving Communities grant for planning and community engagement technical assistance to improve transit in Western Fresno County continues to work with FCOG and FCTRA to identify and pursue funding for transit.</p>
TR-B.D			
<p>The County shall work with 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. (See Policy TR-B.3)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>No right-of-way needs within designated transit corridors were identified in 2023.</p> <p>Fresno County continues to work with FCOG 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.</p>

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TR-B.E			
<p>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. (See Policy TR-B.3)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>After FY 01-02 (if initiated by County)</p>	<p>Ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>In 2011, FCOG prepared the Public Transportation Infrastructure Study (PTIS). The PTIS Study makes recommendations for investments, the timing of those investments, and funding sources augmenting Measure C sales tax revenue to pay for them.</p> <p>In addition, the PTIS study makes policy recommendations that will be important to be adopted by City and County elected officials and implemented by the planning department and public works administrators to shape future growth in such a way that it supports the transit investments. Fresno County continues to work with FCOG to promote transit accessibility and use.</p>
TR-B.F			
<p>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. (See Policy TR-B.2)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>Caltrans is the primary provider of Park and Ride lots on State highways. Fresno County continues to work with Caltrans and FCOG to determine the need for additional or expanded park-and-ride lots and to identify additional sites for such lots.</p>

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TR-D Bicycle Facilities			
TR-D.A			
<p>The County shall work with the Fresno Council of Governments, Caltrans, and cities within the County to update the Regional Bikeways Plan to ensure consistency with the Circulation Diagram and Standards section. (See Policy TR-D.1)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 00-01</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>In 2022, FCOG retained a consultant to update the Regional ATP adopted in 2018. The County requested that additional disadvantaged communities be considered in this plan. Completion is anticipated in early 2024.</p> <p>The Fresno County Regional Trails Plan which was a collaborative effort between the Fresno County and FCOG was completed in early 2021 and was adopted by the FCOG Policy Board on April 29, 2021. The Fresno County Bicycle Plan to create the Fresno County's Active Transportation Plan.</p> <p>The Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP) was adopted by FCOG's Policy Board on February 22, 2018.</p> <p>On February 22, 2018, the FCOG Policy Board directed staff to hire a consultant to develop an ATP. Active transportation refers to human-powered transportation, such as walking, cycling, using a wheelchair, in-line skating, skateboarding, etc. The Fresno Regional ATP is an important document that will help each jurisdiction in the County identify needed bicycle and pedestrian projects and help the agencies qualify for new funds to implement the projects. The Active Transportation Plan (ATP) is a comprehensive guide that creates a vision for a network of trails, bike lanes, sidewalks, and other elements to support safe walking and bicycling. The consultant worked with all COG member jurisdictions in developing the Regional ATP. The ATP includes a chapter (Chapter 6) that describes the existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the unincorporated communities of Fresno County.</p>

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<p>TR-D.B</p> <p>The County shall encourage implementation and use of bikeways by use of Transportation Development Act Article III bicycle and pedestrian funds to implement and maintain bikeways or bike trails. 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 utilized when compatible with the General Plan policies and long-term local funding capabilities. (See Policy TR-D.1)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>In 2023, the County began work on the Safe Streets for All Action Plan, which included PWP initiating a collaboration with the Public Health Department and the City of Fresno Active Transportation Committee for active transportation outreach. In March 2023, the County applied for a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant to fund the Active Transportation Plan.</p> <p>In May 2023, District 5 held a community bike ride in eastern Fresno County. In fall 2023, PWP staff attended the American Planning Association conference and the 1st Annual Pedal Conference both held in downtown Fresno, along with outreach events sponsored by the Fresno Bicycle Coalition.</p> <p>The Regional Active Transportation Plan, last adopted in 2018, is being updated by FCOG’s consultant. The County added additional disadvantaged communities to the plan and is participating in the planning an outreach process. Completion is anticipated in early 2024.</p> <p>The Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan was last updated on September 24, 2013.</p> <p>The bicycle portion has since been integrated into the Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan (FCRATP).</p> <p>The Fresno County Regional Trails Plan which was a collaborative effort between the Fresno County and FCOG was completed in early 2021 and was adopted by the FCOG Policy Board on April 29, 2021. The Fresno County Bicycle Plan and the Regional Trails Plan will be combined with the Bicycle Plan to create the Fresno County’s Active Transportation Plan.</p>

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TR-D.C			
<p>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. (See Policies TR-D.4 and TR-D.5)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>The County requires sufficient pavement width for bikeways shown on the Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was originally adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 15, 2011.</p> <p>The Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan was last updated on September 24, 2013. The bicycle plan portion has since been integrated into the Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan (FCRATP). Sufficient pavement width for bikeways will be constructed per the requirements of the adopted plan.</p>
TR-D.D			
<p>The County shall use California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) bikeway design standards as guidelines for construction of Class I, II and III bicycle facilities. (See Policies TR-D.1 and TR-D.3)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>The County uses California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) bikeway design standards as guidelines for the construction of Class I, II, and III bicycle facilities.</p>

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TR-D.E			
The County shall work with other agencies to provide facilities that help link bicycles to other modes, including provision of bike racks or space on buses and parking or lockers for bicycles at transportation terminals. (See Policy TR-D.8)	PW&P	Ongoing	This program is ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred in 2023. The Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 15, 2011 and was updated on September 24, 2013 provides information on facilities that help link bicycle riders to other modes, including the provision of bike racks or space on buses and parking or lockers for bicycles at transportation terminals.
TR-E Rail Transportation			
TR-E.A			
The County shall 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. (See Policies TR-E.3 and TR-E.4)	PW&P	Ongoing	This program is ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred in 2023. 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 use appropriate zoning in designated rail corridors to ensure preservation of rail facilities for future local rail use. (See Policy TR-E.4)	PW&P	Ongoing	This program is ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred in 2023. The County will continue to use appropriate zoning classifications in designated rail corridors to preserve rail facilities for future use.

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TR-E.C			
<p>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. (See Policies TR-E.1 through TR-E.6)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program will be removed given that the FCOG Rail Committee was dissolved in 2012 when the San Joaquin Valley Joint Powers Authority (SJVJPA) was formed. A Board of Supervisors member presents Fresno County by participating in the SJVJPA.</p>

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Public Facilities and Services Element			
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General Public Facilities and Services			
PF-A.A			
The County shall ensure that infrastructure plans or area facilities plans are prepared in conjunction with any new or expanded community or specific plans and are reviewed and updated as needed. Such plans shall contain phasing and facility improvement Timelines.	CAO PW&P	Annually	This program is ongoing. When a new community or specific plan is prepared or updated in conjunction with a proposed development, infrastructure plans or area facilities plans must be prepared to address the adequacy of the existing infrastructure or expansion of the infrastructure to accommodate the proposed development.
PF-B			
Funding			
PF-B.A			
The County shall prepare and adopt a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for designing and constructing County facilities. Roadways shall be included in the separate Roadway Improvement Plan (RIP). The CIP should be updated at least every five (5) years, or concurrently with the approval of any significant amendments to the General Plan.	CAO Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 01-02; every five years thereafter	This program is ongoing. No reportable activity for 2023. On March 20, 2018, the Board of Supervisors received and approved the proposed update to the adopted County’s Capital Improvement Plan to enable expenditure of public facility impact fees collected under the 2008 program. Previously, in 2018 the Board of Supervisors conducted the second public hearing to consider adopting an Ordinance amending Title 17 – Division of Land, Chapter 17.90 – Public Facilities Impact Fees and Schedule of Fees of the Fresno County Ordinance Code. The Board voted to discontinue public facilities impact fees established in 2008 but to maintain authorization to establish new public facilities impact fees in the future.

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<p>PF-B.B</p> <p>The County shall develop and adopt ordinances specifying acceptable methods for new development to pay for new capital facilities and expanded services. Possible mechanisms include development fees, assessment districts, land/facility dedications, county service areas, and community facilities districts. (See Policies PF-B.1 and PF-B.3)</p>	<p>CAO</p> <p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 01-02; 02-03</p>	<p>This program is ongoing. No reportable activity for 2023.</p> <p>On October 9, 2018, the Board of Supervisors conducted the second public hearing to consider adopting an Ordinance amending Title 17 – Division of Land, Chapter 17.90 – Public Facilities Impact Fees and Schedule of Fees of the Fresno County Ordinance Code. The Board voted to discontinue public facilities impact fees established in 2008 but maintained authorization to establish new public facilities impact fees in the future.</p>

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PF-C Water Supply and Delivery			
PF-C.A			
The County shall develop a process for resolution of water supply problems and apply the process when areas of need are identified.	PW&P	FY 01-02	This program is ongoing. Although a specific process for resolving the countywide water supply problem has not been developed, the implementation of SGMA which is aimed at addressing the water supply at the State level is being implemented in Fresno County to address the water supply issue in the County of Fresno. In addition, all discretionary land use projects are required to provide a water supply evaluation analysis as outlined in General Plan Policy PF-C.17.

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PF-C.B			
<p>The County shall adopt a well construction and destruction ordinance that will include among other requirements the mapping of location information on abandoned wells in the County GIS database and which includes a procedure for ensuring that abandoned wells are properly destroyed.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PW&P Public Health</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FY 02-03</p>	<p>This program will be removed.</p> <p>The County Environmental Health Division has developed a procedure to ensure that abandoned wells are properly destroyed.</p>
PF-C.C			
<p>The County shall prepare or cause to be prepared water master plans for water delivery systems for areas undergoing urban growth. The County shall have approved such plans prior to implementation. (See Policy PF-C.8)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PW&P</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">As Needed</p>	<p>This program is ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>Updates of water master plans and implementation schedules are required for areas experiencing urban-type growth. Millerton Specific Plan area, Shaver Lake area, and Friant Specific Plan area have approved plans.</p>
PF-C.D			

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<p>The County shall develop and implement a tiered water pricing structure for County Service Areas and Waterworks Districts. (See Policy PF-C.29)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>On March 22, 2022, County staff presented the 2022-23 Annual Report for the water year (April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023). Staff’s recommendation was that all Community Service Areas (CSAs) and Waterworks Districts (WWDs) implement Stage 1 Water Conservation as it was the most closely comparing with the restrictions imposed on water users throughout the state by the statewide emergency drought regulations, with the exception of four CSAs and one WWD, which were recommended to implement a water conservation stage of Stage 2 or higher. The recommendation was made for the Board to implement Stage 2 and Stage 3 Water Conservation for CSA 39AB to comply with the water regulations of their water provider (City of Fresno). The recommendation was also made for the Board to implement Stage 4 Water Conservation for CSAs 30, 32 and 49 and WWD 40 due to their water provider (Westlands) having imposed restrictions most closely comparing with Stage 4 Water Conservation and WWD 40 having water capacity issues with their water system. County staff has been working with WWD 40 to identify funding for new/additional sources of water and/or water treatment. The Board accepted the 2022-23 Annual Report and implemented all recommendations made by staff for the 2022-23 water year.</p> <p>Tiered water rate structures have been implemented in recent developments that have occurred in the unincorporated communities of Fresno County. Due to recent drought conditions, CSA and WWD water rate structures have been modified to a flat rate (operational costs) plus a consumption rate (cost of water). Tiered consumption rates are being utilized in CSAs and WWDs where the supply or treatment of water is limited. All new developments are required to provide water rate structures prepared by an engineer and comprised of a flat rate and consumption rate.</p>
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<p>PF-C.E</p> <p>The County shall establish water demand standards based on types and sizes of uses to serve as a basis for determining the adequacy of a proposed water supply for new development. (See Policy PF-C.14)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>Ongoing. Activities related to this program are ongoing as described below.</p> <p>Although specific County standards have not been established, water supply and proposed water use are evaluated on a per-project basis by Public Works and Planning staff to determine adequate water supply. Staff utilizes comparative analyses, where available, to estimate anticipated water supply demands for development as required by the California Fire Code as referenced NFPA standards, Fresno County Ordinance Code Sections 15.60.350 and 15.60.535 as applicable to development in the State Responsibility Area. Further, in regard to landscaping, the County is implementing the State required Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) which applies to both residential and commercial projects. The MWELO was part of the Governor’s Drought Executive Order of April 1, 2015. The revised ordinance was approved on July 15, 2015.</p>
<p>PF-C.F</p> <p>The County shall establish a review and/or regulatory process for proposed transfers of surface water to areas outside of the County and for substitution of groundwater for transferred surface water. (See Policy PF-C.23)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 00-01</p>	<p>Completed. This program has been implemented with the adoption of the Groundwater Transfer Ordinance and will be deleted.</p>

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PF-C.G			
<p>The County shall develop a list of water conservation technologies, methods, and practices that maximize the beneficial use of water resources. The County shall review and update the list periodically to eliminate practices that no longer prove beneficial and add new technologies that become available. (See Policy PF-C.28)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>Ongoing. Activities related to this program are ongoing as described below.</p> <p>The County has not developed a list of water conservation technologies and practices that maximizes the beneficial use of water resources, but since the adoption of this policy in 2000, the County enforces the State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) implemented in 2015 as a means to promote the values and benefits of landscapes while recognizing the need to invest water and other resources as efficiently as possible, to establish a structure for planning, designing, installing, maintaining, and managing water- efficient landscapes in new and rehabilitated projects, to establish provisions for water management practices and water waste prevention for established landscapes, and to use water efficiently without waste by setting a Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA) as an upper limit for water use and reduce water use to the lowest practical amount. These standards are enforced for any residential, commercial, or industrial projects that require a permit, plan check, or design review and that has a 500 square-foot or more landscaping area.</p> <p>In addition, in 2014, the County adopted a water conservation ordinance (Chapter 14.01) for water systems operated by the County to (a) conserve and properly utilize water supplies by preventing waste and unreasonable use, (b) promote the health, welfare, and safety of residents under natural and infrastructural conditions that limit water supply for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection, and (c) regulate the use of water services and facilities. This ordinance requires the County to present each year an annual water conversation report which among other things, provides information on water demand and availability for the year of April 1st – March 31st and a recommendation of a water conservation state and imposition of corresponding regulations as described in the ordinance.</p>
PF-D			
Wastewater Collection, Treatment and Disposal			

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PF-D.A			
<p>The County shall prepare or cause to be prepared a sewer master plan for wastewater treatment facilities for areas experiencing urban growth. The County shall have approved such plans prior to implementation. (See Policy PF-D.7)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>As Needed</p>	<p>This program is ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>Areas that experience urban growth must prepare a sewer master plan or update the current master plan for review and approval. The Public Works and Planning Department will be responsible for implementing the provisions of the master plans.</p>

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PF-E Storm Drainage and Flood Control			
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 storm water quality programs. (See Policy PF-E.13)	PW&P Board of Supervisors	Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>In 2023, the County continued to coordinate with FMFCD for developments located within their boundary.</p> <p>The County coordinates with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) that is the agency responsible for control of storm and other surface water flows to Prevent property damage, personal injury, and inconvenience, and managing such waters for long-term beneficial use within the District.</p> <p>The County also requires developments to file storm water permits with the State Water Resources Control Board when the project meets the minimum threshold for permitting.</p>
PF-F Landfills, Transfer Stations, and Solid Waste Processing Facilities			
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. (See Policy PF-F.1)	PW&P	FY 01-02	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>No activity related to this program occurred in 2023 although staff will regularly review proposals to ensure this program is implemented.</p> <p>The Public Works and Planning staff reviews and comments on Initial Studies/Environmental Assessments and, when appropriate, recommend that new commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential uses provide adequate areas on site for the collection and storage of recyclable materials. The County implemented a mandatory hauler program in the mid-2000s to mandate refuse and recycling collection for all unincorporated areas.</p>

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PF-G Law Enforcement			
PF-G.A			
<p>The County shall prepare and adopt a master plan to identify locations for sheriff substations and community offices. The County should further evaluate these locations in the regional and unincorporated community plan updates. (See Policy PF-G.1)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sheriff PW&P</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">As Needed</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>No activity related to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>The Sheriff’s Department has established substations in unincorporated County areas to be able to provide faster response to service calls. Although no master plan has been prepared, when Community Plans are updated, a location is identified for a Sheriff’s substation. Further, the Sheriff’s Department actively works with Public Works and Planning staff on land use matters pertinent to their facilities.</p>

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PF-H Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services			
PF-H.A			
<p>If a Fire Protection Master Plan has not been prepared for the area and the County Director of Planning & Resource Management determines that additional fire protection facilities are needed, the County shall not approve discretionary development until such time as a Master Plan has been adopted or other facilities acceptable to the Director are provided, with appeal rights as provided by County Ordinance. The Fire Protection Master Plan must contain the following information: identification of water supply; delineation of the service area boundary; designation of an appropriate fire protection entity; determination of structural, equipment, and personnel needs and costs; and a financing plan based on shared benefit. (See Policy PF-H.2)</p>	PW&P	As Needed	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>During 2023, staff coordinated with CalFire to review the draft Safety Element as part of the General Plan Review in anticipation of having the document considered by the Board of Forestry in 2024.</p> <p>The Public Works and Planning staff circulate all proposed development projects to the appropriate fire district for review and comment. The District then identifies appropriate fire protection measures to accommodate the project. Upon consultation with the District, staff will include the fire district requirements as conditions of approval for each project.</p>
PF-H.B			
<p>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. (See Policy PF-H.1)</p>	<p>CAO</p> <p>County Fire</p>	Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>The County works cooperatively with the California Department of Forestry, CalFire, and the city fire departments to make the maximum use of resources and improve efficiency in providing fire protection and firefighting services for the County.</p>

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<p>PF-I School and Library Facilities</p>			
<p>PF-I.A</p>			
<p>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. (See Policies PF-I.3, PF-I.4, and PF-I.5)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>During 2023, no comprehensive update to regional, community, or specific plans occurred. The county staff initiated conversations with the Central Unified School District in anticipation of updating the Biola Community Plan. Additionally, in December 2023, County staff did conduct kick-off meetings to begin the community plan updates for the communities of Biola and Del Rey,</p> <p>The County engages with the respective school district(s) in the update of regional, community and specific plans to identify the need for and potential location of new or expansion of existing facilities. Further, through the General Plan Conformity (GPC) findings process, potential school site acquisitions are evaluated for consistency with the General Plan. This is required per Public Resources Code 21151.2 and Government Code 65402.</p>
<p>PF-I.B</p>			
<p>The County shall coordinate the updating of regional, community, and specific plans necessitated by the general plan with applicable library districts and library interest groups to identify the need for and potential location of new or expanded library facilities. (See Policy PF-I.9)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>During 2023, no comprehensive update to regional, community, or specific plans occurred. In December 2023, County staff did conduct kick-off meetings to begin the community plan updates for the communities of Biola and Del Rey,</p> <p>The County intends to involve library administration in the update of regional, community and specific plans to identify the need for and potential location of new or expansion of existing libraries.</p>

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Open Space and Conservation Element			
OS-A Water Resources			
OS-A.A			
The County shall develop, implement and maintain a water sustainability plan. (See Policy OS-A.1)	PW&P	FY 01-02; Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>Activities related to this program are ongoing as described below.</p> <p>In June 2006, the County adopted a Fresno Area Regional Groundwater Management Plan. Also, with the passage of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, local agencies within the Kings, Westside, Delta Mendota, and Pleasant Valley basins in the County were required to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) which then in turn developed Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). The GSAs were required to submit their GSPs to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and all have done so within their required timeline. The GSAs are currently awaiting formal response on the GSPs from DWR. While awaiting response, each GSA is actively implementing the plans, and the County actively participates with each of the GSAs that cover the basins within Fresno County.</p>
OS-A.B			
The County shall establish and maintain a centralized water resource database for surface and groundwater that includes the water budget, groundwater monitoring data, and the groundwater recharge site inventory. (See Policies OS-A.7 through OS-A.10)	PW&P	FY 01-02; Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>This program is addressed by the approved GSPs which include groundwater conditions, a water budget, groundwater management criteria, monitoring program, and innovative projects and management actions.</p>

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OS-A.C			
The County shall develop, implement and maintain a groundwater monitoring program. Information from this program shall be provided to the Board of Supervisors during the annual General Plan review. (See Policy OS-A.9)	PW&P	FY 01-02; Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>Groundwater monitoring and reporting will be a key component of the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). SGMA requires an annual report to be submitted to DWR by April 1st of each year that includes groundwater elevation data, groundwater extraction for preceding year, surface water supply usage, total water usage, and a calculated change in groundwater storage. The report was prepared and submitted to DWR in 2023 within the required timeline and is publicly available on DWR's website.</p>
OS-A.D			
The County shall develop, implement, and maintain land use plans to preserve for recharge purpose those lands identified as suitable for groundwater recharge in the water resource database inventory. (Policy OS-A.10)	PW&P	FY 02-03	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>The County has completed a study through the AB 303 Local Groundwater Assistance Grant funding to identify potential recharge sites northeast of the City of Fresno and City of Clovis. As development occurs, the County will use this information to attempt to preserve those areas identified as prime recharge areas. In addition, GSAs have proposed or are working on identifying project sites for groundwater recharge projects within their respective GSPs.</p>

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OS-B Forest Resources			
OS-B.A			
<p>The County, in consultation with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, shall conduct a careful 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. (See Policies OS-B.2 and OS-B.3)</p>	PW&P	FY 03-04	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>In 2023, the County continued to communicate its position regarding forest management via its state and federal platforms.</p> <p>The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection enforcement authority granted under the Forest Practice Act and Rules is only applicable in cases of changes in land use other than growing a commercial crop of trees, or commercialization of forest products occurs and is only applicable on private land.</p> <p>Forested stands within Fresno County that may be characterized as “Old Growth” may exist in extremely limited acreages and most likely exist exclusively on national forest land.</p>
OS-B.B			
<p>The County shall encourage the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to complete an inventory 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. (See Policy OS-B.2)</p>	PW&P	FY 03-04	<p>Ongoing. No activity or updates to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has no mandate or authority to enter private timber lands unless enforcement of the Forest Practice Act and rules have been triggered.</p> <p>Forested stands within Fresno County that may be characterized as “Old Growth” may exist in extremely limited acreages and most likely exist exclusively on national forest land.</p>

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OS-B.C			
<p>The County shall encourage the U.S. Forest Service and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to identify potential impacts on, and the need for preservation of, old growth forest in Fresno County. (See Policy OS-B.2)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 03-04</p>	<p>Ongoing. No activity or updates to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is required by law to identify potential impacts to a wide variety of natural and cultural resources when engaging in a discretionary project that triggers compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).</p> <p>Forested stands within Fresno County that may be characterized as “Old Growth” may exist in extremely limited acreages and most likely exist exclusively on national forest land.</p>
OS-B.D			
<p>The County shall formally request that the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection 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. (See Policy OS-B.2)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 03-04</p>	<p>Ongoing. No activity or updates to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>A “Notice of Intent to Harvest Timber” (NOI) is a specific requirement of the Forest Practice Act and Rules and is required for a wide variety of timber harvest documents. A modification of the NOI would require rule change by the Board of Forestry (BOF).</p>

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<p>OS-D Wetland and Riparian Areas</p>			
<p>OS-D.A</p>			
<p>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. (See Policies OS-D.2 and OS-D.8)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing. No activity or updates to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>The County anticipates incorporating by reference the Ribbon of Gems into the General Plan as part of its General Plan Review effort. Staff also works with public agencies such as the State Department of Fish and Wildlife or the US Fish and Wildlife Service and private non-profit organizations toward acquisition of areas rich in wildlife or of fragile ecological nature as public open spaces where such areas cannot be protected and preserved through regulatory process.</p>
<p>OS-D.B</p>			
<p>The County shall adopt an ordinance for riparian protection zones identifying allowable activities in riparian protection zones and allowable mitigation techniques. (See Policy OS-D.4)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>This program is ongoing. No activity or updates to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>Due to budgetary constraints, a specific ordinance has not been adopted. The County continues to coordinate with resource agencies (the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) for projects located within sensitive habitat areas and applies mitigation measures to avoid or reduce any potential impacts to a less than significant level.</p>

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OS-E Fish and Wildlife Habitat			
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<p>The County shall compile inventories of ecologically significant resource areas, including unique natural areas, wetlands, riparian areas, and habitats for special-status plants and animals from existing data sources. The inventories shall be presented when area plans, specific plans, or other project development proposals are considered by the County. The classification system shall be based on the California Wildlife Habitats Relationships (WHR) system and shall identify appropriate buffer zones around the identified resource areas in order to account for periodic, seasonal, or ecological changes. The maps shall be revised on a regular basis to reflect the availability of new information from other agencies, changes in definition, or any other changes. (See Policies OS-E.1, OS-E.2, and OS-E.5)</p>	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>The County has not compiled inventories of ecologically significant resource areas, including unique natural areas, wetlands, riparian areas, and habitats for special-status plants and animals. This did not change in 2023. The County continues to rely on information provided by the resource agencies (the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), who are best equipped and most knowledgeable to generate and maintain this data, for review of projects. Maps that these agencies make available are incorporated into the County’s Geographic Information System.</p> <p>Development projects that may have a potential impact on wetlands, riparian areas, and habitats for special-status plants or animals are referred to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and United States Fish and Wildlife Service for review and comment. Recommended mitigation measures proposed by these agencies will be considered during the environmental review of development projects and may be imposed on proposed projects if warranted.</p>

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<p>OS-E.B</p> <p>The County shall maintain current maps that indicate the extent of significant habitat for important fish and game species as these maps are made available by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The relative importance of these game species shall be determined by the County, in consultation with CDFW, based on relevant ecological, recreational, and economic considerations. These maps shall be used by the County to evaluate proposed area plans, specific plans, and any other project development proposals to determine the compatibility of development with maintenance and enhancement of important fish and wildlife species. (See Policy OS-E.2)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>The County does not maintain maps that identify significant habitat for important fish and game species, and this did not change in 2023. The County continues to rely on information provided by the resource agencies (the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who are best equipped and most knowledgeable to generate and maintain this data, for review of projects. Maps that these agencies make available are incorporated into the County's Geographic Information System.</p> <p>The County provides proposed development projects to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife that are the agencies that have the most updated database for the list and the location of sensitive and endangered plants and animals for review and comment as to any potential impact on sensitive species of plants or animals. The recommendation of these agencies for the protection of sensitive or endangered species of plants or animals will be included as mitigation measures or conditions of approval of proposed projects.</p>

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OS-F Vegetation			
OS-F.A			
<p>The County shall prepare and maintain an updated list of State and Federal rare, threatened, and endangered plant species known or suspected to occur in the County. The following other uncommon or special-status species which occur or may occur in the County should also be included on the list: 1) plant species included in the California Native Plant Society's Inventory of Rare and Endangered Vascular Plants of California; and 2) species of special concern as designated by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. In addition to updating the list, as new information becomes available, the list should be reviewed and amended at least once every two years. (See Policy OS-F.5)</p>	PW&P	FY 00-01; every two years thereafter	<p>Ongoing. No notable activity related to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>County staff provides proposed development projects to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife that are the agencies that have the most updated database for the list and the location of sensitive and endangered plants and animals for review and comment as to any potential impact on sensitive species of plants or animals. The recommendation of these agencies for the protection of sensitive or endangered species of plants or animals will be included as mitigation measures or conditions of approval of proposed projects.</p>
OS-F.B			
<p>The County shall make the Fresno County Oak Management Guidelines and other educational resources available to landowners located in oak woodland habitat. (See Policy OS-F.11)</p>	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>No notable activity or changes related to this program occurred in 2023. 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 to 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. 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 is considered, which contains the County's Oak Woodlands Management Guidelines,</p>

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OS-G Air Quality			
OS-G.A			
The County shall review the Guide for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts published by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) and adopt procedures for performing air quality impact analysis and mitigation measures with any modifications deemed appropriate. (See Policy OS-G.1)	PW&P	FY 02-03	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>The County continues to circulate proposed development projects to the SJVAPCD for review for potential air quality impacts and 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 require district requirements if warranted (i.e., indirect source review, etc.) as part of the CEQA review process.</p> <p>In 2023, SJAPCD awarded a \$1 million grant to Tree Fresno, a nonprofit, to plant trees in South Central Fresno to provide cleaner air for residents and reduce pollution. The geographic area includes the unincorporated County islands of Calwa and Malaga. The County is in the process of coordinating with Tree Fresno to identify an implementation plan.</p>
OS-G.B			
The County shall adopt a package of programs to reduce its employees' work-related vehicular trips.	CAO PW&P	FY 02-03	<p>Ongoing. No notable activity related to this program occurred in 2023, but employees are surveyed annually regarding their commute habits.</p> <p>The County has not adopted a package of programs to reduce its employees' work-related vehicular trips. The County has also implemented a telecommuting program.</p> <p>The County commonly promotes and utilizes telephone conferencing and video meeting in lieu of physical meetings so as to minimize travel-related impacts. The County has been using video conferencing for both inter-County and intra-county meetings, with the resultant reduction in employee work-related vehicular trips. The County is also in the planning and development stages of countywide e-government programs that will impact the number of vehicular trips required to conduct business.</p>

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OS-G.C			
<p>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. (See Policies OS-G.13 and OS-G.14)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>In 2023, 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			
<p>The County shall work with local, State, and Federal agencies to complete a comprehensive inventory of all parks and recreation areas and services in the County and to identify other areas suitable for 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. (See Policies OS-H.1 through OS-H.3)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 01-02; 02-03</p>	<p>Ongoing. No notable changes associated with this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>The County has a list of County-owned parks and has a map of county-maintained parks which can be located in the Resources and Parks Division section under Public Works and Planning on the Fresno County website.</p> <p>Funds have not been allocated to prepare a County park and recreation master plan.</p>

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OS-H.B			
<p>As new development occurs, the County shall consider contracting with existing entities or forming County Service Areas (CSAs) 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. (See Policy OS-H.4)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. No notable changes associated with this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>Public Works and Planning may condition that development projects create an entity to hold and maintain parkland, open space, and trails as a part of the project review. The Department considers these service needs when a CSA is being formed or expanded. Due to limitations of the Proposition 218 process, which allows residents within a CSA to vote on or consider discontinuation of service, the use of CSAs for Services beyond basic services (i.e., sewer and water) can become problematic and has limited the use of CSAs in more recent developments. Smaller developments may utilize a homeowner’s association to maintain neighborhood or subdivision parks.</p>
OS-I Recreational Trails			
OS-I.A			
<p>The County shall prepare a Recreational Trails Master Plan for a countywide trail system that identifies appropriate corridors and the design of the trails in the corridors based on the criteria listed in the policies of this section. The Recreational Trail Corridor Map (Figure OS-1) and Conceptual Recreational Trail List shall be used as a starting point for the master plan process. (See Policies OS-I.1 and OS-I.10)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>Ongoing. No reportable activity has occurred in 2023.</p> <p>The Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was originally adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 15, 2011.</p> <p>The Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan was last updated on September 24, 2013.</p> <p>Since then, the bicycle portion has been integrated into the Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan (FCRATP).</p> <p>The Fresno County Regional Trails Plan which was a collaborative effort between the Fresno County and FCOG was completed in early 2021 and was adopted by the FCOG Policy Board on April 29, 2021. The Fresno County Bicycle Plan and the Regional Trails Plan will be combined with the Bicycle Plan to create the Fresno County’s Active Transportation Plan.</p>

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OS-I.B			
<p>The County shall investigate the potential of various land use controls for reserving areas for trails such as the acquisition of easements, open space and floodplain zoning, and subdivision control. (See Policies OS-I.3 and OS-I.4)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>Ongoing. No notable projects associated processed to implement this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>The County will continue investigating the potential use of various land use controls for reserving areas for trails such as the acquisition of easements, open space and floodplain zoning, and subdivision control.</p>
OS-I.C			
<p>The County shall enact an ordinance to prohibit the use of recreational trails by all motorized vehicles except maintenance vehicles, regulate users on multiple purpose paths, and protect the interests of property adjacent to trails. (See Policy OS-I.5)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>Ongoing. No changes associated with this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>This program is addressed in the Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was originally adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 15, 2011 and was updated on September 24, 2013. The County uses the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) approved sign R44A on Class I bike paths.</p>

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<p>OS-J Historical, Cultural, and Geological Resources</p>			
<p>OS-J.A</p>			
<p>The County shall adopt and implement an ordinance to protect and preserve significant archaeological, historical, and geological resources. The ordinance shall provide for implementation of applicable development conditions, open space easements, tax incentives, related code revisions and other measures as needed. (Policy OS-J.1)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>Ongoing. No changes associated with this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>The County has not adopted an ordinance for the protection and preservation of significant archaeological, historical, and geological resources.</p> <p>Development projects are referred to the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Fresno County Historical Landmarks and Records Advisory Commission and the Fresno County Historical Society for review and identification of any potential impact on archeological, historical, or geological resources.</p>

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PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
OS-L Scenic Roadways			
OS-L.A			
The County, in cooperation with the Fresno Council of Governments and the Association for the Beautification of Highway 99, shall participate in establishing a landscape master plan and design guidelines for the Highway 99 corridor. The plan and guidelines shall unify the design features of the Highway 99 corridor while recognizing the individuality of each community. (See Policies OS-L.7 and OS-L.8)	PW&P CAO	FY 03-04	Completed. This program has been implemented via the adoption of Amendment to Text (AT) No. 361 on July 8, 2008 and has been incorporated into the Zoning Ordinance.
OS-L.B			
The County shall work with the California Department of Transportation 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. (See Policy OS-L.9)	PW&P	FY 03-04	Completed. In 2013-2015 timeframe, County staff collaborated with the Sierra Gateway Trust, Inc. and Caltrans District Six staff in pursuit of obtaining an official State Scenic Highway designation for two segments of eastern SR 180 from the Alta Main Canal near Minkler to near the General Grant Grove section of Kings Canyon National Park, and the General Grant Grove section of Kings Canyon National Park to Kings Canyon National Park boundary near Cedar Grove. The State Scenic Highway designation was granted for the two segments of SR 180 mentioned above by Caltrans director in 2015.

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Health and Safety Element			
HS-A Emergency Management and Response			
HS-A.A			
The County shall maintain agreements with other local, State, and Federal agencies to provide coordinated disaster response.	Sheriff CAO PW&P County Fire County Office of Emergency Services	Ongoing	This program is ongoing. On November 14, 1995, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors adopted the State's Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), established the geographic area of the County of Fresno as the Fresno County Operational Area, and designated Fresno County as the Operational Area Lead Agency. In the County's role as the Operational Area Lead Agency, the County Office of Emergency Services (OES) maintains ongoing communication with local government agencies (County Departments, Incorporated Cities, Special Districts, and Public School Districts), as well as many State and Federal agencies and nonprofit organizations to maintain and enhance the communities' capability to respond to and recover from disasters.
HS-A.B			
The County shall continue to monitor and periodically evaluate County emergency planning, operations, and training capabilities. (See Policy HS-A.1)	County Office of Emergency Services	Ongoing	This program is ongoing. The County Office of Emergency Services (OES) implements this program on an ongoing basis. OES is located within the Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division and coordinates planning, preparedness, response, and recovery efforts for disasters occurring within the unincorporated areas of Fresno County. Fresno County OES coordinates the development and maintenance of the Fresno County Operational Area Master Emergency Services Plan, which is updated periodically.

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HS-A.C			
<p>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 or seismic or geologic hazards and implement corrective actions should problems be identified. (See Policies HS-A.2 and HS-A.3)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PW&P County Office of Emergency Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. No changes associated with this program occurred in 2023.</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. Modifications, improvements, or construction of new structures to replace existing facilities are also evaluated with the assistance of staff from the Department of Public Works and Planning. A more comprehensive inventory of existing facilities is targeted as budgeting and staffing permit.</p>
HS-A.D			
<p>The County shall continue to conduct programs to inform the general public of emergency preparedness and disaster response procedures. (See Policy HS-A.4)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">County Office of Emergency Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. The County Office of Emergency Services (OES) implements this program on an ongoing basis. The County OES maintains contact and emergency information on the County’s website.</p> <p>The Fresno County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan provides additional details regarding County hazards and responses to mitigate damage or injury. In addition, the Public is also encouraged to obtain family and business preparedness information at websites maintained by The American Red Cross and FEMA.</p>

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HS-B Fire Hazards			
HS-B.A			
The County shall review the design of all buildings and structures to ensure they are designed and constructed to State and local regulations and standards as part of the building permit plan check process. (See Policy HS-B.2)	PW&P	Ongoing	This program is ongoing. No changes associated with this program occurred in 2023. The Department of Public Works and Planning continues to review all proposed developments to ensure they are designed and constructed to meet the State and local regulations as part of the building permit and plan check processes.

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PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
HS-C Flood Hazards			
HS-C.A			
The County shall continue to participate in the Federal Flood Insurance Program. 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. (See Policy HS-C.7)	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing. No changes associated with this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>The Department of Public Works and Planning maintains the most current FEMA flood hazard maps and updates the information as necessary or as new data/maps are released by FEMA. All submitted projects are reviewed to determine proximity to the 100-year floodplain during the grading permit process.</p>
HS-C.B			
The County shall continue to implement and enforce its Floodplain Management Ordinance. (See Policy HS-C.8)	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing. The Department of Public Works and Planning reviews all submitted projects for conformance with floodplain requirements through the grading permit process. Staff continued this process in 2023 evaluating both ministerial and discretionary proposals with respect to the designated floodplains.</p>
HS-C.C			
The County shall continue to develop and review relevant dam failure evacuation plans and continue to provide public information on dam failure preparedness. (See Policy HS-C.13)	PW&P County Office of Emergency Services	Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>No changes associated with this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>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 have not been any failure of major dams.</p>

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HS-D Seismic and Geological Hazards			
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. (See Policies HS-D.1 and HS-D.2)	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>The County regularly reviews material published by the California Division of Mines and Geology and updates the maps and the General Plan Background Report as necessary. Further, County staff actively engages with and discusses proposed mining projects with State Mining and Geology Board staff.</p> <p>The County is in the process of Review and Revision of the General Plan documents including the Background Report. The Background Report will update maps based on the information published by the State Division of Mines and Geology.</p>
HS-D.B			
The County shall inventory unreinforced masonry structures, including emergency facilities and other critical facilities constructed prior to 1948, used for human occupancy (excluding single-family residential structures), and evaluate the facilities for seismic safety. If found below acceptable standards, the County shall implement a program to mitigate potential hazards.	PW&P	FY 02-03; 03-04	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>Since unreinforced masonry buildings are not allowed within the unincorporated areas, this program will be deleted as part of the ongoing General Plan Review process.</p> <p>A survey was conducted in 1991 to identify all unreinforced masonry buildings in the unincorporated areas of Fresno County. The survey did not identify any building to be below acceptable standards.</p>
HS-D.C			
The County shall develop a public awareness program to aid in the identification and mitigation of unreinforced masonry structures. (See Policy HS-D.6)	PW&P	FY 02-03	Completed. Since no unreinforced masonry buildings have been located within the unincorporated areas of the County, a public awareness program has not been developed and this program will be deleted as part of the ongoing General Plan Review process.

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PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
<p>HS-E Airports Hazards</p>			
<p>HS-E.A</p>			
<p>The County shall refer to the Fresno County Airport Land Use Commission for review of projects within the Airport Review Area requiring amendments of general, 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.</p>	<p>PW&P County Airport Land Use Commission</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>All land use applications in the vicinity of an airport in the County are referred to the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) that is administered by FCOG, for evaluation of consistency with the Airport Land Use Plan.</p> <p>Recommendations of the ALUC are considered as part of the staff’s evaluation of the proposed projects.</p>
<p>HS-F Hazardous Materials</p>			
<p>HS-F.A</p>			
<p>The County shall review discretionary uses which involve use of hazardous materials or generate hazardous wastes in regulated quantities. (See Policy HS-F.2)</p>	<p>PW&P Public Health</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>On December 12, 2023, the Board of Supervisors voted to implement the Fresno County Infectious Materials Ordinance, which allows the Health Department to enter private laboratories to ensure laboratories are being operated appropriately. This Ordinance is being implemented in response to an unpermitted private laboratory located within the community of Reedley that was handling significant amounts of hazardous infectious materials.</p> <p>The County Public Health Department continues to review discretionary land use proposals that generate hazardous materials. The Department of Public Works and Planning routes discretionary permit applications to the Public Health Department for review and comment. Any proposed project that may generate significant amounts of hazardous material will be required to comply with the recommended conditions or mitigation measures.</p>

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PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
<p>HS-F.B</p> <p>The County shall investigate funding alternatives for site acquisition, development, and operation for a permanent household waste facility.</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>The Regional Environmental Compliance Center authorized by the Board of Supervisors in 2019 was constructed within the City of Fresno and began accepting household hazardous waste during the 2023 calendar year.</p>

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HS-F.C			
The County shall review the plans to mitigate soil or groundwater contamination for redevelopment or infill projects. (See Policy HS-F.4)	PW&P Public Health	Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>In 2023, projects continued to be evaluated by the County Department of Public Health and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board.</p> <p>Proposed development projects are referred to the Public Health Department for review and comment. If the subject site is identified as a contaminated site, Health Department staff recommends mitigation measures to address soil or groundwater contamination. The recommended mitigation measures will be considered as part of the environmental review process and will be imposed on the proposed project to address the soil or ground water contamination for proposed project sites.</p>
HS-G Noise			
HS-G.A			
The County shall amend and enforce the Fresno County Noise Ordinance as necessary, consistent with the policies and standards within this element. (See Policies HS-G.1 through HS-G.9)	PW&P Public Health	FY 01-02	<p>This program is ongoing. There was no notable activity related to this program in 2023.</p> <p>The County Health Department will continue to enforce the Fresno County Noise Ordinance and amend its policies as necessary.</p> <p>Discretionary land use permits which may potentially generate excessive noise levels are often required to complete a noise analysis, and proposals within designated noise areas of airports are evaluated or limited to avoid conflicts with General Plan noise standards.</p>

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<p>HS-G.B</p> <p>The County shall develop an effective noise control program that includes: A) 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 B) A public information program to inform County residents of the impact of noise on their lives.</p>	<p>PW&P</p> <p>Public Health</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>Ongoing. This ongoing program had no notable activities related to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>All land use projects are evaluated for potential noise impacts as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and appropriate mitigation measures are incorporated as necessary. As stated in response to HS-GA above, Public Works and Planning staff coordinates with the County Public Health Department regarding discretionary land use permits, and additional evaluation may be required for projects that may potentially generate excessive noise levels. However, a noise control program that addresses all components of this implementation program has not been developed.</p>

APPENDIX B

GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR

Please Start Here

General Information	
Jurisdiction Name	Fresno County - Unincorporated
Reporting Calendar Year	2023
Contact Information	
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Street Address	2220 Tulare Street
City	Fresno
Zipcode	93721

Optional: Click here to import last year's data. This is best used when the workbook is new and empty. You will be prompted to pick an old workbook to import from. Project and program data will be copied exactly how it was entered in last year's form and must be updated. If a project is no longer has any reportable activity, you may delete the project by selecting a cell in the row and typing ctrl + d.

[Click here to download APR Instructions](#)

Click here to add rows to a table. If you add too many rows, you may select a cell in the row you wish to remove and type ctrl + d.

Optional: This runs a macro which checks to ensure all required fields are filled out. The macro will create two files saved in the same directory this APR file is saved in. One file will be a copy of the APR with highlighted cells which require information. The other file will be list of the problematic cells, along with a description of the nature of the error.

Optional: Save before running. This copies data on Table A2, and creates another workbook with the table split across 4 tabs, each of which can fit onto a single page for easier printing. Running this macro will remove the comments on the column headers, which contain the instructions. Do not save the APR file after running in order to preserve comments once it is reopened.

Optional: This macro identifies dates entered that occurred outside of the reporting year. RHNA credit is only given for building permits issued during the reporting year.

Link to the online system: <https://apr.hcd.ca.gov/APR/login.do>

Submittal Instructions

Please save your file as Jurisdictionname2022 (no spaces). Example: the city of San Luis Obispo would save their file as SanLuisObispo2022

Housing Element Annual Progress Reports (APRs) forms and tables must be submitted to HCD and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) on or before April 1 of each year for the prior calendar year; submit separate reports directly to both HCD and OPR pursuant to Government Code section 65400. There are two options for submitting APRs:

1. Online Annual Progress Reporting System - Please see the link to the online system to the left. This allows you to upload the completed APR form into directly into HCD's database limiting the risk of errors. If you would like to use the online system, email APR@hcd.ca.gov and HCD will send you the login information for your jurisdiction. *Please note: Using the online system only provides the information to HCD. The APR must still be submitted to OPR. Their email address is opr.apr@opr.ca.gov.*

2. Email - If you prefer to submit via email, you can complete the excel Annual Progress Report forms and submit to HCD at APR@hcd.ca.gov and to OPR at opr.apr@opr.ca.gov. Please send the Excel workbook, not a scanned or PDF copy of the tables.

Data is auto-populated based on data entered in Tables A, A2, C, and D

Jurisdiction	esno County - Unincorporated	
Reporting Year	2023	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
Housing Element Planning Period	5th Cycle	12/31/2015 - 12/31/2023

Building Permits Issued by Affordability Summary		
Income Level		Current Year
Very Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	13
Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	25
Moderate	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	44
Above Moderate		43
Total Units		125

Note: Units serving extremely low-income households are included in the very low-income permitted units totals

Units by Structure Type	Entitled	Permitted	Completed
Single-family Attached	0	0	0
Single-family Detached	89	89	0
2 to 4 units per structure	0	0	0
5+ units per structure	5	5	0
Accessory Dwelling Unit	11	11	1
Mobile/Manufactured Home	20	20	3
Total	125	125	4

Infill Housing Developments and Infill Units Permitted	# of Projects	Units
Indicated as Infill	0	0
Not Indicated as Infill	121	125

Housing Applications Summary	
Total Housing Applications Submitted:	121
Number of Proposed Units in All Applications Received:	125
Total Housing Units Approved:	125
Total Housing Units Disapproved:	0

Use of SB 35 Streamlining Provisions - Applications	
Number of SB 35 Streamlining Applications	0
Number of SB 35 Streamlining Applications Approved	0

Units Constructed - SB 35 Streamlining Permits			
Income	Rental	Ownership	Total
Very Low	0	0	0
Low	0	0	0
Moderate	0	0	0
Above Moderate	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

Streamlining Provisions Used - Permitted Units	# of Projects	Units
SB 9 (2021) - Duplex in SF Zone	0	0
SB 9 (2021) - Residential Lot Split	0	0
AB 2011 (2022)	0	0
SB 6 (2022)	0	0
SB 35 (2017)	0	0

Ministerial and Discretionary Applications	# of Applications	Units
Ministerial	120	124
Discretionary	1	1

Density Bonus Applications and Units Permitted	
Number of Applications Submitted Requesting a Density Bonus	0
Number of Units in Applications Submitted Requesting a Density Bonus	0
Number of Projects Permitted with a Density Bonus	0
Number of Units in Projects Permitted with a Density Bonus	0

Housing Element Programs Implemented and Sites Rezoned	Count
Programs Implemented	78
Sites Rezoned to Accommodate the RHNA	0

Jurisdiction	Fresno County - Unincorporated	
Reporting Year	2023	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
Planning Period	5th Cycle	12/31/2015 - 12/31/2023

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Table Housing Development

Project Identifier					Unit Types		Date Application Submitted	Proposed Units - Affordability			
1					2	3	4	5			
Prior APN*	Current APN	Street Address	Project Name*	Local Jurisdiction Tracking ID	Unit Category (SFA,SFD,2 to 4,5+,ADU,MH)	Tenure R=Renter O=Owner	Date Application Submitted (see instructions)	Very Low-Income Deed Restricted	Very Low-Income Non Deed Restricted	Low-Income Deed Restricted	Low-Income Non Deed Restricted
Summary Row: Start Data Entry Below								0	13	0	25
	13613112	42241 Summit Creek		119097	SFD	O	7/18/2023				
	33424030	147 Crooks Ave		123216	SFD	O	3/20/2023				
	48026202	3704 Laurite Ave		125610	5+	R	3/6/2023				5
	44232023	2077 Valentine Ave		129290	SFD	O	2/15/2023				
	13826022	23224 Granite Creek Ln		131562	SFD	O	4/7/2023				
	13518051	40805 Leopard Lilly Ln		131700	SFD	O	3/3/2023				
	41509029	5711 Van Ness Blvd		135973	SFD	O	4/25/2023				
	5702138	4880 Riverdale Ave		136121	SFD	O	2/9/2023				
	15820316	20652 Thermal Rd		229311	SFD	O	6/5/2023				
	45615112	5207 White Ave		231905	SFD	O	2/21/2023				1
	11314116	55319 Point Rd		231922	SFD	O	4/26/2023				
	37317045	22183 Adams Ave		236904	SFD	O	10/9/2023				
	13637108	42642 Garnet Ln		237470	SFD	O	9/6/2023				
	13520034	39852 Mountain Heather		240505	SFD	O	3/9/2023				
	12835083	42728 Sharin Woods		240845	SFD	O	5/19/2023				
	30036021	16329 Summit Mountain Rd		240890	SFD	O	3/28/2023				
	11018032	60842 Upper Line Ln		241769	SFD	O	4/21/2023				1
	13615211	42302 Cook Cabin Ln		241860	SFD	O	5/22/2023				
	15839214S	6443 Bellows Dr		241868	SFD	O	6/29/2023				
	11023019	60109 Huckleberry Hill Ln		242187	SFD	O	8/23/2023				

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Applications Submitted

Ability by Household Incomes			Total Approved Units by Project	Total Disapproved Units by Project	Streamlining	Density Bonus Law Applications	Application Status	Project Type	Notes		
Moderate- Income Deed Restricted	Moderate- Income Non Deed Restricted	Above Moderate- Income	6 Total PROPOSED Units by Project	7 Total APPROVED Units by project	8 Total DISAPPROVED Units by Project	9 Please select streamlining provision/s the application was submitted pursuant to.	10 Did the housing development application seek incentives or concessions pursuant to Government Code section 65915?	10 Were incentives or concessions requested pursuant to Government Code section 65915 approved?	11 Please indicate the status of the application.	12 Is the project considered a ministerial project or discretionary project?	13 Notes*
0	44	43	125	125	0						
	1		1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
	1		1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
			5	5	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
		1	1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
	1		1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
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		1	1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
		1	1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
	1		1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
	1		1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	

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	11023059	60295 Huckleberry Hill Ln		242292	SFD	O	9/1/2023				1
	13640041	39634 Sunset Rock		243086	SFD	O	2/27/2023				
	12817017	42147 Auberry Rd		243724	SFD	O	7/12/2023				
	4239014	731 Floral Ave		243778	SFD	O	7/10/2023				
	57101114	10211 Shaw Ave		244438	SFD	O	3/30/2023				
	35009213	10920 Las Tunis Ave		244644	SFD	O	1/9/2023				
	16040003S	7206 Pinto Dr		244784	SFD	O	1/6/2023				
	55306025	6292 Dewolf Ave		245124	SFD	O	2/16/2023				
	12031331	44599 Lakeview Ave		245126	SFD	O	5/30/2023				
	13091301	40496 Wild Rose Ln		245203	SFD	O	1/23/2023				
	11803145	27182 Twin Ponds Rd		245365	SFD	O	1/30/2023				
	34814002S	3737 Huntsman Ave		245757	SFD	O	4/4/2023				
	55901216	5620 Teague Ave		245837	SFD	O	1/19/2023				
	47412027	5673 Butler Ave		245925	ADU	O	6/1/2023		1		
	50403017	7102 Bullard		245926	SFD	O	9/21/2023				
	31233048	7864 McKinley Ave		246493	ADU	O	7/20/2023				
	58014010	3629 Kings Ct		246624	SFD	O	3/6/2023				
	13048042	36224 Cressman Rd		247158	SFD	O	1/19/2023				
	12874002	42056 Bald Mountain Rd		247912	SFD	O	3/21/2023				
	13520004	39635 Wild Rose Lane		248154	SFD	O	5/16/2023				
	13019208	44954 Auberry Rd		248287	SFD	O	6/27/2023				
	30023009	19740 Ventana Hills Dr		248458	SFD	O	2/21/2023				
	13019210	45122 Auberry Rd		248770	SFD	O	5/23/2023				
	30918051S	12418 Clinton Ave		249112	SFD	O	4/24/2023				
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	13820010	21277 Auberry Rd		251017	SFD	O	11/1/2023				
	31014307	1253 Applegate Ave		251090	SFD	O	5/1/2023				
	30045015S	21853 Westmere Ln		251138	SFD	O	1/17/2023				
	41518011	2352 Roberts Ave		251265	ADU	O	3/2/2023		1		
	38503190	6656 Nebraska Ave		251367	SFD	O	4/25/2023				
	58014016	3729 Queens Ct		251598	SFD	O	3/21/2023				

Moderate-Income Deed Restricted	Moderate-Income Non Deed Restricted	Above Moderate-Income	Total PROPOSED Units by Project	Total APPROVED Units by project	Total DISAPPROVED Units by Project	Please select streamlining provision/s the application was submitted pursuant to.	Did the housing development application seek incentives or concessions pursuant to Government Code section 65915?	Were incentives or concessions requested pursuant to Government Code section 65915 approved?	Please indicate the status of the application.	Is the project considered a ministerial project or discretionary project?	Notes*
			1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
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	50504075	5772 Garfield Ave		251650	SFD	O	3/14/2023				
	13518029	40709 Wild Iris Ln		251833	SFD	O	9/11/2023				
	13068204	40865 Cold Springs Ln		251846	SFD	O	7/19/2023				
	11854062	30083 Gooseberry Lane		252368	SFD	O	5/23/2023				
	11854062	30083 Gooseberry Lane		252375	ADU	O	5/23/2023				1
	1541006	2750 Del Norte Ave		252684	SFD	O	8/29/2023				
	56502001	7734 Dewolf Ave		252743	SFD	O	5/22/2023				
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	18521020S	32409 Indian Guide Rd		253676	SFD	O	5/23/2023				
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	13078032	41286 Cedar Ridge Ln		254095	SFD	O	4/26/2023				
	11023009	60096 Huckleberry Hill Ln		254099	SFD	O	9/11/2023				
	40614409	2492 Menlo Ave		254302	ADU	O	6/2/2023				1
	13016019	37167 Tollhouse Rd		254693	SFD	O	9/14/2023				
	13845011	10780 Millerton Rd		254702	SFD	O	6/27/2023				
	57116023S	10943 Promontory Way		254705	SFD	O	8/9/2023				
	11018030	60792 Upper Line Ln		254842	SFD	O	6/12/2023				1
	30023008	19710 Ventana Hills		255078	SFD	O	9/19/2023				
	11834069	28707 Auberry Rd		255157	SFD	O	5/23/2023				1
	15026007	14400 Academy Oaks Ln		255409	SFD	O	12/13/2023				
	39309010	12462 Macdonough Ave		257615	SFD	O	9/26/2023				
	58103004S	12267 Armstrong Ave		257941	SFD	O	8/1/2023				
	30808128S	11844 Ashlan Ave		259331	SFD	O	9/7/2023				

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	13080326	41933 Rock Shelf Ln		260772	SFD	O	8/31/2023				
	11020120	59196 Idylwilde Lane		261097	SFD	O	7/13/2023				
	11023042	60060 Jeffrey Pine Lane		261901	SFD	O	6/12/2023				
	11854062	30083 Gooseberry Lane		262015	SFD	O	5/23/2023				
	56603012S	7294 Highland		262571	SFD	O	12/11/2023				
	13048043	36220 Cressman		263197	SFD	O	11/17/2023				
	30817018	5452 Marjan Ave		266761	SFD	O	11/7/2023				
	13639029	39551 Sunset Rock		268153	SFD	O	9/11/2023				
	13090213	40218 Snowflower		269052	SFD	O	11/20/2023				
	4311129	2445 Superior		12822	ADU	O	5/1/2023		1		
	30917031	10789 Ashlan		18325	ADU	O	10/23/2023				
	46310066	242 Caesar		18519	ADU	O	10/19/2023				
	42531205	826 Rialto		2286	ADU	O	10/31/2023		1		
	44715416	2587 Barton		2450	ADU	O	12/21/2023				
	46303026	5456 Laurel		3219	ADU	O	3/21/2023		1		
	49311313	4036 Ralph		8758	ADU	O	12/29/2023				1
	33407034	6389 Orange		8802	ADU	O	12/8/2023				
	18541025	31151 Ruth Hill		4840	MH	O	7/25/2023		1		
	3508029	6226 Young		18132	MH	O	1/17/2023		1		
	12871035	30703 Lynx		18391	MH	O	3/20/2023		1		
	31024022	1249 Highland		262	MH	O	1/23/2023				1
	18532033S	32965 Hickory		428	MH	O	1/13/2023				1
	02516019S	2575 Goldenrod		1946	MH	O	2/14/2023		1		
	4306076	13449 West		3062	MH	O	3/7/2023				1
	37310012	8174 Porter		4760	MH	O	4/5/2023				1
	16042010S	1931 Boren		5338	MH	O	4/28/2023				1
	14022060	28070 Burrough		6567	MH	O	11/29/2023				1
	11855051	29919 Waterleaf		7418	MH	O	7/26/2023				1
	4128051	13555 Marks		8966	MH	O	6/19/2023				1
	33420138	145 Hopkins		12665	MH	O	8/28/2023				1
	32717121S	1443 Prospect		13384	MH	O	9/13/2023				1
	18538070	35529 Ennis		14758	MH	O	10/11/2023				1
	46311010	206 Minnewawa		14787	MH	O	10/11/2023		1		
	37334016	21469 South		14916	MH	O	10/16/2023		1		
	32712067	3607 Church		15211	MH	O	10/19/2023		1		
	11854061	30041 Waterleaf		17276	MH	O	12/11/2023				1
	05335101S	3082 Mendes		17623	MH	O	12/19/2023		1		

Jurisdiction	Fresno County - Unincorporated	
Reporting Year	2023	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
Planning Period	5th Cycle	12/31/2015 - 12/31/2023

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Table A2

Annual Building Activity Report Summary - New Construction, Entitled, Permits and Completed Units

Project Identifier				Unit Types		Affordability by Household Incomes - Completed Entitlement								
1				2	3	4								5
Prior APN*	Current APN	Street Address	Project Name*	Local Jurisdiction Tracking ID	Unit Category (SFA, SFD, 2 to 4, 5+, ADU, MH)	Tenure R=Renter O=Owner	Very Low-Income Deed Restricted	Very Low-Income Non Deed Restricted	Low-Income Deed Restricted	Low-Income Non Deed Restricted	Moderate-Income Deed Restricted	Moderate-Income Non Deed Restricted	Above Moderate-Income	Entitlement Date Approved
Summary Row: Start Data Entry Below							0	13	0	25	0	44	43	
	13613112	42241 Summit Creek		119097	SFD	O							1	7/18/2023
	33424030	147 Crooks Ave		123216	SFD	O							1	3/20/2023
	48026202	3704 Laurite Ave		125610	5+	R			5					3/6/2023
	44232023	2077 Valentine Ave		129290	SFD	O							1	2/15/2023
	13826022	23224 Granite Creek Ln		131562	SFD	O							1	4/7/2023
	13518051	40805 Leopard Lilly Ln		131700	SFD	O							1	3/3/2023
	41509029	5711 Van Ness Blvd		135973	SFD	O							1	4/25/2023
	5702138	4880 Riverdale Ave		136121	SFD	O							1	2/9/2023
	15820316	20652 Thermal Rd		229311	SFD	O							1	6/5/2023
	45615112	5207 White Ave		231905	SFD	O				1				2/21/2023
	11314116	55319 Point Rd		231922	SFD	O							1	4/26/2023
	37317045	22183 Adams Ave		236904	SFD	O							1	10/9/2023
	13637108	42642 Garnet Ln		237470	SFD	O							1	9/6/2023
	13520034	39852 Mountain Heather		240505	SFD	O							1	3/9/2023
	12835083	42728 Sharin Woods		240845	SFD	O							1	5/19/2023
	30036021	16329 Summit Mountain Rd		240890	SFD	O							1	3/28/2023
	11018032	60842 Upper Line Ln		241769	SFD	O				1				4/21/2023
	13615211	42302 Cook Cabin Ln		241860	SFD	O							1	5/22/2023
	15839214S	6443 Bellows Dr		241868	SFD	O							1	6/29/2023
	11023019	60109 Huckleberry Hill Ln		242187	SFD	O							1	8/23/2023
	11023059	60295 Huckleberry Hill Ln		242292	SFD	O				1				9/1/2023
	13640041	39634 Sunset Rock		243086	SFD	O							1	2/27/2023
	12817017	42147 Auberry Rd		243724	SFD	O							1	7/12/2023
	4239014	731 Floral Ave		243778	SFD	O							1	7/10/2023
	57101114	10211 Shaw Ave		244438	SFD	O							1	3/30/2023
	35009213	10920 Las Tunis Ave		244644	SFD	O							1	1/9/2023

Note: "+" indicates an optional field
 Cells in grey contain auto-calculation formulas

	Affordability by Household Incomes - Building Permits									Affordability by Household Incomes - Certificates of Oc						
6	7							8	9	10						
# of Units issued Entitlements	Very Low-Income Deed Restricted	Very Low-Income Non Deed Restricted	Low-Income Deed Restricted	Low-Income Non Deed Restricted	Moderate-Income Deed Restricted	Moderate-Income Non Deed Restricted	Above Moderate-Income	Building Permits Date Issued	# of Units Issued Building Permits	Very Low-Income Deed Restricted	Very Low-Income Non Deed Restricted	Low-Income Deed Restricted	Low-Income Non Deed Restricted	Moderate-Income Deed Restricted	Moderate-Income Non Deed Restricted	Above Moderate-Income
125	0	13	0	25	0	44	43		125	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
1						1		7/18/2023	1							
1						1		3/20/2023	1							
5				5				3/6/2023	5							
1							1	2/15/2023	1							
1						1		4/7/2023	1							
1							1	3/3/2023	1							
1							1	4/25/2023	1							
1						1		2/9/2023	1							
1							1	6/5/2023	1							
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	16040003S	7206 Pinto Dr		244784	SFD	O							1	1/6/2023
	55306025	6292 Dewolf Ave		245124	SFD	O							1	2/16/2023
	12031331	44599 Lakeview Ave		245126	SFD	O							1	5/30/2023
	13091301	40496 Wild Rose Ln		245203	SFD	O							1	1/23/2023
	11803145	27182 Twin Ponds Rd		245365	SFD	O						1		1/30/2023
	34814002S	3737 Huntsman Ave		245757	SFD	O							1	4/4/2023
	55901216	5620 Teague Ave		245837	SFD	O							1	1/19/2023
	47412027	5673 Butler Ave		245925	ADU	O			1					6/1/2023
	50403017	7102 Bullard		245926	SFD	O							1	9/21/2023
	31233048	7864 McKinley Ave		246493	SFD	O						1		7/20/2023
	58014010	3629 Kings Ct		246624	SFD	O							1	3/6/2023
	13048042	36224 Cressman Rd		247158	SFD	O							1	1/19/2023
	12874002	42056 Bald Mountain Rd		247912	SFD	O						1		3/21/2023
	13520004	39635 Wild Rose Lane		248154	SFD	O						1		5/16/2023
	13019208	44954 Auberry Rd		248287	SFD	O						1		6/27/2023
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	38506133	6634 Saginaw Ave		250590	SFD	O						1		8/30/2023
	13820010	21277 Auberry Rd		251017	SFD	O							1	11/1/2023
	31014307	1253 Applegate Ave		251090	SFD	O							1	5/1/2023
	30045015S	21853 Westmere Ln		251138	SFD	O						1		1/17/2023
	41518011	2352 Roberts Ave		251265	SFD	O			1					3/2/2023
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	58014016	3729 Queens Ct		251598	SFD	O							1	3/21/2023
	50504075	5772 Garfield Ave		251650	SFD	O							1	3/14/2023
	13518029	40709 Wild Iris Ln		251833	SFD	O						1		9/11/2023
	13068204	40865 Cold Springs Ln		251846	SFD	O						1		7/19/2023
	11854062	30083 Gooseberry Lane		252368	SFD	O						1		5/23/2023
	11854062	30083 Gooseberry Lane		252375	ADU	O				1				5/23/2023
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	34502053	7833 Leonard Ave		253148	SFD	O							1	6/1/2023
	13090105	39925 Yellow Lupin		253233	SFD	O							1	5/24/2023
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	19044024	50995 Greenhill Road		254006	SFD	O							1	5/18/2023
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	57116023S	10943 Promontory Way		254705	SFD	O							1	8/9/2023
	11018030	60792 Upper Line Ln		254842	SFD	O				1				6/12/2023
	30023008	19710 Ventana Hills		255078	SFD	O							1	9/19/2023
	11834069	28707 Auberry Rd		255157	SFD	O				1				5/23/2023
	15026007	14400 Academy Oaks Ln		255409	SFD	O							1	12/13/2023
	39309010	12462 Macdonough Ave		257615	SFD	O							1	9/26/2023
	58103004S	12267 Armstrong Ave		257941	SFD	O							1	8/1/2023
	30808128S	11844 Ashlan Ave		259331	SFD	O							1	9/7/2023
	13080326	41933 Rock Shelf Ln		260772	SFD	O							1	8/31/2023
	11020120	59196 Idylwilde Lane		261097	SFD	O							1	7/13/2023
	11023042	60060 Jeffrey Pine Lane		261901	SFD	O							1	6/12/2023
	11854062	30083 Gooseberry Lane		262015	SFD	O							1	5/23/2023
	56603012S	7294 Highland		262571	SFD	O							1	12/11/2023
	13048043	36220 Cressman		263197	SFD	O							1	11/17/2023
	30817018	5452 Marjan Ave		266761	SFD	O							1	11/7/2023
	13639029	39551 Sunset Rock		268153	SFD	O							1	9/11/2023
	13090213	40218 Snowflower		269052	SFD	O							1	11/20/2023
	4311129	2445 Superior		12822	ADU	O			1					5/1/2023
	30917031	10789 Ashlan		18325	ADU	O							1	10/23/2023
	46310066	242 Caesar		18519	ADU	O							1	10/19/2023

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1						1		6/7/2023	1							
1							1	12/21/2023	1							
1						1		6/1/2023	1							
1						1		5/24/2023	1							
1							1	5/9/2023	1							
1						1		5/23/2023	1							
1						1		4/20/2023	1							
1							1	8/15/2023	1							
1							1	5/18/2023	1							
1						1		4/26/2023	1							
1						1		9/11/2023	1							
1				1				6/2/2023	1							
1							1	9/14/2023	1							
1							1	6/27/2023	1							
1							1	8/9/2023	1							
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1		1						5/1/2023	1							
1						1		10/23/2023	1							
1						1		10/19/2023	1							

Prior APN*	Current APN	Street Address	Project Name*	Local Jurisdiction Tracking ID	Unit Category (SFA,SFD,2 to 4,5+,ADU,MH)	Tenure R=Renter O=Owner	Very Low- Income Deed Restricted	Very Low- Income Non Deed Restricted	Low- Income Deed Restricted	Low- Income Non Deed Restricted	Moderate- Income Deed Restricted	Moderate- Income Non Deed Restricted	Above Moderate- Income	Entitlement Date Approved
	42531205	826 Rialto		2286	ADU	O			1					10/31/2023
	44715416	2587 Barton		2450	ADU	O						1		12/21/2023
	46303026	5456 Laurel		3219	ADU	O			1					3/21/2023
	49311313	4036 Ralph		8758	ADU	O				1				12/29/2023
	33407034	6389 Orange		8802	ADU	O						1		12/8/2023
	18541025	31151 Ruth Hill		4840	MH	O			1					7/25/2023
	3508029	6226 Young		18132	MH	O			1					1/17/2023
	12871035	30703 Lynx		18391	MH	O			1					3/20/2023
	31024022	1249 Highland		262	MH	O				1				1/23/2023
	18532033S	32965 Hickory		428	MH	O				1				1/13/2023
	02516019S	2575 Goldenrod		1946	MH	O			1					2/14/2023
	4306076	13449 West		3062	MH	O				1				3/7/2023
	37310012	8174 Porter		4760	MH	O				1				4/5/2023
	16042010S	1931 Boren		5338	MH	O				1				4/28/2023
	14022060	28070 Burrough		6567	MH	O				1				11/29/2023
	11855051	29919 Waterleaf		7418	MH	O				1				7/26/2023
	4128051	13555 Marks		8966	MH	O				1				6/19/2023
	33420138	145 Hopkins		12665	MH	O				1				8/28/2023
	32717121S	1443 Prospect		13384	MH	O				1				9/13/2023
	18538070	35529 Ennis		14758	MH	O				1				10/11/2023
	46311010	206 Minnewawa		14787	MH	O			1					10/11/2023
	37334016	21469 South		14916	MH	O			1					10/16/2023
	32712067	3607 Church		15211	MH	O			1					10/19/2023
	11854061	30041 Waterleaf		17276	MH	O				1				12/11/2023
	05335101S	3082 Mendes		17623	MH	O			1					12/19/2023

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1		1						10/31/2023	1							
1						1		12/21/2023	1							
1		1						3/21/2023	1		1					
1				1				12/29/2023	1							
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1				1				12/11/2023	1							
1		1						12/19/2023	1							

Certificates of Occupancy or other forms of readiness (see instructions) <u>Date Issued</u>	# of Units issued Certificates of Occupancy or other forms of readiness	How many of the units were Extremely Low Income?	Please select the streamlining provision the project was APPROVED pursuant to. (may select multiple)	Infill Units? Y/N*	Assistance Programs for Each Development (may select multiple - see instructions)	Deed Restriction Type (may select multiple - see instructions)	For units affordable without financial assistance or deed restrictions, explain how the locality determined the units were affordable (see instructions)	Term of Affordability or Deed Restriction (years) (if affordable in perpetuity enter 1000)*	Number of Demolished/Destroyed Units	Demolished or Destroyed Units	Demolished/Destroyed Units Owner or Renter
	0	0	NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
	0		NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
6/19/2023	1	0	NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
	0		NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
	0		NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
	0	0	NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
6/6/2023	1	0	NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
	0	0	NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
	0		NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
5/22/2023	1		NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
	0	0	NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
	0		NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
4/13/2023	1		NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
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Jurisdiction	Fresno County - Unincorporated	
Reporting Year	2023	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
Planning Period	5th Cycle	12/31/2015 - 12/31/2023

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This table is auto-populated once you enter your jurisdiction name and current year data. Past year information comes from previous APRs.
Please contact HCD if your data is different than the material supplied here

Table B Regional Housing Needs Allocation Progress Permitted Units Issued by Affordability													
Income Level		1 RHNA Allocation by Income Level	2									3 Total Units to Date (all years)	4 Total Remaining RHNA by Income Level
			2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
Very Low	Deed Restricted	460	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	107	353
	Non-Deed Restricted		-	-	-	26	20	20	8	18	13		
Low	Deed Restricted	527	-	-	-	9	40	10	47	20	25	151	376
	Non-Deed Restricted		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Moderate	Deed Restricted	589	-	102	63	54	18	20	45	102	52	500	89
	Non-Deed Restricted		-	162	38	71	-	56	44	54	65		
Total RHNA		2,722											
Total Units			-	264	101	125	55	136	119	211	155	125	1,431
Progress toward extremely low-income housing need, as determined pursuant to Government Code 65583(a)(1).													
		5 Extremely low-income Need	6									7 Total Units Remaining	
			2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
Extremely Low-Income Units*		230	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	230

*Extremely low-income housing need determined pursuant to Government Code 65583(a)(1). Value in Section 5 is default value, assumed to be half of the very low-income RHNA. May be overwritten.

Please Note: Table B does not currently contain data from Table F or Table F2 for prior years. You may login to the APR system to see Table B that contains this data.

Note: units serving extremely low-income households are included in the very low-income RHNA progress and must be reported as very low-income units in section 7 of Table A2. They must also be reported in the extremely low-income category (section 13) in Table A2 to be counted as progress toward meeting the extremely low-income housing need determined pursuant to Government Code 65583(a)(1).

Please note: For the last year of the 5th cycle, Table B will only include units that were permitted during the portion of the year that was in the 5th cycle. For the first year of the 6th cycle, Table B will only include units that were permitted since the start of the planning period. Projection Period units are in a separate column.

Please note: The APR form can only display data for one planning period. To view progress for a different planning period, you may login to HCD's online APR system, or contact HCD staff at apr@hcd.ca.gov.

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Jurisdiction	Fresno County - Unincorporated		
Reporting Year	2023	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)	
Table D			
Program Implementation Status pursuant to GC Section 65583			
Housing Programs Progress Report			
Describe progress of all programs including local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing as identified in the housing element.			
1	2	3	4
Name of Program	Objective	Timeframe in H.E	Status of Program Implementation
1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities	The County of Fresno Public Works and Planning Department, with assistance of the Fresno Council of Governments (COG), will take the lead in coordinating the Countywide Fifth Cycle Housing Element Committee meetings.	Ongoing	During the 2023 calendar year, the County coordinated with the Fresno Council of Governments (COG) and 14 of the incorporated cities within the County, excluding the City of Clovis, to develop the Sixth Cycle Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element Update. This Countywide Housing Element Technical Committee met monthly throughout the 2023 calendar year to coordinate and monitor the development of the Sixth Cycle Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element Update.
1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities	Continue to participate in the Countywide Housing Element Technical Committee to collaborate on housing program implementation and regional issues including, disadvantaged unincorporated communities (SB 244), infrastructure challenges, farmworker housing, homelessness, and fair housing.	Ongoing	In 2023, the County hired a consultant to conduct an affordable housing trust fund feasibility study. As part of the study, County staff met with 13 of the 15 cities (not including City of Fresno and City of Clovis) to discuss the feasibility study and methods to increase housing throughout the County of Fresno. The study will be completed in 2024. Additionally, the County hired an architect to design County-approved accessory dwelling units (ADU), duplex, triplex, and fourplex floorplans that will be available to residents for free. The plans will be shared with all of the cities in Fresno County to utilize and increase housing production and options for all residents. The ADU plans were completed in 2023, and all floorplans are expected to be available to the public in 2024.
1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities	The Committee will meet at least biannually to evaluate successes in implementation of programs and to identify gaps and additional needs.	Ongoing	The Committee met several times throughout 2023 to coordinate and monitor the development and status of the Sixth Cycle Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element. The County and its cities continue to identify housing obstacles and ways to address the housing issues that residents face especially in disadvantaged communities.

<p>1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities</p>	<p>The Committee will meet periodically with Fair Housing of Central California to discuss fair housing issues and opportunities for education.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>County staff attended the annual Fair Housing Conference/training sponsored by the Fair Housing Council of Central California. A county staff member was among the panelists at the Fair Housing Conference, which residents and property owners attended. A county staff was a guest speaker on the radio show "Fair Housing is the Law" to discuss housing issues in Fresno County. During the County's annual Housing Meeting and Developers meeting the County provided property owners, developers, and residents an overview on fair housing. The County continues to forward any complaint on fair housing to the Fair Housing Council of Central California for investigation and assist its rural cities in educating property owners about fair housing laws.</p>
<p>1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities</p>	<p>The Committee will advocate on behalf of the Fresno County region for more grant funding for affordable housing and infrastructure improvements.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continues to attend webinars and workshops throughout the year to discuss potential grant opportunities for the County of Fresno. County staff discusses with representatives for grants from regional, state, and federal programs to advocate for funding designed for rural agriculture areas such as Fresno County. The County staff continues to review grant funding opportunities and provide information to cities, communities, districts, and nonprofits in the County of Fresno. The County and Economic Development Corporation (EDC) of Fresno County applied and was awarded a \$150,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Economic Development Administration to fund the update and creation of a digitally integrated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Fresno County. The County also applied for a PRO Housing Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to remove barriers to housing and to increase the region's ability to apply for and be awarded grant funding.</p>
<p>1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities</p>	<p>Continue to seek partnerships with other jurisdictions in the region and other agencies (such as the Housing Authority), housing developers, community stakeholders, and agricultural employers/employees to explore viable options for increasing the availability of farmworker housing in suitable locations in the region.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continues to work collaboratively with its partner cities and local developers in meeting the needs of farmworkers and encourages development to occur in the incorporated cities. During 2023, the Housing Authority completed construction of a rehabilitation project of 60 farmworker housing units in the City of Mendota. The County awarded at total of \$2,050,000 towards this project. The County also awarded to Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) \$475,000 in HOME funds and \$1,775,000 in State Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) funds to construct Guardian Village a 48 affordable housing unit development in the City of Reedley of which 15 are restricted to farmworkers. The County also provided \$1,000,000 award letter to SHE to fund Cherry Crossings a 72-unit affordable housing development in the City of Sanger that is funded through Joe Serna that will begin construction in 2024. Additionally, the County provided an award letter in the amount of \$1,500,000 of HOME funds to Chelsea Investment Corporation to fund the Willow Groove Farm Worker Housing project in the City of Reedley to construct a 80 unit development for farmworkers.</p>

Relevant Policies: 1.3, 1.4, 1.7, 4.2, 4.3, 4.6	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
2. Review Annexation Standards in Memorandum of Understanding	During the Housing Element planning period, the County of Fresno and the cities within the County will work together to review and revise, as deemed appropriate by all parties, the standards for annexation contained in the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the cities.	Ongoing	During the 2023 calendar year, the County updated the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and the Cities of Selma, Coalinga and Sanger, which included revised annexation standards intended to streamline the annexation process. The County continues to work on updating the MOU with the City of Fresno.
Relevant Policies: 1.1, 1.3, 1.4	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
3. Adequate Sites Program. The County will provide for a variety of housing types and ensure that there are adequate sites available to meet its RHNA).	Complete General Plan and Zoning Ordinance technical amendments in 2016 to achieve internal consistency.	This program has been implemented.	This program has been implemented. On November 24, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved amendments to the Land Use and Agriculture Element of the General Plan and various sections of the Zoning Ordinance to achieve internal consistency and to bring the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance into compliance with Housing Element laws.
3. Adequate Sites Program. The County will provide for a variety of housing types and ensure that there are adequate sites available to meet its RHNA).	Maintain and annually update the inventory of residential land resources.	Ongoing	The County continuously monitors sites included in its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) inventory to ensure adequate capacity to accommodate RHNA obligations for all income levels. This is accomplished by an apparatus within the County's permit issuance and tracking system (AMANDA) that allows staff to monitor discretionary projects and building permits proposed on parcels included in the RHNA inventory. When the Assessor Parcel Number (APN) of a parcel included as RHNA inventory is inputted into AMANDA, the system locks and staff must perform a quantitative analysis according to Government Code Section 65863 to determine whether the remaining sites included in the RHNA inventory are adequate to accommodate the County's RHNA obligation. Appropriate actions are then taken to ensure that the County maintains adequate RHNA inventory to accommodate housing in all income categories.

<p>3. Adequate Sites Program. The County will provide for a variety of housing types and ensure that there are adequate sites available to meet its RHNA).</p>	<p>Monitor development and other changes in the inventory to ensure the County has remaining capacity consistent with its share of the regional housing need.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continues to monitor sites included in its RHNA inventory to ensure adequate capacity to accommodate RHNA obligations for all income levels. The County has an apparatus within its permit issuance and tracking system (AMANDA) that allows staff to monitor discretionary projects and building permits proposed on parcels included as RHNA inventory. When the APN of a parcel included as RHNA inventory is inputted into AMANDA, the system locks and staff must perform a quantitative analysis according to Government Code Section 65863 to determine whether the remaining sites included in the RHNA inventory are adequate to accommodate the County's RHNA obligation. Appropriate actions are then taken to ensure that the County maintains adequate RHNA inventory to accommodate housing in all income categories.</p>
<p>3. Adequate Sites Program. The County will provide for a variety of housing types and ensure that there are adequate sites available to meet its RHNA).</p>	<p>Continue to designate and zone adequate sites to meet special housing needs as required.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No activity related to this program occurred during the 2023 calendar year. In November 2015 and November 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved amendments to the Zoning Ordinance which, among other things, identified Zone Districts that can accommodate populations with special needs.</p>

<p>3. Adequate Sites Program. The County will provide for a variety of housing types and ensure that there are adequate sites available to meet its RHNA).</p>	<p>Continue to encourage a variety of housing types for all income levels such as mixed use and higher density housing through implementation of the General Plan and community plans, through incentives or other mechanisms encouraging affordability, maintaining existing zoning and upzoning where appropriate. These efforts will also consider promoting development within existing communities, active transportation and access to services and amenities.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During the 2023 calendar year, the County continued working with developers to promote development within unincorporated communities. In 2022, the County amended its Zoning Ordinance for sections specifically pertaining to employee and farmworker housing, density bonus, and reasonable accommodations. These actions furthered this program's goal of encouraging various housing types and made the Zoning Ordinance more compliant with state law. In 2020, the County amended the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance to increase the density of land designated and zoned for multi-family residential development to 20 units per acre in order to lower the cost of housing. This Zoning Ordinance amendment also included Density Bonus provisions to reduce the cost of housing development and to promote the development of affordable housing. Additionally, the County has suspended the collection of impact fees to lower the cost of housing development, including housing for low-income populations. In 2023, the County developed six pre-approved accessory dwelling unit (ADU) plans that will be provided to County residents for free. The plans have been designed and preapproved by the County's permit department to reduce the cost of building an ADU. In 2023, the County developed two preapproved duplex, triplex, and fourplex plans that will be provided to County residents for free. These plans will support the building of multi-family housing in the County in communities that can not support a large apartment complex. The County created and approved a Community Plan update Guidance document that will streamline the update of the County's community plans. The County has also begun the process of updating the Biola and Del Rey Community plans, which is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2024.</p>
<p>3. Adequate Sites Program. The County will provide for a variety of housing types and ensure that there are adequate sites available to meet its RHNA).</p>	<p>Direct interested residential developers, especially affordable housing developers throughout the County, to Community Plan and Specific Plan areas where amenities are or can be located and where water and sewer service providers have or can provide capacity and potential for the expansion of infrastructure (see Program 12), such as the Shaver Lake Forest Specific Plan, Millerton Specific Plan, Sierra North Regional Plan, Laton, and Tranquility areas.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continues to meet with and direct interested residential developers, including affordable housing developers, throughout the year to encourage the development of housing in the County's unincorporated communities. The County hosted its annual Developer meeting to encourage the development in Fresno County. The County has begun providing developers and residents with pre-approved ADU and duplex, triplex, and fourplex options to build in Fresno County. The County, working with affordable housing developers, submitted a Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) Grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to encourage and develop in the community of Laton. The County, developers, and residents of Laton met to discuss the potential development of housing in the Community of Laton. The County also issued a resolution of support in support of the Housing Authority's application for the Regional Early Action Planning Grant of 2021 (REAP 2.0) to support the development of housing in the unincorporated community of Biola.</p>

<p>3. Adequate Sites Program. The County will provide for a variety of housing types and ensure that there are adequate sites available to meet its RHNA).</p>	<p>Meet with developers to discuss constraints and opportunities on TP zoned sites and address constraints and establish incentives, procedures or other mechanism by 2017 to promote development.</p>	<p>2017 and Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continues to meet with interested developers and advocacy groups to discuss constraints and opportunities for the development of affordable housing on sites zoned for the development of mobile home parks. In 2023, County staff continued to work with California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) staff regarding residents interested in purchasing an existing mobile home park, Shady Lakes. County staff has been meeting on a regular basis to assist the CRLA team in applying for funds to purchase the park. The County staff also discussed trailer parks during two annual housing conferences, both held virtually and in-person, attended by developers and residents in 2023. The County continues to support the development of mobile home parks by providing priority funding to mobile home park developers. In 2022, the County created a program that gave mobile home parks the ability to access the County's HOME funds prior to any other type of development.</p>
<p>3. Adequate Sites Program. The County will provide for a variety of housing types and ensure that there are adequate sites available to meet its RHNA).</p>	<p>Actively participate in the development of the next RHNA Plan to better ensure that the allocations are reflective of the County's General Plan policies and are realistic based on land use patterns in the unincorporated areas of the County.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During the 2023 calendar year, the County coordinated with the Fresno Council of Governments (COG) and 14 of the incorporated cities within the County, excluding the City of Clovis, to develop the Sixth Cycle Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element Update. This Countywide Housing Element Technical Committee met monthly throughout the 2023 calendar year to coordinate and monitor the development of the Sixth Cycle Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element Update.</p>
<p>Relevant Policies: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>
<p>4. Monitoring of Residential Capacity (No Net Loss)</p>	<p>Develop and implement a formal evaluation procedure pursuant to Government Code Section 65863 by 2016.</p>	<p>This program has been implemented.</p>	<p>This program has been implemented. The County previously developed an apparatus within its permit issuance and tracking system (AMANDA) that allows staff to monitor discretionary projects and building permits proposed on parcels included as RHNA inventory. When the APN of a parcel included as RHNA inventory is inputted into AMANDA, the system locks and staff must perform a quantitative analysis according to Government Code Section 65863 to determine whether the remaining sites included in the RHNA inventory are adequate to accommodate the County's RHNA obligation. Appropriate actions are then taken to ensure that the County maintains adequate RHNA inventory to accommodate housing in all income categories.</p>
<p>4. Monitoring of Residential Capacity (No Net Loss)</p>	<p>Annually monitor the effectiveness of non-residential zones to facilitate residential development.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continuously monitors the effectiveness of non-residential zones to facilitate residential. The County has only received one residential application on non-residentially zoned land during the Fifth Cycle Housing Element. With limited proposed development on non-residentially zoned land it is not possible to determine the effectiveness of utilizing non-residential land for residential development.</p>

4. Monitoring of Residential Capacity (No Net Loss)	If rezoning/upzoning is required to replenish the sites inventory for meeting the RHNA shortfall, the sites shall be adequate in size to accommodate at least 16 units per site at a minimum density of 20 units per acre, and shall be rezoned within two years.	Ongoing	No activity related to this program was necessary during the 2023 calendar year. Only if a proposed project will result in the reduction of vacant sites included in RHNA inventory, the County will rezone a similar size parcel to maintain the amount of vacant land available to accommodate the RHNA obligation. Any such rezone will comply with the density provisions of this program.
Relevant Policies: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
5. Lot Consolidation and Lot Splits	Assist interested developers/property owners in identifying opportunities for lot consolidation or lot splitting.	Ongoing	During the 2023 calendar year, the County authorized five lot splits through the ministerial gift deed / homesite parcel provisions of the Zoning Ordinance and eight lot splits through the discretionary variance application process. The County also authorized one lot split during the 2023 calendar year through the California Senate Bill (SB) 9 provision. All of these lot splits were initiated by a member of the public.
5. Lot Consolidation and Lot Splits	Continue to streamline the processing of requests for lot consolidation and lot splitting concurrent with other development reviews.	Ongoing	The County continues to streamline the processing of lot consolidation and lot splitting by processing them concurrently with other required development reviews as needed.
5. Lot Consolidation and Lot Splits	Annually monitor lot consolidation activities as part of the County's annual report to HCD on Housing Element progress and evaluate if County efforts are effective in facilitating lot consolidation of small sites for residential development. If appropriate, make necessary changes to facilitate lot consolidation.	Ongoing	No residential development project submitted during the 2023 calendar year required lot consolidation. County staff continue to monitor lot consolidation activities as needed to facilitate residential development on smaller lots and report such lot consolidations to HCD as part of the Annual Progress Report (APR).
5. Lot Consolidation and Lot Splits	Encourage the use of master plans/specific plans to provide a cohesive development strategy for large lots.	Ongoing	The County encourages/requires master plans or specific plans as part of processing entitlements for large landholdings.
Relevant Policies: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE

<p>6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services</p>	<p>Continue to coordinate with independent service providers to assess development trends, needs for infrastructure and services, and plans for expansion. Communicate with the service providers at least semi-annually or as major development applications are received to discuss and pursue plans for future expansion to ensure adequate infrastructure and services are available to meet the County's RHNA, consistent with housing development trends.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>County staff continues to communicate with water and sewer service providers to assess the infrastructure and services in unincorporated communities and their plan for expansion of infrastructure and services to accommodate growth. The County encourages water and sewer service providers to improve infrastructure in communities with service deficiencies. County staff annually publishes and sends out notices to service providers regarding the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application period to apply for grants to fund public facility and infrastructure improvement projects in the eligible unincorporated areas of Fresno County. In 2023, Fresno County awarded funding to seven new projects in the unincorporated areas of Fresno County (North Central Fire Protection District Station 57 Off Road Water Tender, Biola Groundwater Recharge, Caruthers Water Valve & Fire Hydrant Replacement, Del Rey WWTP Hazard Reduction, Friant Wastewater System Improvements, Riverdale Water Valve Replacement, and Tranquillity WWTP Headworks). Funds were also allocated to five new projects in participating incorporated cities (Kingsburg Mariposa Street Reconstruction, Reedley City Street Improvements Phase X, Reedley North Avenue Improvements, Sanger Cesar Chavez Park Improvements, and Selma Sidewalk Connectivity Phase II). Additional funds were allocated to three existing projects: Mendota Rojas Pierce Park; Biola Sidewalks and Street Improvements; and Sierra Oaks Solar, Roof, and American Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements. Also in 2023, County staff applied for the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) grant. If awarded, the grant will be used for multiple uses, one being infrastructure projects in the unincorporated communities, especially where existing sewer and water infrastructure cannot provide additional services. While applying for the PRO Housing grant, County staff met with and participated in multiple Community Service Districts (CSD) meetings, not limited to Biola, Del Rey, and Laton, in order to assess which CSD would be the best candidate.</p>
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<p>6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services</p>	<p>As part of coordination and communication with CSDs, provide assistance as appropriate to encourage infrastructure improvements in communities with infrastructure and service deficiencies (see Table 2A-6 in the Appendix).</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>County staff continues to coordinate with water and sewer service providers to assess development trends, needs for infrastructure and services, and plans for expansion of services. Staff regularly communicates with the independent service providers to identify community infrastructure needs and available resources. The County encourages water and sewer service providers to improve infrastructure in communities with service deficiencies. County staff annually publishes and sends out notices to service providers and community groups regarding the application period to apply to the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program that provides grant funding for public facility and infrastructure improvement projects in the eligible unincorporated areas of Fresno County. The County also conducts a public workshop to provide assistance on preparing applications and the funding process and provides or assists with the procurement of engineering technical assistance. During 2023, the County's CDBG Program funded Tranquillity WWTP Headworks, Caruthers Water Valve & Fire Hydrant Replacement, Friant Wastewater System Improvements, Riverdale Water Valve Improvements. Additionally, Fresno County was awarded \$10,169,666 from various grants for four infrastructure projects in Fresno County. Also, County staff applied for various grants throughout the 2023 year, including the PRO Housing Grant, to assist and encourage infrastructure improvements in the community of Laton.</p>
<p>6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services</p>	<p>Seek (at least annually and on-going) and support funding applications by CSDs for infrastructure and service expansions that are consistent with the County's General Plan and Community Plan policies.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>County staff disseminates information about funding opportunities for CSDs infrastructure and service expansions when they become available. The majority of funding available for infrastructure and service expansion focuses on urban areas. County staff searches for funding opportunities to expand CSD infrastructure, including USDA and HCD funding opportunities for infrastructure-specific grants that could be used by CSDs and CSAs for needed improvements and expansion. In 2023, County staff worked with the Laton CSD to apply for the PRO Housing Grant for infrastructure and service expansion in the community of Laton, including but not limited to, water and sewer expansion projects.</p>

<p>6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services</p>	<p>As funding permits, CDBG and/or HOME funds provide gap financing to affordable projects as a means to reducing the costs of development, including infrastructure improvements. At least annually meet with developers and community stakeholders to discuss and pursue or support additional funding resources.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>County staff seeks partnerships and regularly meets with other agencies, housing developers, and community stakeholders to discuss and pursue opportunities to develop affordable housing. The County continues to monitor the HCD, USDA, and HUD websites for Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for affordable housing for lower-income and farmworker households. In 2023, the County of Fresno hosted two housing forums to discuss housing issues and funding resources available through the County. On November 7th, the first forum was held at the Malaga Community Center and via Zoom to provide the residents of Fresno County with an overview of housing services provided by various County departments. Residents were allowed to express their housing needs and concerns. On December 7th, a second forum was held in the County of Fresno offices in downtown Fresno and via Zoom to educate potential developers about housing needs and the potential resources for development in the County. In 2023, the County completed construction of eight single-family homes in the community of Riverdale and started construction on Guardian Village LP, a 48-unit affordable housing project in the City of Reedley.</p>
<p>6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services</p>	<p>Annually explore and pursue funding opportunities for community plan updates as necessary to promote development within existing communities with active transportation and access to services and amenities.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County of Fresno regularly searches for funding opportunities to update community plans to attract developers to develop in the unincorporated communities of Fresno County. In 2022, the County began using the Fresno Council of Government (COG) Planning grant to create a chapter that will streamline the process of updating community plans in the future. The Community Chapter Guidance Document was completed and approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2023. The Guidance document streamlines the update and the creation of the community plans. The County is using the remaining funds from the COG grant and the LEAP grant to update Biola's and Del Rey's community plan. The County began the process of updating the two plans in December 2023, and it is anticipated to be completed by December 2024.</p>
<p>6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services</p>	<p>Provide a copy of the adopted Housing Element to the various service providers serving the unincorporated communities.</p>	<p>This program has been implemented.</p>	<p>Copies of the adopted Housing Element were distributed to all service providers serving the unincorporated communities following adoption of the Fifth Cycle Housing Element.</p>
<p>Relevant Policy: 1.7</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>

<p>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</p>	<p>The County will provide loan funds as gap financing to eligible affordable housing developers to expand the supply of units affordable to lower-income households, including extremely low-income households and households with special needs, such as seniors, disabled (including persons with developmental disabilities), the farmworkers, the homeless, and those at risk of homelessness. The County will offer assistance to other agencies in accessing local, state, and federal funding for affordable housing by adopting and sending resolutions and letters of support for these agencies' efforts.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During the 2023 calendar year, the County provided \$2,250,000 in low-interest loans to support the construction of Guardian Village in Reedley, an affordable multi-family 48-unit rental housing project. Construction was completed on County Meadows II, a project partially funded by the County for eight single-family homes in the unincorporated community of Riverdale. Additional funds in the amount of \$488,819 were awarded to Mendota Esperanza Commons (bringing County support to a total of \$2,050,000) in 2023, and rehabilitation construction was completed in December 2023 to preserve 60 units of farmworker housing in the City of Mendota.</p> <p>The County issued a resolution of support for Fresno County Housing Authority's application for the Fresno Council of Government's Housing Planning Grants for grant funding related to REAP 2.0 funding. This funding will be used to develop affordable housing in the community of Biola. The County also partnered with the Housing Authority to submit a grant application for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for PRO Housing funding to remove barriers to affordable housing and develop affordable housing in the community of Laton.</p> <p>During the 2023 calendar year, the County provided two letters of support for future affordable housing projects applying for State funds: Cherry Crossing and Willow Grove.</p>
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<p>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</p>	<p>Continue to offer incentives such as gap financing, density bonus, streamlined processing (such as pre-application consultation to identify potential issues early on and concurrent processing of required permits to the extent feasible) to facilitate the development of affordable housing, with an emphasis on housing opportunities for very low and extremely low income households, as well as special needs populations, such as the elderly, disabled (including developmentally disabled), farmworkers, the homeless, and those at risk of becoming homeless.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During 2023, County staff worked with various developers such as Willow Partners, Fresno Housing Authority, and Nelam Nagra to discuss rezoning of properties to facilitate the development of affordable housing. In preparation for the County's Sixth Cycle Housing Element, the County rezoned property that had been identified as potential sites by the identified developers. The rezone was completed in December of 2023 increasing the development protentional for those properties and the construction of affordable housing. Additionally, the County held discussion with various developers in assisting accessing funding and assist in applying for state and federal funding. The County provided a resolution for the Fresno Housing Authority to apply for REAP 2.0 funding to purchase land to develop affordable housing in the community of Biola. Additionally, the County hire a consultant to explore the possibility of creating a regional housing trust an spoke with four active developers in identifying barriers and methods to help facilitate development in Fresno County. The County also assisted California Legal Assistance (CRLA), CaliROC, California Center for Cooperative Development, and the residents of Shady Lakes Mobile Home Park in identifying funding to purchase and rehabilitate the park. County staff met for over 6 months to assist the developers in creating a funding plan and apply for state funds. The partnership was successful in receiving state funds and in the process of purchasing the park which allow the tenant to ensure the rents remain affordable in the future.</p>
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<p>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</p>	<p>Continue to seek partnerships and regularly meet, at least annually, with other agencies (such as the Housing Authority), housing developers, community stakeholders and employers to discuss and pursue viable opportunities for providing affordable housing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During 2023, the County conducted its Annual Developer Meeting to inform developers about County funding programs and methods to collaborate to increase housing development in Fresno County. County staff continue to work with various developers such as Willow Partners, Fresno Housing Authority, Self-Help Enterprises, Habitat for Humanity, and private developers such as Nelam Nagra and Jaspreet Singh to discuss the potential of constructing in Fresno County and methods the County can assist developers in accessing state and federal funding. The County provided a resolution for the Fresno Housing Authority to apply for REAP 2.0 funding to purchase land to develop affordable housing the community of Biola. Additionally, the County hire a consultant to explore the possibility of creating a regional housing trust and spoke with four active developers in identifying barriers and methods to help facilitate development in Fresno County. The County also assisted California Legal Assistance (CRLA), CaliROC, California Center for Cooperative Development and the residents of Shady Lakes Mobile Home Park in identifying funding to purchase and rehabilitate the park. County staff met for over 6 months to assist the developers in creating a funding plan and apply for state funds. The partnership was successful in receiving state funds and in the process of purchasing the park which allow the tenant to ensure the rents remain affordable in the future. The County has also partnered with local schools and Community Services Districts such as the Laton School District and the Laton Community Services District to identify methods to increase housing in their community. The County held several community meetings and applied for the PRO Housing Grant to improve the water and sewer system to facilitate the Fresno Housing Authority to build affordable housing in the community.</p>
<p>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</p>	<p>Monitor HCD and its websites at least semi-annually for NOFAs and, where appropriate, prepare or support applications for funding for affordable housing for lower-income households (including extremely low-income households), such as seniors, disabled (including persons with developmental disabilities), the homeless, and those at risk of homelessness.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continues to monitor HCD and its websites to continue to fund new and existing programs that benefit lower income households, seniors, the disabled, homeless, and those at risk of homelessness. The County has received funding from Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP), Housing and Disability Program (HDAP), CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP), Bringing Families Home Program, Home Safe Program, Emergency Rental Assistance Program, Project Roomkey, No Place Like Home (NPLH) Program, Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), Emergency Solutions Grants Program, Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), and Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) Housing Program. These funds help ensure that low-income County residents are able to access available resources to maintain housing.</p>

<p>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</p>	<p>Continue to support and encourage other agencies and housing developers, such as the Fresno Housing Authority and Self-Help Enterprises, in the application of funds, HCD, USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources that may become available.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During the 2023 calendar year, the County provided two letters of support for future affordable housing projects applying for state funds: Cherry Crossing and Willow Grove, both projects were successful in receiving Tax Credits and will begin construction in 2024. The County issued a resolution of support for the Fresno County Housing Authority to apply for REAP 2.0 funding through Fresno COG to build affordable housing in the community of Biola. The County partnered with the Housing Authority to apply for the PRO Housing grant issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to remove barriers to housing and for the development of housing in the Community of Laton. The County of Fresno continues to work with the Housing Authority to build affordable housing in Del Rey. The County continues to meet and host meetings with housing developers, including nonprofit developers, to build in Fresno County, including Self Help and the Fresno Housing Authority. The County continues to seek funding opportunities to partner or share with housing developers whenever possible.</p>
<p>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</p>	<p>Continue current efforts to streamline and improve efficiencies in planning and permit approval and building inspection service.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County currently streamlines requests for building permits, plan checks, and inspections by allowing applications for building permits and plan checks and requests for inspections to be filed online. Additionally, building permit and plan check application fees can also be paid online. Further, Inspectors now utilize electronic devices (e.g. tablets) synced with the County's permit issuance and tracking system (AMANDA), allowing inspectors to execute their duties in an efficient paper-free manner.</p>
<p>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</p>	<p>Establish to the extent feasible, a program that accommodates submittal and issuance of certain permits via the Internet by 2020.</p>	<p>This program has been implemented.</p>	<p>As discussed immediately above, the County has streamlined requests for building permits and plan checks by allowing applications for building permits and plan checks to be filed online. Further, building permit and plan check application fees can also be paid online.</p>
<p>Relevant Policies: 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>

<p>8. Farmworker Housing</p>	<p>Continue to seek partnerships and regularly meet, at least annually, with other agencies (such as the Housing Authority), housing developers, community stakeholders, and agricultural employers/employees to discuss opportunities for farmworker housing. Contact agricultural stakeholders and the nonprofit developers annually to discuss viable options for locating suitable farmworker housing starting at the end of 2016.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continues to hold its Annual Developer Meeting in which the County conducts a discussion on farmworker housing including the needs and methods to increase the production of farmworker housing in Fresno County. Additionally, the County holds an annual housing meeting for the residents which also includes a discussion on what are the needs the housing needs of everyone including farmworkers. The County held several community meetings in communities such as Cantua Creek, Del Rey, and Laton that have a large farmworker populations to discuss methods to increase housing in their communities. The County has reached out to local school districts and community services districts in identifying potential housing for residents including farmworkers.</p>
<p>8. Farmworker Housing</p>	<p>Continue to support and encourage other agencies and housing developers, such as the Fresno Housing Authority and Self-Help Enterprises, in the application of funds for farmworker housing, including State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources that may become available.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During 2023, the Housing Authority completed construction of a rehabilitation project of 60 farmworker housing units in the City of Mendota, the County awarded at total of \$2,050,000 towards this project. The County also awarded to Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) \$475,000 in HOME funds and \$1,775,000 in State Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) funds to construct Guardian Village a 48-affordable housing unit development in the City of Reedley of which 15 are restricted to farmworkers. The County also provided \$1,000,000 award letter to SHE to fund Cherry Crossings a 72-unit affordable housing development in the City of Sanger that is funded through Joe Serna that will begin construction in 2024. The County also provided an award letter in the amount of \$1,500,000 of HOME funds to Chelsea Investment Corporation to fund the Willow Groove Farm Worker Housing project in the City of Reedly to construct an 80-unit development for farmwokers that should begin construction in 2024. The County issued a resolution of support for the Housing Authority to apply for the REAP 2.0 funds to build affordable housing to the community of Biola. If awarded, any housing units developed will be available to all low-income residents including farmworkers.</p>
<p>8. Farmworker Housing</p>	<p>Annually monitor the status of farmworker housing as part of the County's annual report to HCD on Housing Element progress and evaluate if County efforts are effective in facilitating the provision of farmworker housing. If appropriate, make necessary changes to enhance opportunities and incentives for farmworker housing development.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County at all of its various meetings discusses the needs of farmworkers and has identified the desire for homeownership as a priority. The County is in the process of revamping its Homebuyer Assistance Program (HAP) as the high cost of housing and interest rates has made homeownership unattainable for low-income residents as this time. All of the affordable housing development projects funded in the last two years and in 2024 have a farmworker component.</p>

Relevant Policies: 1.2, 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
9. Preserving Assisted Housing	Continue to monitor status of affordable housing projects. If projects become at risk of converting to market-rate housing: 1. Monitor the status of any Notice of Intent and Plan of Action filed by property owners to convert to market-rate units; 2. Identify nonprofit organizations as potential purchasers/managers of at-risk housing units; 3. Explore funding sources available to purchase affordability covenants on at-risk projects, transfer ownership of at-risk projects to public or nonprofit agencies, purchase existing buildings to replace at-risk units, or construct replacement units; 4. Ensure the tenants are properly noticed and informed of their rights and eligibility to obtain special Section 8 vouchers reserved for tenants of converted HUD properties.	Ongoing	The County continues to monitor housing units that become at risk of being converted to market-rate housing and partners with non-profit organizations to explore funding sources to acquire such units to retain their affordability for low and very low-income populations. The County continues to provide notices to tenants of their rights and eligibility to obtain special Housing Choice Vouchers reserved for tenants of converted HUD properties. The Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) manages, monitors, improves, and creates assisted housing in the unincorporated Fresno County area. Should residents call requesting rental assistance, HAFC staff explains the benefits of Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) and provides information on obtaining vouchers through the Fresno Housing Authority. No affordable housing rental projects in the unincorporated County were considered at risk of converting to market-rate housing during the 2023 calendar year. However, the County has recognized that mobile home parks are one of the last affordable housing options for its County residents. The County assisted California Legal Assistance (CRLA), CaliROC, California Center for Cooperative Development and the residents of Shady Lakes Mobile Home Park in identifying funding to purchase and rehabilitate the park. County staff met in 2022 and 2023 for several months to assist the developers in creating a funding plan and apply for state funds. The partnership was successful in receiving state funds and in the process of purchasing the park which allow the tenant to ensure the rents remain affordable in the future.
Relevant Policy: 3.6	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments	Complete comprehensive Zoning Ordinance update in 2017 to address the density bonus provisions, increase the allowable density at R2, R2-A, R3, R3-A, R4, C4 and RP to 20 units per acre.	This program has been implemented.	This program was implemented in 2020. Amendments to Zoning Ordinance were approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 24, 2020, to include density bonus provisions and increase density in R-2, R2-A, R3, R3-A, R4, C4, and RP to 20 units per acre.
10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments	Address the provision of Single-Room Occupancy (SRO) housing as part of the comprehensive Zoning Ordinance update in 2016.	This program has been implemented.	This program was implemented in 2020. Amendments were approved to the Zoning Ordinance on November 24, 2020, that included the provisions of Single-Room Occupancy.

<p>10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments</p>	<p>Examine, in 2016, alternatives to requiring discretionary approval for the development of multi-family housing in the C-4 Zone District and adopt appropriate actions to expedite the review and processing of multi-family housing development applications.</p>	<p>This program has been implemented.</p>	<p>This program was implemented in 2020. Amendments were approved to the Zoning Ordinance on November 24, 2020 to allow development of multi-family housing in the C-4 Zone District without a discretionary permit.</p>
<p>10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments</p>	<p>Consider establishing a discretionary permit requirement for new agricultural operations in residential zones and addressing farm labor housing in those zones in a similar manner.</p>	<p>This program has been implemented.</p>	<p>This program was implemented in 2022. Amendments were approved to the Zoning Ordinance on May 17, 2022 to address farmworker and employee housing, allowing greater compliance with state law by allowing certain types of farmworker / employee housing in residential zones where limited agricultural uses are allowed. Further, building permits for employee housing units are issued in the same manner as single-family residences.</p>
<p>10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments</p>	<p>Annually review the effectiveness and appropriateness of the Zoning Ordinance and process any necessary amendments to remove or mitigate potential constraints to the development of housing.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During the 2023 calendar year, the County continued working on a comprehensive review and update of its General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. On April 28, 2023, the County released drafts of the proposed General Plan, proposed Zoning Ordinance, and the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR) prepared for the General Plan Review / Zoning Ordinance Update for a 60-day public review period. During the spring and summer of 2023, County staff hosted seven community workshops throughout the County to increase public awareness of the General Plan Review / Zoning Ordinance Update, two of which focused on environmental justice. During the summer and fall of 2023, County staff worked with Rincon Consultants, Inc. to address comments received during the 60-day public review of the proposed General Plan, proposed Zoning Ordinance, and DPEIR as part of the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (FPEIR) to be completed in early 2024. Additionally, on September 14, 2023, County staff conducted a workshop with the Planning Commission for the purpose of providing information to the Planning Commission ahead of scheduling the General Plan Review / Zoning Ordinance Update for the Commission's consideration and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.</p>
<p>Relevant Policies: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>

11. Monitoring of Planning and Development Fees	Should the Board decide to reinstate impact fees, monitor the fees annually to ensure they do not unduly constrain housing development.	Ongoing	At the public hearing of October 31, 2017, the Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing to consider an amendment to the County Ordinance for Public Facilities Impact Fees. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board decided to continue the suspension of these fees. During the following year on October 9, 2018, the Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing to consider another amendment to the County Ordinance for Public Facilities Impact Fees and at the conclusion of the hearing, determined to continue the suspension of the impact fees until further notice.
Relevant Policies: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
12. Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program (HARP)	Provide rehabilitation assistance to households in the unincorporated area as federal funding is available and applications are received.	Ongoing	The County did receive interest calls but did not receive any new applications during the 2023 calendar year.
Relevant Policies: 3.2, 4.1	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
13. Rental Rehabilitation Program (RRP)	Provide assistance for the rehabilitation of four rental housing units during the planning period (provided that federal funding is available and applications are received).	Ongoing	There was no interest or applications from the public during the 2023 calendar year.
Relevant Policies: 3.2, 4.1	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
14. Code Enforcement	Continue to enforce property maintenance standards and abate substandard structures through Code Enforcement and various housing rehabilitation programs.	Ongoing	During the 2023 calendar year, the Department of Public Health continued to be the lead for substandard housing complaints and worked with the Department of Public Works and Planning in instances involving a land use violation. County staff continue to investigate violations of property maintenance standards and encourage property owners to seek assistance through available housing rehabilitation programs to abate building code violations. The County continues to enforce zoning and building codes to ensure compliance with land-use regulations and building codes. The County continues to enforce property maintenance standards and abate substandard structures. Additionally, the County has hired new staff within the last year to create a unit that focuses on addressing code violations throughout the county. In 2023, Code Enforcement opened up 927 complaints from zoning and building violations of which 304 have been closed and 560 remain open.
Relevant Policies: 1.8, 2.5, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 4.1	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE

15. Homebuyer Assistance Program (HAP)	Provide assistance to income eligible households to purchase a home in the unincorporated areas as federal funding is available and applications are received.	Ongoing	During the 2023 calendar year, the County partially supported construction costs and downpayment assistance for seven households that moved into single-family homes constructed by Habitat for Humanity in the unincorporated community of Riverdale.
Relevant Policy: 2.8	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
16. First-Time Homebuyer Resources	Promote available homebuyer resources on County website and public counters by 2016.	Ongoing	The County continues to provide information on its Homebuyer Assistance Program to first-time homebuyers via flyers and its website, as well as through meetings with lenders, realtors, and community groups, to ensure the program is made available whenever possible to qualified applicants. During meetings with lenders and community groups, other non-County sources of available financing are also discussed. The County continues to review funding resources available from the state and federal government to pursue as appropriate to provide homebuyer assistance.
16. First-Time Homebuyer Resources	Annually review funding resources available at the state and federal levels and pursue as appropriate to provide homebuyer assistance.	Ongoing	The County continues to review funding resources available from the state and federal government to obtain funds to provide homebuyer assistance. The County continues to provide information on its Homebuyer Assistance Program to first-time homebuyers via flyers and its website and through meetings with lenders, realtors, and community groups to ensure the program is made available whenever possible to qualified applicants.
Relevant Policy: 2.8	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
17. Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance	Continue to support and encourage the provision of vouchers to qualifying Fresno County households.	Ongoing	The County continues to support the efforts of the Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) to offer Housing Choice Vouchers and other rental assistance programs in the unincorporated areas of Fresno County. The County reviews and certifies the HAFC's five-year and annual plans for consistency with the County's Consolidated Plan. The County does not provide rental assistance directly but does assist Fresno Housing Authority in publicizing the opening of the Housing Choice Voucher waiting list by disseminating the information to County partners and clients.
17. Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance	Continue to refer interested households and homeowners to the Fresno Housing Authority and encourage landlords to register their properties with the Housing Authority for accepting HCVs.	Ongoing	The County continues to refer interested households and homeowners to the Fresno Housing Authority and encourages landowners to register their properties for accepting Housing Voucher Rental Assistance.

17. Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance	Work with the Housing Authority to disseminate information on incentives for participating in the HCV program throughout the county areas with varying income levels to promote housing opportunities for all unincorporated community residents.	Ongoing	In the 2023 calendar year, the County continues to support efforts to educate landlords of their duty to accept applicants using a voucher and share information about existing landlord mitigation and incentive programs. The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program was highlighted at both the Annual Housing Meeting and Annual Developer Meeting in 2023. The Housing Authority had staff present to educate residents on the use and their rights and a presentation was given to the developers on the HCV Program.
Relevant Policy: 2.2	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
18. Energy Conservation	Continue to promote and implement the County's Go Green initiatives.	Ongoing	The County continues to make efforts to incorporate "green building" and energy-efficient components in housing being rehabilitated when practical and acceptable to the client. The County's rehabilitation standards adhere to the HOME Program requirements to ensure the longevity of the home's major components and improve energy efficiency as much as possible. The County promotes design standards for new developments that encourage alternative transportation modes, such as walking and riding bicycles, to encourage physical activities and improve air quality.
18. Energy Conservation	Continue to promote and support Pacific Gas and Electric Company programs that provide energy efficiency rebates for qualifying energy-efficient upgrades.	Ongoing	The County continues to promote and support Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) programs that provide energy-efficiency rebates for qualifying energy-efficient upgrades.
18. Energy Conservation	Continue to incorporate conservation measures in housing rehabilitation programs.	Ongoing	The County makes every effort to incorporate green building and energy-efficient components in housing units being rehabilitated when practical and acceptable to the client. The County's rehabilitation standards adhere to the HOME Program requirements to ensure the longevity of the home's major components and improve energy efficiency as much as possible. The County promotes design standards for new developments that encourage alternative transportation modes such as walking and riding bicycles promoting physical activities, and improving air quality. The County continues to promote and support PG&E programs that provide energy-efficiency rebates for qualifying energy-efficient upgrades.
18. Energy Conservation	Expedite review and approval of residential alternative energy devices.	Ongoing	The County has expedited the review and approval of residential alternative energy devices.
Relevant Policies: 6.1, 6.2, 6.3	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE

General Comments

Jurisdiction	Fresno County Unincorporated	
Reporting Period	2023	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
Planning Period	5th Cycle	12/31/2015 - 12/31/2023

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Note: "+" indicates an optional field
Cells in grey contain auto-calculation formulas

Table F

Units Rehabilitated, Preserved and Acquired for Alternative Adequate Sites pursuant to Government Code section 65583.1(c)

Please note this table is optional: The jurisdiction can use this table to report units that have been substantially rehabilitated, converted from non-affordable to affordable by acquisition, and preserved, including mobilehome park preservation, consistent with the standards set forth in Government Code section 65583.1, subdivision (c). Please note, motel, hotel, hostel rooms or other structures that are converted from non-residential to residential units pursuant to Government Code section 65583.1(c)(1)(D) are considered net-new housing units and must be reported in Table A2 and not reported in Table F.

Activity Type	Units that Do Not Count Towards RHNA ⁺ Listed for Informational Purposes Only				Units that Count Towards RHNA ⁺ Note - Because the statutory requirements severely limit what can be counted, please contact HCD at apr@hcd.ca.gov and we will unlock the form which enable you to populate these fields.				The description should adequately document how each unit complies with subsection (c) of Government Code Section 65583.1 ⁺ . For detailed reporting requirements, see the checklist here: https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/docs/adequate-sites-checklist.pdf
	Extremely Low-Income ⁺	Very Low-Income ⁺	Low-Income ⁺	TOTAL UNITS ⁺	Extremely Low-Income ⁺	Very Low-Income ⁺	Low-Income ⁺	TOTAL UNITS ⁺	
Rehabilitation Activity									
Preservation of Units At-Risk									
Acquisition of Units									
Mobilehome Park Preservation									
Total Units by Income									

Jurisdiction	Unincorporated	
Reporting Period	2023	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
Planning Period	5th Cycle	12/31/2015 - 12/31/2023

NOTE: STUDENT HOUSING WITH DENSITY BONUS ONLY. This table only needs to be completed if there were student housing projects WITH a density bonus approved pursuant to Government Code 65915(b)(1)(F)

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Table J														
Student housing development for lower income students for which was granted a density bonus pursuant to subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 65915														
Project Identifier				Project Type	Date	Units (Beds/Student Capacity) Approved							Units (Beds/Student Capacity) Granted Density Bonus	Notes
1				2	3	4							5	6
APN	Street Address	Project Name*	Local Jurisdiction Tracking ID*	Unit Category (SH - Student Housing)	Date	Very Low- Income Deed Restricted	Very Low- Income Non Deed Restricted	Low- Income Deed Restricted	Low- Income Non Deed Restricted	Moderate- Income Deed Restricted	Moderate- Income Non Deed Restricted	Above Moderate- Income	Total Additional Beds Created Due to Density Bonus	Notes
Summary Row: Start Data Entry Below														

Jurisdiction	Fresno County - Unincorporated	
Reporting Period	2023	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
Planning Period	5th Cycle	12/31/2015 - 12/31/2023

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Table K

Tenant Preference Policy

Local governments are required to inform HCD about any local tenant preference ordinance the local government maintains when the jurisdiction submits their annual progress report on housing approvals and production, per Government Code 7061 (SB 649, 2022, Cortese). Effective January 1, 2023, local governments adopting a tenant preference are required to create a webpage on their internet website containing authorizing local ordinance and supporting materials, no more than 90 days after the ordinance becomes

Does the Jurisdiction have a local tenant preference policy?	No
If the jurisdiction has a local tenant preference policy, provide a link to the jurisdiction's webpage on their internet website containing authorizing local ordinance and supporting materials.	
Notes	

Jurisdiction	esno County - Unincorporated	
Reporting Year	2023	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)

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Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Reporting
 (CCR Title 25 §6202)

Please update the status of the proposed uses listed in the entity's application for funding and the corresponding impact on housing within the region or jurisdiction, as applicable, categorized based on the eligible uses specified in Section 50515.02 or 50515.03, as applicable.

Total Award Amount	\$	500,000.00	<i>Total award amount is auto-populated based on amounts entered in rows 15-26.</i>
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Task	\$ Amount Awarded	\$ Cumulative Reimbursement Requested	Task Status	Other Funding	Notes
Project 1: Multifamily Complex Plans	\$0.00	\$0.00	In Progress	None	
Land and Site inventory for potential complex	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	In Progress	None	
RFP/Hire Architect	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	Completed	None	
Architect Design Plan	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	Completed	None	
Review/Approval by Planning Department	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	In Progress	None	
Web page creation	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	In Progress	None	
Outreach to landowners of parcels	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	In Progress	None	
Project 2: Local Housing Trust Community Outreach	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	In Progress	None	
RFP/Hire Consultant	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	Completed	None	
Development of Study	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	In Progress	None	
Legal Documents	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	In Progress	None	
Grant Administration	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	In Progress	None	

Summary of entitlements, building permits, and certificates of occupancy (auto-populated from Table A2)

Completed Entitlement Issued by Affordability Summary		
Income Level		Current Year
Very Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	13
Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	25
Moderate	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	44
Above Moderate		43
Total Units		125

Building Permits Issued by Affordability Summary		
Income Level		Current Year
Very Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	13
Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	25
Moderate	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	44
Above Moderate		43
Total Units		125

Certificate of Occupancy Issued by Affordability Summary		
Income Level		Current Year
Very Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	2
Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	2
Moderate	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	0
Above Moderate		0
Total Units		4

ATTACHMENT B

EXHIBIT 2

January 23, 2024

Fresno County Planning Commission
2220 Tulare Street, 6th floor
Fresno, CA 93721

Dear Planning Commissioners:

The County's Annual Progress Report (**APR**) on the implementation of the Fresno County General Plan for calendar year 2023 is due to the Board of Supervisors, the Office and Planning and Research (**OPR**) and the Department of Housing and Community Development by April 1, 2024.

The reporting requirements are detailed in Government Code § 65400. Please note that the most recent amendment of Government Code § 65400 went into effective January 1, 2023 through the following legislation: Assembly Bill 2653 (Santiago).

For the purposes of this communication, the salient portions of Government Code § 65400 are those shown below:

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:

(A) The status of the plan and progress in its implementation.

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(F) The degree to which its approved general plan complies with the guidelines developed and adopted pursuant to Section 65040.2¹ and the date of the last revision to the general plan.

¹ Section 65040.2 requires OPR to adopt and periodically revise the State's General Plan Guidelines (**GPG**) for the preparation and content of general plans for all cities and counties in California. The GPG serves as a "how to" resource for drafting general plans. Notably, the GPG details the most recent statutory requirements (mandates) enacted by the Legislature.

Due to fact that OPR's website was updated on October 5, 2023, OPR recommends that cities and counties redownload any general plan guideline documents obtained before that date so that the content remains current.

The statutory requirement to prepare annual progress reports was also made part of the General Plan itself. The text of General Plan Policy LU-H.12 and General Plan Program LU-H.D reference that requirement:

General Plan Policy LU-H.12

The County shall review the General Plan annually and revise it as deemed necessary.

General Plan Program LU-H.D

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. This review shall also be used to satisfy the requirements of Public Resources Code 21081.6 for a mitigation monitoring program. (See Policy LU-H.12)

The critical importance of such annual reviews was noted by the Planning Commission in its first formal review of the 2000 General in May 2003, which reported on the implementation of the General Plan for fiscal year 2001/2002. The Planning Commission wrote...

"Because the role of the General Plan is to act as a 'constitution' for the long-term physical development of the County and because it is required to be updated periodically to reflect current circumstances, it is critical that the County periodically review the General Plan and its implementation. The Annual Report serves as a tool for this purpose." (2001/2002 APR, page I-1)

The County's first APR is a delight to read, being, by present-day reporting standards, uncommonly thorough and accurate. It accurately reports both the successes and the failures associated with plan implementation, and it contains numerous well-reasoned recommendations for making the General Plan a more effective guide for orderly growth and development.

Unfortunately, the APRs a decade later are a huge disappointment, being neither complete nor transparent in their reporting of the County's struggle to implement the General Plan. As will be described in this communication, the volume of inadequate reporting became so untenable that the League of Women of Voters of Fresno was prompted in 2019, by way of example, to draft and provide to the Planning Commission a more thorough and accurate report of General Plan implementation.

The County learned little from receipt of the League's sample APR, and the County's most recent APR for calendar year 2022 is equally incomplete and misleading.

A change is long overdue. That is why I'm asking your Commission to direct the County's planning staff to bring to the Commission an APR for calendar year 2023 that includes...

- 1) The degree to which the County's General Plan complies with Government Code § 65400,
- 2) Full disclosure of the County's ability/inability to fully implement General Plan programs, and
- 3) A comprehensive report on the implementation of mitigation measures adopted in 2000 to lessen the adverse effects of buildout under the General Plan.

Background

The General Plan Policy Document was last updated October 3, 2000.

The County's first annual progress report (APR) under the new 2000 Plan evaluated plan implantation through June 30, 2002. That APR was finalized by the Planning Commission in May of 2003 and accepted by the Board of Supervisors in June of that year.

The County's first APR is respected for its insight and candor. The 2001/2002 report recommended the adoption of eight plan modifications, established a timeframe for the update of regional and community plans and recommended creation of an Indicators Program to "serve as a tool with which to evaluate or assess progress toward attainment of the goals of the General Plan." (2001/2002 APR, page III-1.)

The report also revealed that two years into the operation of the 2000 General Plan, insufficient funding was delaying the implementation of several programs. Said the Planning Commission,

"While progress has been made for most of the programs, there are some programs where progress has not been made within the timeframe set out in the particular implementation program. The lack of progress is principally due to the allocation of resources associated with funding and/or staffing." (2001/2002 APR, page V-3.)

On August 26, 2003, two months after the accepting the Planning Commission's APR for fiscal year 2001/2002, the Board of Supervisors approved the concept of using indicators in future APRs and directed staff to return to the Board with a plan to do so on a regular basis. The minutes of that Board meeting read as follows:

"Agenda Item No. 9.

Consider presentation on Pilot Indicator Project 'Using Indicators to Track Changes in Implementation of the Fresno County General Plan' by League of Women Voters, and consensus Resolution adopted by Fresno County Planning Commission recommending use of indicators in future Annual Reports on General Plan

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED; DIRECTED STAFF TO RETURN TO THE BOARD WITH IMPLEMENTATION PLAN ON THE INDICATORS FOR USE ON A REGULAR BASIS..."

But then something went terribly wrong. No indicators program ever materialized, there was no attempt to resolve the funding problem identified by the Planning Commission, and the County discontinued the preparation of annual reports.

In 2013, the League of Women Voters of Fresno (**League**)² began to press the County to comply with the reporting requirements in Government Code § 65400 and General Plan Program LU-H.D. The League sent letters to the County dated April 11, 2013, May 27, 2013, September 11, 2013, December 12, 2013, December 23, 2013 and January 25, 2014. The League also addressed the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors in person and met with County planning staff respecting the need to comply with these reporting requirements.

² The League of Women Voters of Fresno is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy.

When no report materialized by the April 1, 2014 due date, the League filed a complaint with the Fresno County Grand Jury.³

A year later, the County resumed the preparation of APRs with a report covering calendar years 2013 and 2014. Since then, the County has prepared an APR for each calendar year. The most recent APR, for calendar year 2022, was approved by the Board of Supervisors March 28, 2023.

Unfortunately, the APRs covering the last ten years (2013 – 2022) are a resounding disappointment, all being incomplete and misleading, this despite repeated complaints by county residents calling for full disclosure with respect the implementation of the General Plan.

Incomplete

By incomplete, I mean that none of the County’s APRs from 2013 through 2022 contain the information required by Government Code § 65400(A)(2)(F), namely, *“The degree to which [the County’s 2000] general plan complies with the guidelines developed and adopted pursuant to [Government Code] Section 65040.2....”* (For an description of Government Code Section 65040.2, please see the footnote on page 1.)

By incomplete, I mean that none of the County’s APRs from 2013 through 2022 contain the information required by General Plan Program LU-H.D. That program requires the County to include in its APRs, as per Public Resources Code § 21081.6, the monitoring of mitigation measures adopted in 2000 to mitigate the adverse effects of buildout under the 2000 General Plan. The mitigation measures requiring monitoring were identified in the EIR prepared for the adoption of the plan.⁴

By incomplete, I mean that none of the County’s APRs from 2013 through 2022 contain the information required by General Plan Program OS-A.C, namely, a report on the County’s groundwater monitoring program.

³ The April 23, 2014 complaint to the Fresno County Grand Jury read in part, *“For the past 11 years, the County has failed to prepare annual reports on the implementation of the Fresno County General Plan....The League of Women Voters of Fresno maintains that in the process of conducting the people’s business, the County has a moral and legal obligation to comply with all laws. League members are available to fully brief the Grand Jury with respect to the threats to basic constitutional rights and to the deleterious effects of the County having failed to comply with Government Code 65400.”*

⁴ The text on page 7 of the Introduction to the 2000 EIR reads, *“**Mitigation Monitoring.** CEQA requires that when a public agency makes findings based on an EIR, the public agency must adopt a reporting or monitoring program for those measures which it has adopted or made a condition of the project approval in order to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment (Public Resources Code Section 21081.6). The reporting or monitoring program must be designed to ensure compliance during project implementation (Public Resources Code Section 21081.6). The Mitigation Monitoring Program for the General Plan will be prepared for all mitigation measures identified in the EIR.”* (My underlining.)

Page 3-3 of the Chapter in the 2000 EIR titled “Summary of Impacts and Mitigation Measures” reads as follows: *“If an impact is determined to be significant or potentially significant, applicable mitigation measures are identified as appropriate. These mitigation measures are also summarized in Table 3-1. The mitigation measures presented in the EIR will form the basis of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMP).”* Table 3-1 identified — and the County adopted — more than 300 General Plan policies as mitigation measures. (My underlining.)

Misleading

By misleading, I mean that the County's APRs for calendar years 2013 through 2022 do not accurately describe the County's inability to fully implement General Plan programs.

Developed in the late 1990s with input from a broad range of community interests, Fresno County's 2000 General Plan was cutting edge for its time — a blueprint for future development that promised to end the county's chronic poverty, protect the environment and provide adequate facilities and services for all county residents. But the plan was only as good as the County's ability to implement it. Those who have studied the matter closely understand that the County has had considerable difficulty implementing the plan as written and that its annual progress reports misrepresent this fact.

On September 1, 2016, the League published a study comparing the degree of success in implementing General Plan programs in six of seven elements in the General Plan Policy Document. The League compared data in the APR for fiscal year 2001/2002 with that from the APR for calendar year 2015. The League study reported considerable success in implementing programs during 2001/2002 but much less success during 2015. The data indicated that successful implementation fell by 45% between 2001/2002 and 2015. For fiscal year 2001/2002, the County reported it was successfully implementing 86 of 121 programs (71%), but for calendar year 2015, the County could demonstrate successful implementation of only 47 of those same programs (39%). Nonetheless, the APR for calendar year 2015 did not explore the reasons for the decline in success nor did it present any suggestions for improving plan implementation.

On November 11, 2019, the League provided the Planning Commission with a sample APR for calendar year 2017 in the hope that it would serve as a catalyst for improving the County's annual reporting. The League's APR included an analysis demonstrating that the County's report of a 90% success rate⁵ for the implementation of General Plan programs during 2017 was far from accurate. The rate of success was closer to 33%. The League found that the County's 2017 APR demonstrated successful implementation of 46 programs (33%), poor implementation of 44 programs (31%) and no implementation or failed implementation of 50 programs (36%).

In the summer of 2020, the League carefully examined the County's APR for calendar year 2019 and summarized its findings in a report to the Board of Supervisors dated November 21, 2020. This more-recent League report showed that over the course of seventeen years (2003 through 2019) the County's report of the successful implementation of General Plan programs fell from 71% to 40% while the report of no progress rose from 14% to 37%. And, just as with earlier APRs, the County's APR for 2019 did not discuss the need to improve implementation.

⁵ The County's 2017 APR identified only 14 of 140 General Plan programs (10%) as being unsatisfactorily implemented, leaving the reader to assume that the County was successfully implementing 90% of its programs. The 14 programs listed as unsatisfactorily implemented were Implementation Programs ED-B.A, LU-A.I, LU-C.A, LU-H.A, TR-A.B, PF-B.A, PF-B.B, PF-C.E, PF-G.A, OS-D.B, OS-F.B, OS-H.A, OS-J.A and HS-G.B. (The County did not report deficiencies in the implementation of any programs in the Housing Element.)

Three Requests of the Planning Commission

In light of the information presented above, I ask the Planning Commission to give the following instruction the County's planning staff.

1. **Bring to the Planning Commission an APR for calendar year 2023 that includes an explanation of the degree to which the County's General Plan complies with Government Code § 65400.**

(See Appendix A below for a review of APR reporting on compliance with Gov. Code § 65400.)

The Introduction to the state's General Plan Guidelines reads, "*For mandatory and common optional elements of the general plan, the General Plan Guidelines sets out each statutory requirement in detail, provides OPR recommended policy language, and includes online links to city and county general plans that have adopted similar policies.*" (My underlining.)

Commissioners and county residents alike are entitled to information regarding the degree to which the County's General Plan complies with statutory requirements. The County's APRs do not provide this information. Below are two illustrations.

- A) Assembly Bill 170 (Reyes, 2003, approved by the Governor on September 22, 2003 and codified in Government Code § 65302.1) required the County to amend the General Plan no later than June 30, 2009 to include a comprehensive set of goals, policies, objectives and feasible implementation measures to improve air quality. As of today, the County has not complied with this statutory requirement, and none of the County's APRs (2013 – 2022) identified the lack of compliance. Had the County complied with the requirements of § 65400, the problem would have been identified — and possibly corrected.
- B) Senate Bill 379 (Jackson, 2015, approved by the Governor on October 8, 2015 and codified in Government Code § 65302) required the County to amend its General Plan Safety Element no later than April 23, 2019 to include a comprehensive set of goals, policies, objectives and feasible implementation measures to address climate adaptation and resiliency strategies. As of today, the County has not complied with this statutory requirement, and none of the County's APRs (2019 – 2022) identified the lack of compliance. Had the County complied with the requirements of § 65400, the problem would have been identified— and possibly corrected.

Due to the County's noncompliance with Government Code § 65400, county residents are unaware of the County's noncompliance with state laws. And with respect to the County's lack of compliance with Assembly Bill 170 and Senate Bill 379, it's possible that county residents are at increased risk due to poor air quality and hazardous conditions.

2. **Bring to the Planning Commission an APR for calendar year 2023 that includes full disclosure of the County's ability or inability to fully implement programs in the General Policy Document.**

General Plan programs can be thought of as the engine that drives General Plan implementation, being a set of actions, procedures and techniques that are designed to implement the County's General Plan policies, which themselves are specific statements guiding action and implying a clear commitment to achieving General Plan goals.

Commissioners and county residents alike are entitled to full disclosure regarding the County's successes and failures with respect to the implementation of General Plan programs. The County's APRs do not provide this information. Below are two illustrations.

- A) Printed below in full are Implementation Program ED-A.C and the report about the implementation of that program from the County's APR for calendar year 2022.

ED-A.C The County shall retain an independent and qualified institution to conduct an evaluation at least every five (5) years of success in achieving the goals and targets of the Economic Development Strategy. (See Policy ED-A.4)

Report In 2022, the EDC initiated plans toward updating the 5 Year CEDS with County of Fresno staff. The EDC, City of Fresno and County of Fresno agreed to coordinate around a shared CEDS planning grant. The EDC, on behalf of the County, cost-shared a grant writing consultant hired by the City and served as a co-applicant. Unfortunately, the EDA grant was not awarded. Since that time, the EDC received an EDA Good Jobs Challenge Grant. EDC is communicating with EDA on next steps for the CEDS update the (sic) includes Good Jobs Challenge program.

The APR for calendar year 2022 does not address whether the County's Economic Development Strategy is being routinely evaluated. Instead, it addresses a failed attempt to attain a planning grant. In truth, there is no evidence in any of the APRs for calendar years 2013 through 2022 that the County has ever retained an independent institution to conduct an evaluation of the success in achieving the goals and targets of the County's Economic Development Strategy. Due to the absence of regular evaluations, it's unlikely that that Commissioners and county residents will ever know whether the goals and targets of the County's Economic Development Strategy are being achieved.

- B) Printed below in full are Implementation Program LU-A.D and the report about the implementation of that program from the County's APR for calendar year 2022.

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. (See Policies LU-A.13 and LU-A.16)

Report There was no comprehensive evaluation of agricultural land preservation programs in 2022.

Both the Williamson Act Program and conservation easements are 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 for agricultural purposes, which furthers the County's goals and policies for the preservation of productive agricultural land. 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.

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. County staff also work with the Agricultural Land Conservation Committee to review cancellation petitions and forward the Committee's recommendations to the Board of Supervisors

The APR for calendar year 2022 does not address whether the County is conducting periodic evaluations of the County's land preservation programs to assess their effectiveness in furthering the County's agricultural goals and policies. Instead, it reports no implementation of Program LU-A.D during 2022 (without explanation) and the fact that the County administers the Williamson Act Program, which is not useful information. In truth, there is no evidence in any of the APRs for calendar years 2013 through 2022 that the County has ever evaluated the effectiveness of the County's land preservation programs in furthering the County's agricultural goals and policies.

Due to the absence of periodic County review, it's unlikely that that Commissioners and county residents will ever know whether the County's agricultural land preservation programs are effective in furthering the County's agricultural goals and policies.

The examples above are indicative of a common disclosure problem in the County's APRs.

The lack of transparency keeps Commissioners and county residents from knowing the full extent of the County's inability to implement the General Plan and, thus, to achieve the goals of the plan.

3. Bring to the Planning Commission an APR for calendar year 2023 that includes a full report on the implementation of every mitigation measure adopted in 2000 to lessen the adverse effects of the implementation of the 2000 General Plan.

In 2000, the County adopted more than 300 mitigation measures to lessen the adverse impact of buildout under the 2000 General Plan. The 2000 EIR identified these significant and unavoidable impacts:

Public Services

- Inability to meet the demand for police and fire protection and other public services.
- Inability to meet the demand for recreation facilities (parks) and library services.

Transportation and Circulation

- Operation of roadway segments at unacceptable levels of service.
- Reduction in the ability to maintain adequate pavement conditions on rural roadways.
- Inability to meet the demand for transit services.
- Inability to meet the demand for bicycle facilities.

Agricultural Resources

- Permanent loss of important farmland.
- Significant reduction in agricultural production.

Water Resources

- Demand for water exceeding available supply, resulting in overdraft conditions.
- Demand for water exceeding available supply, resulting in adverse effects on groundwater recharge potential.
- Exacerbation of groundwater overdraft conditions, resulting in land subsidence.
- Alteration of the rate and direction of the flows of contaminated groundwater.

Biological Resources

- Degradation of riparian and aquatic habitat.
- Loss of wetland and grassland habitat.
- Loss of habitat for special-status wildlife and plant species.

Mineral Resources

- Reduction of the amount of land available for mineral resource extraction.

Historical Resources

- Devaluation, disturbance, or destruction of unidentified subsurface prehistoric resources and historic sites.

Air Resources

- Increase in air pollution caused by mobile and stationary sources.

Wastewater and Hazardous materials

- Demand for wastewater treatment beyond the capacities of existing facilities.
- Increase in the use of hazardous materials and an increase in the generation of hazardous waste.

Storm Drainage and Flooding

- Increase in stormwater runoff and the potential for downstream flooding.

Noise

- Permanent increase in ambient noise levels that could affect sensitive receptors.

Esthetics

- Permanent alteration of the existing visual character of the region and/or visual access to scenic resources.
- Introduction of new sources of light and glare into development areas and surrounding rural areas.

Commissioners and county residents alike are entitled to full disclosure regarding the County's successes and failures with respect the implementation of mitigation measures.

General Plan Program LU-H.D directs that the County's APRs shall be used to satisfy the state requirement for a mitigation monitoring program (Public Resources Code 21081.6). Even so, the County's APRs do not include such monitoring. Below are two illustrations.

- A) Printed below in full is General Plan Policy PF-C.5, which was adopted as a mitigation measure in 2000 to help the lessen adverse impact on water resources.

PF-C.5 The County shall develop a County water budget to determine long-term needs and to determine whether existing and planned water resource enhancements will meet the county's needs over the twenty (20) year General Plan horizon.

I cannot find in the County record any reference to the existence of a water budget and assume, therefore, that one does not exist. The County's APR for fiscal year 2001/2002 stated that the Water, Geology and Natural Resources Section was gathering data for a database that would include a water budget. But since the County never undertook any mitigation monitoring and since the County chose not to prepare APRs for calendar years 2003 through 2012, there is no way for the public to know if Policy PF-C.5 was ever implemented.

The failure to monitor General Plan Policy PF-C.5 may have contributed to the seriousness of the overdraft of groundwater in Fresno County.

- B) Printed below in full is General Plan Policy OS-G.1, which was adopted as a mitigation measure in 2000 to help the lessen adverse impact on air quality.

OS-G.1 The County shall develop standard methods for determining and mitigating project air quality impacts and related thresholds of significance for use in environmental documents. The County will do this in conjunction with the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (SJVUAPCD) and the cities in Fresno County.

I cannot find in the County record any reference to the existence of standard methods for determining and mitigation air quality impacts that were developed by the County in conjunction with the Air District and the county's 15 cities and assume, therefore, that such methods do not exist. However, that said, there is information in some APRs suggesting that standard methods may have been developed⁶ — albeit, unlikely.

The lack of transparency regarding the County's failure to implement a policy designed to lessen adverse impacts on air quality is certainly troubling, and the County's wholesale failure to monitor General Plan mitigation measures puts the environment and the health of county residents at risk.

The Importance of Honoring these Three Requests

It's always best for government officials to comply fully with state and local regulations. Doing so upholds the integrity of government processes, demonstrates due diligence, helps foster civic engagement, protects the public interest and shields the government from legal repercussions.

Doing so also keeps people suitably informed. So the question is this: How can effective planning take place when the only documents available to planners, Commissions and county residents are incomplete and unreliable? This is why I'm asking your Planning Commission to direct the County's planning staff to prepare an APR for calendar year 2023 that includes (1) the degree to which the County's General Plan complies with Government Code § 65400, (2) full disclosure of the County's ability or inability to fully implement General Plan programs and (3) a full report on the implementation of the mitigation measures adopted in 2000 to lessen the adverse effects of buildout under the General Plan.

Thank you,



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⁶ Because the 2000 General Plan contained Program OS-G.A, which was specifically designed to implement Policy OS-G.1, some information about the implementation of Policy OS-G.1 can be gleaned from prior APRs. The APR for fiscal year 2001/2002 reported that the County was working with the Air District to "possibly revise" the County's existing standard methods/procedures for determining and mitigating project air quality impacts for use in County environmental documents. Ten years later, the APR for calendar years 2013 and 2014 reported that implementation of Policy OS-G.1 had been delayed due to a "lack of available funding." But then the APR for the following year (2015) reported that the policy had been implemented. Adding to the confusion, the County's APR for calendar year 2017 proposed moving implementation of Program OS-G.A to a future date, which suggested that the program had not been implemented. At present, the County proposes to retain Policy OS-G.1 (as written) in its forthcoming 2042 General Plan, which again suggests that the policy has not been implemented.

Appendix A

Appendix A contains excerpts from Fresno County's General Plan Annual Progress Reports and associated staff reports that address the matter of compliance with Gov. Code § 65400.

APR for Calendar Years 2013-2014

(Excerpts from Pages i, 1, 5 and 6)

PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

An Annual Report including the following information is **required** to be prepared and submitted to the County Board of Supervisors, Office of Planning and Research, and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) by April 1st of each year:

1. The status of the General Plan and progress in its implementation;
2. The County's progress in meeting its share of the regional housing needs;
3. Local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing; and
4. The degree to which the County's approved General Plan complies with the State General Plan Guidelines and the date of last revision to the General Plan.

This Report summarizes the planning activities for the unincorporated portions of Fresno County from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014. **In addition to the required above-listed information**, the Report includes on-going and completed relevant planning activities, programs, and permits.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Development Services Division (DSD) of the Department of Public Works and Planning (PW&P) has prepared this 2014 General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) in accordance with guidance provided by the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

State General Plan Guidelines for Annual Progress Report

The OPR Guidance provides **suggested content** for the APR. **The content provided below is based on suggestions from the Guidance.**

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4. *The degree to which the General Plan complies with OPR's General Plan Guidelines....*

Note: The APR for calendar years 2013 and 2014 correctly states that Government Code § 65400 "requires" the County to include in its APR the degree to which the County's approved General Plan complies with the OPR's General Plan Guidelines. However, the APR also contradicts itself in stating that OPR's "Guidance" only "suggests" the contents for APRs. It's questionable which set of guidelines the County is referring to: OPR's Guidance for completing APRs or OPR's General Plan Guidelines, but any event, the statutory requirement has primacy over any APR guidance provided by OPR.

APR for Calendar Year 2015

(Excerpts from pages i, 1 and 2)

PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

Government Code Section 65400 requires that the County submit a report on the status of carrying out the implementation of its General Plan....

State law requires generalized reporting on General Plan Implementation....

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Public Works and Planning (PW&P) has prepared this 2015 General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) in accordance with guidance provided by the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

STATE GENERAL PLAN GUIDELINES FOR ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS

The OPR Guidance provides **suggested content** for the APR. **The content provided below is based on suggestions from the Guidance.**

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4. **The degree to which the General Plan complies with OPR's General Plan Guidelines....**

Note: The County's APR for calendar year 2015 (as well as the County's APRs for calendar years 2016 through 2019) states that California law "requires" the County to include in its APRs only "generalized reporting." There is no such requirement in the law.

The APR for calendar year 2015 does not state that the County is required to include in its report the degree to which the General Plan complies with OPR's General Plan Guidelines. Instead, it states that such reporting is only suggested by OPR's "Guidance" document.

APR for Calendar Year 2016

(Excerpts from Pages i, 1 and 2)

PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

Government Code Section 65400 requires that the County submit a report on the status of carrying out the implementation of its General Plan....

State law requires generalized reporting on General Plan implementation...

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Public Works and Planning (PW&P) has prepared this 2016 General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) in accordance with guidance provided by the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

STATE GENERAL PLAN GUIDELINES FOR ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS

The OPR Guidance provides **suggested content** for the APR. **The content provided below is based on suggestions from the Guidance.**

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4. *The degree to which the General Plan complies with OPR's General Plan Guidelines...*

Note: The County's APR for calendar year 2016 contains statements identical to those in its 2015 APR.

APR for Calendar Year 2017

(Excerpts from Pages i, 1 and 2)

PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

Government Code Section 65400 requires that the County provide a report on the status of implementing the General Plan....

State law requires generalized reporting on General Plan Implementation....

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Public Works and Planning (PW&P) has prepared this 2017 General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) in accordance with guidance provided by the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

STATE GENERAL PLAN GUIDELINES FOR ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS

The OPR provides information on preparation of the Annual Progress Report (APR) for the Housing Element...as well as **suggestions** on the topics to be included in the APR. **The content provided below is based on the OPR Guidance.**

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4. **The degree to which the General Plan complies with OPR's General Plan Guidelines — This APR complies with the General Plan Guidelines provided by OPR.**

Note: Here the County's position is abundantly clear. The County contends that its APR for 2017 need not report the degree to which the General Plan complies with OPR's "General Plan Guidelines" because OPR's "Guidance" only contains "suggestions" for topics to be included in an APR.

It's important to understand that Government Code § 65400 refers to a specific guidance document titled "General Plan Guidelines" and not to an OPR's advisory memos for the preparation of APRs. Certainly, the County knows this, which calls to question as to why the County is citing the wrong document.

OPR publishes Annual Progress Report advisory memos that provide guidance for completing APRs, but such guidance documents are not legal authority. In fact, these guidance documents typically contain this statement: "The guidance that follows is intended to assist local governments with the development of the General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) and is not intended to be construed as legal advice."

APR for Calendar Year 2018

(Excerpts from Pages i, 1 and 2)

PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

Government Code Section 65400 requires that the County provide a report on the status of implementing the General Plan....

State law requires generalized reporting on implementation of the General Plan...

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Public Works and Planning (PW&P) has prepared this 2018 General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) in accordance with guidance provided by the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR)....

STATE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH (OPR) GUIDANCE FOR PREPARATION OF ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS

There is no standardized form or format for the preparation of the General Plan APR. **The following recommendations** have been provided by OPR to serve as guidance in developing an APR for cities and counties.

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6. **The degree to which the General Plan complies with OPR's General Plan Guidelines**, including environmental justice considerations collaborative planning with the military lands and facilities, and consultation with native American tribes.

Note: The County's APR for calendar year 2018 states that OPR only "recommends" that APRs report the degree to which a county's general plan complies with OPR's General Plan Guidelines.

But the statutory requirements is not a recommendation; it's a mandate. Note the use of the word "shall" in Government Code § 65400: "(a) After the legislative body has adopted...a general plan, the planning agency **shall**....(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...."

APR for Calendar Year 2019

(Excerpts from Pages i and 1)

PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

Government Code Section 65400 requires that the County provide a report on the status of implementing the General Plan....

State law requires generalized reporting on implementation of the General Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Public Works and Planning (PW&P) has prepared this 2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) **in accordance with guidance provided by the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR)**....

Note: The County's APR for calendar year 2019 states that the APR was prepared "*in accordance with guidance*" provided by OPR. There's no problem with this — as long as the County is referring to the appropriate guidance document, the one titled "General Plan Guidance."

Note: The March 12, 2020 staff report to the Planning Commission for the approval of the APR for calendar year 2019 contains the following text:

"Summary:

The 2019 APR meets the requirement of Government Code Section 65400 regarding reasonable and practical means for implementing the general plan so that it will serve as an effective guide for orderly growth and development."

The statement above references Government Code § 65400(a)(1), which directs a planning agency (planning commission and planning staff) to "*Investigate and make recommendations to the legislative body [board of supervisors] regarding reasonable and practical means for implementing the general plan...so that it will serve as an effective guide for orderly growth and development....*"

Actually, this subsection of Government Code § 65400 doesn't pertain to the preparation of APRs per se. However, the County's citing of the code does raise an important issue, for although the Planning Commission received credible evidence for a decade (2013 – 2022) that funding problems prevented full implementation of General Plan programs, neither the County's planning staff nor the Planning Commission ever initiated an "*investigation*" into the matter to ensure the effectiveness of the General Plan.

APR for Calendar Year 2020

(Excerpts from Pages i and ii)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Public Works and Planning is pleased to present the 2020 General Plan Annual Process (sic) Report....Because the General Plan is so broad ranging, it is unrealistic to annually implement every Goal, Policy, and Implementation Program. Rather, each year represents a continuation of implementation progress, with some years having greater progress than others. Despite the challenges of 2020, Fresno County continues to make progress towards implementing the 2000 General Plan.

The Department has prepared this 2020 General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) **per guidance provided by the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR)** in its January 25, 2021 advisory memorandum....

Purpose of the General Plan Annual Report and Housing Element Annual Report

The **intent** of the General Plan Annual Report (APR) is to demonstrate the **County's compliance with the requirements of Government Code Sections 65400 and 65700 which mandate that the County prepare an annual report on the status of the General Plan** and progress in its implementation.

Note: The County's APR for calendar year 2020 states that the "**intent**" of the County's APR is to "**demonstrate the County's compliance with the requirements of Government Code § 65400.**" Other than the difficulty associated with the word "*intent*", the statement is generally correct. But what does "*compliance*" entail? I contend that compliance is more than meeting the "*mandate that the County prepare an annual report.*" Compliance includes meeting the mandates expressed in subsections "A" through "M" of that same statute. Subsection F explains that the County's APR must include "*the degree to which its approved general plan complies with the guidelines developed and adopted pursuant to Section 65040.2.*" Those guidelines are OPR's General Plan Guidelines, last comprehensively updated in 2017.

APR for Calendar Year 2021

(Excerpts from the First Page of the Executive Summary, Pages 3 and 4)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

California Government Code section 65400 requires jurisdictions to include the degree to which the approved General Plan complies with the state General Plan Guidelines (Guidelines) in the APR. Department staff reviewed the Guidelines and determined that the County's General Plan meets the mandatory requirements described therein.

The Guidelines provide an interpretation of state statutes and case law as they relate to planning. In addition, the Guidelines outline the general framework for the preparation and revision of a General Plan...and the relationship of the General Plan to State of California Environmental Quality Act requirements....the Guidelines are **advisory rather than prescriptive**, thus preserving opportunities for local jurisdictions to address contemporary planning topics in a locally appropriate manner.

GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT AND OPR GUIDELINES

It should be noted that since the adoption date of the General Plan document in October of 2000, there have been several legislative changes which prompted the OPR to prepare the General Plan Guidelines that were released in 2017, guidelines provided to ensure local government General Plans are prepared in compliance with the law. **The intent of the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update is to bring these documents in compliance with the law by using the 2017 General Plan Guidelines as a guide.**

... General Plan requirements that have been added since 2000 and which will be addressed in the 2022 General Plan Review include:

- Updates to the Circulation Element to address Senate Bill 743 which shifts traffic analysis to Vehicle Miles Traveled
- Updates to the Safety Element to incorporate the County-adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan into the General Plan by reference....

Note: The text above presents a quandary. There's the statement that the County has determined that the General Plan is compliant with the mandatory general plan requirements described in OPR's General Plan Guidelines. But that claim is followed by a converse statement that the County is currently using those same guidelines to bring the General Plan into compliance with state law.

Bringing the General Plan into compliance with state law is well and good, and the County is correct in stating that OPR's General Plan Guidelines "*provide an interpretation of state statutes and case law as they relate to planning.*" But the County can't be both compliant and noncompliant at the same time. It appears the blanket statement the County's General Plan "*meets the mandatory requirements*" described in OPR's General Plan Guidelines is simply not true.

Note also that since the County is using OPR's General Plan Guidelines to bring the County's General Plan into compliance with state law, the County can easily comply with Government Code § 65400 by including in its APRs the degree to which the 2000 General Plan complies with the statutes cited in those same General Plan Guidelines.

APR for Calendar Year 2022

(Excerpts from the First Page of the Executive Summary and Page 2)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Public Works and Planning prepared the 2022 APR in accordance with OPR's October 6, 2022, APR preparation memorandum and HCD's 2022 Housing Element APR Instructions.

GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT (APR) OVERVIEW

OPR's APR preparation memorandum **suggests** the following content to be included in the APR:

- Degree to which the General Plan complies with OPR General Plan Guidelines (including environmental justice considerations, collaborative planning with military facilities, and consultation with Native American Tribes)

Note: The statement above makes it is clear that the County believes there is no obligation to include in its APRs the "degree to which the General Plan complies with OPR General Plan Guidelines."

For further explanation as to why the County's position is incorrect, see the AFTERWORD below. The AFTERWORD compares information from two documents: the County's APR for calendar year 2022 and Government Code § 65400.

Based on an advisory memo from OPR dated October 6, 2022, the County identifies in its APR for calendar year 2022 a **suggested** list of APR components, including the two shown below.

- *The date of the last update to the General Plan*
- *Degree to which the General Plan complies with OPR General Plan Guidelines (including environmental justice considerations, collaborative planning with military facilities, and consultation with Native American Tribes)*

These same components are **required** by Government Code § 65400.

65400. (a)...the planning agency shall...provide by April 1 of each year an annual report...that includes all of the following:...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.

The fact that OPR includes among its list of suggested APR components two components required by state law (namely, the degree to which the County's General Plan complies with the state's General Plan Guidelines and the date of the last revision of the General Plan) in no way negates the requirement to include that information in APRs. Said another way, the insertion of a prescriptive statement in an advisory document does not transform the requirement into an option.

AFTERWORD

For a decade, county residents have expressed concern to the Fresno County Planning Commission that the County’s annual progress reports on the implementation of the 2000 General Plan have failed to include a description of the degree to which the General Plan complies with the General Plan Guidelines developed by the Office of Planning and Research.

Below, on the left, is a quote from the County’s 2022 APR regarding a suggested list of components for an APR. On the right is a summary of required components per Government Code § 65400. The two lists are different except for the reference to Government Code § 65400(a)(2)(F) (in blue). OPR’s error in including subsection “F” as a “suggested” component of an APR does not negate the fact that it’s actually required.

County Reasoning Regarding the Composition of an APR (Citation from the 2022 APR)	Summary of Required Components of an APR as per Government Code § 65400
<p>“According to OPR’s October 6, 2022, APR preparation memorandum, there is no mandated format for the APR other than Housing Element reporting, which is prescribed by HCD. Further, the OPR’s APR preparation memorandum states that each jurisdiction should determine what locally relevant issues are important to include in the APR. However, the OPR’s APR preparation memorandum <u>suggests</u> the following content to be included in the APR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Table of contents • Date of acceptance by the local legislative body • <i>The date of the last update to the General Plan</i> • Measures associated with the implementation of the General Plan with specific reference to individual Elements • Housing Element reporting per HCD requirements • <i>Degree to which the General Plan complies with OPR General Plan Guidelines (including environmental justice considerations, collaborative planning with military facilities, and consultation with Native American Tribes)</i> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Planning activities initiated o General Plan Amendments o Development applications” 	<p>The APR shall include all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A The status of the General Plan and progress in its implementation. B The progress in meeting the County’s share of regional housing needs. C The number of housing development applications received in the prior year. D The number of housing units included in all development applications in the prior year. E The number of housing units approved and disapproved in the prior year. F <i>The degree to which the County’s approved general plan complies with OPR’s General Plan Guideline, and the date of the last revision to the General Plan.</i> G A listing of sites rezoned to accommodate the County's share of the regional housing need. H (Special instructions for the County of Napa; does not apply to Fresno County.) I The number of applications submitted pursuant to subject to the state’s streamlined ministerial housing development approval process. J Information pertaining to funding pursuant to the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program. K Progress in amending the County’s General Plan in compliance with its obligations to consult with California Native American tribes. L Information with respect to density bonuses granted the development of housing. M Information with respect to Affordable Housing and High Road Jobs Act of 2022.



2023 General Plan Annual Progress Report



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**FRESNO COUNTY
2023 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**



**Submitted to
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Public Works and Planning is pleased to present the 2023 General Plan Annual Process Report (APR). The purpose of this report is to comply with California Government Code section 65400(b)(1), which mandates that all cities and counties submit to their legislative bodies an annual report on the status of their General Plan and progress in its implementation. A copy of this report will, as required under the statute, be provided to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The APR covering the calendar year 2023 has been prepared for the Fresno County Board of Supervisors' consideration and acceptance.

The Department of Public Works and Planning prepared the 2023 APR in accordance with the OPR's General Plan Annual Progress Report Memorandum last updated on October 6, 2022 and HCD's 2023 Housing Element APR Instructions. In fulfillment of the statutory requirement to report activities related to the Housing Element, including the County's progress in addressing its share of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), the APR includes Housing Element information in a format prescribed by HCD for the 2023 reporting period. The information included in the 2023 APR was provided by County Departments and agencies responsible for implementation of the Fresno County General Plan.

The 2023 APR includes the following:

- Overview of General Plan Vision Statement, Key Goals, and Implementation Programs.
- Overview of General Plan annual reporting.
- Overview of General Plan Elements and related activities that occurred during the 2023 calendar year.
- Overview of the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update.
- Overview of planning and development activities that occurred during the 2023 calendar year.
- Status of General Plan Implementation Programs for the Economic Development Element, Agriculture and Land Use Element, Transportation and Circulation Element, Public Facilities and Services Element, Open Space and Conservation Element, and the Health and Safety Element (Appendix A).
- Housing Element activities that occurred during the 2023 calendar year, including the status of General Plan Implementation Programs for the Housing Element (Appendix B).

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 OPR General Plan Guidelines. The General Plan is a long-range policy document intended to guide physical development, economic growth, and protection of natural resources. Additionally, the General Plan also provides an assessment of current and future needs and the resources required to implement General Plan Goals and Policies.

The current Fresno County General Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2000 and includes a Policy that requires a review of the General Plan every five years to

ensure compliance with legislation and reflect changes in circumstances and the Board of Supervisors' priorities. The County anticipates adopting in early 2024 a comprehensive review of the General Plan and a comprehensive update of the Zoning Ordinance to achieve full consistency between General Plan policies and County development regulations, and to bring the General Plan into compliance with California legislation.

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GENERAL PLAN OVERVIEW

California Government Code Section 65300 requires each city and county to adopt a comprehensive long-term General Plan to guide the physical development of land under their jurisdiction. The current General Plan was adopted by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors (Resolution No. 00-534) on October 3, 2000, which includes a Background Report, Policy Document, Economic Development Strategy, and Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Policy Document includes goals, policies, implementation programs, and land use and circulation diagrams that collectively constitute the County's primary policy for land use, development, and resource management.

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) 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 do 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), 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 also combined into a single Element (i.e. Health and Safety). In addition to the Elements mandated by OPR General Plan Guidelines, the Policy Document also includes an Economic Development Element and a Public Facilities and Services Element.

The requirement for an Environmental Justice Element was established in 2016. The General Plan Policy Document does not include an Environmental Justice Element. However, the County anticipates adopting a comprehensive review of the General Plan and a comprehensive update of the Zoning Ordinance to achieve full consistency between General Plan policies and County development regulations, and to bring the General Plan into compliance with California legislation in early 2024.

Vision Statement

The General Plan sets out a vision for Fresno County which is reflected in goals, policies, programs, and diagrams. The County considers its primary roles to be the protector of prime agricultural lands, open space, recreational opportunities and environmental quality, and the coordinator of countywide efforts to promote economic development.

The General Plan is based upon the following major themes:

- Economic Development
- Agricultural Land Protection
- Growth Accommodation
- Urban-Centered Growth
- Efficient and Functional Land Use Patterns
- Service Efficiency
- Recreational Development
- Resource Protection
- Health and Safety Protection
- Enhanced Quality of Life

Implementation Programs

Each General Plan Element contains implementation programs related to the goals of the respective Element. The implementation programs describe the proposed action, identify the agency responsible for executing the implementation program, and provide a timeframe for accomplishing the implementation program.

GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT (APR) OVERVIEW

California Government Code Section 65400 requires that all cities and counties submit an APR to their legislative bodies detailing the status of their General Plan and progress in its implementation. Further, the statute also requires the APR to be submitted to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) by April 1st of each year.

Department staff prepared the 2023 APR in accordance with OPR's General Plan Annual Progress Report Memorandum last updated on October 6, 2022, and HCD's 2023 Housing Element APR Instructions. In fulfillment of the statutory requirement to report activities related to the Housing Element, including the County's progress in addressing its share of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), the 2023 APR includes Housing Element information in a format prescribed by HCD for the 2023 reporting period.

According to OPR's General Plan Annual Progress Report Memorandum last updated on October 6, 2022, there is no mandated format for the APR other than Housing Element reporting, which is prescribed by HCD. Further, the OPR's APR preparation memorandum states that each jurisdiction should determine what locally relevant issues are important to include in the APR. However, the OPR'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
- Degree to which the General Plan complies with OPR General Plan Guidelines (including environmental justice considerations, collaborative planning with military facilities, and consultation with Native American Tribes)
- 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
 - Development applications

Since adoption of the General Plan in 2000, there were several legislative changes that prompted the OPR to comprehensively update their General Plan Guidelines in 2017. As previously stated, the County is currently working on a comprehensive review of the General

Plan and a comprehensive update of the Zoning Ordinance to achieve full consistency between General Plan policies and County development regulations, and to bring the General Plan into compliance with California legislation in early 2024. The General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update is discussed more thoroughly under the subsection of this report titled “General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update Process.”

GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS AND REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN 2023 RELATED TO EACH ELEMENT

Economic Development Element

The Economic Development Element is comprised of goals, policies, and implementation programs organized under the following sections:

- Job Creation
- Economic Base Diversification
- Labor Force Preparedness

The Economic Development Corporation (EDC) is the agency under contract with the County to assist with the implementation of policies and programs in the Economic Development Element.

Reporting on activities related to the Economic Development Element that occurred during the 2023 calendar year is provided in the 2023 APR Appendix A.

Agriculture and Land Use Element

The Agriculture and Land Use Element is divided into two parts. The first part is comprised of land use diagrams and development standards. The second part is comprised of goals, policies, and implementation programs organized under the following sections:

- Resource Lands
- Rural Development
- Urban Development
- Administration

Reporting on activities related to the Agriculture and Land Use Element that occurred during the 2023 calendar year is provided in the 2023 APR Appendix A.

Transportation and Circulation Element

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:

- Streets and Highways
- Transit
- Transportation Systems Management
- Bicycle Facilities
- Rail Transportation

- Air Transportation

Reporting on activities related to the Transportation and Circulation Element that occurred during the 2023 calendar year is provided in the 2023 APR Appendix A.

Public Facilities and Services Element

The Public Facilities and Services Element is comprised of goals, policies, and implementation programs organized under the following sections:

- General Public Facilities and Services
- Funding
- Water Supply and Delivery
- Wastewater Collection, Treatment, and Disposal
- Storm Drainage and Flood Control
- Landfills, Transfer Stations, and Solid Waste Processing Facilities
- Law Enforcement
- Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services
- School and Library Facilities
- Utilities

Reporting on activities related to the Public Facilities and Services Element that occurred during the 2023 calendar year is provided in the 2023 APR Appendix A.

Open Space and Conservation Element

The Open Space and Conservation Element is comprised of goals, policies, and implementation programs organized under the following sections:

- Productive Resources
- Natural Resources
- Recreation and Cultural Resources

Reporting on activities related to the Open Space and Conservation Element that occurred during the 2023 calendar year is provided in the 2023 APR Appendix A.

Health and Safety Element

The Health and Safety Element is comprised of goals, policies, and implementation programs organized under the following sections:

- Emergency Management and Response
- Fire Hazards
- Flood Hazards
- Seismic and Geologic Hazards
- Airport Hazards
- Hazardous Materials
- Noise

Reporting on activities related to the Health and Safety Element that occurred during the 2023 calendar year is provided in the 2023 APR Appendix A.

Housing Element

During the 2023 calendar year, the County coordinated with the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) and 14 of the incorporated cities within the County, excluding the City of Clovis, to develop the Sixth Cycle Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element Update (MJHE). In September 2023, the County released the draft Sixth Cycle MJHE Appendix 1A for public review, which is the County-specific component of the Sixth Cycle MJHE. On December 18, 2023, the County submitted the draft Sixth Cycle MJHE Appendix 1A to HCD for 90-day review. It is anticipated that the Sixth Cycle MJHE will be adopted in 2024, resulting in the 2023 APR being the final APR for the current (Fifth Cycle) MJHE.

Additionally, during the 2023 calendar year, the County and 14 of the incorporated cities within the County, excluding the City of Clovis, participated in monthly meetings with FCOG to coordinate and monitor the develop and status of the Sixth Cycle MJHE. Further, the County hosted a total of 8 community outreach meetings during the 2023 calendar year to inform residents of the Sixth Cycle MJHE process. These meetings were conducted in the unincorporated communities of Biola, Caruthers, Laton, Riverdale, Tranquillity, and the City of Fresno. Overall, the Housing Element and the housing needs of the residents of Fresno County was discussed in 15 community meetings in 2023.

Reporting on activities related to the Fifth Cycle MJHE is provided in the 2023 APR Appendix B and is formatted in accordance with HCD's 2023 Housing Element APR Instructions.

Not reported in the 2023 APR Appendix B, but noted to inform the efforts the County has taken to satisfy the RHNA obligation for the Sixth Cycle MJHE, on December 12, 2023, the County approved a General Plan Amendment and concurrent rezone to upzone five parcels to help satisfy the RHNA obligation for the Sixth Cycle MJHE.

GENERAL PLAN REVIEW AND ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE PROCESS

Program Environmental Impact Report

On April 28, 2023, the Department released the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR) for a 60-day public review period. The public review period ended on June 27, 2023.

For the General Plan Review/Zoning Ordinance Update, the DPEIR determined there would less-than-significant impacts resulting from project adoption and implementation with recommended Mitigation Measures or Biological Resources Significant and unavoidable impacts were anticipated for: Agriculture and Forestry Resources; Air Quality; Cultural Resources; Geology and Soils; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Transportation and Traffic Quality; Tribal Cultural Resources; Utilities and Service Systems; and Wildfire.

During the summer and fall of 2023, Department staff worked with County Counsel and the consultant to review and prepare the response to comments as part of the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (FPEIR). Staff received 36 individual comments from agencies, organizations, and individuals. Those comments have been bracketed and incorporated into the FPEIR, which was being completed at the end of 2023.

General Plan Review, Update of the Background Report, and Zoning Ordinance Update

Also released on April 28, 2023, were revised drafts of the General Plan Policy Document, General Plan Background Report, and Zoning Ordinance Update. The 60-day public review period coincided with the review period for the DPEIR and concluded on June 27, 2023.

Per Government Code section 65302.5 the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (BOF) must review updated safety elements at least 90 days prior to the adoption or amendment of the element if the jurisdiction contains State Responsibility Areas (SRAs) and Very High Fire Hazard Safety Zones (VHFHSZs). The draft safety element must be submitted to the BOF. (Gov. Code, § 65302.5, subd. (b). The BOF shall review the safety element and respond to the city or county with its findings regarding the uses of land and policies in SRAs or VHFHSZs that will protect life, property, and natural resources from unreasonable risks associated with wildfires, and the methods and strategies for wildfire risk reduction and prevention within SRAs or VHFHSZs. During the first quarter of 2023, Department staff, the consultant and staff of CalFire worked collaboratively on changes to the Safety Element in anticipation of presenting the Element before the Board of Forestry. This resulted in modifications to draft General Plan Policies and the addition of new policies.

On May 9, 2023, Public Works and Planning staff and the County's land use/PEIR consultant participated remotely in CalFire staff's presentation of the Safety Element to the BOF. At the meeting, members of the BOF were complimentary of the redrafted Safety Element. Following the meeting, on May 23, 2023, the County received confirmation by BOF staff that they had approved the draft Safety Element without any changes and the Safety Element for Fresno County met the BOF review criteria.

During this same period Department staff continued to coordinate with and request feedback from the State Attorney General's Office on the Draft Environmental Justice Element. This coordination resulted in modifications to some EJ policies with the addition of new policies and programs. Staff also worked with the consultant for the County's Sixth Cycle Housing Element to modify policies and Zoning Ordinance provisions to coincide with changes as proposed in Draft Housing Element.

Outreach and Engagement

During the months of May and June 2023, with the release of the DPEIR and revised draft documents, staff conducted seven community workshops throughout the County. Two environmental justice community workshops were held in late May 2023, followed by five community workshops (one for each supervisorial district) at the following locations:

- June 22, 2023 Betty Rodriguez Library (Supervisorial District 3)
- June 21, 2023 Riverdale Memorial District (Supervisorial District 4)
- June 19, 2023 Woodward Park Library (Supervisorial District 2)
- June 15, 2023 Clovis Police Department (Supervisorial District 5)
- June 13, 2023 Biola Community Services District Hall (Supervisorial District 1)
- May 24, 2023 Malaga Community Center (Environmental Justice workshop)
- May 23, 2023 Cantua Creek Elementary School (Environmental Justice workshop)

September 14, 2023 Planning Commission Workshop

On September 14, 2023, Department staff conducted a workshop with the Planning Commission on the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update. This General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update workshop was solely for the purpose of providing information to the Planning Commission ahead of scheduling the General Plan Review and Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Update for the Commission’s consideration and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors and no action was taken. The workshop included public testimony on the process and clarifications of such matters as timeline and planning horizon. It is anticipated that this item will be adopted in early 2024.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Discretionary Development Applications

Table 1 below provides a summary of discretionary development applications received by the Development Services and Capital Projects Division during the 2023 calendar year. As shown in the Table, the Division received a total of 169 new discretionary development applications during the 2023 calendar year.

Table 1 Applications Received in 2023				
Application Type	Total Incoming	Approved	Denied/ Withdrawn	Still in Process
Zone Map Amendment (Rezone)	11	0	1	10
Amendment to Text of the Zoning Ordinance (AT)	2	0	1	1
Conditional Use Permit (CUP)	24	6	2	16
Director Review & Approval (DRA)	25	7	0	18
General Plan Amendment (GPA)	2	0	1	1
Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	0	0	0	0
Merger	11	8	0	3
Pre-Certificate of Compliance	6	5	1	0
Property Line Adjustment (PLA)	20	12	0	8
Tentative Parcel Map (TPM)	10	6	0	4
Tentative Parcel Map Waiver	12	7	0	5
Tentative Tract Map	1	0	0	1
Variance (VA)	14	4	1	9
Cancellation of Williamson Act Contract	6	1	0	5
Nonrenewal of Williamson Act Contract	25	25	0	0
Revision to Williamson Act Contract	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	169	81	7	81

Table 1.1 Planning Commission Action in 2023			
Application Type	Approved / Recommended Approval	Denied / Withdrawn	Subtotal
Zone Map Amendment (Rezone)	0	1	1
Amendment to Text of the Zoning Ordinance	0	1	1
Conditional Use Permit	6	2	8
Director Review & Approval	0	0	0
General Plan Amendment	0	1	1
Environmental Impact Report	0	0	0
Tentative Tract Map	0	0	0
Variance (VA)	4	1	5
Time Extension	8	0	8
General Plan Conformity Findings	1	1	2
Total:	19	7	26

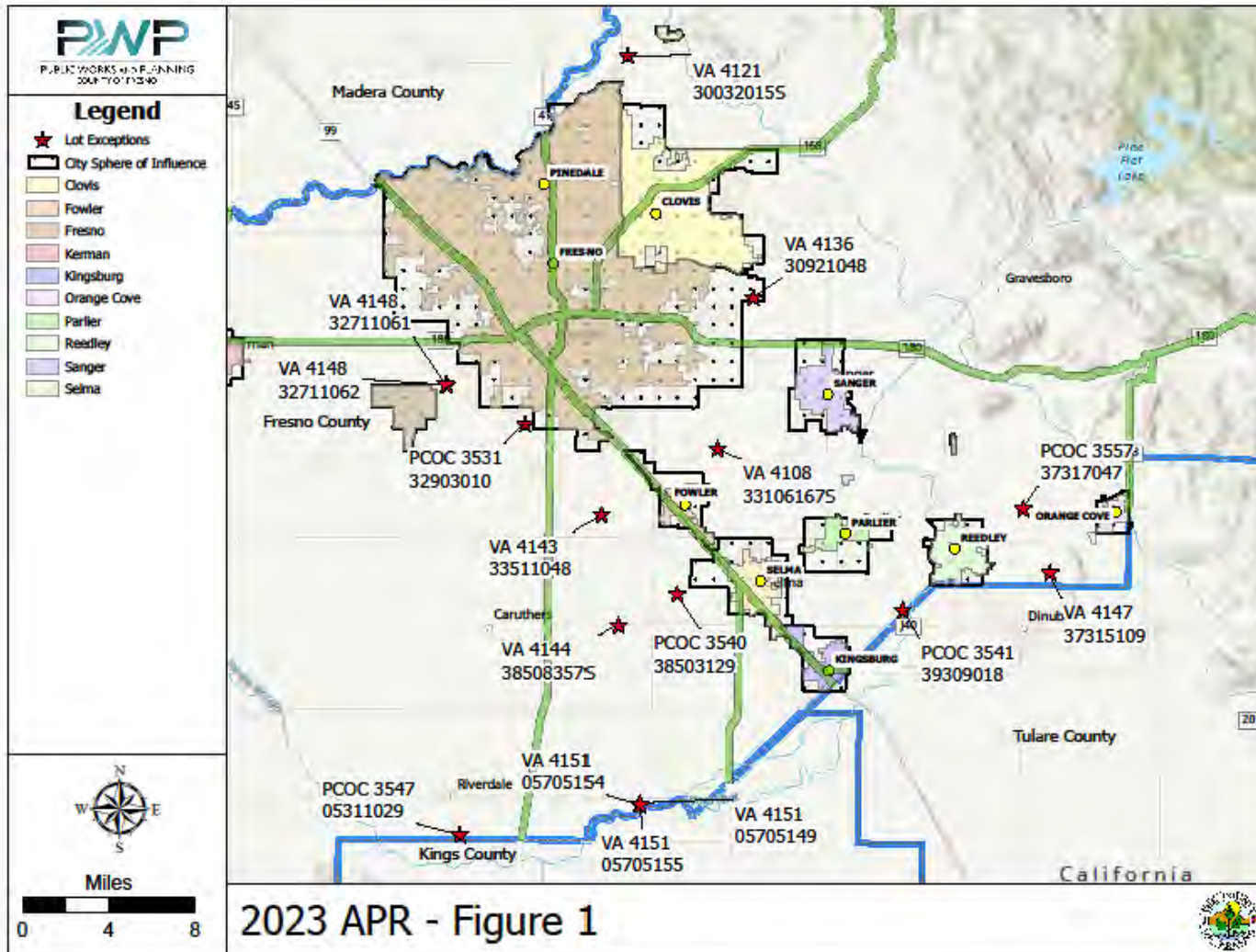
Table 2 Lot Size Exceptions Approved in 2023		
Exception Type	Size of Parcel Created	APN
Gift Deed (PCOC) 3531 *	2.5 acres	329-030-10
Gift Deed (PCOC) 3540 *	1.5 acres	385-031-29
Gift Deed (PCOC) 3541 *	1.46 acres and 18.57 acres	393-090-18
Gift Deed (PCOC) 3547 *	10 acres	053-110-29
Gift Deed (PCOC) 3557 *	2.5 acres and 17.5 acres	373-170-47
VA 4108	2.5 acres and 26.98 acres	331-061-67S
VA 4121	Four approximately 5-acre parcels	300-320-15S
VA 4136	2.24 acres, 2.79 acres, 16.53 acres, 1 acre, and 2.39 acres	309-210-48
VA 4143	5 acres and 13.61 acres	335-110-48
VA 4144	Two 2.5-acre parcels	385-083-57S
VA 4147	1.98 acres and 37.3 acres	373-151-09
VA 4148	5.18 acres and 4.49 acres	327-110-61 and 327-110-62
VA 4151	Two 2.49-acre parcels and one 3.71-acre parcel	057-051-49, 057-051-54, and 057-051-55

Figure 1 depicts the location of the parcels referenced in Table 2.

*Gift deed and homesite parcels are permitted per Section 816.5.A.2.b.(2) of the Zoning Ordinance.

Table 3 SB 9 Lot Splits Approved in 2023		
Application Type	Size of Parcels Created	APN
TPMW 22-14	Two 0.60-acre parcels	456-048-24

LOT SIZE EXCEPTIONS



GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS

The following are the General Plan Amendments that were submitted for processing in 2023 or were submitted in prior years and continued to be processed, or were concluded during the 2023 calendar year:

General Plan Amendment (GPA) Application	Description
555	Applicant Roger Van Groningen proposing to amend the Selma Community Plan by re-designating 27.85 acres from Agricultural to General Industrial – in process.
556	Applicant Elegante Estates LLC proposing to amend the Land Use Element of the Fresno County General Plan by changing the land use designation of a 15.24-acre parcel and a 21.18-acre parcel from Agricultural to Rural Residential; change the zoning of the subject parcels from the AE-20 Zone District to the R-R Zone District – in process.
557	Applicant C&A Farms, LLC proposing to amend the General Plan by re-designating 156.38 acres from Agricultural to Heavy Industrial – in process.
560	Applicants Akhavi, LLC and Britz Fertilizers, Inc. proposing to amend the General Plan by re-designating 14.71 acres from Agricultural to Service Commercial – in process.
561	Applicant Clarksfield Company proposing to amend the Millerton Specific Plan to remove Hotel, Conference Center and Par-3 Golf Course uses from the White Fox Creek Sub-Unit Plan and replace said uses with a 210-unit multiple-family residential development – in process.
565	Applicant Willow Partners, LLC proposing to amend the Riverdale Community Plan by re-designating 7.5 acres from Medium Density Residential to Medium High Density Residential – in process.
569	Applicant Nick Sahota proposing to rezone an existing 7.76-acre parcel from the AE-20 Zone District to the C-4 Zone District – in process.

570	<p>Applicant Fresno County proposing to:</p> <p>Amend the Medium High Density Residential land use designation in the County-adopted Caruthers, Clovis, Del Rey, Fresno High-Roeding, and Riverdale Community Plans to allow a density of up to 20 dwelling units per acre as was implemented in the County General Plan's Medium High Density Residential land use designation outside said Community Plans by the approval of General Plan Amendment No. 563 on November 24, 2020; and</p> <p>Amend the County-adopted Del Rey Community Plan to expand the Plan boundary to encompass an 18-acre parcel identified as APN 350-080-68T; and</p> <p>Amend the County-adopted Caruthers, Clovis, Del Rey, Fresno High-Roeding, and Riverdale Community Plans to re-designate five specified parcels as Medium High Density Residential. These modifications are submitted to help address the Sixth Cycle Housing Element Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) obligation for the unincorporated County.</p> <p>Approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 12, 2023.</p>
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ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The County implements the General Plan primarily through its Zoning Ordinance. Zoning Ordinance Amendments processed in 2023 are identified below.

Amendments to the Text of the Zoning Ordinance

The following are the Amendments to the Text of the Zoning Ordinance (ATs) that were submitted for processing in 2023 or were submitted in prior years and continued to be processed, or were concluded in the 2023 calendar year:

Amendment to Text (AT) Application	Description
384	Applicant Fresno County proposing to amend section 855-P of the Fresno County Zoning Ordinance to provide a 25% Local Density Bonus for affordable housing developments with at least 50% lower income units. This text amendment was presented to the Planning Commission on November 16, 2023. At that hearing, the Planning Commission voted to recommend denial of this text amendment. Department staff withdrew this text amendment following the Planning Commission hearing on November 16, 2023. As such, this text amendment was never presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.
385	Applicant Fresno County proposing a comprehensive update of the Zoning Ordinance – in process.

Rezone Applications

The following are the Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Rezone) Applications that were submitted for processing in 2023 or were submitted in prior years and continued to be processed, or were concluded in the 2023 calendar year:

Amendment (Rezone) Application	Description
3828	Applicant G4 Properties, Ltd proposing to rezone 124.17 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – in process.
3832	Applicant Roger Van Groningen proposing to rezone 27.85 acres from AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – in process.
3834	Applicant C&A Farms, LLC proposing to rezone 156.38 acres from AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – in process.
3836	Applicant Vincent Palacios proposing to rezone 5.5 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to C-M (Commercial and Light Manufacturing) – in process.
3840	Applicants Akhavi, LLC and Britz Fertilizers, Inc. proposing to rezone 14.71 acres from AC (Agricultural Commercial Center) and AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to C-6 (General Commercial) – in process.

3842	Applicants Angelo Paolucci and Rosanna Dilallo proposing to rezone 23.6 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – in process.
3843	Applicant Willow Partners, LLC proposing to rezone 7.5 acres from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Low Density Multiple Family Residential) – in process.
3844	Applicant James N. Clark proposing to rezone 15.02 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to R-1-B (Single Family Residential, 12,500 square-foot minimum parcel size) – in process.
3845	Applicant Jeffrey V. Gundy proposing to rezone 38.86 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – in process.
3847	Applicant Clarksfield Company, Inc. proposing to rezone 23.00 acres from O (Open Conservation) to C-6 (General Commercial) – in process.
3848	Applicant Peter Moua proposing to rezone 13.31 acres from AL-20 Zone (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – in process
3849	Applicant David Harler Jr. proposing to rezone 10.52 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – in process.
3850	Applicant Elegant Estates, LLC proposing to rezone 36.42 acres from AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to RR (Rural Residential) – in process.
3852	Applicant Khushpal Singh proposing to rezone one (1) acre from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing) – in process.
3853	Applicant Alejandro Magallan proposing to allow the rezone of a 17.63-acre parcel from the existing AE-20 Zone District to the M-3 Zone District. In addition, the project proposes to amend the Land Use Element of the Fresno County General Plan by changing the land use designation of the 17.63-acre parcel from Agricultural to General Industrial – in process.
3854	Applicant Gurjeet S Bath proposing to rezone an existing 33.57-acre and 4.84-acre parcel from the AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District to the M-1-C (Light Manufacturing, Conditional) Zone District – in process.
3855	Applicant Nick Sahota proposing to rezone an existing 7.76-acre parcel from the AE-20 Zone District to the C-4 Zone District – in process.
3856	Applicant Lauren Burgess proposing to rezone an existing 2.15-acre dual zoned M-3 and C-M to C-M – in process.
3857	Applicant SMS Construction proposing to rezone 8.19-acre parcel from AL 20 to M-1 – in process

3858	Applicant Jesus Vargas proposing to re-zone a 28-acre parcel from AL-20 to AE-20 – in process.
3860	<p>Applicant Fresno County proposing to rezone two parcels from Supervisorial Districts One and Five to the R-3 (Medium Density Multiple Family Residential) Zone District, two parcels from Supervisorial District Four to the R-2 (Low Density Multiple Family Residential) Zone District, and separate portions of another parcel from Supervisorial District Four to the R-3 and R-1 (Single Family Residential) Zone Districts.</p> <p>These modifications are submitted to help address the Sixth Cycle Housing Element Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) obligation for the unincorporated County.</p> <p>Approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 12, 2023.</p>
3861	Applicant Arsh Samra proposing to allow re-zone parcel from AL-20 to M1 – in process.
3862	Applicant Fresno County proposing to Rezone AE-20 to AL-20 – in process.
3863	Applicant Dale G Mell and Associates proposing to rezone a 6-acre parcel in the AL-20 Zone District to R-A Zone District – in process.
3864	Applicant Art Lancaster proposing to amend the Land Use Element of the Fresno County General Plan by changing the land use designation of an approximate 5.25-acre portion of an 18.96- acre parcel known as Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 338-031-06 from Agricultural to Service, Commercial. There is an accompanying Zone Change application proposing to change the zoning of the 5.25-acre portion of the same parcel from the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District to the C-6 General Commercial Zone District – in process.

OTHER PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs)

The following are the Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) that were submitted for processing in 2023 or were submitted in prior years and continued to be processed, or were concluded in the 2023 calendar year:

EIR 5481 (Friant Ranch)

Update to Friant Ranch Specific Plan Project by preparing a partially recirculated EIR in response to litigation, *Sierra Club v. County of Fresno* (2018) 6 Cal.5th 502, and a State Supreme Court decision upholding a lower court decision that the project must address impacts to air quality. The California Supreme Court determined that portions of the County's air quality analysis violated the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). On remand from the State Supreme Court, the Superior Court entered judgment in favor of the Petitioners and issued a writ of mandate on March 19, 2019. The project entails construction of 2,500 age-restricted (ages 55 and above) residential units and a commercial center on 942 acres located within the unincorporated community of Friant and was originally approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 1, 2011. On April 13, 2021, the Board acted to repeal and rescind prior project approvals granted by the Board of Supervisors on February 1, 2011, and May 20, 2014, pursuant to the Amended Preemptory Writ of Mandate (Writ of Mandate) issued by the Fresno County Superior Court on February 16, 2021. The Writ of Mandate requires the County to repeal and rescind all Project Approvals, as defined below. As stated in the Writ of Mandate, approval of the proposed project is possible only after the preparation, circulation, and certification of further environmental work. The recirculated Final EIR is anticipated to be completed and presented to the Board of Supervisors in 2024.

EIR 7180 (Coalinga Oil Field)

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application Nos. 3538, 3539, and 3548 to allow ongoing oil and gas exploration, drilling, and production on 17,600 acres located within the Coalinga Oil Field six miles west of Interstate 5 (I-5) and 0.5 mile west of the City of Coalinga. A meeting was held for public comments on the scope of the EIR being prepared, the Draft EIR is being assembled. The Applicants have recently revised the project which will require additional work and revision to Preliminary documents a specific date when a draft EIR will be completed for review is estimated to potentially be completed in July 2024.

EIR 7230 (Scarlet Solar Revision)

Revision to the previous approved CUP 3555 will divide the existing approved unclassified Conditional Use permit into four separate permits to allow separate reclamation agreements and financial securities. The amendment will also eliminate 200-acres previously approved, allow the existing on-site well to be utilized by the project, and will include an addendum to the EIR to update the Air Quality and Hydrology sections of the EIR. The item is anticipated to be considered by the Planning Commission in March or April of 2024 with final development permits being potentially approved in July of 2024.

EIR 7524 (Malaga Rezone)

Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Rezone) Application No. 3834 proposing to rezone 156.38 acres from AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial). The subject property is located south of North Avenue between Minnewawa Avenue and Clovis Avenue, approximately one mile east of the unincorporated community of Malaga. A meeting was held for public comments on the scope of the EIR being prepared, the Draft EIR is being assembled, the draft EIR is anticipated to be submitted for review in March of 2024, a specific date when it will be release for public review and comment is not known.

EIR 7564 (Heartland Solar and Hydrogen Plant)

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3630 to allow construction and operation of two photovoltaic solar power generation facilities and a hydrogen production facility on 2,498 acres located west of State Route 33 (SR-33; Derrick Avenue) between American Avenue and Manning Avenue, approximately 6.5 miles south of the City of Mendota. A meeting was held for public comments on the scope of the EIR being prepared, the Draft EIR is being assembled, a specific date when it will be release for public review and comment is not known.

EIR 7763 (Cemex Rockfield Quarry)

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application Nos. 3666 and 3667 to allow the continuation and modification of current aggregate (rock, sand and gravel) mining and processing operations on 475.73 acres located between Friant Road and the San Joaquin River, approximately one mile north of the City of Fresno. A meeting was held for public comments on the scope of the EIR being prepared, the Draft EIR is being assembled, the completed Draft EIR is anticipated being submitted for internal review at the end of February 2024.

EIR 7869 (Sonrisa Solar)

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3677 to allow construction and operation of a 200-megawatt photovoltaic solar power generation facility and a 60-megawatt energy storage facility on 1,700 acres located east of State Route 33 (SR-33; Derrick Avenue) between Adams Avenue and Manning Avenue, approximately six miles south of the City of Mendota. A meeting was held for public comments on the scope of the EIR being prepared, the project has been modified add 200 acres and changing the path of the Gen-Tie line. The Draft EIR is being revised; it is anticipated that the Draft EIR will be released for public review and comment in February of 2024.

EIR 7896 (Kamm Avenue Pistachio Plant)

Classified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3685 to allow construction and operation of a pistachio processing facility on 316 acres located south of Kamm Avenue between San Bernardino Avenue and State Route 33 (SR-33; Derrick Avenue), approximately one mile northwest of the unincorporated community of Three Rocks. A Draft EIR was published and based on public comments the Projects was amended and new public meeting was held to receive public comments on the scope of the new Draft EIR being prepared, a specific date when it will be released for public review and comment is not known.

EIR 8077 (Stamoules Pistachio Plant)

Classified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3709 to allow construction and operation of a pistachio processing facility on a 316-acre property located on the northwest corner of Newcomb Avenue and Muscat Avenue, approximately 9.7 miles south of the City of Firebaugh. The Draft EIR was released for Public Comment, it is anticipated that the Project will be presented to the Planning Commission in March of 2024.

EIR 8189 (Key Energy Storage Project)

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3734 to allow construction and operation of a 3-gigawatt energy storage facility on 260 acres with a half mile Gen-Tie Line connecting it to PG&E's existing Gates Substation. The Project site is in western Fresno County, approximately 0.4 mile east of Interstate 5 (I-5), immediately south of West Jayne Avenue, and between I-5 and South Lassen Avenue (State Route 269) approximately Huron 4 miles southwest of the City of Huron. The Draft EIR was released for Public Review and Comment and the project's application is anticipated to be considered by the Planning Commission in March of 2024.

Other Activities

Tribal Consultation

Assembly Bill (AB) 52 requires local governments to conduct consultation with California Native American tribes that have requested to be notified by lead agencies of proposed projects in the geographic area with which the tribe is traditionally and culturally affiliated. Within 14 days of determining that an application for a project is complete, the lead agency must provide formal notification to the designated contacts or tribal representatives of the California Native American tribes that have requested notice. In turn, the tribes must respond in writing within 30 days of the formal notification to request consultation. The requirements of AB 52 apply to any project for which a Notice of Preparation, Notice of Mitigated Negative Declaration or Notice of Negative Declaration is filed on or after July 1, 2015. In 2023, Department staff provided formal notification to tribes regarding projects subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with AB 52.

Senate Bill (SB) 18 requires local governments to conduct consultation with California Native American tribes on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission prior to the adoption or amendment of a General Plan. In turn, the tribes must respond in writing within 90 days of the formal notification to request consultation. In 2023, Department staff provided formal notification to tribes regarding projects involving General Plan Amendments (GPAs) in accordance with AB 52.

Collaborative Planning with the Military Lands and Facilities

SB 1468, passed in 2002, requires cities and counties to consider the impact of growth on military readiness activities when preparing or updating their general plan for lands adjacent to military facilities or underlying designated military aviation routes and airspace. Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore straddles the Fresno County and Kings County line. NAS Lemoore, with two parallel runways and covering 30,000 acres, is the Navy's prime West Coast Tactical Naval Air Station, providing support for the US Pacific Fleet. NAS Lemoore averages approximately 210,000 flight operations annually, making it one of the Navy's busiest airfields. The base has more than 7,200 active-duty military and 1,300 civilian workers. Approximately 11,000 dependents live and work on and around the base. The US military has classified much of the air space above Fresno County as special use airspace or low-level flight paths, restricting their use by civilian aircraft.

In 2011, the County participated with the City of Lemoore, Kings County, and NAS Lemoore on the Lemoore Naval Air Station Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). The County continues to send discretionary land use permit applications for comment to NAS Lemoore should they fall within a specified boundary.

Land use projects that could have a potential impact on airport facilities throughout the County as well as NAS Lemoore are referred to the Fresno Council of Governments to be considered by the Airport Land Use Commission for consistency with the Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

Williamson Act Contract Audit

On September 18, 2012, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to audit existing Williamson Act Contracts on an ongoing basis for possible removal of lands from the program that do not meet the State or County's eligibility requirements to remain in the program.

In 2023, staff audited Williamson Act Contracts and recorded Notices of Nonrenewal on 25 parcels that did not meet State or County eligibility requirements.

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), signed into law in September of 2014, established a new structure for managing California’s groundwater resources at the local level by local agencies. SGMA required the formation of locally controlled Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the State’s higher priority groundwater basins by June 30, 2017. Each GSA was required to develop and implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to meet a sustainability goal of the basin that ensures that it is operated within a sustainable yield without causing undesirable results. Failure to form a GSA and implement a GSP in a groundwater basin could result in the State Water Resources Control Board asserting its power to manage local groundwater resources.

Each GSP includes projects and mitigations necessary to reach sustainability within the boundaries of each GSA and the subbasin as a whole. These mitigations may require a reduction in groundwater pumping and changes to the current water use practices utilized by residents of those areas. Members of the Board of Supervisors, or their department designees, actively participate on six (6) of the GSA governing boards within the four high-priority basins within Fresno County, as well as County staff’s annual participation in over 100 Board, policy, technical, and outreach committee meetings. Fresno County staff will continue working in coordination with the various GSAs to develop strategies and options to achieve the required sustainability goals and will present to the Board of Supervisors for possible direction and implementation once finalized.

Water Conservation Ordinance

On September 30, 2014, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors approved Ordinance Code Chapter 14.01 (Water Conservation Ordinance) which went into effect on October 31, 2014.

On March 14, 2023, County staff presented the 2023-24 Annual Report for the water year (April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024). Staff’s recommendation was that all Community Service Areas (CSAs) and Waterworks Districts (WWDs) continue to be on Stage 1 Water Conservation as it is the most closely comparing with the restrictions imposed on water users throughout the state by the statewide emergency drought regulations, with the exception of four CSAs and one WWD, which were recommended to continue on a water conservation stage of Stage 2 or higher. The recommendation was made for the Board to implement Stage 2 and Stage 3 Water Conservation for CSA 39AB to comply with the water regulations of their water provider (City of Fresno). The recommendation was also made for the Board to implement Stage 4 Water Conservation for CSAs 30, 32 and 49 and WWD 40 due to their water provider (Westlands) having imposed restrictions most closely comparing with Stage 4 Water Conservation and WWD 40 having water capacity issues with their water system. County staff has been working with WWD 40 to identify funding for new/additional sources of water and/or water treatment. The Board accepted the 2023-24 Annual Report and implemented all recommendations made by staff for the 2023-24 water year.

Operations of County Landfills

There are two landfills currently operating within the County: American Avenue Disposal Site (AADS) and Clovis Landfill (CL). The estimated closure date for AADS has been revised from October 16, 2037, to April 26, 2043, and the estimated closure date for CL is August 2066.

Recycling Programs

The County of Fresno is responsible for administration of management programs for solid waste streams in the unincorporated areas of the County. In addition, the County serves in an administrative capacity for the greater County of Fresno with respect to regional program implementation and reporting.

Annual and biannual reporting for both local and regional programs for solid waste streams is submitted to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

Programs and reporting requirements that are currently administered by the County relating to solid waste and recycling include:

- California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32)
- California Solid Waste Law – Diversion Requirements (AB 939)
- Waste Tonnage Reporting for County Cities and Facilities (AB 901)
- Mandatory Recyclable Material Requirement (AB 341)
- Mandatory Organic Waste Material Requirement (AB 1826)
- California Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy – Organic Waste Reduction (SB 1383)
- Waste Reporting Parameters (AB 1594)
- Construction and Demolition Waste Diversion Requirement (SB 1374), including Title 15 Building Standards Code related to diversion requirements

Community Plan Updates

The County of Fresno regularly searches for funding opportunities to update community plans to attract developers to develop in the unincorporated communities of Fresno County. In 2022, the County began using Fresno Council of Government (FCOG) Planning grant funds to develop criteria for the prioritization of community plan updates in a manner that would maximize development potential while considering the age of the plans.

On July 18, 2023, the Board of Supervisors accepted the Fresno County Guidance Document for Unincorporated Community Plans, which provides guidance for updating existing community plans as well as establishing new community plans and establishes a format for updating unincorporated community plans as well as minimum content requirements for those plans. Further, the Board also accepted scoring criteria to prioritize community plan updates and approved the order in which the County's community plans are to be updated.

County of Fresno began the update process in the Communities of Biola and Del Rey. Provost and Pritchard were hired to assist in the development of the Biola and Del Rey Community Plan. The County held a kick-off meeting in the Community of Biola on December 6, 2023, and in the Community of Del Rey on December 14, 2023. The Del Rey and Biola Community Plans are expected to be completed by December 2024.

Improving Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities

During the 2023 calendar year, the County continued to offer the Facade and Commercial Enhancement (FACE) program to enable eligible businesses located within unincorporated communities to rehabilitate and improve community storefront façades. The FACE program provides loans up to \$50,000 with zero interest and no required monthly payments.

During the 2023 calendar year, the County hosted 20 community outreach and educational meetings in the unincorporated communities of Biola, Caruthers, Laton, Riverdale, and Tranquillity regarding the Sixth Cycle Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element, the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update, and various affordable housing programs administered by the County. Nine of the 20 community meetings hosted were simultaneously broadcasted via Zoom. On Zoom people were able to comment and interact with the meeting and the presenters.

During the 2023 calendar year, federal grant funding awarded included \$300,000 for Safe Streets for All Action Planning to upgrade the existing Local Road Safety Plan which includes an in-depth equity assessment to address and remediate a legacy of harm and provide disadvantaged residents an opportunity to engage actively in road and pedestrian safety; \$2.1 million for safety improvement on Auberry and Frazier Road, \$200,000 for edgeline striping on various County roads; \$12.8 million for reconstruction of Fowler and Elkhorn Avenues and shoulder widening. State grant awarded included \$1 million for sidewalk improvements for Tranquillity, \$3 million for road improvements in Tranquillity; \$2 million for Cantua Creek/El Porvenir for street and sidewalk improvements; \$4 million for sidewalk and road improvements in Calwa, and \$2 million for intersection realignment at Auberry and Frazier Roads. The County was also awarded \$400,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for park improvements in Raisin City.

In addition, the County applied for a RAISE grant for Tranquillity Complete Streets, a Clean CA Grant for Calwa and Golden State Boulevard, a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant, a PROTECT planning grant to mitigate flood impacts on major roads in West Fresno County, a reconstruction/shoulder paving project for the community of Laton, shoulder paving project on Elkhorn, signal improvements at Central and Chestnut, and a roundabout at Millerton and Marina Drive.

In 2023, the County and Economic Development Corporation (EDC) applied and was awarded \$150,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Economic Development Administration to fund the creation of the County's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The County also applied for the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The goal of the grant is to empower communities that are actively taking steps to remove barriers to affordable housing and seeking to increase housing production and lower housing costs for families over the long term. The County's goal with this grant focuses on implementing the General Plan with an emphasis on the following activities: improving infrastructure in the County's unincorporated communities to support housing production, fund unincorporated community plan updates, provide funding for the creation of a pilot ADU loan program, development of a housing and services resource book, fund necessary zoning ordinance amendments, and prepare the County's 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan (see Exhibit A). In addition, these funds would serve to implement further Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing efforts, which are intended to foster inclusive communities and improve the quality of life for all its rural unincorporated residents.

The County issued a resolution of support for Fresno County Housing Authority's application for the Fresno Council of Governments' Housing Planning Grants, for grant funding related to Regional Early Action Planning Grant of 2021 (REAP 2.0) Program. If grant is awarded, funds will be used to purchase land to build affordable housing in the community of Biola.

Removing Barriers to Specialized Housing

In 2018, the Board of Supervisors voted to continue the suspension of Public Facilities Impact Fees until further notice. Should the Board reinstate Public Facilities Impact Fees, staff will monitor the fees annually to ensure they do not unduly constrain housing development.

In 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved General Plan Amendment (GPA) No. 563 to increase residential densities for specified residential and commercial land use designations to permit residential development at a maximum of 20 units per acre. At that time, the Board also approved Amendment to Text (AT) No. 380 to amend the Zoning Ordinance to accommodate Single Room Occupancy, Density Bonus, residential density of 20 units per acre in specified residential and commercial districts, and minor language modifications for Emergency Shelters and Reasonable Accommodations.

In 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved AT No. 381 to amend Zoning Ordinance sections related to employee and farmworker housing to allow greater compliance with state law and to address litigation stemming from the 5th Cycle Housing Element.

In 2022, the Board of Supervisors also approved AT No. 383 to further improve Zoning Ordinance sections related to Reasonable Accommodations, Density Bonus, and Supportive Housing.

Technology Review and Customer Service

In an effort to increase citizen participation during the 2023 calendar year, the County utilized various technologies such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams to allow citizens the opportunity to attend meetings virtually, not only in-person. The County's two annual housing meetings were conducted virtually and in-person. The County also hosted virtual and in-person meetings simultaneously at various locations for the latest round of community outreach meetings for the Sixth Cycle Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element Update. The County hosted a total number of nine simultaneous meetings. These meetings allowed participants to comment and participate with presenters and community members. The County also maintains two websites that allow the public easier access to various documents and information. One website allows the public access to the County's community plans and the other website provides residents with up-to-date information regarding the County's General Plan and various educational materials describing what a general plan is and the importance of the general plan.

The County continues to provide property and development information online via the Geographic Information System (GIS), Zoning, General Plan, EIR and other project links accessible through the County website.

The County commonly utilizes telephone conferencing and video meetings in lieu of physical meetings to minimize travel-related impacts. The County has been using video conferencing for both inter-County and intra-County meetings, with the resultant reduction in employee work-related vehicular trips. The County is also in the planning and development stages of countywide e-government programs that will impact the number of vehicular trips required to conduct business.

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Element, Agriculture and Land Use Element,
Transportation and Circulation Element,
Public Facilities and Services Element, Open
Space and Conservation Element, and the
Health and Safety Element.**

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Economic Development Element			
ED-A			
Economic Development			
ED-A.A			
<p>The County shall create an economic development staff position(s) in the County Administrative Office and the Planning & Resource Management Department to serve as liaison/facilitator and support for the economic development implementation program and the Action Team. (See Policy ED-A.2, ED-A.3)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p>County Administrative Office (CAO)</p> <p>Public Works & Planning (PW&P)</p>	<p>FY 00-01</p>	<p>Ongoing. The County is currently contracting with Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for assistance with implementation of the Economic Development Element Programs of the County General Plan.</p> <p>In 2023, 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			
<p>The County shall create, support, and staff an Action Team to coordinate countywide.</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors CAO</p>	<p>FY 00-01</p>	<p>See ED-A.A.</p>

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<p>ED-A.C</p> <p>The County shall retain an independent and qualified institution to conduct an evaluation at least every five (5) years of success in achieving the goals and targets of the Economic Development Strategy. (See Policy ED-A.4)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CAO</p>	<p>FY 05-06; every five (5) years thereafter</p>	<p>Ongoing. In February 2023, on behalf of the County, the EDC formally requested and received an extension of the County of Fresno’s 2017-2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for one year. With the region’s Good Jobs Challenge and Build Back Better awards, additional time was needed to integrate these projects and meaningfully engage rural and urban areas of the County of Fresno to inform the next CEDS.</p> <p>Throughout the year, EDC and County staff continued dialogue about updating the 5-Year CEDS and decided to apply to EDA (Economic Development Administration) for a CEDS planning grant. The Board of Supervisors approved and authorized the submission of a new grant application on March 28, 2023, of \$150,000 for the preparation of a new digitally integrated CEDS for the County and 14 of the 15 incorporated cities in Fresno County (excluding the City of Fresno). In June 2023, the grant application was approved.</p> <p>EDC and County staff are coordinating the development and release of an RFP (Request for Proposals) for qualified consultants to assist with this project.</p>
<p>ED-A.D</p> <p>The County, working in cooperation with the cities, shall develop criteria for the location in the unincorporated areas of value-added agricultural processing facilities that are compatible with an agricultural setting. Such criteria shall take into account the service requirements of facilities for processing agricultural products and the capability and capacity of the cities to provide the services required. (See Policy ED-A.7)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PW&P</p>	<p>FY 01-02; 02-03; 03-04</p>	<p>Completed. This program has been implemented.</p>

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ED-A.E			
The County shall establish guidelines for the analysis of the economic impacts in staff reports of all discretionary decisions by the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and other County decision-making bodies. (See Policy ED-A.11)	Board of Supervisors CAO	FY 00-01	Completed. This General Plan requirement expired at the end of 2001.
ED-A.F			
The County shall contract with the Fresno EDC to develop marketing programs for Fresno County produce. (See Policy ED-A.14)	Board of Supervisors CAO	Ongoing	Completed. In 2023, the EDC developed and updated marketing materials for Fresno County to use during tradeshows, targeted missions, and direct business outreach. Annually, the EDC updates its Real Estate Forecast which features each Fresno County city profile and highlights new developments, projects, and incentives. This publication reaches more than 1,000 partners, both nationally and internationally.

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<p>ED-A.G</p> <p>The County shall determine, in cooperation with existing agencies, if capital deficiencies exist for farmers with the capital costs of shifting production modes to crops that create higher employment levels. If such deficiencies are identified, the County, in partnership with existing agencies, shall work to access additional funds or redirect existing funds. (See Policy ED-A.18)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p>County Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>FY 02-03; 03-04</p>	<p>Ongoing. While this program has not been implemented as written, EDC has successfully facilitated private investments into firms who are shifting production modes and harnessing agricultural waste materials to produce valuable high-quality goods.</p>

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ED-B Economic Base Diversification			
ED-B.A			
<p>The County shall convene a group of the existing service providers to assess the current state of telecommunications infrastructure, the needs for the future, and the role of the County and other agencies in facilitating implementation of services demanded by high technology firms. (See Policy ED-B.4)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors CAO</p>	<p>FY 02-03; 03-04</p>	<p>Ongoing. During the 2023 calendar year, the EDC has continued its participation in the Fresno Coalition for Digital Inclusion (FCDI) and their initiatives to expand middle mile and last mile broadband infrastructure in Fresno County. EDC staff worked with the Department of Public Works and Planning to secure a \$150,000 federal match from the EDA to update the County’s comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS), which will serve as a crucial piece of the County’s broadband plan and enable the region to draw down federal dollars to support broadband expansion efforts. The CEDS will help bolster economic resiliency in the region by providing a platform for stakeholders to engage and collaborate in regional planning and capacity building. EDC staff also worked with the County on drafting an RFP to identify a qualified consultant to build the digitally-integrated CEDS.</p> <p>The EDC also committed letters of support for Comcast’s Last Mile Grant application to secure funds from the California Federal Funding Account to deploy and expand broadband infrastructure in rural Fresno County. This fiber-based project proposed by Comcast will provide over 13,400 households and 700 businesses in unserved and underserved areas of Fresno County with multiple high-speed options for service, including low-cost and no-cost options when combined with the federal Affordable Connectivity program. This project will greatly benefit rural Fresno County residents in dire need of improved access to education, health care, and other online services, as well as allow local businesses to operate more efficiently and attract new investment into Fresno County’s unincorporated areas.</p> <p>Under the auspices of the County’s Chief Operating Officer, the County of Fresno has prepared planning analyses and applications to secure grant funding for telecommunication infrastructure.</p>

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<p>ED-B.B</p> <p>The County shall coordinate an initiative to deliver a comprehensive package of technical assistance regarding available technology to local businesses to improve their productivity and make this assistance available as an incentive for business prospects. (See Policy ED-B.9)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 02-03; 03-04</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>The Fresno County EDC works with local businesses throughout Fresno County providing technical assistance. The EDC works to enhance the stability and growth of Fresno County’s prospective and existing companies by connecting them with specific resources, information, and services with the primary objectives to assist businesses with expansions, survive economic difficulties, and make them more competitive in the wider marketplace. The EDC responds to businesses interested in Fresno County and develops comprehensive informational packets based on their individual needs.</p> <p>The EDC updates its Ready2Hire jobs platform to serve its New Employment Opportunities program in partnership with the County of Fresno Department of Social Services. The Ready2Hire online portal provides employers with hiring needs an intuitive platform to identify potential candidates based on unique hiring requirements and skillsets.</p>

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ED-B.C			
<p>The County shall convene a roundtable of major financial institutions, venture capital firms, and business finance agencies, such as the California Public Employees Retirement System (CALPERS), to determine the need for improving access to capital for non-agricultural businesses seeking to locate or expand in Fresno County. (See Policy ED-B.10)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CAO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PW&P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>EDC works with local financial institutions as part of EDC’s business outreach and technical assistance. In addition, the EDC’s CEO and Vice President serve on the Access Plus Capital Board of Directors.</p> <p>In August of 2022, EDC coordinated a Capital Roundtable involving financial institutions, private equity funds, foundations and family offices to identify hybrid financing structures to invest in companies looking to locate or expand. This input was used to support a capital recruitment campaign known as Fresno’s Impact Economy. EDC has utilized this private finance network to match company funding needs with investors.</p> <p>EDC staff work with businesses seeking to locate or expand in Fresno County by assisting them with financing, grants, and microloan programs.</p>
ED-B.D			
<p>The County shall initiate a planning process to identify additional recreation opportunities in the coast range foothills and other areas where “gateway opportunities” exist. (See Policy ED-B.18)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PW&P</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>Ongoing. In 2023, the County of Fresno and EDC remained involved with the citizen-led “Friends of Scenic 180,” a locally organized group of local property and business owners who are dedicated to supporting the growth in recreation, tourism, community, and commercial activities within the Yokuts Valley area.</p> <p>The County continues to identify recreational opportunities in the coast range foothills and other areas of the County.</p>

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<p>ED-B.E</p> <p>The County shall regularly evaluate the marketing programs of the Visitor and Convention Bureau and provide funding assistance as appropriate to support effective marketing programs that attract business travel to the County. (See Policy ED-B.20)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p>CAO</p> <p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 00-01</p>	<p>Ongoing. The EDC in cooperation with the Visitor and Convention Bureau works on developing effective marketing programs that attract business and travel to the County. EDC coordinates with the Fresno/Clovis Convention and Visitors Bureau to ensure messaging continuity as needed.</p> <p>EDC continues to enlist the Fresno/Clovis Convention Bureau to collaborate on special reports and analyses that support public events that generate business travel and local tourism.</p> <p>In the Summer of 2023, the EDC began serving on the Regional Advisory Committee for Visit CA. The goal of the committee is to inform and develop a regional and statewide tourism strategic plan.</p>

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ED-C Labor Force Preparedness			
ED-C.A			
<p>The County shall join with the Workforce Development Board, community colleges, and others to develop a countywide workforce preparation system. (See Policy ED-C.1)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Workforce Development Board</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Social Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>	<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 Economic Development Corporation (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 to conduct routine workforce/jobs analysis to help inform training needs, programs, and partnerships.</p> <p>In 2023, EDC continues 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 organizations, and post-secondary institutions to create and expand training programs within the Construction, Manufacturing, Transportation/ Distribution, and Business Services sectors. Currently, the EDC is working with project partners as part of a “Program Design” stage of the grant. The EDC will begin full implementation of training programs across all sectors in Spring 2024.</p> <p>In June 2023, the EDC sponsored its first cohort funded by GJC and began training on employer-specified skills for in-demand manufacturing careers. The 5-week Manufacturing Generalist course exemplifies the sector partnership strategy envisioned by EDA. Employers worked with the program’s instructor to design a curriculum responsive to their needs. Reedley College provided an instructor and facilities. Community Based Organizations, Higher Education Institutions, Adult Schools, and Employers</p>

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			<p>assisted with recruitment. During the training program, experienced case managers worked with instructors daily to ensure participants were supported. Employers visited the classroom on multiple occasions to provide encouragement and guidance. Fresno County EDC, Reedley College, and the San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance hosted the graduation ceremony in late July 2023.</p>
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<p>ED-C.B</p> <p>The County shall develop a skills inventory on the CalWORKs labor pool for local expansion and new businesses seeking employees. (See Policy ED-C.1)</p>	<p>Social Services</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>Ongoing. The EDC routinely updates its Ready2Hire portal, which aligns the CalWORKs labor pool with employment opportunities from the EDC's client network. In 2022, EDC refined its comprehensive quarterly jobs analysis using EMSI/Lightcast and began the implementation in 2023.</p> <p>A skills inventory was developed for positions in local industries. This was used as the basis for a coded skills inventory using the automated Welfare Employment Preparedness Index. The system could then be queried and sorted by specific skills and can produce a list of clients meeting given criteria.</p> <p>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 Economic Development Specialists updated insights on key industries, employers, and occupations actively hiring within Fresno County.</p>

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<p>ED-C.C</p> <p>The County shall improve tracking systems for employment and retention for CalWORKs recipients. (See Policy ED-C.1)</p>	<p>Social Services</p>	<p>FY 00-01</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>With the Good Jobs Challenge (GJC) grant award, EDC has coordinated meetings with Department of Social Services (DSS) staff responsible for CalWORKs programming on ways to leverage its collective programs and federal GJC funding for CalWORKs recipients. EDC and DSS staff have been in conversation about implementing a Human Resources Generalist training program to assist DSS with current 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.</p> <p>EDC has dedicated two 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>

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<p>ED-C.D</p> <p>The County shall continue efforts to assist the Fresno EDC, placement agencies, and businesses to assess the availability and work readiness of CalWORKs recipients for employment opportunities. (See Policy ED-C.1)</p>	<p>Social Services</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. During the 2023 calendar year, four cohorts of the Truck Drivers Training Program were held, graduating 41 CalWORKs recipients. Moreover, three cohorts completed the Valley Apprenticeship Connections program, graduating 10 CalWORKs recipients.</p> <p>The County Department of Social Services 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. Three job fairs were attended on behalf of DSS, and three specialized recruitment event was carried out on behalf of companies with hiring needs.</p> <p>In addition, EDC staff has 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. EDC is in Program Design and anticipated beginning training programs in Spring 2024.</p>

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<p>ED-C.E</p> <p>The County shall continue its collaborative planning and funding efforts with agencies such as the County Office of Education, State EDD, local school districts, post-secondary educational institutions, training agencies, and the cities. Such efforts may include education management services, employment placement services, relocation and retention programs, youth employment programs, job clubs, and neighborhood jobs services. (See Policy ED-C.1 and ED-C.2)</p>	<p>Social Services</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. The Department of Social Services 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. 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, on an ongoing basis, efforts initiated through the CalWORKS Job Creation Investment Fund to identify the skills required by the clusters and industries targeted for expansion, attraction, and new enterprise development. (See Policy ED-C.3)</p>	<p>Social Services</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. No specific activity was reported for the year 2023.</p> <p>This program is an ongoing effort. The Fresno County Department of Social Services prepares an annual overview of programs. The following was taken from the Programs Overview 2020:</p> <p>The Case Management branch of the Fresno County Department of Social Services administers The California Work Opportunity & Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Welfare to Work program to support families with a variety of services available to approved</p>

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		<p>CalWORKs applicants. The Welfare to Work program is the employment and training aspect of CalWORKs. Employment services are available to work activity participants including counseling, job preparedness, job development, training, and supportive services such as childcare, transportation, work clothing and tools. Services are also available to address barriers to employment including substance abuse, domestic violence, mental health, and legal issues.</p> <p>The Department partners with agencies and employers in the community to deliver educational, training and employment opportunities that provide our clients with the support to achieve self-sufficiency through higher education and gainful employment.</p> <p>Pregnant or parenting teens receiving CalWORKs are required to participate in the Cal-Learn program, designed to encourage graduation from high school or its equivalent, and support teens to become independent, and form healthy families.</p>
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Agriculture and Land Use Element			
LU-A			
Agriculture			
LU-A.A			
<p>The County shall review and amend its Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances to ensure consistency with policies and standards of this section. (See Policies LU-A.1 through LU-A.21)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors PW&P</p>	<p>FY 00-01; 01-02</p>	<p>Ongoing. In 2023, the County continued working on the comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance and General Plan and anticipates adoption to occur in early 2024.</p> <p>The County continues to amend its Subdivision Ordinance as necessary to ensure consistency between the Subdivision Ordinance and the General Plan.</p>
LU-A.B			
<p>The County shall evaluate minimum parcel sizes necessary for sustained agricultural productivity on land designated for agriculture throughout the County, and, as appropriate, amend the Zoning Ordinance according to the results of that analysis. (See Policy LU-A.6.)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 03-04</p>	<p>Ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred during the 2023 calendar year.</p> <p>Policy LU-A.6 states that the County shall maintain twenty (20) acres as the minimum permitted parcel size in areas designated Agriculture, except as provided in Policies LU-A.9, LU-A.10, and LU-A.11. The County may require parcel sizes larger than twenty (20) acres based on zoning, local agricultural conditions, and to help ensure the viability of agricultural operations.</p>

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<p>LU-A.C</p> <p>The County shall develop and implement guidelines for design and maintenance of buffers to be required when new non-agricultural uses are approved in agricultural areas. Buffer design and maintenance guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, the following:</p> <p>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 maximum amount of farmable land. 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. 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. e) The County may condition its approval of a project on the ongoing maintenance of buffers. f) A homeowners association or other appropriate entity shall be required to maintain buffers to control litter, fire hazards, pests, and other maintenance problems. g) Buffer restrictions may be removed if agricultural uses on all adjacent parcels have permanently ceased. (See Policy LU-A.16)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 03-04</p>	<p>Ongoing. During the 2023 calendar year, the County continued to evaluate land use applications, such as proposed tract maps and photovoltaic solar facilities, for their proximity to existing agricultural activities.</p> <p>The County requires buffers for certain land uses with the potential to hinder agricultural uses. For discretionary land use proposals including tract maps, buffers are taken into consideration as part of the conditions imposed on the project.</p> <p>This has also been applied to utility-scale photovoltaic solar facilities with a general buffer area of 50 feet between panels or structures and surrounding agricultural properties to be maintained by the solar facility operator.</p>

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LU-A.D			
<p>The County shall periodically review agricultural land preservation programs and assess their effectiveness in furthering the County's agricultural goals and policies. (See Policies LU-A.13 and LU-A.16)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. There was no comprehensive evaluation of agricultural land preservation programs in 2023.</p> <p>Both the Williamson Act Program and conservation easements are 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 for agricultural purposes, which furthers the County's goals and policies for the preservation of productive agricultural land. 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.</p> <p>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. County staff also work with the Agricultural Land Conservation Committee to review cancellation petitions and forward the Committee's recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.</p>
LU-A.E			
<p>The County shall continue to implement the County's Right-to-Farm Ordinance and will provide information to the local real estate industry to help make the public aware of the right-to-farm provisions in their area. (See Policy LU-A.15)</p>	<p>County Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. County staff utilize the Right-to-Farm Ordinance notification process for several types of discretionary land use permits 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. Further, County staff also work with the Agricultural Commissioner's Office for the review of discretionary projects proposed in agricultural areas and seek comments from the Agricultural Commissioner's Office regarding those projects.</p>

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LU-A.F			
<p>The County, in cooperation with UC Cooperative Extension, resource conservation districts, and other industry agencies, shall develop and implement a public outreach program to inform agriculturists 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 Agricultural Land Stewardship Program Fund. (See Policies LU-A.16 through LU-A.21)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PW&P County Department of Agriculture</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. No formal public outreach program has been developed or implemented to inform agriculturists and the public of the advantages of participation in land trust agreements or conservation easements, but it should be noted that the County no longer authorizes new Williamson Act contracts on non-contracted land because the State stopped providing subvention funding for the Williamson Act program in 2009.</p> <p>In prior years, the Board of Supervisors has adopted Resolutions of Support for landowners who wish to place their land under conservation easement. In 2014, 2015, and 2017, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolutions supporting the placement of 1,000 acres of farmland under conservation easement.</p>
LU-A.G			
<p>The County shall actively pursue grant funds under provisions of the Agricultural Land Stewardship Program Act of 1995 to assist interested farmers and ranchers in obtaining funds for conservation easements. (See Policy LU-A.16)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PW&P</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred during the 2023 calendar year.</p> <p>As stated above, the Board of Supervisors has adopted Resolutions of Support for landowners who wish to place their land under conservation easement.</p>

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LU-A.H			
<p>The County shall develop a program establishing criteria to prioritize funding for agricultural conservation easements. (See Policy LU-A.16)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>Ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred during the 2023 calendar year.</p> <p>However, the Board of Supervisors previously adopted Resolutions of Support for landowners who wish to place their land under conservation easement.</p>
LU-A.I			
<p>The County shall assess the approaches to determining agricultural land values in the 1981 Farmland Protection Policy Act land evaluation and site assessment (LESA) system, and the Tulare County Rural Valley Lands Plan, 1975 amendment, to determine the potential for developing a similar process for identifying and ranking the value of agricultural land in Fresno County. If appropriate, the County shall establish an agricultural quality scale system to assist the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors in agricultural land use conversion decisions. (See Policy LU-A.16)</p>	<p>PW&P County Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>FY 03-04</p>	<p>Ongoing. While the County has not formally assessed utilizing an agricultural quality scale system similar to LESA as part of the evaluation process of converting agricultural land to non-agricultural uses, it does consistently analyze project impacts associated with the conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural uses as part of the environmental assessment of discretionary projects.</p>

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LU-A.J			
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. (See Policies LU-A.9, LU-A.10, and LU-A.11)	PW&P Board of Supervisors	Annually	Ongoing. During the 2023 calendar year, five lot size exceptions were granted through provisions outlined in Policy LU-A.9 (Gift Deed and Homesite parcels), and eight lot size exceptions were granted through variance applications.
LU-B Westside Rangelands			
LU-B.A			
The County shall maintain an inventory of lot size exceptions granted by discretionary permit. This inventory, including numbers 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. (See Policies LU-B.7, LU-B.9, and LU-B.10)	PW&P	Annually	Ongoing. As noted above, during the 2023 calendar year, five lot size exceptions were granted through provisions outlined in Policy LU- A.9 (Gift Deed and Homesite parcels), and eight lot size exceptions were granted through the variance process.

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LU-C River Influence Areas			
LU-C.A			
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. (See Policies LU-C.1 and OS-H.10)	Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 02-03 (first update); subsequently as needed	Ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred during the 2023 calendar year. Although the Kings River Regional Plan has not been updated, the existing plan continues to remain adequate and relied upon when considering proposed land use and environmental decisions.
LU-C.B			
The County shall 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.	Board of Supervisors PW&P	Ongoing	Ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred during the 2023 calendar year.

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LU-D Westside Freeway Corridor			
LU-D.A			
The County shall revise its Zoning Ordinance to implement the revised provisions of this section concerning the Westside Freeway Corridor. (See Policies LU-D.1 through LU-D.6)	Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 01-02	Ongoing. Revisions to the County Zoning Ordinance were approved March 27, 2001, by the Board of Supervisors to implement the revised provisions of this section concerning the Westside Freeway Corridor with approval of Amendment to Text (AT) No. 337. The ongoing General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update will make modifications for the establishment of Highway Interchanges along the Westside Freeway Corridor.
LU-F Urban Development Patterns			
LU-F.A			
The County shall work with the Cities of Clovis and Fresno and other cities as appropriate to adopt incentives and disincentives that will lead to compact urban development and infill of vacant and underutilized land. (See Policies LU-F.1 through LU-F.10)	Board of Supervisors	Ongoing	Ongoing. In 2023, County staff continued to coordinate with staff of both the cities of Fresno and Clovis on development and planned infrastructure projects to promote compact urban development and infill of vacant and underutilized land. The County's General Plan and the General Plans of the Cities of Fresno and Clovis include policies that promote infill of vacant and underutilized land.

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LU-F.B			
<p>The County shall review its Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance to incorporate amendments that will implement the policies for pedestrian and transit-oriented development. (See Policies LU-F.1 through LU-F.10)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>Ongoing. The ongoing General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update will make provisions for pedestrian and transit-oriented developments, and it is anticipated to be adopted in early 2024.</p>
<p>LU-G Incorporated City, City Fringe Area, and Unincorporated Community Development</p>			
LU-G.A			
<p>The County shall review and revise, as appropriate, its Zoning Ordinance to facilitate moderate increases in density of housing in unincorporated urban communities. (See Policies LU-G.21 through LU-G.23)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>Ongoing. In 2022, the County amended its Zoning Ordinance sections pertaining to density bonus to allow for greater compliance with state law.</p> <p>Previously, in 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved amendments to the General Plan Land Use Element and the Zoning Ordinance to increase residential densities in certain land use designations and zone districts (R2, R2-A, R3, R3-A, R4, C4 and RP) to 20 units per acre. Additional zoning updates are anticipated to be adopted in 2024.</p>
LU-G.B			
<p>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 applicable community plan. (See Policies LU-G.1 through LU-G.20)</p>	<p>PW&P Board of Supervisors</p>	<p>As Needed</p>	<p>Ongoing. The County continues to implement this program annually as annexations are filed.</p>

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LU-H General and Administrative Provisions			
LU-H.A			
The County shall prepare and adopt a regional plan for the Friant-Millerton area consistent with the directives of Policy LU-H.8. (See Policy LU-H.8)	Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 02-03	Ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred during the 2023 calendar year.
LU-H.B			
County Staff shall meet regularly with cities and adjacent counties to address planning and growth issues of common interest and concern. Staff shall report annually on cooperative planning efforts of the previous year and the planned schedule of meetings with local jurisdictions to address regional planning issues in the upcoming year.	PW&P	Ongoing	Ongoing. The County continues to implement this program annually by meeting with the City of Fresno monthly and with the City of Clovis quarterly. Additionally, the County has also been meeting monthly with the 14 cities participating in the 6 th Cycle Regional Housing Element.

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LU-H.C			
<p>The County shall prepare and adopt minimum format and content guidelines for the preparation of updated and new regional, community, and specific plans to ensure consistency with the countywide General Plan. (See Policy LU-H.10)</p>	<p align="center">PW&P</p>	<p align="center">FY 02-03</p>	<p>Ongoing. In 2023, the Board of Supervisors accepted the Fresno County Guidance Document for Unincorporated Community Plans, which provides guidance for updating existing community plans as well as establishing new community plans. The document also establishes a format for updating unincorporated community plans as well as minimum content requirements for those plans. Further, the Board also accepted scoring criteria to prioritize community plan updates and approved the order in which the County’s community plans are to be updated. In December 2023, the County held kick-off meetings in the communities of Del Rey and Biola to begin these community plan updates.</p>
LU-H.D			
<p>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. This review shall also be used to satisfy the requirements of Public Resources Code 21081.6 for a mitigation monitoring program. (See Policy LU-H.12)</p>	<p align="center">Planning Commission Board of Supervisors PW&P</p>	<p align="center">FY 02-03; annually thereafter</p>	<p>Ongoing. County staff prepares a General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) on an annual basis 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>
LU-H.E			
<p>The County shall conduct a major review of the General Plan, including the General Plan Policy Document and Background Report, every five years and revise it as deemed necessary. (See Policy LU-H.14)</p>	<p align="center">Board of Supervisors PW&P</p>	<p align="center">FY 05-06; every five (5) years thereafter</p>	<p>Ongoing. The County is currently working on a General Plan Review which includes a revision of the of the General Plan Policy Document and Background Report to achieve full consistency between General Plan policies and County development regulations, and to bring the General Plan into compliance with California legislation. It is anticipated that the revisions will be adopted in early 2024.</p>

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LU-H.F			
The County shall comprehensively review and amend as necessary the Zoning Ordinance text and Zoning Map to reflect new policies and standards included in the General Plan during the 2000 update. (See Policy LU-H.15)	PW&P	FY 02-03; 03-04	Ongoing. The County is currently working on a Zoning Ordinance Update to achieve full consistency between County development regulations and General Plan policies, and to bring the General Plan into compliance with California legislation. It is anticipated that the update will be adopted in early 2024.
LU Mitigation Measure 4.16-2			
In approving new development, the County shall require that lighting standards be designed and constructed to minimize the project contribution to ambient light production and to preclude "spillover" light onto adjacent light-sensitive (e.g., residences, hospitals) properties.	PW&P	Ongoing	Ongoing. The County continues to condition discretionary projects to require that exterior lighting be hooded and directed away from adjacent roads and properties.

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Transportation and Circulation Element			
TR-A			
Streets and Highways			
TR-A.A			
<p>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 seven (7) years. The Board of Supervisors shall update the RIP every five (5) years, or more frequently as recommended by the responsible departments. The RIP shall include program maintenance and rehabilitation, reconstruction, capacity, operational, safety improvements, and specific plan lines on a prioritized basis. The RIP shall be coordinated with the five (5)-year major review of the General Plan and shall be included in the annual General Plan review. (See Policies TR-A.4 and TR-A.11)</p>	<p>PW&P Board of Supervisors</p>	<p>FY 00-01; every five years thereafter</p>	<p>Ongoing. This program continues to be annually implemented via the RIP Board of Supervisors' approval of the 2021 RIP, which will be updated again in 2024.</p>

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TR-A.B			
<p>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 Level of Service (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. (See Policy TR-A.8)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PW&P Board of Supervisors</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FY 01-02</p>	<p>Ongoing. Funds collected through a Transportation Mitigation Input Fees Program used to help with the cost of future off-site publicly owned road and intersection improvements necessary to mitigate impacts from the development when the improvements are needed.</p>
TR-A.C			
<p>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. (See Policy TR-A.10)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PW&P</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. During the 2023 calendar year, federal grant funding awarded included \$300,000 for Safe Streets for All Action Planning to upgrade the existing Local Road Safety Plan which includes an in-depth equity assessment to address and remediate a legacy of harm and provide disadvantaged residents an opportunity to engage actively in road and pedestrian safety; \$131,000 for preliminary engineering for a left turn signal at Central and Chestnut, \$200,000 for edgeline striping on various County roads; \$12.8 million for reconstruction of Fowler and Elkhorn Avenues and shoulder widening. State funds awarded included \$1 million for sidewalk improvements for Tranquillity, \$3 million for road improvements in Tranquillity; \$2 million for Cantua Creek/El Porvenir for street and sidewalk improvements; and \$2 million for intersection realignment at Auberry and Frazier Roads. The County was also awarded \$400,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for park improvements in Raisin City.</p> <p>In addition, the County applied for a RAISE grant for Tranquillity Complete Streets, a Clean CA Grant for Calwa and Golden State Boulevard, a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant, a PROTECT planning grant to mitigate flood impacts on major roads in West Fresno County, a reconstruction/shoulder paving project for the community of Laton, shoulder paving project on</p>

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			Elkhorn, signal improvements at Central and Chestnut, and a roundabout at Millerton and Marina Drive.
TR-A.D			
The County shall coordinate its transportation planning with the Council of Fresno County Governments, Caltrans, cities within the County, and adjacent jurisdictions. (See Policy TR-A.6)	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing. During the 2023 calendar year, the County continued coordinating its transportation planning with the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG), Caltrans, cities within the County and adjacent jurisdictions.</p> <p>In fall 2023, the County hosted the Central Valley County Engineer Association lunch and presented a program on Safe Streets for All. The cities of Fresno, Clovis, Fowler and Parlier agreed to collaborate with the County in the formation of a Regional Safety Task Force, representatives from the City of Fresno and Fresno COG attended the County's Safe Streets for All Workshop.</p>

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TR-A.E			
The County shall update and maintain the Improvement Standards for other County development improvements, including private roads dedicated to public use. (See Policy TR-A.1)	PW&P	Ongoing	This program is ongoing. In August 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with Willdan Engineering to update the County’s improvement standards. Completion is anticipated, and Board adoption is anticipated in 2024.
TR-B Transit			
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 short-range transit plans in the County at least as often as required by State law. (See Policy TR-B.1)	PW&P	FY 01-02; every five years thereafter	Ongoing. The County collaborates with FCOG on review and update of the Short-Range Transit Plan on a continuous basis. The Short-Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area 2022-2026 was last adopted by the FCOG Policy Board on June 24, 2021.

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TR-B.B			
<p>The County shall encourage transit providers and FCOG to prepare, adopt, and implement a long-range strategic transit master plan for the County or sub-areas 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. (See Policy TR-B.1)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>The Fresno County Regional Long Range Transit Plan (LRTP) was approved by the FCOG Policy Board on April 25, 2019.</p> <p>The LRTP guides transit and multimodal investments and services in the Fresno region through the year 2050. The plan builds on Fresno COG's 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and prior transit planning studies and will inform the 2022 RTP. Further, the LRTP will integrate appropriate and effective public transportation planning and projects into the fabric of the region's overall circulation networks and systems.</p>
TR-B.C			
<p>Through its representation on the FCOG Board and the FCRTA (a joint powers agency), the County shall work with these agencies to identify and pursue funding for transit. (See Policy TR-B.4)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>In November 2023, Fresno County partnered with FCRTA, and the cities of Mendota and Firebaugh along with West Hills Community College to submit a letter of interest for a Thriving Communities grant for planning and community engagement technical assistance to improve transit in Western Fresno County continues to work with FCOG and FCTRA to identify and pursue funding for transit.</p>
TR-B.D			
<p>The County shall work with 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. (See Policy TR-B.3)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>No right-of-way needs within designated transit corridors were identified in 2023.</p> <p>Fresno County continues to work with FCOG 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.</p>

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TR-B.E			
<p>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. (See Policy TR-B.3)</p>	<p align="center">PW&P</p>	<p>After FY 01-02 (if initiated by County)</p>	<p>Ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>In 2011, FCOG prepared the Public Transportation Infrastructure Study (PTIS). The PTIS Study makes recommendations for investments, the timing of those investments, and funding sources augmenting Measure C sales tax revenue to pay for them.</p> <p>In addition, the PTIS study makes policy recommendations that will be important to be adopted by City and County elected officials and implemented by the planning department and public works administrators to shape future growth in such a way that it supports the transit investments. Fresno County continues to work with FCOG to promote transit accessibility and use.</p>
TR-B.F			
<p>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. (See Policy TR-B.2)</p>	<p align="center">PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>Caltrans is the primary provider of Park and Ride lots on State highways. Fresno County continues to work with Caltrans and FCOG to determine the need for additional or expanded park-and-ride lots and to identify additional sites for such lots.</p>

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TR-D Bicycle Facilities			
TR-D.A			
The County shall work with the Fresno Council of Governments, Caltrans, and cities within the County to update the Regional Bikeways Plan to ensure consistency with the Circulation Diagram and Standards section. (See Policy TR-D.1)	PW&P	FY 00-01	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>In 2022, FCOG retained a consultant to update the Regional ATP adopted in 2018. The County requested that additional disadvantaged communities be considered in this plan. Completion is anticipated in early 2024.</p> <p>The Fresno County Regional Trails Plan which was a collaborative effort between the Fresno County and FCOG was completed in early 2021 and was adopted by the FCOG Policy Board on April 29, 2021. The Fresno County Bicycle Plan to create the Fresno County's Active Transportation Plan.</p> <p>The Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP) was adopted by FCOG's Policy Board on February 22, 2018.</p> <p>On February 22, 2018, the FCOG Policy Board directed staff to hire a consultant to develop an ATP. Active transportation refers to human-powered transportation, such as walking, cycling, using a wheelchair, in-line skating, skateboarding, etc. The Fresno Regional ATP is an important document that will help each jurisdiction in the County identify needed bicycle and pedestrian projects and help the agencies qualify for new funds to implement the projects. The Active Transportation Plan (ATP) is a comprehensive guide that creates a vision for a network of trails, bike lanes, sidewalks, and other elements to support safe walking and bicycling. The consultant worked with all COG member jurisdictions in developing the Regional ATP. The ATP includes a chapter (Chapter 6) that describes the existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the unincorporated communities of Fresno County.</p>

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<p>TR-D.B</p> <p>The County shall encourage implementation and use of bikeways by use of Transportation Development Act Article III bicycle and pedestrian funds to implement and maintain bikeways or bike trails. 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 utilized when compatible with the General Plan policies and long-term local funding capabilities. (See Policy TR-D.1)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>In 2023, the County began work on the Safe Streets for All Action Plan, which included PWP initiating a collaboration with the Public Health Department and the City of Fresno Active Transportation Committee for active transportation outreach. In March 2023, the County applied for a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant to fund the Active Transportation Plan.</p> <p>In May 2023, District 5 held a community bike ride in eastern Fresno County. In fall 2023, PWP staff attended the American Planning Association conference and the 1st Annual Pedal Conference both held in downtown Fresno, along with outreach events sponsored by the Fresno Bicycle Coalition.</p> <p>The Regional Active Transportation Plan, last adopted in 2018, is being updated by FCOG’s consultant. The County added additional disadvantaged communities to the plan and is participating in the planning an outreach process. Completion is anticipated in early 2024.</p> <p>The Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan was last updated on September 24, 2013.</p> <p>The bicycle portion has since been integrated into the Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan (FCRATP).</p> <p>The Fresno County Regional Trails Plan which was a collaborative effort between the Fresno County and FCOG was completed in early 2021 and was adopted by the FCOG Policy Board on April 29, 2021. The Fresno County Bicycle Plan and the Regional Trails Plan will be combined with the Bicycle Plan to create the Fresno County’s Active Transportation Plan.</p>

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TR-D.C			
<p>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. (See Policies TR-D.4 and TR-D.5)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>The County requires sufficient pavement width for bikeways shown on the Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was originally adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 15, 2011.</p> <p>The Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan was last updated on September 24, 2013. The bicycle plan portion has since been integrated into the Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan (FCRATP). Sufficient pavement width for bikeways will be constructed per the requirements of the adopted plan.</p>
TR-D.D			
<p>The County shall use California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) bikeway design standards as guidelines for construction of Class I, II and III bicycle facilities. (See Policies TR-D.1 and TR-D.3)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>The County uses California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) bikeway design standards as guidelines for the construction of Class I, II, and III bicycle facilities.</p>

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TR-D.E			
The County shall work with other agencies to provide facilities that help link bicycles to other modes, including provision of bike racks or space on buses and parking or lockers for bicycles at transportation terminals. (See Policy TR-D.8)	PW&P	Ongoing	This program is ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred in 2023. The Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 15, 2011 and was updated on September 24, 2013 provides information on facilities that help link bicycle riders to other modes, including the provision of bike racks or space on buses and parking or lockers for bicycles at transportation terminals.
TR-E Rail Transportation			
TR-E.A			
The County shall 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. (See Policies TR-E.3 and TR-E.4)	PW&P	Ongoing	This program is ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred in 2023. 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 use appropriate zoning in designated rail corridors to ensure preservation of rail facilities for future local rail use. (See Policy TR-E.4)	PW&P	Ongoing	This program is ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred in 2023. The County will continue to use appropriate zoning classifications in designated rail corridors to preserve rail facilities for future use.

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TR-E.C			
<p>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. (See Policies TR-E.1 through TR-E.6)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program will be removed given that the FCOG Rail Committee was dissolved in 2012 when the San Joaquin Valley Joint Powers Authority (SJVJPA) was formed. A Board of Supervisors member presents Fresno County by participating in the SJVJPA.</p>

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Public Facilities and Services Element			
PF-A General Public Facilities and Services			
PF-A.A			
The County shall ensure that infrastructure plans or area facilities plans are prepared in conjunction with any new or expanded community or specific plans and are reviewed and updated as needed. Such plans shall contain phasing and facility improvement Timelines.	CAO PW&P	Annually	This program is ongoing. When a new community or specific plan is prepared or updated in conjunction with a proposed development, infrastructure plans or area facilities plans must be prepared to address the adequacy of the existing infrastructure or expansion of the infrastructure to accommodate the proposed development.
PF-B Funding			
PF-B.A			
The County shall prepare and adopt a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for designing and constructing County facilities. Roadways shall be included in the separate Roadway Improvement Plan (RIP). The CIP should be updated at least every five (5) years, or concurrently with the approval of any significant amendments to the General Plan.	CAO Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 01-02; every five years thereafter	This program is ongoing. No reportable activity for 2023. On March 20, 2018, the Board of Supervisors received and approved the proposed update to the adopted County's Capital Improvement Plan to enable expenditure of public facility impact fees collected under the 2008 program. Previously, in 2018 the Board of Supervisors conducted the second public hearing to consider adopting an Ordinance amending Title 17 – Division of Land, Chapter 17.90 – Public Facilities Impact Fees and Schedule of Fees of the Fresno County Ordinance Code. The Board voted to discontinue public facilities impact fees established in 2008 but to maintain authorization to establish new public facilities impact fees in the future.

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<p>PF-B.B</p> <p>The County shall develop and adopt ordinances specifying acceptable methods for new development to pay for new capital facilities and expanded services. Possible mechanisms include development fees, assessment districts, land/facility dedications, county service areas, and community facilities districts. (See Policies PF-B.1 and PF-B.3)</p>	<p>CAO</p> <p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 01-02; 02-03</p>	<p>This program is ongoing. No reportable activity for 2023.</p> <p>On October 9, 2018, the Board of Supervisors conducted the second public hearing to consider adopting an Ordinance amending Title 17 – Division of Land, Chapter 17.90 – Public Facilities Impact Fees and Schedule of Fees of the Fresno County Ordinance Code. The Board voted to discontinue public facilities impact fees established in 2008 but maintained authorization to establish new public facilities impact fees in the future.</p>

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PF-C Water Supply and Delivery			
PF-C.A			
The County shall develop a process for resolution of water supply problems and apply the process when areas of need are identified.	PW&P	FY 01-02	This program is ongoing. Although a specific process for resolving the countywide water supply problem has not been developed, the implementation of SGMA which is aimed at addressing the water supply at the State level is being implemented in Fresno County to address the water supply issue in the County of Fresno. In addition, all discretionary land use projects are required to provide a water supply evaluation analysis as outlined in General Plan Policy PF-C.17.

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PF-C.B			
<p>The County shall adopt a well construction and destruction ordinance that will include among other requirements the mapping of location information on abandoned wells in the County GIS database and which includes a procedure for ensuring that abandoned wells are properly destroyed.</p>	<p align="center">PW&P Public Health</p>	<p align="center">FY 02-03</p>	<p>This program will be removed.</p> <p>The County Environmental Health Division has developed a procedure to ensure that abandoned wells are properly destroyed.</p>
PF-C.C			
<p>The County shall prepare or cause to be prepared water master plans for water delivery systems for areas undergoing urban growth. The County shall have approved such plans prior to implementation. (See Policy PF-C.8)</p>	<p align="center">PW&P</p>	<p align="center">As Needed</p>	<p>This program is ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>Updates of water master plans and implementation schedules are required for areas experiencing urban-type growth. Millerton Specific Plan area, Shaver Lake area, and Friant Specific Plan area have approved plans.</p>
PF-C.D			

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<p>The County shall develop and implement a tiered water pricing structure for County Service Areas and Waterworks Districts. (See Policy PF-C.29)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>On March 22, 2022, County staff presented the 2022-23 Annual Report for the water year (April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023). Staff's recommendation was that all Community Service Areas (CSAs) and Waterworks Districts (WWDs) implement Stage 1 Water Conservation as it was the most closely comparing with the restrictions imposed on water users throughout the state by the statewide emergency drought regulations, with the exception of four CSAs and one WWD, which were recommended to implement a water conservation stage of Stage 2 or higher. The recommendation was made for the Board to implement Stage 2 and Stage 3 Water Conservation for CSA 39AB to comply with the water regulations of their water provider (City of Fresno). The recommendation was also made for the Board to implement Stage 4 Water Conservation for CSAs 30, 32 and 49 and WWD 40 due to their water provider (Westlands) having imposed restrictions most closely comparing with Stage 4 Water Conservation and WWD 40 having water capacity issues with their water system. County staff has been working with WWD 40 to identify funding for new/additional sources of water and/or water treatment. The Board accepted the 2022-23 Annual Report and implemented all recommendations made by staff for the 2022-23 water year.</p> <p>Tiered water rate structures have been implemented in recent developments that have occurred in the unincorporated communities of Fresno County. Due to recent drought conditions, CSA and WWD water rate structures have been modified to a flat rate (operational costs) plus a consumption rate (cost of water). Tiered consumption rates are being utilized in CSAs and WWDs where the supply or treatment of water is limited. All new developments are required to provide water rate structures prepared by an engineer and comprised of a flat rate and consumption rate.</p>
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<p>PF-C.E</p> <p>The County shall establish water demand standards based on types and sizes of uses to serve as a basis for determining the adequacy of a proposed water supply for new development. (See Policy PF-C.14)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>Ongoing. Activities related to this program are ongoing as described below.</p> <p>Although specific County standards have not been established, water supply and proposed water use are evaluated on a per-project basis by Public Works and Planning staff to determine adequate water supply. Staff utilizes comparative analyses, where available, to estimate anticipated water supply demands for development as required by the California Fire Code as referenced NFPA standards, Fresno County Ordinance Code Sections 15.60.350 and 15.60.535 as applicable to development in the State Responsibility Area. Further, in regard to landscaping, the County is implementing the State required Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELo) which applies to both residential and commercial projects. The MWELo was part of the Governor’s Drought Executive Order of April 1, 2015. The revised ordinance was approved on July 15, 2015.</p>
<p>PF-C.F</p> <p>The County shall establish a review and/or regulatory process for proposed transfers of surface water to areas outside of the County and for substitution of groundwater for transferred surface water. (See Policy PF-C.23)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 00-01</p>	<p>Completed. This program has been implemented with the adoption of the Groundwater Transfer Ordinance and will be deleted.</p>

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PF-C.G			
<p>The County shall develop a list of water conservation technologies, methods, and practices that maximize the beneficial use of water resources. The County shall review and update the list periodically to eliminate practices that no longer prove beneficial and add new technologies that become available. (See Policy PF-C.28)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>Ongoing. Activities related to this program are ongoing as described below.</p> <p>The County has not developed a list of water conservation technologies and practices that maximizes the beneficial use of water resources, but since the adoption of this policy in 2000, the County enforces the State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELo) implemented in 2015 as a means to promote the values and benefits of landscapes while recognizing the need to invest water and other resources as efficiently as possible, to establish a structure for planning, designing, installing, maintaining, and managing water- efficient landscapes in new and rehabilitated projects, to establish provisions for water management practices and water waste prevention for established landscapes, and to use water efficiently without waste by setting a Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA) as an upper limit for water use and reduce water use to the lowest practical amount. These standards are enforced for any residential, commercial, or industrial projects that require a permit, plan check, or design review and that has a 500 square-foot or more landscaping area.</p> <p>In addition, in 2014, the County adopted a water conservation ordinance (Chapter 14.01) for water systems operated by the County to (a) conserve and properly utilize water supplies by preventing waste and unreasonable use, (b) promote the health, welfare, and safety of residents under natural and infrastructural conditions that limit water supply for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection, and (c) regulate the use of water services and facilities. This ordinance requires the County to present each year an annual water conversation report which among other things, provides information on water demand and availability for the year of April 1st – March 31st and a recommendation of a water conservation state and imposition of corresponding regulations as described in the ordinance.</p>
PF-D			
Wastewater Collection, Treatment and Disposal			

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PF-D.A			
<p>The County shall prepare or cause to be prepared a sewer master plan for wastewater treatment facilities for areas experiencing urban growth. The County shall have approved such plans prior to implementation. (See Policy PF-D.7)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>As Needed</p>	<p>This program is ongoing. No activity related to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>Areas that experience urban growth must prepare a sewer master plan or update the current master plan for review and approval. The Public Works and Planning Department will be responsible for implementing the provisions of the master plans.</p>

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PF-E Storm Drainage and Flood Control			
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 storm water quality programs. (See Policy PF-E.13)	PW&P Board of Supervisors	Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>In 2023, the County continued to coordinate with FMFCD for developments located within their boundary.</p> <p>The County coordinates with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) that is the agency responsible for control of storm and other surface water flows to Prevent property damage, personal injury, and inconvenience, and managing such waters for long-term beneficial use within the District.</p> <p>The County also requires developments to file storm water permits with the State Water Resources Control Board when the project meets the minimum threshold for permitting.</p>
PF-F Landfills, Transfer Stations, and Solid Waste Processing Facilities			
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. (See Policy PF-F.1)	PW&P	FY 01-02	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>No activity related to this program occurred in 2023 although staff will regularly review proposals to ensure this program is implemented.</p> <p>The Public Works and Planning staff reviews and comments on Initial Studies/Environmental Assessments and, when appropriate, recommend that new commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential uses provide adequate areas on site for the collection and storage of recyclable materials. The County implemented a mandatory hauler program in the mid-2000s to mandate refuse and recycling collection for all unincorporated areas.</p>

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PF-G Law Enforcement			
PF-G.A			
<p>The County shall prepare and adopt a master plan to identify locations for sheriff substations and community offices. The County should further evaluate these locations in the regional and unincorporated community plan updates. (See Policy PF-G.1)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sheriff PW&P</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">As Needed</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>No activity related to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>The Sheriff's Department has established substations in unincorporated County areas to be able to provide faster response to service calls. Although no master plan has been prepared, when Community Plans are updated, a location is identified for a Sheriff's substation. Further, the Sheriff's Department actively works with Public Works and Planning staff on land use matters pertinent to their facilities.</p>

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PF-H Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services			
PF-H.A			
<p>If a Fire Protection Master Plan has not been prepared for the area and the County Director of Planning & Resource Management determines that additional fire protection facilities are needed, the County shall not approve discretionary development until such time as a Master Plan has been adopted or other facilities acceptable to the Director are provided, with appeal rights as provided by County Ordinance. The Fire Protection Master Plan must contain the following information: identification of water supply; delineation of the service area boundary; designation of an appropriate fire protection entity; determination of structural, equipment, and personnel needs and costs; and a financing plan based on shared benefit. (See Policy PF-H.2)</p>	PW&P	As Needed	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>During 2023, staff coordinated with CalFire to review the draft Safety Element as part of the General Plan Review in anticipation of having the document considered by the Board of Forestry in 2024.</p> <p>The Public Works and Planning staff circulate all proposed development projects to the appropriate fire district for review and comment. The District then identifies appropriate fire protection measures to accommodate the project. Upon consultation with the District, staff will include the fire district requirements as conditions of approval for each project.</p>
PF-H.B			
<p>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. (See Policy PF-H.1)</p>	<p>CAO</p> <p>County Fire</p>	Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>The County works cooperatively with the California Department of Forestry, CalFire, and the city fire departments to make the maximum use of resources and improve efficiency in providing fire protection and firefighting services for the County.</p>

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PF-I School and Library Facilities			
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. (See Policies PF-I.3, PF-I.4, and PF-I.5)	PW&P	Ongoing	This program is ongoing. During 2023, no comprehensive update to regional, community, or specific plans occurred. The county staff initiated conversations with the Central Unified School District in anticipation of updating the Biola Community Plan. Additionally, in December 2023, County staff did conduct kick-off meetings to begin the community plan updates for the communities of Biola and Del Rey, The County engages with the respective school district(s) in the update of regional, community and specific plans to identify the need for and potential location of new or expansion of existing facilities. Further, through the General Plan Conformity (GPC) findings process, potential school site acquisitions are evaluated for consistency with the General Plan. This is required per Public Resources Code 21151.2 and Government Code 65402.
PF-I.B			
The County shall coordinate the updating of regional, community, and specific plans necessitated by the general plan with applicable library districts and library interest groups to identify the need for and potential location of new or expanded library facilities. (See Policy PF-I.9)	PW&P	Ongoing	This program is ongoing. During 2023, no comprehensive update to regional, community, or specific plans occurred. In December 2023, County staff did conduct kick-off meetings to begin the community plan updates for the communities of Biola and Del Rey, The County intends to involve library administration in the update of regional, community and specific plans to identify the need for and potential location of new or expansion of existing libraries.

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Open Space and Conservation Element			
OS-A Water Resources			
OS-A.A			
The County shall develop, implement and maintain a water sustainability plan. (See Policy OS-A.1)	PW&P	FY 01-02; Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>Activities related to this program are ongoing as described below.</p> <p>In June 2006, the County adopted a Fresno Area Regional Groundwater Management Plan. Also, with the passage of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, local agencies within the Kings, Westside, Delta Mendota, and Pleasant Valley basins in the County were required to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) which then in turn developed Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). The GSAs were required to submit their GSPs to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and all have done so within their required timeline. The GSAs are currently awaiting formal response on the GSPs from DWR. While awaiting response, each GSA is actively implementing the plans, and the County actively participates with each of the GSAs that cover the basins within Fresno County.</p>
OS-A.B			
The County shall establish and maintain a centralized water resource database for surface and groundwater that includes the water budget, groundwater monitoring data, and the groundwater recharge site inventory. (See Policies OS-A.7 through OS-A.10)	PW&P	FY 01-02; Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>This program is addressed by the approved GSPs which include groundwater conditions, a water budget, groundwater management criteria, monitoring program, and innovative projects and management actions.</p>

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<p>OS-A.C</p> <p>The County shall develop, implement and maintain a groundwater monitoring program. Information from this program shall be provided to the Board of Supervisors during the annual General Plan review. (See Policy OS-A.9)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 01-02; Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>Groundwater monitoring and reporting will be a key component of the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). SGMA requires an annual report to be submitted to DWR by April 1st of each year that includes groundwater elevation data, groundwater extraction for preceding year, surface water supply usage, total water usage, and a calculated change in groundwater storage. The report was prepared and submitted to DWR in 2023 within the required timeline and is publicly available on DWR’s website.</p>
<p>OS-A.D</p> <p>The County shall develop, implement, and maintain land use plans to preserve for recharge purpose those lands identified as suitable for groundwater recharge in the water resource database inventory. (Policy OS-A.10)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>The County has completed a study through the AB 303 Local Groundwater Assistance Grant funding to identify potential recharge sites northeast of the City of Fresno and City of Clovis. As development occurs, the County will use this information to attempt to preserve those areas identified as prime recharge areas. In addition, GSAs have proposed or are working on identifying project sites for groundwater recharge projects within their respective GSPs.</p>

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OS-B Forest Resources			
OS-B.A			
<p>The County, in consultation with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, shall conduct a careful 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. (See Policies OS-B.2 and OS-B.3)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 03-04</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>In 2023, the County continued to communicate its position regarding forest management via its state and federal platforms.</p> <p>The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection enforcement authority granted under the Forest Practice Act and Rules is only applicable in cases of changes in land use other than growing a commercial crop of trees, or commercialization of forest products occurs and is only applicable on private land.</p> <p>Forested stands within Fresno County that may be characterized as “Old Growth” may exist in extremely limited acreages and most likely exist exclusively on national forest land.</p>
OS-B.B			
<p>The County shall encourage the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to complete an inventory 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. (See Policy OS-B.2)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 03-04</p>	<p>Ongoing. No activity or updates to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has no mandate or authority to enter private timber lands unless enforcement of the Forest Practice Act and rules have been triggered.</p> <p>Forested stands within Fresno County that may be characterized as “Old Growth” may exist in extremely limited acreages and most likely exist exclusively on national forest land.</p>

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OS-B.C			
The County shall encourage the U.S. Forest Service and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to identify potential impacts on, and the need for preservation of, old growth forest in Fresno County. (See Policy OS-B.2)	PW&P	FY 03-04	<p>Ongoing. No activity or updates to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is required by law to identify potential impacts to a wide variety of natural and cultural resources when engaging in a discretionary project that triggers compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).</p> <p>Forested stands within Fresno County that may be characterized as “Old Growth” may exist in extremely limited acreages and most likely exist exclusively on national forest land.</p>
OS-B.D			
The County shall formally request that the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection 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. (See Policy OS-B.2)	PW&P	FY 03-04	<p>Ongoing. No activity or updates to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>A “Notice of Intent to Harvest Timber” (NOI) is a specific requirement of the Forest Practice Act and Rules and is required for a wide variety of timber harvest documents. A modification of the NOI would require rule change by the Board of Forestry (BOF).</p>

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OS-D Wetland and Riparian Areas			
OS-D.A			
<p>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. (See Policies OS-D.2 and OS-D.8)</p>	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing. No activity or updates to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>The County anticipates incorporating by reference the Ribbon of Gems into the General Plan as part of its General Plan Review effort. Staff also works with public agencies such as the State Department of Fish and Wildlife or the US Fish and Wildlife Service and private non-profit organizations toward acquisition of areas rich in wildlife or of fragile ecological nature as public open spaces where such areas cannot be protected and preserved through regulatory process.</p>
OS-D.B			
<p>The County shall adopt an ordinance for riparian protection zones identifying allowable activities in riparian protection zones and allowable mitigation techniques. (See Policy OS-D.4)</p>	PW&P	FY 02-03	<p>This program is ongoing. No activity or updates to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>Due to budgetary constraints, a specific ordinance has not been adopted. The County continues to coordinate with resource agencies (the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) for projects located within sensitive habitat areas and applies mitigation measures to avoid or reduce any potential impacts to a less than significant level.</p>

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OS-E Fish and Wildlife Habitat			
OS-E.A			
The County shall compile inventories of ecologically significant resource areas, including unique natural areas, wetlands, riparian areas, and habitats for special-status plants and animals from existing data sources. The inventories shall be presented when area plans, specific plans, or other project development proposals are considered by the County. The classification system shall be based on the California Wildlife Habitats Relationships (WHR) system and shall identify appropriate buffer zones around the identified resource areas in order to account for periodic, seasonal, or ecological changes. The maps shall be revised on a regular basis to reflect the availability of new information from other agencies, changes in definition, or any other changes. (See Policies OS-E.1, OS-E.2, and OS-E.5)	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>The County has not compiled inventories of ecologically significant resource areas, including unique natural areas, wetlands, riparian areas, and habitats for special-status plants and animals. This did not change in 2023. The County continues to rely on information provided by the resource agencies (the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), who are best equipped and most knowledgeable to generate and maintain this data, for review of projects. Maps that these agencies make available are incorporated into the County’s Geographic Information System.</p> <p>Development projects that may have a potential impact on wetlands, riparian areas, and habitats for special-status plants or animals are referred to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and United States Fish and Wildlife Service for review and comment. Recommended mitigation measures proposed by these agencies will be considered during the environmental review of development projects and may be imposed on proposed projects if warranted.</p>

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<p>OS-E.B</p> <p>The County shall maintain current maps that indicate the extent of significant habitat for important fish and game species as these maps are made available by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The relative importance of these game species shall be determined by the County, in consultation with CDFW, based on relevant ecological, recreational, and economic considerations. These maps shall be used by the County to evaluate proposed area plans, specific plans, and any other project development proposals to determine the compatibility of development with maintenance and enhancement of important fish and wildlife species. (See Policy OS-E.2)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>The County does not maintain maps that identify significant habitat for important fish and game species, and this did not change in 2023. The County continues to rely on information provided by the resource agencies (the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who are best equipped and most knowledgeable to generate and maintain this data, for review of projects. Maps that these agencies make available are incorporated into the County's Geographic Information System.</p> <p>The County provides proposed development projects to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife that are the agencies that have the most updated database for the list and the location of sensitive and endangered plants and animals for review and comment as to any potential impact on sensitive species of plants or animals. The recommendation of these agencies for the protection of sensitive or endangered species of plants or animals will be included as mitigation measures or conditions of approval of proposed projects.</p>

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OS-F Vegetation			
OS-F.A			
<p>The County shall prepare and maintain an updated list of State and Federal rare, threatened, and endangered plant species known or suspected to occur in the County. The following other uncommon or special-status species which occur or may occur in the County should also be included on the list: 1) plant species included in the California Native Plant Society's Inventory of Rare and Endangered Vascular Plants of California; and 2) species of special concern as designated by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. In addition to updating the list, as new information becomes available, the list should be reviewed and amended at least once every two years. (See Policy OS-F.5)</p>	PW&P	FY 00-01; every two years thereafter	<p>Ongoing. No notable activity related to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>County staff provides proposed development projects to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife that are the agencies that have the most updated database for the list and the location of sensitive and endangered plants and animals for review and comment as to any potential impact on sensitive species of plants or animals. The recommendation of these agencies for the protection of sensitive or endangered species of plants or animals will be included as mitigation measures or conditions of approval of proposed projects.</p>
OS-F.B			
<p>The County shall make the Fresno County Oak Management Guidelines and other educational resources available to landowners located in oak woodland habitat. (See Policy OS-F.11)</p>	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>No notable activity or changes related to this program occurred in 2023. 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 to 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. 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 is considered, which contains the County's Oak Woodlands Management Guidelines,</p>

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OS-G Air Quality			
OS-G.A			
The County shall review the Guide for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts published by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) and adopt procedures for performing air quality impact analysis and mitigation measures with any modifications deemed appropriate. (See Policy OS-G.1)	PW&P	FY 02-03	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>The County continues to circulate proposed development projects to the SJVAPCD for review for potential air quality impacts and 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 require district requirements if warranted (i.e., indirect source review, etc.) as part of the CEQA review process.</p> <p>In 2023, SJAPCD awarded a \$1 million grant to Tree Fresno, a nonprofit, to plant trees in South Central Fresno to provide cleaner air for residents and reduce pollution. The geographic area includes the unincorporated County islands of Calwa and Malaga. The County is in the process of coordinating with Tree Fresno to identify an implementation plan.</p>
OS-G.B			
The County shall adopt a package of programs to reduce its employees' work-related vehicular trips.	CAO PW&P	FY 02-03	<p>Ongoing. No notable activity related to this program occurred in 2023, but employees are surveyed annually regarding their commute habits.</p> <p>The County has not adopted a package of programs to reduce its employees' work-related vehicular trips. The County has also implemented a telecommuting program.</p> <p>The County commonly promotes and utilizes telephone conferencing and video meeting in lieu of physical meetings so as to minimize travel-related impacts. The County has been using video conferencing for both inter-County and intra-county meetings, with the resultant reduction in employee work-related vehicular trips. The County is also in the planning and development stages of countywide e-government programs that will impact the number of vehicular trips required to conduct business.</p>

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OS-G.C			
<p>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. (See Policies OS-G.13 and OS-G.14)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>In 2023, 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			
<p>The County shall work with local, State, and Federal agencies to complete a comprehensive inventory of all parks and recreation areas and services in the County and to identify other areas suitable for 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. (See Policies OS-H.1 through OS-H.3)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 01-02; 02-03</p>	<p>Ongoing. No notable changes associated with this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>The County has a list of County-owned parks and has a map of county-maintained parks which can be located in the Resources and Parks Division section under Public Works and Planning on the Fresno County website.</p> <p>Funds have not been allocated to prepare a County park and recreation master plan.</p>

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OS-H.B			
<p>As new development occurs, the County shall consider contracting with existing entities or forming County Service Areas (CSAs) 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. (See Policy OS-H.4)</p>	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>Ongoing. No notable changes associated with this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>Public Works and Planning may condition that development projects create an entity to hold and maintain parkland, open space, and trails as a part of the project review. The Department considers these service needs when a CSA is being formed or expanded. Due to limitations of the Proposition 218 process, which allows residents within a CSA to vote on or consider discontinuation of service, the use of CSAs for Services beyond basic services (i.e., sewer and water) can become problematic and has limited the use of CSAs in more recent developments. Smaller developments may utilize a homeowner’s association to maintain neighborhood or subdivision parks.</p>
OS-I Recreational Trails			
OS-I.A			
<p>The County shall prepare a Recreational Trails Master Plan for a countywide trail system that identifies appropriate corridors and the design of the trails in the corridors based on the criteria listed in the policies of this section. The Recreational Trail Corridor Map (Figure OS-1) and Conceptual Recreational Trail List shall be used as a starting point for the master plan process. (See Policies OS-I.1 and OS-I.10)</p>	PW&P	FY 02-03	<p>Ongoing. No reportable activity has occurred in 2023.</p> <p>The Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was originally adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 15, 2011.</p> <p>The Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan was last updated on September 24, 2013.</p> <p>Since then, the bicycle portion has been integrated into the Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan (FCRATP).</p> <p>The Fresno County Regional Trails Plan which was a collaborative effort between the Fresno County and FCOG was completed in early 2021 and was adopted by the FCOG Policy Board on April 29, 2021. The Fresno County Bicycle Plan and the Regional Trails Plan will be combined with the Bicycle Plan to create the Fresno County’s Active Transportation Plan.</p>

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OS-I.B			
<p>The County shall investigate the potential of various land use controls for reserving areas for trails such as the acquisition of easements, open space and floodplain zoning, and subdivision control. (See Policies OS-I.3 and OS-I.4)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>Ongoing. No notable projects associated processed to implement this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>The County will continue investigating the potential use of various land use controls for reserving areas for trails such as the acquisition of easements, open space and floodplain zoning, and subdivision control.</p>
OS-I.C			
<p>The County shall enact an ordinance to prohibit the use of recreational trails by all motorized vehicles except maintenance vehicles, regulate users on multiple purpose paths, and protect the interests of property adjacent to trails. (See Policy OS-I.5)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>Ongoing. No changes associated with this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>This program is addressed in the Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was originally adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 15, 2011 and was updated on September 24, 2013. The County uses the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) approved sign R44A on Class I bike paths.</p>

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OS-J Historical, Cultural, and Geological Resources			
OS-J.A			
The County shall adopt and implement an ordinance to protect and preserve significant archaeological, historical, and geological resources. The ordinance shall provide for implementation of applicable development conditions, open space easements, tax incentives, related code revisions and other measures as needed. (Policy OS-J.1)	PW&P	FY 02-03	Ongoing. No changes associated with this program occurred in 2023. The County has not adopted an ordinance for the protection and preservation of significant archaeological, historical, and geological resources. Development projects are referred to the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Fresno County Historical Landmarks and Records Advisory Commission and the Fresno County Historical Society for review and identification of any potential impact on archeological, historical, or geological resources.

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OS-L Scenic Roadways			
OS-L.A			
<p>The County, in cooperation with the Fresno Council of Governments and the Association for the Beautification of Highway 99, shall participate in establishing a landscape master plan and design guidelines for the Highway 99 corridor. The plan and guidelines shall unify the design features of the Highway 99 corridor while recognizing the individuality of each community. (See Policies OS-L.7 and OS-L.8)</p>	<p>PW&P CAO</p>	<p>FY 03-04</p>	<p>Completed. This program has been implemented via the adoption of Amendment to Text (AT) No. 361 on July 8, 2008 and has been incorporated into the Zoning Ordinance.</p>
OS-L.B			
<p>The County shall work with the California Department of Transportation 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. (See Policy OS-L.9)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 03-04</p>	<p>Completed. In 2013-2015 timeframe, County staff collaborated with the Sierra Gateway Trust, Inc. and Caltrans District Six staff in pursuit of obtaining an official State Scenic Highway designation for two segments of eastern SR 180 from the Alta Main Canal near Minkler to near the General Grant Grove section of Kings Canyon National Park, and the General Grant Grove section of Kings Canyon National Park to Kings Canyon National Park boundary near Cedar Grove.</p> <p>The State Scenic Highway designation was granted for the two segments of SR 180 mentioned above by Caltrans director in 2015.</p>

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Health and Safety Element			
HS-A Emergency Management and Response			
HS-A.A			
The County shall maintain agreements with other local, State, and Federal agencies to provide coordinated disaster response.	Sheriff CAO PW&P County Fire County Office of Emergency Services	Ongoing	This program is ongoing. On November 14, 1995, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors adopted the State's Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), established the geographic area of the County of Fresno as the Fresno County Operational Area, and designated Fresno County as the Operational Area Lead Agency. In the County's role as the Operational Area Lead Agency, the County Office of Emergency Services (OES) maintains ongoing communication with local government agencies (County Departments, Incorporated Cities, Special Districts, and Public School Districts), as well as many State and Federal agencies and nonprofit organizations to maintain and enhance the communities' capability to respond to and recover from disasters.
HS-A.B			
The County shall continue to monitor and periodically evaluate County emergency planning, operations, and training capabilities. (See Policy HS-A.1)	County Office of Emergency Services	Ongoing	This program is ongoing. The County Office of Emergency Services (OES) implements this program on an ongoing basis. OES is located within the Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division and coordinates planning, preparedness, response, and recovery efforts for disasters occurring within the unincorporated areas of Fresno County. Fresno County OES coordinates the development and maintenance of the Fresno County Operational Area Master Emergency Services Plan, which is updated periodically.

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HS-A.C			
<p>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 or seismic or geologic hazards and implement corrective actions should problems be identified. (See Policies HS-A.2 and HS-A.3)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PW&P County Office of Emergency Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. No changes associated with this program occurred in 2023.</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. Modifications, improvements, or construction of new structures to replace existing facilities are also evaluated with the assistance of staff from the Department of Public Works and Planning. A more comprehensive inventory of existing facilities is targeted as budgeting and staffing permit.</p>
HS-A.D			
<p>The County shall continue to conduct programs to inform the general public of emergency preparedness and disaster response procedures. (See Policy HS-A.4)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">County Office of Emergency Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing. The County Office of Emergency Services (OES) implements this program on an ongoing basis. The County OES maintains contact and emergency information on the County's website.</p> <p>The Fresno County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan provides additional details regarding County hazards and responses to mitigate damage or injury. In addition, the Public is also encouraged to obtain family and business preparedness information at websites maintained by The American Red Cross and FEMA.</p>

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HS-B Fire Hazards			
HS-B.A			
The County shall review the design of all buildings and structures to ensure they are designed and constructed to State and local regulations and standards as part of the building permit plan check process. (See Policy HS-B.2)	PW&P	Ongoing	This program is ongoing. No changes associated with this program occurred in 2023. The Department of Public Works and Planning continues to review all proposed developments to ensure they are designed and constructed to meet the State and local regulations as part of the building permit and plan check processes.

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HS-C Flood Hazards			
HS-C.A			
<p>The County shall continue to participate in the Federal Flood Insurance Program. 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. (See Policy HS-C.7)</p>	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing. No changes associated with this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>The Department of Public Works and Planning maintains the most current FEMA flood hazard maps and updates the information as necessary or as new data/maps are released by FEMA. All submitted projects are reviewed to determine proximity to the 100-year floodplain during the grading permit process.</p>
HS-C.B			
<p>The County shall continue to implement and enforce its Floodplain Management Ordinance. (See Policy HS-C.8)</p>	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing. The Department of Public Works and Planning reviews all submitted projects for conformance with floodplain requirements through the grading permit process. Staff continued this process in 2023 evaluating both ministerial and discretionary proposals with respect to the designated floodplains.</p>
HS-C.C			
<p>The County shall continue to develop and review relevant dam failure evacuation plans and continue to provide public information on dam failure preparedness. (See Policy HS-C.13)</p>	PW&P County Office of Emergency Services	Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>No changes associated with this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>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 have not been any failure of major dams.</p>

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<p>HS-D Seismic and Geological Hazards</p>			
<p>HS-D.A</p>			
<p>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. (See Policies HS-D.1 and HS-D.2)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>The County regularly reviews material published by the California Division of Mines and Geology and updates the maps and the General Plan Background Report as necessary. Further, County staff actively engages with and discusses proposed mining projects with State Mining and Geology Board staff.</p> <p>The County is in the process of Review and Revision of the General Plan documents including the Background Report. The Background Report will update maps based on the information published by the State Division of Mines and Geology.</p>
<p>HS-D.B</p>			
<p>The County shall inventory unreinforced masonry structures, including emergency facilities and other critical facilities constructed prior to 1948, used for human occupancy (excluding single-family residential structures), and evaluate the facilities for seismic safety. If found below acceptable standards, the County shall implement a program to mitigate potential hazards.</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 02-03; 03-04</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>Since unreinforced masonry buildings are not allowed within the unincorporated areas, this program will be deleted as part of the ongoing General Plan Review process.</p> <p>A survey was conducted in 1991 to identify all unreinforced masonry buildings in the unincorporated areas of Fresno County. The survey did not identify any building to be below acceptable standards.</p>
<p>HS-D.C</p>			
<p>The County shall develop a public awareness program to aid in the identification and mitigation of unreinforced masonry structures. (See Policy HS-D.6)</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>Completed. Since no unreinforced masonry buildings have been located within the unincorporated areas of the County, a public awareness program has not been developed and this program will be deleted as part of the ongoing General Plan Review process.</p>

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<p>HS-E Airports Hazards</p>			
<p>HS-E.A</p>			
<p>The County shall refer to the Fresno County Airport Land Use Commission for review of projects within the Airport Review Area requiring amendments of general, 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.</p>	<p align="center">PW&P County Airport Land Use Commission</p>	<p align="center">Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>All land use applications in the vicinity of an airport in the County are referred to the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) that is administered by FCOG, for evaluation of consistency with the Airport Land Use Plan.</p> <p>Recommendations of the ALUC are considered as part of the staff's evaluation of the proposed projects.</p>
<p>HS-F Hazardous Materials</p>			
<p>HS-F.A</p>			
<p>The County shall review discretionary uses which involve use of hazardous materials or generate hazardous wastes in regulated quantities. (See Policy HS-F.2)</p>	<p align="center">PW&P Public Health</p>	<p align="center">Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>On December 12, 2023, the Board of Supervisors voted to implement the Fresno County Infectious Materials Ordinance, which allows the Health Department to enter private laboratories to ensure laboratories are being operated appropriately. This Ordinance is being implemented in response to an unpermitted private laboratory located within the community of Reedley that was handling significant amounts of hazardous infectious materials.</p> <p>The County Public Health Department continues to review discretionary land use proposals that generate hazardous materials. The Department of Public Works and Planning routes discretionary permit applications to the Public Health Department for review and comment. Any proposed project that may generate significant amounts of hazardous material will be required to comply with the recommended conditions or mitigation measures.</p>

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<p>HS-F.B</p> <p>The County shall investigate funding alternatives for site acquisition, development, and operation for a permanent household waste facility.</p>	<p>PW&P</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>The Regional Environmental Compliance Center authorized by the Board of Supervisors in 2019 was constructed within the City of Fresno and began accepting household hazardous waste during the 2023 calendar year.</p>

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HS-F.C			
The County shall review the plans to mitigate soil or groundwater contamination for redevelopment or infill projects. (See Policy HS-F.4)	PW&P Public Health	Ongoing	<p>This program is ongoing.</p> <p>In 2023, projects continued to be evaluated by the County Department of Public Health and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board.</p> <p>Proposed development projects are referred to the Public Health Department for review and comment. If the subject site is identified as a contaminated site, Health Department staff recommends mitigation measures to address soil or groundwater contamination. The recommended mitigation measures will be considered as part of the environmental review process and will be imposed on the proposed project to address the soil or ground water contamination for proposed project sites.</p>
HS-G Noise			
HS-G.A			
The County shall amend and enforce the Fresno County Noise Ordinance as necessary, consistent with the policies and standards within this element. (See Policies HS-G.1 through HS-G.9)	PW&P Public Health	FY 01-02	<p>This program is ongoing. There was no notable activity related to this program in 2023.</p> <p>The County Health Department will continue to enforce the Fresno County Noise Ordinance and amend its policies as necessary.</p> <p>Discretionary land use permits which may potentially generate excessive noise levels are often required to complete a noise analysis, and proposals within designated noise areas of airports are evaluated or limited to avoid conflicts with General Plan noise standards.</p>

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PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
<p>HS-G.B</p> <p>The County shall develop an effective noise control program that includes: A) 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 B) A public information program to inform County residents of the impact of noise on their lives.</p>	<p>PW&P</p> <p>Public Health</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>Ongoing. This ongoing program had no notable activities related to this program occurred in 2023.</p> <p>All land use projects are evaluated for potential noise impacts as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and appropriate mitigation measures are incorporated as necessary. As stated in response to HS-GA above, Public Works and Planning staff coordinates with the County Public Health Department regarding discretionary land use permits, and additional evaluation may be required for projects that may potentially generate excessive noise levels. However, a noise control program that addresses all components of this implementation program has not been developed.</p>

APPENDIX B

GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR

Please Start Here

General Information	
Jurisdiction Name	Fresno County - Unincorporated
Reporting Calendar Year	2023
Contact Information	
First Name	Yvette
Last Name	Quiroga
Title	Principal Planner
Email	yquiroga@fresnocountyca.gov
Phone	5596000533
Mailing Address	
Street Address	2220 Tulare Street
City	Fresno
Zipcode	93721

Optional: Click here to import last year's data. This is best used when the workbook is new and empty. You will be prompted to pick an old workbook to import from. Project and program data will be copied exactly how it was entered in last year's form and must be updated. If a project is no longer has any reportable activity, you may delete the project by selecting a cell in the row and typing ctrl + d.

[Click here to download APR Instructions](#)

Click here to add rows to a table. If you add too many rows, you may select a cell in the row you wish to remove and type ctrl + d.

Optional: This runs a macro which checks to ensure all required fields are filled out. The macro will create two files saved in the same directory this APR file is saved in. One file will be a copy of the APR with highlighted cells which require information. The other file will be list of the problematic cells, along with a description of the nature of the error.

Optional: Save before running. This copies data on Table A2, and creates another workbook with the table split across 4 tabs, each of which can fit onto a single page for easier printing. Running this macro will remove the comments on the column headers, which contain the instructions. Do not save the APR file after running in order to preserve comments once it is reopened.

Optional: This macro identifies dates entered that occurred outside of the reporting year. RHNA credit is only given for building permits issued during the reporting year.

Link to the online system: <https://apr.hcd.ca.gov/APR/login.do>

Submittal Instructions

Please save your file as Jurisdictionname2022 (no spaces). Example: the city of San Luis Obispo would save their file as SanLuisObispo2022

Housing Element Annual Progress Reports (APRs) forms and tables must be submitted to HCD and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) on or before April 1 of each year for the prior calendar year; submit separate reports directly to both HCD and OPR pursuant to Government Code section 65400. There are two options for submitting APRs:

1. Online Annual Progress Reporting System - Please see the link to the online system to the left. This allows you to upload the completed APR form into directly into HCD's database limiting the risk of errors. If you would like to use the online system, email APR@hcd.ca.gov and HCD will send you the login information for your jurisdiction. *Please note: Using the online system only provides the information to HCD. The APR must still be submitted to OPR. Their email address is opr.apr@opr.ca.gov.*

2. Email - If you prefer to submit via email, you can complete the excel Annual Progress Report forms and submit to HCD at APR@hcd.ca.gov and to OPR at opr.apr@opr.ca.gov. Please send the Excel workbook, not a scanned or PDF copy of the tables.

Data is auto-populated based on data entered in Tables A, A2, C, and D

Jurisdiction	esno County - Unincorporated	
Reporting Year	2023	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
Housing Element Planning Period	5th Cycle	12/31/2015 - 12/31/2023

Building Permits Issued by Affordability Summary		
Income Level		Current Year
Very Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	13
Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	25
Moderate	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	44
Above Moderate		43
Total Units		125

Note: Units serving extremely low-income households are included in the very low-income permitted units totals

Units by Structure Type	Entitled	Permitted	Completed
Single-family Attached	0	0	0
Single-family Detached	89	89	0
2 to 4 units per structure	0	0	0
5+ units per structure	5	5	0
Accessory Dwelling Unit	11	11	1
Mobile/Manufactured Home	20	20	3
Total	125	125	4

Infill Housing Developments and Infill Units Permitted	# of Projects	Units
Indicated as Infill	0	0
Not Indicated as Infill	121	125

Housing Applications Summary	
Total Housing Applications Submitted:	121
Number of Proposed Units in All Applications Received:	125
Total Housing Units Approved:	125
Total Housing Units Disapproved:	0

Use of SB 35 Streamlining Provisions - Applications	
Number of SB 35 Streamlining Applications	0
Number of SB 35 Streamlining Applications Approved	0

Units Constructed - SB 35 Streamlining Permits			
Income	Rental	Ownership	Total
Very Low	0	0	0
Low	0	0	0
Moderate	0	0	0
Above Moderate	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

Streamlining Provisions Used - Permitted Units	# of Projects	Units
SB 9 (2021) - Duplex in SF Zone	0	0
SB 9 (2021) - Residential Lot Split	0	0
AB 2011 (2022)	0	0
SB 6 (2022)	0	0
SB 35 (2017)	0	0

Ministerial and Discretionary Applications	# of Applications	Units
Ministerial	120	124
Discretionary	1	1

Density Bonus Applications and Units Permitted	
Number of Applications Submitted Requesting a Density Bonus	0
Number of Units in Applications Submitted Requesting a Density Bonus	0
Number of Projects Permitted with a Density Bonus	0
Number of Units in Projects Permitted with a Density Bonus	0

Housing Element Programs Implemented and Sites Rezoned	Count
Programs Implemented	78
Sites Rezoned to Accommodate the RHNA	0

Jurisdiction	Fresno County - Unincorporated	
Reporting Year	2023	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
Planning Period	5th Cycle	12/31/2015 - 12/31/2023

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Note: "+" in
Cells in grey cell

Table Housing Development

Project Identifier					Unit Types		Date Application Submitted	Proposed Units - Affordability			
1					2	3	4	5			
Prior APN ⁺	Current APN	Street Address	Project Name ⁺	Local Jurisdiction Tracking ID	Unit Category (SFA,SFD,2 to 4,5+,ADU,MH)	Tenure R=Renter O=Owner	Date Application Submitted (see instructions)	Very Low-Income Deed Restricted	Very Low-Income Non Deed Restricted	Low-Income Deed Restricted	Low-Income Non Deed Restricted
Summary Row: Start Data Entry Below								0	13	0	25
	13613112	42241 Summit Creek		119097	SFD	O	7/18/2023				
	33424030	147 Crooks Ave		123216	SFD	O	3/20/2023				
	48026202	3704 Laurite Ave		125610	5+	R	3/6/2023				5
	44232023	2077 Valentine Ave		129290	SFD	O	2/15/2023				
	13826022	23224 Granite Creek Ln		131562	SFD	O	4/7/2023				
	13518051	40805 Leopard Lilly Ln		131700	SFD	O	3/3/2023				
	41509029	5711 Van Ness Blvd		135973	SFD	O	4/25/2023				
	5702138	4880 Riverdale Ave		136121	SFD	O	2/9/2023				
	15820316	20652 Thermal Rd		229311	SFD	O	6/5/2023				
	45615112	5207 White Ave		231905	SFD	O	2/21/2023				1
	11314116	55319 Point Rd		231922	SFD	O	4/26/2023				
	37317045	22183 Adams Ave		236904	SFD	O	10/9/2023				
	13637108	42642 Garnet Ln		237470	SFD	O	9/6/2023				
	13520034	39852 Mountain Heather		240505	SFD	O	3/9/2023				
	12835083	42728 Sharin Woods		240845	SFD	O	5/19/2023				
	30036021	16329 Summit Mountain Rd		240890	SFD	O	3/28/2023				
	11018032	60842 Upper Line Ln		241769	SFD	O	4/21/2023				1
	13615211	42302 Cook Cabin Ln		241860	SFD	O	5/22/2023				
	15839214S	6443 Bellows Dr		241868	SFD	O	6/29/2023				
	11023019	60109 Huckleberry Hill Ln		242187	SFD	O	8/23/2023				

indicates an optional field

maintain auto-calculation formulas

Table A Applications Submitted

Application by Household Incomes			Total Approved Units by Project	Total Disapproved Units by Project	Streamlining	Density Bonus Law Applications	Application Status	Project Type	Notes		
Moderate- Income Deed Restricted	Moderate- Income Non Deed Restricted	Above Moderate- Income	6 Total PROPOSED Units by Project	7 Total APPROVED Units by project	8 Total DISAPPROVED Units by Project	9	10	11	12	13	
			Total PROPOSED Units by Project	Total APPROVED Units by project	Total DISAPPROVED Units by Project	Please select streamlining provision/s the application was submitted pursuant to.	Did the housing development application seek incentives or concessions pursuant to Government Code section 65915?	Were incentives or concessions requested pursuant to Government Code section 65915 approved?	Please indicate the status of the application.	Is the project considered a ministerial project or discretionary project?	Notes ⁺
0	44	43	125	125	0						
	1		1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
	1		1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
			5	5	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
		1	1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
	1		1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
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		1	1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
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	1		1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
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		1	1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
	1		1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
	1		1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	

Prior APN*	Current APN	Street Address	Project Name*	Local Jurisdiction Tracking ID	Unit Category (SFA,SFD,2 to 4,5+,ADU,MH)	Tenure R=Renter O=Owner	Date Application Submitted (see instructions)	Very Low-Income Deed Restricted	Very Low-Income Non Deed Restricted	Low-Income Deed Restricted	Low-Income Non Deed Restricted
	11023059	60295 Huckleberry Hill Ln		242292	SFD	O	9/1/2023				1
	13640041	39634 Sunset Rock		243086	SFD	O	2/27/2023				
	12817017	42147 Auberry Rd		243724	SFD	O	7/12/2023				
	4239014	731 Floral Ave		243778	SFD	O	7/10/2023				
	57101114	10211 Shaw Ave		244438	SFD	O	3/30/2023				
	35009213	10920 Las Tunis Ave		244644	SFD	O	1/9/2023				
	16040003S	7206 Pinto Dr		244784	SFD	O	1/6/2023				
	55306025	6292 Dewolf Ave		245124	SFD	O	2/16/2023				
	12031331	44599 Lakeview Ave		245126	SFD	O	5/30/2023				
	13091301	40496 Wild Rose Ln		245203	SFD	O	1/23/2023				
	11803145	27182 Twin Ponds Rd		245365	SFD	O	1/30/2023				
	34814002S	3737 Huntsman Ave		245757	SFD	O	4/4/2023				
	55901216	5620 Teague Ave		245837	SFD	O	1/19/2023				
	47412027	5673 Butler Ave		245925	ADU	O	6/1/2023		1		
	50403017	7102 Bullard		245926	SFD	O	9/21/2023				
	31233048	7864 McKinley Ave		246493	ADU	O	7/20/2023				
	58014010	3629 Kings Ct		246624	SFD	O	3/6/2023				
	13048042	36224 Cressman Rd		247158	SFD	O	1/19/2023				
	12874002	42056 Bald Mountain Rd		247912	SFD	O	3/21/2023				
	13520004	39635 Wild Rose Lane		248154	SFD	O	5/16/2023				
	13019208	44954 Auberry Rd		248287	SFD	O	6/27/2023				
	30023009	19740 Ventana Hills Dr		248458	SFD	O	2/21/2023				
	13019210	45122 Auberry Rd		248770	SFD	O	5/23/2023				
	30918051S	12418 Clinton Ave		249112	SFD	O	4/24/2023				
	30918050S	12408 Clinton Ave		249709	SFD	O	4/24/2023				
	42612210	4430 Arthur Ave		250212	SFD	O	2/3/2023				
	11834072	28727 Auberry Rd		250503	SFD	O	4/17/2023				
	38506133	6634 Saginaw Ave		250590	SFD	O	8/30/2023				
	13820010	21277 Auberry Rd		251017	SFD	O	11/1/2023				
	31014307	1253 Applegate Ave		251090	SFD	O	5/1/2023				
	30045015S	21853 Westmere Ln		251138	SFD	O	1/17/2023				
	41518011	2352 Roberts Ave		251265	ADU	O	3/2/2023		1		
	38503190	6656 Nebraska Ave		251367	SFD	O	4/25/2023				
	58014016	3729 Queens Ct		251598	SFD	O	3/21/2023				

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	50504075	5772 Garfield Ave		251650	SFD	O	3/14/2023				
	13518029	40709 Wild Iris Ln		251833	SFD	O	9/11/2023				
	13068204	40865 Cold Springs Ln		251846	SFD	O	7/19/2023				
	11854062	30083 Gooseberry Lane		252368	SFD	O	5/23/2023				
	11854062	30083 Gooseberry Lane		252375	ADU	O	5/23/2023				1
	1541006	2750 Del Norte Ave		252684	SFD	O	8/29/2023				
	56502001	7734 Dewolf Ave		252743	SFD	O	5/22/2023				
	00408025S	11000 Eagle Ave		252785	SFD	O	8/31/2023				
	11017102	60601 Grouse Lane		252866	SFD	O	6/7/2023				
	13019218	45342 Auberry Rd		252929	SFD	O	12/21/2023				
	34502053	7833 Leonard Ave		253148	SFD	O	6/1/2023				
	13090105	39925 Yellow Lupin		253233	SFD	O	5/24/2023				
	31404217	14654 Tulare		253467	SFD	O	5/9/2023				
	18521020S	32409 Indian Guide Rd		253676	SFD	O	5/23/2023				
	13518005	40686 Leopard Lilly Lane		253994	SFD	O	4/20/2023				
	15802206	18800 Watts Valley Rd		253999	SFD	O	8/15/2023				
	19044024	50995 Greenhill Road		254006	SFD	O	5/18/2023				
	13078032	41286 Cedar Ridge Ln		254095	SFD	O	4/26/2023				
	11023009	60096 Huckleberry Hill Ln		254099	SFD	O	9/11/2023				
	40614409	2492 Menlo Ave		254302	ADU	O	6/2/2023				1
	13016019	37167 Tollhouse Rd		254693	SFD	O	9/14/2023				
	13845011	10780 Millerton Rd		254702	SFD	O	6/27/2023				
	57116023S	10943 Promontory Way		254705	SFD	O	8/9/2023				
	11018030	60792 Upper Line Ln		254842	SFD	O	6/12/2023				1
	30023008	19710 Ventana Hills		255078	SFD	O	9/19/2023				
	11834069	28707 Auberry Rd		255157	SFD	O	5/23/2023				1
	15026007	14400 Academy Oaks Ln		255409	SFD	O	12/13/2023				
	39309010	12462 Macdonough Ave		257615	SFD	O	9/26/2023				
	58103004S	12267 Armstrong Ave		257941	SFD	O	8/1/2023				
	30808128S	11844 Ashlan Ave		259331	SFD	O	9/7/2023				

Moderate-Income Deed Restricted	Moderate-Income Non Deed Restricted	Above Moderate-Income	Total PROPOSED Units by Project	Total APPROVED Units by project	Total DISAPPROVED Units by Project	Please select streamlining provision/s the application was submitted pursuant to.	Did the housing development application seek incentives or concessions pursuant to Government Code section 65915?	Were incentives or concessions requested pursuant to Government Code section 65915 approved?	Please indicate the status of the application.	Is the project considered a ministerial project or discretionary project?	Notes*
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	1		1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
	1		1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
			1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	
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			1	1	0	NONE	No	N/A	Approved	Ministerial	

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	13080326	41933 Rock Shelf Ln		260772	SFD	O	8/31/2023				
	11020120	59196 Idylwilde Lane		261097	SFD	O	7/13/2023				
	11023042	60060 Jeffrey Pine Lane		261901	SFD	O	6/12/2023				
	11854062	30083 Gooseberry Lane		262015	SFD	O	5/23/2023				
	56603012S	7294 Highland		262571	SFD	O	12/11/2023				
	13048043	36220 Cressman		263197	SFD	O	11/17/2023				
	30817018	5452 Marjan Ave		266761	SFD	O	11/7/2023				
	13639029	39551 Sunset Rock		268153	SFD	O	9/11/2023				
	13090213	40218 Snowflower		269052	SFD	O	11/20/2023				
	4311129	2445 Superior		12822	ADU	O	5/1/2023		1		
	30917031	10789 Ashlan		18325	ADU	O	10/23/2023				
	46310066	242 Caesar		18519	ADU	O	10/19/2023				
	42531205	826 Rialto		2286	ADU	O	10/31/2023		1		
	44715416	2587 Barton		2450	ADU	O	12/21/2023				
	46303026	5456 Laurel		3219	ADU	O	3/21/2023		1		
	49311313	4036 Ralph		8758	ADU	O	12/29/2023				1
	33407034	6389 Orange		8802	ADU	O	12/8/2023				
	18541025	31151 Ruth Hill		4840	MH	O	7/25/2023		1		
	3508029	6226 Young		18132	MH	O	1/17/2023		1		
	12871035	30703 Lynx		18391	MH	O	3/20/2023		1		
	31024022	1249 Highland		262	MH	O	1/23/2023				1
	18532033S	32965 Hickory		428	MH	O	1/13/2023				1
	02516019S	2575 Goldenrod		1946	MH	O	2/14/2023		1		
	4306076	13449 West		3062	MH	O	3/7/2023				1
	37310012	8174 Porter		4760	MH	O	4/5/2023				1
	16042010S	1931 Boren		5338	MH	O	4/28/2023				1
	14022060	28070 Burrough		6567	MH	O	11/29/2023				1
	11855051	29919 Waterleaf		7418	MH	O	7/26/2023				1
	4128051	13555 Marks		8966	MH	O	6/19/2023				1
	33420138	145 Hopkins		12665	MH	O	8/28/2023				1
	32717121S	1443 Prospect		13384	MH	O	9/13/2023				1
	18538070	35529 Ennis		14758	MH	O	10/11/2023				1
	46311010	206 Minnewawa		14787	MH	O	10/11/2023		1		
	37334016	21469 South		14916	MH	O	10/16/2023		1		
	32712067	3607 Church		15211	MH	O	10/19/2023		1		
	11854061	30041 Waterleaf		17276	MH	O	12/11/2023				1
	05335101S	3082 Mendes		17623	MH	O	12/19/2023		1		

Jurisdiction	Fresno County - Unincorporated	
Reporting Year	2023	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
Planning Period	5th Cycle	12/31/2015 - 12/31/2023

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Table A2

Annual Building Activity Report Summary - New Construction, Entitled, Permits and Completed Units

Project Identifier					Unit Types		Affordability by Household Incomes - Completed Entitlement							
1					2	3	4							5
Prior APN*	Current APN	Street Address	Project Name*	Local Jurisdiction Tracking ID	Unit Category (SFA, SFD, 2 to 4, 5+, ADU, MH)	Tenure R=Renter O=Owner	Very Low- Income Deed Restricted	Very Low- Income Non Deed Restricted	Low- Income Deed Restricted	Low- Income Non Deed Restricted	Moderate- Income Deed Restricted	Moderate- Income Non Deed Restricted	Above Moderate- Income	Entitlement Date Approved
Summary Row: Start Data Entry Below							0	13	0	25	0	44	43	
	13613112	42241 Summit Creek		119097	SFD	O						1		7/18/2023
	33424030	147 Crooks Ave		123216	SFD	O						1		3/20/2023
	48026202	3704 Laurite Ave		125610	5+	R			5					3/6/2023
	44232023	2077 Valentine Ave		129290	SFD	O							1	2/15/2023
	13826022	23224 Granite Creek Ln		131562	SFD	O						1		4/7/2023
	13518051	40805 Leopard Lilly Ln		131700	SFD	O							1	3/3/2023
	41509029	5711 Van Ness Blvd		135973	SFD	O							1	4/25/2023
	5702138	4880 Riverdale Ave		136121	SFD	O						1		2/9/2023
	15820316	20652 Thermal Rd		229311	SFD	O							1	6/5/2023
	45615112	5207 White Ave		231905	SFD	O				1				2/21/2023
	11314116	55319 Point Rd		231922	SFD	O						1		4/26/2023
	37317045	22183 Adams Ave		236904	SFD	O							1	10/9/2023
	13637108	42642 Garnet Ln		237470	SFD	O							1	9/6/2023
	13520034	39852 Mountain Heather		240505	SFD	O						1		3/9/2023
	12835083	42728 Sharin Woods		240845	SFD	O							1	5/19/2023
	30036021	16329 Summit Mountain Rd		240890	SFD	O							1	3/28/2023
	11018032	60842 Upper Line Ln		241769	SFD	O				1				4/21/2023
	13615211	42302 Cook Cabin Ln		241860	SFD	O							1	5/22/2023
	15839214S	6443 Bellows Dr		241868	SFD	O						1		6/29/2023
	11023019	60109 Huckleberry Hill Ln		242187	SFD	O						1		8/23/2023
	11023059	60295 Huckleberry Hill Ln		242292	SFD	O				1				9/1/2023
	13640041	39634 Sunset Rock		243086	SFD	O						1		2/27/2023
	12817017	42147 Auberry Rd		243724	SFD	O						1		7/12/2023
	4239014	731 Floral Ave		243778	SFD	O							1	7/10/2023
	57101114	10211 Shaw Ave		244438	SFD	O							1	3/30/2023
	35009213	10920 Las Tunis Ave		244644	SFD	O						1		1/9/2023

Note: "+" indicates an optional field
 Cells in grey contain auto-calculation formulas

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1						1		3/20/2023	1								
5				5				3/6/2023	5								
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	16040003S	7206 Pinto Dr		244784	SFD	O							1	1/6/2023
	55306025	6292 Dewolf Ave		245124	SFD	O							1	2/16/2023
	12031331	44599 Lakeview Ave		245126	SFD	O							1	5/30/2023
	13091301	40496 Wild Rose Ln		245203	SFD	O							1	1/23/2023
	11803145	27182 Twin Ponds Rd		245365	SFD	O						1		1/30/2023
	34814002S	3737 Huntsman Ave		245757	SFD	O							1	4/4/2023
	55901216	5620 Teague Ave		245837	SFD	O							1	1/19/2023
	47412027	5673 Butler Ave		245925	ADU	O			1					6/1/2023
	50403017	7102 Bullard		245926	SFD	O							1	9/21/2023
	31233048	7864 McKinley Ave		246493	SFD	O						1		7/20/2023
	58014010	3629 Kings Ct		246624	SFD	O							1	3/6/2023
	13048042	36224 Cressman Rd		247158	SFD	O							1	1/19/2023
	12874002	42056 Bald Mountain Rd		247912	SFD	O						1		3/21/2023
	13520004	39635 Wild Rose Lane		248154	SFD	O						1		5/16/2023
	13019208	44954 Auberry Rd		248287	SFD	O						1		6/27/2023
	30023009	19740 Ventana Hills Dr		248458	SFD	O							1	2/21/2023
	13019210	45122 Auberry Rd		248770	SFD	O						1		5/23/2023
	30918051S	12418 Clinton Ave		249112	SFD	O						1		4/24/2023
	30918050S	12408 Clinton Ave		249709	SFD	O							1	4/24/2023
	42612210	4430 Arthur Ave		250212	SFD	O						1		2/3/2023
	11834072	28727 Auberry Rd		250503	SFD	O						1		4/17/2023
	38506133	6634 Saginaw Ave		250590	SFD	O						1		8/30/2023
	13820010	21277 Auberry Rd		251017	SFD	O							1	11/1/2023
	31014307	1253 Applegate Ave		251090	SFD	O							1	5/1/2023
	30045015S	21853 Westmere Ln		251138	SFD	O						1		1/17/2023
	41518011	2352 Roberts Ave		251265	SFD	O			1					3/2/2023
	38503190	6656 Nebraska Ave		251367	SFD	O							1	4/25/2023
	58014016	3729 Queens Ct		251598	SFD	O							1	3/21/2023
	50504075	5772 Garfield Ave		251650	SFD	O							1	3/14/2023
	13518029	40709 Wild Iris Ln		251833	SFD	O						1		9/11/2023
	13068204	40865 Cold Springs Ln		251846	SFD	O						1		7/19/2023
	11854062	30083 Gooseberry Lane		252368	SFD	O						1		5/23/2023
	11854062	30083 Gooseberry Lane		252375	ADU	O				1				5/23/2023
	1541006	2750 Del Norte Ave		252684	SFD	O							1	8/29/2023
	56502001	7734 Dewolf Ave		252743	SFD	O							1	5/22/2023

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1							1	1/6/2023	1							
1								1	2/16/2023	1						
1								1	5/30/2023	1						
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	00408025S	11000 Eagle Ave		252785	SFD	O							1	8/31/2023
	11017102	60601 Grouse Lane		252866	SFD	O							1	6/7/2023
	13019218	45342 Auberry Rd		252929	SFD	O							1	12/21/2023
	34502053	7833 Leonard Ave		253148	SFD	O							1	6/1/2023
	13090105	39925 Yellow Lupin		253233	SFD	O							1	5/24/2023
	31404217	14654 Tulare		253467	SFD	O							1	5/9/2023
	18521020S	32409 Indian Guide Rd		253676	SFD	O							1	5/23/2023
	13518005	40686 Leopard Lilly Lane		253994	SFD	O							1	4/20/2023
	15802206	18800 Watts Valley Rd		253999	SFD	O							1	8/15/2023
	19044024	50995 Greenhill Road		254006	SFD	O							1	5/18/2023
	13078032	41286 Cedar Ridge Ln		254095	SFD	O							1	4/26/2023
	11023009	60096 Huckleberry Hill Ln		254099	SFD	O							1	9/11/2023
	40614409	2492 Menlo Ave		254302	ADU	O				1				6/2/2023
	13016019	37167 Tollhouse Rd		254693	SFD	O							1	9/14/2023
	13845011	10780 Millerton Rd		254702	SFD	O							1	6/27/2023
	57116023S	10943 Promontory Way		254705	SFD	O							1	8/9/2023
	11018030	60792 Upper Line Ln		254842	SFD	O				1				6/12/2023
	30023008	19710 Ventana Hills		255078	SFD	O							1	9/19/2023
	11834069	28707 Auberry Rd		255157	SFD	O				1				5/23/2023
	15026007	14400 Academy Oaks Ln		255409	SFD	O							1	12/13/2023
	39309010	12462 Macdonough Ave		257615	SFD	O							1	9/26/2023
	58103004S	12267 Armstrong Ave		257941	SFD	O							1	8/1/2023
	30808128S	11844 Ashlan Ave		259331	SFD	O							1	9/7/2023
	13080326	41933 Rock Shelf Ln		260772	SFD	O							1	8/31/2023
	11020120	59196 Idylwilde Lane		261097	SFD	O							1	7/13/2023
	11023042	60060 Jeffrey Pine Lane		261901	SFD	O							1	6/12/2023
	11854062	30083 Gooseberry Lane		262015	SFD	O							1	5/23/2023
	56603012S	7294 Highland		262571	SFD	O							1	12/11/2023
	13048043	36220 Cressman		263197	SFD	O							1	11/17/2023
	30817018	5452 Marjan Ave		266761	SFD	O							1	11/7/2023
	13639029	39551 Sunset Rock		268153	SFD	O							1	9/11/2023
	13090213	40218 Snowflower		269052	SFD	O							1	11/20/2023
	4311129	2445 Superior		12822	ADU	O			1					5/1/2023
	30917031	10789 Ashlan		18325	ADU	O							1	10/23/2023
	46310066	242 Caesar		18519	ADU	O							1	10/19/2023

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	42531205	826 Rialto		2286	ADU	O			1					10/31/2023
	44715416	2587 Barton		2450	ADU	O						1		12/21/2023
	46303026	5456 Laurel		3219	ADU	O			1					3/21/2023
	49311313	4036 Ralph		8758	ADU	O				1				12/29/2023
	33407034	6389 Orange		8802	ADU	O						1		12/8/2023
	18541025	31151 Ruth Hill		4840	MH	O			1					7/25/2023
	3508029	6226 Young		18132	MH	O			1					1/17/2023
	12871035	30703 Lynx		18391	MH	O			1					3/20/2023
	31024022	1249 Highland		262	MH	O				1				1/23/2023
	18532033S	32965 Hickory		428	MH	O				1				1/13/2023
	02516019S	2575 Goldenrod		1946	MH	O			1					2/14/2023
	4306076	13449 West		3062	MH	O				1				3/7/2023
	37310012	8174 Porter		4760	MH	O				1				4/5/2023
	16042010S	1931 Boren		5338	MH	O				1				4/28/2023
	14022060	28070 Burrough		6567	MH	O				1				11/29/2023
	11855051	29919 Waterleaf		7418	MH	O				1				7/26/2023
	4128051	13555 Marks		8966	MH	O				1				6/19/2023
	33420138	145 Hopkins		12665	MH	O				1				8/28/2023
	32717121S	1443 Prospect		13384	MH	O				1				9/13/2023
	18538070	35529 Ennis		14758	MH	O				1				10/11/2023
	46311010	206 Minnewawa		14787	MH	O			1					10/11/2023
	37334016	21469 South		14916	MH	O			1					10/16/2023
	32712067	3607 Church		15211	MH	O			1					10/19/2023
	11854061	30041 Waterleaf		17276	MH	O				1				12/11/2023
	05335101S	3082 Mendes		17623	MH	O			1					12/19/2023

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1		1						10/31/2023	1							
1						1		12/21/2023	1							
1		1						3/21/2023	1		1					
1				1				12/29/2023	1							
1						1		12/8/2023	1							
1		1						7/25/2023	1							
1		1						1/17/2023	1		1					
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Certificates of Occupancy or other forms of readiness (see instructions) <u>Date Issued</u>	# of Units issued Certificates of Occupancy or other forms of readiness	How many of the units were Extremely Low Income?	Please select the streamlining provision the project was APPROVED pursuant to. (may select multiple)	Infill Units? Y/N*	Assistance Programs for Each Development (may select multiple - see instructions)	Deed Restriction Type (may select multiple see instructions)	For units affordable without financial assistance or deed restrictions, explain how the locality determined the units were affordable (see instructions)	Term of Affordability or Deed Restriction (years) (if affordable in perpetuity enter 1000)*	Number of Demolished/Destroyed Units	Demolished or Destroyed Units	Demolished/Destroyed Units Owner or Renter
	0	0	NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
	0		NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
6/19/2023	1	0	NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
	0		NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
	0		NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
	0	0	NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
6/6/2023	1	0	NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
	0	0	NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
	0		NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
5/22/2023	1		NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
	0	0	NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
	0		NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
4/13/2023	1		NONE	N			Affordability determined by HCD Housing Affordability Calculator				
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Jurisdiction	Fresno County - Unincorporated	
Reporting Year	2023	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
Planning Period	5th Cycle	12/31/2015 - 12/31/2023

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Table B Regional Housing Needs Allocation Progress Permitted Units Issued by Affordability														
Income Level		1 RHNA Allocation by Income Level	2									3 Total Units to Date (all years)	4 Total Remaining RHNA by Income Level	
			2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			
Very Low	Deed Restricted	460	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	107	353
	Non-Deed Restricted		-	-	-	26	20	20	8	18	13			
Low	Deed Restricted	527	-	-	-	9	40	10	47	20	25	-	151	376
	Non-Deed Restricted		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Moderate	Deed Restricted	589	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	89
	Non-Deed Restricted		-	102	63	54	18	20	45	102	52	44		
Total RHNA		2,722												
Total Units			-	264	101	125	55	136	119	211	155	125	1,291	1,431
Progress toward extremely low-income housing need, as determined pursuant to Government Code 65583(a)(1).														
		5 Extremely low-income Need	2									6 Total Units to Date	7 Total Units Remaining	
			2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			
Extremely Low-Income Units*		230	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	230

*Extremely low-income housing need determined pursuant to Government Code 65583(a)(1). Value in Section 5 is default value, assumed to be half of the very low-income RHNA. May be overwritten.

Please Note: Table B does not currently contain data from Table F or Table F2 for prior years. You may login to the APR system to see Table B that contains this data.

Note: units serving extremely low-income households are included in the very low-income RHNA progress and must be reported as very low-income units in section 7 of Table A2. They must also be reported in the extremely low-income category (section 13) in Table A2 to be counted as progress toward meeting the extremely low-income housing need determined pursuant to Government Code 65583(a)(1).

Please note: For the last year of the 5th cycle, Table B will only include units that were permitted during the portion of the year that was in the 5th cycle. For the first year of the 6th cycle, Table B will only include units that were permitted since the start of the planning period. Projection Period units are in a separate column.

Please note: The APR form can only display data for one planning period. To view progress for a different planning period, you may login to HCD's online APR system, or contact HCD staff at apr@hcd.ca.gov.

ANNUAL ELEMENT PROGRESS REPORT

Housing Element Implementation

Jurisdiction	Fresno County - Unincorporated		
Reporting Year	2023	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)	
Table D			
Program Implementation Status pursuant to GC Section 65583			
Housing Programs Progress Report			
Describe progress of all programs including local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing as identified in the housing element.			
1	2	3	4
Name of Program	Objective	Timeframe in H.E	Status of Program Implementation
1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities	The County of Fresno Public Works and Planning Department, with assistance of the Fresno Council of Governments (COG), will take the lead in coordinating the Countywide Fifth Cycle Housing Element Committee meetings.	Ongoing	During the 2023 calendar year, the County coordinated with the Fresno Council of Governments (COG) and 14 of the incorporated cities within the County, excluding the City of Clovis, to develop the Sixth Cycle Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element Update. This Countywide Housing Element Technical Committee met monthly throughout the 2023 calendar year to coordinate and monitor the development of the Sixth Cycle Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element Update.
1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities	Continue to participate in the Countywide Housing Element Technical Committee to collaborate on housing program implementation and regional issues including, disadvantaged unincorporated communities (SB 244), infrastructure challenges, farmworker housing, homelessness, and fair housing.	Ongoing	In 2023, the County hired a consultant to conduct an affordable housing trust fund feasibility study. As part of the study, County staff met with 13 of the 15 cities (not including City of Fresno and City of Clovis) to discuss the feasibility study and methods to increase housing throughout the County of Fresno. The study will be completed in 2024. Additionally, the County hired an architect to design County-approved accessory dwelling units (ADU), duplex, triplex, and fourplex floorplans that will be available to residents for free. The plans will be shared with all of the cities in Fresno County to utilize and increase housing production and options for all residents. The ADU plans were completed in 2023, and all floorplans are expected to be available to the public in 2024.
1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities	The Committee will meet at least biannually to evaluate successes in implementation of programs and to identify gaps and additional needs.	Ongoing	The Committee met several times throughout 2023 to coordinate and monitor the development and status of the Sixth Cycle Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element. The County and its cities continue to identify housing obstacles and ways to address the housing issues that residents face especially in disadvantaged communities.

<p>1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities</p>	<p>The Committee will meet periodically with Fair Housing of Central California to discuss fair housing issues and opportunities for education.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>County staff attended the annual Fair Housing Conference/training sponsored by the Fair Housing Council of Central California. A county staff member was among the panelists at the Fair Housing Conference, which residents and property owners attended. A county staff was a guest speaker on the radio show "Fair Housing is the Law" to discuss housing issues in Fresno County. During the County's annual Housing Meeting and Developers meeting the County provided property owners, developers, and residents an overview on fair housing. The County continues to forward any complaint on fair housing to the Fair Housing Council of Central California for investigation and assist its rural cities in educating property owners about fair housing laws.</p>
<p>1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities</p>	<p>The Committee will advocate on behalf of the Fresno County region for more grant funding for affordable housing and infrastructure improvements.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continues to attend webinars and workshops throughout the year to discuss potential grant opportunities for the County of Fresno. County staff discusses with representatives for grants from regional, state, and federal programs to advocate for funding designed for rural agriculture areas such as Fresno County. The County staff continues to review grant funding opportunities and provide information to cities, communities, districts, and nonprofits in the County of Fresno. The County and Economic Development Corporation (EDC) of Fresno County applied and was awarded a \$150,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Economic Development Administration to fund the update and creation of a digitally integrated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Fresno County. The County also applied for a PRO Housing Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to remove barriers to housing and to increase the region's ability to apply for and be awarded grant funding.</p>
<p>1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities</p>	<p>Continue to seek partnerships with other jurisdictions in the region and other agencies (such as the Housing Authority), housing developers, community stakeholders, and agricultural employers/employees to explore viable options for increasing the availability of farmworker housing in suitable locations in the region.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continues to work collaboratively with its partner cities and local developers in meeting the needs of farmworkers and encourages development to occur in the incorporated cities. During 2023, the Housing Authority completed construction of a rehabilitation project of 60 farmworker housing units in the City of Mendota. The County awarded at total of \$2,050,000 towards this project. The County also awarded to Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) \$475,000 in HOME funds and \$1,775,000 in State Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) funds to construct Guardian Village a 48 affordable housing unit development in the City of Reedley of which 15 are restricted to farmworkers. The County also provided \$1,000,000 award letter to SHE to fund Cherry Crossings a 72-unit affordable housing development in the City of Sanger that is funded through Joe Serna that will begin construction in 2024. Additionally, the County provided an award letter in the amount of \$1,500,000 of HOME funds to Chelsea Investment Corporation to fund the Willow Groove Farm Worker Housing project in the City of Reedly to construct a 80 unit development for farmwokers.</p>

Relevant Policies: 1.3, 1.4, 1.7, 4.2, 4.3, 4.6	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
2. Review Annexation Standards in Memorandum of Understanding	During the Housing Element planning period, the County of Fresno and the cities within the County will work together to review and revise, as deemed appropriate by all parties, the standards for annexation contained in the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the cities.	Ongoing	During the 2023 calendar year, the County updated the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and the Cities of Selma, Coalinga and Sanger, which included revised annexation standards intended to streamline the annexation process. The County continues to work on updating the MOU with the City of Fresno.
Relevant Policies: 1.1, 1.3, 1.4	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
3. Adequate Sites Program. The County will provide for a variety of housing types and ensure that there are adequate sites available to meet its RHNA).	Complete General Plan and Zoning Ordinance technical amendments in 2016 to achieve internal consistency.	This program has been implemented.	This program has been implemented. On November 24, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved amendments to the Land Use and Agriculture Element of the General Plan and various sections of the Zoning Ordinance to achieve internal consistency and to bring the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance into compliance with Housing Element laws.
3. Adequate Sites Program. The County will provide for a variety of housing types and ensure that there are adequate sites available to meet its RHNA).	Maintain and annually update the inventory of residential land resources.	Ongoing	The County continuously monitors sites included in its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) inventory to ensure adequate capacity to accommodate RHNA obligations for all income levels. This is accomplished by an apparatus within the County's permit issuance and tracking system (AMANDA) that allows staff to monitor discretionary projects and building permits proposed on parcels included in the RHNA inventory. When the Assessor Parcel Number (APN) of a parcel included as RHNA inventory is inputted into AMANDA, the system locks and staff must perform a quantitative analysis according to Government Code Section 65863 to determine whether the remaining sites included in the RHNA inventory are adequate to accommodate the County's RHNA obligation. Appropriate actions are then taken to ensure that the County maintains adequate RHNA inventory to accommodate housing in all income categories.

<p>3. Adequate Sites Program. The County will provide for a variety of housing types and ensure that there are adequate sites available to meet its RHNA).</p>	<p>Monitor development and other changes in the inventory to ensure the County has remaining capacity consistent with its share of the regional housing need.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continues to monitor sites included in its RHNA inventory to ensure adequate capacity to accommodate RHNA obligations for all income levels. The County has an apparatus within its permit issuance and tracking system (AMANDA) that allows staff to monitor discretionary projects and building permits proposed on parcels included as RHNA inventory. When the APN of a parcel included as RHNA inventory is inputted into AMANDA, the system locks and staff must perform a quantitative analysis according to Government Code Section 65863 to determine whether the remaining sites included in the RHNA inventory are adequate to accommodate the County's RHNA obligation. Appropriate actions are then taken to ensure that the County maintains adequate RHNA inventory to accommodate housing in all income categories.</p>
<p>3. Adequate Sites Program. The County will provide for a variety of housing types and ensure that there are adequate sites available to meet its RHNA).</p>	<p>Continue to designate and zone adequate sites to meet special housing needs as required.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No activity related to this program occurred during the 2023 calendar year. In November 2015 and November 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved amendments to the Zoning Ordinance which, among other things, identified Zone Districts that can accommodate populations with special needs.</p>

<p>3. Adequate Sites Program. The County will provide for a variety of housing types and ensure that there are adequate sites available to meet its RHNA).</p>	<p>Continue to encourage a variety of housing types for all income levels such as mixed use and higher density housing through implementation of the General Plan and community plans, through incentives or other mechanisms encouraging affordability, maintaining existing zoning and upzoning where appropriate. These efforts will also consider promoting development within existing communities, active transportation and access to services and amenities.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During the 2023 calendar year, the County continued working with developers to promote development within unincorporated communities. In 2022, the County amended its Zoning Ordinance for sections specifically pertaining to employee and farmworker housing, density bonus, and reasonable accommodations. These actions furthered this program's goal of encouraging various housing types and made the Zoning Ordinance more compliant with state law. In 2020, the County amended the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance to increase the density of land designated and zoned for multi-family residential development to 20 units per acre in order to lower the cost of housing. This Zoning Ordinance amendment also included Density Bonus provisions to reduce the cost of housing development and to promote the development of affordable housing. Additionally, the County has suspended the collection of impact fees to lower the cost of housing development, including housing for low-income populations. In 2023, the County developed six pre-approved accessory dwelling unit (ADU) plans that will be provided to County residents for free. The plans have been designed and preapproved by the County's permit department to reduce the cost of building an ADU. In 2023, the County developed two preapproved duplex, triplex, and fourplex plans that will be provided to County residents for free. These plans will support the building of multi-family housing in the County in communities that can not support a large apartment complex. The County created and approved a Community Plan update Guidance document that will streamline the update of the County's community plans. The County has also begun the process of updating the Biola and Del Rey Community plans, which is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2024.</p>
<p>3. Adequate Sites Program. The County will provide for a variety of housing types and ensure that there are adequate sites available to meet its RHNA).</p>	<p>Direct interested residential developers, especially affordable housing developers throughout the County, to Community Plan and Specific Plan areas where amenities are or can be located and where water and sewer service providers have or can provide capacity and potential for the expansion of infrastructure (see Program 12), such as the Shaver Lake Forest Specific Plan, Millerton Specific Plan, Sierra North Regional Plan, Laton, and Tranquility areas.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continues to meet with and direct interested residential developers, including affordable housing developers, throughout the year to encourage the development of housing in the County's unincorporated communities. The County hosted its annual Developer meeting to encourage the development in Fresno County. The County has begun providing developers and residents with pre-approved ADU and duplex, triplex, and fourplex options to build in Fresno County. The County, working with affordable housing developers, submitted a Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) Grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to encourage and develop in the community of Laton. The County, developers, and residents of Laton met to discuss the potential development of housing in the Community of Laton. The County also issued a resolution of support in support of the Housing Authority's application for the Regional Early Action Planning Grant of 2021 (REAP 2.0) to support the development of housing in the unincorporated community of Biola.</p>

<p>3. Adequate Sites Program. The County will provide for a variety of housing types and ensure that there are adequate sites available to meet its RHNA).</p>	<p>Meet with developers to discuss constraints and opportunities on TP zoned sites and address constraints and establish incentives, procedures or other mechanism by 2017 to promote development.</p>	<p>2017 and Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continues to meet with interested developers and advocacy groups to discuss constraints and opportunities for the development of affordable housing on sites zoned for the development of mobile home parks. In 2023, County staff continued to work with California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) staff regarding residents interested in purchasing an existing mobile home park, Shady Lakes. County staff has been meeting on a regular basis to assist the CRLA team in applying for funds to purchase the park. The County staff also discussed trailer parks during two annual housing conferences, both held virtually and in-person, attended by developers and residents in 2023. The County continues to support the development of mobile home parks by providing priority funding to mobile home park developers. In 2022, the County created a program that gave mobile home parks the ability to access the County's HOME funds prior to any other type of development.</p>
<p>3. Adequate Sites Program. The County will provide for a variety of housing types and ensure that there are adequate sites available to meet its RHNA).</p>	<p>Actively participate in the development of the next RHNA Plan to better ensure that the allocations are reflective of the County's General Plan policies and are realistic based on land use patterns in the unincorporated areas of the County.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During the 2023 calendar year, the County coordinated with the Fresno Council of Governments (COG) and 14 of the incorporated cities within the County, excluding the City of Clovis, to develop the Sixth Cycle Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element Update. This Countywide Housing Element Technical Committee met monthly throughout the 2023 calendar year to coordinate and monitor the development of the Sixth Cycle Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element Update.</p>
<p>Relevant Policies: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>
<p>4. Monitoring of Residential Capacity (No Net Loss)</p>	<p>Develop and implement a formal evaluation procedure pursuant to Government Code Section 65863 by 2016.</p>	<p>This program has been implemented.</p>	<p>This program has been implemented. The County previously developed an apparatus within its permit issuance and tracking system (AMANDA) that allows staff to monitor discretionary projects and building permits proposed on parcels included as RHNA inventory. When the APN of a parcel included as RHNA inventory is inputted into AMANDA, the system locks and staff must perform a quantitative analysis according to Government Code Section 65863 to determine whether the remaining sites included in the RHNA inventory are adequate to accommodate the County's RHNA obligation. Appropriate actions are then taken to ensure that the County maintains adequate RHNA inventory to accommodate housing in all income categories.</p>
<p>4. Monitoring of Residential Capacity (No Net Loss)</p>	<p>Annually monitor the effectiveness of non-residential zones to facilitate residential development.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continuously monitors the effectiveness of non-residential zones to facilitate residential. The County has only received one residential application on non-residentially zoned land during the Fifth Cycle Housing Element. With limited proposed development on non-residentially zoned land it is not possible to determine the effectiveness of utilizing non-residential land for residential development.</p>

4. Monitoring of Residential Capacity (No Net Loss)	If rezoning/upzoning is required to replenish the sites inventory for meeting the RHNA shortfall, the sites shall be adequate in size to accommodate at least 16 units per site at a minimum density of 20 units per acre, and shall be rezoned within two years.	Ongoing	No activity related to this program was necessary during the 2023 calendar year. Only if a proposed project will result in the reduction of vacant sites included in RHNA inventory, the County will rezone a similar size parcel to maintain the amount of vacant land available to accommodate the RHNA obligation. Any such rezone will comply with the density provisions of this program.
Relevant Policies: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
5. Lot Consolidation and Lot Splits	Assist interested developers/property owners in identifying opportunities for lot consolidation or lot splitting.	Ongoing	During the 2023 calendar year, the County authorized five lot splits through the ministerial gift deed / homesite parcel provisions of the Zoning Ordinance and eight lot splits through the discretionary variance application process. The County also authorized one lot split during the 2023 calendar year through the California Senate Bill (SB) 9 provision. All of these lot splits were initiated by a member of the public.
5. Lot Consolidation and Lot Splits	Continue to streamline the processing of requests for lot consolidation and lot splitting concurrent with other development reviews.	Ongoing	The County continues to streamline the processing of lot consolidation and lot splitting by processing them concurrently with other required development reviews as needed.
5. Lot Consolidation and Lot Splits	Annually monitor lot consolidation activities as part of the County's annual report to HCD on Housing Element progress and evaluate if County efforts are effective in facilitating lot consolidation of small sites for residential development. If appropriate, make necessary changes to facilitate lot consolidation.	Ongoing	No residential development project submitted during the 2023 calendar year required lot consolidation. County staff continue to monitor lot consolidation activities as needed to facilitate residential development on smaller lots and report such lot consolidations to HCD as part of the Annual Progress Report (APR).
5. Lot Consolidation and Lot Splits	Encourage the use of master plans/specific plans to provide a cohesive development strategy for large lots.	Ongoing	The County encourages/requires master plans or specific plans as part of processing entitlements for large landholdings.
Relevant Policies: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE

<p>6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services</p>	<p>Continue to coordinate with independent service providers to assess development trends, needs for infrastructure and services, and plans for expansion. Communicate with the service providers at least semi-annually or as major development applications are received to discuss and pursue plans for future expansion to ensure adequate infrastructure and services are available to meet the County's RHNA, consistent with housing development trends.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>County staff continues to communicate with water and sewer service providers to assess the infrastructure and services in unincorporated communities and their plan for expansion of infrastructure and services to accommodate growth. The County encourages water and sewer service providers to improve infrastructure in communities with service deficiencies. County staff annually publishes and sends out notices to service providers regarding the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application period to apply for grants to fund public facility and infrastructure improvement projects in the eligible unincorporated areas of Fresno County. In 2023, Fresno County awarded funding to seven new projects in the unincorporated areas of Fresno County (North Central Fire Protection District Station 57 Off Road Water Tender, Biola Groundwater Recharge, Caruthers Water Valve & Fire Hydrant Replacement, Del Rey WWTP Hazard Reduction, Friant Wastewater System Improvements, Riverdale Water Valve Replacement, and Tranquillity WWTP Headworks). Funds were also allocated to five new projects in participating incorporated cities (Kingsburg Mariposa Street Reconstruction, Reedley City Street Improvements Phase X, Reedley North Avenue Improvements, Sanger Cesar Chavez Park Improvements, and Selma Sidewalk Connectivity Phase II). Additional funds were allocated to three existing projects: Mendota Rojas Pierce Park; Biola Sidewalks and Street Improvements; and Sierra Oaks Solar, Roof, and American Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements. Also in 2023, County staff applied for the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) grant. If awarded, the grant will be used for multiple uses, one being infrastructure projects in the unincorporated communities, especially where existing sewer and water infrastructure cannot provide additional services. While applying for the PRO Housing grant, County staff met with and participated in multiple Community Service Districts (CSD) meetings, not limited to Biola, Del Rey, and Laton, in order to assess which CSD would be the best candidate.</p>
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<p>6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services</p>	<p>As part of coordination and communication with CSDs, provide assistance as appropriate to encourage infrastructure improvements in communities with infrastructure and service deficiencies (see Table 2A-6 in the Appendix).</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>County staff continues to coordinate with water and sewer service providers to assess development trends, needs for infrastructure and services, and plans for expansion of services. Staff regularly communicates with the independent service providers to identify community infrastructure needs and available resources. The County encourages water and sewer service providers to improve infrastructure in communities with service deficiencies. County staff annually publishes and sends out notices to service providers and community groups regarding the application period to apply to the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program that provides grant funding for public facility and infrastructure improvement projects in the eligible unincorporated areas of Fresno County. The County also conducts a public workshop to provide assistance on preparing applications and the funding process and provides or assists with the procurement of engineering technical assistance. During 2023, the County's CDBG Program funded Tranquillity WWTP Headworks, Caruthers Water Valve & Fire Hydrant Replacement, Friant Wastewater System Improvements, Riverdale Water Valve Improvements. Additionally, Fresno County was awarded \$10,169,666 from various grants for four infrastructure projects in Fresno County. Also, County staff applied for various grants throughout the 2023 year, including the PRO Housing Grant, to assist and encourage infrastructure improvements in the community of Laton.</p>
<p>6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services</p>	<p>Seek (at least annually and on-going) and support funding applications by CSDs for infrastructure and service expansions that are consistent with the County's General Plan and Community Plan policies.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>County staff disseminates information about funding opportunities for CSDs infrastructure and service expansions when they become available. The majority of funding available for infrastructure and service expansion focuses on urban areas. County staff searches for funding opportunities to expand CSD infrastructure, including USDA and HCD funding opportunities for infrastructure-specific grants that could be used by CSDs and CSAs for needed improvements and expansion. In 2023, County staff worked with the Laton CSD to apply for the PRO Housing Grant for infrastructure and service expansion in the community of Laton, including but not limited to, water and sewer expansion projects.</p>

<p>6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services</p>	<p>As funding permits, CDBG and/or HOME funds provide gap financing to affordable projects as a means to reducing the costs of development, including infrastructure improvements. At least annually meet with developers and community stakeholders to discuss and pursue or support additional funding resources.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>County staff seeks partnerships and regularly meets with other agencies, housing developers, and community stakeholders to discuss and pursue opportunities to develop affordable housing. The County continues to monitor the HCD, USDA, and HUD websites for Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for affordable housing for lower-income and farmworker households. In 2023, the County of Fresno hosted two housing forums to discuss housing issues and funding resources available through the County. On November 7th, the first forum was held at the Malaga Community Center and via Zoom to provide the residents of Fresno County with an overview of housing services provided by various County departments. Residents were allowed to express their housing needs and concerns. On December 7th, a second forum was held in the County of Fresno offices in downtown Fresno and via Zoom to educate potential developers about housing needs and the potential resources for development in the County. In 2023, the County completed construction of eight single-family homes in the community of Riverdale and started construction on Guardian Village LP, a 48-unit affordable housing project in the City of Reedley.</p>
<p>6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services</p>	<p>Annually explore and pursue funding opportunities for community plan updates as necessary to promote development within existing communities with active transportation and access to services and amenities.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County of Fresno regularly searches for funding opportunities to update community plans to attract developers to develop in the unincorporated communities of Fresno County. In 2022, the County began using the Fresno Council of Government (COG) Planning grant to create a chapter that will streamline the process of updating community plans in the future. The Community Chapter Guidance Document was completed and approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2023. The Guidance document streamlines the update and the creation of the community plans. The County is using the remaining funds from the COG grant and the LEAP grant to update Biola's and Del Rey's community plan. The County began the process of updating the two plans in December 2023, and it is anticipated to be completed by December 2024.</p>
<p>6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services</p>	<p>Provide a copy of the adopted Housing Element to the various service providers serving the unincorporated communities.</p>	<p>This program has been implemented.</p>	<p>Copies of the adopted Housing Element were distributed to all service providers serving the unincorporated communities following adoption of the Fifth Cycle Housing Element.</p>
<p>Relevant Policy: 1.7</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>

<p>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</p>	<p>The County will provide loan funds as gap financing to eligible affordable housing developers to expand the supply of units affordable to lower-income households, including extremely low-income households and households with special needs, such as seniors, disabled (including persons with developmental disabilities), the farmworkers, the homeless, and those at risk of homelessness. The County will offer assistance to other agencies in accessing local, state, and federal funding for affordable housing by adopting and sending resolutions and letters of support for these agencies' efforts.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During the 2023 calendar year, the County provided \$2,250,000 in low-interest loans to support the construction of Guardian Village in Reedley, an affordable multi-family 48-unit rental housing project. Construction was completed on County Meadows II, a project partially funded by the County for eight single-family homes in the unincorporated community of Riverdale. Additional funds in the amount of \$488,819 were awarded to Mendota Esperanza Commons (bringing County support to a total of \$2,050,000) in 2023, and rehabilitation construction was completed in December 2023 to preserve 60 units of farmworker housing in the City of Mendota.</p> <p>The County issued a resolution of support for Fresno County Housing Authority's application for the Fresno Council of Government's Housing Planning Grants for grant funding related to REAP 2.0 funding. This funding will be used to develop affordable housing in the community of Biola. The County also partnered with the Housing Authority to submit a grant application for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for PRO Housing funding to remove barriers to affordable housing and develop affordable housing in the community of Laton.</p> <p>During the 2023 calendar year, the County provided two letters of support for future affordable housing projects applying for State funds: Cherry Crossing and Willow Grove.</p>
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<p>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</p>	<p>Continue to offer incentives such as gap financing, density bonus, streamlined processing (such as pre-application consultation to identify potential issues early on and concurrent processing of required permits to the extent feasible) to facilitate the development of affordable housing, with an emphasis on housing opportunities for very low and extremely low income households, as well as special needs populations, such as the elderly, disabled (including developmentally disabled), farmworkers, the homeless, and those at risk of becoming homeless.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During 2023, County staff worked with various developers such as Willow Partners, Fresno Housing Authority, and Nelam Nagra to discuss rezoning of properties to facilitate the development of affordable housing. In preparation for the County's Sixth Cycle Housing Element, the County rezoned property that had been identified as potential sites by the identified developers. The rezone was completed in December of 2023 increasing the development protentional for those properties and the construction of affordable housing. Additionally, the County held discussion with various developers in assisting accessing funding and assist in applying for state and federal funding. The County provided a resolution for the Fresno Housing Authority to apply for REAP 2.0 funding to purchase land to develop affordable housing in the community of Biola. Additionally, the County hire a consultant to explore the possibility of creating a regional housing trust an spoke with four active developers in identifying barriers and methods to help facilitate development in Fresno County. The County also assisted California Legal Assistance (CRLA), CaliROC, California Center for Cooperative Development, and the residents of Shady Lakes Mobile Home Park in identifying funding to purchase and rehabilitate the park. County staff met for over 6 months to assist the developers in creating a funding plan and apply for state funds. The partnership was successful in receiving state funds and in the process of purchasing the park which allow the tenant to ensure the rents remain affordable in the future.</p>
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<p>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</p>	<p>Continue to seek partnerships and regularly meet, at least annually, with other agencies (such as the Housing Authority), housing developers, community stakeholders and employers to discuss and pursue viable opportunities for providing affordable housing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During 2023, the County conducted its Annual Developer Meeting to inform developers about County funding programs and methods to collaborate to increase housing development in Fresno County. County staff continue to work with various developers such as Willow Partners, Fresno Housing Authority, Self-Help Enterprises, Habitat for Humanity, and private developers such as Nelam Nagra and Jaspreet Singh to discuss the potential of constructing in Fresno County and methods the County can assist developers in accessing state and federal funding. The County provided a resolution for the Fresno Housing Authority to apply for REAP 2.0 funding to purchase land to develop affordable housing the community of Biola. Additionally, the County hire a consultant to explore the possibility of creating a regional housing trust and spoke with four active developers in identifying barriers and methods to help facilitate development in Fresno County. The County also assisted California Legal Assistance (CRLA), CaliROC, California Center for Cooperative Development and the residents of Shady Lakes Mobile Home Park in identifying funding to purchase and rehabilitate the park. County staff met for over 6 months to assist the developers in creating a funding plan and apply for state funds. The partnership was successful in receiving state funds and in the process of purchasing the park which allow the tenant to ensure the rents remain affordable in the future. The County has also partnered with local schools and Community Services Districts such as the Laton School District and the Laton Community Services District to identify methods to increase housing in their community. The County held several community meetings and applied for the PRO Housing Grant to improve the water and sewer system to facilitate the Fresno Housing Authority to build affordable housing in the community.</p>
<p>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</p>	<p>Monitor HCD and its websites at least semi-annually for NOFAs and, where appropriate, prepare or support applications for funding for affordable housing for lower-income households (including extremely low-income households), such as seniors, disabled (including persons with developmental disabilities), the homeless, and those at risk of homelessness.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continues to monitor HCD and its websites to continue to fund new and existing programs that benefit lower income households, seniors, the disabled, homeless, and those at risk of homelessness. The County has received funding from Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP), Housing and Disability Program (HDAP), CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP), Bringing Families Home Program, Home Safe Program, Emergency Rental Assistance Program, Project Roomkey, No Place Like Home (NPLH) Program, Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), Emergency Solutions Grants Program, Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), and Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) Housing Program. These funds help ensure that low-income County residents are able to access available resources to maintain housing.</p>

<p>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</p>	<p>Continue to support and encourage other agencies and housing developers, such as the Fresno Housing Authority and Self-Help Enterprises, in the application of funds, HCD, USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources that may become available.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During the 2023 calendar year, the County provided two letters of support for future affordable housing projects applying for state funds: Cherry Crossing and Willow Grove, both projects were successful in receiving Tax Credits and will begin construction in 2024. The County issued a resolution of support for the Fresno County Housing Authority to apply for REAP 2.0 funding through Fresno COG to build affordable housing in the community of Biola. The County partnered with the Housing Authority to apply for the PRO Housing grant issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to remove barriers to housing and for the development of housing in the Community of Laton. The County of Fresno continues to work with the Housing Authority to build affordable housing in Del Rey. The County continues to meet and host meetings with housing developers, including nonprofit developers, to build in Fresno County, including Self Help and the Fresno Housing Authority. The County continues to seek funding opportunities to partner or share with housing developers whenever possible.</p>
<p>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</p>	<p>Continue current efforts to streamline and improve efficiencies in planning and permit approval and building inspection service.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County currently streamlines requests for building permits, plan checks, and inspections by allowing applications for building permits and plan checks and requests for inspections to be filed online. Additionally, building permit and plan check application fees can also be paid online. Further, Inspectors now utilize electronic devices (e.g. tablets) synced with the County's permit issuance and tracking system (AMANDA), allowing inspectors to execute their duties in an efficient paper-free manner.</p>
<p>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</p>	<p>Establish to the extent feasible, a program that accommodates submittal and issuance of certain permits via the Internet by 2020.</p>	<p>This program has been implemented.</p>	<p>As discussed immediately above, the County has streamlined requests for building permits and plan checks by allowing applications for building permits and plan checks to be filed online. Further, building permit and plan check application fees can also be paid online.</p>
<p>Relevant Policies: 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>

<p>8. Farmworker Housing</p>	<p>Continue to seek partnerships and regularly meet, at least annually, with other agencies (such as the Housing Authority), housing developers, community stakeholders, and agricultural employers/employees to discuss opportunities for farmworker housing. Contact agricultural stakeholders and the nonprofit developers annually to discuss viable options for locating suitable farmworker housing starting at the end of 2016.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continues to hold its Annual Developer Meeting in which the County conducts a discussion on farmworker housing including the needs and methods to increase the production of farmworker housing in Fresno County. Additionally, the County holds an annual housing meeting for the residents which also includes a discussion on what are the needs the housing needs of everyone including farmworkers. The County held several community meetings in communities such as Cantua Creek, Del Rey, and Laton that have a large farmworker populations to discuss methods to increase housing in their communities. The County has reached out to local school districts and community services districts in identifying potential housing for residents including farmworkers.</p>
<p>8. Farmworker Housing</p>	<p>Continue to support and encourage other agencies and housing developers, such as the Fresno Housing Authority and Self-Help Enterprises, in the application of funds for farmworker housing, including State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources that may become available.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During 2023, the Housing Authority completed construction of a rehabilitation project of 60 farmworker housing units in the City of Mendota, the County awarded at total of \$2,050,000 towards this project. The County also awarded to Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) \$475,000 in HOME funds and \$1,775,000 in State Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) funds to construct Guardian Village a 48-affordable housing unit development in the City of Reedley of which 15 are restricted to farmworkers. The County also provided \$1,000,000 award letter to SHE to fund Cherry Crossings a 72-unit affordable housing development in the City of Sanger that is funded through Joe Serna that will begin construction in 2024. The County also provided an award letter in the amount of \$1,500,000 of HOME funds to Chelsea Investment Corporation to fund the Willow Groove Farm Worker Housing project in the City of Reedly to construct an 80-unit development for farmwokers that should begin construction in 2024. The County issued a resolution of support for the Housing Authority to apply for the REAP 2.0 funds to build affordable housing to the community of Biola. If awarded, any housing units developed will be available to all low-income residents including farmworkers.</p>
<p>8. Farmworker Housing</p>	<p>Annually monitor the status of farmworker housing as part of the County's annual report to HCD on Housing Element progress and evaluate if County efforts are effective in facilitating the provision of farmworker housing. If appropriate, make necessary changes to enhance opportunities and incentives for farmworker housing development.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County at all of its various meetings discusses the needs of farmworkers and has identified the desire for homeownership as a priority. The County is in the process of revamping its Homebuyer Assistance Program (HAP) as the high cost of housing and interest rates has made homeownership unattainable for low-income residents as this time. All of the affordable housing development projects funded in the last two years and in 2024 have a farmworker component.</p>

Relevant Policies: 1.2, 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
9. Preserving Assisted Housing	Continue to monitor status of affordable housing projects. If projects become at risk of converting to market-rate housing: 1. Monitor the status of any Notice of Intent and Plan of Action filed by property owners to convert to market-rate units; 2. Identify nonprofit organizations as potential purchasers/managers of at-risk housing units; 3. Explore funding sources available to purchase affordability covenants on at-risk projects, transfer ownership of at-risk projects to public or nonprofit agencies, purchase existing buildings to replace at-risk units, or construct replacement units; 4. Ensure the tenants are properly noticed and informed of their rights and eligibility to obtain special Section 8 vouchers reserved for tenants of converted HUD properties.	Ongoing	The County continues to monitor housing units that become at risk of being converted to market-rate housing and partners with non-profit organizations to explore funding sources to acquire such units to retain their affordability for low and very low-income populations. The County continues to provide notices to tenants of their rights and eligibility to obtain special Housing Choice Vouchers reserved for tenants of converted HUD properties. The Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) manages, monitors, improves, and creates assisted housing in the unincorporated Fresno County area. Should residents call requesting rental assistance, HAFC staff explains the benefits of Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) and provides information on obtaining vouchers through the Fresno Housing Authority. No affordable housing rental projects in the unincorporated County were considered at risk of converting to market-rate housing during the 2023 calendar year. However, the County has recognized that mobile home parks are one of the last affordable housing options for its County residents. The County assisted California Legal Assistance (CRLA), CaliROC, California Center for Cooperative Development and the residents of Shady Lakes Mobile Home Park in identifying funding to purchase and rehabilitate the park. County staff met in 2022 and 2023 for several months to assist the developers in creating a funding plan and apply for state funds. The partnership was successful in receiving state funds and in the process of purchasing the park which allow the tenant to ensure the rents remain affordable in the future.
Relevant Policy: 3.6	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments	Complete comprehensive Zoning Ordinance update in 2017 to address the density bonus provisions, increase the allowable density at R2, R2-A, R3, R3-A, R4, C4 and RP to 20 units per acre.	This program has been implemented.	This program was implemented in 2020. Amendments to Zoning Ordinance were approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 24, 2020, to include density bonus provisions and increase density in R-2, R2-A, R3, R3-A, R4, C4, and RP to 20 units per acre.
10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments	Address the provision of Single-Room Occupancy (SRO) housing as part of the comprehensive Zoning Ordinance update in 2016.	This program has been implemented.	This program was implemented in 2020. Amendments were approved to the Zoning Ordinance on November 24, 2020, that included the provisions of Single-Room Occupancy.

<p>10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments</p>	<p>Examine, in 2016, alternatives to requiring discretionary approval for the development of multi-family housing in the C-4 Zone District and adopt appropriate actions to expedite the review and processing of multi-family housing development applications.</p>	<p>This program has been implemented.</p>	<p>This program was implemented in 2020. Amendments were approved to the Zoning Ordinance on November 24, 2020 to allow development of multi-family housing in the C-4 Zone District without a discretionary permit.</p>
<p>10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments</p>	<p>Consider establishing a discretionary permit requirement for new agricultural operations in residential zones and addressing farm labor housing in those zones in a similar manner.</p>	<p>This program has been implemented.</p>	<p>This program was implemented in 2022. Amendments were approved to the Zoning Ordinance on May 17, 2022 to address farmworker and employee housing, allowing greater compliance with state law by allowing certain types of farmworker / employee housing in residential zones where limited agricultural uses are allowed. Further, building permits for employee housing units are issued in the same manner as single-family residences.</p>
<p>10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments</p>	<p>Annually review the effectiveness and appropriateness of the Zoning Ordinance and process any necessary amendments to remove or mitigate potential constraints to the development of housing.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During the 2023 calendar year, the County continued working on a comprehensive review and update of its General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. On April 28, 2023, the County released drafts of the proposed General Plan, proposed Zoning Ordinance, and the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR) prepared for the General Plan Review / Zoning Ordinance Update for a 60-day public review period. During the spring and summer of 2023, County staff hosted seven community workshops throughout the County to increase public awareness of the General Plan Review / Zoning Ordinance Update, two of which focused on environmental justice. During the summer and fall of 2023, County staff worked with Rincon Consultants, Inc. to address comments received during the 60-day public review of the proposed General Plan, proposed Zoning Ordinance, and DPEIR as part of the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (FPEIR) to be completed in early 2024. Additionally, on September 14, 2023, County staff conducted a workshop with the Planning Commission for the purpose of providing information to the Planning Commission ahead of scheduling the General Plan Review / Zoning Ordinance Update for the Commission's consideration and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.</p>
<p>Relevant Policies: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>

11. Monitoring of Planning and Development Fees	Should the Board decide to reinstate impact fees, monitor the fees annually to ensure they do not unduly constrain housing development.	Ongoing	At the public hearing of October 31, 2017, the Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing to consider an amendment to the County Ordinance for Public Facilities Impact Fees. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board decided to continue the suspension of these fees. During the following year on October 9, 2018, the Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing to consider another amendment to the County Ordinance for Public Facilities Impact Fees and at the conclusion of the hearing, determined to continue the suspension of the impact fees until further notice.
Relevant Policies: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
12. Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program (HARP)	Provide rehabilitation assistance to households in the unincorporated area as federal funding is available and applications are received.	Ongoing	The County did receive interest calls but did not receive any new applications during the 2023 calendar year.
Relevant Policies: 3.2, 4.1	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
13. Rental Rehabilitation Program (RRP)	Provide assistance for the rehabilitation of four rental housing units during the planning period (provided that federal funding is available and applications are received).	Ongoing	There was no interest or applications from the public during the 2023 calendar year.
Relevant Policies: 3.2, 4.1	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
14. Code Enforcement	Continue to enforce property maintenance standards and abate substandard structures through Code Enforcement and various housing rehabilitation programs.	Ongoing	During the 2023 calendar year, the Department of Public Health continued to be the lead for substandard housing complaints and worked with the Department of Public Works and Planning in instances involving a land use violation. County staff continue to investigate violations of property maintenance standards and encourage property owners to seek assistance through available housing rehabilitation programs to abate building code violations. The County continues to enforce zoning and building codes to ensure compliance with land-use regulations and building codes. The County continues to enforce property maintenance standards and abate substandard structures. Additionally, the County has hired new staff within the last year to create a unit that focuses on addressing code violations throughout the county. In 2023, Code Enforcement opened up 927 complaints from zoning and building violations of which 304 have been closed and 560 remain open.
Relevant Policies: 1.8, 2.5, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 4.1	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE

15. Homebuyer Assistance Program (HAP)	Provide assistance to income eligible households to purchase a home in the unincorporated areas as federal funding is available and applications are received.	Ongoing	During the 2023 calendar year, the County partially supported construction costs and downpayment assistance for seven households that moved into single-family homes constructed by Habitat for Humanity in the unincorporated community of Riverdale.
Relevant Policy: 2.8	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
16. First-Time Homebuyer Resources	Promote available homebuyer resources on County website and public counters by 2016.	Ongoing	The County continues to provide information on its Homebuyer Assistance Program to first-time homebuyers via flyers and its website, as well as through meetings with lenders, realtors, and community groups, to ensure the program is made available whenever possible to qualified applicants. During meetings with lenders and community groups, other non-County sources of available financing are also discussed. The County continues to review funding resources available from the state and federal government to pursue as appropriate to provide homebuyer assistance.
16. First-Time Homebuyer Resources	Annually review funding resources available at the state and federal levels and pursue as appropriate to provide homebuyer assistance.	Ongoing	The County continues to review funding resources available from the state and federal government to obtain funds to provide homebuyer assistance. The County continues to provide information on its Homebuyer Assistance Program to first-time homebuyers via flyers and its website and through meetings with lenders, realtors, and community groups to ensure the program is made available whenever possible to qualified applicants.
Relevant Policy: 2.8	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
17. Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance	Continue to support and encourage the provision of vouchers to qualifying Fresno County households.	Ongoing	The County continues to support the efforts of the Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) to offer Housing Choice Vouchers and other rental assistance programs in the unincorporated areas of Fresno County. The County reviews and certifies the HAFC's five-year and annual plans for consistency with the County's Consolidated Plan. The County does not provide rental assistance directly but does assist Fresno Housing Authority in publicizing the opening of the Housing Choice Voucher waiting list by disseminating the information to County partners and clients.
17. Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance	Continue to refer interested households and homeowners to the Fresno Housing Authority and encourage landlords to register their properties with the Housing Authority for accepting HCVs.	Ongoing	The County continues to refer interested households and homeowners to the Fresno Housing Authority and encourages landowners to register their properties for accepting Housing Voucher Rental Assistance.

17. Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance	Work with the Housing Authority to disseminate information on incentives for participating in the HCV program throughout the county areas with varying income levels to promote housing opportunities for all unincorporated community residents.	Ongoing	In the 2023 calendar year, the County continues to support efforts to educate landlords of their duty to accept applicants using a voucher and share information about existing landlord mitigation and incentive programs. The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program was highlighted at both the Annual Housing Meeting and Annual Developer Meeting in 2023. The Housing Authority had staff present to educate residents on the use and their rights and a presentation was given to the developers on the HCV Program.
Relevant Policy: 2.2	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
18. Energy Conservation	Continue to promote and implement the County's Go Green initiatives.	Ongoing	The County continues to make efforts to incorporate "green building" and energy-efficient components in housing being rehabilitated when practical and acceptable to the client. The County's rehabilitation standards adhere to the HOME Program requirements to ensure the longevity of the home's major components and improve energy efficiency as much as possible. The County promotes design standards for new developments that encourage alternative transportation modes, such as walking and riding bicycles, to encourage physical activities and improve air quality.
18. Energy Conservation	Continue to promote and support Pacific Gas and Electric Company programs that provide energy efficiency rebates for qualifying energy-efficient upgrades.	Ongoing	The County continues to promote and support Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) programs that provide energy-efficiency rebates for qualifying energy-efficient upgrades.
18. Energy Conservation	Continue to incorporate conservation measures in housing rehabilitation programs.	Ongoing	The County makes every effort to incorporate green building and energy-efficient components in housing units being rehabilitated when practical and acceptable to the client. The County's rehabilitation standards adhere to the HOME Program requirements to ensure the longevity of the home's major components and improve energy efficiency as much as possible. The County promotes design standards for new developments that encourage alternative transportation modes such as walking and riding bicycles promoting physical activities, and improving air quality. The County continues to promote and support PG&E programs that provide energy-efficiency rebates for qualifying energy-efficient upgrades.
18. Energy Conservation	Expedite review and approval of residential alternative energy devices.	Ongoing	The County has expedited the review and approval of residential alternative energy devices.
Relevant Policies: 6.1, 6.2, 6.3	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE

General Comments

Jurisdiction	Fresno County Unincorporated	
Reporting Period	2023	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
Planning Period	5th Cycle	12/31/2015 - 12/31/2023

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Note: "+" indicates an optional field
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Table F

Units Rehabilitated, Preserved and Acquired for Alternative Adequate Sites pursuant to Government Code section 65583.1(c)

Please note this table is optional: The jurisdiction can use this table to report units that have been substantially rehabilitated, converted from non-affordable to affordable by acquisition, and preserved, including mobilehome park preservation, consistent with the standards set forth in Government Code section 65583.1, subdivision (c). Please note, motel, hotel, hostel rooms or other structures that are converted from non-residential to residential units pursuant to Government Code section 65583.1(c)(1)(D) are considered net-new housing units and must be reported in Table A2 and not reported in Table F.

Activity Type	Units that Do Not Count Towards RHNA ⁺ Listed for Informational Purposes Only				Units that Count Towards RHNA ⁺ Note - Because the statutory requirements severely limit what can be counted, please contact HCD at apr@hcd.ca.gov and we will unlock the form which enable you to populate these fields.				The description should adequately document how each unit complies with subsection (c) of Government Code Section 65583.1 ⁺ . For detailed reporting requirements, see the checklist here: https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/docs/adequate-sites-checklist.pdf
	Extremely Low-Income ⁺	Very Low-Income ⁺	Low-Income ⁺	TOTAL UNITS ⁺	Extremely Low-Income ⁺	Very Low-Income ⁺	Low-Income ⁺	TOTAL UNITS ⁺	
Rehabilitation Activity									
Preservation of Units At-Risk									
Acquisition of Units									
Mobilehome Park Preservation									
Total Units by Income									

Jurisdiction	Unincorporated	
Reporting Period	2023	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
Planning Period	5th Cycle	12/31/2015 - 12/31/2023

NOTE: STUDENT HOUSING WITH DENSITY BONUS ONLY. This table only needs to be completed if there were student housing projects WITH a density bonus approved pursuant to Government Code 65915(b)(1)(F)

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Table J														
Student housing development for lower income students for which was granted a density bonus pursuant to subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 65915														
Project Identifier				Project Type	Date	Units (Beds/Student Capacity) Approved							Units (Beds/Student Capacity) Granted Density Bonus	Notes
1				2	3	4							5	6
APN	Street Address	Project Name*	Local Jurisdiction Tracking ID*	Unit Category (SH - Student Housing)	Date	Very Low- Income Deed Restricted	Very Low- Income Non Deed Restricted	Low- Income Deed Restricted	Low- Income Non Deed Restricted	Moderate- Income Deed Restricted	Moderate- Income Non Deed Restricted	Above Moderate- Income	Total Additional Beds Created Due to Density Bonus	Notes
Summary Row: Start Data Entry Below														

Jurisdiction	Fresno County - Unincorporated	
Reporting Period	2023	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
Planning Period	5th Cycle	12/31/2015 - 12/31/2023

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Table K

Tenant Preference Policy

Local governments are required to inform HCD about any local tenant preference ordinance the local government maintains when the jurisdiction submits their annual progress report on housing approvals and production, per Government Code 7061 (SB 649, 2022, Cortese). Effective January 1, 2023, local governments adopting a tenant preference are required to create a webpage on their internet website containing authorizing local ordinance and supporting materials, no more than 90 days after the ordinance becomes

Does the Jurisdiction have a local tenant preference policy?	No
If the jurisdiction has a local tenant preference policy, provide a link to the jurisdiction's webpage on their internet website containing authorizing local ordinance and supporting materials.	
Notes	

Jurisdiction	esno County - Unincorporated	
Reporting Year	2023	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)

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Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Reporting
 (CCR Title 25 §6202)

Please update the status of the proposed uses listed in the entity's application for funding and the corresponding impact on housing within the region or jurisdiction, as applicable, categorized based on the eligible uses specified in Section 50515.02 or 50515.03, as applicable.

Total Award Amount	\$	500,000.00	<i>Total award amount is auto-populated based on amounts entered in rows 15-26.</i>
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Task	\$ Amount Awarded	\$ Cumulative Reimbursement Requested	Task Status	Other Funding	Notes
Project 1: Multifamily Complex Plans	\$0.00	\$0.00	In Progress	None	
Land and Site inventory for potential complex	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	In Progress	None	
RFP/Hire Architect	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	Completed	None	
Architect Design Plan	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	Completed	None	
Review/Approval by Planning Department	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	In Progress	None	
Web page creation	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	In Progress	None	
Outreach to landowners of parcels	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	In Progress	None	
Project 2: Local Housing Trust Community Outreach	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	In Progress	None	
RFP/Hire Consultant	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	Completed	None	
Development of Study	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	In Progress	None	
Legal Documents	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	In Progress	None	
Grant Administration	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	In Progress	None	

Summary of entitlements, building permits, and certificates of occupancy (auto-populated from Table A2)

Completed Entitlement Issued by Affordability Summary		
Income Level		Current Year
Very Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	13
Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	25
Moderate	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	44
Above Moderate		43
Total Units		125

Building Permits Issued by Affordability Summary		
Income Level		Current Year
Very Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	13
Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	25
Moderate	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	44
Above Moderate		43
Total Units		125

Certificate of Occupancy Issued by Affordability Summary		
Income Level		Current Year
Very Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	2
Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	2
Moderate	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	0
Above Moderate		0
Total Units		4

ATTACHMENT D

February 8, 2024

Fresno County Planning Commission
2220 Tulare Street, 6th floor
Fresno, CA 93721

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COUNTY OF FRESNO

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
AND PLANNING
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Dear Planning Commissioners:

I wish to discuss two matters of importance: (1) the required content of annual progress reports per state law and (2) the required content of annual progress reports per the County's own General Plan.

Years ago, the state Legislature realized that cities and counties needed help with the development of general plans, and so the Legislature passed a law directing the Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the state's comprehensive planning agency, to adopt guidelines for the preparation of and the content of such plans.

The Legislature made it clear that OPR's *General Plan Guidelines* (**Guidelines**) would be "advisory only,"¹ as OPR has neither policing nor legislative authority. Nonetheless, the Guidelines are the premier tool for understanding the state's planning mandates, and the Guidelines do pull together statutory language from planning law and provide guidance on methods for compliance.

In short, the state's General Plan Guidelines are a "how to" resource for planning agencies, explaining statutory requirements and describing best practices for the adoption and amendment of general plans.

A different statute requires cities and counties to annually report the progress made toward implementing their respective general plans.² That law requires each jurisdiction to include in its annual progress report *"the degree to which its approved general plan complies with the guidelines developed and adopted"* by OPR.

The two statutes complement one another — the first requiring OPR to draft guidelines that explain mandatory requirements and best practices and the second requiring local planning agencies to disclose the degree to which their adopted plans comply with those guidelines.

¹ Government Code Section 65040.2 reads in part as follows: *"(a) In connection with its responsibilities under subdivision (l) of Section 65040, the [Office of Planning and Research] shall develop and adopt guidelines for the preparation of and the content of the mandatory elements required in city and county general plans.... (c) The guidelines shall be advisory to each city and county in order to provide assistance in preparing and maintaining their respective general plans."* (My underlining.)

² Government Code Section 65400 reads in part as follows: *"(a) After the legislative body has adopted all or part of a general plan, the planning agency shall...(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: (A) The status of the plan and progress in its implementation."*

Now then, does the County's Annual Progress Report (APR) for calendar year 2023 contain a description of the degree to which the General Plan complies with the Guidelines developed and adopted by OPR? Certainly not!

But why not? Well, I'm not sure, but it may be that the General Plan is so far out of compliance with state law and so contrary to recommended best practices that the County is simply unwilling to address that reality.

In any event, my point is this: In drafting an APR for calendar year 2023, the County failed to comply with state law. (Note: Of interest are two contradictory statements in the County's APR from two years earlier — for calendar year 2021 — where the County maintained that its General Plan is both compliant and noncompliant with the statutory requirements presented in OPR's General Plan Guidelines.³)

The second matter I wish to discuss is mitigation monitoring. Years ago, the state Legislature adopted the California Environment Quality Act, which now requires local jurisdictions to prevent or minimize environment damage stemming from the approval of discretionary projects by first developing mitigation measures and then by monitoring their implementation.

The adoption of the 2000 General Plan was just such a project, and because the accompanying EIR found that buildout under the plan could harm the environment, the County adopted over 300 mitigation measures to lessen that damage. By law, the County must now monitor the implementation of those mitigation measures.

While the County admits on page 3 of the staff report for today's hearing that *"there is no single document (e.g. mitigation monitoring report) that demonstrates implementation of the 2000 General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) mitigation measures,"* it nonetheless claims, albeit wrongly, that the 300 mitigations need not undergo routine monitoring because the Plan is "self-monitoring" and because mitigation is also satisfactorily monitored at the time individual development projects are approved.

But there's a problem with that reasoning.

³ The Executive Summary from the County's Annual Progress Report for calendar year 2021 contains the contradicting statements shown below — the first stating that the County's General Plan meets the statutory requirements described in OPR's General Plan Guidelines and the second stating that the County is going to use those same Guidelines to bring the General Plan into compliance with state law.

"Department staff reviewed the [OPR] Guidelines and determined that the County's General Plan meets the mandatory requirements described therein."

"It should be noted that since the adoption date of the General Plan document in October of 2000, there have been several legislative changes which prompted the OPR to prepare the General Plan Guidelines that were released in 2017, guidelines provided to ensure local government General Plans are prepared in compliance with the law. The intent of the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update is to bring these documents in compliance with the law by using the 2017 General Plan Guidelines as a guide." (My underling.)

For example, the EIR for the 2000 General Plan included a finding that buildout under the plan could result in the loss of wetland habitat. So, to lessen that impact, the County adopted several mitigation measures, including Policy OS-D.4, which required the County to establish riparian protection zones around natural watercourses.⁴ The vehicle to get that done was General Plan Program OS-D.B,⁵ which required the County to adopt an ordinance that would establish riparian protection zones and identify allowable activities in riparian protection zones, as well as allowable mitigation techniques. But because no single development project ever triggered the need to develop a countywide ordinance, riparian protection zones were never established.

A similar situation occurred with respect to air quality. Because the EIR for adoption of the General Plan in 2000 found that buildout under the plan could adversely affect air quality, the County adopted Policy OS-G.1⁶ as a mitigation measure, which required the County to meet with the cities in Fresno County and with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to develop standard methods for determining and mitigating project-related air quality impacts and thresholds of significance for use in environmental documents. But because no single development project ever triggered the need to develop countywide standards, the mitigation measure was never implemented.

⁴ The summary of impacts and mitigation measures in the 2000 EIR read in part as follows;

3.8 Biological Resources

Project Impact: Development under the Draft General Plan could result in the loss of wetland habitat (e.g., seasonal wetland, vernal pool, riverine, riparian, and wet Sierra meadows).

Mitigation Measures: None available beyond Draft General Plan Policies OS-D.1 through OS-D.8...

Finding: Impact Infeasible to Completely Mitigate. The above mitigation measure is feasible and has been incorporated into the project in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 1509(1). However, impacts associated with the loss of wetland habitat cannot be completely mitigated and are Significant and Unavoidable. This impact will require a Statement of Overriding Consideration.

General Plan Policy OS-D.4 was adopted as a mitigation measure to lessen the adverse impact of buildout under the 2000 General Plan.

General Plan Policy OS-D.4 The County shall require riparian protection zones around natural watercourses and shall recognize that these areas provide highly valuable wildlife habitat. Riparian protection zones shall include the bed and bank of both low- and high-flow channels and associated riparian vegetation, the band of riparian vegetation outside the high-flow channel, and buffers of 100 feet in width as measured from the top of the bank of unvegetated channels and 50 feet in width as measured from the outer edge of the dripline of riparian vegetation.

⁵ General Plan Program OS-D.B reads, "The County shall adopt an ordinance for riparian protection zones identifying allowable activities in riparian protection zones and allowable mitigation techniques. (See Policy OS-D.4)"

⁶ General Plan Policy OS-G.1 reads, "The County shall develop standard methods for determining and mitigating project air quality impacts and related thresholds of significance for use in environmental documents. The County will do this in conjunction with the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (SJVUAPCD) and the cities in Fresno County."

It's obvious that mitigation measures have not implemented, that implementation has not been monitored and that the County has failed to adhere to the directive in General Plan Program LU-H.D⁷ that requires the County to include in its APRs a report of the monitoring of General Plan mitigation measures.

In closing, I wish to add that the APR for 2023 also presents a distorted picture of the County's ability to implement General Plan programs. For example, although the County reports that the requirement to retain an independent institution to periodically evaluate the County's success in achieving the goals and targets of the County's Economic Development Strategy⁸ is "ongoing," reports in the County's APRs from 2013 through 2022 show that the County has never retained an institution for that purpose.

Similarly, although the County reports that making the Fresno County Oak Management Guidelines and other educational resources available to landowners located in oak woodland habitat⁹ is "ongoing," the County's APRs from 2013 through 2022 show that oak woodland habitats have never been mapped and that the County has never developed Oak Management Guidelines.

Because your Commission is the public face of the County's planning agency, as a member of public, I am bringing to your attention credible information that you need to explore, namely, that the County's APR for 2023 does not meet state requirements and that it does not constitute an accurate or complete appraisal of the status of the plan or the progress made in its implementation.

⁷ General Plan Program LU-H.D reads as follows:

General Plan Program LU-H.D

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. This review shall also be used to satisfy the requirements of Public Resources Code 21081.6 for a mitigation monitoring program. (See Policy LU-H.12)

⁸ General Plan Program ED-A.C reads as follows:

General Plan Program ED-A.C

The County shall retain an independent and qualified institution to conduct an evaluation at least every five (5) years of success in achieving the goals and targets of the Economic Development Strategy. (See Policy ED-A.4)

⁹ General Plan Program OS-F.B reads as follows:

General Plan Program OS-F.B

OS-F.B

The County shall make the Fresno County Oak Management Guidelines and other educational resources available to landowners located in oak woodland habitat. (See Policy OS-F.11)

What to do about this situation.

I ask that you not forward the APR for calendar year 2023 to the Board of Supervisors with your recommendation that it be accepted or not accepted.

Instead, I ask that you inform County staff that they need to revise the APR to include the degree to which the General Plan complies with the Guidelines developed and adopted by OPR, as that is state law. Secondly, I ask that you inform County staff that they need to include in the APR an analysis of mitigation monitoring, as that is both state law and a requirement of the General Plan itself. And lastly, I ask that you inform County staff that they need to revise the APR to more accurately represent the progress made in implementing the plan.

I'm available to meet with your Commission or with any of you one-on-one to help clarify matters and to explain in greater detail what I know of the County's inability to implement the General Plan.

Thank you,

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