



Inter Office Memo

**ATTENTION: FOR FINAL ACTION OR
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SUPERVISORS' ACTION SUMMARY
MINUTES.**

DATE: September 10, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Planning Commission

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 12842 - GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS
REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRESNO COUNTY 2000
GENERAL PLAN FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019

APPLICANT: County of Fresno

STAFF CONTACT: Mohammad Khorsand, Senior Planner

REQUEST: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the Resolution accepting the Annual Progress Report (APR) for the Fresno County General Plan for the 2019 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:

This Item was originally scheduled for the Planning Commission's March 12, 2020 hearing. At that hearing, in anticipation that the Commission's quorum would be lost, a motion was made by Vice-Chair Lawson and seconded by Commissioner Hill to continue the item to the March 26, 2020 hearing.

This motion passed on the following vote:

VOTING: Yes: Commissioners Lawson, Hill, Abrahamian, Ede, Eubanks and Woolf

No: None

Absent: Commissioners Burgess, Carver and Chatha

Abstain: None

Due to the COVID pandemic, the item was rescheduled to the September 10, 2020 Planning Commission hearing.

At the September 10, 2020 hearing, staff informed the Commission that there were no changes to the 2019 APR nor the Planning Commission staff report previously provided to the Commission for the March 12, 2020 hearing. The Planning Commission considered the Staff Report and public testimony (summarized in Exhibit A).

A motion was made by Commissioner Woolf recommending that staff work cooperatively with member of the public to revise the APR and submit the revised document to the Commission for consideration at a future Planning Commission hearing. That motion failed for lack of a second.

A subsequent motion was made by Chairman Abrahamian and seconded by Commissioner Burgess to recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt a Resolution accepting the 2019 APR and direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

This motion failed as a technical denial on the following vote:

VOTING: Yes: Commissioners Abrahamian, Burgess and Eubanks

No: Commissioners Hill, Lawson and Woolf

Absent: Commissioners Ede, Carver and Chatha

Abstain: None

A third motion was made by Commissioner Woolf and seconded by Vice-Chair Lawson to recommend that the Board of Supervisors not accept the 2019 APR and direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

This motion passed on the following vote:

VOTING: Yes: Commissioners Woolf, Lawson, Abrahamian and Hill


No: Commissioners Burgess and Eubanks

Absent: Commissioners Ede, Carver and Chatha

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 12842

STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR
Department of Public Works and Planning
Secretary-Fresno County Planning Commission

By: 
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EXHIBIT A

Fresno County General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) on Implementation
of the Fresno County 2000 General Plan for the 2019 Calendar Year

Public Hearing of March 12, 2020

Commission: When the Item was introduced, the Chairman stated for the record that he was invited to participate in a March 16, 2020 meeting with members of the League of Women Voters to discuss County General Plan issues.

Staff: Staff clarified that the March 16, 2020 meeting was not to discuss the 2019 APR, but rather to discuss the County's ongoing General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update effort. Staff also explained that the Commission could vote to recommend that the Board of Supervisors not accept the 2019 APR if it believed that the APR was not adequate.

Additional Discussion:

Vice-Chair Lawson stated that the Commission should take a neutral stance on the 2019 APR because there was not adequate time to discuss the item and he believed the APR was consistently provided to the Commission for review and recommendation at the last minute.

Others: No public testimony was presented as the item was continued.

Correspondence: A member of the public submitted documents detailing his assertions that the 2019 APR had inaccuracies and missing information.

Public Hearing of September 10, 2020

Staff: Staff presented a summary of the 2019 APR noting the purpose of the report, major planning activities that occurred in 2019 and various development applications that were received and processed during 2019.

Staff also informed the Commission of the following:

- The report on the Housing Element had been prepared according to instructions and forms prescribed by State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).
- The 2019 APR was submitted to State agencies in order to satisfy the April 1st statutory deadline for APR submittal to the State.

Commission: The Chairman asked if the 2019 APR must be re-submitted to the State following action by the Board of Supervisors since the 2019 APR was previously submitted to the State on March 30, 2020.

Additional Discussion:

- Staff explained that the 2019 APR would be re-submitted to State agencies if substantial changes to the 2019 APR are made.
- Commissioner Woolf asked if community outreach meetings were conducted regarding the 2019 APR.
- Staff clarified that the preparation of the APR did not require community outreach as it is not a plan update and staff's review of the only public correspondence received concerning the 2019 APR did not result in any revisions to the document.
- Commissioner Hill stated that staff should conduct community outreach meetings regarding the 2019 APR because County residents want to provide input concerning the 2019 APR.
- Staff reiterated that the APR provides information on the status of implementing the County's General Plan and the planning activities that occurred during the previous calendar year, and that the public hearings conducted before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors provide opportunity for the public to express their concerns with the document.
- Commissioner Woolf stated that she was made aware of a May 19, 2020 conference call with County staff and members of the public including representatives of the League of Women Voters during which staff stated that there would be community outreach meetings regarding the 2019 APR.
- Staff again clarified that the community outreach meetings discussed in the May 19, 2020 conference call was concerning the County's ongoing General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update effort and not the 2019 APR.
- One member of the public addressed the Commission regarding the 2019 APR and criticized the County for failing to provide an APR for ten years following 2003, asserted that all County APRs prepared to date since 2003 are identical in substance, and asserted that the 2019 APR is a dishonest report because it has inaccuracies and missing information. The individual offered to work with Department staff to assist staff in addressing his concerns regarding the 2019 APR.
- Staff explained that the missing information alluded to by the member of the public centered on County functions that have changed in accordance with direction from the Board of Supervisors (i.e.

contracting out implementation of economic development functions to the Economic Development Corporation), and further, the General Plan policies for which the individual requested a detailed analysis have either been fulfilled, are being implemented in a different manner, or have become obsolete since the year 2000.

- The member of the public asserted that the Board of Supervisors is not interested in his concerns regarding the 2019 APR, and that the Planning Commissioners do not understand their role in the APR process, and further that the Planning Commissioners do not know what is wrong with the 2019 APR.
- Commissioner Hill stated that the 2019 APR should be a clean document and that the Commission needs more information regarding the 2019 APR.
- Commissioner Woolf stated that the member of the public in attendance should be allowed to revise the 2019 APR and have those revisions reviewed by staff.
- Staff explained that the Commission could vote to recommend that the Board of Supervisors not accept the 2019 APR if the Commission believes additional information is needed.
- Vice-Chair Lawson asserted that the concerns of the member of the public present at the hearing regarding the 2019 APR needs to be addressed.
- Commissioner Woolf stated her agreement with Vice-Chair Lawson and would recommend that the Board of Supervisors not accept the 2019 APR.
- Commissioner Eubanks suggested the APR could be satisfied by a phased approach throughout the year with staff providing updates to the Planning Commission throughout the year.

Correspondence: A member of the public submitted documents detailing his assertions that the 2019 APR has inaccuracies and missing information.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

ADDENDUM

Planning Commission Staff Report Agenda Item No. 8 September 10, 2020

SUBJECT: 2019 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

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RECOMMENDATION:

Receive Fresno County's General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) for the 2019 calendar year and recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept the 2019 APR.

EXHIBITS:

1. Planning Commission Staff Report dated March 12, 2020 with 2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report
2. Public correspondence provided at the March 12, 2020 Planning Commission Hearing

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

See attached Planning Commission Staff Report dated March 12, 2020 (Exhibit 1)

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION AND SUMMARY:

This Item was originally scheduled for the Planning Commission's March 12, 2020 hearing. At that hearing, one Commissioner was absent, two Commissioners left the hearing at the beginning of presentation of the Item, and more Commissioners were going to leave the hearing. Therefore, due to the Commission about to lose its quorum resulting in an inability to make a recommendation on the Item, the Commission voted to continue the Item to the March 26, 2020 Planning Commission hearing. However, due to the COVID pandemic, the Item was not scheduled for the March 26, 2020 Planning Commission hearing and has now been placed on today's Planning Commission Agenda. Staff notes that there have been no changes to the 2019 APR nor the Planning Commission staff report that were provided to the Commission for the March 12, 2020 hearing.

A correspondence received from a member of the public was provided to the Commissioners during the March 12, 2020 hearing and is attached to this staff report addendum as Exhibit 2.

On March 30, 2020, the 2019 APR was submitted to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). This was done in order to satisfy the April 1 statutory deadline for APR submittal to the State.

PLANNING COMMISSION MOTIONS:

Recommended Motion:

- Receive the 2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report; and
- Recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept the 2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report; and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

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County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
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Planning Commission Staff Report Agenda Item No. 5 March 12, 2020

SUBJECT: 2019 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

STAFF CONTACT: Derek Chambers, Planner
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RECOMMENDATION:

Receive Fresno County's General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) for the 2019 calendar year and recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept the 2019 APR.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

The General Plan Annual Progress Report is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). It is the type of activity that is Categorically Exempt, Class 6 (Information Collection) based on Section 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

California state law requires each city and county to adopt a general plan "for the physical development of the county or the city, and any land outside its boundaries which in the planning agency's judgement bears relation to its planning". As the basis for local government decision making, general plans include goals and policies by which projects are analyzed against and actions are taken consistent with the overall vision for the city or the county.

Implementation of the General Plan is the responsibility of various County departments, as well as agencies that are not part of the County's structure, but are under contract to provide services to the County. The information included in the 2019 APR is provided by County departments and divisions, as well as the Economic Development Corporation, the agency that is under contract with the County for implementation of policies and programs of the Economic Development Element of the General Plan. The Housing Element portion of the report is prepared through the latest forms adopted by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in January of 2019 and revised in February of 2019.

State law, Government Code Section 65400, requires that the County submit an APR on the status of implementation of its General Plan, including the Housing Element, to the Board of

Supervisors for review and acceptance. Upon acceptance by the Board, the APR needs to be forwarded to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and HCD. The APR which is attached to this staff report (Attachment 1) contains a report on the status of the County's General Plan and a separate report on the status of implementation of the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element.

The general plan portion of the APR provides information on the status of implementing the County's General Plan, as well as presenting planning activities that occurred during the previous calendar year. The OPR guidance to assist local governments in preparing their APRs is intentionally general in order to provide maximum flexibility in the form and contents of the APR.

The general plan portion of the APR provides information on the following:

- Status of the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update project;
- A description of major planning activities;
- Information on various types of development applications that were received and processed;
- Description of the general plan amendments that were received and processed;
- Description of zone code text amendments and zone changes that were received and processed;
- Status of preparation of Environmental Impact Reports for various projects; and
- Status of implementation programs of each general plan element.

The Housing Element portion of the APR provides the following information:

- Permit activities for new residential units for very low-, low-, moderate- and above-moderate-income population;
- Rehabilitation of existing residential units;
- Report on Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) progress (number of permits issued, by affordability, since adoption of the Fifth-Cycle update); and
- The status of implementation of programs and objectives of the Fifth-Cycle Update.

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 Housing Element part of the APR provides information on progress toward implementing the goals and policies of the plan, as well as progress in meeting the County's share of the Fifth-Cycle regional housing needs.

PLANNING COMMISSION MOTIONS:

Recommended Motion:

- Receive the 2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report; and
- Recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept the 2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report; and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

Alternative Motion:

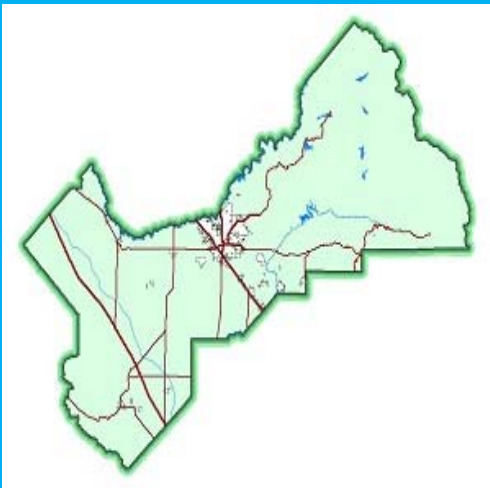
- Receive the 2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report; and
- Recommend that the Board of Supervisors not accept the 2019 Annual Progress Report; and
- Direct the secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's Action.

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2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report



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PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

Government Code Section 65400 requires that the County provide a report on the status of implementing the General Plan, including Housing Element, to the Board of Supervisors. Following acceptance of the APR by the Board, the APR will be forwarded to the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

State law requires generalized reporting on implementation of the General Plan. The Housing Element portion of the annual report must be prepared through the use of standards, forms, and definitions adopted by HCD. HCD has updated its forms to incorporate new APR requirements pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 879, Senate Bill (SB) 35 and AB 1486.

The Housing Element portion of the APR for the calendar year 2019 includes the information that is required by HCD on residential building permit activities, housing rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance loans, etc. The report for the Housing Element is included in the APR as Appendix B.

The purpose of the APR is to inform the Board of Supervisors on the status of implementing the County General Plan, as well as major planning activities that have been undertaken by the County in the 2019 calendar year (January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019).

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Public Works and Planning (PW&P) staff has prepared this 2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) in accordance with guidance provided by the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). This APR covers the 2019 calendar year. The information included in this APR has been provided by various County Divisions/Departments and agencies under contract to implement General Plan policies.

This APR is tentatively scheduled to be presented to the Planning Commission on March 12, 2020 and the Board of Supervisors on April 28, 2020.

This APR covers the status of implementation of the County General Plan for the 2019 calendar year and provides information on major planning activities and projects that have been processed, or initiated, for the unincorporated areas of the County.

The 2019 APR is comprised of two parts:

The first part of the APR includes the following topics:

- An overview of the General Plan including the Vision Statement key goals, a brief description of elements of the General Plan, and the status of the General Plan Review and Revision process.
- Planning and development activities that occurred in calendar year 2019, including discretionary permit applications, General Plan Amendments, Zone Code Text Amendments and Zone changes, Environmental Impact Reports associated with discretionary projects, and other notable activities.
- A matrix reflecting status of implementation programs of all elements of the General Plan (Appendix A).

The second part of the APR includes the following topics:

- Overview of the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element Update.
- Various tables reflecting residential activities, rehabilitation of existing buildings, and loan activities to eligible residents to rehabilitate their residences.
- A matrix reflecting the status of implementation of the Housing Element programs and objectives (Appendix B).

GENERAL PLAN OVERVIEW

State law requires every city and county in California to adopt a General Plan that is comprehensive and long term. The Plan outlines policies for the physical development of the county or city and any land outside its boundaries which in the planning agency's judgment bears relation to its planning.

The Fresno County General Plan is the County's comprehensive planning document that provides the long-term framework for economic and land use development, and for the protection of the County's agricultural, natural, and cultural resources. Designed to meet State General Plan requirements, the document outlines goals and policies to guide day-to-day decisions concerning Fresno County's future. Most General Plans have a planning horizon of 15 to 25 years. The planning horizon for the 2000 General Plan is through the year 2020 and beyond.

The General Plan was comprehensively updated in the year 2000 based on the State General Plan Guidelines (Government Code Section 65040.2) which included the Background Report, the Policy Document, an Economic Development Strategy, a Fiscal and Financial Analysis, and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The General Plan Policy Document contains countywide 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 document includes the required Elements: Agriculture and Land Use, Transportation and Circulation, Public Facilities and Services, Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise, and Safety. The Conservation and Open Space Elements are combined as one element for a total of seven. In addition to the required elements, the Policy Document includes an optional Economic Development Element which outlines the County's goals and strategic initiatives for diversifying Fresno County's economy and reducing the County's unemployment rate.

The Fiscal and Financial Analysis examined the fiscal impacts (costs and revenues), County facility costs and the cost benefits associated with implementation of the General Plan.

Vision Statement

The General Plan sets out a vision reflected in goals, policies, programs, and diagrams for Fresno County. The County sees its primary role 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 built on the following 12 major themes:

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

Key Goals

The Countywide General Plan Policy Document contains explicit statements of goals, policies, standards, and implementation programs. The following are some of the more notable Goals listed in the Economic Development and Agricultural Land Use Elements of the General Plan:

Goal	Description
ED-A	To increase job creation through regional leadership, agricultural productivity, and development of high-value-added processing firms.
ED-B	To diversify the economic base of Fresno County through the expansion of non-agricultural industry clusters and through the development and expansion of recreation and visitor-serving attractions and accommodations.
ED-C	To improve labor force preparedness by providing the local workforce with the skills needed to meet the requirements of an increasingly diverse business sector in the 21 st century global economy.
LU-A	To promote the long-term conservation of productive and potentially-productive agricultural lands and to accommodate agricultural-support services and agriculturally-related activities that support the viability of agriculture and further the County's economic development goals.
LU-C	To preserve and enhance the value of the river environment as a multiple-use, open-space resource; maintain the environmental and aesthetic qualities of the area; protect the quality and quantity of the surface and groundwater resources; provide for long-term preservation of productive agricultural land; conserve and enhance natural wildlife habitats; and maintain the flood-carrying capacity of the channel at a level equal to the one (1) percent flood event (100-year flood).
LU-D	To promote continued agricultural uses along Interstate 5, protect scenic views along the freeway, promote the safe and efficient use of the freeway as a traffic carrier, discourage the establishment of incompatible and hazardous uses along the freeway, and provide for attractive, coordinated development of commercial and service uses that cater specifically to highway travelers, and of agriculture-related uses at key interchanges along Interstate 5.
LU-F	To encourage mixed-use pedestrian and transit-oriented development and to establish development standards for residential, commercial, and industrial development in urban and urbanizing areas.

Implementation Programs

Each Element includes goal statements relating to different aspects of the issues addressed in the Element. Under each Goal Statement, the Plan sets out policies that amplify the Goal Statement. Implementation programs that are listed at the end of each section of the 2000 General Plan describe briefly the proposed action, the County agencies or departments with primary responsibility for carrying out the program, and the time frame for accomplishing the program.

GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS AND REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN 2019 RELATED TO EACH ELEMENT

- **Economic Development Element**

The Economic Development Element is divided into three sections: Job Creation, Economic Base Diversification, and Labor Force Preparedness. The Element includes goals, policies and programs to address these three areas.

- During the 2019 calendar year, Fresno County continued implementing policies of the Economic Development Element.

- **Agriculture and Land Use Element**

The Agriculture and Land Use Element provides diagrams as well as goals, and policies that guide decision-makers, planners, property owners, developers, and the general public as to how to accommodate future development in an efficient and sustainable manner that is compatible with the character of unincorporated communities and the protection of valuable and sensitive natural resources.

- During the 2019 calendar year, the County continued to implement General Plan policies relating to preservation of agricultural resources by directing growth to cities in the form of Pre-General Plan Amendment consultation for any proposed land use designation change within the Sphere of Influence of cities and two miles beyond, and referral of developments for possible annexation.

- **Transportation and Circulation Element**

The Transportation and Circulation Element is divided into two major parts. The first major part describes the County's Circulation Diagram and functional roadway classification system. The second major part sets out goals, policies and implementation programs organized into six sections: Streets and Highways; Transit; Transportation System Management; Bicycle Facilities; Rail Transportation; and Air Transportation.

- During the 2019 calendar year, the County continued to implement planning efforts to facilitate a safe and multi-modal road network. Major activities associated with the Transportation and Circulation Element are included below:

Fresno County Road Improvement Program (RIP)

- The RIP is an annual projection of the maintenance and construction programming plan over the next seven years. The types of projects in the RIP include bridge replacement/repair, road reconstruction, traffic signals, shoulder widening, and pavement repair.
- The RIP is intended to be a guide to the Board of Supervisors' road priorities and the Department's road program development, as well as for the Administrative Office, businesses, economic development community, utility companies, and the public at large.
- The RIP was last updated on September 10, 2019.

- **Public Facilities and Services Element**

The Public Facilities and Services Element is organized accordingly into ten 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; and Utilities.

- During the 2019 calendar year, Fresno County continued implementing policies of the Public Facilities and Services Element.

- **Open Space and Conservation Element**

The primary focus of the Open Space and Conservation Element is to provide direction for future growth and development with respect to the conservation, management, and utilization of natural and cultural resources; the protection and preservation of open space; and the provision of parks and recreational resources. This Element establishes goals, policies, and programs that value and protect natural resources to ensure they are available for the future.

- During the 2019 calendar year, Fresno County continued implementing policies of the Open Space and Conservation Element.

- **Health and Safety Element**

Many of the health and safety risks associated with development can be avoided through locational decisions made at the planning stages of development, while others may be lessened through the use of Mitigation Measures in the planning and land use regulation process. This Element outlines Fresno County's strategy for ensuring the maintenance of a healthy and safe physical environment. The Health and Safety Element is divided into seven sections: Emergency Management and Response; Fire Hazards; Flood Hazards; Seismic and Geological Hazards; Airport Hazards; Hazardous Materials; and Noise.

- The Development Services and Capital Projects Division (DSCPD) of the Department of Public Works and Planning along with the Department of Public Health continues to review development applications for consistency with the goals and policies of the Safety Element and require mitigation measures when necessary during the course of processing discretionary project applications.

- **Housing Element**

The Fifth-Cycle Housing Element Update Progress Report is included as a separate report.

GENERAL PLAN REVIEW AND ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE PROCESS

In June 2006, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to initiate a Review of the General Plan Policy Document along with the comprehensive update of the Zoning Ordinance. The purpose of the General Plan Review was to evaluate goals, policies and implementation programs of all General Plan elements to retain policies and programs that still serve a purpose and delete policies and programs that have been implemented or are obsolete, and add policies and programs to address new laws that affect the General Plan since its adoption in 2000.

A final Draft of the Revised Policy Document was presented to the Board for action at a public hearing that was held on September 30, 2014. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board directed the following:

- Update the General Plan Background Report
- Continue work on the Policy Document
- Continue work on the Zoning Ordinance Update
- Prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) to address potential environmental impact associated with implementation of the Revised General Plan and the updated Zoning Ordinance.

Program Environmental Impact Report

On September 30, 2014, the Board considered options presented by staff regarding PEIR options for the General Plan Review and the Zoning Ordinance Update and allocated up to \$850,000 for updating the Background Report, continued work on the Policy Document and the Zoning Ordinance and preparation of the PEIR.

On June 2, 2015, staff informed the Board of prior policy direction including prohibiting designating of new land to Rural Residential; elimination of substandard homesite exceptions; and elimination of the Urban Village designation. Staff also discussed other policy-related matters that had occurred during the General Plan Review process and recent legislation that must be reflected in the County's General Plan. The Board changed the direction that was given to staff by the previous Board and directed staff to retain the current Rural Residential and homesite exception policies and address new legislation that affects the General Plan. The Board directed staff to delete the Urban Village designation and to return with a final scope and cost estimate for the PEIR to be prepared for the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update.

On October 13, 2015 staff presented the Scope of Work for the PEIR and the contract to retain the firm of Mintier-Harnish to continue work on the project. The Board approved the Scope of Work and the Contract with the consulting firm of Mintier-Harnish.

On May 16, 2017, Public Works and Planning staff presented the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance effort to the Board of Supervisors to inform the new Board members of the project and the most recent direction on certain key land use policies that had been given to staff in 2015. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board confirmed the direction given by the Board in 2015.

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

Since approval of the consultant agreement and the scope of work for the project, Public Works

and Planning staff, with assistance of the consultant, has been working on preparing the following documents:

Administrative Draft Revised General Plan Background Report which addresses: demographics, employment, land use, community character, housing, transportation, mobility, public facilities, services and infrastructure, natural resources, hazards, safety, climate change, and noise.

Administrative Draft Revised General Plan Policy Document which includes revised policies and programs, enhanced graphics, a new format, and necessary/relevant changes to the text. This revised document also addresses required legislative changes to the General Plan.

Administrative Draft Zoning Ordinance Update which includes a new format and provisions to implement General Plan policies. The current Zoning Ordinance, which is the principal tool for implementing the County's General Plan, was adopted in 1960 and has been amended several times, but the document has never been comprehensively updated.

Release of the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance Documents for Public Review

The Public Review Drafts of the Revised General Plan Background Report, General Plan Policy Document and Zoning Ordinance Update were released for public review on January 26, 2018. It should be noted that customarily, the Draft Revised General Plan and the Draft Updated Zoning Ordinance are released concurrently with the release of the Draft PEIR for public review. However, County staff released the Draft Revised General Plan and Zoning Ordinance Update Documents for public review as a courtesy prior to preparation of the PEIR.

On March 1, 2018, the County released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of its intent to prepare a PEIR to assess potential environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the Revised General Plan and Zoning Ordinance Update. Staff and the PEIR consultant conducted two scoping meetings on March 26, 2018 to solicit comments from the public.

At a public hearing before the Board on August 21, 2018, PublicWorks and Planning staff presented to the Board the progress made on the General Plan Review and Revision and the Zoning Ordinance Update. Staff also presented to the Board comments that were received from the public, organizations and public agencies subsequent to release of the documents. Staff pointed out certain comments which were not part of the scope of the project and informed the Board that entertaining those comments would require a change in the Scope of Work of the project and would require allocation of substantial additional funds as well causing substantial delay in the time line identified for the project. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board did not entertain those recommendations by the public or agencies that would require changes in the scope of the project. The Board directed PublicWorks and Planning staff to conduct additional public outreach for the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update effort.

During the months of November and December of 2018, PublicWorks and Planning staff conducted five community meetings informing the public of the project and gathered comments from the public. One meeting was held in each Supervisorial District with meeting locations determined based on discussions with staff of the individual Supervisorial District offices.

In December of 2019, staff provided the Planning Commission a brief update on the status of the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update.

PublicWorks and Planning staff is working on revising the scope of work to address issues raised by the public as well as new legislation that would affect the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance documents and pursuing preparation of the EIR.

Update of Unincorporated Community Plans

Fresno County has four adopted Regional Plans, ten adopted Unincorporated Community Plans, and six Specific Plans. In 2003, the Board of Supervisors established a priority list for updating the County's Regional and Community Plans.

Since 2003, the Friant and Laton Community Plans have been updated and adopted by the Board. The Friant Community Plan was updated in 2011 as a result of the Friant Ranch project which was an applicant-initiated project. The Laton Community Plan was updated and adopted by the Board in 2012 and represented the last comprehensive Community Plan update to date. The funding for the update came out of the allocation for the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update project.

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 (DSCPD) during the 2019 calendar year. As shown in the Table, DSCPD received a total of 222 new applications. The Table provides the status of the applications for the calendar year 2019.

Table 1				
Applications Submitted and Processed in 2019				
Application Type	Total Incoming	Approved	Denied / Withdrawn	Still in Process
Zone Map Amendment (Rezone)	5	0	0	5
Amendment to Text of the Zoning Ordinance	0	0	0	0
Conditional Use Permit	30	13	1	16
Director Review & Approval	38	22	0	16
General Plan Amendment	2	0	0	2
Environmental Impact Report	0	0	0	0
Merger	9	8	0	1
Pre-Certificate of Compliance	5	2	0	3
Property Line Adjustment	21	5	0	16
Site Plan Review	63	52	0	11
Tentative Parcel Map	10	0	0	10
Tentative Parcel Map Waiver	13	1	0	12
Tentative Tract Map	1	0	0	1
Variance	18	4	2	12
Cancellation of Williamson Act Contract	5	0	1	4
Revision to Williamson Act Contract	2	2	0	0
TOTAL	222	109	4	109

Table 1.1 Planning Commission Action on Applications Submitted in 2019 and Prior Years			
Application Type	Approved / Recommended Approval	Denied / Withdrawn	Subtotal
Zone Map Amendment (Rezone)	6	0	6
Amendment to Text of the Zoning Ordinance	0	0	0
Conditional Use Permit	22	2	24
Director Review & Approval	1	1	2
General Plan Amendment	2	0	2
Environmental Impact Report	0	0	0
Tentative Tract Map	1	0	1
Variance	19	1	20
Time Extensions (TT, CUP or VA)	7	0	7
General Plan Conformity Findings	5	0	5
Site Plan Review	1	1	2
Total:	64	5	69

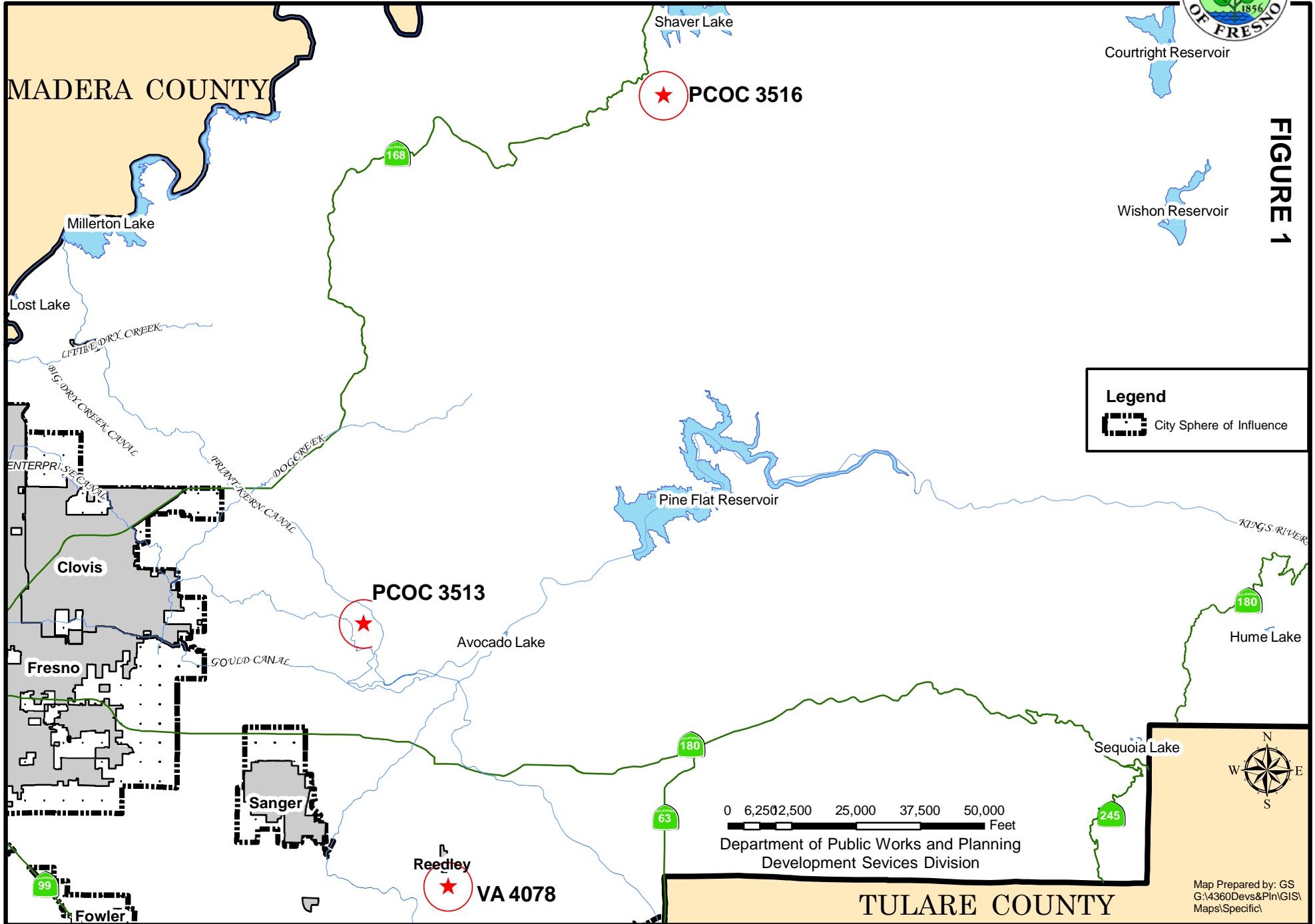
Table 2 Lot Size Exceptions Approved in 2019		
Exception Type	Size of Parcel Created	APN
Gift Deed (PCOC 3513)*	2.5 acres	158-330-77
Homesite (PCOC 3516)*	3.16 acres	130-920-23
Variance (VA 4078)	2.23 and 2.23 acres	360-130-01

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

*Gift deeds and homesites are permitted per Section 816.5.A.2.b.(2) of the Zoning Ordinance.

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LOT SIZE EXCEPTIONS



GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS

The following are the General Plan Amendments that were submitted for processing in 2019 or were submitted in prior year(s) and continued to be processed, or were concluded in the 2019 calendar year:

General Plan Amendment (GPA) Application	Description
GPA No. 553	Leo Gonzales, amend the General Plan by re-designating 8.38 acres from Agricultural to General Industrial and rezone the subject property from AE-20 to M-3 Zone District – in process
GPA No. 554	Jeff Roberts, redesignate a five-acre area of a 40.00-acre parcel known as APN 300-542-12 from “Park” to “Medium Density Residential” and change its zoning from the O to R-1(c) Zone District, and simultaneously redesignate approximately 13 acres within the same parcel, but at a different on-site location, from “Medium Density Residential” to “Open Space” and change its zoning from the R-1(c) to O Zone District – the Planning Commission recommended approval on May 16, 2019 and the project was approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 6, 2019
GPA No. 555	Roger Van Groningen, amend the Selma Community Plan to redesignate 27.82 acres from Agricultural to General Industrial and rezone from AE-20 to M-3 Zone District for proposed railroad freight terminal – in process
GPA No. 556	Jason Higton, redesignate an approximately 0.34-acre parcel from Low Density Residential to Medium Density Residential in the Roosevelt Community Plan and rezone from R-1-B to R-2 Zone District – the Planning Commission recommended approval on September 12, 2019 and the project was approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 10, 2019.
GPA No. 557	C&A Farms, LLC, redesignate an approximately 158.57-acre property from Agricultural to Heavy Industrial and rezone from AE-20 to M-3 Zone District – in process
GPA No. 558	Harbans Lehra, redesignate an approximately 1.76-acre property from Agricultural to Community Commercial and rezone from AC to C-2 Zone District – in process
GPA No. 560	Akhavi, LLC, redesignate approximately 14.71 acres from Agricultural to Service Commercial and rezone from AC and AE-20 to C-6 Zone District – in process

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The County implements the General Plan primarily through its Zoning Ordinance. Zoning Ordinance Amendments processed in 2019 are identified below.

Amendments to the Text of the Zoning Ordinance

No amendments to the text of the Zoning Ordinance were submitted or approved in 2019. One application submitted in 2018 is still being processed.

Amendment to Text Application No.	Description
378	Amend the Zoning Ordinance to modify Section 857 to allow streamlining of oil development applications – AT number assigned June 3, 2018 and application still in review - in process

Rezone Applications

The Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Rezone) Applications processed in 2019 are described below.

Amendment (Rezone) Application No.	Description
3827	Rezone one acre from R-2 (Low-Density Multiple-Family Residential, 6,600 square-foot minimum parcel size) to R-P (c) (Residential and Professional Office, Conditional) – the Planning Commission recommended approval on March 7, 2019 and the project was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 7, 2019.
3828	Rezone 124.17 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – in process
3829	Rezone 42.6 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – the Planning Commission recommended approval on December 12, 2019
3830	Rezone 8.38 acres from AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) - in process
3831	Rezone a five-acre portion of a 40-acre parcel from O (Open Conservation) Zone District to R-1(c) (Single Family Residential, 6,000 square-foot minimum parcel size, Conditional), and simultaneously change the land use designation of approximately 13 acres within the same parcel, but at a different on-site location, from “Medium Density Residential” to “Open Space” and change its zoning from the R-1(c) (Single Family Residential, 6,000 square-foot minimum parcel size, Conditional) Zone District to O (Open Conservation) to allow an 80-unit PUD in the Millerton New Town area - the Planning Commission recommended approval on May 16, 2019 and the project was approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 6, 2019
3832	Rezone an 18.56 and a 9.29-acre parcel from AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) - in process

3833	Rezone a 0.34-acre parcel from R-1-B (Single-Family Residential) to R-2 (Low-Density Multiple-Family Residential) – the Planning Commission recommended approval on September 12, 2019 and the project was approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 10, 2019
3834	Rezone 160 acres from AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) - in process
3835	Rezone 4.82 acres from RR (Rural Residential) to C-1 (Neighborhood Shopping Center) – the Planning Commission recommended approval on March 7, 2019 and the project was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 7, 2019
3836	Rezone 5.5 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to C-M (Commercial and Light Manufacturing) - in process
3837	Rezone 2.5 acres from AL-40 (Limited Agricultural, 40-acre minimum parcel size) to AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) – the Planning Commission recommended approval on October 10, 2019 and the project was approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 10, 2019
3838	Rezone 1.74 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing) - in process
3839	Rezone 1.76 acres from AC (Agricultural Commercial Center) to C-2 (Community Shopping Center) - in process
3840	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

OTHER PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Environmental Impact Reports (EIR)

EIR 7180 (Coalinga Oilfield Improvements)

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application Nos. 3538, 3539, and 3548 to allow ongoing oil and gas exploration, drilling, and production activities on properties within the Coalinga Oil Field on one hundred and five (105) parcels totaling 25,749 acres, generally located six miles west of Interstate 5 (I-5) and 0.5 mile west of the center of the City of Coalinga.

In 2019, County staff continued working with the applicant to finalize the EIR agreement.

EIR 7225 (Little Bear Solar)

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application Nos. 3550, 3551, 3552, 3553, and 3577 to allow the construction and operation of a 180-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) energy generation and energy storage project - located south of West California Avenue and west State Route 33 (South Derrick Avenue), approximately two and one half miles southwest of the nearest city limits of the City of Mendota.

The project went before the Planning Commission on December 6, 2018. The EIR was not certified and the project was denied. The Applicant appealed to the Board of Supervisors. At the Board hearing that was held on February 26, 2019 the Board certified the EIR and approved the project.

EIR 7230 Scarlet Solar

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3555 to allow the construction and operation of a 400-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) generation facility and 200 MW energy storage project on 27 parcels totaling 4,069 acres generally located south of West South Avenue, north of West Dinuba Avenue, east of State Route 33 (SR-33; South Derrick Avenue), and west of South San Mateo Avenue, approximately four miles west-southwest of the unincorporated community of Tranquillity.

In 2019, County staff continued to work with the applicant and the EIR consultant to prepare the Draft EIR.

EIR 7257 (Fifth Standard Solar)

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application Nos. 3562, 3563, and 3564 to allow the construction and operation of a 150-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) generation facility, a 20 MW solar PV generation facility, and a 20 MW energy storage facility – The proposed project is located on twelve (12) parcels totaling 1600 acres, generally located west of South Lassen Avenue (SR-269), north of West Jayne Avenue, east of South Lake Avenue, and west of West Gale Avenue, approximately three miles south of the nearest city limits of the City of Huron.

In 2019, County staff continued to work with the applicant and the EIR consultant to prepare the EIR.

EIR 7398 South Lake Solar

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3596 to allow the construction and operation of an up to 80-megawatt (MW) solar power generating facility with the potential to add up to 80 MW of energy storage on the site and a 70 kV overhead tie line, which will extend approximately 500 feet from the on-site substation to the adjacent Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) transmission line on two (2) parcels totaling 585 acres - generally located 30 miles southwest of the City of Fresno and 3.4 miles south-southwest of the unincorporated community of Five Points.

In 2019, County staff continued to work with the applicant and the EIR consultant to prepare the Draft EIR.

Other Activities

Tribal Consultation

AB 52 (Gatto), amended provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) approved by the Governor on September 25, 2014. AB 52 requires that within 14 days of determining that an application for a project is complete or of a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, a lead agency must provide formal notification to the designated contact or tribal representative of traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice. In turn, the tribe must respond, in writing, within 30 days of receipt 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 2019, staff consulted with tribal governments on various projects subject to CEQA.

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 2019, staff audited Williamson Act Contracts and recorded Nonrenewals on 45 parcels that do 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 required formation of groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) to develop and implement a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) to ensure that high and medium-priority basins are operated within sustainable yields. In 2016, the Department of Public Works and Planning initiated the formation of a working group to coordinate and collaborate with agencies within the County that qualified under SGMA to be a GSA. In 2017, seventeen (17) GSAs were established within three (3) high-priority basins within Fresno County. In 2019, the Pleasant Valley Subbasin was re-classified as a medium-priority basin, resulting in the establishment of three (3) additional GSAs within Fresno County.

During 2019, no SGMA working group meetings were held because the GSAs focused their efforts on preparing their GSPs. Members of the Board of Supervisors participated on four (4) of the GSA governing boards, and County staff participated in over 200 Board, policy, technical, and outreach committee meetings. The GSAs are required to submit their GSPs to the California Department of Water Resources by January 31, 2020. Failure to prepare and submit a GSP in a groundwater basin could result in the State Water Resources Control Board asserting its power to manage local groundwater resources.

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 26, 2019, County staff presented the 2019-20 Annual Report for the water year (April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020). Staff's recommendation was that all Community Service Areas (CSAs) and Waterworks Districts (WWDs), with the exception of one CSA and one WWD, remain on Normal Water Conservation. 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). Further, the recommendation was also made for the Board to implement Stage 4 Water Conservation for WWD 40 due to water capacity issues with their water system. County staff has been working with WWD 40 to identify new/additional sources of water. The Board accepted the 2019-20 Annual Report and implemented all recommendations made by staff for the 2019-20 water year.

Operations of County Landfills

There are two landfills currently operating within the County: the American Avenue Disposal Site (AADS) and the Clovis Landfill (CL). The estimated closure date for AADS has been revised to August 3, 2036 from the October 6, 2034 estimated closure date reported in the 2018 APR. The estimated closure date for CL is April 30, 2047.

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)
- Waste Reporting Parameters (AB 1594)
- Construction and Demolition Waste Diversion Requirement (SB 1374), including Title 15 Building Standards Code related to diversion requirements

APPENDIX A

This appendix includes a matrix showing the status of General Plan Implementation Programs for the Economic Development Element, Agriculture and Land Use Element, Transportation Element, Public Facilities and Services Element, Open Space and Conservation Element and the Health and Safety Element.

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PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
Economic Development Element			
ED-A Economic Development			
ED-A.A			
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>Board of Supervisors</p> <p>County Administrative Office (CAO)</p> <p>Public Works & Planning (PW&P)</p>	FY 00-01	<p>On September 12, 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved formation of an Economic Development Action Team (EDAT) Standing Committee with Structure, Objectives and Composition as outlined below:</p> <p><u>Structure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formed as a Standing Committee to discuss EDAT issues/projects with meetings convened based on need. <p><u>Objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with County staff to implement the following three goals of the Economic Development Element of the County's General Plan: (1) Job Creation, (2) Economic Base Diversification, and (3) Labor Force Preparedness; Assist County staff in reviewing the Economic Development Element of the County General Plan; and Provide direction to County staff regarding economic development projects in the unincorporated area of Fresno County. <p><u>Composition</u></p> <p><i>County of Fresno</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, or another supervisor designated by the Chairman; A second County Supervisor determined by the issue/project the EDAT is discussing; County Administrative Officer; Public Works and Planning Director; and City representatives impacted by the issue/project the EDAT is discussing.

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			<p><i>For the City of Fresno the representatives would include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor of the City of Fresno; • President of the City Council for the City of Fresno; and • City Manager of the City of Fresno. <p><i>For the Cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, or Selma the representatives would include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor of that City; and • City Manager of that City. <p>The County is currently contracting with the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for implementation of the Economic Development Element Programs of the County General Plan.</p> <p>In 2019, the County activated its EDAT in partnership with the City of Sanger and EDC. Following completion of the 2019 Opportunity Analysis, Chairman Nathan Magsig and Supervisor Buddy Mendes formally engaged city representatives to coordinate joint grant applications for Economic Development Administration funding to extend vital infrastructure to service the Highway 180 – Academy Avenue growth area.</p>
ED-A.B			
The County shall create, support, and staff an Action Team to coordinate countywide economic development. (See Policy ED-A.3)	Board of Supervisors CAO	FY 00-01	See ED-A.A.

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PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
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)	Board of Supervisors CAO	FY 05-06; every five (5) years thereafter	<p>The Economic Development Corporation works with the County to update the County's Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).</p> <p>In 2019, the EDC compiled research, demographics and data to update the CEDS. Each city was contacted to provide any additions or changes concerning their economic development goals, strategies and initiatives.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Economic Development Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>
ED-A.D			
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)	Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 01-02; 02-03; 03-04	This program has been implemented. The General Plan Policy LU-A.3 allows for the establishment of value-added processing facilities in areas designated Agriculture through approval of a discretionary permit subject to established criteria which includes analysis of service requirements for facilities and the capability and capacity of surrounding areas to provide the services required.

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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	Per direction from the CAO's office, the analysis of economic impacts are no longer required in the staff report for discretionary permits. As such, this program is obsolete.
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	<p>The EDC has developed several marketing efforts for Fresno County produce.</p> <p>The EDC regularly develops and updates marketing collateral for Fresno County to use during tradeshows, targeted missions and direct business outreach. In 2019, the EDC created a tailored Agricultural Industry Packet for use at the AMCHAM Shanghai Conference and during Chinese business visits to promote foreign direct investment. These materials will be used as collateral in 2020. Included in the marketing material was insights from the 2018 Crop Report, which listed Fresno County's \$7.8 Billion agricultural industry, leading the United States in agricultural production.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Economic Development Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>

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ED-A.G			
<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>The EDC in working with the County will identify if capital deficiencies exist for farmers with capital costs of shifting production modes for crops that create higher employment levels.</p> <p>The EDC proactively marketed several key resources and programs that can provide farmers and food processors/producers cost saving incentives. This past year, the EDC focused on the California Energy Commission's (CEC) Food Production Investment Program, referring several eligible businesses to apply. Grants are awarded to companies who plan to upgrade their processing equipment that reduces energy consumption and GHG emissions. As a result, \$753,000 was awarded in CEC grants to area businesses to upgrade their equipment. EDC is working with the California League of Food Producers and local stakeholders on additional referrals until the program's funding expires.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Economic Development Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>

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ED-B			
Economic Base Diversification			
ED-B.A			
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)	Board of Supervisors CAO	FY 02-03; 03-04	<p>In July 2002 the Fresno Regional e-Government Taskforce was created to develop a plan for utilizing electronic information technology to improve the delivery of governmental services and to expand the opportunity for economic development. The group was instrumental in improving collaboration and data sharing between the County and the Cities of Fresno and Clovis. In January 2010, regular meetings were suspended due to lack of funding.</p> <p>During 2018 and 2019, the EDC helped facilitate dialogue among city managers and the County Chief Administrative Officer to discuss strategies and best practices surrounding broadband right of way and expansion.</p> <p>Moreover, the EDC has remained in communication with one of the nation's largest independent fiber bandwidth providers in the United States to discuss an expansion of dark fiber for commercial and industrial users.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Economic Development Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>

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ED-B.B			
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)	Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 02-03; 03-04	<p>The Economic Development Corporation (EDC) works to enhance the stability and growth of Fresno County's 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.</p> <p>The EDC updates its Ready2Hire jobs platform to serve its New Employment Opportunities program in partnership 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> <p>EDC is also a member of Fresno4Biz which serves as a digital business resource clearinghouse to address technical assistance needs.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Economic Development Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>

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ED-B.C			
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)	Board of Supervisors CAO PW&P	FY 02-03	<p>The Economic Development Corporation (EDC) through its Business Expansion, Attraction, and Retention (BEAR) Action Network program works with businesses seeking to locate or expand in Fresno County and works to assist with financing and microloan programs.</p> <p>In 2019, the EDC partnered with AccessPlus Capital, a federal CDFI, to develop programming to be made available to small businesses with capital needs. EDC will utilize its data and outreach arm to identify companies requiring additional capital to spur growth and job creation. Program implementation is set to begin in 2020.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Economic Development Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>
ED-B.D			
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)	Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 01-02	The County continues to identify recreational opportunities in the coast range foothills and other areas of the County.

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ED-B.E			
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)	Board of Supervisors CAO PW&P	FY 00-01	<p>The Fresno Economic Development Corporation in cooperation with the Visitor and Convention Bureau works on developing effective marketing programs that attract business and travel to the County.</p> <p>EDC coordinates with the Fresno/Clovis Convention and Visitors Bureau to ensure messaging continuity as needed. In 2019, EDC completed the 2019 Opportunity Analysis which enlisted the support of the Fresno/Clovis Convention and Visitor's Bureau.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Economic Development Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>
ED-C			
Labor Force Preparedness			
ED-C.A			
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)	Workforce Development Board Social Services	Ongoing	<p>Fresno County is 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 in the County.</p> <p>In 2019, Lee Ann Eager served as a county appointed member of the Workforce Development Board.</p>

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ED-C.B			
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)	Social Services	FY 01-02	<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 EDC routinely updates its Ready2Hire portal, which aligns the CalWORKS labor pool with employment opportunities from the EDC's client network. In 2019, EDC began preparing a comprehensive quarterly jobs analysis. The quarterly jobs report outlines top occupations in demand by 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> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Economic Development Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>

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ED-C.C			
The County shall improve tracking systems for employment and retention for CalWORKS recipients. (See Policy ED-C.1)	Social Services	FY 00-01	<p>The Department of Social Services uses an automated system developed for use by counties throughout the State to record employment information.</p> <p>EDC has dedicated Retention Specialists who are focused on the successful retention of CalWORKS recipients participating in the New Employment Opportunities program (NEO). Once CalWORKS participants have been placed into employment through NEO, Retention Specialists conduct monthly face-to-face outreach to client businesses to evaluate the performance of the employee and relay any concerns to DSS Job Specialists to proactively address challenges. Retention services are provided for one year following conclusion of a NEO contract.</p> <p>Moreover, EDC utilizes its pool of participating businesses and placed CalWORKS recipients to carryout 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> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Economic Development Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>

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ED-C.D			
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)	Social Services	Ongoing	<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. Twelve job fairs were attended on behalf of DSS and one specialized recruitment event was carried out on behalf of companies with hiring needs. During this past year, five cohorts of the Truck Drivers Training Program were held, graduating 38 CalWORKS recipients and placing 36 into employment. Moreover, 31 CalWORKS recipients completed the Valley Apprenticeship Connections program with 33 graduating and finding employment (some graduates from the previous year were also placed into employment).</p> <p>In October, the EDC partnered with the City of Fresno in hosting a job fair in South Fresno, where over a dozen employers and 400 jobseekers participated.</p>

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ED-C.E			
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)	Social Services	Ongoing	<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>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. Moreover, EDC staff remains an active participant with the San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance which aims to upskill and train future workers for key manufacturing-based jobs.</p>
ED-C.F			
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)	Social Services	Ongoing	<p>The Fresno County Workforce Investment Board, the Employment Development Department and the Economic Development Corporation assist Fresno employers in meeting their labor needs by delivering outplacement, recruitment and training services.</p> <p>2019 was a very successful year for the New Employment Opportunities program. In 2018, the EDC and County of Fresno received recognition with the International Economic Development Council's Gold Award for Best Programs. 192 businesses participated in NEO, 284 subsidized job placements were made with a 94% retention rate in addition to 74 unsubsidized job placements.</p>

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Agriculture and Land Use Element			
LU-A Agriculture			
LU-A.A			
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)	Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 00-01; 01-02	The County has undertaken the comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance to ensure consistency between the Zoning Ordinance and the General Plan. The County continues to amend its Subdivision Ordinance to ensure consistency of the Ordinance with the policies of the General Plan.
LU-A.B			
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.)	PW&P	FY 03-04	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.

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LU-A.C			
<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>	PW&P	FY 03-04	The County requires buffers for certain land uses with the potential to hinder agricultural uses. For discretionary land use proposals including tentative tract maps, buffers are taken into consideration as part of project conditions. This has also been applied to utility-scale photovoltaic solar facilities with a general policy of 50 feet between panels or structures and surrounding agricultural properties.

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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)	PW&P	Ongoing	The Williamson Act Program (Program) and placing agricultural land under conservation easement are two effective methods for preservation of agricultural land. The Department of Public Works and Planning audits the Williamson Act contracts for conformity with the State and County requirements when an applicant or a landowner submits a development application or a building permit request. Parcels that no longer meet the eligibility requirements to remain in the Program will be removed from the Program. County staff does its due diligence and works with the State Department of Conservation on petitions for cancellation of contracts, continues to utilize the Agricultural Land Conservation Committee to review cancellation petitions, and forwards the Committee's recommendations to the Board of Supervisors (see Policy LU-A.F).
LU-A.E			
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)	County Department of Agriculture	Ongoing	The County staff utilizes the Right-to-Farm Ordinance notification process on many types of discretionary land use permits to insure that applicants or future property owners are aware of ongoing agricultural activities within the vicinity of developments approved via a discretionary approval process. Further, County staff actively communicates with the Agricultural Commissioner's Office on discretionary projects proposed in agricultural areas and seeks comments from that Department.

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LU-A.F			
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)	PW&P County Department of Agriculture	Ongoing	<p>The Board of Supervisors has adopted Resolutions of Support for land owners who wish to place their land under conservation easement. In 2017, the Board adopted a Resolution to place 642 acres in a conservation easement. In 2015, the Board adopted one Resolution to place a 56-acre parcel in a conservation easement and in 2014 the Board adopted two Resolutions to place a total of 309 acres in a conservation easement.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Land Use Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted or revised.</p>
LU-A.G			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	The Board of Supervisors continues to support land owners who wish to place their land under conservation easement, provided that the proposals meet certain required criteria.

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LU-A.H			
The County shall develop a program establishing criteria to prioritize funding for agricultural conservation easements. (See Policy LU-A.16)	PW&P	FY 02-03	<p>The County uses the State's criteria in its review of proposals submitted by landowners requesting a Resolution of Support to obtain grants to place agricultural land under conservation easements.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Land Use Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted or revised.</p>
LU-A.I			
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>PW&P</p> <p>County Department of Agriculture</p>	FY 03-04	The County has not assessed utilizing an agricultural quality scale system similar to LESA as part of the evaluation process of converting agricultural land to non-agricultural uses. However, the impacts of projects on agricultural lands are analyzed for projects that may have a potential impact on conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural uses as part of the environmental assessment of discretionary projects.

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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	During the 2019 calendar year, two lot size exceptions were granted through provisions outlined in Policy LU-A.9. In addition, two lot size exceptions, specific to agricultural zoning, were granted through a variance application approved by the decision-making body. A list of the exceptions granted is included on Page 10 of the 2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report and a map illustrating the locations of the exceptions is included on page 11 of said Report.
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	During the 2019 calendar year, two lot size exceptions were granted through provisions outlined in Policy LU-A.9. In addition, two lot size exceptions, specific to agricultural zoning, were granted through a variance application approved by the decision-making body. A list of the exceptions granted is included on Page 10 of the 2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report and a map illustrating the locations of the exceptions is included on page 11 of said Report.

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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	Due to budgetary constraints and timing of other plan updates, implementation of this program has been delayed. There has been some renewed interest in updating the plan, which has arisen with public interest in surface mining projects on the Kings River.
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	The Recompile San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan was approved and adopted by the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board on July 20, 2000. The San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC) started the process of updating the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan in June of 2013 that includes an update of policies and planned facilities, and the preparation of a Master EIR. The SJRC Board approved the Master Plan update and the Final EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2013061035) on April 11, 2018. The SJRC will be working with the Department of Public Works and Planning, Resources Division, Parks (County Parks) for the completion of the Lost Lake Master Plan. The County has been participating as a member of the Interagency Project Development Committee. The County also regularly coordinates with the interested agencies/stakeholders with regard to project reviews to discuss and minimize possible project impacts to river resources.

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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.7)	Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 01-02	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, and subsequently amended with AT No. 352 in 2004. Therefore, this program has been implemented and will be removed.
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	The County's General Plan and the General Plan of the cities of Fresno and Clovis include policies that promote infill of vacant and underutilized land. Also, the cost of providing urban services to suburbs is a disincentive that has motivated several cities to pursue infill development over annexation of new territory.

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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	The County is in the process of updating its Zoning Ordinance which will include provisions for mixed uses and pedestrian and transit-oriented developments.
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	FY 01-02	The County is in the process of Reviewing and Revision of its General Plan and updating its Zoning Ordinance. As part of the revision and update process the allowable density in the R2, R2-A, R3, R3-A, R4, C4 and RP Zone Districts is proposed to be increased to 20 units per acre.
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	The Department of Public Works and Planning staff reviews annexation proposals submitted by cities to ensure consistency of the proposals with the City and County General Plans and the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and each City.

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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	This program has been suspended pending additional Board direction.

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<p>LU-H.B</p> <p>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.</p>	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>Efforts that began in 2014 culminated with a January 27, 2015 joint meeting between the Madera County Board of Supervisors and the Fresno County Board of Supervisors at the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG). Topics discussed at the joint meeting included development and land use vision in the Rio Mesa area and Friant Corridor, Fresno County/Madera County Highway 41 Origin-Destination Study, and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA).</p> <p>On June 22, 2015, a joint meeting between the Board of Supervisors and representatives of all 15 incorporated cities within the County was held at the FCOG. Topics discussed included SGMA, Marijuana Ordinances, land use and preservation and special districts.</p> <p>On November 17, 2015, a joint meeting between the Board of Supervisors and the representatives from the Cities of Clovis, Fowler, Fresno and Sanger was held at the FCOG. Topics discussed included industrial parks, spheres of influence and SGMA.</p> <p>On May 30, 2017, a joint meeting between the Board of Supervisors and representatives from the City of Fresno was held at Fresno City Hall. Topics discussed included emergency coordination/public safety, ShotSpotter technology expansion, Marijuana Ordinances and animal control.</p> <p>There are efforts underway for the Board of Supervisors and the Fresno City Council to meet periodically to discuss regional issues.</p>

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LU-H.C			
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)	PW&P	FY 02-03	The County has prepared a format and guideline for new and updates to existing plans. This program has been implemented and will be deleted.
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)	Planning Commission Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 02-03; annually thereafter	The Public Works and Planning Department prepares and presents the General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) for the previous calendar year to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.
LU-H.E			
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)	Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 05-06; every five (5) years thereafter	The County is currently working on the Review of the General Plan documents. On September 22, 2015 the Board of Supervisors accepted the scope of work and authorized the Chairman to execute a Consultant Agreement with the consulting firm of Mintier-Harnish to provide planning and environmental consulting services for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the General Plan Review and Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Update.

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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	The Zoning Ordinance has been amended to incorporate the policies of the 2000 General Plan Update. The County is currently working on the update of the Zoning Ordinance along with the Review and Revision of General Plan documents. On September 22, 2015, the Board of Supervisors accepted the scope of work and authorized the Chairman to execute a Consultant Agreement with the consulting firm of Mintier-Harnish to provide planning and environmental consulting services for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the General Review and Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Update.
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	The Public Works and Planning Department currently conditions discretionary projects that exterior lighting to be hooded and directed so as to avoid glare onto adjacent roads or properties. A Mitigation Measure is included to reduce ambient light as well as glare impacts when an environmental assessment is required.

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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>The Road Improvement Program (RIP) is a multi-year maintenance and construction programming plan and reflects the County's efforts to protect and improve the public investment in the County road system and to provide for the safe and efficient movement of people and commodities. The RIP identifies maintenance funding levels and specific projects expected to be delivered within a defined time frame. The funding in the RIP reflects current and projected budgets and the RIP also identifies, but does not fund, a number of recommended projects that are necessary for an improved County road and bridge system. These prospective projects are described in a series of appendices to the RIP. The types of projects in the RIP include bridge replacement/repair, road reconstruction, traffic signals, shoulder widening, and pavement repair.</p> <p>The RIP was last updated on September 10, 2019.</p>

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TR-A.B			
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)	PW&P Board of Supervisors	FY 01-02	A traffic impact fee has been adopted by the Board of Supervisors. However, on May 19, 2015, the Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing to consider an amendment to repeal the Public Facilities Impact Fees Ordinance in its entirety. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board decided to continue suspension of the impact fees to November 9, 2017 and directed Staff to return to the Board with a workshop on the County's Facility Impact Fees and provide options for the Board to consider. On October 31, 2017, the Board of Supervisors conducted the second public hearing to consider an amendment to the County Ordinance for Public Facilities Impact Fees. On October 9, 2018, the Board voted to discontinue public facilities impact fees established in 2008, but maintain authorization to establish new public facilities impact fees in the future.
TR-A.C			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	The County continues to pursue funding for transportation improvements in working with the Fresno Council of Governments.
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	During 2019, the County continued coordinating its transportation planning with FCOG, Caltrans, Cities and adjacent jurisdictions.

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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	The County implements this program/policy on a continuous basis. The County is currently working on updating the County's Improvement Standards.
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	The County works 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 2020-2024 was adopted by the FCOG Policy Board on June 27, 2019.
TR-B.B			
The County shall encourage transit providers and FCOG to prepare, adopt, and implement a long-range strategic transit master plan for the County or 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)	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>The Fresno County Regional Long Range Transit Plan (LRTP) will guide 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> <p>The LRTP <i>Final Draft</i> was released in March 2019.</p>

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TR-B.C			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	Fresno County continues to work with FCOG to identify and pursue funding for transit.
TR-B.D			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	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.
TR-B.E			
The County shall work with the cities in the County to prepare and adopt land use and design standards for areas within designated urban transit corridors to promote transit accessibility and use. (See Policy TR-B.3)	PW&P	After FY 01-02 (if initiated by County)	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. In addition, the PTIS study makes policy recommendations that will be important to be adopted by City- and County-elected officials and implemented by planning department and public works administrators in order 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.
TR-B.F			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	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.

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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	On February 22, 2018, the FCOG Policy Board directed staff to hire a consultant to develop a Regional Active Transportation Plan (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. The ATP was adopted by FCOG's Policy Board on February 22, 2018.

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TR-D.B			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>The County continues to encourage implementation and use of bikeways and trails by implementing the goals and policies of the Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was 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). The Recreational Trails portion is currently under development and upon completion will also be integrated into the FCRATP. The Recreational Trails portion is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2020 with full integration of both the bike and trails portions in 2021.</p>
TR-D.C			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>The County requires sufficient pavement width for bikeways shown on the Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was 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>

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TR-D.D			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	The Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 15, 2011 and last updated on September 24, 2013 specifies California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) bikeway design standards as guidelines for the construction of Class I, II and III bicycle facilities.
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	The Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 15, 2011 and last 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	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.

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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	The County continues to use appropriate zoning classifications in designated rail corridors.
TR-E.C			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	The FCOG Rail Committee was dissolved in 2012 when the San Joaquin Valley Joint Powers Authority (SJVJPA) was formed. A Board of Supervisors member represents Fresno County by participating in the SJVJPA. This program will be removed.

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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 time lines.	CAO PW&P	Annually	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	<p>The CIP was last updated in 2006. However, update of the CIP has been suspended by the Board with the suspension of impact fees until November 9, 2017 based on Board action which occurred on February 2, 2015.</p> <p>On March 20, 2018, the Board of Supervisors received and approved the proposed update to the adopted County Capital Improvement Plan to enable expenditure of public facility impact fees collected under the 2008 program.</p> <p>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 maintain authorization to establish new public facilities impact fees in the future.</p>

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PF-B.B			
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>CAO</p> <p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p>PW&P</p>	FY 01-02; 02-03	<p>On October 8, 2013, the Board of Supervisors considered potential options to the County's Public Facilities Impact Fee Ordinance and Schedule of Fees and associated Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and any other actions related to the previously collected, unspent fees, and budgetary impacts resulting from those actions. The potential options included: 1) Continue the temporary suspension of collecting Public Facilities Impact (PFI) Fees through November 9, 2015, as approved by the Board on June 19, 2012; 2) Engage a consultant to prepare an updated PFI Fee Report and direct staff to prepare an associated CIP; 3) Engage with the consultant to study and prepare a report to reduce the number of categories and areas they serve; and, 4) Adopt an ordinance repealing the PFI and adopt a resolution to terminate the associated CIP and refund fees collected to the property owners of record.</p> <p>On February 2, 2015, the Board of Supervisors conducted a second public hearing to consider an amendment to repeal the Public Facilities Impact Fees Ordinance in its entirety. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board decided to continue suspension of the impact fees until November 9, 2017 and directed Staff to return to the Board in two years.</p> <p>On March 20, 2018, the Board of Supervisors received and approved a proposed update to the adopted County Capital Improvement Plan to enable expenditure of public facility impact fees collected under the 2008 program.</p> <p>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 maintain 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	<p>The Water and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Public Works and Planning reviews all discretionary permits and provides recommendation for requirements and mitigation measures as necessary. The County, prior to consideration of any discretionary project related to land use, requires a water supply evaluation as outlined in General Plan Policy PF-C.17.</p> <p>In addition, the County is currently working to implement the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) which will further address the resolution of water supply problems. The SGMA signed into law in September of 2014 required formation of groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) to develop and implement a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) to ensure that high and medium-priority basins are operated within sustainable yields.</p> <p>During 2019, no SGMA working group meetings were held because the GSAs focused their efforts on preparing their GSPs. Members of the Board of Supervisors participated on four (4) of the GSA governing boards, and County staff participated in over 200 Board, policy, technical, and outreach committee meetings. The GSAs are required to submit their GSPs to the California Department of Water Resources by January 31, 2020. Failure to prepare and submit a GSP in a groundwater basin could result in the State Water Resources Control Board asserting its power to manage local groundwater resources.</p>

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PF-C.B			
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.	PW&P Public Health	FY 02-03	The County Environmental Health Division has developed a procedure to ensure the abandoned wells are properly destroyed. This program will be removed.
PF-C.C			
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)	PW&P	As Needed	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. As an example, in 2010, a Water Supply Assessment was completed for the Millerton Specific Plan as part of the approval process for Tentative Tract Map No. 5430.
PF-C.D			
The County shall develop and implement a tiered water pricing structure for County Service Areas and Waterworks Districts. (See Policy PF-C.29)	PW&P	FY 02-03	Tiered water rate structures have been implemented in recent developments. Due to recent drought conditions, CSA and WWD water rate structures are being 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.

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PF-C.E			
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)	PW&P	FY 01-02	<p>Although specific 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. 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>As part of the General Plan Review process which is currently underway, policies and programs of all elements of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>
PF-C.F			
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)	PW&P	FY 00-01	This program has been implemented with the adoption of the Groundwater Transfer Ordinance and will be deleted.

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PF-C.G			
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)	PW&P	FY 01-02	The County enforces the State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance 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 have a 500 square-foot or more landscaping area.
PF-D			
Wastewater Collection, Treatment and Disposal			
PF-D.A			
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)	PW&P	As Needed	Areas that experience urban growth are required to prepare a sewer master plan or update the current master plan. The Public Works and Planning Department is responsible for implementing the policies and implementation programs in the plan. This program is being implemented on an as needed basis.

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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	The County coordinates with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) who is the Lead Agency for the Municipal Storm Water Permit held by FMFCD, the cities of Fresno and Clovis, Fresno County, and California State University Fresno. 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.
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	The Public Works and Planning staff reviews and comments on Initial Studies/Environmental Assessments and, when appropriate, provide comments recommending 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.

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PF-G Law Enforcement			
PF-G.A			
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)	Sheriff PW&P	As Needed	<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> <p>As an example, during the Laton Community Plan Update, Public Works and Planning Department staff worked with Sheriff's Department staff to identify a potential location for a future Sheriff's substation.</p>

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PF-H Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services			
PF-H.A			
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)	PW&P	As Needed	<p>The Public Works and Planning staff routes all 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> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process which is currently underway, policies and programs of all elements of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>
PF-H.B			
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>CAO</p> <p>County Fire</p>	Ongoing	The County works cooperatively with the California Department of Forestry and Cal Fire on various land use and permit matters. The County contracts with the California Department of Forestry/Cal Fire for the Amador Plan during the non-fire season to provide additional protection.

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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	The County involves the respective school district in the update of each regional, community and specific plan 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. Four General Plan Consistency requests were processed for proposed school sites in 2019.
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	The County involves library administration in the update of each regional, community and specific plan 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	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, and Delta Mendota basins in the County will be required to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) which will in turn create Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). The GSAs are required to submit their GSPs to the California Department of Water Resources by January 31, 2020. Failure to prepare and submit a GSP in a groundwater basin could result in the State Water Resources Control Board asserting its power to manage local groundwater resources.
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	Water budget development and maintenance will be required through the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in areas with aquifers identified as being in a condition of critical overdraft. 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. As part of the General Plan Review process which is currently underway, policies and programs of all elements of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.

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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>Groundwater monitoring and reporting will be a key component of the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), which requires local agencies within the Kings, Westside, and Delta Mendota basins to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) which will in turn create Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). The GSAs are required to submit their GSPs to the California Department of Water Resources by January 31, 2020. Failure to prepare and submit a GSP in a groundwater basin could result in the State Water Resources Control Board asserting its power to manage local groundwater resources.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process which is currently underway, policies and programs of all elements of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</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>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.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process which is currently underway, policies and programs of all elements of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>

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OS-B Forest Resources			
OS-B.A			
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)	PW&P	FY 03-04	<p>The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection enforcement authority granted under the Forest Practice Act and Rules is only applicable when conversion of land from a 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> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process which is currently underway, policies and programs of all elements of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>
OS-B.B			
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)	PW&P	FY 03-04	<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> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of all element of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</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>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	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).

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OS-D Wetland and Riparian Areas			
OS-D.A			
The County shall work toward the acquisition by public agencies or private non-profit conservation organizations of creek corridors, wetlands, and areas rich in wildlife or of a fragile ecological nature as public open space where such areas cannot be effectively preserved through the regulatory process. Such protection may take the form of fee acquisition or protective easements and may be carried out in cooperation with other local, State, and Federal agencies and private entities. Acquisition shall include provisions for maintenance and management in perpetuity. (See Policies OS-D.2 and OS-D.8)	PW&P	Ongoing	The County works with public agencies and private non-profit organizations toward acquisition of areas rich in wildlife or of fragile ecological nature as public open space where such areas cannot be protected and preserved through regulatory process.
OS-D.B			
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)	PW&P	FY 02-03	Due to budgetary constraints, a specific ordinance has not been adopted. The County continues to coordinate with resource agencies for projects located within sensitive habitat areas and applies mitigation measures to reduce any potential impacts to a less than significant level.

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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>Development projects that may have a potential impact on wetlands, riparian areas and habitats for special-status plants and 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> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of all element of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>

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OS-E.B			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>The County provides development projects for comment to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for review and comment as to any potential impact on sensitive species of plants or animals. County staff also has access to State-maintained software which provides updated maps containing biological data in an electronic mapping database.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of all elements of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>

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OS-F Vegetation			
OS-F.A			
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)	PW&P	FY 00-01; every two years thereafter	<p>The County provides development projects for comment to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (formerly CDFG) for review and comment as to any potential impact on sensitive species of plants or animals. County staff also has access to State-maintained software which provides updated maps containing sensitive species of plants and animals in an electronic mapping database.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of all elements of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	<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, which contains the County's Oak Woodlands Management Guidelines, is considered.</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 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	The County provides development projects for comment to the SJVAPCD for review and comment on 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 as warranted (i.e., indirect source review, etc.) as part of the CEQA review process.
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>The County commonly promotes and utilizes telephone conference calling in lieu of physical meetings so as to minimize travel-related impacts. The County has begun to use 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. Additionally, given the increasing quality of current aerial photos and the available historical imagery which allows comparative analysis, County staff can in some instances use aerial information rather than conducting field visits.</p> <p>The County encourages employee participation in FCOG's car and van pool program.</p>

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OS-G.C			
The County shall amend its Subdivision and Grading Ordinances and Development Standards to address dust control measures for new development, access roads, and parking areas. (See Policies OS-G.13 and OS-G.14)	PW&P	FY 02-03	<p>All development projects must comply with the SJVAPCD regulations for dust control and project conditions or mitigation for discretionary land use permits may require additional levels of dust control.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of all elements of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>
OS-H			
Parks and Recreation			
OS-H.A			
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)	PW&P	FY 01-02; 02-03	Funds have not been available to prepare a comprehensive inventory of all parks and recreation areas and to identify other areas suitable for park acquisition and development. Funds have not been allocated to prepare a County park and recreation master plan.

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OS-H.B			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	Public Works and Planning staff considers the need for 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. It should be noted that 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.
OS-I			
Recreational Trails			
OS-I.A			
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)	PW&P	FY 02-03	This program has been implemented; the Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on September 24, 2013. Since then, the bicycle portion has been integrated into the Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan (FCRATP). The Recreational Trails portion is currently under development and upon completion will also be integrated into the FCRATP. The Recreational Trails portion is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2020 with full integration of both the bike and trails portions in 2021.
OS-I.B			
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)	PW&P	FY 02-03	This program has been implemented. It is included in the Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on September 24, 2013. This program will be deleted.

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OS-I.C			
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)	PW&P	FY 01-02	This program has been implemented. It is included in the Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors 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. This program will be deleted.
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	<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 potential impact on significant archeological and historical and geological resources. However, no ordinance has been developed.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of all elements of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>

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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	This program has been implemented via adoption of Amendment to Text (AT) No. 361 on July 8, 2008, and has been incorporated into the Zoning Ordinance. This program will be deleted.
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	County staff collaborated with the Sierra Gateway Trust, Inc. and Caltrans in pursuit of a State Official Scenic Highway designation for segments of SR 180. Staff of the County and Caltrans with the Sierra Gateway Trust worked together to complete the Visual Assessment and Corridor Protection Program in support of a State Official Scenic Highway designation status for approximately 60.7 miles of the eastern segments of SR 180. On October 15, 2015, the Caltrans Director approved designation of the two sections 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 as a State Scenic Highway.

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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	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	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			
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)	PW&P County Office of Emergency Services	Ongoing	The County Department of Internal Services evaluates County facilities in conjunction with concerns raised by the occupying department. 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.
HS-A.D			
The County shall continue to conduct programs to inform the general public of emergency preparedness and disaster response procedures. (See Policy HS-A.4)	County Office of Emergency Services	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. 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.
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	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			
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	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.
HS-C.B			
The County shall continue to implement and enforce its Floodplain Management Ordinance. (See Policy HS-C.8)	PW&P	Ongoing	The Department of Public Works and Planning reviews all submitted projects for conformance with floodplain requirements through the grading permit process.
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	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 failures of major dams.

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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	The County 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.
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	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. 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.
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	Because no unreinforced masonry buildings have been located within the unincorporated areas of the County, a public awareness program has not been developed. This program will be deleted as part of the ongoing General Plan Review process.

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HS-E Airports Hazards			
HS-E.A			
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.	PW&P County Airport Land Use Commission	Ongoing	All applicable land use applications are referred to the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) that is administered by FCOG, for evaluation of consistency with the appropriate Airport Land Use Policy Plan. Recommendations of the ALUC are incorporated into staff's evaluation and forwarded to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.
HS-F Hazardous Materials			
HS-F.A			
The County shall review discretionary uses which involve use of hazardous materials or generate hazardous wastes in regulated quantities. (See Policy HS-F.2)	PW&P Public Health	Ongoing	The County Health Department continues to review discretionary uses that generate hazardous materials. The Department of Public Works and Planning routes discretionary permit applications to the Health Department for review and comment. Any proposed project that may generate hazardous material will be required to comply with the recommended conditions or mitigation measures.
HS-F.B			
The County shall investigate funding alternatives for site acquisition, development, and operation for a permanent household waste facility.	PW&P	FY 01-02	On March 14, 2013, the County received Planning Commission's approval to permit the establishment of a 15,000 square-foot household hazardous waste facility at the American Avenue Landfill. This Facility has since been constructed and is operational. On October 22, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved CUP No. 3629 authorizing the establishment of a 2.67-acre Regional Environmental Compliance Center for collection of household hazardous waste. This facility has not yet been constructed.

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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	Development projects are referred to the County 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. Further, as part of the environmental review process, staff has the ability to access State and Federal databases for contaminated sites and can apply appropriate mitigation to discretionary land use projects via comments from State, Federal or local agencies.
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	The County Health Department will continue to enforce the Fresno County Noise Ordinance and amend its policies as necessary. 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.
HS-G.B			
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.	PW&P Public Health	FY 01-02	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-G.A above, staff coordinates with the County 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.

APPENDIX B

GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE 2019 CALENDAR YEAR

Appendix B

Housing Element Progress Report

Fifth-Cycle Update

California Housing Element law requires every jurisdiction to prepare and adopt a Housing Element as part of their General Plans. In California, it is typical for each city or county to prepare and maintain its own separate General Plan and Housing Element. However, Fresno County and 12 of the 15 cities in Fresno County prepared a Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element (MJHE) for the fifth round of Housing Element updates. The MJHE provides an opportunity for countywide housing issues and needs to be more effectively addressed at the regional level rather than just at the local level. Regional efforts also provide the opportunity for the local governments in the County to work together to accommodate the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) assigned to the Fresno County region. In addition, economies of scale resulted in significant cost savings to jurisdictions who participated in preparing the MJHE.

The primary objective of the MJHE was to prepare a regional plan addressing housing needs through a single certified Housing Element for all 13 participating jurisdictions. The Fresno County MJHE represents an innovative approach to meeting State Housing Element law and coordinating resources to address the region's housing needs. The regional Housing Element approach, while tested in a few counties with fewer jurisdictions, was a major undertaking for the 13 Fresno County jurisdictions. The following jurisdictions participated in the effort: Fresno County, Clovis, Coalinga, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, and Selma.

Although State law allows local governments to decide when to update their General Plans, State Housing Element law mandates that Housing Elements be updated every eight years. The MJHE covers the planning period of December 31, 2015 through December 31, 2023.

The Housing Element includes: 1) an identification and analysis of existing and projected local housing needs; 2) an identification of resources and constraints; and 3) goals, policies, and implementation programs for the rehabilitation, maintenance, improvement, and development of housing for all economic segments of the population.

The Fifth-Cycle MJHE includes an Appendix (Appendix 2) which is organized into separate appendices for each of the participating jurisdictions.

On March 15, 2016, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors adopted the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element, and the document was forwarded to HCD for certification on April 29, 2016. The Fifth-Cycle Housing Element Update was certified by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on July 22, 2016.

The Fresno County MJHE received the 2016 Outstanding Planning Award in the Best Practices Category from the American Planning Association Central Section and was awarded the 2016 Merit Award for Best Practices by the American Planning Association California Chapter.

The 2019 Housing Element Annual Progress Report (APR) includes reporting on the County's residential permit activities for various income categories, as well as activities on various programs such as Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP), Rental Rehabilitation Loan Program and Homebuyer Assistance Program (HAP). This information is provided on the new forms developed by HCD. The new forms must be used for the 2019 Housing Element APR. The Housing Element APR also includes a matrix that provides information on implementation of the programs of the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element.

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	02020049	3764 Butte	19-102919	MH	O	8/8/2019			1							1	1	0	No	MH not on permanent foundation with low valuation; Secondary Residence, located in agricultural Zone District
	38503125	11412 Fowler	19-106127	SFD	O	7/25/2019							1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate.
	39308303	14555 Nebraska	18-103410	SFD	O								1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	13853007	14652 Blue Drake	18-103869	SFD	O	1/16/2019										1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Low-Income Unit
	18512044	3946 Hills Valley	18-104536	SFD	O	6/24/2019				1						1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Low-Income Unit
	37802208	8474 Jacobs	18-106485	SFD	O	2/12/2019							1			1	1	0	No	Based on the size and valuation, the unit qualifies as Low-Income Unit
	33510025	7803 Orange	18-106759	SFD	O	4/9/2019							1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	025211245	169 Howard	18-106922	SFD	O	5/8/2019							1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	47417003	1718 Country Club	18-107481	SFD	O	1/16/2019							1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	559040325	5565 Lebanon	18-107642	SFD	O	7/25/2019							1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	11316206	55161 Jungle Town	18-107776	SFD	O	7/1/2019				1						1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Low-Income Unit
	13520035	39848 Mountain Heather	18-107981	SFD	O	2/28/2019							1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	48031211	2537 9th	18-108288	SFD	O	3/11/2019				1						1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Low-Income Unit
	15033006	13390 Falcon Meadow	18-108835	SFD	O	5/2/2019							1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	13823003	25935 Dry Pond	18-108923	SFD	O	4/16/2019							1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as - Moderate-Income Unit
	18507126	2363 Hills Valley	18-109131	SFD	O	2/7/2019							1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as - Moderate-Income Unit
	39312222	13568 Caruthers	18-109396	SFD	O	2/5/2019				1						1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Low-Income Unit
	32906002	4502 Walnut	18-109412	SFD	O	1/15/2019							1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	30002139	6060 Millerton	18-110195	SFD	O	4/24/2019							1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	053511055	20677 Pendleton	19-100044	SFD	O	4/30/2019				1						1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Low-Income Unit
	053511135	3904 Earl	19-100045	SFD	O	4/30/2019				1						1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Low-Income Unit
	50103331	4468 Vandegrift	19-100513	SFD	O	3/7/2019				1						1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Low-Income Unit
	30827076	9793 Barstow	19-100719	SFD	O	8/14/2019							1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	308081545	11382 Ashlan	19-100760	SFD	O	4/24/2019							1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	15008117	22500 Watts Valley	19-100946	SFD	O	5/23/2019							1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	053513205	3865 Bradley	19-100958	SFD	O	8/19/2019							1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	300684155	20096 Sulmona	19-101052	SFD	O	3/7/2019							1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	300681065	20105 Genteel	19-101153	SFD	O	4/2/2019							1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	13854011	14745 Feather Wood	19-101196	SFD	O	6/25/2019							1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	33402117	5641 West	19-101610	SFD	O	6/6/2019								1		1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as - Moderate-Income Unit

	300682085	20078 Genteel	19-102059	SFD	O	5/7/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	15820360	22654 Cobblestone	19-101884	SFD	O	5/2/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Moderate-Income Unit
	30825023	6595 Del Rey	19-101346	SFD	O	11/4/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	300681055	20099 Genteel	19-100454	SFD	O	2/20/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	48027204	2480 9th	19-106465	SFD	O	8/22/2019					1			1	1	0	No	Accessory Unit. Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as -Low-Income Unit
	13637516	42527 Garnet	19-101541	SFD	O	6/12/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	19022059	38731 Deerbrook	19-101687	SFD	O	8/13/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Moderate-Income Unit
	13637306	42432 Tourmaline	19-102203	SFD	O	6/27/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	30810116	11380 Sierra	18-110190	SFD	O	8/14/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	13806164	11185 Rusty Spur	19-100615	SFD	O	11/26/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	16019178	38580 Dunlap	19-104821	SFD	O	9/11/2019					1			1	1	0	No	Accessory Unit. Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as -Low-Income Unit
	05518026	19548 Excelsior	19-104185	SFD	O	9/16/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Moderate-Income Unit
	300684185	20078 Sulmona	19-102058	SFD	O	4/25/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	190245105	37151 Feather	19-103003	SFD	O	8/13/2019					1			1	1	0	No	Accessory Unit. Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as -Low-Income Unit
	309251615	3670 Lindsey	18-108515	SFD	O	3/15/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	55806010	8694 Nees	19-102959	SFD	O	9/25/2019					1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as -Low-Income Unit
	160420635	1618 Crane	18-109045	SFD	O	4/25/2019					1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as -Low-Income Unit
	300684095	20077 Sulmona	19-101890	SFD	O	4/25/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Moderate-Income Unit
	12022809	42126 Foxtail	18-106109	SFD	O	3/13/2019					1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as -Low-Income Unit
	47412032	1245 Clovis	19-103295	SFD	O	9/27/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	019140445	3931 Fairfax	19-105365	SFD	O	11/18/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Moderate-Income Unit
	37317043	7506 Navelencia	19-108429	MH	O	11/12/2019				1				1	1	0	No	Used MH with low valuation; Secondary Residence; located in agricultural Zone District
	51206014	7317 Fairmont	19-102797	ADU	O	7/3/2019					1			1	1	0	No	ADU unit type with low valuation; unit size of 1783 square feet
	31219005	1371 El Capitan	18-104737	ADU	O	1/4/2019					1			1	1	0	No	ADU unit type with low valuation; unit size of 970 square feet
	31018014	6821 Olive	18-106871	ADU	O	8/8/2019					1			1	1	0	No	ADU unit type with low valuation; located in agricultural Zone District
	16522041	64144 Hume Lake	19-103834	5+	R	9/12/2019					8			8	8	0	No	8 unit apartment complex

Table A2
Annual Building Activity Report Summary - New Construction, Entitled, Permits and Completed Units

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Jurisdiction	Fresno County - Unincorporated	
Reporting Year	2019	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)

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Table B													
Regional Housing Needs Allocation Progress													
Permitted Units Issued by Affordability													
		1	2								3	4	
Income Level		RHNA Allocation by Income Level	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total Units to Date (all years)	Total Remaining RHNA by Income Level
Very Low	Deed Restricted	460				2						48	412
	Non-Deed Restricted					26	20						
Low	Deed Restricted	527										49	478
	Non-Deed Restricted					9	40						
Moderate	Deed Restricted	589										257	332
	Non-Deed Restricted		102	63	54	18	20						
Above Moderate		1146	162	38	71		56					327	819
Total RHNA		2722											
Total Units			264	101	125	55	136					681	2041

Note: units serving extremely low-income households are included in the very low-income permitted units totals
Cells in grey contain auto-calculation formulas

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Table D			
Program Implementation Status pursuant to GC Section 65583			
<div>Housing Programs Progress Report</div> <div>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.</div>			
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 COG, will take the lead in coordinating the Countywide Fifth Cycle Housing Element Committee meetings.	Ongoing	During the 2019 calendar year, representatives of the local governments who participated in the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element Update (Representatives) met biannually including meeting with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) staff.

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	Regarding implementation of SB 244, Representatives realized that implementation of SB 244 is the obligation of individual local governments. Regarding infrastructure issues, the consensus of the Representatives was that this is an issue that is unique to each jurisdiction and needs to be addressed by individual local governments. Regarding collaboration on housing for Low-Income populations, as in prior years, the County and the cities are working together to develop housing for Low-Income populations at appropriate locations. In past years, the County of Fresno has collaborated with the cities of Sanger, Kerman and Fowler in developing housing for Low-Income populations. In calendar year 2019, one 60-unit affordable housing project was completed in the City of Fowler using County HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds, and County staff published one Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for gap financing to develop affordable housing. Regarding the NOFA published by County staff in 2019, one 61-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kerman (Gateway Apartments) was awarded \$980,000 in County HOME funds, and one 47-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kingsburg (Linnaea Villas) was awarded \$1,000,000 in County HOME funds, both of which were successful in receiving State Tax Credits. The Fresno County administrative office is working with cities in the County to address homeless populations.
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	Staff of the local governments who participated in preparation of the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element met biannually in calendar year 2019.
1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities	The Committee will meet annually with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to discuss funding opportunities and challenges in implementation of programs, and seek technical assistance from HCD and other State agencies in the implementation of housing programs and the pursuit of grant funding.	Ongoing	Staff of the local governments who participated in preparation of the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element met with the California Department of Housing and Community Development in calendar year 2019.
1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities	The Committee will meet periodically with Fair Housing of Central California to discuss fair housing issues and opportunities for education.	Ongoing	An official from the Fair Housing of Central California made a presentation to Representatives in 2017. The official will be invited to provide a refresher in the future.

1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities	The Committee will advocate on behalf of the Fresno County region for more grant funding for affordable housing and infrastructure improvements.	Ongoing	Representatives are committed to advocate for grant funding for affordable housing and improvement of infrastructure.
1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities	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.	Ongoing	In 2019, local government representatives, as in prior years, committed to work collaboratively for development of affordable housing, including farmworker housing. In the past years, the County of Fresno worked with the cities of Sanger, Kerman and Fowler for development of affordable housing. In calendar year 2019, one 60-unit affordable housing project was completed in the City of Fowler using County HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds, and County staff published one Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for gap financing to develop affordable housing. Regarding the NOFA published by County staff in 2019, one 61-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kerman (Gateway Apartments) was awarded \$980,000 in County HOME funds, and one 47-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kingsburg (Linnaea Villas) was awarded \$1,000,000 in County HOME funds, both of which were successful in receiving State Tax Credits. The County has also worked with developers of affordable housing and stakeholders to explore options for development of affordable housing.
Relevant Policies: 1.3, 1.4, 1.7, 4.2, 4.3, 4.6			
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	The County works with cities on any proposed revision to the Standards for Annexation contained in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) either at the time of renewal of MOUs or upon a request by a city. The County works with cities on annexation of land to allow the cities to meet their share of Regional Housing Needs Allocation.
Relevant Policies: 1.1, 1.3, 1.4			
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.	2016	The General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update projects are moving forward. The public review draft of the General Plan documents and the Zoning Ordinance were released in January of 2018. County staff and the consultants are working on addressing comments that were received from the public and agencies regarding the General Plan, the Zoning Ordinance and the EIR.

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 annually monitors inventory of lands identified in the Housing Element to ensu
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).	Monitor development and other changes in the inventory to ensure the County has remaining capacity consistent with its share of the regional housing need.	Ongoing	The County annually monitors inventory of lands identified in the Housing Element to ensure there are adequate sites available to accommodate the County's remaining share of RHNA obligations. Per discussion in the County's Certified Fifth-Cycle Update, the County had a remaining Fifth-Cycle RHNA obligation of 2,262 units, including 460 units for Very Low-Income, 527 units for Low-Income, 547 units for Moderate-Income, and 728 units for Above Moderate-Income populations. After accounting for permits that have been issued since the adoption of the Fifth-Cycle Update up to December 31, 2019, and the loss of a site that would have accomodated 14 Low-Income or Very Low-Income housing units due to a Zone change in 2019, the County still has a surplus land inventory capacity of 271 units in Low and Very Low-Income categories, 2,434 units in Moderate-Income category, and 10,613 units in Above Moderate-Income category beyond the County's remaining RHNA obligation.
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).	Continue to designate and zone adequate sites to meet special housing needs as required.	Ongoing	The Board of Supervisors approved amendments to the Zoning Ordinance in November of 2015, which among other things, identified zones that can accommodate populations with special needs. There has been no change regarding the designated zones that can accommodate populations with special housing needs in 2019.

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).	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.	Ongoing	The County will continue to promote development of housing for all income groups within existing unincorporated communities. The General Plan Review and Revision project proposes increasing the density for lands designated and zoned for multi-family residential development to 20 units per acre to lower the cost of affordable housing. The Zoning Ordinance Update includes Density Bonus provision to lower the cost of housing development and to encourage development of affordable housing. Also, the County has suspended collection of impact fees to lower the cost of housing, including housing for low income populations.
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).	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.	Ongoing	The County continues to direct interested residential developers, including affordable housing developers, to unincorporated communities with community or specific plans where amenities and infrastructure exist or can be provided to accommodate proposed developments.

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).	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.	2017 and Ongoing	The County periodically meets with residential developers to discuss constraints and opportunities for development of affordable housing in unincorporated communities as well as meeting with developers who are interested in development of Mobile Home Parks in the County. The County's lack of available funding and lack of interest by developers to develop in unincorporated communities are considered constraints. To address these issues, the County has committed to support housing developers and agencies who are active in development of affordable housing such as the Fresno Housing Authority and Self-Help Enterprises, in the application of funds for affordable housing, including State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants, and other funding sources that may become available. County's Zoning Ordinance Update includes density bonus provisions as incentive for development within unincorporated communities. The suspension of impact fees by the Board of Supervisors is another incentive for development of affordable housing in unincorporated communities.
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).	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.	Ongoing	The County has actively participated in development of RHNA methodology and will participate in development of the next RHNA methodology for the next update cycle to ensure the allocations are reflective of the County's General Plan policies.
Relevant Policies: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9			
4. Monitoring of Residential Capacity (No Net Loss)	Develop and implement a formal evaluation procedure pursuant to Government Code Section 65863 by 2016.	Ongoing	The County has developed a procedure which logs and tracks development proposals that may result in reduction of inventory of available sites included in the County's Fifth-Cycle Housing Element. The County performs a quantitative analysis pursuant to Government Code Section 65863 to determine whether the remaining sites identified in the inventory are adequate to meet the County's remaining share of RHNA obligation for each income category. If the quantitative analysis reveals that the action taken by the County would result in a reduction of inventory of land identified in the Housing Element for a certain income group and the remaining sites are not adequate to meet the County's remaining RHNA obligations, the County will identify and will take appropriate actions to ensure adequate sites with an equal or greater residential density are available to meet the County's RHNA obligation for that income category.

4. Monitoring of Residential Capacity (No Net Loss)	Annually monitor the effectiveness of non-residential zones to facilitate residential development.	Ongoing	The County annually monitors and evaluates its inventory of vacant sites to ensure sufficient sites are available to accommodate the County's share of the Fifth-Cycle RHNA. The Fifth-Cycle inventory includes parcels that are not zoned for residential use but could accommodate development of multi-family residential development. Since adoption of the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element, the County has not received any residential development proposals on land that is not zoned for residential use. If housing development is proposed on land not zoned for residential use, the effectiveness of utilizing non-residentially zoned land for housing development will be monitored annually.
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	If rezoning or upzoning is required to maintain adequate supply of land to meet the County's RHNA obligation, the selected sites will comply with the provisions of this objective.
Relevant Policies: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6			
5. Lot Consolidation and Lot Splits	Assist interested developers/property owners in identifying opportunities for lot consolidation or lot splitting.	Ongoing	The County will assist interested landowners and developers with lot consolidation or lot splitting to accommodate sites of adequate size to accommodate residential development for all income groups. If lot consolidation or lot splitting is necessary, the County will process lot consolidation or lot splitting concurrently with review of the proposed development. However, no residential development was submitted in 2019 that required lot consolidation or lot splitting.
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 will streamline the process of lot consolidation and lot splitting by processing them concurrently with other developments.
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	The County monitors lot consolidation activities as part of its annual report to HCD and its effectiveness in development of small sites. No residential development was submitted in 2019 that required lot consolidation.

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 the use of master plans/specific plans for development of large lots.
Relevant Policies: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6			
6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services	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.	Ongoing	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 program that provides grant funding for public facility and infrastructure improvement projects in the eligible unincorporated areas of Fresno County. In 2019, there were 31 outreach activities including 18 community meetings for outreach and needs assessments, notices for which were mailed to CSDs and community groups along with publication, website posting and direct email response. In addition, a public workshop was held to provide assistance on preparing applications and the funding process. County staff disseminates information about other 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. In 2019, the County considered the use of CDBG and/or HOME funds as gap financing for eligible affordable housing projects as a means to reducing the costs of development. In calendar year 2019, one 60-unit affordable housing project was completed in the City of Fowler using County HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds, and County staff published one Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for gap financing to develop affordable housing. Regarding the NOFA published by County staff in 2019, one 61-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kerman (Gateway Apartments) was awarded \$980,000 in County HOME funds, and one 47-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kingsburg (Linnaea Villas) was awarded \$1,000,000 in County HOME funds, both of which were successful in receiving State Tax Credits.

6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services	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).	Ongoing	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 program that provides grant funding for public facility and infrastructure improvement projects in the eligible unincorporated areas of Fresno County.
6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services	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.	Ongoing	County staff disseminates information about other 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.

6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services	<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>In calendar year 2019, one 60-unit affordable housing project was completed in the City of Fowler using County HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds, and County staff published one Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for gap financing to develop affordable housing. Regarding the NOFA published by County staff in 2019, one 61-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kerman (Gateway Apartments) was awarded \$980,000 in County HOME funds, and one 47-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kingsburg (Linnaea Villas) was awarded \$1,000,000 in County HOME funds, both of which were successful in receiving State Tax Credits. The County continues its efforts to provide HOME funds as gap financing to develop new affordable housing projects in the unincorporated area and its partner cities, as its Federal HOME funding permits. County staff seeks partnerships and regularly meets with other agencies, housing developers, and community stakeholders to discuss and pursue viable opportunities to provide affordable housing. During 2019, these meetings included: Fresno Housing Authority, Self-Help Enterprises, Habitat for Humanity – Greater Fresno Area, Willow Partners, and Integrated Development Inc. The County continues to monitor the State Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD's) and HUD's websites for Notices of Funding Ability (NOFA) for affordable housing for lower-income households. No new opportunities for funding of affordable housing development in the unincorporated areas of Fresno County were identified in 2019, but the County was awarded a State Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) in 2017. The HPG funds were used in 2019 to assist eligible Low-Income homeowners in Fresno County who required assistance for housing repairs and rehabilitation. The County offers assistance to other agencies in accessing local, state, and federal funding for affordable housing. In 2019, the County received a request for funding from Self-Help Enterprises to assist in the development of single-family dwellings in the City of Reedley, and a request for funding from Habitat for Humanity to build 10 single-family dwellings in the unincorporated community of Riverdale. It is the intention of the County to fund both projects if they are found to be eligible, and USDA Rural Development funds will be utilized to complete both projects if funded. County Staff continues to support and encourage its partner agencies, cities and housing developers, such as the Fresno Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity and Self-Help Enterprises, in applying for funds, including State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources, to develop affordable housing in Fresno County.</p>
6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services	<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 explores funding opportunities for community plan updates including the SB 2 Planning Grants.</p>

6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services	Provide a copy of the adopted Housing Element to the various service providers serving the unincorporated communities.	Ongoing	Copies of the adopted Housing Element were distributed to all service providers serving the unincorporated communities following adoption of the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element.
Relevant Policy: 1.7			
7. Affordable Housing Incentives	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.	Ongoing	In calendar year 2019, one 60-unit affordable housing project was completed in the City of Fowler using County HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds, and County staff published one Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for gap financing to develop affordable housing. Regarding the NOFA published by County staff in 2019, one 61-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kerman (Gateway Apartments) was awarded \$980,000 in County HOME funds, and one 47-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kingsburg (Linnaea Villas) was awarded \$1,000,000 in County HOME funds, both of which were successful in receiving State Tax Credits. The County continues its efforts to provide HOME funds as gap financing to develop new affordable housing projects in the unincorporated area and its partner cities, as its Federal HOME funding permits. County staff seeks partnerships and regularly meets with other agencies, housing developers, and community stakeholders to discuss and pursue viable opportunities to provide affordable housing. During 2019, these meetings included: Fresno Housing Authority, Self-Help Enterprises, Habitat for Humanity – Greater Fresno Area, Willow Partners, and Integrated Development Inc. The County continues to monitor the State Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD's) and HUD's websites for Notices of Funding Ability (NOFA) for affordable housing for lower-income households. No new opportunities for funding of affordable housing development in the unincorporated areas of Fresno County were identified in 2019, but the County was awarded a State Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) in 2017. The HPG funds were used in 2019 to assist eligible Low-Income homeowners in Fresno County who required assistance for housing repairs and rehabilitation. The County offers assistance to other agencies in accessing local, state, and federal funding for affordable housing. In 2019, the County received a request for funding from Self-Help Enterprises to assist in the development of single-family dwellings in the City of Reedley, and a request for funding from Habitat for Humanity to build 10 single-family dwellings in the unincorporated community of Riverdale. It is the intention of the County to fund both projects if they are found to be eligible, and USDA Rural Development funds will be utilized to complete both projects if funded. County Staff continues to support and encourage its partner agencies, cities and housing developers, such as the Fresno Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity and Self-Help Enterprises, in applying for funds, including State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources, to develop affordable housing in Fresno County.

7. Affordable Housing Incentives	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.	Ongoing	In calendar year 2019, one 60-unit affordable housing project was completed in the City of Fowler using County HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds, and County staff published one Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for gap financing to develop affordable housing. Regarding the NOFA published by County staff in 2019, one 61-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kerman (Gateway Apartments) was awarded \$980,000 in County HOME funds, and one 47-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kingsburg (Linnaea Villas) was awarded \$1,000,000 in County HOME funds, both of which were successful in receiving State Tax Credits. The cooperation between the County and the cities within the County to address the housing needs at the regional level as well as the local level was the chief reason for collaboration between the County and twelve cities in the County to prepare a Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element. The County continues its efforts to provide HOME funds as gap financing to develop new affordable housing projects in the unincorporated area and its partner cities, as its Federal HOME funding permits.
7. Affordable Housing Incentives	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	Ongoing	County staff seeks partnerships and regularly meets with other agencies, housing developers, and community stakeholders to discuss and pursue viable opportunities to provide affordable housing.
7. Affordable Housing Incentives	Monitor the State Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD's) and HUD's websites at least semi-annually for Notices of Funding Ability (NOFA) 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.	Ongoing	The County continues to monitor the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD's) and HUD's websites for Notices of Funding Ability (NOFA) for affordable housing for lower-income households. No opportunities for funding of affordable housing development in the unincorporated areas of Fresno County were identified in 2019.

7. Affordable Housing Incentives	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, including State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources that may become available.	Ongoing	The County offers assistance to other agencies in accessing local, state, and federal funding for affordable housing. County Staff continues to support and encourage its partner agencies, cities and housing developers, such as the Fresno Housing Authority and Self-Help Enterprises, in applying for funds, including State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources, to develop affordable housing in Fresno County.
7. Affordable Housing Incentives	Continue current efforts to streamline and improve efficiencies in planning and permit approval and building inspection service.	Ongoing	The County continues its efforts to streamline and improve efficiencies in processing permits and building inspections. Currently, certain permit requests as well as inspections can be submitted online.
7. Affordable Housing Incentives	Establish to the extent feasible, a program that accommodates submittal and issuance of certain permits via the Internet by 2020.	2020 and Ongoing	The County continues to expand opportunities to expand issuance of building permits and inspections on-line.
Relevant Policies: 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7			

8. Farmworker Housing	<p>The farming industry is the foundation of the County's economy base. According to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) 2012, about 58,600 workers were employed in farm labor throughout the County, indicating a significant need to provide housing for farmworkers and their families, particularly during peak harvest seasons.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continues to seek partnerships with cities and other agencies to discuss opportunities for affordable housing development, including farmworker housing. The County will continue to support and encourage other agencies and housing developers, such as the Fresno Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity and Self-Help Enterprises, in the application of funds for affordable housing development, including farmworker housing. Funding sources include State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources that may become available. In 2019, County staff met with housing development partners to identify areas of possible development in the unincorporated communities of Fresno County. County Staff is working to facilitate a partnership between County partners such as Self-Help Enterprises and Fresno Housing Authority to explore the possibility of building an affordable housing development in the community of Del Rey, which includes many residents who are in the Very Low and Low-Income categories, including farmworkers. In 2019, the County received a request for funding from Habitat for Humanity to build 10 single-family dwellings in the unincorporated community of Riverdale, which includes many residents who are in the Very Low and Low-Income categories, including farmworkers. It is the intention of the County to fund the project if its found to be eligible, and USDA Rural Development funds will be utilized to complete the project if funded. The County did not issue any permits for farmworker housing in 2019; however, the County monitors the status of farmworker housing as part of the APR.</p>
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8. Farmworker Housing	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.	Ongoing	The County continues to seek partnerships with cities and other agencies to discuss opportunities for affordable housing development, including farmworker housing. The County will continue to support and encourage other agencies and housing developers, such as the Fresno Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity and Self-Help Enterprises, in the application of funds for affordable housing development, including farmworker housing. Funding sources include State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources that may become available. In 2019, County staff met with housing development partners to identify areas of possible development in the unincorporated communities of Fresno County. County Staff is working to facilitate a partnership between County partners such as Self-Help Enterprises and Fresno Housing Authority to explore the possibility of building an affordable housing development in the community of Del Rey, which includes many residents who are in the Very Low and Low-Income categories, including farmworkers. In 2019, the County received a request for funding from Habitat for Humanity to build 10 single-family dwellings in the unincorporated community of Riverdale, which includes many residents who are in the Very Low and Low-Income categories, including farmworkers. It is the intention of the County to fund the project if its found to be eligible, and USDA Rural Development funds will be utilized to complete the project if funded. The County did not issue any permits for farmworker housing in 2019; however, the County monitors the status of farmworker housing as part of the APR.
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8. Farmworker Housing	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.	Ongoing	The County continues to seek partnerships with cities and other agencies to discuss opportunities for affordable housing development, including farmworker housing. The County will continue to support and encourage other agencies and housing developers, such as the Fresno Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity and Self-Help Enterprises, in the application of funds for affordable housing development, including farmworker housing. Funding sources include State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources that may become available. In 2019, County staff met with housing development partners to identify areas of possible development in the unincorporated communities of Fresno County. County Staff is working to facilitate a partnership between County partners such as Self-Help Enterprises and Fresno Housing Authority to explore the possibility of building an affordable housing development in the community of Del Rey, which includes many residents who are in the Very Low and Low-Income categories, including farmworkers. In 2019, the County received a request for funding from Habitat for Humanity to build 10 single-family dwellings in the unincorporated community of Riverdale, which includes many residents who are in the Very Low and Low-Income categories, including farmworkers. It is the intention of the County to fund the project if its found to be eligible, and USDA Rural Development funds will be utilized to complete the project if funded. The County did not issue any permits for farmworker housing in 2019; however, the County monitors the status of farmworker housing as part of the APR.
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8. Farmworker Housing	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.	Ongoing	The County continues to seek partnerships with cities and other agencies to discuss opportunities for affordable housing development, including farmworker housing. The County will continue to support and encourage other agencies and housing developers, such as the Fresno Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity and Self-Help Enterprises, in the application of funds for affordable housing development, including farmworker housing. Funding sources include State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources that may become available. In 2019, County staff met with housing development partners to identify areas of possible development in the unincorporated communities of Fresno County. County Staff is working to facilitate a partnership between County partners such as Self-Help Enterprises and Fresno Housing Authority to explore the possibility of building an affordable housing development in the community of Del Rey, which includes many residents who are in the Very Low and Low-Income categories, including farmworkers. In 2019, the County received a request for funding from Habitat for Humanity to build 10 single-family dwellings in the unincorporated community of Riverdale, which includes many residents who are in the Very Low and Low-Income categories, including farmworkers. It is the intention of the County to fund the project if its found to be eligible, and USDA Rural Development funds will be utilized to complete the project if funded. The County did not issue any permits for farmworker housing in 2019; however, the County monitors the status of farmworker housing as part of the APR.
Relevant Policies: 1.2, 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5			
9. Preserving Assisted Housing	The County has few affordable rental housing projects in the unincorporated areas, and none are considered at risk of converting to market-rate housing. Nevertheless, the County will continue to monitor status of affordable housing projects and other affordable housing agreements (such as density bonus agreements).	Ongoing	The Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) manages, monitors, improves, and creates assisted housing in the unincorporated Fresno County area. No affordable housing rental projects in the unincorporated area are considered at risk of converting to market-rate housing.

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 Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) manages, monitors, improves, and creates assisted housing in the unincorporated Fresno County area. No affordable housing rental projects in the unincorporated area are considered at risk of converting to market-rate housing.
Relevant Policy: 3.6			
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.	Ongoing	As part of the Zoning Ordinance Update that is underway, the County is addressing the Density Bonus provision, Single-Room Occupancy (SRO), alternative to discretionary approval for multi-family housing in C-4 Zone, farm labor housing, and increasing density for R2, R2A, R3, R3A, R4, C4 and RP zones. The County continues reviewing the effectiveness of the Zoning Ordinance and amends the Ordinance to mitigate potential constraints to development of housing.
10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments	Address the provision of Single-Room Occupancy (SRO) housing as part of the comprehensive Zoning Ordinance update in 2016.	Ongoing	As part of the Zoning Ordinance Update that is underway, the County is addressing the Density Bonus provision, Single-Room Occupancy (SRO), alternative to discretionary approval for multi-family housing in C-4 Zone, farm labor housing, and increasing density for R2, R2A, R3, R3A, R4, C4 and RP zones. The County continues reviewing the effectiveness of the Zoning Ordinance and amends the Ordinance to mitigate potential constraints to development of housing.

10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments	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.	2016	As part of the Zoning Ordinance Update that is underway, the County is addressing the Density Bonus provision, Single-Room Occupancy (SRO), alternative to discretionary approval for multi-family housing in C-4 Zone, farm labor housing, and increasing density for R2, R2A, R3, R3A, R4, C4 and RP zones. The County continues reviewing the effectiveness of the Zoning Ordinance and amends the Ordinance to mitigate potential constraints to development of housing.
10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments	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.	Ongoing	As part of the Zoning Ordinance Update that is underway, the County is addressing the Density Bonus provision, Single-Room Occupancy (SRO), alternative to discretionary approval for multi-family housing in C-4 Zone, farm labor housing, and increasing density for R2, R2A, R3, R3A, R4, C4 and RP zones. The Zoning Ordinance Update will address the farmlabor housing in residential zones.
10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments	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.	Ongoing	The County reviews the effectiveness of the Zoning Ordinance and amends the Ordinance if necessary to remove or mitigate potential constraints to development of housing.
Relevant Policies: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6			
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 suspension of the impact fees to November 10, 2018. At the public hearing of October 9, 2018, the Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing to consider another amendment to the County Ordinance for Public Facilities Impact Fees. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board decided to continue suspension of the impact fees indefinitely.
Relevant Policies: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6			

12.Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program (HARP)	This program provides loans to qualifying homeowners in the unincorporated County and participating cities for the rehabilitation of their homes. Eligible improvements include energy efficiency upgrades and installations, health and safety and hazard corrections, and accessibility modifications. Loan terms under this program vary according to household income and the improvements and repairs that are needed.	Ongoing	Fresno County provided three HARP loans in 2019 to Moderate -Income household in the unincorporated area during 2019. This loan is a no-interest affordable payment loan for eligible housing rehabilitation. The County continues to market HARP to all unincorporated area homeowners, and continues to meet with community groups to provide information on the program.
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	Fresno County provided three HARP loans in 2019 to Moderate -Income household in the unincorporated area during 2019. This loan is a no-interest affordable payment loan for eligible housing rehabilitation. The County continues to market HARP to all unincorporated area homeowners, and continues to meet with community groups to provide information on the program.
Relevant Policies: 3.2, 4.1			
13.Rental Rehabilitation Program (RRP)	This program provides no interest loans to qualifying property owners for making improvements to their rental properties occupied by eligible tenants. Eligible improvements include repairing code deficiencies, completing deferred maintenance, lead-based paint and asbestos abatement, HVAC repairs, energy efficiency upgrades, accessibility modifications, and kitchen and bathroom upgrades.	Ongoing	Fresno County did not provide any Rental Rehabilitation Program loans for housing rehabilitation projects in the unincorporated area during 2019. The County continues to market the Rental Rehabilitation Program to eligible rental property owners.
13.Rental Rehabilitation Program (RRP)	Provide assistance for the rehabilitation of four rental housing units as federal funding is available and applications are received.	Ongoing	Fresno County did not provide any Rental Rehabilitation Program loans for housing rehabilitation projects in the unincorporated area during 2019. The County continues to market the Rental Rehabilitation Program to eligible rental property owners.
Relevant Policies: 3.2, 4.1			

14.Code Enforcement	The Department of Public Works and Planning is responsible for the enforcement of County Zoning Ordinance and Building Code violations and applicable State codes. One of the main goals of the Code Enforcement program is to bring to the attention of residential owners any existing ordinance or code violation which could have a negative impact on their neighborhood. County staff investigates violations of property maintenance standards and encourages property owners to seek assistance through available housing rehabilitation programs.	Ongoing	One of the main goals of the Code Enforcement Program is to bring to the attention of residential owners any existing Ordinance or Code Violation which could have a negative impact on their neighborhood. County staff investigates violations of property maintenance standards and encourages property owners to seek assistance through available housing rehabilitation programs.
14.Code Enforcement	Continue to enforce property maintenance standards and abate substandard structures through Code Enforcement and various housing rehabilitation programs.	Ongoing	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 to abate substandard structures.
Relevant Policies: 1.8, 2.5, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 4.1			
15. Homebuyer Assistance Program (HAP)	This program assists lower-income families with purchasing their first home by providing a zero interest, deferred payment loan that does not exceed 20 percent of the purchase price of the single family residence (plus loan closing costs). Households earning up to 80 percent Area Median Income (AMI) in unincorporated Fresno County and participating cities are eligible for this program.	Ongoing	The County did not provide any HAP loans in 2019. The County continues to market HAP to eligible first-time homebuyers, and works closely with lenders and the real estate community to ensure the program is made available whenever possible to qualified applicants.

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	The County did not provide any HAP loans in 2019. The County continues to market HAP to eligible first-time homebuyers, and works closely with lenders and the real estate community to ensure the program is made available whenever possible to qualified applicants.
Relevant Policy: 2.8			
16. First-Time Homebuyer Resources	<p>Fresno County residents have access to a number of homebuyer assistance programs offered by the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA): Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC): The MCC Tax Credit is a federal credit which can reduce potential federal income tax liability, creating additional net spendable income which borrowers may use toward their monthly mortgage payment. This MCC Tax Credit program may enable first- time homebuyers to convert a portion of their annual mortgage interest into a direct dollar for dollar tax credit on their U.S. individual income tax returns. CalPLUS</p> <p>Conventional Program: This is a first mortgage loan insured through private mortgage insurance on the conventional market. The interest rate on the CalPLUS Conventional is fixed throughout the 30-year term. The CalPLUS Conventional is combined with a CalHFA Zero Interest Program (ZIP), which is a deferred-payment junior loan of three percent of the first mortgage loan amount, for down payment assistance. CalHFA</p> <p>Conventional Program: This is a first mortgage loan insured through private mortgage insurance on the conventional market. The interest rate on the CalHFA Conventional is fixed throughout the 30-year term.</p>	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	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 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.
Relevant Policy: 2.8			
17. Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance	The Housing Choice Voucher Program extends rental subsidies to extremely low- and very low-income households, including families, seniors, and the disabled. The program offers a voucher that pays the difference between the current fair market rent (FMR) as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and what a tenant can afford to pay (i.e. 30 percent of household income). The Fresno Housing Authority administers the housing choice voucher program in Fresno County. Given the continued need for rental assistance, the County supports and encourages the provision of additional subsidies through the Housing Choice Voucher Program.	Ongoing	The County supports the efforts of the Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) in offering Section 8 and other rental assistance programs in the unincorporated area. 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 the Housing Authority in publicizing the opening of the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher waiting list by disseminating the information to County partners and clients.

17. Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance	Continue to support and encourage the provision of vouchers to qualifying Fresno County households.	Ongoing	The County supports the efforts of the Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) in offering Section 8 and other rental assistance programs in the unincorporated area. 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 the Housing Authority in publicizing the opening of the Section 8/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 supports the efforts of the Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) in offering Section 8 and other rental assistance programs in the unincorporated area. 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 the Housing Authority in publicizing the opening of the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher waiting list by disseminating the information to County partners and clients.
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	The County supports the efforts of the Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) in offering Section 8 and other rental assistance programs in the unincorporated area. 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 the Housing Authority in publicizing the opening of the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher waiting list by disseminating the information to County partners and clients.
Relevant Policy: 2.2			
18. Energy Conservation	Continue to promote and implement the County's Go Green initiatives.	Ongoing	The County makes every effort 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 major components of the home and improve the 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 promote physical activities and improve air quality. The County continues to promote and support Pacific Gas and Electric Company programs that provide energy-efficiency rebates for qualifying energy-efficient upgrades.

18. Energy Conservation	Consider inclusion of design standards for new development that encourage alternative transportation (for example, bicycle lanes, bus turnouts, and direct pedestrian connections to transit lines) as a part of the update of the County Zoning Ordinance to conserve energy and improve air quality.	Ongoing	The County makes every effort 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 major components of the home and improve the 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 promote physical activities and improve air quality. The County continues to promote and support Pacific Gas and Electric Company programs that provide energy-efficiency rebates for qualifying energy-efficient upgrades.
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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 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 major components of the home and improve the 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 promote physical activities and improve air quality. The County continues to promote and support Pacific Gas and Electric Company 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 review and approval of residential alternative energy devices.
Relevant Policies: 6.1, 6.2, 6.3			

19.Fair Housing	Impediments to fair housing in Fresno County are identified in the County's Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing, which was most recently submitted and accepted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in May 2010. It was most recently reviewed in May 2015, and was found to continue to reflect accurate fair housing conditions in the County. The geographic area covered by this document includes the unincorporated areas and partner cities participating with the County in its HUD grant programs.	Ongoing	Fresno County focuses available resources toward mitigating obstacles through its affordable housing programs and services. Information on fair housing rights and responsibilities is available at public counters, and is provided during outreach efforts around the County. During 2019, three outreach and education workshops were conducted on fair housing for lenders, real estate professionals, housing providers, community stakeholders and the community at large. No complaints were received regarding fair housing during 2019. The County provides fliers, referrals and education to the residents of Fresno County utilizing various vehicles. The County continues to provide information to the County libraries, Community Services District offices, partner cities, and at public counters throughout various County offices. The County also mailed over 9,114 fliers in 2019 to various residents throughout the County and its partner cities. The County held 18 community meetings and 31 outreach activities in 2019 and discussed what are specific impediments to fair house those communities are experiencing and the Fair Housing needs of Fresno County.
19.Fair Housing	Conduct outreach and education workshops at least annually and on an on-going basis for lenders, real estate professionals, housing providers, community stakeholders, and the community at large. Provide information and written materials on fair housing rights, available services, and responsible agencies in English and Spanish. Place materials at County libraries, Community Services Districts offices, and public counters, and on the County's website by 2016. Refer fair housing complaints to HUD, State Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DEFH), Fair Housing Council of Central California (FHCCC), and other housing agencies. Conduct Fair Housing Assessment as required by HUD on a regular basis (every five years).	Ongoing	Fresno County focuses available resources toward mitigating obstacles through its affordable housing programs and services. Information on fair housing rights and responsibilities is available at public counters, and is provided during outreach efforts around the County. During 2019, three outreach and education workshops were conducted on fair housing for lenders, real estate professionals, housing providers, community stakeholders and the community at large. No complaints were received regarding fair housing during 2019. The County provides fliers, referrals and education to the residents of Fresno County utilizing various vehicles. The County continues to provide information to the County libraries, Community Services District offices, partner cities, and at public counters throughout various County offices. The County also mailed over 9,114 fliers in 2019 to various residents throughout the County and its partner cities. The County held 18 community meetings and 31 outreach activities in 2019 and discussed what are specific impediments to fair house those communities are experiencing and the Fair Housing needs of Fresno County.
Relevant Policies: 5.1, 5.2			
General Comments:			

Jurisdiction	Fresno County - Unincorporated	
Reporting Period	2019	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)

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Housing Element Implementation

(CCR Title 25 §6202)

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)(2)									
This table is optional. Jurisdictions may list (for informational purposes only) units that do not count toward RHNA, but were substantially rehabilitated, acquired or preserved. To enter units in this table as progress toward RHNA, please contact HCD at APR@hcd.ca.gov. HCD will provide a password to unlock the grey fields. Units may only be credited to the table below when a jurisdiction has included a program in its housing element to rehabilitate, preserve or acquire units to accommodate a portion of its RHNA which meet the specific criteria as outlined in Government Code section 65583.1(c)(2).									
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 to receive the password that will enable you to populate these fields.				The description should adequately document how each unit complies with subsection (c)(7) of Government Code Section 65583.1 ⁺
	Extremely Low-Income ⁺	Very Low-Income ⁺	Low-Income ⁺	TOTAL UNITS ⁺	Extremely Low-Income ⁺	Very Low-Income ⁺	Low-Income ⁺	TOTAL UNITS ⁺	
Rehabilitation Activity			3	3					
Preservation of Units At-Risk									
Acquisition of Units									
Total Units by Income			3	3					

Jurisdiction	no County - Unincorporated	
Reporting Year	2019	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)

Building Permits Issued by Affordability Summary		
Income Level		Current Year
Very Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	20
Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	40
Moderate	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	20
Above Moderate		56
Total Units		136

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

Housing Applications Summary	
Total Housing Applications Submitted:	129
Number of Proposed Units in All Applications Received:	136
Total Housing Units Approved:	136
Total Housing Units Disapproved:	0

Use of SB 35 Streamlining Provisions	
Number of Applications for Streamlining	0
Number of Streamlining Applications Approved	0
Total Developments Approved with Streamlining	0
Total Units Constructed with Streamlining	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

Cells in grey contain auto-calculation formulas

EXHIBIT 2

March 12, 2020

Re: Draft Annual Progress Report (APR) for calendar year 2019

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

Although I am disappointed that the draft APR for calendar 2019 is virtually identical to the APR prepared for 2018, I see a way forward to correct inaccuracies and augment the APR to include missing information.

Fortunately, because the APR is not scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors for another seven weeks, there is ample time to make necessary corrections.

I want Commissioners to know that I am cognizant of the fact that you find yourselves in the unenviable position of having to judge whether the information I am presenting is accurate and worthy of serious consideration. I can only hope that you recognize the importance of preparing an APR that is both complete and accurate.

Below is a checklist for the motion and directives I am asking your Commission to make today. The accompanying eight pages are in support of that request.

- ___ 1. Direct staff to modify the draft APR and return to the Commission at a future date with a modified document for consideration, the reason being to correct errors and to add missing information.
- ___ 2. Direct staff to correct these two errors:
 - A. The text on page "i" states that *"State law requires generalized reporting on implementation of the General Plan."* There is no such state law.
 - B. The text on page 2 states that *"The planning horizon for the 2000 General Plan is through the year 2020 and beyond."* The planning horizon does not extend beyond the year 2020.
- ___ 3. Direct staff to report whether, during 2019, each of the County's programs in the first six elements of the General Plan were implemented as written. This will entail augmenting information for approximately two dozen of those 121 programs.
- ___ 4. Direct staff to include the information required by Government Code 65400(a)(2)(C) — the degree to which the County's 2000 General Plan complies with the guidelines developed and adopted by the Office of Planning and Research pursuant to Government Code Section 65040.2.
- ___ 5. Direct staff to include an explanation of the contractual responsibility of the Economic Development Corporation to implement policies and programs in the General Plan's Economic Development Element.

Thank you,



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EXHIBIT 2

March 12, 2020 Planning Commission Hearing

Agenda Item #5 — 2019 Draft General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR)

Evidence in Support of the Planning Commission Action Requested by Radley Reep

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Planning Commission Motion

The staff report for Item #5 (2019 General Plan Progress Report) contains these suggested Planning Commission Motions:

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Recommended Motion:

- Receive the 2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report; and
- Recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept the 2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report; and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

Alternative Motion:

- Receive the 2019 General Plan Annual Report; and
- Recommend that the Board of Supervisors not accept the 2019 Annual Progress Report; and
- Direct the secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's Action

These motions do not afford Commissioners the opportunity to amend the APR prior to forwarding it to the Board of Supervisors.

More appropriate would be the alternative motion that staff provided for the 2014 APR.

Alternative Motion (continuance or modification action)

- Determine that the 2019 General Plan should not be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance, and direct staff to make modifications to the document and to return to the Commission at a future date with a modified document for consideration; and
- Direct the secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's Action

By adopting this alternative motion, the Planning Commission will be able to present a more accurate and more complete document to the Board of Supervisors.

2A

Correction of an Error in the Text

The draft 2019 APR contains on page “i” the statement printed below.

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

There is no such statement in law.

There is, however, in the most recent General Plan APR Guidance (April 25, 2019) published by the Office and Research (OPR) two statements that County staff might have misinterpreted. They are shown below:

From page 2 of the OPR’s General Plan APR Guidance, April 25, 2019

“This guidance is intentionally general to allow maximum flexibility in the form and content of APRs, which may need to vary based on a community’s circumstances, resources, and constraints.”

From page 3 of the OPR’s General Plan APR Guidance, April 25, 2019

“The APR prepared for your city or county is not required to incorporate all of the elements suggested and need not be an elaborate and time-consuming task. Instead, the APR may make use of available sources of information that may contain information pertinent to General Plan annual reporting such as: “annual reports,” “performance reports,” “budget reports,” or “state of the city/county reports.”

The first citation explains that the guidance OPR provides is purposely “general” to allow maximum flexibility in the preparation of APRs, and the second citation explains that preparation of the APR’s need not be an elaborate or time consuming task.

As has been shown, there is no requirement in law that APRs contain “generalized reporting.” To the contrary, with respect to the report on the Housing Element, Housing and Community Development (HCD) requires the County to “detail” progress in implementing specific programs and policies. Below is an image of page 9 of the instructions from HCD on how to prepare the Housing Element section of the APR.

Instructions – Completing Tables

Page 9

Table C

Report the status of housing element program and policy implementation.

Program Implementation Status

In particular, list local efforts, as identified in the housing element, to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 65583(c). Also detail the progress in implementing all specific programs and policies:

1. “Name of Program”: List the name of the program as described in the element.

For your reference, I have included a copy of the complete law respecting the preparation of annual progress reports, as downloaded from the Internet on March 11, 2020.

Section 65400 of the Government Code

Section 65400. (Amended by Stats. 2009, Ch. 467, Sec. 1.)

Cite as: Cal. Gov't. Code §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.

(B) The progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs determined pursuant to Section 65584 and local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 65583.

The housing element portion of the annual report, as required by this paragraph, shall be prepared through the use of forms and definitions adopted by the Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2). Prior to and after adoption of the forms, the housing element portion of the annual report shall include a section that describes the actions taken by the local government towards completion of the programs and status of the local government's compliance with the deadlines in its housing element. That report shall be considered at an annual public meeting before the legislative body where members of the public shall be allowed to provide oral testimony and written comments.

The report may include the number of units that have been substantially rehabilitated, converted from nonaffordable to affordable by acquisition, and preserved consistent with the standards set forth in paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 65583.1. The report shall document how the units meet the standards set forth in that subdivision.

(C) 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.

(b) If a court finds, upon a motion to that effect, that a city, county, or city and county failed to submit, within 60 days of the deadline established in this section, the housing element portion of the report required pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) that substantially complies with the requirements of this section, the court shall issue an order or judgment compelling compliance with this section within 60 days. If the city, county, or city and county fails to comply with the court's order within 60 days, the plaintiff or petitioner may move for sanctions, and the court may, upon that motion, grant appropriate sanctions. The court shall retain jurisdiction to ensure that its order or judgment is carried out. If the court determines that its order or judgment is not carried out within 60 days, the court may issue further orders as provided by law to ensure that the purposes and policies of this section are fulfilled. This subdivision applies to proceedings initiated on or after the first day of October following the adoption of forms and definitions by the Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), but no sooner than six months following that adoption.

2B

Correction of an Error in the Text

The draft 2019 APR contains on page 2 the statement printed below.

"The planning horizon for the 2000 General Plan is through the year 2020 and beyond."

The statement above is simply not true. The planning horizon for the General Plan is the year 2020; it goes not further than 2020.

Below are citations from various County documents attesting to this fact:

From the Draft EIR for the adoption of the 2000 General Plan, p. 2-22

"The timeframe for the updated General Plan will be the year 2020."

From the 2003 Housing Element, p. 7-10

"Because the rest of the Policy Document has a planning horizon of 20 years, the Appendix A projections examine the time frame 2000 to 2020."

From the comments and responses section of Final EIR for the adoption of the 2000 General Plan, page 3-64)

"In the analysis, these trends were then extended to the 2020 horizon year and analyzed for impacts with and without the Draft General Plan policies."

From Exhibit A in the County's October 13, 2015 agreement (Agt. 15-530) with Mintier-Harnish to prepare a PEIR for the update of the General Plan

"The General Plan Five-Year Review will extend the planning period for the General Plan beyond its current planning horizon of 2020."

These are but a few of dozens of references in County documents stating that the year 2020 is the planning horizon for the 2000 General Plan. No document names any other year.

Clearly, the planning horizon for the 2000 General Plan does not extend beyond 2020.

Therefore, the draft 2019 APR should be amended as follows: *The planning horizon for the 2000 General Plan is through the year 2020 and beyond.*

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The Incorporation of Missing Information

General Plan Program LU-H.D, reprinted below, requires the County to include in its annual APR a review of the actions taken by the County to implement programs in the 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."*

It stands to reason, therefore, that in drafting the 2019 APR, County staff would ask and answer the following questions for each program, and then include that information in the APR.

- Was this particular program implemented during 2019?
- If yes, what actions did the County take to implement the program?
- If no, why was the program not implemented?

For dozens of General Plan programs reviewed in the 2019 APR, there is no information as to whether they were implemented or not. To illustrate the point, it is only necessary to look at the very first program in the General Plan – Program ED-A.A.

Program ED-A.A. *"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."*

Printed below in full is the County's 2019 APR analysis of the implementation of Program ED-A.A. The 2019 APR reports this about the implementation of Program ED-A.A:

- In 2017, the Board of Supervisors reinstated the Economic Development Action Team (EDAT).
- The County is currently contracting with the EDC to implement economic development programs.
- The County coordinated with Sanger officials to coordinate grant applications extending infrastructure to service the Highway 180 – Academy Avenue growth area.

The County's analysis of Program ED-A.A is off subject.

The truth is that the County has no staff position to serves as liaison/facilitator and support for the County's Economic Development Action Team and that there was no effort to implement that program during 2019.

The same reporting problem exists other programs, including these: ED-A.C, ED-A.G, ED-B.A, ED-B.B, ED-B.C, ED-B.D, ED-B.E, LU-A.C, LU-A.D, LU-A.F, LU-A.G, LU-A.H, LU-H.B, TR-B.E, PF-C.A, PF-C.G, OS-A.A, OS-A.B, OS-A.C, OS-D.A, OS-E.A, OS-E.B, OS-F.A, OS-G.A.

Staff must, at the very least, indicate whether programs are being implemented as described in the General Plan.

The Report on the Implementation of Program ED-A.A as it Appears in the Draft 2029 APR

"On September 12, 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved formation of an Economic Development Action Team (EDAT)

Standing Committee with Structure, Objectives and Composition as outlined below:

Structure

- *Formed as a Standing Committee to discuss EDAT issues/projects with meetings convened based on need.*

Objectives

- *Work with County staff to implement the following three goals of the Economic Development Element of the County's General Plan: (1) Job Creation, (2) Economic Base Diversification, and (3) Labor Force Preparedness;*
- *Assist County staff in reviewing the Economic Development Element of the County General Plan; and*
- *Provide direction to County staff regarding economic development projects in the unincorporated area of Fresno County.*

Composition

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- *Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, or another supervisor designated by the Chairman;*
- *A second County Supervisor determined by the issue/project the EDAT is discussing;*
- *County Administrative Officer;*
- *Public Works and Planning Director; and*
- *City representatives impacted by the issue/project the EDAT is discussing.*

For the City of Fresno the representatives would include:

- *Mayor of the City of Fresno;*
- *President of the City Council for the City of Fresno; and*
- *City Manager of the City of Fresno.*

For the Cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, or Selma the representatives would include:

- *Mayor of that City; and*
- *City Manager of that City.*

The County is currently contracting with the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for implementation of the Economic Development Element Programs of the County General Plan.

In 2019, the County activated its EDAT in partnership with the City of Sanger and EDC. Following completion of the 2019 Opportunity Analysis, Chairman Nathan Magsig and Supervisor Buddy Mendes formally engaged city representatives to coordinate joint grant applications for Economic Development Administration funding to extend vital infrastructure to service the Highway 180 – Academy Avenue growth area."

The Incorporation of Missing Information

The March 12, 2020 staff report to the Planning Commission states that the draft 2019 APR meets the requirements of Government Code §65400. That statement is reprinted below.

"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." (March 12, 2020 Staff Report to the Planning Commission, p. 2)

This statement is wrong, as the draft 2019 APR does not include an analysis of the degree to which the County's General Plan complies with guidelines prepared by the Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

Below is a copy of the portion of Government Code 65400 that codifies this requirement.

California Government Code 65400

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

(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....

(C) The degree to which its approved general plan complies with the guidelines developed and adopted [by OPR] pursuant to [Government Code] Section 65040.2...."

The OPR guidelines cited in Government Code Section 65400 are comprehensive and very easy to understand. The guidelines identify the statutes that create legal obligations for each general plan element, often with easy to use checklists.

Had the draft 2019 APR included this information, then, at a minimum, the APR would have shown where the County is out of compliance with statutory requirements. That information would be invaluable to Planning Commissioners and Board members.

The first step in bringing the County into compliance with state law is acknowledging where the County is out of compliance.

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Describing EDC's Role in the Implementation of the Economic Development Element

According to the staff report for the draft 2019 APR, the lion's share of the work to implement General Plan Economic Development Element policies and programs was performed by the *Economic Development Corporation Serving Fresno County* (EDC). A paragraph in the March 12, 2020 staff report identifies the EDC as performing this task.

From the March 12, 2020 Staff Report to the Planning Commission, page 1

"Implementation of the General Plan is the responsibility of various County departments, as well as agencies that are not part of the County's structure, but are under contract to provide services to the County. The information included in the 2019 APR is provided by County departments and divisions, as well as the Economic Development Corporation, the agency that is under contract with the County for implementation of policies and programs of the Economic Development Element of the General Plan."

Importantly, there does not appear to be any County document or legal agreement between the County and EDC that explains the degree and scope of the EDC's obligations with respect to the implementation of the 50 policies and 18 programs in the General Plan Economic Development Element. Importantly, the EDC does not have the legal authority to implement some of these policies and programs.

It's relevant to note that while the County's previous APR for 2018 described EDC's involvement in implementing 3 of 18 programs in the Economic Development Element, the draft 2019 APR describes the role of the EDC in implementing 14 of those same programs.

This profound increase in the reporting of EDC involvement in the implementation of the Economic Development Element brings to attention the need to describe in some detail just what the EDC is and is not required to accomplish.

The draft 2019 APR should be augmented to identify those particular programs that the EDC is obligated to implement, and it should also describe the extent of that obligation, for its possible that the responsibility is shared with the County Planning Department.

ATTACHMENT C



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

March 30, 2020

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Subject: County of Fresno General Plan Draft Annual Progress Report Covering
Calendar Year 2019

Dear Mr. Morgan and Mr. Olmstead:

The County of Fresno is sending you the County's General Plan Draft Annual Progress report covering calendar year 2019.

The County of Fresno Department of Public Works and Planning (Department) submits this Draft Annual Progress Report to comply with the April 1 statutory deadline. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department has been unable to present this document for review by either the Fresno County Planning Commission or the Fresno County Board of Supervisors for review and consideration. The Department will supplement this submission as necessary once those agencies and the public have been able to review and comment.

Should you have any questions, please contact either Mohammad Khorsand, Senior Planner at (559) 600-4277 or by e-mail at mkhorsand@fresnocountyca.gov or myself at (559) 600-4227 or by e-mail at cmotta@fresnocountyca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Motta', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Motta, Principal Planner
Development Services and Capital Projects Division

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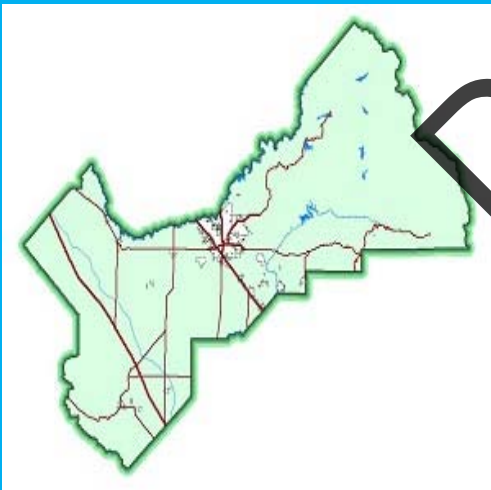
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Enclosures

cc: Mohammad Khorsand, Senior Planner



2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report



Submitted

March 30, 2020

PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

Government Code Section 65400 requires that the County provide a report on the status of implementing the General Plan, including Housing Element, to the Board of Supervisors. Following acceptance of the APR by the Board, the APR will be forwarded to the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

State law requires generalized reporting on implementation of the General Plan. The Housing Element portion of the annual report must be prepared through the use of standards, forms, and definitions adopted by HCD. HCD has updated its forms to incorporate new APR requirements pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 879, Senate Bill (SB) 35 and AB 1486.

The Housing Element portion of the APR for the calendar year 2019 includes the information that is required by HCD on residential building permit activities, housing rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance loans, etc. The report for the Housing Element is included in the APR as Appendix B.

The purpose of the APR is to inform the Board of Supervisors on the status of implementing the County General Plan, as well as major planning activities that have been undertaken by the County in the 2019 calendar year (January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019).

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Public Works and Planning (PW&P) staff has prepared this 2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) in accordance with guidance provided by the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). This APR covers the 2019 calendar year. The information included in this APR has been provided by various County Divisions/Departments and agencies under contract to implement General Plan policies.

This APR is tentatively scheduled to be presented to the Planning Commission on March 12, 2020 and the Board of Supervisors on April 28, 2020.

This APR covers the status of implementation of the County General Plan for the 2019 calendar year and provides information on major planning activities and projects that have been processed, or initiated, for the unincorporated areas of the County.

The 2019 APR is comprised of two parts:

The first part of the APR includes the following topics:

- An overview of the General Plan including the Vision Statement key goals, a brief description of elements of the General Plan, and the status of the General Plan Review and Revision process.
- Planning and development activities that occurred in calendar year 2019, including discretionary permit applications, General Plan Amendments, Zone Code Text Amendments and Zone changes, Environmental Impact Reports associated with discretionary projects, and other notable activities.
- A matrix reflecting status of implementation programs of all elements of the General Plan (Appendix A).

The second part of the APR includes the following topics:

- Overview of the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element Update.
- Various tables reflecting residential activities, rehabilitation of existing buildings, and loan activities to eligible residents to rehabilitate their residences.
- A matrix reflecting the status of implementation of the Housing Element programs and objectives (Appendix B).

GENERAL PLAN OVERVIEW

State law requires every city and county in California to adopt a General Plan that is comprehensive and long term. The Plan outlines policies for the physical development of the county or city and any land outside its boundaries which in the planning agency's judgment bears relation to its planning.

The Fresno County General Plan is the County's comprehensive planning document that provides the long-term framework for economic and land use development, and for the protection of the County's agricultural, natural, and cultural resources. Designed to meet State General Plan requirements, the document outlines goals and policies to guide day-to-day decisions concerning Fresno County's future. Most General Plans have a planning horizon of 15 to 25 years. The planning horizon for the 2000 General Plan is through the year 2020 and beyond.

The General Plan was comprehensively updated in the year 2000 based on the State General Plan Guidelines (Government Code Section 65040.2) which included the Background Report, the Policy Document, an Economic Development Strategy, a Fiscal and Financial Analysis, and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The General Plan Policy Document contains countywide 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 document includes the required Elements: Agriculture and Land Use, Transportation and Circulation, Public Facilities and Services, Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise, and Safety. The Conservation and Open Space Elements are combined as one element for a total of seven. In addition to the required elements, the Policy Document includes an optional Economic Development Element which outlines the County's goals and strategic initiatives for diversifying Fresno County's economy and reducing the County's unemployment rate.

The Fiscal and Financial Analysis examined the fiscal impacts (costs and revenues), County facility costs and the cost benefits associated with implementation of the General Plan.

Vision Statement

The General Plan sets out a vision reflected in goals, policies, programs, and diagrams for Fresno County. The County sees its primary role 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 built on the following 12 major themes:

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

Key Goals

The Countywide General Plan Policy Document contains explicit statements of goals, policies, standards, and implementation programs. The following are some of the more notable Goals listed in the Economic Development and Agricultural Land Use Elements of the General Plan:

Goal	Description
ED-A	To increase job creation through regional leadership, agricultural productivity, and development of high-value-added processing firms.
ED-B	To diversify the economic base of Fresno County through the expansion of non-agricultural industry clusters and through the development and expansion of recreation and visitor-serving attractions and accommodations.
ED-C	To improve labor force preparedness by providing the local workforce with the skills needed to meet the requirements of an increasingly diverse business sector in the 21 st century global economy.
LU-A	To promote the long-term conservation of productive and potentially-productive agricultural lands and to accommodate agricultural-support services and agriculturally-related activities that support the viability of agriculture and further the County's economic development goals.
LU-C	To preserve and enhance the value of the river environment as a multiple-use, open-space resource; maintain the environmental and aesthetic qualities of the area; protect the quality and quantity of the surface and groundwater resources; provide for long-term preservation of productive agricultural land; conserve and enhance natural wildlife habitats; and maintain the flood-carrying capacity of the channel at a level equal to the one (1) percent flood event (100-year flood).
LU-D	To promote continued agricultural uses along Interstate 5, protect scenic views along the freeway, promote the safe and efficient use of the freeway as a traffic carrier, discourage the establishment of incompatible and hazardous uses along the freeway, and provide for attractive, coordinated development of commercial and service uses that cater specifically to highway travelers, and of agriculture-related uses at key interchanges along Interstate 5.
LU-F	To encourage mixed-use pedestrian and transit-oriented development and to establish development standards for residential, commercial, and industrial development in urban and urbanizing areas.

Implementation Programs

Each Element includes goal statements relating to different aspects of the issues addressed in the Element. Under each Goal Statement, the Plan sets out policies that amplify the Goal Statement. Implementation programs that are listed at the end of each section of the 2000 General Plan describe briefly the proposed action, the County agencies or departments with primary responsibility for carrying out the program, and the time frame for accomplishing the program.

GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS AND REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN 2019 RELATED TO EACH ELEMENT

- **Economic Development Element**

The Economic Development Element is divided into three sections: Job Creation, Economic Base Diversification, and Labor Force Preparedness. The Element includes goals, policies and programs to address these three areas.

- During the 2019 calendar year, Fresno County continued implementing policies of the Economic Development Element.

- **Agriculture and Land Use Element**

The Agriculture and Land Use Element provides diagrams as well as goals, and policies that guide decision-makers, planners, property owners, developers, and the general public as to how to accommodate future development in an efficient and sustainable manner that is compatible with the character of unincorporated communities and the protection of valuable and sensitive natural resources.

- During the 2019 calendar year, the County continued to implement General Plan policies relating to preservation of agricultural resources by directing growth to cities in the form of Pre-General Plan Amendment consultation for any proposed land use designation change within the Sphere of Influence of cities and two miles beyond, and referral of developments for possible annexation.

- **Transportation and Circulation Element**

The Transportation and Circulation Element is divided into two major parts. The first major part describes the County's Circulation Diagram and functional roadway classification system. The second major part sets out goals, policies and implementation programs organized into six sections: Streets and Highways; Transit; Transportation System Management; Bicycle Facilities; Rail Transportation; and Air Transportation.

- During the 2019 calendar year, the County continued to implement planning efforts to facilitate a safe and multi-modal road network. Major activities associated with the Transportation and Circulation Element are included below:

Fresno County Road Improvement Program (RIP)

- The RIP is an annual projection of the maintenance and construction programming plan over the next seven years. The types of projects in the RIP include bridge replacement/repair, road reconstruction, traffic signals, shoulder widening, and pavement repair.
- The RIP is intended to be a guide to the Board of Supervisors' road priorities and the Department's road program development, as well as for the Administrative Office, businesses, economic development community, utility companies, and the public at large.
- The RIP was last updated on September 10, 2019.

- **Public Facilities and Services Element**

The Public Facilities and Services Element is organized accordingly into ten 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; and Utilities.

- During the 2019 calendar year, Fresno County continued implementing policies of the Public Facilities and Services Element.

- **Open Space and Conservation Element**

The primary focus of the Open Space and Conservation Element is to provide direction for future growth and development with respect to the conservation, management, and utilization of natural and cultural resources; the protection and preservation of open space; and the provision of parks and recreational resources. This Element establishes goals, policies, and programs that value and protect natural resources to ensure they are available for the future.

- During the 2019 calendar year, Fresno County continued implementing policies of the Open Space and Conservation Element.

- **Health and Safety Element**

Many of the health and safety risks associated with development can be avoided through locational decisions made at the planning stages of development, while others may be lessened through the use of Mitigation Measures in the planning and land use regulation process. This Element outlines Fresno County's strategy for ensuring the maintenance of a healthy and safe physical environment. The Health and Safety Element is divided into seven sections: Emergency Management and Response; Fire Hazards; Flood Hazards; Seismic and Geological Hazards; Airport Hazards; Hazardous Materials; and Noise.

- The Development Services and Capital Projects Division (DSCPD) of the Department of Public Works and Planning along with the Department of Public Health continues to review development applications for consistency with the goals and policies of the Safety Element and require mitigation measures when necessary during the course of processing discretionary project applications.

- **Housing Element**

The Fifth-Cycle Housing Element Update Progress Report is included as a separate report.

GENERAL PLAN REVIEW AND ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE PROCESS

In June 2006, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to initiate a Review of the General Plan Policy Document along with the comprehensive update of the Zoning Ordinance. The purpose of the General Plan Review was to evaluate goals, policies and implementation programs of all General Plan elements to retain policies and programs that still serve a purpose and delete policies and programs that have been implemented or are obsolete, and add policies and programs to address new laws that affect the General Plan since its adoption in 2000.

A final Draft of the Revised Policy Document was presented to the Board for action at a public hearing that was held on September 30, 2014. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board directed the following:

- Update the General Plan Background Report
- Continue work on the Policy Document
- Continue work on the Zoning Ordinance Update
- Prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) to address potential environmental impact associated with implementation of the Revised General Plan and the updated Zoning Ordinance.

Program Environmental Impact Report

On September 30, 2014, the Board considered options presented by staff regarding PEIR options for the General Plan Review and the Zoning Ordinance Update and allocated up to \$850,000 for updating the Background Report, continued work on the Policy Document and the Zoning Ordinance and preparation of the PEIR.

On June 2, 2015, staff informed the Board of prior policy direction including prohibiting designating of new land to Rural Residential; elimination of substandard homesite exceptions; and elimination of the Urban Village designation. Staff also discussed other policy-related matters that had occurred during the General Plan Review process and recent legislation that must be reflected in the County's General Plan. The Board changed the direction that was given to staff by the previous Board and directed staff to retain the current Rural Residential and homesite exception policies and address new legislation that affects the General Plan. The Board directed staff to delete the Urban Village designation and to return with a final scope and cost estimate for the PEIR to be prepared for the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update.

On October 13, 2015 staff presented the Scope of Work for the PEIR and the contract to retain the firm of Mintier-Harnish to continue work on the project. The Board approved the Scope of Work and the Contract with the consulting firm of Mintier-Harnish.

On May 16, 2017, Public Works and Planning staff presented the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance effort to the Board of Supervisors to inform the new Board members of the project and the most recent direction on certain key land use policies that had been given to staff in 2015. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board confirmed the direction given by the Board in 2015.

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

Since approval of the consultant agreement and the scope of work for the project, Public Works

and Planning staff, with assistance of the consultant, has been working on preparing the following documents:

Administrative Draft Revised General Plan Background Report which addresses: demographics, employment, land use, community character, housing, transportation, mobility, public facilities, services and infrastructure, natural resources, hazards, safety, climate change, and noise.

Administrative Draft Revised General Plan Policy Document which includes revised policies and programs, enhanced graphics, a new format, and necessary/relevant changes to the text. This revised document also addresses required legislative changes to the General Plan.

Administrative Draft Zoning Ordinance Update which includes a new format and provisions to implement General Plan policies. The current Zoning Ordinance, which is the principal tool for implementing the County's General Plan, was adopted in 1960 and has been amended several times, but the document has never been comprehensively updated.

Release of the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance Documents for Public Review

The Public Review Drafts of the Revised General Plan Background Report, General Plan Policy Document and Zoning Ordinance Update were released for public review on January 26, 2018. It should be noted that customarily, the Draft Revised General Plan and the Draft Updated Zoning Ordinance are released concurrently with the release of the Draft PEIR for public review. However, County staff released the Draft Revised General Plan and Zoning Ordinance Update Documents for public review as a courtesy prior to preparation of the PEIR.

On March 1, 2018, the County released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of its intent to prepare a PEIR to assess potential environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the Revised General Plan and Zoning Ordinance Update. Staff and the PEIR consultant conducted two scoping meetings on March 26, 2018 to solicit comments from the public.

At a public hearing before the Board on August 21, 2018, PublicWorks and Planning staff presented to the Board the progress made on the General Plan Review and Revision and the Zoning Ordinance Update. Staff also presented to the Board comments that were received from the public, organizations and public agencies subsequent to release of the documents. Staff pointed out certain comments which were not part of the scope of the project and informed the Board that entertaining those comments would require a change in the Scope of Work of the project and would require allocation of substantial additional funds as well causing substantial delay in the time line identified for the project. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board did not entertain those recommendations by the public or agencies that would require changes in the scope of the project. The Board directed PublicWorks and Planning staff to conduct additional public outreach for the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update effort.

During the months of November and December of 2018, PublicWorks and Planning staff conducted five community meetings informing the public of the project and gathered comments from the public. One meeting was held in each Supervisorial District with meeting locations determined based on discussions with staff of the individual Supervisorial District offices.

In December of 2019, staff provided the Planning Commission a brief update on the status of the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update.

PublicWorks and Planning staff is working on revising the scope of work to address issues raised by the public as well as new legislation that would affect the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance documents and pursuing preparation of the EIR.

Update of Unincorporated Community Plans

Fresno County has four adopted Regional Plans, ten adopted Unincorporated Community Plans, and six Specific Plans. In 2003, the Board of Supervisors established a priority list for updating the County's Regional and Community Plans.

Since 2003, the Friant and Laton Community Plans have been updated and adopted by the Board. The Friant Community Plan was updated in 2011 as a result of the Friant Ranch project which was an applicant-initiated project. The Laton Community Plan was updated and adopted by the Board in 2012 and represented the last comprehensive Community Plan update to date. The funding for the update came out of the allocation for the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update project.

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 (DSCPD) during the 2019 calendar year. As shown in the Table, DSCPD received a total of 222 new applications. The Table provides the status of the applications for the calendar year 2019.

Table 1				
Applications Submitted and Processed in 2019				
Application Type	Total Incoming	Approved	Denied / Withdrawn	Still in Process
Zone Map Amendment (Rezone)	5	0	0	5
Amendment to Text of the Zoning Ordinance	0	0	0	0
Conditional Use Permit	30	13	1	16
Director Review & Approval	38	22	0	16
General Plan Amendment	2	0	0	2
Environmental Impact Report	0	0	0	0
Merger	9	8	0	1
Pre-Certificate of Compliance	5	2	0	3
Property Line Adjustment	21	5	0	16
Site Plan Review	63	52	0	11
Tentative Parcel Map	10	0	0	10
Tentative Parcel Map Waiver	13	1	0	12
Tentative Tract Map	1	0	0	1
Variance	18	4	2	12
Cancellation of Williamson Act Contract	5	0	1	4
Revision to Williamson Act Contract	2	2	0	0
TOTAL	222	109	4	109

Table 1.1 Planning Commission Action on Applications Submitted in 2019 and Prior Years			
Application Type	Approved / Recommended Approval	Denied / Withdrawn	Subtotal
Zone Map Amendment (Rezone)	6	0	6
Amendment to Text of the Zoning Ordinance	0	0	0
Conditional Use Permit	22	2	24
Director Review & Approval	1	1	2
General Plan Amendment	2	0	2
Environmental Impact Report	0	0	0
Tentative Tract Map	1	0	1
Variance	19	1	20
Time Extensions (TT, CUP or VA)	7	0	7
General Plan Conformity Findings	5	0	5
Site Plan Review	1	1	2
Total:	64	5	69

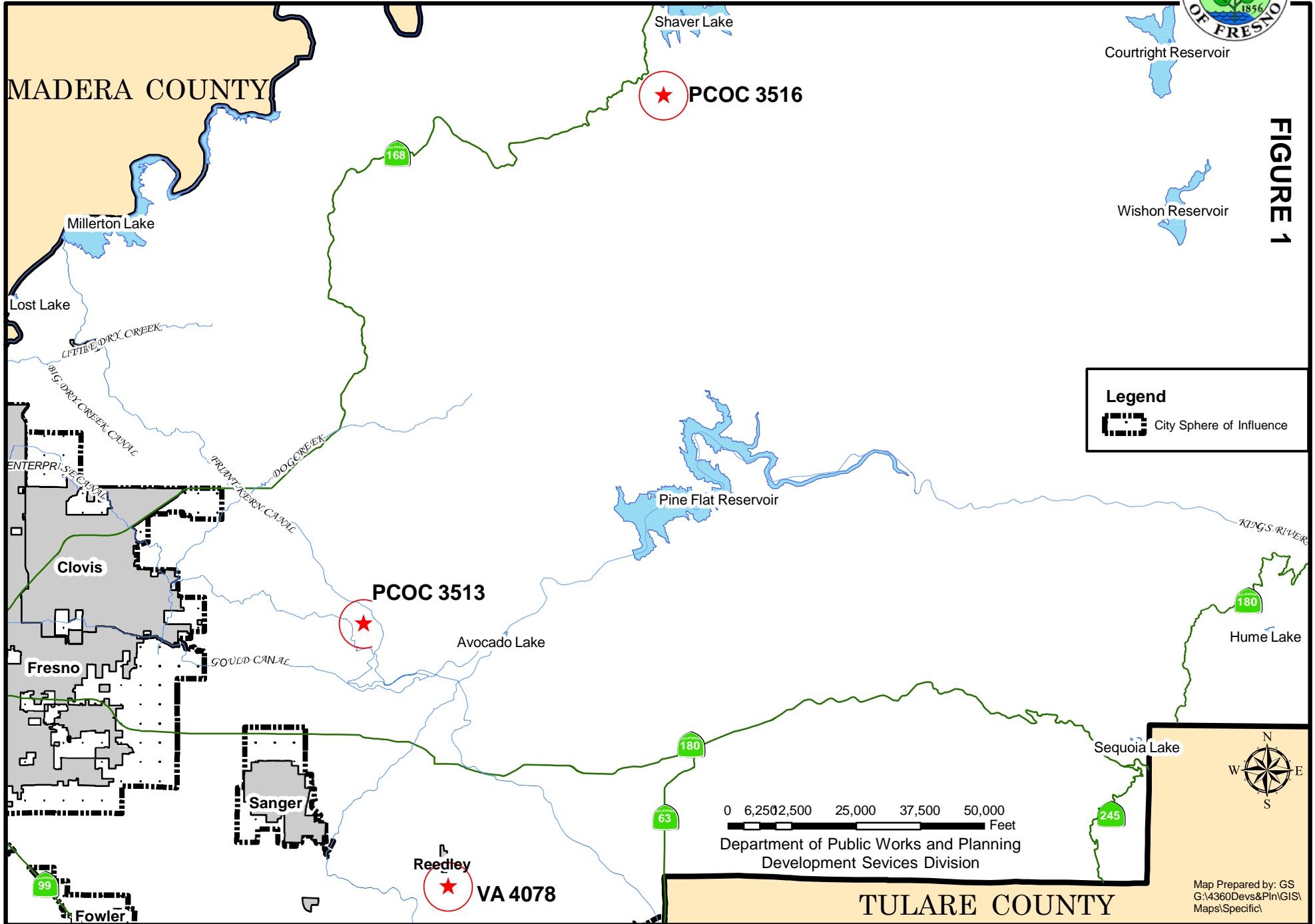
Table 2 Lot Size Exceptions Approved in 2019		
Exception Type	Size of Parcel Created	APN
Gift Deed (PCOC 3513)*	2.5 acres	158-330-77
Homesite (PCOC 3516)*	3.16 acres	130-920-23
Variance (VA 4078)	2.23 and 2.23 acres	360-130-01

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

*Gift deeds and homesites are permitted per Section 816.5.A.2.b.(2) of the Zoning Ordinance.

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LOT SIZE EXCEPTIONS



GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS

The following are the General Plan Amendments that were submitted for processing in 2019 or were submitted in prior year(s) and continued to be processed, or were concluded in the 2019 calendar year:

General Plan Amendment (GPA) Application	Description
GPA No. 553	Leo Gonzales, amend the General Plan by re-designating 8.38 acres from Agricultural to General Industrial and rezone the subject property from AE-20 to M-3 Zone District – in process
GPA No. 554	Jeff Roberts, redesignate a five-acre area of a 40.00-acre parcel known as APN 300-542-12 from “Park” to “Medium Density Residential” and change its zoning from the O to R-1(c) Zone District, and simultaneously redesignate approximately 13 acres within the same parcel, but at a different on-site location, from “Medium Density Residential” to “Open Space” and change its zoning from the R-1(c) to O Zone District – the Planning Commission recommended approval on May 16, 2019 and the project was approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 6, 2019
GPA No. 555	Roger Van Groningen, amend the Selma Community Plan to redesignate 27.82 acres from Agricultural to General Industrial and rezone from AE-20 to M-3 Zone District for proposed railroad freight terminal – in process
GPA No. 556	Jason Higton, redesignate an approximately 0.34-acre parcel from Low Density Residential to Medium Density Residential in the Roosevelt Community Plan and rezone from R-1-B to R-2 Zone District – the Planning Commission recommended approval on September 12, 2019 and the project was approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 10, 2019.
GPA No. 557	C&A Farms, LLC, redesignate an approximately 158.57-acre property from Agricultural to Heavy Industrial and rezone from AE-20 to M-3 Zone District – in process
GPA No. 558	Harbans Lehra, redesignate an approximately 1.76-acre property from Agricultural to Community Commercial and rezone from AC to C-2 Zone District – in process
GPA No. 560	Akhavi, LLC, redesignate approximately 14.71 acres from Agricultural to Service Commercial and rezone from AC and AE-20 to C-6 Zone District – in process

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The County implements the General Plan primarily through its Zoning Ordinance. Zoning Ordinance Amendments processed in 2019 are identified below.

Amendments to the Text of the Zoning Ordinance

No amendments to the text of the Zoning Ordinance were submitted or approved in 2019. One application submitted in 2018 is still being processed.

Amendment to Text Application No.	Description
378	Amend the Zoning Ordinance to modify Section 857 to allow streamlining of oil development applications – AT number assigned June 3, 2018 and application still in review - in process

Rezone Applications

The Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Rezone) Applications processed in 2019 are described below.

Amendment (Rezone) Application No.	Description
3827	Rezone one acre from R-2 (Low-Density Multiple-Family Residential, 6,600 square-foot minimum parcel size) to R-P (c) (Residential and Professional Office, Conditional) – the Planning Commission recommended approval on March 7, 2019 and the project was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 7, 2019.
3828	Rezone 124.17 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – in process
3829	Rezone 42.6 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – the Planning Commission recommended approval on December 12, 2019
3830	Rezone 8.38 acres from AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) - in process
3831	Rezone a five-acre portion of a 40-acre parcel from O (Open Conservation) Zone District to R-1(c) (Single Family Residential, 6,000 square-foot minimum parcel size, Conditional), and simultaneously change the land use designation of approximately 13 acres within the same parcel, but at a different on-site location, from “Medium Density Residential” to “Open Space” and change its zoning from the R-1(c) (Single Family Residential, 6,000 square-foot minimum parcel size, Conditional) Zone District to O (Open Conservation) to allow an 80-unit PUD in the Millerton New Town area - the Planning Commission recommended approval on May 16, 2019 and the project was approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 6, 2019
3832	Rezone an 18.56 and a 9.29-acre parcel from AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) - in process

3833	Rezone a 0.34-acre parcel from R-1-B (Single-Family Residential) to R-2 (Low-Density Multiple-Family Residential) – the Planning Commission recommended approval on September 12, 2019 and the project was approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 10, 2019
3834	Rezone 160 acres from AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) - in process
3835	Rezone 4.82 acres from RR (Rural Residential) to C-1 (Neighborhood Shopping Center) – the Planning Commission recommended approval on March 7, 2019 and the project was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 7, 2019
3836	Rezone 5.5 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to C-M (Commercial and Light Manufacturing) - in process
3837	Rezone 2.5 acres from AL-40 (Limited Agricultural, 40-acre minimum parcel size) to AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) – the Planning Commission recommended approval on October 10, 2019 and the project was approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 10, 2019
3838	Rezone 1.74 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing) - in process
3839	Rezone 1.76 acres from AC (Agricultural Commercial Center) to C-2 (Community Shopping Center) - in process
3840	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

OTHER PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Environmental Impact Reports (EIR)

EIR 7180 (Coalinga Oilfield Improvements)

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application Nos. 3538, 3539, and 3548 to allow ongoing oil and gas exploration, drilling, and production activities on properties within the Coalinga Oil Field on one hundred and five (105) parcels totaling 25,749 acres, generally located six miles west of Interstate 5 (I-5) and 0.5 mile west of the center of the City of Coalinga.

In 2019, County staff continued working with the applicant to finalize the EIR agreement.

EIR 7225 (Little Bear Solar)

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application Nos. 3550, 3551, 3552, 3553, and 3577 to allow the construction and operation of a 180-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) energy generation and energy storage project - located south of West California Avenue and west State Route 33 (South Derrick Avenue), approximately two and one half miles southwest of the nearest city limits of the City of Mendota.

The project went before the Planning Commission on December 6, 2018. The EIR was not certified and the project was denied. The Applicant appealed to the Board of Supervisors. At the Board hearing that was held on February 26, 2019 the Board certified the EIR and approved the project.

EIR 7230 Scarlet Solar

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3555 to allow the construction and operation of a 400-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) generation facility and 200 MW energy storage project on 27 parcels totaling 4,069 acres generally located south of West South Avenue, north of West Dinuba Avenue, east of State Route 33 (SR-33; South Derrick Avenue), and west of South San Mateo Avenue, approximately four miles west-southwest of the unincorporated community of Tranquillity.

In 2019, County staff continued to work with the applicant and the EIR consultant to prepare the Draft EIR.

EIR 7257 (Fifth Standard Solar)

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application Nos. 3562, 3563, and 3564 to allow the construction and operation of a 150-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) generation facility, a 20 MW solar PV generation facility, and a 20 MW energy storage facility – The proposed project is located on twelve (12) parcels totaling 1600 acres, generally located west of South Lassen Avenue (SR-269), north of West Jayne Avenue, east of South Lake Avenue, and west of West Gale Avenue, approximately three miles south of the nearest city limits of the City of Huron.

In 2019, County staff continued to work with the applicant and the EIR consultant to prepare the EIR.

EIR 7398 South Lake Solar

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3596 to allow the construction and operation of an up to 80-megawatt (MW) solar power generating facility with the potential to add up to 80 MW of energy storage on the site and a 70 kV overhead tie line, which will extend approximately 500 feet from the on-site substation to the adjacent Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) transmission line on two (2) parcels totaling 585 acres - generally located 30 miles southwest of the City of Fresno and 3.4 miles south-southwest of the unincorporated community of Five Points.

In 2019, County staff continued to work with the applicant and the EIR consultant to prepare the Draft EIR.

Other Activities

Tribal Consultation

AB 52 (Gatto), amended provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) approved by the Governor on September 25, 2014. AB 52 requires that within 14 days of determining that an application for a project is complete or of a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, a lead agency must provide formal notification to the designated contact or tribal representative of traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice. In turn, the tribe must respond, in writing, within 30 days of receipt 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 2019, staff consulted with tribal governments on various projects subject to CEQA.

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 2019, staff audited Williamson Act Contracts and recorded Nonrenewals on 45 parcels that do 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 required formation of groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) to develop and implement a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) to ensure that high and medium-priority basins are operated within sustainable yields. In 2016, the Department of Public Works and Planning initiated the formation of a working group to coordinate and collaborate with agencies within the County that qualified under SGMA to be a GSA. In 2017, seventeen (17) GSAs were established within three (3) high-priority basins within Fresno County. In 2019, the Pleasant Valley Subbasin was re-classified as a medium-priority basin, resulting in the establishment of three (3) additional GSAs within Fresno County.

During 2019, no SGMA working group meetings were held because the GSAs focused their efforts on preparing their GSPs. Members of the Board of Supervisors participated on four (4) of the GSA governing boards, and County staff participated in over 200 Board, policy, technical, and outreach committee meetings. The GSAs are required to submit their GSPs to the California Department of Water Resources by January 31, 2020. Failure to prepare and submit a GSP in a groundwater basin could result in the State Water Resources Control Board asserting its power to manage local groundwater resources.

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 26, 2019, County staff presented the 2019-20 Annual Report for the water year (April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020). Staff's recommendation was that all Community Service Areas (CSAs) and Waterworks Districts (WWDs), with the exception of one CSA and one WWD, remain on Normal Water Conservation. 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). Further, the recommendation was also made for the Board to implement Stage 4 Water Conservation for WWD 40 due to water capacity issues with their water system. County staff has been working with WWD 40 to identify new/additional sources of water. The Board accepted the 2019-20 Annual Report and implemented all recommendations made by staff for the 2019-20 water year.

Operations of County Landfills

There are two landfills currently operating within the County: the American Avenue Disposal Site (AADS) and the Clovis Landfill (CL). The estimated closure date for AADS has been revised to August 3, 2036 from the October 6, 2034 estimated closure date reported in the 2018 APR. The estimated closure date for CL is April 30, 2047.

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)
- Waste Reporting Parameters (AB 1594)
- Construction and Demolition Waste Diversion Requirement (SB 1374), including Title 15 Building Standards Code related to diversion requirements

APPENDIX A

This appendix includes a matrix showing the status of General Plan Implementation Programs for the Economic Development Element, Agriculture and Land Use Element, Transportation Element, Public Facilities and Services Element, Open Space and Conservation Element and the Health and Safety Element.

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PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
Economic Development Element			
ED-A Economic Development			
ED-A.A			
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)	Board of Supervisors County Administrative Office (CAO) Public Works & Planning (PW&P)	FY 00-01	<p>On September 12, 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved formation of an Economic Development Action Team (EDAT) Standing Committee with Structure, Objectives and Composition as outlined below:</p> <p><u>Structure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formed as a Standing Committee to discuss EDAT issues/projects with meetings convened based on need. <p><u>Objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with County staff to implement the following three goals of the Economic Development Element of the County's General Plan: (1) Job Creation, (2) Economic Base Diversification, and (3) Labor Force Preparedness; • Assist County staff in reviewing the Economic Development Element of the County General Plan; and • Provide direction to County staff regarding economic development projects in the unincorporated area of Fresno County. <p><u>Composition</u> <i>County of Fresno</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, or another supervisor designated by the Chairman; • A second County Supervisor determined by the issue/project the EDAT is discussing; • County Administrative Officer; • Public Works and Planning Director; and • City representatives impacted by the issue/project the EDAT is discussing.

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			<p><i>For the City of Fresno the representatives would include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor of the City of Fresno; • President of the City Council for the City of Fresno; and • City Manager of the City of Fresno. <p><i>For the Cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, or Selma the representatives would include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor of that City; and • City Manager of that City. <p>The County is currently contracting with the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for implementation of the Economic Development Element Programs of the County General Plan.</p> <p>In 2019, the County activated its EDAT in partnership with the City of Sanger and EDC. Following completion of the 2019 Opportunity Analysis, Chairman Nathan Magsig and Supervisor Buddy Mendes formally engaged city representatives to coordinate joint grant applications for Economic Development Administration funding to extend vital infrastructure to service the Highway 180 – Academy Avenue growth area.</p>
ED-A.B			
The County shall create, support, and staff an Action Team to coordinate countywide economic development. (See Policy ED-A.3)	Board of Supervisors CAO	FY 00-01	See ED-A.A.

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PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
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)	Board of Supervisors CAO	FY 05-06; every five (5) years thereafter	<p>The Economic Development Corporation works with the County to update the County's Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).</p> <p>In 2019, the EDC compiled research, demographics and data to update the CEDS. Each city was contacted to provide any additions or changes concerning their economic development goals, strategies and initiatives.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Economic Development Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>
ED-A.D			
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)	Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 01-02; 02-03; 03-04	This program has been implemented. The General Plan Policy LU-A.3 allows for the establishment of value-added processing facilities in areas designated Agriculture through approval of a discretionary permit subject to established criteria which includes analysis of service requirements for facilities and the capability and capacity of surrounding areas to provide the services required.

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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	Per direction from the CAO's office, the analysis of economic impacts are no longer required in the staff report for discretionary permits. As such, this program is obsolete.
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	<p>The EDC has developed several marketing efforts for Fresno County produce.</p> <p>The EDC regularly develops and updates marketing collateral for Fresno County to use during tradeshows, targeted missions and direct business outreach. In 2019, the EDC created a tailored Agricultural Industry Packet for use at the AMCHAM Shanghai Conference and during Chinese business visits to promote foreign direct investment. These materials will be used as collateral in 2020. Included in the marketing material was insights from the 2018 Crop Report, which listed Fresno County's \$7.8 Billion agricultural industry, leading the United States in agricultural production.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Economic Development Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>

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PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
ED-A.G			
<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>The EDC in working with the County will identify if capital deficiencies exist for farmers with capital costs of shifting production modes for crops that create higher employment levels.</p> <p>The EDC proactively marketed several key resources and programs that can provide farmers and food processors/producers cost saving incentives. This past year, the EDC focused on the California Energy Commission's (CEC) Food Production Investment Program, referring several eligible businesses to apply. Grants are awarded to companies who plan to upgrade their processing equipment that reduces energy consumption and GHG emissions. As a result, \$753,000 was awarded in CEC grants to area businesses to upgrade their equipment. EDC is working with the California League of Food Producers and local stakeholders on additional referrals until the program's funding expires.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Economic Development Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>

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PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
ED-B			
Economic Base Diversification			
ED-B.A			
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)	Board of Supervisors CAO	FY 02-03; 03-04	<p>In July 2002 the Fresno Regional e-Government Taskforce was created to develop a plan for utilizing electronic information technology to improve the delivery of governmental services and to expand the opportunity for economic development. The group was instrumental in improving collaboration and data sharing between the County and the Cities of Fresno and Clovis. In January 2010, regular meetings were suspended due to lack of funding.</p> <p>During 2018 and 2019, the EDC helped facilitate dialogue among city managers and the County Chief Administrative Officer to discuss strategies and best practices surrounding broadband right of way and expansion.</p> <p>Moreover, the EDC has remained in communication with one of the nation's largest independent fiber bandwidth providers in the United States to discuss an expansion of dark fiber for commercial and industrial users.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Economic Development Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>

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ED-B.B			
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)	Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 02-03; 03-04	<p>The Economic Development Corporation (EDC) works to enhance the stability and growth of Fresno County's 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.</p> <p>The EDC updates its Ready2Hire jobs platform to serve its New Employment Opportunities program in partnership 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> <p>EDC is also a member of Fresno4Biz which serves as a digital business resource clearinghouse to address technical assistance needs.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Economic Development Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>

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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)	Board of Supervisors CAO PW&P	FY 02-03	<p>The Economic Development Corporation (EDC) through its Business Expansion, Attraction, and Retention (BEAR) Action Network program works with businesses seeking to locate or expand in Fresno County and works to assist with financing and microloan programs.</p> <p>In 2019, the EDC partnered with AccessPlus Capital, a federal CDFI, to develop programming to be made available to small businesses with capital needs. EDC will utilize its data and outreach arm to identify companies requiring additional capital to spur growth and job creation. Program implementation is set to begin in 2020.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Economic Development Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>
ED-B.D			
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)	Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 01-02	The County continues to identify recreational opportunities in the coast range foothills and other areas of the County.

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ED-B.E			
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)	Board of Supervisors CAO PW&P	FY 00-01	<p>The Fresno Economic Development Corporation in cooperation with the Visitor and Convention Bureau works on developing effective marketing programs that attract business and travel to the County.</p> <p>EDC coordinates with the Fresno/Clovis Convention and Visitors Bureau to ensure messaging continuity as needed. In 2019, EDC completed the 2019 Opportunity Analysis which enlisted the support of the Fresno/Clovis Convention and Visitor's Bureau.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Economic Development Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>
ED-C			
Labor Force Preparedness			
ED-C.A			
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)	Workforce Development Board Social Services	Ongoing	<p>Fresno County is 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 in the County.</p> <p>In 2019, Lee Ann Eager served as a county appointed member of the Workforce Development Board.</p>

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ED-C.B			
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)	Social Services	FY 01-02	<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 EDC routinely updates its Ready2Hire portal, which aligns the CalWORKS labor pool with employment opportunities from the EDC's client network. In 2019, EDC began preparing a comprehensive quarterly jobs analysis. The quarterly jobs report outlines top occupations in demand by 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> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Economic Development Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>

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ED-C.C			
The County shall improve tracking systems for employment and retention for CalWORKS recipients. (See Policy ED-C.1)	Social Services	FY 00-01	<p>The Department of Social Services uses an automated system developed for use by counties throughout the State to record employment information.</p> <p>EDC has dedicated Retention Specialists who are focused on the successful retention of CalWORKS recipients participating in the New Employment Opportunities program (NEO). Once CalWORKS participants have been placed into employment through NEO, Retention Specialists conduct monthly face-to-face outreach to client businesses to evaluate the performance of the employee and relay any concerns to DSS Job Specialists to proactively address challenges. Retention services are provided for one year following conclusion of a NEO contract.</p> <p>Moreover, EDC utilizes its pool of participating businesses and placed CalWORKS recipients to carryout 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> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Economic Development Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>

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ED-C.D			
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)	Social Services	Ongoing	<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. Twelve job fairs were attended on behalf of DSS and one specialized recruitment event was carried out on behalf of companies with hiring needs. During this past year, five cohorts of the Truck Drivers Training Program were held, graduating 38 CalWORKS recipients and placing 36 into employment. Moreover, 31 CalWORKS recipients completed the Valley Apprenticeship Connections program with 33 graduating and finding employment (some graduates from the previous year were also placed into employment).</p> <p>In October, the EDC partnered with the City of Fresno in hosting a job fair in South Fresno, where over a dozen employers and 400 jobseekers participated.</p>

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ED-C.E			
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)	Social Services	Ongoing	<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>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. Moreover, EDC staff remains an active participant with the San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance which aims to upskill and train future workers for key manufacturing-based jobs.</p>
ED-C.F			
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)	Social Services	Ongoing	<p>The Fresno County Workforce Investment Board, the Employment Development Department and the Economic Development Corporation assist Fresno employers in meeting their labor needs by delivering outplacement, recruitment and training services.</p> <p>2019 was a very successful year for the New Employment Opportunities program. In 2018, the EDC and County of Fresno received recognition with the International Economic Development Council's Gold Award for Best Programs. 192 businesses participated in NEO, 284 subsidized job placements were made with a 94% retention rate in addition to 74 unsubsidized job placements.</p>

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Agriculture and Land Use Element			
LU-A Agriculture			
LU-A.A			
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)	Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 00-01; 01-02	The County has undertaken the comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance to ensure consistency between the Zoning Ordinance and the General Plan. The County continues to amend its Subdivision Ordinance to ensure consistency of the Ordinance with the policies of the General Plan.
LU-A.B			
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.)	PW&P	FY 03-04	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.

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LU-A.C			
<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>	PW&P	FY 03-04	The County requires buffers for certain land uses with the potential to hinder agricultural uses. For discretionary land use proposals including tentative tract maps, buffers are taken into consideration as part of project conditions. This has also been applied to utility-scale photovoltaic solar facilities with a general policy of 50 feet between panels or structures and surrounding agricultural properties.

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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)	PW&P	Ongoing	The Williamson Act Program (Program) and placing agricultural land under conservation easement are two effective methods for preservation of agricultural land. The Department of Public Works and Planning audits the Williamson Act contracts for conformity with the State and County requirements when an applicant or a landowner submits a development application or a building permit request. Parcels that no longer meet the eligibility requirements to remain in the Program will be removed from the Program. County staff does its due diligence and works with the State Department of Conservation on petitions for cancellation of contracts, continues to utilize the Agricultural Land Conservation Committee to review cancellation petitions, and forwards the Committee's recommendations to the Board of Supervisors (see Policy LU-A.F).
LU-A.E			
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)	County Department of Agriculture	Ongoing	The County staff utilizes the Right-to-Farm Ordinance notification process on many types of discretionary land use permits to insure that applicants or future property owners are aware of ongoing agricultural activities within the vicinity of developments approved via a discretionary approval process. Further, County staff actively communicates with the Agricultural Commissioner's Office on discretionary projects proposed in agricultural areas and seeks comments from that Department.

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LU-A.F			
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)	PW&P County Department of Agriculture	Ongoing	<p>The Board of Supervisors has adopted Resolutions of Support for land owners who wish to place their land under conservation easement. In 2017, the Board adopted a Resolution to place 642 acres in a conservation easement. In 2015, the Board adopted one Resolution to place a 56-acre parcel in a conservation easement and in 2014 the Board adopted two Resolutions to place a total of 309 acres in a conservation easement.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Land Use Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted or revised.</p>
LU-A.G			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	The Board of Supervisors continues to support land owners who wish to place their land under conservation easement, provided that the proposals meet certain required criteria.

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LU-A.H			
The County shall develop a program establishing criteria to prioritize funding for agricultural conservation easements. (See Policy LU-A.16)	PW&P	FY 02-03	<p>The County uses the State's criteria in its review of proposals submitted by landowners requesting a Resolution of Support to obtain grants to place agricultural land under conservation easements.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of the Land Use Element are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted or revised.</p>
LU-A.I			
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>PW&P</p> <p>County Department of Agriculture</p>	FY 03-04	The County has not assessed utilizing an agricultural quality scale system similar to LESA as part of the evaluation process of converting agricultural land to non-agricultural uses. However, the impacts of projects on agricultural lands are analyzed for projects that may have a potential impact on conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural uses as part of the environmental assessment of discretionary projects.

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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	During the 2019 calendar year, two lot size exceptions were granted through provisions outlined in Policy LU-A.9. In addition, two lot size exceptions, specific to agricultural zoning, were granted through a variance application approved by the decision-making body. A list of the exceptions granted is included on Page 10 of the 2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report and a map illustrating the locations of the exceptions is included on page 11 of said Report.
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	During the 2019 calendar year, two lot size exceptions were granted through provisions outlined in Policy LU-A.9. In addition, two lot size exceptions, specific to agricultural zoning, were granted through a variance application approved by the decision-making body. A list of the exceptions granted is included on Page 10 of the 2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report and a map illustrating the locations of the exceptions is included on page 11 of said Report.

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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	Due to budgetary constraints and timing of other plan updates, implementation of this program has been delayed. There has been some renewed interest in updating the plan, which has arisen with public interest in surface mining projects on the Kings River.
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	The Recompile San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan was approved and adopted by the San Joaquin River Conservancy Governing Board on July 20, 2000. The San Joaquin River Conservancy (SJRC) started the process of updating the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan in June of 2013 that includes an update of policies and planned facilities, and the preparation of a Master EIR. The SJRC Board approved the Master Plan update and the Final EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2013061035) on April 11, 2018. The SJRC will be working with the Department of Public Works and Planning, Resources Division, Parks (County Parks) for the completion of the Lost Lake Master Plan. The County has been participating as a member of the Interagency Project Development Committee. The County also regularly coordinates with the interested agencies/stakeholders with regard to project reviews to discuss and minimize possible project impacts to river resources.

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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.7)	Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 01-02	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, and subsequently amended with AT No. 352 in 2004. Therefore, this program has been implemented and will be removed.
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	The County's General Plan and the General Plan of the cities of Fresno and Clovis include policies that promote infill of vacant and underutilized land. Also, the cost of providing urban services to suburbs is a disincentive that has motivated several cities to pursue infill development over annexation of new territory.

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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	The County is in the process of updating its Zoning Ordinance which will include provisions for mixed uses and pedestrian and transit-oriented developments.
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	FY 01-02	The County is in the process of Reviewing and Revision of its General Plan and updating its Zoning Ordinance. As part of the revision and update process the allowable density in the R2, R2-A, R3, R3-A, R4, C4 and RP Zone Districts is proposed to be increased to 20 units per acre.
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	The Department of Public Works and Planning staff reviews annexation proposals submitted by cities to ensure consistency of the proposals with the City and County General Plans and the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and each City.

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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	This program has been suspended pending additional Board direction.

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<p>LU-H.B</p> <p>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.</p>	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>Efforts that began in 2014 culminated with a January 27, 2015 joint meeting between the Madera County Board of Supervisors and the Fresno County Board of Supervisors at the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG). Topics discussed at the joint meeting included development and land use vision in the Rio Mesa area and Friant Corridor, Fresno County/Madera County Highway 41 Origin-Destination Study, and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA).</p> <p>On June 22, 2015, a joint meeting between the Board of Supervisors and representatives of all 15 incorporated cities within the County was held at the FCOG. Topics discussed included SGMA, Marijuana Ordinances, land use and preservation and special districts.</p> <p>On November 17, 2015, a joint meeting between the Board of Supervisors and the representatives from the Cities of Clovis, Fowler, Fresno and Sanger was held at the FCOG. Topics discussed included industrial parks, spheres of influence and SGMA.</p> <p>On May 30, 2017, a joint meeting between the Board of Supervisors and representatives from the City of Fresno was held at Fresno City Hall. Topics discussed included emergency coordination/public safety, ShotSpotter technology expansion, Marijuana Ordinances and animal control.</p> <p>There are efforts underway for the Board of Supervisors and the Fresno City Council to meet periodically to discuss regional issues.</p>

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LU-H.C			
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)	PW&P	FY 02-03	The County has prepared a format and guideline for new and updates to existing plans. This program has been implemented and will be deleted.
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)	Planning Commission Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 02-03; annually thereafter	The Public Works and Planning Department prepares and presents the General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) for the previous calendar year to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.
LU-H.E			
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)	Board of Supervisors PW&P	FY 05-06; every five (5) years thereafter	The County is currently working on the Review of the General Plan documents. On September 22, 2015 the Board of Supervisors accepted the scope of work and authorized the Chairman to execute a Consultant Agreement with the consulting firm of Mintier-Harnish to provide planning and environmental consulting services for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the General Plan Review and Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Update.

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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	The Zoning Ordinance has been amended to incorporate the policies of the 2000 General Plan Update. The County is currently working on the update of the Zoning Ordinance along with the Review and Revision of General Plan documents. On September 22, 2015, the Board of Supervisors accepted the scope of work and authorized the Chairman to execute a Consultant Agreement with the consulting firm of Mintier-Harnish to provide planning and environmental consulting services for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the General Review and Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Update.
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	The Public Works and Planning Department currently conditions discretionary projects that exterior lighting to be hooded and directed so as to avoid glare onto adjacent roads or properties. A Mitigation Measure is included to reduce ambient light as well as glare impacts when an environmental assessment is required.

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Transportation and Circulation Element			
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Streets and Highways			
TR-A.A			
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)	PW&P Board of Supervisors	FY 00-01; every five years thereafter	The Road Improvement Program (RIP) is a multi-year maintenance and construction programming plan and reflects the County's efforts to protect and improve the public investment in the County road system and to provide for the safe and efficient movement of people and commodities. The RIP identifies maintenance funding levels and specific projects expected to be delivered within a defined time frame. The funding in the RIP reflects current and projected budgets and the RIP also identifies, but does not fund, a number of recommended projects that are necessary for an improved County road and bridge system. These prospective projects are described in a series of appendices to the RIP. The types of projects in the RIP include bridge replacement/repair, road reconstruction, traffic signals, shoulder widening, and pavement repair. The RIP was last updated on September 10, 2019.

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TR-A.B			
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)	PW&P Board of Supervisors	FY 01-02	A traffic impact fee has been adopted by the Board of Supervisors. However, on May 19, 2015, the Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing to consider an amendment to repeal the Public Facilities Impact Fees Ordinance in its entirety. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board decided to continue suspension of the impact fees to November 9, 2017 and directed Staff to return to the Board with a workshop on the County's Facility Impact Fees and provide options for the Board to consider. On October 31, 2017, the Board of Supervisors conducted the second public hearing to consider an amendment to the County Ordinance for Public Facilities Impact Fees. On October 9, 2018, the Board voted to discontinue public facilities impact fees established in 2008, but maintain authorization to establish new public facilities impact fees in the future.
TR-A.C			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	The County continues to pursue funding for transportation improvements in working with the Fresno Council of Governments.
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	During 2019, the County continued coordinating its transportation planning with FCOG, Caltrans, Cities and adjacent jurisdictions.

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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	The County implements this program/policy on a continuous basis. The County is currently working on updating the County's Improvement Standards.
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	The County works 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 2020-2024 was adopted by the FCOG Policy Board on June 27, 2019.
TR-B.B			
The County shall encourage transit providers and FCOG to prepare, adopt, and implement a long-range strategic transit master plan for the County or 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)	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>The Fresno County Regional Long Range Transit Plan (LRTP) will guide 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> <p>The LRTP <i>Final Draft</i> was released in March 2019.</p>

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TR-B.C			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	Fresno County continues to work with FCOG to identify and pursue funding for transit.
TR-B.D			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	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.
TR-B.E			
The County shall work with the cities in the County to prepare and adopt land use and design standards for areas within designated urban transit corridors to promote transit accessibility and use. (See Policy TR-B.3)	PW&P	After FY 01-02 (if initiated by County)	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. In addition, the PTIS study makes policy recommendations that will be important to be adopted by City- and County-elected officials and implemented by planning department and public works administrators in order 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.
TR-B.F			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	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.

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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	On February 22, 2018, the FCOG Policy Board directed staff to hire a consultant to develop a Regional Active Transportation Plan (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. The ATP was adopted by FCOG's Policy Board on February 22, 2018.

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TR-D.B			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>The County continues to encourage implementation and use of bikeways and trails by implementing the goals and policies of the Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was 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). The Recreational Trails portion is currently under development and upon completion will also be integrated into the FCRATP. The Recreational Trails portion is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2020 with full integration of both the bike and trails portions in 2021.</p>
TR-D.C			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>The County requires sufficient pavement width for bikeways shown on the Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was 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>

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TR-D.D			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	The Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 15, 2011 and last updated on September 24, 2013 specifies California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) bikeway design standards as guidelines for the construction of Class I, II and III bicycle facilities.
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	The Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 15, 2011 and last 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	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.

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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	The County continues to use appropriate zoning classifications in designated rail corridors.
TR-E.C			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	The FCOG Rail Committee was dissolved in 2012 when the San Joaquin Valley Joint Powers Authority (SJVJPA) was formed. A Board of Supervisors member represents Fresno County by participating in the SJVJPA. This program will be removed.

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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 time lines.	CAO PW&P	Annually	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	<p>The CIP was last updated in 2006. However, update of the CIP has been suspended by the Board with the suspension of impact fees until November 9, 2017 based on Board action which occurred on February 2, 2015.</p> <p>On March 20, 2018, the Board of Supervisors received and approved the proposed update to the adopted County Capital Improvement Plan to enable expenditure of public facility impact fees collected under the 2008 program.</p> <p>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 maintain authorization to establish new public facilities impact fees in the future.</p>

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PF-B.B			
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>CAO</p> <p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p>PW&P</p>	FY 01-02; 02-03	<p>On October 8, 2013, the Board of Supervisors considered potential options to the County's Public Facilities Impact Fee Ordinance and Schedule of Fees and associated Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and any other actions related to the previously collected, unspent fees, and budgetary impacts resulting from those actions. The potential options included: 1) Continue the temporary suspension of collecting Public Facilities Impact (PFI) Fees through November 9, 2015, as approved by the Board on June 19, 2012; 2) Engage a consultant to prepare an updated PFI Fee Report and direct staff to prepare an associated CIP; 3) Engage with the consultant to study and prepare a report to reduce the number of categories and areas they serve; and, 4) Adopt an ordinance repealing the PFI and adopt a resolution to terminate the associated CIP and refund fees collected to the property owners of record.</p> <p>On February 2, 2015, the Board of Supervisors conducted a second public hearing to consider an amendment to repeal the Public Facilities Impact Fees Ordinance in its entirety. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board decided to continue suspension of the impact fees until November 9, 2017 and directed Staff to return to the Board in two years.</p> <p>On March 20, 2018, the Board of Supervisors received and approved a proposed update to the adopted County Capital Improvement Plan to enable expenditure of public facility impact fees collected under the 2008 program.</p> <p>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 maintain 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	<p>The Water and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Public Works and Planning reviews all discretionary permits and provides recommendation for requirements and mitigation measures as necessary. The County, prior to consideration of any discretionary project related to land use, requires a water supply evaluation as outlined in General Plan Policy PF-C.17.</p> <p>In addition, the County is currently working to implement the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) which will further address the resolution of water supply problems. The SGMA signed into law in September of 2014 required formation of groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) to develop and implement a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) to ensure that high and medium-priority basins are operated within sustainable yields.</p> <p>During 2019, no SGMA working group meetings were held because the GSAs focused their efforts on preparing their GSPs. Members of the Board of Supervisors participated on four (4) of the GSA governing boards, and County staff participated in over 200 Board, policy, technical, and outreach committee meetings. The GSAs are required to submit their GSPs to the California Department of Water Resources by January 31, 2020. Failure to prepare and submit a GSP in a groundwater basin could result in the State Water Resources Control Board asserting its power to manage local groundwater resources.</p>

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PF-C.B			
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.	PW&P Public Health	FY 02-03	The County Environmental Health Division has developed a procedure to ensure the abandoned wells are properly destroyed. This program will be removed.
PF-C.C			
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)	PW&P	As Needed	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. As an example, in 2010, a Water Supply Assessment was completed for the Millerton Specific Plan as part of the approval process for Tentative Tract Map No. 5430.
PF-C.D			
The County shall develop and implement a tiered water pricing structure for County Service Areas and Waterworks Districts. (See Policy PF-C.29)	PW&P	FY 02-03	Tiered water rate structures have been implemented in recent developments. Due to recent drought conditions, CSA and WWD water rate structures are being 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.

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PF-C.E			
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)	PW&P	FY 01-02	<p>Although specific 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. 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>As part of the General Plan Review process which is currently underway, policies and programs of all elements of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>
PF-C.F			
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)	PW&P	FY 00-01	This program has been implemented with the adoption of the Groundwater Transfer Ordinance and will be deleted.

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PF-C.G			
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)	PW&P	FY 01-02	The County enforces the State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance 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 have a 500 square-foot or more landscaping area.
PF-D			
Wastewater Collection, Treatment and Disposal			
PF-D.A			
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)	PW&P	As Needed	Areas that experience urban growth are required to prepare a sewer master plan or update the current master plan. The Public Works and Planning Department is responsible for implementing the policies and implementation programs in the plan. This program is being implemented on an as needed basis.

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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	The County coordinates with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) who is the Lead Agency for the Municipal Storm Water Permit held by FMFCD, the cities of Fresno and Clovis, Fresno County, and California State University Fresno. 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.
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	The Public Works and Planning staff reviews and comments on Initial Studies/Environmental Assessments and, when appropriate, provide comments recommending 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.

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PF-G Law Enforcement			
PF-G.A			
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)	Sheriff PW&P	As Needed	<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> <p>As an example, during the Laton Community Plan Update, Public Works and Planning Department staff worked with Sheriff's Department staff to identify a potential location for a future Sheriff's substation.</p>

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PF-H Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services			
PF-H.A			
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)	PW&P	As Needed	<p>The Public Works and Planning staff routes all 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> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process which is currently underway, policies and programs of all elements of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>
PF-H.B			
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>CAO</p> <p>County Fire</p>	Ongoing	The County works cooperatively with the California Department of Forestry and Cal Fire on various land use and permit matters. The County contracts with the California Department of Forestry/Cal Fire for the Amador Plan during the non-fire season to provide additional protection.

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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	The County involves the respective school district in the update of each regional, community and specific plan 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. Four General Plan Consistency requests were processed for proposed school sites in 2019.
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	The County involves library administration in the update of each regional, community and specific plan 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	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, and Delta Mendota basins in the County will be required to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) which will in turn create Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). The GSAs are required to submit their GSPs to the California Department of Water Resources by January 31, 2020. Failure to prepare and submit a GSP in a groundwater basin could result in the State Water Resources Control Board asserting its power to manage local groundwater resources.
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	Water budget development and maintenance will be required through the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in areas with aquifers identified as being in a condition of critical overdraft. 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. As part of the General Plan Review process which is currently underway, policies and programs of all elements of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.

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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>Groundwater monitoring and reporting will be a key component of the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), which requires local agencies within the Kings, Westside, and Delta Mendota basins to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) which will in turn create Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). The GSAs are required to submit their GSPs to the California Department of Water Resources by January 31, 2020. Failure to prepare and submit a GSP in a groundwater basin could result in the State Water Resources Control Board asserting its power to manage local groundwater resources.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process which is currently underway, policies and programs of all elements of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</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>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.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process which is currently underway, policies and programs of all elements of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>

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OS-B Forest Resources			
OS-B.A			
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)	PW&P	FY 03-04	<p>The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection enforcement authority granted under the Forest Practice Act and Rules is only applicable when conversion of land from a 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> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process which is currently underway, policies and programs of all elements of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>
OS-B.B			
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)	PW&P	FY 03-04	<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> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of all element of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</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>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	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).

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OS-D Wetland and Riparian Areas			
OS-D.A			
The County shall work toward the acquisition by public agencies or private non-profit conservation organizations of creek corridors, wetlands, and areas rich in wildlife or of a fragile ecological nature as public open space where such areas cannot be effectively preserved through the regulatory process. Such protection may take the form of fee acquisition or protective easements and may be carried out in cooperation with other local, State, and Federal agencies and private entities. Acquisition shall include provisions for maintenance and management in perpetuity. (See Policies OS-D.2 and OS-D.8)	PW&P	Ongoing	The County works with public agencies and private non-profit organizations toward acquisition of areas rich in wildlife or of fragile ecological nature as public open space where such areas cannot be protected and preserved through regulatory process.
OS-D.B			
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)	PW&P	FY 02-03	Due to budgetary constraints, a specific ordinance has not been adopted. The County continues to coordinate with resource agencies for projects located within sensitive habitat areas and applies mitigation measures to reduce any potential impacts to a less than significant level.

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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>Development projects that may have a potential impact on wetlands, riparian areas and habitats for special-status plants and 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> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of all element of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>

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OS-E.B			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	<p>The County provides development projects for comment to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for review and comment as to any potential impact on sensitive species of plants or animals. County staff also has access to State-maintained software which provides updated maps containing biological data in an electronic mapping database.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of all elements of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>

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OS-F Vegetation			
OS-F.A			
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)	PW&P	FY 00-01; every two years thereafter	<p>The County provides development projects for comment to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (formerly CDFG) for review and comment as to any potential impact on sensitive species of plants or animals. County staff also has access to State-maintained software which provides updated maps containing sensitive species of plants and animals in an electronic mapping database.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of all elements of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	<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, which contains the County's Oak Woodlands Management Guidelines, is considered.</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 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	The County provides development projects for comment to the SJVAPCD for review and comment on 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 as warranted (i.e., indirect source review, etc.) as part of the CEQA review process.
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>The County commonly promotes and utilizes telephone conference calling in lieu of physical meetings so as to minimize travel-related impacts. The County has begun to use 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. Additionally, given the increasing quality of current aerial photos and the available historical imagery which allows comparative analysis, County staff can in some instances use aerial information rather than conducting field visits.</p> <p>The County encourages employee participation in FCOG's car and van pool program.</p>

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OS-G.C			
The County shall amend its Subdivision and Grading Ordinances and Development Standards to address dust control measures for new development, access roads, and parking areas. (See Policies OS-G.13 and OS-G.14)	PW&P	FY 02-03	<p>All development projects must comply with the SJVAPCD regulations for dust control and project conditions or mitigation for discretionary land use permits may require additional levels of dust control.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of all elements of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>
OS-H			
Parks and Recreation			
OS-H.A			
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)	PW&P	FY 01-02; 02-03	Funds have not been available to prepare a comprehensive inventory of all parks and recreation areas and to identify other areas suitable for park acquisition and development. Funds have not been allocated to prepare a County park and recreation master plan.

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OS-H.B			
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)	PW&P	Ongoing	Public Works and Planning staff considers the need for 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. It should be noted that 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.
OS-I			
Recreational Trails			
OS-I.A			
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)	PW&P	FY 02-03	This program has been implemented; the Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on September 24, 2013. Since then, the bicycle portion has been integrated into the Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan (FCRATP). The Recreational Trails portion is currently under development and upon completion will also be integrated into the FCRATP. The Recreational Trails portion is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2020 with full integration of both the bike and trails portions in 2021.
OS-I.B			
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)	PW&P	FY 02-03	This program has been implemented. It is included in the Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on September 24, 2013. This program will be deleted.

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OS-I.C			
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)	PW&P	FY 01-02	This program has been implemented. It is included in the Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors 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. This program will be deleted.
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	<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 potential impact on significant archeological and historical and geological resources. However, no ordinance has been developed.</p> <p>As part of the General Plan Review process, policies and programs of all elements of the General Plan are being reviewed to determine which policies still serve a purpose and should be kept/modified and which ones have served their purpose or are no longer relevant and should be deleted.</p>

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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	This program has been implemented via adoption of Amendment to Text (AT) No. 361 on July 8, 2008, and has been incorporated into the Zoning Ordinance. This program will be deleted.
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	County staff collaborated with the Sierra Gateway Trust, Inc. and Caltrans in pursuit of a State Official Scenic Highway designation for segments of SR 180. Staff of the County and Caltrans with the Sierra Gateway Trust worked together to complete the Visual Assessment and Corridor Protection Program in support of a State Official Scenic Highway designation status for approximately 60.7 miles of the eastern segments of SR 180. On October 15, 2015, the Caltrans Director approved designation of the two sections 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 as a State Scenic Highway.

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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	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	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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PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
HS-A.C			
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)	PW&P County Office of Emergency Services	Ongoing	The County Department of Internal Services evaluates County facilities in conjunction with concerns raised by the occupying department. 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.
HS-A.D			
The County shall continue to conduct programs to inform the general public of emergency preparedness and disaster response procedures. (See Policy HS-A.4)	County Office of Emergency Services	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. 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.
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	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			
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	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.
HS-C.B			
The County shall continue to implement and enforce its Floodplain Management Ordinance. (See Policy HS-C.8)	PW&P	Ongoing	The Department of Public Works and Planning reviews all submitted projects for conformance with floodplain requirements through the grading permit process.
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	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 failures of major dams.

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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	The County 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.
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	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. 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.
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	Because no unreinforced masonry buildings have been located within the unincorporated areas of the County, a public awareness program has not been developed. This program will be deleted as part of the ongoing General Plan Review process.

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HS-E Airports Hazards			
HS-E.A			
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.	PW&P County Airport Land Use Commission	Ongoing	All applicable land use applications are referred to the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) that is administered by FCOG, for evaluation of consistency with the appropriate Airport Land Use Policy Plan. Recommendations of the ALUC are incorporated into staff's evaluation and forwarded to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.
HS-F Hazardous Materials			
HS-F.A			
The County shall review discretionary uses which involve use of hazardous materials or generate hazardous wastes in regulated quantities. (See Policy HS-F.2)	PW&P Public Health	Ongoing	The County Health Department continues to review discretionary uses that generate hazardous materials. The Department of Public Works and Planning routes discretionary permit applications to the Health Department for review and comment. Any proposed project that may generate hazardous material will be required to comply with the recommended conditions or mitigation measures.
HS-F.B			
The County shall investigate funding alternatives for site acquisition, development, and operation for a permanent household waste facility.	PW&P	FY 01-02	On March 14, 2013, the County received Planning Commission's approval to permit the establishment of a 15,000 square-foot household hazardous waste facility at the American Avenue Landfill. This Facility has since been constructed and is operational. On October 22, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved CUP No. 3629 authorizing the establishment of a 2.67-acre Regional Environmental Compliance Center for collection of household hazardous waste. This facility has not yet been constructed.

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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	Development projects are referred to the County 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. Further, as part of the environmental review process, staff has the ability to access State and Federal databases for contaminated sites and can apply appropriate mitigation to discretionary land use projects via comments from State, Federal or local agencies.
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	The County Health Department will continue to enforce the Fresno County Noise Ordinance and amend its policies as necessary. 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.
HS-G.B			
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.	PW&P Public Health	FY 01-02	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-G.A above, staff coordinates with the County 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.

APPENDIX B

GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE 2019 CALENDAR YEAR

Appendix B

Housing Element Progress Report

Fifth-Cycle Update

California Housing Element law requires every jurisdiction to prepare and adopt a Housing Element as part of their General Plans. In California, it is typical for each city or county to prepare and maintain its own separate General Plan and Housing Element. However, Fresno County and 12 of the 15 cities in Fresno County prepared a Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element (MJHE) for the fifth round of Housing Element updates. The MJHE provides an opportunity for countywide housing issues and needs to be more effectively addressed at the regional level rather than just at the local level. Regional efforts also provide the opportunity for the local governments in the County to work together to accommodate the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) assigned to the Fresno County region. In addition, economies of scale resulted in significant cost savings to jurisdictions who participated in preparing the MJHE.

The primary objective of the MJHE was to prepare a regional plan addressing housing needs through a single certified Housing Element for all 13 participating jurisdictions. The Fresno County MJHE represents an innovative approach to meeting State Housing Element law and coordinating resources to address the region's housing needs. The regional Housing Element approach, while tested in a few counties with fewer jurisdictions, was a major undertaking for the 13 Fresno County jurisdictions. The following jurisdictions participated in the effort: Fresno County, Clovis, Coalinga, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, and Selma.

Although State law allows local governments to decide when to update their General Plans, State Housing Element law mandates that Housing Elements be updated every eight years. The MJHE covers the planning period of December 31, 2015 through December 31, 2023.

The Housing Element includes: 1) an identification and analysis of existing and projected local housing needs; 2) an identification of resources and constraints; and 3) goals, policies, and implementation programs for the rehabilitation, maintenance, improvement, and development of housing for all economic segments of the population.

The Fifth-Cycle MJHE includes an Appendix (Appendix 2) which is organized into separate appendices for each of the participating jurisdictions.

On March 15, 2016, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors adopted the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element, and the document was forwarded to HCD for certification on April 29, 2016. The Fifth-Cycle Housing Element Update was certified by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on July 22, 2016.

The Fresno County MJHE received the 2016 Outstanding Planning Award in the Best Practices Category from the American Planning Association Central Section and was awarded the 2016 Merit Award for Best Practices by the American Planning Association California Chapter.

The 2019 Housing Element Annual Progress Report (APR) includes reporting on the County's residential permit activities for various income categories, as well as activities on various programs such as Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP), Rental Rehabilitation Loan Program and Homebuyer Assistance Program (HAP). This information is provided on the new forms developed by HCD. The new forms must be used for the 2019 Housing Element APR. The Housing Element APR also includes a matrix that provides information on implementation of the programs of the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element.

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Housing Development Applications Submitted

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				MH	O	4/23/2019			1							1	1	0	No	Used MH not on permanent foundation with low valuation; located in agricultural Zone District
	02020049	3764 Butte	19-102919	MH	O	8/8/2019			1							1	1	0	No	MH not on permanent foundation with low valuation; Secondary Residence, located in agricultural Zone District
	38503125	11412 Fowler	19-106127	SFD	O	7/25/2019							1		1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate.	
	39308303	14555 Nebraska	18-103410	SFD	O								1		1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit.	
	13853007	14652 Blue Drake	18-103869	SFD	O	1/16/2019									1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit.	
	18512044	3946 Hills Valley	18-104536	SFD	O	6/24/2019				1					1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Low-Income Unit	
	37802208	8474 Jacobs	18-106485	SFD	O	2/12/2019				1					1	1	0	No	Based on the size and valuation, the unit qualifies as Low-Income Unit	
	33510025	7803 Orange	18-106759	SFD	O	4/9/2019							1		1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit.	
	025211245	169 Howard	18-106922	SFD	O	5/8/2019							1		1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit	
	47417003	1718 Country Club	18-107481	SFD	O	1/16/2019							1		1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit	
	559040325	5565 Lebanon	18-107642	SFD	O	7/25/2019							1		1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit.	
	11316206	55161 Jungle Town	18-107776	SFD	O	7/1/2019				1					1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Low-Income Unit	
	13520035	39848 Mountain Heather	18-107981	SFD	O	2/28/2019							1		1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit	
	48031211	2537 9th	18-108288	SFD	O	3/11/2019				1					1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Low-Income Unit	
	15033006	13390 Falcon Meadow	18-108835	SFD	O	5/2/2019							1		1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit	
	13823003	25935 Dry Pond	18-108923	SFD	O	4/16/2019							1		1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as - Moderate-Income Unit	
	18507126	2363 Hills Valley	18-109131	SFD	O	2/7/2019							1		1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as - Moderate-Income Unit	
	39312222	13568 Caruthers	18-109396	SFD	O	2/5/2019				1					1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Low-Income Unit	
	32906002	4502 Walnut	18-109412	SFD	O	1/15/2019							1		1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit.	
	30002139	6060 Millerton	18-110195	SFD	O	4/24/2019							1		1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit	
	053511055	20677 Pendleton	19-100044	SFD	O	4/30/2019				1					1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Low-Income Unit	
	053511135	3904 Earl	19-100045	SFD	O	4/30/2019				1					1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Low-Income Unit	
	50103331	4468 Vandegrift	19-100513	SFD	O	3/7/2019				1					1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Low-Income Unit	
	30827076	9793 Barstow	19-100719	SFD	O	8/14/2019							1		1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit	
	308081545	11382 Ashlan	19-100760	SFD	O	4/24/2019							1		1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit.	
	15008117	22500 Watts Valley	19-100946	SFD	O	5/23/2019							1		1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit	
	053513205	3865 Bradley	19-100958	SFD	O	8/19/2019							1		1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit.	
	300684155	20096 Sulmona	19-101052	SFD	O	3/7/2019							1		1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit	
	300681065	20105 Genteel	19-101153	SFD	O	4/2/2019							1		1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit	
	13854011	14745 Feather Wood	19-101196	SFD	O	6/25/2019							1		1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit.	
	33402117	5641 West	19-101610	SFD	O	6/6/2019								1		1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as - Moderate-Income Unit	

	300682085	20078 Genteel	19-102059	SFD	O	5/7/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	15820360	22654 Cobblestone	19-101884	SFD	O	5/2/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Moderate-Income Unit
	30825023	6595 Del Rey	19-101346	SFD	O	11/4/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	300681055	20099 Genteel	19-100454	SFD	O	2/20/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	48027204	2480 9th	19-106465	SFD	O	8/22/2019					1			1	1	0	No	Accessory Unit. Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as -Low-Income Unit
	13637516	42527 Garnet	19-101541	SFD	O	6/12/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	19022059	38731 Deerbrook	19-101687	SFD	O	8/13/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Moderate-Income Unit
	13637306	42432 Tourmaline	19-102203	SFD	O	6/27/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	30810116	11380 Sierra	18-110190	SFD	O	8/14/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	13806164	11185 Rusty Spur	19-100615	SFD	O	11/26/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	16019178	38580 Dunlap	19-104821	SFD	O	9/11/2019					1			1	1	0	No	Accessory Unit. Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as -Low-Income Unit
	05518026	19548 Excelsior	19-104185	SFD	O	9/16/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Moderate-Income Unit
	300684185	20078 Sulmona	19-102058	SFD	O	4/25/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	190245105	37151 Feather	19-103003	SFD	O	8/13/2019					1			1	1	0	No	Accessory Unit. Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as -Low-Income Unit
	309251615	3670 Lindsey	18-108515	SFD	O	3/15/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	55806010	8694 Nees	19-102959	SFD	O	9/25/2019					1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as -Low-Income Unit
	160420635	1618 Crane	18-109045	SFD	O	4/25/2019					1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as -Low-Income Unit
	300684095	20077 Sulmona	19-101890	SFD	O	4/25/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Moderate-Income Unit
	12022809	42126 Foxtail	18-106109	SFD	O	3/13/2019					1			1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as -Low-Income Unit
	47412032	1245 Clovis	19-103295	SFD	O	9/27/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Above-Moderate Unit
	019140445	3931 Fairfax	19-105365	SFD	O	11/18/2019							1	1	1	0	No	Based on square footage and valuation, the unit qualifies as Moderate-Income Unit
	37317043	7506 Navelencia	19-108429	MH	O	11/12/2019				1				1	1	0	No	Used MH with low valuation; Secondary Residence; located in agricultural Zone District
	51206014	7317 Fairmont	19-102797	ADU	O	7/3/2019					1			1	1	0	No	ADU unit type with low valuation; unit size of 1783 square feet
	31219005	1371 El Capitan	18-104737	ADU	O	1/4/2019					1			1	1	0	No	ADU unit type with low valuation; unit size of 970 square feet
	31018014	6821 Olive	18-106871	ADU	O	8/8/2019					1			1	1	0	No	ADU unit type with low valuation; located in agricultural Zone District
	16522041	64144 Hume Lake	19-103834	5+	R	9/12/2019					8			8	8	0	No	8 unit apartment complex

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Table B													
Regional Housing Needs Allocation Progress													
Permitted Units Issued by Affordability													
		1	2									3	4
Income Level		RHNA Allocation by Income Level	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total Units to Date (all years)	Total Remaining RHNA by Income Level
Very Low	Deed Restricted	460				2						48	412
	Non-Deed Restricted					26	20						
Low	Deed Restricted	527										49	478
	Non-Deed Restricted					9	40						
Moderate	Deed Restricted	589										257	332
	Non-Deed Restricted		102	63	54	18	20						
Above Moderate		1146	162	38	71		56					327	819
Total RHNA		2722											
Total Units			264	101	125	55	136					681	2041

Note: units serving extremely low-income households are included in the very low-income permitted units totals
 Cells in grey contain auto-calculation formulas

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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 COG, will take the lead in coordinating the Countywide Fifth Cycle Housing Element Committee meetings.	Ongoing	During the 2019 calendar year, representatives of the local governments who participated in the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element Update (Representatives) met biannually including meeting with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) staff.

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	Regarding implementation of SB 244, Representatives realized that implementation of SB 244 is the obligation of individual local governments. Regarding infrastructure issues, the consensus of the Representatives was that this is an issue that is unique to each jurisdiction and needs to be addressed by individual local governments. Regarding collaboration on housing for Low-Income populations, as in prior years, the County and the cities are working together to develop housing for Low-Income populations at appropriate locations. In past years, the County of Fresno has collaborated with the cities of Sanger, Kerman and Fowler in developing housing for Low-Income populations. In calendar year 2019, one 60-unit affordable housing project was completed in the City of Fowler using County HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds, and County staff published one Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for gap financing to develop affordable housing. Regarding the NOFA published by County staff in 2019, one 61-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kerman (Gateway Apartments) was awarded \$980,000 in County HOME funds, and one 47-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kingsburg (Linnaea Villas) was awarded \$1,000,000 in County HOME funds, both of which were successful in receiving State Tax Credits. The Fresno County administrative office is working with cities in the County to address homeless populations.
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	Staff of the local governments who participated in preparation of the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element met biannually in calendar year 2019.
1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities	The Committee will meet annually with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to discuss funding opportunities and challenges in implementation of programs, and seek technical assistance from HCD and other State agencies in the implementation of housing programs and the pursuit of grant funding.	Ongoing	Staff of the local governments who participated in preparation of the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element met with the California Department of Housing and Community Development in calendar year 2019.
1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities	The Committee will meet periodically with Fair Housing of Central California to discuss fair housing issues and opportunities for education.	Ongoing	An official from the Fair Housing of Central California made a presentation to Representatives in 2017. The official will be invited to provide a refresher in the future.

1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities	The Committee will advocate on behalf of the Fresno County region for more grant funding for affordable housing and infrastructure improvements.	Ongoing	Representatives are committed to advocate for grant funding for affordable housing and improvement of infrastructure.
1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities	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.	Ongoing	In 2019, local government representatives, as in prior years, committed to work collaboratively for development of affordable housing, including farmworker housing. In the past years, the County of Fresno worked with the cities of Sanger, Kerman and Fowler for development of affordable housing. In calendar year 2019, one 60-unit affordable housing project was completed in the City of Fowler using County HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds, and County staff published one Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for gap financing to develop affordable housing. Regarding the NOFA published by County staff in 2019, one 61-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kerman (Gateway Apartments) was awarded \$980,000 in County HOME funds, and one 47-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kingsburg (Linnaea Villas) was awarded \$1,000,000 in County HOME funds, both of which were successful in receiving State Tax Credits. The County has also worked with developers of affordable housing and stakeholders to explore options for development of affordable housing.
Relevant Policies: 1.3, 1.4, 1.7, 4.2, 4.3, 4.6			
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	The County works with cities on any proposed revision to the Standards for Annexation contained in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) either at the time of renewal of MOUs or upon a request by a city. The County works with cities on annexation of land to allow the cities to meet their share of Regional Housing Needs Allocation.
Relevant Policies: 1.1, 1.3, 1.4			
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.	2016	The General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update projects are moving forward. The public review draft of the General Plan documents and the Zoning Ordinance were released in January of 2018. County staff and the consultants are working on addressing comments that were received from the public and agencies regarding the General Plan, the Zoning Ordinance and the EIR.

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 annually monitors inventory of lands identified in the Housing Element to ensu
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).	Monitor development and other changes in the inventory to ensure the County has remaining capacity consistent with its share of the regional housing need.	Ongoing	The County annually monitors inventory of lands identified in the Housing Element to ensure there are adequate sites available to accommodate the County's remaining share of RHNA obligations. Per discussion in the County's Certified Fifth-Cycle Update, the County had a remaining Fifth-Cycle RHNA obligation of 2,262 units, including 460 units for Very Low-Income, 527 units for Low-Income, 547 units for Moderate-Income, and 728 units for Above Moderate-Income populations. After accounting for permits that have been issued since the adoption of the Fifth-Cycle Update up to December 31, 2019, and the loss of a site that would have accomodated 14 Low-Income or Very Low-Income housing units due to a Zone change in 2019, the County still has a surplus land inventory capacity of 271 units in Low and Very Low-Income categories, 2,434 units in Moderate-Income category, and 10,613 units in Above Moderate-Income category beyond the County's remaining RHNA obligation.
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).	Continue to designate and zone adequate sites to meet special housing needs as required.	Ongoing	The Board of Supervisors approved amendments to the Zoning Ordinance in November of 2015, which among other things, identified zones that can accommodate populations with special needs. There has been no change regarding the designated zones that can accommodate populations with special housing needs in 2019.

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).	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.	Ongoing	The County will continue to promote development of housing for all income groups within existing unincorporated communities. The General Plan Review and Revision project proposes increasing the density for lands designated and zoned for multi-family residential development to 20 units per acre to lower the cost of affordable housing. The Zoning Ordinance Update includes Density Bonus provision to lower the cost of housing development and to encourage development of affordable housing. Also, the County has suspended collection of impact fees to lower the cost of housing, including housing for low income populations.
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).	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.	Ongoing	The County continues to direct interested residential developers, including affordable housing developers, to unincorporated communities with community or specific plans where amenities and infrastructure exist or can be provided to accommodate proposed developments.

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).	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.	2017 and Ongoing	The County periodically meets with residential developers to discuss constraints and opportunities for development of affordable housing in unincorporated communities as well as meeting with developers who are interested in development of Mobile Home Parks in the County. The County's lack of available funding and lack of interest by developers to develop in unincorporated communities are considered constraints. To address these issues, the County has committed to support housing developers and agencies who are active in development of affordable housing such as the Fresno Housing Authority and Self-Help Enterprises, in the application of funds for affordable housing, including State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants, and other funding sources that may become available. County's Zoning Ordinance Update includes density bonus provisions as incentive for development within unincorporated communities. The suspension of impact fees by the Board of Supervisors is another incentive for development of affordable housing in unincorporated communities.
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).	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.	Ongoing	The County has actively participated in development of RHNA methodology and will participate in development of the next RHNA methodology for the next update cycle to ensure the allocations are reflective of the County's General Plan policies.
Relevant Policies: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9			
4. Monitoring of Residential Capacity (No Net Loss)	Develop and implement a formal evaluation procedure pursuant to Government Code Section 65863 by 2016.	Ongoing	The County has developed a procedure which logs and tracks development proposals that may result in reduction of inventory of available sites included in the County's Fifth-Cycle Housing Element. The County performs a quantitative analysis pursuant to Government Code Section 65863 to determine whether the remaining sites identified in the inventory are adequate to meet the County's remaining share of RHNA obligation for each income category. If the quantitative analysis reveals that the action taken by the County would result in a reduction of inventory of land identified in the Housing Element for a certain income group and the remaining sites are not adequate to meet the County's remaining RHNA obligations, the County will identify and will take appropriate actions to ensure adequate sites with an equal or greater residential density are available to meet the County's RHNA obligation for that income category.

4. Monitoring of Residential Capacity (No Net Loss)	Annually monitor the effectiveness of non-residential zones to facilitate residential development.	Ongoing	The County annually monitors and evaluates its inventory of vacant sites to ensure sufficient sites are available to accommodate the County's share of the Fifth-Cycle RHNA. The Fifth-Cycle inventory includes parcels that are not zoned for residential use but could accomodate development of multi-family residential development. Since adoption of the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element, the County has not received any residential development proposals on land that is not zoned for residential use. If housing development is proposeds on land not zoned for residential use, the effectiveness of utilizing non-residentially zoned land for housig development will be monitored annually.
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	If rezoning or upzoning is required to maintain adequate supply of land to meet the County's RHNA obligation, the selected sites will comply with the provisions of this objective.
Relevant Policies: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6			
5. Lot Consolidation and Lot Splits	Assist interested developers/property owners in identifying opportunities for lot consolidation or lot splitting.	Ongoing	The County will assist interested landowners and developers with lot consolidation or lot splitting to accommodate sites of adequate size to accommodate residential development for all income groups. If lot consolidation or lot splitting is necessary, the County will process lot consolidation or lot splitting concurrently with review of the proposed development. However, no residential development was submitted in 2019 that required lot consolidation or lot splitting.
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 will streamline the process of lot consolidation and lot splitting by processing them concurrently with other developments.
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	The County monitors lot consolidation activities as part of its annual report to HCD and its effectiveness in development of small sites. No residential development was submitted in 2019 that required lot consolidation.

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 the use of master plans/specific plans for development of large lots.
Relevant Policies: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6			
6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services	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.	Ongoing	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 program that provides grant funding for public facility and infrastructure improvement projects in the eligible unincorporated areas of Fresno County. In 2019, there were 31 outreach activities including 18 community meetings for outreach and needs assessments, notices for which were mailed to CSDs and community groups along with publication, website posting and direct email response. In addition, a public workshop was held to provide assistance on preparing applications and the funding process. County staff disseminates information about other 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. In 2019, the County considered the use of CDBG and/or HOME funds as gap financing for eligible affordable housing projects as a means to reducing the costs of development. In calendar year 2019, one 60-unit affordable housing project was completed in the City of Fowler using County HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds, and County staff published one Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for gap financing to develop affordable housing. Regarding the NOFA published by County staff in 2019, one 61-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kerman (Gateway Apartments) was awarded \$980,000 in County HOME funds, and one 47-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kingsburg (Linnaea Villas) was awarded \$1,000,000 in County HOME funds, both of which were successful in receiving State Tax Credits.

6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services	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).	Ongoing	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 program that provides grant funding for public facility and infrastructure improvement projects in the eligible unincorporated areas of Fresno County.
6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services	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.	Ongoing	County staff disseminates information about other 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.

6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services	<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>In calendar year 2019, one 60-unit affordable housing project was completed in the City of Fowler using County HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds, and County staff published one Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for gap financing to develop affordable housing. Regarding the NOFA published by County staff in 2019, one 61-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kerman (Gateway Apartments) was awarded \$980,000 in County HOME funds, and one 47-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kingsburg (Linnaea Villas) was awarded \$1,000,000 in County HOME funds, both of which were successful in receiving State Tax Credits. The County continues its efforts to provide HOME funds as gap financing to develop new affordable housing projects in the unincorporated area and its partner cities, as its Federal HOME funding permits. County staff seeks partnerships and regularly meets with other agencies, housing developers, and community stakeholders to discuss and pursue viable opportunities to provide affordable housing. During 2019, these meetings included: Fresno Housing Authority, Self-Help Enterprises, Habitat for Humanity – Greater Fresno Area, Willow Partners, and Integrated Development Inc. The County continues to monitor the State Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD's) and HUD's websites for Notices of Funding Ability (NOFA) for affordable housing for lower-income households. No new opportunities for funding of affordable housing development in the unincorporated areas of Fresno County were identified in 2019, but the County was awarded a State Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) in 2017. The HPG funds were used in 2019 to assist eligible Low-Income homeowners in Fresno County who required assistance for housing repairs and rehabilitation. The County offers assistance to other agencies in accessing local, state, and federal funding for affordable housing. In 2019, the County received a request for funding from Self-Help Enterprises to assist in the development of single-family dwellings in the City of Reedley, and a request for funding from Habitat for Humanity to build 10 single-family dwellings in the unincorporated community of Riverdale. It is the intention of the County to fund both projects if they are found to be eligible, and USDA Rural Development funds will be utilized to complete both projects if funded. County Staff continues to support and encourage its partner agencies, cities and housing developers, such as the Fresno Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity and Self-Help Enterprises, in applying for funds, including State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources, to develop affordable housing in Fresno County.</p>
6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services	<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 explores funding opportunities for community plan updates including the SB 2 Planning Grants.</p>

6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services	Provide a copy of the adopted Housing Element to the various service providers serving the unincorporated communities.	Ongoing	Copies of the adopted Housing Element were distributed to all service providers serving the unincorporated communities following adoption of the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element.
Relevant Policy: 1.7			
7. Affordable Housing Incentives	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.	Ongoing	In calendar year 2019, one 60-unit affordable housing project was completed in the City of Fowler using County HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds, and County staff published one Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for gap financing to develop affordable housing. Regarding the NOFA published by County staff in 2019, one 61-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kerman (Gateway Apartments) was awarded \$980,000 in County HOME funds, and one 47-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kingsburg (Linnaea Villas) was awarded \$1,000,000 in County HOME funds, both of which were successful in receiving State Tax Credits. The County continues its efforts to provide HOME funds as gap financing to develop new affordable housing projects in the unincorporated area and its partner cities, as its Federal HOME funding permits. County staff seeks partnerships and regularly meets with other agencies, housing developers, and community stakeholders to discuss and pursue viable opportunities to provide affordable housing. During 2019, these meetings included: Fresno Housing Authority, Self-Help Enterprises, Habitat for Humanity – Greater Fresno Area, Willow Partners, and Integrated Development Inc. The County continues to monitor the State Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD's) and HUD's websites for Notices of Funding Ability (NOFA) for affordable housing for lower-income households. No new opportunities for funding of affordable housing development in the unincorporated areas of Fresno County were identified in 2019, but the County was awarded a State Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) in 2017. The HPG funds were used in 2019 to assist eligible Low-Income homeowners in Fresno County who required assistance for housing repairs and rehabilitation. The County offers assistance to other agencies in accessing local, state, and federal funding for affordable housing. In 2019, the County received a request for funding from Self-Help Enterprises to assist in the development of single-family dwellings in the City of Reedley, and a request for funding from Habitat for Humanity to build 10 single-family dwellings in the unincorporated community of Riverdale. It is the intention of the County to fund both projects if they are found to be eligible, and USDA Rural Development funds will be utilized to complete both projects if funded. County Staff continues to support and encourage its partner agencies, cities and housing developers, such as the Fresno Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity and Self-Help Enterprises, in applying for funds, including State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources, to develop affordable housing in Fresno County.

7. Affordable Housing Incentives	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.	Ongoing	In calendar year 2019, one 60-unit affordable housing project was completed in the City of Fowler using County HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds, and County staff published one Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for gap financing to develop affordable housing. Regarding the NOFA published by County staff in 2019, one 61-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kerman (Gateway Apartments) was awarded \$980,000 in County HOME funds, and one 47-unit affordable housing project in the City of Kingsburg (Linnaea Villas) was awarded \$1,000,000 in County HOME funds, both of which were successful in receiving State Tax Credits. The cooperation between the County and the cities within the County to address the housing needs at the regional level as well as the local level was the chief reason for collaboration between the County and twelve cities in the County to prepare a Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element. The County continues its efforts to provide HOME funds as gap financing to develop new affordable housing projects in the unincorporated area and its partner cities, as its Federal HOME funding permits.
7. Affordable Housing Incentives	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	Ongoing	County staff seeks partnerships and regularly meets with other agencies, housing developers, and community stakeholders to discuss and pursue viable opportunities to provide affordable housing.
7. Affordable Housing Incentives	Monitor the State Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD's) and HUD's websites at least semi-annually for Notices of Funding Ability (NOFA) 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.	Ongoing	The County continues to monitor the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD's) and HUD's websites for Notices of Funding Ability (NOFA) for affordable housing for lower-income households. No opportunities for funding of affordable housing development in the unincorporated areas of Fresno County were identified in 2019.

7. Affordable Housing Incentives	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, including State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources that may become available.	Ongoing	The County offers assistance to other agencies in accessing local, state, and federal funding for affordable housing. County Staff continues to support and encourage its partner agencies, cities and housing developers, such as the Fresno Housing Authority and Self-Help Enterprises, in applying for funds, including State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources, to develop affordable housing in Fresno County.
7. Affordable Housing Incentives	Continue current efforts to streamline and improve efficiencies in planning and permit approval and building inspection service.	Ongoing	The County continues its efforts to streamline and improve efficiencies in processing permits and building inspections. Currently, certain permit requests as well as inspections can be submitted online.
7. Affordable Housing Incentives	Establish to the extent feasible, a program that accommodates submittal and issuance of certain permits via the Internet by 2020.	2020 and Ongoing	The County continues to expand opportunities to expand issuance of building permits and inspections on-line.
Relevant Policies: 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7			

8. Farmworker Housing	<p>The farming industry is the foundation of the County's economy base. According to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) 2012, about 58,600 workers were employed in farm labor throughout the County, indicating a significant need to provide housing for farmworkers and their families, particularly during peak harvest seasons.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continues to seek partnerships with cities and other agencies to discuss opportunities for affordable housing development, including farmworker housing. The County will continue to support and encourage other agencies and housing developers, such as the Fresno Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity and Self-Help Enterprises, in the application of funds for affordable housing development, including farmworker housing. Funding sources include State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources that may become available. In 2019, County staff met with housing development partners to identify areas of possible development in the unincorporated communities of Fresno County. County Staff is working to facilitate a partnership between County partners such as Self-Help Enterprises and Fresno Housing Authority to explore the possibility of building an affordable housing development in the community of Del Rey, which includes many residents who are in the Very Low and Low-Income categories, including farmworkers. In 2019, the County received a request for funding from Habitat for Humanity to build 10 single-family dwellings in the unincorporated community of Riverdale, which includes many residents who are in the Very Low and Low-Income categories, including farmworkers. It is the intention of the County to fund the project if its found to be eligible, and USDA Rural Development funds will be utilized to complete the project if funded. The County did not issue any permits for farmworker housing in 2019; however, the County monitors the status of farmworker housing as part of the APR.</p>
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8. Farmworker Housing	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.	Ongoing	The County continues to seek partnerships with cities and other agencies to discuss opportunities for affordable housing development, including farmworker housing. The County will continue to support and encourage other agencies and housing developers, such as the Fresno Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity and Self-Help Enterprises, in the application of funds for affordable housing development, including farmworker housing. Funding sources include State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources that may become available. In 2019, County staff met with housing development partners to identify areas of possible development in the unincorporated communities of Fresno County. County Staff is working to facilitate a partnership between County partners such as Self-Help Enterprises and Fresno Housing Authority to explore the possibility of building an affordable housing development in the community of Del Rey, which includes many residents who are in the Very Low and Low-Income categories, including farmworkers. In 2019, the County received a request for funding from Habitat for Humanity to build 10 single-family dwellings in the unincorporated community of Riverdale, which includes many residents who are in the Very Low and Low-Income categories, including farmworkers. It is the intention of the County to fund the project if its found to be eligible, and USDA Rural Development funds will be utilized to complete the project if funded. The County did not issue any permits for farmworker housing in 2019; however, the County monitors the status of farmworker housing as part of the APR.
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8. Farmworker Housing	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.	Ongoing	The County continues to seek partnerships with cities and other agencies to discuss opportunities for affordable housing development, including farmworker housing. The County will continue to support and encourage other agencies and housing developers, such as the Fresno Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity and Self-Help Enterprises, in the application of funds for affordable housing development, including farmworker housing. Funding sources include State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources that may become available. In 2019, County staff met with housing development partners to identify areas of possible development in the unincorporated communities of Fresno County. County Staff is working to facilitate a partnership between County partners such as Self-Help Enterprises and Fresno Housing Authority to explore the possibility of building an affordable housing development in the community of Del Rey, which includes many residents who are in the Very Low and Low-Income categories, including farmworkers. In 2019, the County received a request for funding from Habitat for Humanity to build 10 single-family dwellings in the unincorporated community of Riverdale, which includes many residents who are in the Very Low and Low-Income categories, including farmworkers. It is the intention of the County to fund the project if its found to be eligible, and USDA Rural Development funds will be utilized to complete the project if funded. The County did not issue any permits for farmworker housing in 2019; however, the County monitors the status of farmworker housing as part of the APR.
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8. Farmworker Housing	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.	Ongoing	The County continues to seek partnerships with cities and other agencies to discuss opportunities for affordable housing development, including farmworker housing. The County will continue to support and encourage other agencies and housing developers, such as the Fresno Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity and Self-Help Enterprises, in the application of funds for affordable housing development, including farmworker housing. Funding sources include State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources that may become available. In 2019, County staff met with housing development partners to identify areas of possible development in the unincorporated communities of Fresno County. County Staff is working to facilitate a partnership between County partners such as Self-Help Enterprises and Fresno Housing Authority to explore the possibility of building an affordable housing development in the community of Del Rey, which includes many residents who are in the Very Low and Low-Income categories, including farmworkers. In 2019, the County received a request for funding from Habitat for Humanity to build 10 single-family dwellings in the unincorporated community of Riverdale, which includes many residents who are in the Very Low and Low-Income categories, including farmworkers. It is the intention of the County to fund the project if its found to be eligible, and USDA Rural Development funds will be utilized to complete the project if funded. The County did not issue any permits for farmworker housing in 2019; however, the County monitors the status of farmworker housing as part of the APR.
Relevant Policies: 1.2, 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5			
9. Preserving Assisted Housing	The County has few affordable rental housing projects in the unincorporated areas, and none are considered at risk of converting to market-rate housing. Nevertheless, the County will continue to monitor status of affordable housing projects and other affordable housing agreements (such as density bonus agreements).	Ongoing	The Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) manages, monitors, improves, and creates assisted housing in the unincorporated Fresno County area. No affordable housing rental projects in the unincorporated area are considered at risk of converting to market-rate housing.

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 Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) manages, monitors, improves, and creates assisted housing in the unincorporated Fresno County area. No affordable housing rental projects in the unincorporated area are considered at risk of converting to market-rate housing.
Relevant Policy: 3.6			
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.	Ongoing	As part of the Zoning Ordinance Update that is underway, the County is addressing the Density Bonus provision, Single-Room Occupancy (SRO), alternative to discretionary approval for multi-family housing in C-4 Zone, farm labor housing, and increasing density for R2, R2A, R3, R3A, R4, C4 and RP zones. The County continues reviewing the effectiveness of the Zoning Ordinance and amends the Ordinance to mitigate potential constraints to development of housing.
10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments	Address the provision of Single-Room Occupancy (SRO) housing as part of the comprehensive Zoning Ordinance update in 2016.	Ongoing	As part of the Zoning Ordinance Update that is underway, the County is addressing the Density Bonus provision, Single-Room Occupancy (SRO), alternative to discretionary approval for multi-family housing in C-4 Zone, farm labor housing, and increasing density for R2, R2A, R3, R3A, R4, C4 and RP zones. The County continues reviewing the effectiveness of the Zoning Ordinance and amends the Ordinance to mitigate potential constraints to development of housing.

10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments	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.	2016	As part of the Zoning Ordinance Update that is underway, the County is addressing the Density Bonus provision, Single-Room Occupancy (SRO), alternative to discretionary approval for multi-family housing in C-4 Zone, farm labor housing, and increasing density for R2, R2A, R3, R3A, R4, C4 and RP zones. The County continues reviewing the effectiveness of the Zoning Ordinance and amends the Ordinance to mitigate potential constraints to development of housing.
10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments	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.	Ongoing	As part of the Zoning Ordinance Update that is underway, the County is addressing the Density Bonus provision, Single-Room Occupancy (SRO), alternative to discretionary approval for multi-family housing in C-4 Zone, farm labor housing, and increasing density for R2, R2A, R3, R3A, R4, C4 and RP zones. The Zoning Ordinance Update will address the farmlabor housing in residential zones.
10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments	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.	Ongoing	The County reviews the effectiveness of the Zoning Ordinance and amends the Ordinance if necessary to remove or mitigate potential constraints to development of housing.
Relevant Policies: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6			
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 suspension of the impact fees to November 10, 2018. At the public hearing of October 9, 2018, the Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing to consider another amendment to the County Ordinance for Public Facilities Impact Fees. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board decided to continue suspension of the impact fees indefinitely.
Relevant Policies: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6			

12.Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program (HARP)	This program provides loans to qualifying homeowners in the unincorporated County and participating cities for the rehabilitation of their homes. Eligible improvements include energy efficiency upgrades and installations, health and safety and hazard corrections, and accessibility modifications. Loan terms under this program vary according to household income and the improvements and repairs that are needed.	Ongoing	Fresno County provided three HARP loans in 2019 to Moderate -Income household in the unincorporated area during 2019. This loan is a no-interest affordable payment loan for eligible housing rehabilitation. The County continues to market HARP to all unincorporated area homeowners, and continues to meet with community groups to provide information on the program.
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	Fresno County provided three HARP loans in 2019 to Moderate -Income household in the unincorporated area during 2019. This loan is a no-interest affordable payment loan for eligible housing rehabilitation. The County continues to market HARP to all unincorporated area homeowners, and continues to meet with community groups to provide information on the program.
Relevant Policies: 3.2, 4.1			
13.Rental Rehabilitation Program (RRP)	This program provides no interest loans to qualifying property owners for making improvements to their rental properties occupied by eligible tenants. Eligible improvements include repairing code deficiencies, completing deferred maintenance, lead-based paint and asbestos abatement, HVAC repairs, energy efficiency upgrades, accessibility modifications, and kitchen and bathroom upgrades.	Ongoing	Fresno County did not provide any Rental Rehabilitation Program loans for housing rehabilitation projects in the unincorporated area during 2019. The County continues to market the Rental Rehabilitation Program to eligible rental property owners.
13.Rental Rehabilitation Program (RRP)	Provide assistance for the rehabilitation of four rental housing units as federal funding is available and applications are received.	Ongoing	Fresno County did not provide any Rental Rehabilitation Program loans for housing rehabilitation projects in the unincorporated area during 2019. The County continues to market the Rental Rehabilitation Program to eligible rental property owners.
Relevant Policies: 3.2, 4.1			

14.Code Enforcement	The Department of Public Works and Planning is responsible for the enforcement of County Zoning Ordinance and Building Code violations and applicable State codes. One of the main goals of the Code Enforcement program is to bring to the attention of residential owners any existing ordinance or code violation which could have a negative impact on their neighborhood. County staff investigates violations of property maintenance standards and encourages property owners to seek assistance through available housing rehabilitation programs.	Ongoing	One of the main goals of the Code Enforcement Program is to bring to the attention of residential owners any existing Ordinance or Code Violation which could have a negative impact on their neighborhood. County staff investigates violations of property maintenance standards and encourages property owners to seek assistance through available housing rehabilitation programs.
14.Code Enforcement	Continue to enforce property maintenance standards and abate substandard structures through Code Enforcement and various housing rehabilitation programs.	Ongoing	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 to abate substandard structures.
Relevant Policies: 1.8, 2.5, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 4.1			
15. Homebuyer Assistance Program (HAP)	This program assists lower-income families with purchasing their first home by providing a zero interest, deferred payment loan that does not exceed 20 percent of the purchase price of the single family residence (plus loan closing costs). Households earning up to 80 percent Area Median Income (AMI) in unincorporated Fresno County and participating cities are eligible for this program.	Ongoing	The County did not provide any HAP loans in 2019. The County continues to market HAP to eligible first-time homebuyers, and works closely with lenders and the real estate community to ensure the program is made available whenever possible to qualified applicants.

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	The County did not provide any HAP loans in 2019. The County continues to market HAP to eligible first-time homebuyers, and works closely with lenders and the real estate community to ensure the program is made available whenever possible to qualified applicants.
Relevant Policy: 2.8			
16. First-Time Homebuyer Resources	<p>Fresno County residents have access to a number of homebuyer assistance programs offered by the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA): Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC): The MCC Tax Credit is a federal credit which can reduce potential federal income tax liability, creating additional net spendable income which borrowers may use toward their monthly mortgage payment. This MCC Tax Credit program may enable first- time homebuyers to convert a portion of their annual mortgage interest into a direct dollar for dollar tax credit on their U.S. individual income tax returns. CalPLUS</p> <p>Conventional Program: This is a first mortgage loan insured through private mortgage insurance on the conventional market. The interest rate on the CalPLUS Conventional is fixed throughout the 30-year term. The CalPLUS Conventional is combined with a CalHFA Zero Interest Program (ZIP), which is a deferred-payment junior loan of three percent of the first mortgage loan amount, for down payment assistance. CalHFA</p> <p>Conventional Program: This is a first mortgage loan insured through private mortgage insurance on the conventional market. The interest rate on the CalHFA Conventional is fixed throughout the 30-year term.</p>	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	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 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.
Relevant Policy: 2.8			
17. Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance	The Housing Choice Voucher Program extends rental subsidies to extremely low- and very low-income households, including families, seniors, and the disabled. The program offers a voucher that pays the difference between the current fair market rent (FMR) as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and what a tenant can afford to pay (i.e. 30 percent of household income). The Fresno Housing Authority administers the housing choice voucher program in Fresno County. Given the continued need for rental assistance, the County supports and encourages the provision of additional subsidies through the Housing Choice Voucher Program.	Ongoing	The County supports the efforts of the Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) in offering Section 8 and other rental assistance programs in the unincorporated area. 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 the Housing Authority in publicizing the opening of the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher waiting list by disseminating the information to County partners and clients.

17. Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance	Continue to support and encourage the provision of vouchers to qualifying Fresno County households.	Ongoing	The County supports the efforts of the Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) in offering Section 8 and other rental assistance programs in the unincorporated area. 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 the Housing Authority in publicizing the opening of the Section 8/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 supports the efforts of the Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) in offering Section 8 and other rental assistance programs in the unincorporated area. 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 the Housing Authority in publicizing the opening of the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher waiting list by disseminating the information to County partners and clients.
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	The County supports the efforts of the Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) in offering Section 8 and other rental assistance programs in the unincorporated area. 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 the Housing Authority in publicizing the opening of the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher waiting list by disseminating the information to County partners and clients.
Relevant Policy: 2.2			
18. Energy Conservation	Continue to promote and implement the County's Go Green initiatives.	Ongoing	The County makes every effort 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 major components of the home and improve the 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 promote physical activities and improve air quality. The County continues to promote and support Pacific Gas and Electric Company programs that provide energy-efficiency rebates for qualifying energy-efficient upgrades.

18. Energy Conservation	Consider inclusion of design standards for new development that encourage alternative transportation (for example, bicycle lanes, bus turnouts, and direct pedestrian connections to transit lines) as a part of the update of the County Zoning Ordinance to conserve energy and improve air quality.	Ongoing	The County makes every effort 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 major components of the home and improve the 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 promote physical activities and improve air quality. The County continues to promote and support Pacific Gas and Electric Company programs that provide energy-efficiency rebates for qualifying energy-efficient upgrades.
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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 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 major components of the home and improve the 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 promote physical activities and improve air quality. The County continues to promote and support Pacific Gas and Electric Company 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 review and approval of residential alternative energy devices.
Relevant Policies: 6.1, 6.2, 6.3			

19.Fair Housing	Impediments to fair housing in Fresno County are identified in the County's Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing, which was most recently submitted and accepted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in May 2010. It was most recently reviewed in May 2015, and was found to continue to reflect accurate fair housing conditions in the County. The geographic area covered by this document includes the unincorporated areas and partner cities participating with the County in its HUD grant programs.	Ongoing	Fresno County focuses available resources toward mitigating obstacles through its affordable housing programs and services. Information on fair housing rights and responsibilities is available at public counters, and is provided during outreach efforts around the County. During 2019, three outreach and education workshops were conducted on fair housing for lenders, real estate professionals, housing providers, community stakeholders and the community at large. No complaints were received regarding fair housing during 2019. The County provides fliers, referrals and education to the residents of Fresno County utilizing various vehicles. The County continues to provide information to the County libraries, Community Services District offices, partner cities, and at public counters throughout various County offices. The County also mailed over 9,114 fliers in 2019 to various residents throughout the County and its partner cities. The County held 18 community meetings and 31 outreach activities in 2019 and discussed what are specific impediments to fair house those communities are experiencing and the Fair Housing needs of Fresno County.
19.Fair Housing	Conduct outreach and education workshops at least annually and on an on-going basis for lenders, real estate professionals, housing providers, community stakeholders, and the community at large. Provide information and written materials on fair housing rights, available services, and responsible agencies in English and Spanish. Place materials at County libraries, Community Services Districts offices, and public counters, and on the County's website by 2016. Refer fair housing complaints to HUD, State Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DEFH), Fair Housing Council of Central California (FHCCC), and other housing agencies. Conduct Fair Housing Assessment as required by HUD on a regular basis (every five years).	Ongoing	Fresno County focuses available resources toward mitigating obstacles through its affordable housing programs and services. Information on fair housing rights and responsibilities is available at public counters, and is provided during outreach efforts around the County. During 2019, three outreach and education workshops were conducted on fair housing for lenders, real estate professionals, housing providers, community stakeholders and the community at large. No complaints were received regarding fair housing during 2019. The County provides fliers, referrals and education to the residents of Fresno County utilizing various vehicles. The County continues to provide information to the County libraries, Community Services District offices, partner cities, and at public counters throughout various County offices. The County also mailed over 9,114 fliers in 2019 to various residents throughout the County and its partner cities. The County held 18 community meetings and 31 outreach activities in 2019 and discussed what are specific impediments to fair house those communities are experiencing and the Fair Housing needs of Fresno County.
Relevant Policies: 5.1, 5.2			
General Comments:			

Jurisdiction	Fresno County - Unincorporated	
Reporting Period	2019	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)

ANNUAL ELEMENT PROGRESS REPORT

Housing Element Implementation

(CCR Title 25 §6202)

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)(2)									
This table is optional. Jurisdictions may list (for informational purposes only) units that do not count toward RHNA, but were substantially rehabilitated, acquired or preserved. To enter units in this table as progress toward RHNA, please contact HCD at APR@hcd.ca.gov. HCD will provide a password to unlock the grey fields. Units may only be credited to the table below when a jurisdiction has included a program in its housing element to rehabilitate, preserve or acquire units to accommodate a portion of its RHNA which meet the specific criteria as outlined in Government Code section 65583.1(c)(2).									
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 to receive the password that will enable you to populate these fields.				The description should adequately document how each unit complies with subsection (c)(7) of Government Code Section 65583.1 ⁺
	Extremely Low-Income ⁺	Very Low-Income ⁺	Low-Income ⁺	TOTAL UNITS ⁺	Extremely Low-Income ⁺	Very Low-Income ⁺	Low-Income ⁺	TOTAL UNITS ⁺	
Rehabilitation Activity			3	3					
Preservation of Units At-Risk									
Acquisition of Units									
Total Units by Income			3	3					

Jurisdiction	no County - Unincorporated	
Reporting Year	2019	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)

Building Permits Issued by Affordability Summary		
Income Level		Current Year
Very Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	20
Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	40
Moderate	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	20
Above Moderate		56
Total Units		136

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

Housing Applications Summary	
Total Housing Applications Submitted:	129
Number of Proposed Units in All Applications Received:	136
Total Housing Units Approved:	136
Total Housing Units Disapproved:	0

Use of SB 35 Streamlining Provisions	
Number of Applications for Streamlining	0
Number of Streamlining Applications Approved	0
Total Developments Approved with Streamlining	0
Total Units Constructed with Streamlining	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

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ATTACHMENT D

March 12, 2020

Re: Draft Annual Progress Report (APR) for calendar year 2019

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

Although I am disappointed that the draft APR for calendar 2019 is virtually identical to the APR prepared for 2018, I see a way forward to correct inaccuracies and augment the APR to include missing information.

Fortunately, because the APR is not scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors for another seven weeks, there is ample time to make necessary corrections.

I want Commissioners to know that I am cognizant of the fact that you find yourselves in the unenviable position of having to judge whether the information I am presenting is accurate and worthy of serious consideration. I can only hope that you recognize the importance of preparing an APR that is both complete and accurate.

Below is a checklist for the motion and directives I am asking your Commission to make today. The accompanying eight pages are in support of that request.

- ___ 1. Direct staff to modify the draft APR and return to the Commission at a future date with a modified document for consideration, the reason being to correct errors and to add missing information.
- ___ 2. Direct staff to correct these two errors:
 - A. The text on page "i" states that *"State law requires generalized reporting on implementation of the General Plan."* There is no such state law.
 - B. The text on page 2 states that *"The planning horizon for the 2000 General Plan is through the year 2020 and beyond."* The planning horizon does not extend beyond the year 2020.
- ___ 3. Direct staff to report whether, during 2019, each of the County's programs in the first six elements of the General Plan were implemented as written. This will entail augmenting information for approximately two dozen of those 121 programs.
- ___ 4. Direct staff to include the information required by Government Code 65400(a)(2)(C) — the degree to which the County's 2000 General Plan complies with the guidelines developed and adopted by the Office of Planning and Research pursuant to Government Code Section 65040.2.
- ___ 5. Direct staff to include an explanation of the contractual responsibility of the Economic Development Corporation to implement policies and programs in the General Plan's Economic Development Element.

Thank you,



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March 12, 2020 Planning Commission Hearing

Agenda Item #5 — 2019 Draft General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR)

Evidence in Support of the Planning Commission Action Requested by Radley Reep

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Planning Commission Motion

The staff report for Item #5 (2019 General Plan Progress Report) contains these suggested Planning Commission Motions:

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Recommended Motion:

- Receive the 2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report; and
- Recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept the 2019 General Plan Annual Progress Report; and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

Alternative Motion:

- Receive the 2019 General Plan Annual Report; and
- Recommend that the Board of Supervisors not accept the 2019 Annual Progress Report; and
- Direct the secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's Action

These motions do not afford Commissioners the opportunity to amend the APR prior to forwarding it to the Board of Supervisors.

More appropriate would be the alternative motion that staff provided for the 2014 APR.

Alternative Motion (continuance or modification action)

- Determine that the 2019 General Plan should not be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance, and direct staff to make modifications to the document and to return to the Commission at a future date with a modified document for consideration; and
- Direct the secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's Action

By adopting this alternative motion, the Planning Commission will be able to present a more accurate and more complete document to the Board of Supervisors.

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Correction of an Error in the Text

The draft 2019 APR contains on page “i” the statement printed below.

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

There is no such statement in law.

There is, however, in the most recent General Plan APR Guidance (April 25, 2019) published by the Office and Research (OPR) two statements that County staff might have misinterpreted. They are shown below:

From page 2 of the OPR’s General Plan APR Guidance, April 25, 2019

“This guidance is intentionally general to allow maximum flexibility in the form and content of APRs, which may need to vary based on a community’s circumstances, resources, and constraints.”

From page 3 of the OPR’s General Plan APR Guidance, April 25, 2019

“The APR prepared for your city or county is not required to incorporate all of the elements suggested and need not be an elaborate and time-consuming task. Instead, the APR may make use of available sources of information that may contain information pertinent to General Plan annual reporting such as: “annual reports,” “performance reports,” “budget reports,” or “state of the city/county reports.”

The first citation explains that the guidance OPR provides is purposely “general” to allow maximum flexibility in the preparation of APRs, and the second citation explains that preparation of the APR’s need not be an elaborate or time consuming task.

As has been shown, there is no requirement in law that APRs contain “generalized reporting.” To the contrary, with respect to the report on the Housing Element, Housing and Community Development (HCD) requires the County to “detail” progress in implementing specific programs and policies. Below is an image of page 9 of the instructions from HCD on how to prepare the Housing Element section of the APR.

Instructions – Completing Tables		Page 9
Table C		
Program Implementation Status		
Report the status of housing element program and policy implementation.	In particular, list local efforts, as identified in the housing element, to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 65583(c). Also detail the progress in implementing all specific programs and policies:	
	1. “Name of Program”: List the name of the program as described in the element.	

For your reference, I have included a copy of the complete law respecting the preparation of annual progress reports, as downloaded from the Internet on March 11, 2020.

Section 65400 of the Government Code

Section 65400. (Amended by Stats. 2009, Ch. 467, Sec. 1.)

Cite as: Cal. Gov't. Code §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.

(B) The progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs determined pursuant to Section 65584 and local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 65583.

The housing element portion of the annual report, as required by this paragraph, shall be prepared through the use of forms and definitions adopted by the Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2). Prior to and after adoption of the forms, the housing element portion of the annual report shall include a section that describes the actions taken by the local government towards completion of the programs and status of the local government's compliance with the deadlines in its housing element. That report shall be considered at an annual public meeting before the legislative body where members of the public shall be allowed to provide oral testimony and written comments.

The report may include the number of units that have been substantially rehabilitated, converted from nonaffordable to affordable by acquisition, and preserved consistent with the standards set forth in paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 65583.1. The report shall document how the units meet the standards set forth in that subdivision.

(C) 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.

(b) If a court finds, upon a motion to that effect, that a city, county, or city and county failed to submit, within 60 days of the deadline established in this section, the housing element portion of the report required pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) that substantially complies with the requirements of this section, the court shall issue an order or judgment compelling compliance with this section within 60 days. If the city, county, or city and county fails to comply with the court's order within 60 days, the plaintiff or petitioner may move for sanctions, and the court may, upon that motion, grant appropriate sanctions. The court shall retain jurisdiction to ensure that its order or judgment is carried out. If the court determines that its order or judgment is not carried out within 60 days, the court may issue further orders as provided by law to ensure that the purposes and policies of this section are fulfilled. This subdivision applies to proceedings initiated on or after the first day of October following the adoption of forms and definitions by the Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), but no sooner than six months following that adoption.

Correction of an Error in the Text

The draft 2019 APR contains on page 2 the statement printed below.

"The planning horizon for the 2000 General Plan is through the year 2020 and beyond."

The statement above is simply not true. The planning horizon for the General Plan is the year 2020; it goes not further than 2020.

Below are citations from various County documents attesting to this fact:

From the Draft EIR for the adoption of the 2000 General Plan, p. 2-22

"The timeframe for the updated General Plan will be the year 2020."

From the 2003 Housing Element, p. 7-10

"Because the rest of the Policy Document has a planning horizon of 20 years, the Appendix A projections examine the time frame 2000 to 2020."

From the comments and responses section of Final EIR for the adoption of the 2000 General Plan, page 3-64)

"In the analysis, these trends were then extended to the 2020 horizon year and analyzed for impacts with and without the Draft General Plan policies."

From Exhibit A in the County's October 13, 2015 agreement (Agt. 15-530) with Mintier-Harnish to prepare a PEIR for the update of the General Plan

"The General Plan Five-Year Review will extend the planning period for the General Plan beyond its current planning horizon of 2020."

These are but a few of dozens of references in County documents stating that the year 2020 is the planning horizon for the 2000 General Plan. No document names any other year.

Clearly, the planning horizon for the 2000 General Plan does not extend beyond 2020.

Therefore, the draft 2019 APR should be amended as follows: *The planning horizon for the 2000 General Plan is through the year 2020 and beyond.*

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The Incorporation of Missing Information

General Plan Program LU-H.D, reprinted below, requires the County to include in its annual APR a review of the actions taken by the County to implement programs in the 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."*

It stands to reason, therefore, that in drafting the 2019 APR, County staff would ask and answer the following questions for each program, and then include that information in the APR.

- **Was this particular program implemented during 2019?**
- **If yes, what actions did the County take to implement the program?**
- **If no, why was the program not implemented?**

For dozens of General Plan programs reviewed in the 2019 APR, there is no information as to whether they were implemented or not. To illustrate the point, it is only necessary to look at the very first program in the General Plan – Program ED-A.A.

Program ED-A.A. *"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."*

Printed below in full is the County's 2019 APR analysis of the implementation of Program ED-A.A. The 2019 APR reports this about the implementation of Program ED-A.A:

- In 2017, the Board of Supervisors reinstated the Economic Development Action Team (EDAT).
- The County is currently contracting with the EDC to implement economic development programs.
- The County coordinated with Sanger officials to coordinate grant applications extending infrastructure to service the Highway 180 – Academy Avenue growth area.

The County's analysis of Program ED-A.A is off subject.

The truth is that the County has no staff position to serves as liaison/facilitator and support for the County's Economic Development Action Team and that there was no effort to implement that program during 2019.

The same reporting problem exists other programs, including these: ED-A.C, ED-A.G, ED-B.A, ED-B.B, ED-B.C, ED-B.D, ED-B.E, LU-A.C, LU-A.D, LU-A.F, LU-A.G, LU-A.H, LU-H.B, TR-B.E, PF-C.A, PF-C.G, OS-A.A, OS-A.B, OS-A.C, OS-D.A, OS-E.A, OS-E.B, OS-F.A, OS-G.A.

Staff must, at the very least, indicate whether programs are being implemented as described in the General Plan.

The Report on the Implementation of Program ED-A.A as it Appears in the Draft 2029 APR

"On September 12, 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved formation of an Economic Development Action Team (EDAT)

Standing Committee with Structure, Objectives and Composition as outlined below:

Structure

- *Formed as a Standing Committee to discuss EDAT issues/projects with meetings convened based on need.*

Objectives

- *Work with County staff to implement the following three goals of the Economic Development Element of the County's General Plan: (1) Job Creation, (2) Economic Base Diversification, and (3) Labor Force Preparedness;*
- *Assist County staff in reviewing the Economic Development Element of the County General Plan; and*
- *Provide direction to County staff regarding economic development projects in the unincorporated area of Fresno County.*

Composition

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- *Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, or another supervisor designated by the Chairman;*
- *A second County Supervisor determined by the issue/project the EDAT is discussing;*
- *County Administrative Officer;*
- *Public Works and Planning Director; and*
- *City representatives impacted by the issue/project the EDAT is discussing.*

For the City of Fresno the representatives would include:

- *Mayor of the City of Fresno;*
- *President of the City Council for the City of Fresno; and*
- *City Manager of the City of Fresno.*

For the Cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, or Selma the representatives would include:

- *Mayor of that City; and*
- *City Manager of that City.*

The County is currently contracting with the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for implementation of the Economic Development Element Programs of the County General Plan.

In 2019, the County activated its EDAT in partnership with the City of Sanger and EDC. Following completion of the 2019 Opportunity Analysis, Chairman Nathan Magsig and Supervisor Buddy Mendes formally engaged city representatives to coordinate joint grant applications for Economic Development Administration funding to extend vital infrastructure to service the Highway 180 – Academy Avenue growth area."

The Incorporation of Missing Information

The March 12, 2020 staff report to the Planning Commission states that the draft 2019 APR meets the requirements of Government Code §65400. That statement is reprinted below.

"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." (March 12, 2020 Staff Report to the Planning Commission, p. 2)

This statement is wrong, as the draft 2019 APR does not include an analysis of the degree to which the County's General Plan complies with guidelines prepared by the Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

Below is a copy of the portion of Government Code 65400 that codifies this requirement.

California Government Code 65400

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

(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....

(C) The degree to which its approved general plan complies with the guidelines developed and adopted [by OPR] pursuant to [Government Code] Section 65040.2...."

The OPR guidelines cited in Government Code Section 65400 are comprehensive and very easy to understand. The guidelines identify the statutes that create legal obligations for each general plan element, often with easy to use checklists.

Had the draft 2019 APR included this information, then, at a minimum, the APR would have shown where the County is out of compliance with statutory requirements. That information would be invaluable to Planning Commissioners and Board members.

The first step in bringing the County into compliance with state law is acknowledging where the County is out of compliance.

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Describing EDC's Role in the Implementation of the Economic Development Element

According to the staff report for the draft 2019 APR, the lion's share of the work to implement General Plan Economic Development Element policies and programs was performed by the *Economic Development Corporation Serving Fresno County* (EDC). A paragraph in the March 12, 2020 staff report identifies the EDC as performing this task.

From the March 12, 2020 Staff Report to the Planning Commission, page 1

"Implementation of the General Plan is the responsibility of various County departments, as well as agencies that are not part of the County's structure, but are under contract to provide services to the County. The information included in the 2019 APR is provided by County departments and divisions, as well as the Economic Development Corporation, the agency that is under contract with the County for implementation of policies and programs of the Economic Development Element of the General Plan."

Importantly, there does not appear to be any County document or legal agreement between the County and EDC that explains the degree and scope of the EDC's obligations with respect to the implementation of the 50 policies and 18 programs in the General Plan Economic Development Element. Importantly, the EDC does not have the legal authority to implement some of these policies and programs.

It's relevant to note that while the County's previous APR for 2018 described EDC's involvement in implementing 3 of 18 programs in the Economic Development Element, the draft 2019 APR describes the role of the EDC in implementing 14 of those same programs.

This profound increase in the reporting of EDC involvement in the implementation of the Economic Development Element brings to attention the need to describe in some detail just what the EDC is and is not required to accomplish.

The draft 2019 APR should be augmented to identify those particular programs that the EDC is obligated to implement, and it should also describe the extent of that obligation, for its possible that the responsibility is shared with the County Planning Department.

ATTACHMENT E

September 10, 2020

Re: Agenda Item No. 8 – General Plan Annual Progress Report for Calendar Year 2019

Dear Members of the Fresno County Planning Commission,

I'm sometimes asked why I've chosen to devote my retirement years to studying the Fresno County General Plan. It's simple, really. Years ago I came to understand that the General Plan contains goals, policies and programs designed to resolve some of our county's biggest problems, among them, poor air quality, groundwater depletion and rural poverty, and when I later discovered that critical components of the Plan were not being implemented, I knew it was important to speak up and attempt to help remedy the situation. In its current iteration, our General Plan is an awesome path forward, and there's no reason not to attempt to implement it fully.

During my years of working with County personnel on this issue, I chose to focus primarily on two essential hallmarks of good governance: the rule of law and honesty. I thought that if I hung my hat on those two principles, I would surely succeed in getting the County to improve Plan implementation.

But that didn't happen. It took me some time to realize that the rule of law is not controlling on the actions of our County government. Here's a unambiguous example: Although California's government code mandates that the progress report before you today contain an assessment of the degree to which our General Plan complies with state planning guidelines, the 2019 APR lacks that assessment. I've repeatedly asked the County to honor that requirement, but the County hasn't done so yet.

Absent respect for the rule of law, I had hoped that an appeal to honesty would win the day. But that approach has also proved ineffective. Just as with past progress reports, the 2019 report contains fabrications such as staff's claim that the planning horizon for the 2000 General Plan extends beyond the year 2020. It clearly doesn't. Then there are the dozens of omissions and misrepresentations in the report. Here are two examples. With regard to the very first program in the General Plan (ED-A.A), the 2019 APR fails to report that the required economic liaison/facilitator staff position does not exist. And with respect to the third program (ED-A.C), the report intimates that an independent institution has evaluated the County's success in achieving the County's economic goals, but in truth, there is no evidence that such evaluations have ever been done.

A final thought: There are also practical reasons for requiring good reporting. An apt example is Item No. 7 on your agenda today. Several years ago, the County failed to comply with a state law that required the County to add to the General Plan an assessment of disadvantaged unincorporated communities. Had the Planning Commission flagged that deficit as part of an earlier annual progress report, a lawsuit could have been avoided and the County would not have had to reimburse county residents for their legal expenses. In short, more complete annual reporting in prior years could have prevented this unnecessary expenditure of taxpayer dollars.

Today I'm asking Commissioners to direct staff to correct several false statements and omissions in the 2019 annual report. I know that county residents will see your action as a welcomed first step toward making our General Plan a more effective tool for the betterment of everyone.

Planning staff may suggest that this Commission cannot give that direction, that the report is only presented to your Commission as a courtesy. But my reading of the General Plan indicates otherwise. This is your report to the Board, and you are the ones in charge of its content.

Should you direct staff to revise the report, I also ask that you direct them to consult with county residents as they draft those changes. As for me, I give you my word that I will be cooperative and will refrain from making any inquiries as to why any programs have not been fully implemented as written. The goal now is simply to produce a more complete and accurate report of the actions taken during 2019 to implement General Plan programs.

Once you have a better report, you can decide what, if any, recommendations you wish to bring to the attention of the Board of Supervisors.

I feel it's time to set aside all fears and resentments and to work cooperatively. I truly believe the future of this county hinges on your decision today to direct staff to revise the annual report.

Thank you,

Sincerely,



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ATTACHMENT F

October 5, 2020

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Board of Supervisors Chairman Buddy Mendes, Chief Administrative Officer Jean Rousseau, Public Works and Planning Director Steven White, Principal Planner Chris Motta and Senior Planner Mohammad Khorsand:

The League of Women Voters of Fresno (League) is asking the County to afford the public ample opportunity to discuss with the Board of Supervisors the County's draft General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) for calendar year 2019, as well as discuss the progress made toward implementing the General Plan during 2019.

To that end, the League has these two requests: 1) that the County place the review of the 2019 APR on the Board's regular agenda (not on the consent calendar) and 2) that the County assist the League in obtaining additional information about the implementation during 2019 of the first twelve programs in the Economic Development Element. These programs were designed to diversify the county's economic base and to create good jobs at a faster rate than population growth.

With respect to the League's second request, while the 2019 APR did state that the Economic Development Corporation is now tasked with implementing the County's Economic Development Element, for the most part, the APR did not provide on pages 1 – 9 of Appendix A sufficient information about the progress made during 2019 to achieve the tasks articulated in Programs ED-A.A through ED-B.E, which are listed below.

Thank you,



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Program Tasks Articulated in Sections A and B of the 2000 General Plan Economic Development Element	
ED-A.A	Creation of a staff position to coordinate countywide economic development.
ED-A.B	Creation of an Action Team to coordinate countywide economic development.
ED-A.C	5-year evaluations of the success of the County's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.
ED-A.D	Creation of criteria for the location of value-added agricultural facilities.
ED-A.E	Establishment of a set of guidelines for the analysis of economic impacts within staff reports.
ED-A.F	Contract with the Economic Development Corporation for the marketing of county produce.
ED-A.G	Determination of the existence of capital deficiencies for farmers shifting to production modes that create greater employment; redirection of existing funds should such deficiencies be found.
ED-B.A	Assemblage of a group of service providers to assess telecommunications infrastructure.
ED-B.B	Delivery to businesses of a comprehensive package of assistance regarding available technologies.
ED-B.C	Creation of a roundtable of financial institutions to improve access to capital for non-agricultural businesses.
ED-B.D	Creation of a planning process to identify additional recreational opportunities countywide.
ED-B.E	Evaluation of the Visitor & Convention Bureau's business marketing programs; provision for funding assistance.