



## DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC WORKS and PLANNING

# THE 2023 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

**PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**  
**February 8, 2024**

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State law requires that all cities and counties submit an Annual Progress Report (APR) to their legislative bodies, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) by April 1st of each year detailing the status of their General Plan and progress in its implementation.

# APR REPORTING FORMAT



- Guidance provided by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to assist local governments with APR preparation does not mandate a format for the APR other than Housing Element reporting, which is dictated by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).
- Reporting on activities related to the Housing Element, including the County's progress in addressing its share of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), has been prepared in the format prescribed by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the 2023 reporting period.

# THE 2023 APR



- The APR includes an overview of the General Plan, State requirements for annual reporting, the current General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update, and planning and development activities that occurred during the 2023 calendar year.
- Appendix A of the APR provides detailed reporting on activities related to the implementation programs of each General Plan Element except the Housing Element.
- Appendix B of the APR provides detailed reporting on activities related to the Housing Element, including the implementation programs and the County's progress in addressing its share of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), in a format prescribed by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the 2023 reporting period.

# NOTEWORTHY PLANNING ACTIVITIES 2023



## Community Involvement, 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Update and General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update Progress

- Held over 20 General Plan and Housing Element community meetings at various locations throughout the County
- Utilized technology to expand the access to various meetings and facilitate community involvement
- Drafted and submitted on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Fresno County's 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element to Housing and Community Development (HCD).
- Finalize and adopted a Guidance Document for updating Community Plans and adopted a Prioritization List for updating the Counties' 10 Unincorporated Community Plans.
- Began the process of updating the Biola and the Del Rey Community Plans

# NOTEWORTHY PLANNING ACTIVITIES 2023



## Investment in Unincorporated Communities

- The County applied for various grants and was awarded over \$20,000,000.00. The applications include:
  - Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ):
    - ✦ Fowler Ave Shoulder Widening: \$3,433,521 (Laton)
    - ✦ Elkhorn Ave Shoulder Widening: \$2,362,543
  - State Funds
    - ✦ Street and Sidewalk improvements in Cantua Creek/El Porvenir: \$2,000,000
    - ✦ Street and Sidewalk improvements in Tranquillity: \$3,000,000
  - Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
    - ✦ Preliminary engineering for a left turn signal at Central and Chestnut Avenue (Malaga): \$131,000
  - Safe Streets for All (SS4A)
    - ✦ Upgrade existing Local Road Safety Plan and improve road and pedestrian safety in disadvantaged communities: \$300,000
- The County awarded \$400,000 in ARPA funds to make improvements at the Raisin City Park.
- San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District awarded \$1,000,000 grant to Tree Fresno to plant trees in South Central Fresno, Malaga, and Calwa.

# NOTEWORTHY PLANNING ACTIVITIES 2023



## Removing Barriers to Specialized Housing

- Conducting a feasibility study on creating an affordable housing trust fund.
- Designed and completed 9 Accessory Dwelling Unit preapproved building plans available for free to County residents.
- Began designing 2 Duplex, 2 Triplex, and 2 Fourplex, preapproved building plans that will be completed and made available for free to County residents in 2024
- The Housing Authority completed construction of rehabilitation project of 60 farmworker housing units in the City of Mendota. (\$2,050,000 awarded)
- Provided technical assistance to California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) to apply for funds to facilitate the purchase of the existing Shady Lakes mobile home park to ensure long-term housing affordability for those residents.
- The County provided over \$2,500,000 in award letters to fund two affordable housing developments in partner cities.

# PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION



## Recommended Motion:

- Receive the 2023 APR; and
- Recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept the 2023 APR; and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.





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## Alternative Motion:

- Receive the 2023 APR; and
- Recommend that the Board of Supervisors not accept the 2023 APR; and
- Direct the secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.