



DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC WORKS and PLANNING

THE 2022 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
February 23, 2023

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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 2022 reporting period.

THE 2022 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 2022 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 2022 reporting period.

NOTEWORTHY PLANNING ACTIVITIES 2022



Community Involvement 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
- Worked with the Department of Fair Employment and Housing and California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) to revise and update Code Enforcement forms and procedures to enhance access and assistance to non-English speaking individuals.
- Began Work on creating a streamlined process for updating Unincorporated Community Plans funded by a grant from Fresno Council of Government (COG)
- Amended the Zoning Ordinance to expand the Districts that permit farmworker housing (AT 381) and refine sections related to Reasonable Accommodations, Supportive Housing, and Density Bonus (AT 383).

NOTEWORTHY PLANNING ACTIVITIES 2022



Investment in Disadvantage Unincorporated Communities

- The County applied for various grants was awarded over \$10,000,000.00. The applications include:
 - Road Improvements: Riverdale/Mt Whitney
 - Sidewalk Improvements in: Calwa, Del Rey, Tranquility and the intersection of Herndon-Barstow
- The County invested \$27,650,725.00 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to various housing and infrastructure projects that included disadvantaged communities such as:
 - Park Improvement in: El Porvenir Park, Tenaya Park and Raisin City Park
 - Affordable Housing: Construction of affordable single family homes in Riverdale
 - Water Improvement Projects: Riverdale

NOTEWORTHY PLANNING ACTIVITIES 2022



Removing Barriers to Specialized Housing

- Conducted two survey's one with farmworker and another with farmers to determine the housing needs of farmworkers in Fresno County. Over 240 farmworkers 170 farmers were surveyed. The results include:
 - Farmworkers do not desire farmworker housing "Housing on the Farm/ On-Site Farmworker Housing"
 - Only 25 of the farmers desired On-Site Farmworker Housing
 - 47% of the non-homeowner households desired to become homeowners
- Created a Mobile Home Park Program that gives a priority funding period (July 1 to Sept 1 annually) to developers that want to access County HOME Investment Partnership Program funds for mobile home parks.
- Is assisting California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) to apply for HOME funds to facilitate the purchase of the existing Shady Lakes mobile home park by its residents to ensure long-term housing affordability for those residents.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION



Recommended Motion:

- Receive the 2022 APR; and
- Recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept the 2022 APR; and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

Alternative Motion:

- Receive the 2022 APR; and
- Recommend that the Board of Supervisors not accept the 2022 APR; and
- Direct the secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.



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