



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
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SUBJECT: 2022 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

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RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the Fresno County General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) for the 2022 calendar year and recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept the 2022 APR.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

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

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

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

The current Fresno County General Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2000. It includes a Background Report, Policy Document, Economic Development Strategy and Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Additionally, the General Plan also contains goals, policies, and implementation programs to guide the County's physical development and economic growth, and to protect productive agricultural land and other natural resources. The County is currently working on a comprehensive review of the General Plan and a comprehensive update of the Zoning Ordinance to achieve full consistency between the General Plan and the Zoning Ordinance, and to bring the General Plan into compliance with recent California legislation. Further, the County is also currently coordinating with the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) and the incorporated cities within the County, excluding the City of Clovis, to develop the Sixth Cycle Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element Update. This effort includes addressing the County's share of the Regional Housing Needs

Allocation (RHNA) prescribed by the FCOG Regional Housing Needs Plan adopted by the FCOG Policy Board on November 17, 2022.

Implementation of the General Plan is the responsibility of County Departments and agencies contracted to implement General Plan goals, policies, and programs. The information included in the 2022 APR was provided by County Departments and the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), which is under contract with the County to assist with the implementation of policies and programs in the Economic Development Element of the General Plan.

California Government Code Section 65400 requires that all cities and counties submit an APR to their legislative bodies detailing the status of their General Plan and progress in its implementation. Further, the statute also requires the APR to be submitted to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) by April 1st of each year. Considering the role of the Planning Commission as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors, Department staff is presenting the 2022 APR to the Planning Commission prior to submitting the 2022 APR to the Board of Supervisors.

The 2022 APR, which is included with this Staff Report as Exhibit 1, provides an overview of General Plan implementation and related activities that occurred during the 2022 calendar year, and a detailed report of Housing Element information in a format prescribed by HCD.

The 2022 APR has been prepared in coordination with the County Counsel's Office.

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

The report on the General Plan provides information regarding General Plan implementation and related activities that occurred during the 2022 calendar year, except the Housing Element which is subsequently addressed in a format prescribed by HCD.

The report on the General Plan (excluding Housing Element) includes the following:

- Overview of General Plan Vision Statement, Key Goals, and Implementation Programs.
- Overview of General Plan annual reporting.
- Overview of General Plan Elements and related activities that occurred during the 2022 calendar year.
- Overview of the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update.
- Overview of planning and development activities that occurred during the 2022 calendar year.
- Status of General Plan Implementation Programs for the Economic Development Element, Agriculture and Land Use Element, Transportation and Circulation Element, Public Facilities and Services Element, Open Space and Conservation Element, and the Health and Safety Element (2022 APR Appendix A).

Report on Implementation of the General Plan Housing Element:

The report on the General Plan Housing Element (2022 APR Appendix B) provides information regarding Housing Element implementation and related activities that occurred during the 2022 calendar year in accordance with the format prescribed by HCD for the 2022 reporting period.

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

- Residential permit activity for very-low, low, moderate, and above-moderate income populations.

- Progress in addressing Fresno County's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA).
- Status of General Plan Implementation Programs for the Housing Element.

Summary:

The Fresno County General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) for the 2022 calendar year satisfies the Government Code Section 65400 requirement for the County to submit an APR to the Board of Supervisors detailing the status of the General Plan and progress in its implementation. Further, the Housing Element portion of the APR provides detailed information in a format prescribed by HCD for the 2022 reporting period, including the County's progress in addressing its share of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA).

PLANNING COMMISSION MOTIONS:

Recommended Motion:

- Receive the 2022 General Plan Annual Progress Report: and
- Recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept the 2022 General Plan Annual Progress Report: and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

Alternative Motion:

- Receive the 2022 General Plan Annual Progress Report: and
- Recommend that the Board of Supervisors not accept the 2022 General Plan Annual Progress Report: and
- Direct the secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's Action.

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