



# County of Fresno

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**SUBJECT:** 2020 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Receive Fresno County General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) for the 2020 calendar year and recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept the 2020 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 Categorical Exempt, Class 6 (Information Collection) based on Section 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines.

### BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The General Plan is mandated by the California Government Code Section 65300, which requires each city and county to adopt a comprehensive plan for the physical development of the jurisdiction.

The Fresno County General Plan (Plan) was last comprehensively updated and adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2000. It includes a Background Report, a Policy Document, an Economic Development Strategy, a Fiscal and Financial Analysis, and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Plan contains goals, policies, and implementation programs to guide the County's physical development, economic growth and to protect productive agricultural land. The County is currently working on a comprehensive review of its Plan along with a comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance to achieve full consistency between the Plan's policies and the County's development regulations, and to bring the Plan into compliance with recent state legislation, including the addition of an Environmental Justice Element.

Implementation of the 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 2020 APR is provided by County departments and divisions, as well as the Economic Development Corporation, the agency that is under

contract with the County to assist in implementation of policies and programs of the Economic Development Element of the Plan.

California Government Code Section 65400 requires that cities and counties submit an APR on the status of their Plan and progress in its implementation to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Prior to submittal to the State, the APR must be presented to the Board of Supervisors (Board) for review and acceptance. As a procedural matter, staff is bringing this annual report to the Planning Commission for receipt and recommendation prior to the Board's action given the role of the Commission as advisory to the Board in planning matters, including implementation of the General Plan.

The APR that is attached to this staff report (Attachment 1) contains a report on the status of the County's Plan and a separate report on the status of implementation of the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element.

The 2020 APR has been prepared in coordination with the County Counsel's Office.

#### **Report on implementation of the General Plan:**

The general plan portion of the APR provides information on the status of implementing the County's 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 to provide maximum flexibility in the form and contents of the APR.

The report on implementation of 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 that occurred in calendar year 2020;
- 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
- A matrix that describes the status of Implementation Programs of each element of General Plan Policy Document.

#### **Report on implementation of the Housing Element of the General Plan:**

HCD requires the reporting of Housing Element implementation on specific state reporting forms. The method of reporting of Housing Element implementation is established by HCD with the purpose of tracking overall housing production in the county, as well as the county's progress toward meeting its regional housing needs assessment (RHNA) allocation. The Housing Element Implementation Progress Report is included in Attachment 1 of this report.

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 populations in 2020;
- 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
- A matrix that describes the status of Implementation Programs of the Fifth-Cycle Update.

**Summary:**

The 2020 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 Allocation (RHNA).

**PLANNING COMMISSION MOTIONS:**

**Recommended Motion:**

- Receive the 2020 General Plan Annual Progress Report; and
- Recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept the 2020 General Plan Annual Progress Report; and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

**Alternative Motion:**

- Receive the 2020 General Plan Annual Progress Report; and
- Recommend that the Board of Supervisors not accept the 2020 Annual Progress Report; and
- Direct the secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's Action.

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# 2020 General Plan Annual Progress Report



**FRESNO COUNTY  
2020 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**



**Submitted to  
Fresno County Board of Supervisors**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

The Department has prepared the 2020 General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) per guidance provided by the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR) in its January 25, 2021 advisory memorandum and the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). This APR covers the 2020 calendar year. The information included in this APR has been provided by various County Departments and agencies under contract to implement the Fresno County General Plan.

This APR covers the status of implementation of the County General Plan for the 2020 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 2020 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 the calendar year 2020, 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 the status of implementation programs of all elements of the General Plan (Appendix A).

The second part of the APR includes the following topics:

- An 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).

The APR is tentatively scheduled to be presented to the Planning Commission on March 11, 2021 and the Board of Supervisors on March 23, 2021.

## **Purpose of the General Plan**

Government Code Section 65300 et seq. requires that each city and county in California prepare and adopt a comprehensive general plan following the guidelines provided by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to assist local governments to address the requirements of Government Code Section 65300. The General Plan (Plan) is a long-range policy document intended to guide physical development, economic growth, and protection of natural resources and an assessment of current and future needs, and the resources required to implement the established goals and policies. Most General Plans have a planning horizon of 15 to 25 years.

The Fresno County General Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2000, it was comprehensively updated 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), and contains goals and policies to guide the physical development of the county and to protect productive farmland and other important natural resources. The County's Plan includes a policy that requires a review of the Plan every five years to ensure compliance with recent legislation, reflect change in circumstances and the Board of Supervisors' priorities. The county is currently working on a comprehensive review of its Plan along with a comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance to achieve full consistency between the Plan's policies and the county's development regulations, and to bring the Plan into compliance with recent state legislation.

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

The intent of the General Plan Annual Report (APR) is to demonstrate the County's compliance with the requirements of Government Code Sections 65400 and 65700 which mandate that the County prepare an annual report on the status of the General Plan and progress in its implementation. This APR explains the purpose of each element of the Plan and reports on activities that occurred during the 2020 calendar year. The APR is a reporting document and does not create or alter the existing goals, policies, or programs of the Plan.

The Housing Element Annual Report provides information on the status of the housing element of the County's Plan and progresses in its implementation using forms and definitions prescribed by the Department of Housing and Community Development (State HCD) for the 2020 reporting period.

A copy of the APR must be sent to OPR and State HCD. Providing a copy of the APR to State HCD fulfills a statutory requirement to report certain housing information, including the County's progress in meeting its share of Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) and local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the development of housing, as defined in state law.

## **Impacts to General Plan Implementation Associated with Unique and Unforeseen Events in 2020**

During the reporting period for the 2020 APR, the nation, this state, and the County of Fresno faced an unprecedented and unforeseen public health crisis with the arrival of the Coronavirus ("COVID-19"). On March 19, 2020, the Governor issued a statewide shelter in place order. In response, the county closed certain buildings to the public and instituted remote work policies. These remote work policies continue as of the date of the completion of this document. Many

of the meetings staff intended to hold were postponed due to COVID-19. Due to restrictions and limitations on public gatherings, staff had to move forward with virtual meetings. This also limited informal meetings to phone calls, which limited the sharing of information by the participants.

This year, the county also confronted another unprecedented disaster on September 3, 2020, when the Creek Fire, located in the eastern Fresno County, erupted. The Creek Fire was the largest single blaze (over 290,000 acres) in California and one of the largest wildfires in the state's history. It destroyed the communities of Big Creek, Cressmans, and threatened the communities of Huntington Lake, Shaver Lake, Tollhouse, and Prather. Numerous homes were destroyed, and a significant number of county residents were displaced. A substantial number of staff from the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning ("Department") and other county departments were reassigned to respond to this emergency. Department staff participated in local Office of Emergency Services and public outreach meetings, prepared policies and procedures to address cleanup efforts and to assist displaced residents with temporary housing options.

During the initial weeks of the fire, a significant amount of County staff focused on emergency response efforts and a significant amount of County resources, both human and financial, were dedicated to responding to this fire and to assisting displaced residents. Due to these unforeseen and unprecedented challenges, staff's ability to implement the County General Plan was impacted.



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## **GENERAL PLAN OVERVIEW**

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 the 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 briefly describe the proposed action, the County departments or agencies that are under contract with primary responsibility for carrying out the program, and the time frame for accomplishing the program.

## **GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS AND REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN 2020 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 2020 calendar year, The Economic Development Corporation (EDC) that is the contracted agency in working with the Fresno County staff continued implementing policies of the Economic Development Element.
- EDC continued to utilize the Economic Development Action Team (EDAT).
- Some noteworthy efforts related to this element included a City of Sanger Infrastructure Expansion project and for Prima Wawona, a business merger. Also, the EDC updated the Agricultural Industry Packet for use at the Chinese Investment Network, initiated a contract to launch a County of Fresno Promotional Video, highlighting recent business expansion and attraction successes and compelling reasons why users should choose Fresno County.
- In 2020, the EDC continued its partnership with AccessPlus Capital, in developing the guidelines for the County of Fresno Helping Underserved Businesses Grant Program. Focus was placed on small businesses and \$5 Million was successfully awarded to 1,000 companies and utilized the Fresno/Clovis Convention Bureau to collaborate around attractions prospects, such as data and demographic sharing. During 2020, the two agencies coordinated to support the attraction of Southwest Airlines at Fresno International Airport.
- EDC research staff continued to work with alongside education partners and the Fresno County Department of Social Services to conduct routine workforce/jobs analysis to help inform training, programs, and partnerships. The EDC updates its Ready2Hire portal, which aligns the CalWORKS labor pool with employment opportunities from the EDC's client network. Finally, during 2020, 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.

- **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 2020 calendar year, the County continued to implement General Plan policies related to the preservation of agricultural resources by directing growth to cities by way 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. Staff referred 16 potential land use applications for referral to cities within Fresno County.

- During the 2020 calendar year the County processed or reviewed 151 land use applications ranging from amendments to the Fresno County Zoning Ordinance to variances and applications associated with active Williamson Act Contracts.
- Staff processed eight variances for parcel size in 2020. Staff's analysis in seven of those eight variances included an inability to make a finding of General Plan Consistency. Seven of those eight variances were ultimately approved, either by the Planning Commission or on appeal to the Board of Supervisors.
- During this APR period, staff also completed an analysis of Disadvantaged and Unincorporated Communities (SB 244) and updates to its Zoning Ordinance and General Plan to allow for increased densities and density bonus, per the requirements of the Fifth Cycle Adoption Housing Element. Both efforts were approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2020. Staff also continued work on the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Update, which involved a revised Consultant Scope of Work approved by the Board in April of 2020.
- Other noteworthy land use activities included the approval of the Fifth Standard Photovoltaic Solar Project (Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application Nos. 3562, 3563, and 3564) including certification of its associated Environmental Impact Report (EIR 7257) and cancellation of approximately 1,600 acres of designated prime agricultural land, and a recommendation for approval by the Planning Commission of Amendment to Text No. 379 revising urban residential fence standards for specified zone districts.

- **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 2020 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:
  - o Fresno County Road Improvement Program (RIP).
  - o In 2020, the Design Division of the Public Works and Planning Department nominated two projects, the Biola Sidewalk project and the Wahtoke Bridge on Lincoln Avenue project, as potential award recipient projects. The Biola Sidewalk Project received the Community Improvement Project Award from the American Society of Civil

Engineers San Francisco (ASCE) San Francisco Section, the Outstanding Small Project Award from ASCE Fresno Branch, and the Project of the Year Award from the American Public Works Association (APWA) Central California Chapter. The Wahtoke Bridge Replacement Project received the second place Honorable Mention Award from the APWA Central California Chapter.

- In 2020, the Design Division awarded 15 projects for a total amount of 37.6 million dollars for a variety of construction projects throughout the County. These projects included a Fresno County Sheriff's Department Area No. 2 Substation estimated at approximately 15.5 million dollars, road overlay improvements estimated at approximately seven million dollars, and various water and wastewater-related improvements associated with County-maintained County Service Areas and Waterworks Districts totaling approximately 5.8 million dollars.
- The County continued to work with and define July 2020 changes to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) which requires transportation-related impacts of land use projects to be evaluated using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). County staff worked previously with FCOG staff and an FCOG-retained consultant to devise changes to the traffic impact methodology. The change to VMT has affected all jurisdictions within the state, but during the 2020 calendar year, as this requirement was implemented, County staff were able to adjust with minimal processing delays on land use applications.

- **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 2020 calendar year, Fresno County continued implementing policies of the Public Facilities and Services Element.
- Many of the programs and policies associated with this element involve ongoing activities that staff implements when processing discretionary land use applications or reviewing projects submitted by other jurisdictions or agencies for review. Appendix A provides additional discussion of the various programs that are part of this element. Ongoing County efforts with Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and interagency coordination on resources may see increased activity related to this element in 2021. Most noteworthy for 2020 was Program PF-H.B regarding the consolidations and standardization of services and to maximize the efficient use of fire protection resources.
- Although additional consolidation of services did not occur in 2020, it was necessary during the Creek Fire Disaster other local, state and

federal agencies to provide response and relief to those affected. The undertaking included a large volume of mobilization and resources that had to be done quickly as the disaster was occurring.

- **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 generations.

- During the 2020 calendar year, Fresno County continued implementing policies of the Open Space and Conservation Element.
- Many of the programs associated with this element represent ongoing activities that have been incorporated into daily practices in processing land use requests. For the most part this did not change in 2020. The County continues to coordinate with regional, state and federal resource agencies both out of good practice and as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. Staff continues to rely heavily on their data and expertise and has found efficiencies in incorporating or using their databases rather than establishing databases exclusive to the County.
- Some programs, such as OS-G.B which addresses reduction in employee trip reduction, may be informed by recent events related to COVID-19 and the high increase in teleworking, but how that may affect this program is unknown at this time.

- **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.
- The County continues to implement the programs and evaluate land use proposals relevant to this element on an ongoing basis. The Department of Public Works and Planning also continues to coordinate with other relevant departments, such as the department of Public Health, and state and federal agencies for land use matters that impact

this element. Notable for 2020, during the Creek Fire Disaster, the County Office of Emergency Services (OES) coordinated disaster response with other local and state agencies including coordination of an Emergency Operations Center to assist disaster victims. This pertains specifically, although not exclusively to Program HS-A.D.

- **Housing Element**

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

- In 2020 the County took specific actions to address recent litigation related to its Fifth Cycle Adoption Housing Element, which was adopted in 2016.
- Specifically, on October 20, 2020, the Board of Supervisors adopted the County's analysis required by Government Code 65302.10 ("SB 244 Analysis") and approved an amendment to the Agricultural and Land Use Element of the County's General Plan to incorporate the required analysis.
- On November 24, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved a General Plan Amendment to amend the Agricultural and Land Use Element to increase residential density in certain land use designations that allow all multi-family housing development and adopted Ordinance No. T-094-380 as standalone amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to address the requirements of Program 10.
- Beginning on May 21, 2020, the Community Development Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning took a lead role holding stakeholder forums to discuss development of sites zoned T-P (Tariler Park) for low income population. On November 18, and 19, 2020, Community Development staff held a countywide Housing Forum open to residents, community members, housing advocates, and Community Service District ("CSD") members on Zoom.
- In 2020, the County was able to award additional CDBG funds for the Cantua Creek and El Provenir Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, and the County was able to fund all five of the CDBG applications that were received during the 2019-2020 funding cycle.
- On February 21, 2020, the County, through the Director of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, executed the Standard Agreement with HCD to allow work to commence on projects to be funded by SB 2 Planning Grants. The scope of work for funded projects includes preparing, adopting, and implementing plans and procedural improvements that streamline housing and accelerate housing production, including amendments to the County's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance, development of pre-approved architectural plans for dwelling units, community outreach, environmental review, and revised internal procedures.



## **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. A subsequent consultant agreement including a revised Scope of Work was approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 14, 2020 due to change in circumstances for the continued work on the General Background Report and the Policy Document, the PEIR, and the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance update.

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

Since the approval of the consultant agreement and the scope of work for the project, Public Works and Planning staff, with the assistance of the consultant, has been working on preparing the following documents:

An 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.

An 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 including Senate Bill SB244 (disadvantaged unincorporated communities) and Senate Bill 1000 (Environmental Justice Element).

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. The updated Zoning Ordinance makes the Ordinance consistent with the General Plan and the State law.

The Notice of Preparation for the new PEIR was published in a newspaper of general circulation on January 15, 2021 with a response period commencing on January 15, 2021 and ending on March 1, 2021. A virtual scoping meeting for the preparation of the PEIR was conducted on January 27, 2021, to further inform the public and the agencies of the scope of the work for the PEIR and to solicit comments from the public and the agencies.

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

The Public Review Drafts of the Revised General Plan Background Report, the revised General Plan Policy Document and the updated Zoning Ordinance will be provided for the public and agency review in summer or fall of 2021.

## 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 2020 calendar year. As shown in the Table, DSCPD received a total of 270 new applications. The Table provides the status of the applications for the calendar year 2020.

<b>Table 1</b>				
<b>Applications Submitted in 2020</b>				
Application Type	Total Incoming	Approved	Denied / Withdrawn	Still in Process
Zone Map Amendment (Rezone)	2	1	0	1
Amendment to Text of the Zoning Ordinance	2	0	0	2
Conditional Use Permit	29	12	2	15
Director Review & Approval	39	20	2	17
General Plan Amendment	5	2	0	3
Environmental Impact Report	4	0	0	4
Merger	12	7	1	4
Pre-Certificate of Compliance	12	10	0	2
Property Line Adjustment	29	15	1	13
Site Plan Review	63	50	0	13
Tentative Parcel Map	23	8	0	15
Tentative Parcel Map Waiver	18	12	1	5
Tentative Tract Map	2	0	0	2
Variance	19	7	0	12
Cancellation of Williamson Act Contract	9	0	0	9
Revision to Williamson Act Contract	2	1	0	1
TOTAL	270	144	7	119

<b>Table 1.1 Planning Commission Action in 2020</b>			
Application Type	Approved / Recommended Approval	Denied / Withdrawn	Subtotal
Zone Map Amendment (Rezone)	3	0	3
Amendment to Text of the Zoning Ordinance	2	0	2
Conditional Use Permit	25	2	27
Director Review & Approval	4	0	4
General Plan Amendment	2	0	2
Environmental Impact Report	1	0	1
Tentative Tract Map	0	0	0
Variance	13	2	15
Time Extensions (TT, CUP or VA)	7	0	7
General Plan Conformity Findings	0	0	0
Site Plan Review	0	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>61</b>

<b>Table 2 Lot Size Exceptions Approved in 2020</b>		
Exception Type	Size of Parcel Created	APN
Gift Deed (PCOC 3518) *	10.06 acres	327-080-26s
Gift Deed (PCOC 3520) *	1.49 acres	042-043-67
Gift Deed (PCOC 3521) *	2.48 acres	025-071-60
Gift Deed (PCOC 3524) *	1.84 acres	335-080-19s
Gift Deed (PCOC 3527) *	2.0 acres	358-041-16
Gift Deed (PCOC 3528) *	2.5 acres	315-021-18
Variance 4026	2.5 and 17.05 acres	332-021-22
Variance 4059	16,186 and 7,075 sq ft	456-184-06
Variance 4065	2.93 and 2.0 acres	581-110-05
Variance 4072	7.16 and 3.61 acres	314-070-34
Variance 4076	3.56 acres	333-021-66
Variance 4084	1.18 acres	025-041-37s
Variance 4090	5.21 acres	358-021-39, 76, 78

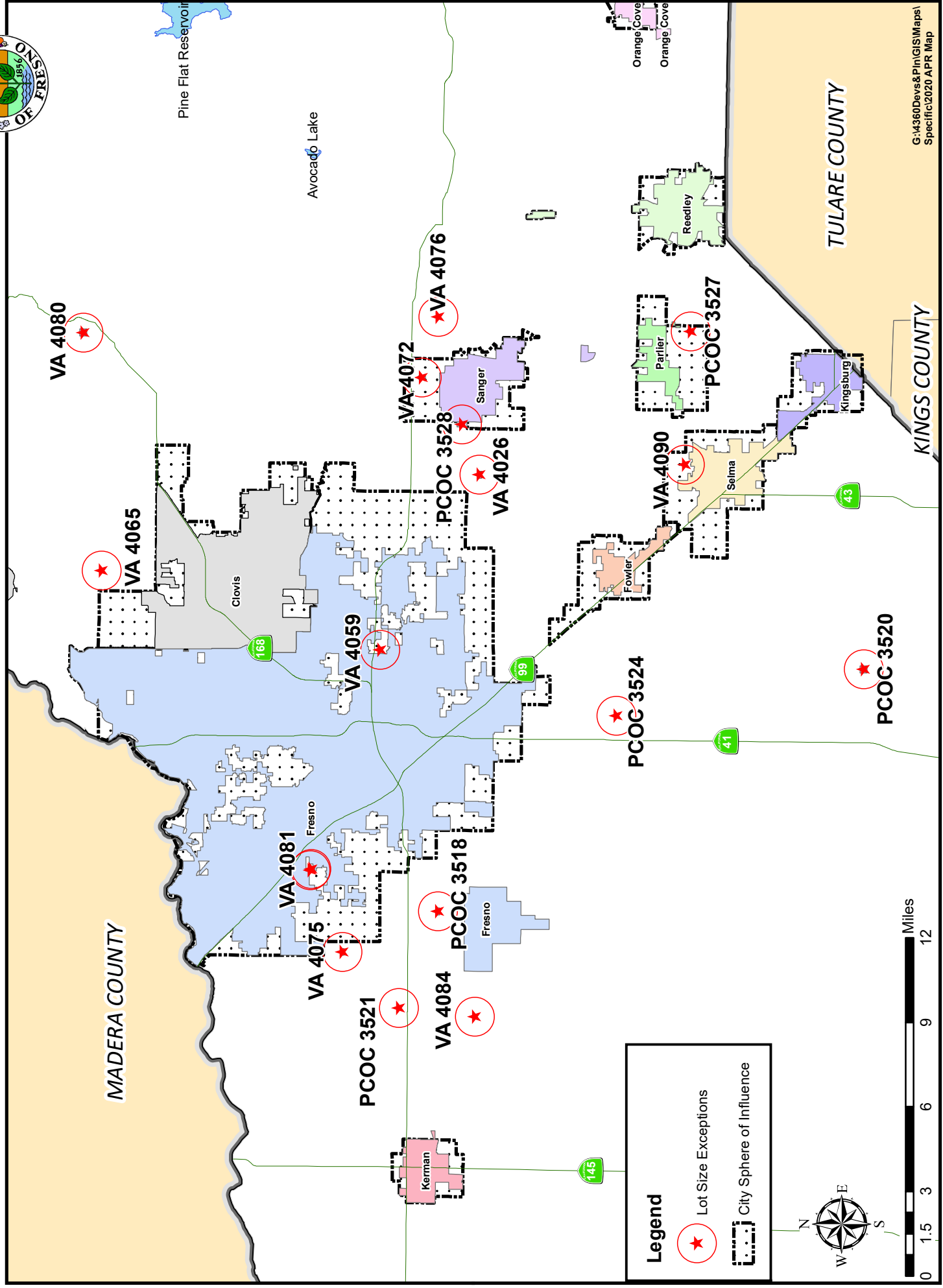
Figure 1 depicts the location of the parcels referenced in Table 2.

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



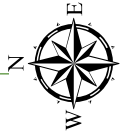
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2020 APR



**Legend**

- ★ Lot Size Exceptions
- City Sphere of Influence



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## GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS

The following are the General Plan Amendments that were submitted for processing in 2020 or were submitted in prior years and continued to be processed, or were concluded in the 2020 calendar year:

General Plan Amendment (GPA) Application	Description
553	Applicant Leo Gonzales proposing to amend the General Plan by re-designating 8.38 acres from Agricultural to Limited Industrial – in process.
555	Applicant Roger Van Groningen proposing to amend the Selma Community Plan by re-designating 27.82 acres from Agricultural to General Industrial – in process.
557	Applicant C&A Farms, LLC proposing to amend the General Plan by re-designating 156.38 acres from Agricultural to Heavy Industrial – in process.
558	Applicant Harbans Lehra proposing to amend the General Plan by re-designating 1.76 acres from Agricultural to Community Commercial – in process.
559	This amendment was approved by the Board October 20, 2020. Applicant Fresno County proposed to amend the Land Use Element of the General Plan to include analysis related to the Senate Bill SB244 for identification of the disadvantaged communities within the County and to provide an analysis of the water, wastewater, stormwater drainage, and structural fire protection needs.
560	Applicants Akhavi, LLC and Britz Fertilizers, Inc. proposing to amend the General Plan by re-designating 14.71 acres from Agricultural to Service Commercial – in process.
561	Applicant Clarksfield Company proposing to amend the Millerton Specific Plan to remove Hotel, Conference Center and Par-3 Golf Course uses from the White Fox Creek Sub-Unit Plan and replace said uses with a 210-unit multiple- family residential development – in process.
562	Applicant Fig Garden Investments, LLC proposing to amend the Bullard Community Plan by re-designating 131.84 acres from Recreational Open Space (Golf Course) to a designation compatible with the AL-20 Zone District – in process.
563	This amendment was approved by the Board November 24, 2020. Applicant Fresno County proposed to amend the Agriculture and Land Use Element of the General Plan to increase the residential density for certain land use designations to increase the residential density to 20 units per-acre.
564	Applicant Assemi Group, Inc. proposing to amend the Millerton Specific Plan by re-designating 5.17 acres from Open Space and Medium Density Residential to Public Facilities – in process.
565	Applicant Willow Partners, LLC proposing to amend the Riverdale Community Plan by re-designating 7.5 acres from Medium Density Residential to Medium High Density Residential – in process.

**ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS**

The County implements the General Plan primarily through its Zoning Ordinance. Zoning Ordinance Amendments processed in 2020 are identified below.

**Amendments to the Text of the Zoning Ordinance**

The following are the Amendments to the Text of the Zoning Ordinance (ATs) that were submitted for processing in 2020 or were submitted in prior years and continued to be processed, or were concluded in the 2020 calendar year:

Amendment to Text (AT)	Description
379	This text amendment was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission in December of 2020. It will be considered by the Board in early 2021. The applicant is Fresno County and the proposal is to amend the Zoning Ordinance to provide new fencing requirements and restrictions in residential Zone Districts.
380	This text amendment was approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 24, 2020. The applicant was Fresno County and the proposal was to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow increase in density in certain zones that would allow multiple housing units consistent with the General Plan and to include other provisions to bring consistency with the State law.

**Rezone Applications**

The following are the Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Rezone) Applications that were submitted for processing in 2020 or were submitted in prior years and continued to be processed, or were concluded in the 2020 calendar year:

Amendment (Rezone) Application	Description
3828	Applicant G4 Properties, Ltd proposing to rezone 124.17 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – in process.
3830	Applicant Leo Gonzales proposing to rezone 8.38 acres from AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing) – in process.
3832	Applicant Roger Van Groningen proposing to rezone 27.82 acres from AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – in process.

3834	Applicant C&A Farms, LLC proposing to rezone 156.38 acres from AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – in process.
3836	Applicant Vincent Palacios proposing to rezone 5.5 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to C-M (Commercial and Light Manufacturing) – in process.
3838	Applicant Harpreet Pawar proposing to rezone 1.74 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing) – in process.
3839	Applicant Harbans Lehra proposing to rezone 1.76 acres from AC (Agricultural Commercial Center) to C-2 (Community Shopping Center) – in process.
3840	Applicants Akhavi, LLC and Britz Fertilizers, Inc. proposing to rezone 14.71 acres from AC (Agricultural Commercial Center) and AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to C-6 (General Commercial) – in process.
3841	Approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 3, 2020. Applicant NutriAg USA, Ltd proposing to rezone 2.6 acres from M-1 (Light Manufacturing) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial).
3842	Applicants Angelo Paolucci and Rosanna Dilallo proposing to rezone 23.6 acres from AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial) – in process.
3843	Applicant Willow Partners, LLC proposing to rezone 7.5 acres from R-1 (Single Family Residential, 6,000 square-foot minimum parcel size) to R-2 (Low Density Multiple Family Residential, 6,600 square-foot minimum parcel size) – in process.



## OTHER PLANNING ACTIVITIES

### Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs)

The following are the Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) that were submitted for processing in 2020 or were submitted in prior years and continued to be processed, or were concluded in the 2020 calendar year:

#### 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 2020, County staff continued working with the applicant to finalize the EIR agreement.

#### EIR 7230 Scarlet Solar

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3555 to allow construction and operation of a 400-megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar power generation facility and a 200 MW energy storage facility 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 Tranquility.

In 2020, County staff continued to work with the applicant and the EIR consultant to prepare the Draft EIR.

#### EIR 7257 (Fifth Standard Solar). The EIR was certified and the project approved by the Planning Commission on October 20, 2020.

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.

#### EIR 7763 (RockField Modification Project (Cemex))

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application Nos. 3666 and 3667 to allow the continuation and modification of its current aggregate (rock, sand and gravel) mining and processing operations located on two properties between North Friant Road and the San Joaquin River in Fresno County (the Project). The Project includes the Plant Site and the Quarry Site.

In 2020, County staff continued to work with the applicant and the EIR consultant to prepare the Draft EIR.

#### EIR 7813 (Luna Valley Solar)

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3671 to allow the development, and operation of a photovoltaic (PV) solar electricity generating facility and energy storage system (ESS) and associated infrastructure that would produce up to 200 megawatts (MW) of alternating current (AC) energy at the point of electrical grid interconnection on approximately 1,300 acres of privately owned agricultural land Zoned AE-20. The project is located 9 miles west-southwest of the city of Tranquility.

In 2020, County staff continued to work with the applicant and the EIR consultant to prepare the Draft EIR.

EIR 7869 (Sonrisa)

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3677 to allow the construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) facility to generate electricity from ground mounted arrays and intermittently store electricity by charging and discharging lithium-ion batteries. The Project will have a generating capacity of approximately 200 megawatts alternating current with a battery storage capacity up to 100 MW ac, and a battery storage duration of 4 hours. the Project will also include a 230 kV transmission line running from the Project to Pacific Gas and Electric's Tranquility Substation. The Project will be located on roughly 1,700 acres of land zoned AE-20, eight miles south of the City of Mendota.

In 2020, County staff continued to work with the applicant and the EIR consultant to prepare the Draft EIR.

EIR 7896 (Kamm Avenue Pistachio Processing Plant)

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3685 to allow the construction, and operation of a pistachio processing plant with the capacity to process 60 million pounds of finished pistachio products per year (Project). The Project would be located on approximately 315.8 acres Zoned AE-20 to the south of Kamm Avenue, west of Highway 33, and east of Interstate 5 in the western portion of unincorporated Fresno County. The Project would provide pistachio processing capacity in the immediate vicinity of existing pistachio orchards that currently ship harvested crops for processing to more remote locations, including plants outside of the County.

In 2020, 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 2020, staff consulted with tribal governments on 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 2020, staff audited Williamson Act Contracts and recorded Notices of Nonrenewal on 16 parcels that did not meet State or County eligibility requirements.

*Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)*

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

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

Water Conservation Ordinance

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

On March 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.**

PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
<b>Economic Development Element</b>			
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	In 2020, the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) continued to utilize the Economic Development Action Team (EDAT) for a City of Sanger Infrastructure Expansion project and for Prima Wawona, a business merger.  The County is currently contracting with EDC for implementation of the Economic Development Element Programs of the County General Plan.  Previously on September 12, 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved the formation of an Economic Development Action Team (EDAT) Standing Committee with Structure, Objectives, and Composition.
ED-A.B			
The County shall create, support, and staff an Action Team to coordinate countywide	Board of Supervisors CAO	FY 00-01	See ED-A.A.

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PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
<p>ED-A.C</p> <p>The County shall retain an independent and qualified institution to conduct an evaluation at least every five (5) years of success in achieving the goals and targets of the Economic Development Strategy. (See Policy ED-A.4)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p>CAO</p>	<p>FY 05-06; every five (5) years thereafter</p>	<p>In 2020, the EDC collected additional projects and priorities from participating cities and prepared a draft update to the 5 Year Plan. The draft update will reflect the city's directed changes and updated demographics where obtainable. The draft document was submitted to the County of Fresno in 2020 and is awaiting a calendared date.</p> <p>The Economic Development Corporation works with the County to update the County's Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).</p>
<p>ED-A.D</p> <p>The County, working in cooperation with the cities, shall develop criteria for the location in the unincorporated areas of value-added agricultural processing facilities that are compatible with an agricultural setting. Such criteria shall take into account the service requirements of facilities for processing agricultural products and the capability and capacity of the cities to provide the services required. (See Policy ED-A.7)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 01-02; 02-03; 03-04</p>	<p>This program has been implemented.</p>



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<p>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)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors  CAO</p>	<p>FY 00-01</p>	<p>This program is obsolete.  Per direction from the CAO's office, the analysis of economic impacts is no longer required in the staff report for discretionary permits.</p>
<p>ED-A.F The County shall contract with the Fresno EDC to develop marketing programs for Fresno County produce. (See Policy ED-A.14)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors  CAO</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>In 2020, the EDC updated the Agricultural Industry Packet for use at the Chinese Investment Network and as part of other missions (virtual). In 2020, the EDC initiated a contract and to launch a County of Fresno Promotional Video, highlighting recent business expansion and attraction successes and compelling reasons why users should choose Fresno County to "Grow the California Dream".  The EDC regularly develops and updates marketing collateral for Fresno County to use during tradeshows, targeted missions, and direct business outreach.</p>

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PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
<p>ED-A.G</p> <p>The County shall determine, in cooperation with existing agencies, if capital deficiencies exist for farmers with the capital costs of shifting production modes to crops that create higher employment levels. If such deficiencies are identified, the County, in partnership with existing agencies, shall work to access additional funds or redirect existing funds. (See Policy ED-A.18)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors County Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>FY 02-03; 03-04</p>	<p>EDC reported no activities for this program in 2020.</p> <p>The EDC in cooperation 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 and capital. The EDC has worked with clients in assisting bridge funding gaps by using programs such as California Energy Commission's Food Production Investment Program, California Competes Tax Credit, Rural Energy America Program loan guarantees, and New Market Tax Credits.</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	EDC reported no activities for this program in 2020.  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 the broadband right of way and expansion  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 a lack of funding.

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<p>ED-B.B</p> <p>The County shall coordinate an initiative to deliver a comprehensive package of technical assistance regarding available technology to local businesses to improve their productivity and make this assistance available as an incentive for business prospects. (See Policy ED-B.9)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors  PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 02-03; 03-04</p>	<p>This program is ongoing; EDC reported no specific activities for 2020.</p> <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 with the County of Fresno Department of Social Services. The Ready2Hire online portal provides employers with hiring needs an intuitive platform to identify potential candidates based on unique hiring requirements and skillsets.</p> <p>EDC is also a member of Fresno4Biz which serves as a digital business resource clearinghouse to address technical assistance needs.</p>

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<p>ED-B.C</p> <p>The County shall convene a roundtable of major financial institutions, venture capital firms, and business finance agencies, such as the California Public Employees Retirement System (CALPERS), to determine the need for improving access to capital for non-agricultural businesses seeking to locate or expand in Fresno County. (See Policy ED-B.10)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p>CAO</p> <p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>In 2020, the EDC continued its partnership with AccessPlus Capital, a federal CDFI, in developing the guidelines for the County of Fresno Helping Underserved Businesses Grant Program. Focus was placed on small businesses and \$5 Million was successfully awarded to 1,000 companies. Moreover, the EDC frequently contacted, inventoried and mobilized local banks to make referrals to businesses wishing to obtain Paycheck Protection Program loans due to COVID-19 EDC staff continued efforts around Opportunity Zones, engaging private finance professionals to consider investment-worthy projects in Fresno County.</p> <p>The 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>ED-B.D</p> <p>The County shall initiate a planning process to identify additional recreation opportunities in the coast range foothills and other areas where “gateway opportunities” exist. (See Policy ED-B.18)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>No specific activity regarding this program occurred in 2020.</p> <p>The County continues to identify recreational opportunities in the coast range foothills and other areas of the County.</p>

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<p>ED-B.E</p> <p>The County shall regularly evaluate the marketing programs of the Visitor and Convention Bureau and provide funding assistance as appropriate to support effective marketing programs that attract business travel to the County. (See Policy ED-B.20)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p>CAO</p> <p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 00-01</p>	<p>In 2020, the EDC utilized the Fresno/Clovis Convention Bureau to collaborate around attractions prospects, such as data and demographic sharing. The two agencies coordinated to support the attraction of Southwest Airlines at Fresno International Airport, which will greatly promote increased business travel and tourism.</p> <p>The EDC in cooperation with the Visitor and Convention Bureau works on developing effective marketing programs that attract business and travel to the County. EDC coordinates with the Fresno/Clovis Convention and Visitors Bureau to ensure messaging continuity as needed.</p>

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<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)</p>	<p>Workforce Development Board Social Services</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>In 2020, EDC Chief Operations Office Sherry Neil was appointed as a member of the Workforce Development Board. President/CEO Lee Ann Eager serves on the State of California Workforce Development Board. EDC research staff worked alongside education partners and the Department of Social Services to conduct routine workforce/jobs analysis to help inform training, programs, and partnerships.</p> <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>

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<p>ED-C.B</p> <p>The County shall develop a skills inventory on the CalWORKS labor pool for local expansion and new businesses seeking employees. (See Policy ED-C.1)</p>	<p>Social Services</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>The EDC routinely updates its Ready2Hire portal, which aligns the CalWORKS labor pool with employment opportunities from the EDC's client network. In 2020, EDC continued comprehensive quarterly jobs analysis.</p> <p>A skills inventory was developed for positions in local industries. This was used as the basis for a coded skills inventory using the automated Welfare Employment Preparedness Index. The system could then be queried and sorted by specific skills and can produce a list of clients meeting given criteria.</p> <p>The quarterly jobs report outlines top occupations in demand by the number of unique job postings, employers that are hiring, and job postings ranked by wage level and growth. The analysis is also prepared at the city level, providing DSS Job Specialists and EDC Economic Development Specialists updated insights on key industries, employers, and occupations actively hiring within Fresno County.</p>



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PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
<p>ED-C.C</p> <p>The County shall improve tracking systems for employment and retention for CalWORKS recipients. (See Policy ED-C.1)</p>	<p>Social Services</p>	<p>FY 00-01</p>	<p>This program is ongoing; EDC reported no specific activities for 2020.</p> <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 the 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>

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<p>ED-C.D</p> <p>The County shall continue efforts to assist the Fresno EDC, placement agencies, and businesses to assess the availability and work readiness of CalWORKS recipients for employment opportunities. (See Policy ED-C.1)</p>	<p>Social Services</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During 2020, 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>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.</p>

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<p><b>ED-C.E</b></p> <p>The County shall continue its collaborative planning and funding efforts with agencies such as the County Office of Education, State EDD, local school districts, post-secondary educational institutions, training agencies, and the cities. Such efforts may include education management services, employment placement services, relocation and retention programs, youth employment programs, job clubs, and neighborhood jobs services. (See Policy ED-C.1 and ED-C.2)</p>	<p>Social Services</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>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>
<p><b>ED-C.F</b></p> <p>The County shall continue, on an ongoing basis, efforts initiated through the CalWORKS Job Creation Investment Fund to identify the skills required by the clusters and industries targeted for expansion, attraction, and new enterprise development. (See Policy ED-C.3)</p>	<p>Social Services</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is an ongoing effort. The Fresno County Department of Social Services prepares an annual overview of programs. The following was taken from the Programs Overview 2020:</p> <p>The Case Management branch of the Fresno County Department of Social Services administers The California Work Opportunity &amp; Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Welfare to Work program to support families with a variety of services available to approved CalWORKs applicants.</p> <p>The Welfare to Work program is the employment and training aspect of CalWORKs. Welfare to Work clients participate in educational and work-related activities. Clients presenting with barriers to employment may receive assistance such as Child Care, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse services.</p> <p>The Department partners with agencies and employers in the community to deliver educational, training and employment opportunities that provide our clients with the support to achieve self-sufficiency through higher education and gainful employment.</p> <p>Pregnant or parenting teens receiving CalWORKs are required to participate in the Cal-Learn program, designed to encourage graduation from high school or its equivalent, and support teens to become independent, and form healthy families.</p>

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<p><b>Agriculture and Land Use Element</b></p> <p>LU-A Agriculture LU-A.A</p>			
<p>The County shall review and amend its Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances to ensure consistency with policies and standards of this section. (See Policies LU-A.1 through LU-A.21)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors  PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 00-01; 01-02</p>	<p>The County has undertaken the comprehensive update of its Zoning Ordinance to ensure consistency between the Zoning Ordinance and the General Plan. A revised Scope of Work was approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 14, 2020 due to change in circumstances for the continued work on the General Background Report and the Policy Document, the PEIR, and the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance update.</p> <p>The County continues to amend its Subdivision Ordinance to ensure consistency between the Subdivision Ordinance and the General Plan.</p>
<p>LU-A.B</p> <p>The County shall evaluate minimum parcel sizes necessary for sustained agricultural productivity on land designated for agriculture throughout the County, and, as appropriate, amend the Zoning Ordinance according to the results of that analysis. (See Policy LU-A.6.)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 03-04</p>	<p>No changes occurred regarding this program in 2020.</p> <p>Policy LU-A.6 states that the County shall maintain twenty (20) acres as the minimum permitted parcel size in areas designated Agriculture, except as provided in Policies LU-A.9, LU-A.10 and LU-A.11. The County may require parcel sizes larger than twenty (20) acres based on zoning, local agricultural conditions, and to help ensure the viability of agricultural operations.</p>

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<p><b>LU-A.C</b></p> <p>The County shall develop and implement guidelines for design and maintenance of buffers to be required when new non-agricultural uses are approved in agricultural areas. Buffer design and maintenance guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, the following:</p> <p>a) Buffers shall be physically and biologically designed to avoid conflicts between agriculture and non-agricultural uses. b) Buffers shall be located on the parcel for which a permit is sought and shall protect the maximum amount of farmable land. c) Buffers generally shall consist of a physical separation between agricultural and non-agricultural uses. The appropriate width shall be determined on a site-by-site basis taking into account the type of existing agricultural uses, the nature of the proposed development, the natural features of the site, and any other factors that affect the specific situation. d) Appropriate types of land uses for buffers include compatible agriculture, open space and recreational uses such as parks and golf courses, industrial uses, and cemeteries. e) The County may condition its approval of a project on the ongoing maintenance of buffers. f) A homeowner association or other appropriate entity shall be required to maintain buffers to control litter, fire hazards, pests, and other maintenance problems. g) Buffer restrictions may be removed if agricultural uses on all adjacent parcels have permanently ceased. (See Policy LU-A.16)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 03-04</p>	<p>During 2020 the County continued to evaluate land use applications, such as photovoltaic solar facilities, for their proximity to existing agricultural activities.</p> <p>The County requires buffers for certain land uses with the potential to hinder agricultural uses. For discretionary land use proposals including tentative tract maps, buffers are taken into consideration as part of the conditions imposed on the project.</p> <p>This has also been applied to utility-scale photovoltaic solar facilities with a general policy of 50 feet between panels or structures and surrounding agricultural properties.</p>

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<p>LU-A.D</p> <p>The County shall periodically review agricultural land preservation programs and assess their effectiveness in furthering the County's agricultural goals and policies. (See Policies LU-A.13 and LU-A.16)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program is ongoing; there were no notable comprehensive evaluation of land preservation programs in 2020.</p> <p>Williamson Act Program and placing farmland under conservation easements provide financial benefits to the landowners for continued utilization of their land for agricultural use, which furthers the County's goals and policies for the preservation of productive agricultural land.</p> <p>They are effective methods for the preservation of agricultural land in Fresno County. 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 proposal. County staff 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).</p>
<p>LU-A.E</p> <p>The County shall continue to implement the County's Right-to-Farm Ordinance, and will provide information to the local real estate industry to help make the public aware of the right-to-farm provisions in their area. (See Policy LU-A.15)</p>	<p>County Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>As an ongoing program, County staff utilizes the Right-to-Farm Ordinance notification process on many types of discretionary land use permits to ensure that applicants or future property owners are aware of ongoing agricultural activities in the vicinity of developments approved via a discretionary approval process. Further, County works with the Agricultural Commissioner's Office on discretionary projects proposed in agricultural areas and seeks comments from that Department. Examples in 2020 included land use permits requiring Right-to-Farm notification as a condition based on input from the Agricultural Commissioner's Office.</p>

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<p>LU-A.F</p> <p>The County, in cooperation with UC Cooperative Extension, resource conservation districts, and other industry agencies, shall develop and implement a public outreach program to inform agriculturists and the public of the advantages of participation in land trust agreements, conservation easements, dedication incentives, Williamson Act contracts, Farmland Security Act contracts, and the Agricultural Land Stewardship Program Fund. (See Policies LU-A.16 through LU-A.21)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P County Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No request for support of placing land under conservation easement was received in 2020.</p> <p>The County is not accepting new Williamson Act contracts because the State of California stopped paying subvention funding to the County in 2009.</p> <p>No formal public outreach program has been developed or implemented to inform agriculturists and the public of the advantages of participation in land trust agreements or conservation easements. However, the State Department of Conservation webpage promotes participation in land conservation programs. The Board of Supervisors has adopted Resolutions of Support for landowners who wished to place their land under conservation easement. In 2014, 2015, and 2017, the Board adopted Resolutions supporting placing a total of 1000 acres of farmland under conservation easement.</p>

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<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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No request for support of placing land under conservation easement was received in 2020.  The Board of Supervisors continues to support landowners who wish to place their land under conservation easement, provided that the proposals meet certain required criteria. The Board of Supervisors has adopted Resolutions of Support for landowners who wished to place their land under conservation easement. In 2014, 2015, and 2017, the Board adopted Resolutions supporting placing a total of 1000 acres of farmland under conservation easement.</p>
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<p>LU-A.H</p> <p>The County shall develop a program establishing criteria to prioritize funding for agricultural conservation easements. (See Policy LU-A.16)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>No notable changes to the implementation of this program, as discussed below, occurred in 2020.</p> <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>LU-A.I</p> <p>The County shall assess the approaches to determining agricultural land values in the 1981 Farmland Protection Policy Act land evaluation and site assessment (LESA) system, and the Tulare County Rural Valley Lands Plan, 1975 amendment, to determine the potential for developing a similar process for identifying and ranking the value of agricultural land in Fresno County. If appropriate, the County shall establish an agricultural quality scale system to assist the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors in agricultural land use conversion decisions. (See Policy LU-A.16)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p> <p>County Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>FY 03-04</p>	<p>No notable changes to the implementation of this program, as discussed below, occurred in 2020.</p> <p>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 the conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural uses as part of the environmental assessment of discretionary projects.</p>

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<p><b>LU-A.J</b> 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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P Board of Supervisors</p>	<p>Annually</p>	<p>During the 2020 calendar year, six lot size exceptions were granted through provisions outlined in Policy LU-A.9. In addition, seven lot size exceptions were granted through variance applications.</p>
<p><b>LU-B</b> Westside Rangelands</p>			
<p><b>LU-B.A</b> 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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Annually</p>	<p>During the 2020 calendar year, six lot size exceptions were granted through provisions outlined in Policy LU-A.9. In addition, seven lot size exceptions were granted through variance applications.</p>

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<p>LU-C River Influence Areas</p>			
<p>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)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors  PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 02-03 (first update); subsequently as needed</p>	<p>No notable changes to the implementation of this program, as discussed below, occurred in 2020.  Due to budgetary constraints and the timing of other plan updates, the implementation of this program has been delayed. There has been some renewed interest in updating the plan, which has arisen with the public interest in surface mining projects on the Kings River.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors  PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continues to coordinate with these interested agencies and stakeholders. As in example, the County coordinated and/or notified the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, San Joaquin River Conservancy, and the City of Fresno regarding the Notice of Preparation for CEMEX's Rockfield Quarry expansion project located along the San Joaquin River in June of 2020.  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 Recompiled 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.</p>

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LU-D Westside Freeway Corridor			
LU-D.A The County shall revise its Zoning Ordinance to implement the revised provisions of this section concerning the Westside Freeway Corridor. (See Policies LU-D.1 through LU-D.7)	Board of Supervisors  PW&P	FY 01-02	This program has been implemented and will be removed.  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.
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	Although no notable developments associated with this program occurred in 2020, County staff has continued to coordinate with staff of both the cities of Fresno and Clovis on development projects, and review, modification and adoption of Memoranda of Understanding between these jurisdictions and the County.  The County's General Plan and the updated General Plan of the Cities of Fresno and Clovis include policies that promote the 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 the annexation of new territory.

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<p><b>LU-F.B</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)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>No specific amendments occurred in 2020, but staff is proceeding with the process of updating its Zoning Ordinance which will include provisions for mixed uses and pedestrian and transit-oriented developments.</p>
<p><b>LU-G</b> Incorporated City, City Fringe Area, and Unincorporated Community Development</p>			
<p><b>LU-G.A</b> The County shall review and revise, as appropriate, its Zoning Ordinance to facilitate moderate increases in density of housing in unincorporated urban communities. (See Policies LU-G.21 through LU-G.23)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>On November 24, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved amendments to the General Plan Land Use Element and the Zoning Ordinance to increase residential densities in certain land use designations and zone districts (R2, R2-A, R3, R3-A, R4, C4 and RP) to 20 units per acre. As such, this program has been implemented and will be deleted.</p>
<p><b>LU-G.B</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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P Board of Supervisors</p>	<p>As Needed</p>	<p>No notable actions related to this program occurred in 2020 but continues to implement this program as described below.  The Department of Public Works and Planning staff reviews annexation proposals submitted by cities to ensure consistency of the proposals with the respective city and the County General Plans and the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the respective city.</p>

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<p><b>LU-H</b> General and Administrative Provisions</p>			
<p><b>LU-H.A</b> 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)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors  PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>This program has been suspended pending additional Board direction.</p>

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<p><b>LU-H.B</b> County Staff shall meet regularly with cities and adjacent counties to address planning and growth issues of common interest and concern. Staff shall report annually on cooperative planning efforts of the previous year and the planned schedule of meetings with local jurisdictions to address regional planning issues in the upcoming year.</p>			
	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No comprehensive coordination meeting occurred in 2020, but staff continued to meet (virtually) or discuss matters between the County and various Fresno County cities in 2020.</p>

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<p><b>LU-H.C</b></p> <p>The County shall prepare and adopt minimum format and content guidelines for the preparation of updated and new regional, community, and specific plans to ensure consistency with the countywide General Plan. (See Policy LU-H.10)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>This program has been implemented and will be deleted.</p> <p>The County has prepared a format and guideline for new and updates to existing plans.</p>
<p><b>LU-H.D</b></p> <p>The Planning Commission shall review the General Plan annually, focusing principally on actions undertaken in the previous year to carry out the implementation programs of the plan. The Planning Commission's report to the Board of Supervisors shall include, as the Commission deems appropriate, recommendations for amendments to the General Plan. This review shall also be used to satisfy the requirements of Public Resources Code 21081.6 for a mitigation monitoring program. (See Policy LU-H.12)</p>	<p>Planning Commission Board of Supervisors  PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 02-03; annually thereafter</p>	<p>The 2020 General Plan which this matrix is part of it will be presented to the Planning Commission and the Board.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>LU-H.E</b></p> <p>The County shall conduct a major review of the General Plan, including the General Plan Policy Document and Background Report, every five years and revise it as deemed necessary. (See Policy LU-H.14)</p>	<p>Board of Supervisors  PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 05-06; every five (5) years thereafter</p>	<p>The County is currently working on the Review and Revision of the of the General Plan Background Report and the Policy Document along with the comprehensive update of the Zoning Ordinance. An updated Scope of Work for this effort was authorized by the Board of Supervisors in April of 2020.</p>

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<p>LU-H.F</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 02-03; 03-04</p>	<p>See discussion for Program LU-H.E above.</p>
<p>LU Mitigation Measure 4.16-2</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The Public Works and Planning Department continues to condition discretionary projects that exterior lighting to be hooded and directed so as to avoid glare onto adjacent roads or properties. This occurred for several land use projects processed in 2020.</p>



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<p><b>Transportation and Circulation Element</b></p> <p>TR-A Streets and Highways</p> <p>TR-A.A</p>			
<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&amp;P Board of Supervisors</p>	<p>FY 00-01; every five years thereafter</p>	<p>The RIP was last updated on September 10, 2019. No update occurred in 2020.</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>

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<p><b>TR-A.B</b></p> <p>The County shall consider adopting a traffic impact fee ordinance for areas outside the spheres of influence of cities in the County. The traffic fees should be designed to achieve the adopted Level of Service (LOS) and preserve structural integrity based on a twenty (20)-year time horizon. The traffic mitigation fees should be updated at least every five years, or concurrently with the approval of any significant modification of the land use allocation used to develop the fees. The County shall require new development within the spheres of influence of cities in the County to pay the traffic impact fees of those cities. (See Policy TR-A.8)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p> <p>Board of Supervisors</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>No updated activities for this program occurred in 2020.</p> <p>On October 9, 2018, the Board voted to discontinue public facilities impact fees established in 2008 but maintained authorization to establish new public facilities impact fees in the future.</p> <p>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 the 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.</p>
<p><b>TR-A.C</b></p> <p>The County shall continue to identify and pursue appropriate new funding sources for transportation improvements. Grant funds from regional, State, and Federal agencies should be pursued and utilized when compatible with the General Plan policies and long-term local funding capabilities. (See Policy TR-A.10)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No updated activities for this program occurred in 2020 but the County continues to pursue funding for transportation improvements in working with the Fresno Council of Governments.</p>
<p><b>TR-A.D</b></p> <p>The County shall coordinate its transportation planning with the Council of Fresno County Governments, Caltrans, cities within the County, and adjacent jurisdictions. (See Policy TR-A.6)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During the 2020 calendar year, the County continued coordinating its transportation planning with the Fresno Council of Governments, Caltrans, cities within the County and adjacent jurisdictions. In 2020, the County in cooperation with the FCOG worked on the Countywide Recreational Trails Plan which is anticipated to be completed by the Fall of 2021.</p>

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<p>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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County implements this program/policy continuously. The County is currently working on updating the County's Improvement Standards.</p>
<p>TR-B Transit</p>			
<p>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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 01-02; every five years thereafter</p>	<p>No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020.  The County collaborates with FCOG on review and update of the Short-Range Transit Plan on a continuous basis. The Short-Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area 2020-2024 was last adopted by the FCOG Policy Board on June 27, 2019.</p>

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<p>TR-B.B</p> <p>The County shall encourage transit providers and FCOG to prepare, adopt, and implement a long-range strategic transit master plan for the County or sub-areas of the County. The master plan shall review the transit corridors in this Policy Document and designate a set of transit corridors so that appropriate planning can be concentrated on these corridors. The plan(s) shall be reviewed and updated on a regular basis. (See Policy TR-B.1)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The LRTP was approved by the FCOG Policy Board on April 25, 2019.</p> <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>TR-B.C</p> <p>Through its representation on the FCOG Board and the FCRTA (a joint powers agency), the County shall work with these agencies to identify and pursue funding for transit. (See Policy TR-B.4)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020. Fresno County continues to work with FCOG and FCTRA to identify and pursue funding for transit.</p>
<p>TR-B.D</p> <p>The County shall work with FCOG and other agencies to, including abandoned rights-of-way and track structures. (See Policy TR-B.3)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No right-of-way needs within designated transit corridors were identified in 2020.</p> <p>Fresno County continues to work with FCOG to identify right-of-way needs within designated transit corridors and to acquire needed rights-of-way, including abandoned rights-of-way and track structures.</p>

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<p>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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>After FY 01-02 (if initiated by County)</p>	<p>No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020.  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 the 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.</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020.  Caltrans is the primary provider of Park and Ride lots on State highways. Fresno County continues to work with Caltrans and FCOG to determine the need for additional or expanded park-and-ride lots and to identify additional sites for such lots.</p>

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TR-D Bicycle Facilities TR-D.A			
The County shall work with the Fresno Council of Governments, Caltrans, and cities within the County to update the Regional Bikeways Plan to ensure consistency with the Circulation Diagram and Standards section. (See Policy TR-D.1)	PW&P	FY 00-01	No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020.  The Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP) was adopted by FCOG's Policy Board on February 22, 2018.  On February 22, 2018, the FCOG Policy Board directed staff to hire a consultant to develop an ATP. Active transportation refers to human-powered transportation, such as walking, cycling, using a wheelchair, in-line skating, skateboarding, etc. The Fresno Regional ATP is an important document that will help each jurisdiction in the County identify needed bicycle and pedestrian projects and help the agencies qualify for new funds to implement the projects. The Active Transportation Plan (ATP) is a comprehensive guide that creates a vision for a network of trails, bike lanes, sidewalks, and other elements to support safe walking and bicycling. The consultant worked with all COG member jurisdictions in developing the Regional ATP. The ATP includes a chapter (Chapter 6) that describes the existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the unincorporated communities of Fresno County.

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<p>TR-D.B</p> <p>The County shall encourage implementation and use of bikeways by use of Transportation Development Act Article III bicycle and pedestrian funds to implement and maintain bikeways or bike trails. The County shall continue to identify and pursue appropriate new funding sources for bikeway implementation. Grant funds from regional, State, and Federal agencies should be pursued and utilized when compatible with the General Plan policies and long-term local funding capabilities. (See Policy TR-D.1)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020.</p> <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 be combined with the Bicycle Plan to create the Fresno County Active Transportation Plan. The Recreational Trails portion is anticipated to be completed by midyear 2021 with full integration with the bike plan in 2022.</p>

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<p><b>TR-D.C</b></p> <p>The County shall require that sufficient pavement width for bikeways shown on the Regional Bikeway Plan be constructed in conjunction with road construction projects, and that adequate right-of-way and/or pavement width for bicycle facilities be included in frontage improvements required of new development. Implementation through signing and striping is an operational decision, and may not coincide with initial construction. (See Policies TR-D.4 and TR-D.5)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020.</p> <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. Since then, the bicycle plan portion has been integrated into the Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan (FCRATP). Sufficient pavement width for bikeways will be constructed per the requirements of the adopted plan.</p>
<p><b>TR-D.D</b></p> <p>The County shall use California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) bikeway design standards as guidelines for construction of Class I, II and III bicycle facilities. (See Policies TR-D.1 and TR-D.3)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020.</p> <p>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.</p>



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<p><b>TR-D.E</b> 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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020.  The Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 15, 2011 and 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.</p>
<p><b>TR-E</b> Rail Transportation</p>			
<p><b>TR-E.A</b> 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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020.  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.</p>
<p><b>TR-E.B</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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020.  The County will continue to use appropriate zoning classifications in designated rail corridors to preserve rail facilities for future use.</p>

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<p>TR-E.C</p> <p>The County shall participate in the Council of Fresno County Governments Rail Committee to support improvement, development, and expansion of rail service in Fresno County. (See Policies TR-E.1 through TR-E.6)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>This program will be removed.</p> <p>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.</p>

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<b>Public Facilities and Services Element</b>			
PF-A General Public Facilities and Services PF-A.A The County shall ensure that infrastructure plans or area facilities plans are prepared in conjunction with any new or expanded community or specific plans and are reviewed and updated as needed. Such plans shall contain phasing and facility improvement Timelines.	CAO  PW&P	Annually	No expansions to community or specific plans occurred in 2020.  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	No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020.  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.  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.

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<p>PF-B.B</p> <p>The County shall develop and adopt ordinances specifying acceptable methods for new development to pay for new capital facilities and expanded services. Possible mechanisms include development fees, assessment districts, land/facility dedications, county service areas, and community facilities districts. (See Policies PF-B.1 and PF-B.3)</p>	<p>CAO</p> <p>Board of Supervisors</p> <p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 01-02; 02-03</p>	<p>No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020.</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			
PROGRAM The County shall develop a process for resolution of water supply problems and apply the process when areas of need are identified.	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT PW&P	TIME FRAME FY 01-02	STATUS 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.

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<p><b>PF-C.B</b></p> <p>The County shall adopt a well construction and destruction ordinance that will include among other requirements the mapping of location information on abandoned wells in the County GIS database and which includes a procedure for ensuring that abandoned wells are properly destroyed.</p>	<p>PW&amp;P Public Health</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>This program will be removed.</p> <p>The County Environmental Health Division has developed a procedure to ensure the abandoned wells are properly destroyed.</p>
<p><b>PF-C.C</b></p> <p>The County shall prepare or cause to be prepared water master plans for water delivery systems for areas undergoing urban growth. The County shall have approved such plans prior to implementation. (See Policy PF-C.8)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>As Needed</p>	<p>No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020.</p> <p>Updates of water master plans and implementation schedules are required for areas experiencing urban-type growth. Millerton Specific Plan area, Shaver Lake area, and Friant Specific Plan area have approved plans. 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.</p>

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<p>PF-C.D</p> <p>The County shall develop and implement a tiered water pricing structure for County Service Areas and Waterworks Districts. (See Policy PF-C.29)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020.</p> <p>Tiered water rate structures have been implemented in recent developments. Due to recent drought conditions, CSA and WWD water rate structures have been modified to a flat rate (operational costs) plus a consumption rate (cost of water). Tiered consumption rates are being utilized in CSAs and WWDs where the supply or treatment of water is limited. All new developments are required to provide water rate structures prepared by an engineer and comprised of a flat rate and consumption rate.</p>
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<p><b>PF-C.E</b> The County shall establish water demand standards based on types and sizes of uses to serve as a basis for determining the adequacy of a proposed water supply for new development. (See Policy PF-C.14)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020.  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><b>PF-C.F</b> The County shall establish a review and/or regulatory process for proposed transfers of surface water to areas outside of the County and for substitution of groundwater for transferred surface water. (See Policy PF-C.23)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 00-01</p>	<p>This program has been implemented with the adoption of the Groundwater Transfer Ordinance and will be deleted.</p>



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<p><b>PF-C.G</b></p> <p>The County shall develop a list of water conservation technologies, methods, and practices that maximize the beneficial use of water resources. The County shall review and update the list periodically to eliminate practices that no longer prove beneficial and add new technologies that become available. (See Policy PF-C.28)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020.</p> <p>The County has not developed a list of water conservation technologies and practices that maximizes the beneficial use of water resources.</p> <p>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 has a 500 square-foot or more landscaping area.</p>
<p><b>PF-D</b> Wastewater Collection, Treatment and Disposal</p>			
<p><b>PF-D.A</b></p> <p>The County shall prepare or cause to be prepared a sewer master plan for wastewater treatment facilities for areas experiencing urban growth. The County shall have approved such plans prior to implementation. (See Policy PF-D.7)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>As Needed</p>	<p>No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020.</p> <p>Areas that experience urban growth must prepare a sewer master plan or update the current master plan for review and approval. The Public Works and Planning Department will be responsible for implementing the provisions of the master plans.</p>

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<p>PF-E Storm Drainage and Flood Control PF-E.A</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P Board of Supervisors</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>In 2020 the County continued to coordinate with FMFCD for developments located within their boundary.</p> <p>The County coordinates with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) that is the agency responsible for control of storm and other surface water flows to prevent property damage, personal injury, and inconvenience, and managing such waters for long-term beneficial use within the District.</p> <p>The County also requires developments to file storm water permits with the State Water Resources Control Board when the project meets the minimum threshold for permitting.</p>
<p>PF-F Landfills, Transfer Stations, and Solid Waste Processing Facilities PF-F.A</p>			
<p>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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020 although staff will regularly review proposals to ensure this program is implemented.</p> <p>The Public Works and Planning staff reviews and comments on Initial Studies/Environmental Assessments and, when appropriate, recommend that new commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential uses provide adequate areas on site for the collection and storage of recyclable materials. The County implemented a mandatory hauler program in the mid-2000s to mandate refuse and recycling collection for all unincorporated areas.</p>

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PF-G Law Enforcement PF-G.A			
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>No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020.</p> <p>The Sheriff's Department has established substations in unincorporated County areas to be able to provide faster response to service calls. Although no master plan has been prepared, when Community Plans are updated, a location is identified for a Sheriff's substation. Further, the Sheriff's Department actively works with Public Works and Planning staff on land use matters pertinent to their facilities.</p> <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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<p>PF-H Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services PF-H.1.A</p>			
<p>If a Fire Protection Master Plan has not been prepared for the area and the County Director of Planning &amp; Resource Management determines that additional fire protection facilities are needed, the County shall not approve discretionary development until such time as a Master Plan has been adopted or other facilities acceptable to the Director are provided, with appeal rights as provided by County Ordinance. The Fire Protection Master Plan must contain the following information: identification of water supply; delineation of the service area boundary; designation of an appropriate fire protection entity; determination of structural, equipment, and personnel needs and costs; and a financing plan based on shared benefit. (See Policy PF-H.2)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>As Needed</p>	<p>No changes to the implementation of this program occurred in 2020.  A Fire Protection Plan has not been prepared for various parts of the County.  The Public Works and Planning staff circulate all proposed development projects to the appropriate fire district for review and comment. The District then identifies appropriate fire protection measures to accommodate the project. Upon consultation with the District, staff will include the fire district requirements as conditions of approval for each project.</p>
<p>PF-H.B</p>			
<p>The County shall work with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, local fire protection agencies, and city fire departments to maximize the use of resources to develop functional and/or operational consolidations and standardization of services and to maximize the efficient use of fire protection resources. (See Policy PF-H.1)</p>	<p>CAO  County Fire</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During the Creek Fire Disaster of 2020 County staff, particularly through the Office of Emergency Services, worked with the department of Forestry and local and state agencies to provide emergency response and to create an Emergency Operations Center to address the disaster.  The County works cooperatively with the California Department of Forestry, Cal Fire, and the city Fire Departments to make the maximum use of resources and improve efficiency in providing fire protection and firefighting services for the County.</p>

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<p>PF-I School and Library Facilities</p>			
<p>PF-I.A The County shall coordinate the updating of regional, community, and specific plans necessitated by the general plan with applicable school districts to identify the need for and potential location of new or expanded school facilities. (See Policies PF-I.3, PF-I.4, and PF-I.5)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During 2020 no large-scale updates to regional, community, and specific plans occurred.  The County engages with the respective school district(s) in the update of regional, community and specific plans to identify the need for and potential location of new or expansion of existing facilities. Further, through the General Plan Conformity (GPC) findings process, potential school site acquisitions are evaluated for consistency with the General Plan. This is required per Public Resources Code 21151.2 and Government Code 65402.</p>
<p>PF-I.B</p>			
<p>The County shall coordinate the updating of regional, community, and specific plans necessitated by the general plan with applicable library districts and library interest groups to identify the need for and potential location of new or expanded library facilities. (See Policy PF-I.9)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During 2020 no large-scale updates to regional, community, and specific plans occurred.  The County involves library administration in the update of regional, community and specific plans to identify the need for and potential location of new or expansion of existing libraries.</p>

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<b>Open Space and Conservation Element</b>			
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 were 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.

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<p><b>OS-A.C</b> The County shall develop, implement and maintain a groundwater monitoring program. Information from this program shall be provided to the Board of Supervisors during the annual General Plan review. (See Policy OS-A.9)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 01-02; Ongoing</p>	<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 were 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><b>OS-A.D</b> The County shall develop, implement, and maintain land use plans to preserve for recharge purpose those lands identified as suitable for groundwater recharge in the water resource database inventory. (Policy OS-A.10)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>The County has completed a study through the AB 303 Local Groundwater Assistance Grant funding to identify potential recharge sites northeast of the City of Fresno and City of Clovis. As development occurs, the County will use this information to attempt to preserve those areas identified as prime recharge areas.</p>

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<p>OS-B Forest Resources</p>			
<p>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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 03-04</p>	<p>No activities or updates to this program occurred in 2020.</p> <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>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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 03-04</p>	<p>No activities or updates to this program occurred in 2020.</p> <p>The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has no mandate or authority to enter private timber lands unless enforcement of the Forest Practice Act and rules have been triggered.</p> <p>Forested stands within Fresno County that may be characterized as "Old Growth" may exist in extremely limited acreages and most likely exist exclusively on national forest land.</p>



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<p><b>OS-B.C</b></p> <p>The County shall encourage the U.S. Forest Service and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to identify potential impacts on, and the need for preservation of, old growth forest in Fresno County. (See Policy OS-B.2)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 03-04</p>	<p>No activities or updates to this program occurred in 2020.</p> <p>The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is required by law to identify potential impacts to a wide variety of natural and cultural resources when engaging in a discretionary project that triggers compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).</p> <p>Forested stands within Fresno County that may be characterized as “Old Growth” may exist in extremely limited acreages and most likely exist exclusively on national forest land.</p>
<p><b>OS-B.D</b></p> <p>The County shall formally request that the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection include educational materials for residents in its Notice of Intent to Harvest Timber. Such materials should include information concerning the Forest Practice Act, Forest Practice Rules, and Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Timber Harvest Plan review process. (See Policy OS-B.2)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 03-04</p>	<p>No activities or updates to this program occurred in 2020.</p> <p>A “Notice of Intent to Harvest Timber” (NOI) is a specific requirement of the Forest Practice Act and Rules and is required for a wide variety of timber harvest documents. A modification of the NOI would require rule change by the Board of Forestry (BOF).</p>

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<p>OS-D Wetland and Riparian Areas</p> <p>OS-D.A The County shall work toward the acquisition by public agencies or private non-profit conservation organizations of creek corridors, wetlands, and areas rich in wildlife or of a fragile ecological nature as public open space where such areas cannot be effectively preserved through the regulatory process. Such protection may take the form of fee acquisition or protective easements and may be carried out in cooperation with other local, State, and Federal agencies and private entities. Acquisition shall include provisions for maintenance and management in perpetuity. (See Policies OS-D.2 and OS-D.8)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No activities or updates to this program occurred in 2020.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>No activities or updates to this program occurred in 2020.</p> <p>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 avoid or reduce any potential impacts to a less than significant level.</p>

PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
<p>OS-E Fish and Wildlife Habitat OS-E.A</p>			
<p>The County shall compile inventories of ecologically-significant resource areas, including unique natural areas, wetlands, riparian areas, and habitats for special-status plants and animals from existing data sources. The inventories shall be presented when area plans, specific plans, or other project development proposals are considered by the County. The classification system shall be based on the California Wildlife Habitats Relationships (WHR) system and shall identify appropriate buffer zones around the identified resource areas in order to account for periodic, seasonal, or ecological changes. The maps shall be revised on a regular basis to reflect the availability of new information from other agencies, changes in definition, or any other changes. (See Policies OS-E.1, OS-E.2, and OS-E.5)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County has not compiled inventories of ecologically significant resource areas, including unique natural areas, wetlands, riparian areas, and habitats for special-status plants and animals. This did not change in 2020. The County continues to rely on information provided by those resource agencies, who are best equipped and most knowledgeable to generate and maintain this data, for review of projects. Maps that these agencies make available are incorporated into the County's Geographic Information System.</p> <p>Development projects that may have a potential impact on wetlands, riparian areas and habitats for special-status plants 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>

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<p><b>OS-E.B</b></p> <p>The County shall maintain current maps that indicate the extent of significant habitat for important fish and game species as these maps are made available by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The relative importance of these game species shall be determined by the County, in consultation with CDFW, based on relevant ecological, recreational, and economic considerations. These maps shall be used by the County to evaluate proposed area plans, specific plans, and any other project development proposals to determine the compatibility of development with maintenance and enhancement of important fish and wildlife species. (See Policy OS-E.2)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County does not maintain maps that identify significant habitat for important fish and game species, and this did not change in 2020. The County continues to rely on information provided by those resource agencies, who are best equipped and most knowledgeable to generate and maintain this data, for review of projects. Maps that these agencies make available are incorporated into the County’s Geographic Information System.</p> <p>The County provides proposed development projects to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife that are the agencies that have the most updated database for the list and the location of sensitive and endangered plants and animals for review and comment as to any potential impact on sensitive species of plants or animals. The recommendation of these agencies for the protection of sensitive or endangered species of plants or animals will be included as mitigation measures or conditions of approval of proposed projects.</p>

PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
<p>OS-F Vegetation OS-F.A</p>			
<p>The County shall prepare and maintain an updated list of State and Federal rare, threatened, and endangered plant species known or suspected to occur in the County. The following other uncommon or special-status species which occur or may occur in the County should also be included on the list: 1) plant species included in the California Native Plant Society's Inventory of Rare and Endangered Vascular Plants of California; and 2) species of special concern as designated by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. In addition to updating the list, as new information becomes available, the list should be reviewed and amended at least once every two years. (See Policy OS-F.5)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 00-01; every two years thereafter</p>	<p>No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020. Staff continues to use software provided by the State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife to help identify sensitive areas in the review of land use projects.</p> <p>Further, the County provides proposed development projects to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife that are the agencies that have the most updated database for the list and the location of sensitive and endangered plants and animals for review and comment as to any potential impact on sensitive species of plants or animals. The recommendation of these agencies for the protection of sensitive or endangered species of plants or animals will be included as mitigation measures or conditions of approval of proposed projects.</p>
<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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No notable activities or changes related to this program occurred in 2020.</p> <p>The boundaries of the oak woodland habitat area have yet to be established; when they are, a handout will be prepared and distributed with every permit that is issued within these areas. Individual projects in oak woodland areas are evaluated for buffering or tree preservation requirements depending on the sensitivity of the habitat and relative health of tree growth as indicated by independent studies provided by project applicants. Further, Policy OS-F.11, 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 continues to circulate proposed development projects to the SJVAPCD for review for potential air quality impacts and requires development projects to comply with SJVAPCD rules to mitigate any impact on air quality. For discretionary projects, County staff will review SJVAPCD comments and require district requirements 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>No notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020, but employees are surveyed annually regarding their commute habits and due to events associated with COVID-19, many employees were provided the opportunity to telework.</p> <p>The County has not adopted a package of programs to reduce its employees' work-related vehicular trips.</p> <p>The County commonly promotes and utilizes telephone conferencing and video meeting in lieu of physical meetings so as to minimize travel-related impacts. The County has 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.</p>

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<p><b>OS-G.C</b> The County shall amend its Subdivision and Grading Ordinances and Development Standards to address dust control measures for new development, access roads, and parking areas. (See Policies OS-G.13 and OS-G.14)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>In 2020 discretionary land use projects continued to be evaluated and conditioned to address dust control measures.  All development projects must comply with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) regulations for dust control. Conditions or mitigation measures for discretionary land use permits may require additional levels of dust control.</p>
<p><b>OS-H.A</b> The County shall work with local, State, and Federal agencies to complete a comprehensive inventory of all parks and recreation areas and services in the County and to identify other areas suitable for park acquisition and development as funds permit. The County shall consider preparation of a County park and recreation master plan to provide a policy framework for independent implementation by the cooperating agencies. (See Policies OS-H.1 through OS-H.3)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 01-02; 02-03</p>	<p>No notable changes associated with this program occurred in 2020.  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.</p>

PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
<p><b>OS-H.B</b></p> <p>As new development occurs, the County shall consider contracting with existing entities or forming County Service Areas (CSAs) that have the authority to receive dedications or grants of land or funds, plus the ability to charge fees for acquisition, development, and maintenance of parks; open space; and riding, hiking, and bicycle trails. (See Policy OS-H.4)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No notable changes associated with this program occurred in 2020.</p> <p>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. 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.</p>
<p><b>OS-I</b> Recreational Trails</p>			
<p><b>OS-I.A</b></p> <p>The County shall prepare a Recreational Trails Master Plan for a countywide trail system that identifies appropriate corridors and the design of the trails in the corridors based on the criteria listed in the policies of this section. The Recreational Trail Corridor Map (Figure OS-1) and Conceptual Recreational Trail List shall be used as a starting point for the master plan process. (See Policies OS-I.1 and OS-I.10)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>No notable changes associated with this program occurred in 2020.</p> <p>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 2021 and integrated with the bike Bicycle Plan.</p>



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<p>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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 02-03</p>	<p>No notable projects associated processed to implement this program occurred in 2020.  The County will continue investigating 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.</p>
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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	No notable changes associated with this program occurred in 2020.  This program is addressed 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.
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	No changes associated with this program occurred in 2020.  The County has not adopted an ordinance for the protection and preservation of significant archaeological, historical, and geological resources.  Development projects are referred to the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Fresno County Historical Landmarks and Records Advisory Commission and the Fresno County Historical Society for potential impact on significant archeological and historical and geological resources.

PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
OS-L Scenic Roadways			
OS-L.A The County, in cooperation with the Fresno Council of Governments and the Association for the Beautification of Highway 99, shall participate in establishing a landscape master plan and design guidelines for the Highway 99 corridor. The plan and guidelines shall unify the design features of the Highway 99 corridor while recognizing the individuality of each community. (See Policies OS-L.7 and OS-L.8)	PW&P CAO	FY 03-04	This program has been implemented via the adoption of Amendment to Text (AT) No. 361 on July 8, 2008 and has been incorporated into the Zoning Ordinance. 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	No notable changes associated with this program occurred in 2020.  In prior years, County staff have worked with Caltrans on highway segment designations, most notably the 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. For this effort County staff collaborated with the Sierra Gateway Trust, Inc. and Caltrans in pursuit of the State Official Scenic Highway designation which was authorized by Caltrans in 2015.

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<b>Health and Safety Element</b>			
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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<p>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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P County Office of Emergency Services</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No notable changes associated with this program occurred in 2020.  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.</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p>County Office of Emergency Services</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>In 2020, during the Creek Fire Disaster, the County Office of Emergency Services (OES) coordinated disaster response with other local and state agencies including coordination of an Emergency Operations Center to assist disaster victims. This effort continues into 2021  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.</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No notable changes associated with this program occurred in 2020.  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.</p>

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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	No notable changes associated with this program occurred in 2020.  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. Staff continued this process in 2020 evaluating both ministerial and discretionary proposals with designated floodplains.
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	No notable changes associated with this program occurred in 2020.  There are 23 dams within Fresno County that pose a significant risk to people and/or property. The Fresno County Office of Emergency Services has developed dam failure evacuation plans for each of these 23 dams. The Fresno County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan evaluates dam failure in Fresno County. According to this document, there were 14 dam failures between 1976 and 1983, but all were earthen dams on private property. Although there remains a risk of dam failure in Fresno County, there have not been any failure of major dams.

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<b>HS-D Seismic and Geological Hazards</b>			
<b>HS-D.A</b>			
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	No notable activities associated with the program occurred in 2020.  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.
<b>HS-D.B</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	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.  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.
<b>HS-D.C</b>			
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	This program will be deleted as part of the ongoing General Plan Review process.  Because no unreinforced masonry buildings have been located within the unincorporated areas of the County, a public awareness program has not been developed.

PROGRAM	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	TIME FRAME	STATUS
<p>HS-E Airports Hazards</p>			
<p>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.</p>	<p>PW&amp;P County Airport Land Use Commission</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>No notable activities associated with the program occurred in 2020.  All land use applications in the vicinity of an airport in the County and adjacent counties are referred to the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) that is administered by FCOG, for evaluation of consistency with the Airport Land Use Plan. Recommendations of the ALUC are considered as part of the staff's evaluation of the proposed projects.</p>
<p>HS-F Hazardous Materials</p>			
<p>HS-F.A The County shall review discretionary uses which involve use of hazardous materials or generate hazardous wastes in regulated quantities. (See Policy HS-F.2)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P Public Health</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County Health Department continues to review discretionary land use proposals that generate hazardous materials. The Department of Public Works and Planning routes discretionary permit applications to the 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.</p>



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<p>HS-F.B The County shall investigate funding alternatives for site acquisition, development, and operation for a permanent household waste facility.</p>	<p>PW&amp;P</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>In 2020, the County continued its effort to construct a 2.67-acre Regional Environmental Compliance Center.  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.  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.  The County will continue seeking funding for site acquisition, development, and operation of additional permanent household waste facilities in the County.</p>
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<p>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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P Public Health</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>In 2020, projects continued to be evaluated by the County Department of Public Health and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board.  Proposed 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. The recommended mitigation measures will be considered as part of the environmental review process and will be imposed on the proposed project to address the soil or ground water contamination for proposed project sites.</p>
<p>HS-G Noise</p>			
<p>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)</p>	<p>PW&amp;P Public Health</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>This ongoing program had no notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020.  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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>PW&amp;P Public Health</p>	<p>FY 01-02</p>	<p>This ongoing program had no notable activities related to this program occurred in 2020. Several land use projects were evaluated by the DPH in 2020, some of which required noise mitigation analysis and resulted in noise mitigation.  All land use projects are evaluated for potential noise impacts as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and appropriate mitigation measures are incorporated as necessary. As stated in response to HS-GA above, 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.</p>

# **APPENDIX B**

## **GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE 2020 CALENDAR YEAR**

Jurisdiction	City of Berkeley Unincorporated
Reporting Year	2020 (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)

## ANNUAL ELEMENT PROGRESS REPORT Housing Element Implementation

(CCR Title 25 §6202)

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**Table A**  
**Housing Development Applications Submitted**

Project Identifier				Unit Types		Date Application Submitted	Proposed Units - Affordability by Household Incomes								Total Approved Units by Project	Total Disapproved Units by Project	Streamlining	Notes	
1				2	3	4	5								6	7	8	9	10
Prior APN*	Current APN	Street Address	Project Name*	Local Jurisdiction Tracking ID*	Unit Category (SFA,SFD,2 to 4,5+,ADU,MH)	Tenure R= renter O= owner	Date Application Submitted (see instructions)	Very Low-Income Deed Restricted	Very Low-Income Non Deed Restricted	Low-Income Deed Restricted	Low-Income Non Deed Restricted	Moderate-Income Deed Restricted	Moderate-Income Non Deed Restricted	Above Moderate-Income	Total PROPOSED Units by Project	Total APPROVED Units by project	Total DISAPPROVED Units by Project	Was APPLICATION SUBMITTED Pursuant to GC 65913.4(b)? (SB 35 Streamlining)	Notes*
Summary Row: Start Data Entry Below																			
	38511031	4282 CONEJO		20 20 100134	MH	O	1/7/2020	0	19	0	4	0	8	10	41	41	0	0	No
	31029016	3592 DEWOLF		20 20 100630	MH	O	1/24/2020		1						1	1	0		No
	39312823	14593 CARUTHERS		20 20 101252	MH	O	2/18/2020		1						1	1	0		No
	33411032	522 CLAYTON		20 20 101377	MH	O	2/20/2020		1						1	1	0		No
	31240024	1173 HAYES		20 19 101518	MH	O	3/6/2019		1						1	1	0		No
	19024713S	37316 SQUAW VALLEY		20 20 102410	MH	O	3/25/2020		1						1	1	0		No
	5304126	6282 MOUNT WHITNEY		20 20 102542	MH	O	3/30/2020		1						1	1	0		No
	38506313	12725 FOWLER		20 20 102780	MH	O	4/9/2020		1						1	1	0		No
	36507111	17617 MANNING		20 20 102283	MH	O	3/19/2020				1				1	1	0		No
	05337031S	7242 MT WHITNEY		20 20 102231	MH	O	9/2/2020				1				1	1	0		No
	02510056S	12891 JENSEN		20 20 101204	MH	O	2/14/2020				1				1	1	0		No
	02021038S	19620 AMERICAN		20 15 105022	MH	O	8/3/2015				1				1	1	0		No
	32921039	4282 CHERRY		20 20 100709	MH	O	1/28/2020		1						1	1	0		No
	31603104	1596 TEMPERANCE		20 20 102105	MH	O	3/12/2020		1						1	1	0		No
	32921007	4244 CHERRY		20 20 103431	MH	O	5/6/2020		1						1	1	0		No
	32902056	3165 ELM		2020 104266	MH	O	8/26/2020		1						1	1	0		No
	31402116	9549 BELMONT		20 19 107519	SFD	O	9/23/2019							1	1	1	0		No
	15806164S	16050 GRIFFITH		20 19 107622	SFD	O	9/25/2019				1				1	1	0		No
	1619016	4715 BISHOP		20 19 106264	SFD	O	8/13/2019						1		1	1	0		No

05351203S	3844 EARL		20 19 108275	SFD	O	10/18/2019							1		1		1	0	No	Based on valuation, unit qualifies as Moderate-Income unit.
13636007	41649 TIMBER RIDGE		20 19 106364	SFD	O	8/16/2019							1		1		1	0	No	Based on valuation, unit qualifies as Above Moderate-Income unit.
30805306	5322 SAN JACINTO		20 19 107417	SFD	O	9/19/2019					1				1		1	0	No	Based on valuation and secondary residence, unit qualifies as Low-Income unit.
35015033	13327 AMERICAN		20 19 105063	SFD	O	7/3/2019							1		1		1	0	No	Based on valuation, unit qualifies as Above Moderate-Income unit.
11606010	40621 AUBERRY		20 19 105971	SFD	O	8/2/2019					1				1		1	0	No	Based on valuation, unit qualifies as Low-Income unit.
39305130	16468 FLORAL		20 19 106869	SFD	O	9/3/2019							1		1		1	0	No	Based on valuation, unit qualifies as Above Moderate-Income unit.





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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						68	392
	Non-Deed Restricted				26	20	20						
Low	Deed Restricted	527										59	468
	Non-Deed Restricted				9	40	10						
Moderate	Deed Restricted	589										302	287
	Non-Deed Restricted		102	63	54	18	20	45					
Above Moderate		1146	162	38	71		56	45				372	774
<b>Total RHNA</b>		<b>2722</b>											
<b>Total Units</b>			<b>264</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>120</b>				<b>801</b>	<b>1921</b>

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
<b>1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities</b>	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	In the 2020 calendar year, representatives of the local governments who participated in the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element Update (Committee) met via video conferencing including meeting with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) staff.
<b>1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities</b>	Continue to participate in the Countywide Housing Element Technical Committee to collaborate on housing program implementation and regional issues including, disadvantaged unincorporated communities (SB 244), infrastructure challenges, farmworker housing, homelessness, and fair housing.	Ongoing	In the 2020 calendar year, Fresno County staff took the lead on the participation in the Countywide Housing Element Technical Committee to discuss the implementation of Housing Element Programs, regional housing issues including disadvantaged unincorporated communities, infrastructure issues, and farmworker housing. The County of Fresno is working with the cities within the County to address homelessness.
<b>1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities</b>	The Committee will meet at least biannually to evaluate successes in implementation of programs and to identify gaps and additional needs.	Ongoing	The Committee met via video conferencing to discuss the implementation of programs as well as the additional need for individual jurisdictions.

<b>1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities</b>	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	The Committee met with the California Department of Housing and Community Development in the calendar year 2020 and discussed success and challenges with implementing Housing Element programs. □
<b>1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities</b>	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 had made a presentation to the Committee to discuss fair housing. An official will be invited to provide a refresher in 2021.
<b>1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities</b>	The Committee will advocate on behalf of the Fresno County region for more grant funding for affordable housing and infrastructure improvements.	Ongoing	The Committee is committed to advocating for grant funding for affordable housing and infrastructure improvement.
<b>1. Regional Collaboration on Housing Opportunities</b>	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	As in prior years, in 2020, the Committee committed to working collaboratively for the development of affordable housing, including farmworker housing. During the 2020 calendar year, Fresno County staff worked with the cities of Fowler, Kerman, Kingsburg, Reedley, and Selma for the development of affordable housing in these cities.
Relevant Policies: 1.3, 1.4, 1.7, 4.2, 4.3, 4.6	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
<b>2. Review Annexation Standards in Memorandum of Understanding</b>	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 the annexation of land to allow the cities to meet their share of Regional Housing Needs Allocation.

Relevant Policies: 1.1, 1.3, 1.4	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
<b>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).</b>	Complete General Plan and Zoning Ordinance technical amendments in 2016 to achieve internal consistency.	This program has been implemented.	Amendments to the land Use and Agriculture of the General Plan and various sections of the Zoning Ordinance were approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 24,2020 to achieve consistency between the General Plan and the Zoning Ordinance and to bring these documents in compliance with the law.
<b>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).</b>	Maintain and annually update the inventory of residential land resources.	Ongoing	The County annually monitors the inventory of lands identified in the Housing Element to ensure the County maintains the capacity to accommodate its share of RHNA obligations. See the analysis for the 2020 calendar year below.

<p><b>3. Adequate Sites Program</b>  <b>The County will provide for a variety of housing types and ensure that there are adequate sites available to meet its RHNA).</b></p>	<p>Monitor development and other changes in the inventory to ensure the County has remaining capacity consistent with its share of the regional housing need.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County annually monitors the inventory of lands identified in the Housing Element vacant land inventory to ensure that there are adequate sites available to accommodate the County's remaining share of RHNA obligations for the remainder of the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element. Per discussion under RHNA Summary in the County's Certified Fifth-Cycle Update, the County had a remaining Fifth-Cycle RHNA obligation of 2,722 units, including 460 units for the Very Low-Income, 527 units for the Low-Income, 589 units for the Moderate-Income, and 1146 units for the Above Moderate-Income populations. After counting for units built or under construction, planned and approved projects, and comparing the remaining RHNA obligations against available vacant land, the County's Fifth-Cycle Housing Element identified a surplus vacant land for 1,123 units in the Very-Low and the Low-Income categories, a surplus vacant land for 2,826 units in the Moderate-Income category and 7,227 unit for the Above Moderate-Income category beyond the County's RHNA obligations. Counting the permits that have been issued between 2015 and the end of December 2020, as are reflected in table B, the County still has remaining RHNA obligation of 392 units in the Very-Low Income category, 468 units in the Low-Income Category, 287 units in the Moderate-Income category and 774 units in the Above-Moderate Income Category. After deducting the remaining RHNA obligations against the surplus vacant land inventory, it is determined that the County still has a surplus vacant land to accommodate 263 units in the Very-Low and Low-Income categories, a surplus vacay land for 2,539 units in the Moderate-Income category, and a surplus vacant land for 6,453 units in the Above Moderate-Income category beyond the remaining fifth-cycle RHNA obligations.</p>
<p><b>3. Adequate Sites Program</b>  <b>The County will provide for a variety of housing types and ensure that there are adequate sites available to meet its RHNA).</b></p>	<p>Continue to designate and zone adequate sites to meet special housing needs as required.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>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.</p>

<p><b>3. Adequate Sites Program</b>  <b>The County will provide for a variety of housing types and ensure that there are adequate sites available to meet its RHNA).</b></p>	<p>Continue to encourage a variety of housing types for all income levels such as mixed use and higher density housing through implementation of the General Plan and community plans, through incentives or other mechanisms encouraging affordability, maintaining existing zoning and upzoning where appropriate. These efforts will also consider promoting development within existing communities, active transportation and access to services and amenities.</p>	<p>AA</p>	<p>The County promotes the development of housing for all income groups within existing unincorporated communities. Amendments to the General Plan and the Zoning Ordinance approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 24,2020 increasing the density on land designated and zoned for multi-family residential development to 20 units per-acre to lower the cost of housing. The Zoning Ordinance amendment approved by the Board included the Density Bonus provisions to reduce the cost of housing development and to promote the development of affordable housing. Additionally, the County has suspended the collection of impact fees to further lower the cost of housing developmnet, including housing for low-income populations. In the 2020 calendar year, the County continued working with developers to promote development within the existing unincorporated communities.</p>
<p><b>3. Adequate Sites Program</b>  <b>The County will provide for a variety of housing types and ensure that there are adequate sites available to meet its RHNA).</b></p>	<p>Direct interested residential developers, especially affordable housing developers throughout the County, to Community Plan and Specific Plan areas where amenities are or can be located and where water and sewer service providers have or can provide capacity and potential for the expansion of infrastructure (see Program 12), such as the Shaver Lake Forest Specific Plan, Millerton Specific Plan, Sierra North Regional Plan, Laton, and Tranquility areas.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continues to direct interested residential developers, including affordable housing developers, to develop in the unincorporated communities. In the calendar year 2020, County staff met with interested developers, the Fresno Housing Authority, Self-Help Enterprises, and Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing to discuss residential development within Fresno County’s unincorporated communities. As noted above, there is a project in the works for the development of an affordable housing project in the Community of Riverdale.</p>

<p><b>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).</b></p>	<p>Meet with developers to discuss constraints and opportunities on TP zoned sites and address constraints and establish incentives, procedures or other mechanism by 2017 to promote development.</p>	<p>2017 and Ongoing</p>	<p>The County meets with interested developers to discuss constraints and opportunities for the development of affordable housing on sites zoned for the development of mobile home parks. The County has committed to supporting housing developers and agencies who are active in the development of affordable housing such as the Fresno Housing Authority and Self-Help Enterprises in the application of funds for affordable housing development, including State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants, and other funding sources that may become available. The suspension of impact fees by the Board of Supervisors is an incentive for the development of affordable housing in unincorporated communities including sites that are zoned for mobile home park development. Community Development staff, Willow Partners and Fresno County Housing Authority met regarding development on T-P zoned sites. On November 18, 2020, County staff held a countywide Housing Forum open to residents, community members, housing advocates, and Community Service District Members on Zoom. On November 19, 2020, County staff held a Developer Housing Form on Zoom, open to developers, Community Service District members, residents, and community members. During these public forums, T-P zoning and constraints to T-P development were discussed. These forums also discussed interest in resident owned mobile home facilities. The developer forum specifically discussed constraints on T-P zoned districts, identified T-P zoned parcels available for development, and actions to encourage this type of development. Community Development staff also identified that that HCD offers funds for use in future development in T-P zoned districts.</p>
<p><b>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).</b></p>	<p>Actively participate in the development of the next RHNA Plan to better ensure that the allocations are reflective of the County's General Plan policies and are realistic based on land use patterns in the unincorporated areas of the County.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County has actively participated in the development of RHNA methodology for the past Housing Element Cycle updates and will participate in the development of the RHNA methodology for the next update cycle of the Housing Element to ensure the allocations are reflective of the County's General Plan policies and are achievable</p>
<p>Relevant Policies: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>

<p><b>4. Monitoring of Residential Capacity (No Net Loss)</b></p>	<p>Develop and implement a formal evaluation procedure pursuant to Government Code Section 65863 by 2016.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County has developed an application within its Permit Tracking System (known as AMANDA) that allows staff to monitor proposed discretionary projects and building permit activities that may impact the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element vacant land inventory. When the Assessor Parcel Number (APN) of a parcel that is included in the vacant land inventory is inputted in AMANDA, the system locks. The staff of the Zoning Unit has been instructed to contact the Policy Planning Unit staff who will look into the proposed permit. The Policy Planning Unit staff reviews the proposed permit. If the proposed permit would involve changing the land use designation or zoning of a parcel that would result in a reduction of available vacant land inventory in any income category, the applicant will be informed of appropriate actions that must be taken to remedy the reduction (per programs No.4). This procedure also allows County staff to monitor permit activities during any given calendar year. The County Staff performs a quantitative analysis according 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 for the duration of the Fifth-Cycle. Appropriate actions will be taken to ensure that the County maintains adequate inventory to accommodate housing in all income categories.</p>
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<p><b>4. Monitoring of Residential Capacity (No Net Loss)</b></p>	<p>Annually monitor the effectiveness of non-residential zones to facilitate residential development.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The Fifth-Cycle vacant land inventory includes parcels that are not zoned residential but would allow the development of multi-family residential. Since the adoption of the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element, the County has not received any residential development application on non-residentially zoned land. Without any housing development proposed on non-residentially zoned land, it is not possible to determine the effectiveness of utilizing non-residentially zoned land for residential development. Community Development staff have been in communication with partners who may be interested in converting parcels into residential zoning or increasing the density to allow for multifamily developments. This includes a project with the Fresno Housing Authority in Del Rey, which would convert an unused parcel currently zoned as AE (Agricultural Exclusive) to R2 or R3 (Residential) zoning. Staff is also working with Davis Slajchert from Willow Partners, who is interested in building a 62-unit multifamily complex in Riverdale. Mr. Slajchert submitted a Pre-Application for this proposed 62-unit multifamily complex. On July 28, 2020, Community Development staff met in person with Mr. Slajchert to discuss rezoning of a R-1 low density single-family parcel in Riverdale to a multiple family designation. On August 10, 2020, Community Development staff met with Mr. Slajchert on the phone to discuss an application to rezone a parcel in Riverdale to a higher residential density. On October 1, 2020, Community Development staff held a teleconference with Fresno County Housing Authority representatives and Carlos Arias, District Manager of the Del Rey CSD, to discuss the Housing Authority's desire to rezone a parcel in Del Rey from AE (Agricultural Exclusive) to R-2 (medium density residential), and the challenges of rezoning to R-2-medium density within rural communities and effective ways to address these challenges. On October 1, 2020, Community Development staff and Planning staff reviewed maps and discussed the ability to rezone underused agricultural zoned land into residential. Staff continues to research other parcels to encourage developers to explore.</p>
<p><b>4. Monitoring of Residential Capacity (No Net Loss)</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>If the evaluation of a proposed project demonstrates that the project will result in the reduction of the available vacant land for any specific income category, the County will rezone or upzone a similar size parcel to replenish the loss of the vacant land to accommodate housing for the same income category. The selected site will comply with the provisions of this program.</p>
<p>Relevant Policies: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>

<b>5. Lot Consolidation and Lot Splits</b>	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 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 a review of the proposed development. However, no residential development was submitted in the calendar year 2020 that required lot consolidation or lot splitting.
<b>5. Lot Consolidation and Lot Splits</b>	Continue to streamline the processing of requests for lot consolidation and lot splitting concurrent with other development reviews.	Ongoing	The County will streamline the processing of lot consolidation and lot splitting by processing them concurrently with other required development reviews.
<b>5. Lot Consolidation and Lot Splits</b>	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 consolidations activities to facilitate residential development on smaller parcels and reports such lot consolidations to HCD as part of the APR to HCD. No residential development was submitted in 2020 that required lot consolidation.
<b>5. Lot Consolidation and Lot Splits</b>	Encourage the use of master plans/specific plans to provide a cohesive development strategy for large lots.	Ongoing	The County encourages/requires master plans or specific plans as part of processing entitlements for large landholdings.
Relevant Policies: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE

<p><b>6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services</b></p>	<p>Continue to coordinate with independent service providers to assess development trends, needs for infrastructure and services, and plans for expansion. Communicate with the service providers at least semi-annually or as major development applications are received to discuss and pursue plans for future expansion to ensure adequate infrastructure and services are available to meet the County's RHNA, consistent with housing development trends.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>County staff communicates with water and sewer service providers to assess the infrastructure and services in unincorporated communities and their plan for expansion of infrastructure and services. The County encourages water and sewer service providers to improve infrastructure in communities with service deficiencies. County staff annually publishes and sends out notices to service providers regarding the application period to apply for grants to fund public facility and infrastructure improvement projects in the eligible unincorporated areas of Fresno County. In 2020, there was one outreach activity focused on housing capacity and three community meetings for discussion and needs assessment. Notice for these activities was mailed to CSDs and community groups along with publication, website posting, and direct email response. Also, a public workshop was held to provide assistance in preparing applications and the funding process. The majority of funding available for infrastructure and service expansion focuses on urban areas. In 2020, the County considered the use of CDBG and/or HOME funds as gap financing for eligible affordable housing projects as a means to reduce the costs of development. In 2020, two affordable housing projects began construction, both with a projected completion date in 2021. Gateway Apartments, in the City of Kerman, a 61-unit affordable housing project was awarded \$980,000 in County HOME funds, and Linnaea Villas, in the City of Kingsburg, a 47-unit affordable housing project was awarded \$1,000,000 in County HOME funds. Both projects will leverage State Tax Credits. Additionally, the County approved HOME funds for the construction and sale of two single-family developments. Country Meadows, in the unincorporated community of Riverdale will build eight single-family residences for sale to eligible low-moderate income households. Reedley Homeownership Project, in the City of Reedley, will build ten single-family residences for sale to eligible low-moderate income households.</p> <p>On October 1, 2020, staff held a virtual meeting with the Fresno Housing Authority and representatives of the Del Rey CSD to discuss potential deficiencies in infrastructure as impediments to additional residential development in the community and possible funding sources to address these infrastructure deficiencies. On October 8, 2020, staff held a teleconference with representatives of the Fair Housing Council of Central California to discuss infrastructure needs and development trends. On November 19, 2020, staff was a guest on the radio talk show Fair Housing is the Law and discussed the various housing issues affecting residents of Fresno County. On August 25, 2020, staff met with a local affordable housing developer Willow Partners and with Vince Romero, District Manager and Jim Petty, President of the Riverdale Public Utility District ("Riverdale PUD") at the potential property site in Riverdale to discuss potential deficiencies in infrastructure and the need to improve and expand existing infrastructure to facilitate new residential development in the community, and examined possible funding sources to address these infrastructure needs. On September 1, 2020 the Riverdale PUD discussed the project and the possibility of providing utility services. In addition, infrastructure needs, and funding sources were discussed with community members, CSD representatives, specialized housing consultants, and developers during the countywide Housing Forum and Developer Housing Forum, discussed above, on November 18, 2020 and November 19, 2020, respectively.</p>
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<p><b>6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services</b></p>	<p>As part of coordination and communication with CSDs, provide assistance as appropriate to encourage infrastructure improvements in communities with infrastructure and service deficiencies (see Table 2A-6 in the Appendix).</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>County staff continues to coordinate with water and sewer service providers to assess development trends, needs for infrastructure and services and plans for expansion of services. Staff regularly communicates with the independent service providers to identify community infrastructure needs and available resources. The County encourages water and sewer service providers to improve infrastructure in communities with service deficiencies. County staff annually publishes and sends out notices to service providers and community groups regarding the application period to apply to the County's program that provides grant funding for public facility and infrastructure improvement projects in the eligible unincorporated areas of Fresno County. The County also conducts a public workshop to provide assistance on preparing applications and the funding process and provides or assists with the procurement of engineering technical assistance.</p>
<p><b>6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services</b></p>	<p>Seek (at least annually and on-going) and support funding applications by CSDs for infrastructure and service expansions that are consistent with the County's General Plan and Community Plan policies.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>County staff disseminates information about 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. County staff searches for funding opportunities to expand CSD infrastructure. On October 21, 2020, HCD informed the County that it was awarded the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program Grant for fiscal year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$1,643,348. The County intends to utilize these funds to build additional multi-family developments in Fresno County with a focus on the unincorporated communities of Fresno County. In addition, staff attends webinars on various agencies' funding opportunities. On September 1, 2020, staff reviewed USDA funding opportunities for infrastructure improvements. On July 24, 2020 and October 2, 2020, staff reviewed HCD funding opportunities for infrastructure specific grants that could be used by CSDs. On September 9, 2020, staff researched available funding under the SB 2 Local Early Action Planning Grant ("LEAP Grant") On October 19, 2020, staff attended a webinar on the LEAP Grant, before beginning the application process. grant funds for the creation of a Local Housing Trust Fund and Site Plan development for small multifamily complexes. On December 15, 2020, through Resolution No. 20-388, the Board of Supervisor authorized staff to apply for the LEAP Grant. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2021. If awarded, LEAP Grant funds would be used to conduct a feasibility study on establishing a housing trust in Fresno County or the Central Valley Region and a program that would encourage the building of multi-family housing in the unincorporated areas of Fresno County. has discussed possible uses of these On October 9, 2020 and October 16, 2020, staff identified potential funding sources from HCD for infrastructure projects in Riverdale and Del Rey, respectively, and sent the relevant funding information to these two communities' CSD representatives. On September 27 and 29, 2020, staff attended webinars on the Department of Housing and Community Development the Infill Infrastructure Grant ("Infill infrastructure Grant"). Staff reviewed the Infill Infrastructure Grant to expand water/sewage infrastructure in Riverdale for an affordable housing project. After review, it was determined that the County would not be eligible because of certain eligibility criteria. Staff also examined a Notice of Funding by the HCD for the Transit Oriented Development program in April of 2020. However, staff decided not to apply for this grant because the grant was only viable in urban areas with high public transit areas, which is not applicable to the more rural county areas of need. Staff regularly checks available funding sources for infrastructure, planning, and housing project.</p>

<p><b>6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services</b></p>	<p>As funding permits, CDBG and/or HOME funds provide gap financing to affordable projects as a means to reducing the costs of development, including infrastructure improvements. At least annually meet with developers and community stakeholders to discuss and pursue or support additional funding resources.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>In 2020, the County considered the use of CDBG and/or HOME funds as gap financing for eligible affordable housing projects as a means of reducing the cost of development. In 2020, two affordable housing projects began construction, both with completion dates in 2021. Gateway Apartments, in the City of Kerman, a 61-unit affordable housing project was awarded \$980,000 in County HOME funds, and Linnaea Villas, in the City of Kingsburg, a 47-unit affordable housing project was awarded \$1,000,000 in County HOME funds. Both projects will leverage State Tax Credits.</p> <p>County staff seeks partnerships and regularly meets with other agencies, housing developers, and community stakeholders to discuss and pursue viable opportunities to develop affordable housing. The County continues to monitor the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), USDA, and HUD websites for Notices of Funding Ability (NOFA) for affordable housing for lower-income and farmworker households. In August of 2020, County of Fresno representatives met with developer Willow Partners to discuss Willow Heights, an apartment complex to be developed in an unincorporated community. In November 2020, the County of Fresno hosted two housing forums to discuss housing issues and funding resources available through the County. The first forum provided the residents of Fresno County with an overview of all of the housing services provided by various departments in the County and allowed the residents an opportunity to express their housing needs. The second forum was to educate potential developers about housing needs and the potential resources for development in the County of Fresno.</p> <p>The County offers assistance to other agencies in accessing local, state, and federal funding for affordable housing. In 2020, the County approved HOME funds to Self-Help Enterprises and Habitat for Humanity, Fresno for the acquisition, construction, and sale of two single-family developments. Country Meadows, developed by Habitat for Humanity, will build eight single-family residences for sale to eligible low-moderate income households in the community of Riverdale. Reedley Homeownership Project, developed by Self-Help Enterprises, will build ten single-family residences for sale to eligible low-moderate income households in the City of Reedley. Country Meadows and Reedley Homeownership projects will both leverage USDA Rural Development funds to provide primary mortgages to purchasing households.</p>
<p><b>6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services</b></p>	<p>Annually explore and pursue funding opportunities for community plan updates as necessary to promote development within existing communities with active transportation and access to services and amenities.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County explores funding opportunities for community plan updates including the SB 2 Planning Grants. The County of Fresno regularly searches for funding opportunities to increase housing stock development. The Board of Supervisors approved applying for the Local Early Action Planning grant from HCD on December 15th, which will fund planning activities. The application will be submitted by January 31, 2021. The County of Fresno is also pursuing funding from the Fresno Council of Governments Planning grants program to promote development and planning in unincorporated communities. This grant application will be available in January 2021.</p>
<p><b>6. Coordination of Infrastructure and Services</b></p>	<p>Provide a copy of the adopted Housing Element to the various service providers serving the unincorporated communities.</p>	<p>This program has been implemented.</p>	<p>Copies of the adopted Housing Element were distributed to all service providers serving the unincorporated communities following adoption of the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element.</p>

Relevant Policy: 1.7	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
<p><b>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</b></p>	<p>The County will provide loan funds as gap financing to eligible affordable housing developers to expand the supply of units affordable to lower-income households, including extremely low-income households and households with special needs, such as seniors, disabled (including persons with developmental disabilities), the farmworkers, the homeless, and those at risk of homelessness. The County will offer assistance to other agencies in accessing local, state, and federal funding for affordable housing by adopting and sending resolutions and letters of support for these agencies' efforts.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>In 2020, the County considered the use of CDBG and/or HOME funds as gap financing for eligible affordable housing projects as a means of reducing the cost of development. In 2020, two affordable housing projects began construction, both with completion dates in 2021. Gateway Apartments, in the City of Kerman, a 61-unit affordable housing project was awarded \$980,000 in County HOME funds, and Linnaea Villas, in the City of Kingsburg, a 47-unit affordable housing project was awarded \$1,000,000 in County HOME funds. Both projects will leverage State Tax Credits.</p> <p>County staff seeks partnerships and regularly meets with other agencies, housing developers, and community stakeholders to discuss and pursue viable opportunities to develop affordable housing. The County continues to monitor the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), USDA, and HUD websites for Notices of Funding Ability (NOFA) for affordable housing for lower-income and farmworker households. In November 2020, County staff hosted two housing forums to discuss housing issues and funding resources available through the County. The first forum provided the residents of Fresno County with an overview of all of the housing services provided by various county departments and allowed the residents an opportunity to discuss their housing needs. The second forum was to educate potential developers about housing needs and the potential resources for development in the County of Fresno.</p> <p>The County offers assistance to other agencies in accessing local, state, and federal funding for affordable housing. In 2020, the County approved HOME funds for Self-Help Enterprises and Habitat for Humanity for the acquisition, construction, and sale of two single-family developments.</p> <p>In 2020, Fresno County funded four projects to provide infrastructure to residential areas (streets, sidewalks, and pedestrian accessibility), two projects were funded to build or improve public parks, and two projects were funded to improve residential fire protection.</p>

<p><b>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</b></p>	<p>Continue to offer incentives such as gap financing, density bonus, streamlined processing (such as pre-application consultation to identify potential issues early on and concurrent processing of required permits to the extent feasible) to facilitate the development of affordable housing, with an emphasis on housing opportunities for very low and extremely low income households, as well as special needs populations, such as the elderly, disabled (including developmentally disabled), farmworkers, the homeless, and those at risk of becoming homeless.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County Zoning Ordinance includes a density bonus provision to facilitate the development of affordable housing. The County offers a pre-application process to identify potential project issues early in the process. The County also processes the required development applications concurrently as much as possible. These provisions are in place to facilitate the development of affordable housing for the low and very low-income population as well as the population with special needs and the elderly. In 2020, two affordable housing projects began construction, both with a completion date in 2021. Gateway Apartments, in the City of Kerman, a 61-unit affordable housing project was awarded \$980,000 in County HOME funds, and Linnaea Villas, in the City of Kingsburg, a 47-unit affordable housing project was awarded \$1,000,000 in County HOME funds. Both projects will leverage State Tax Credits. Additionally, the County approved HOME funds for the acquisition, construction, and sale of two single-family developments. Country Meadows, in the unincorporated community of Riverdale will build eight single-family residences for sale to eligible low-moderate income households. Reedley Homeownership Project, in the City of Reedley will build ten single-family residences for sale to eligible low-moderate income households. 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 led to the collaboration between the County and twelve cities in preparation for 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.</p>
<p><b>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</b></p>	<p>Continue to seek partnerships and regularly meet, at least annually, with other agencies (such as the Housing Authority), housing developers, community stakeholders and employers to discuss and pursue viable opportunities for providing affordable housing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The 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. In November 2020, County staff hosted a housing forum to inform developers of the opportunities for housing development in unincorporated communities of Fresno County. Local agricultural businesses and community services districts were also invited to this meeting. Opportunities to expand affordable housing were discussed.</p>

<p><b>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>County staff monitors HCD and HUD websites for Notices of Funding Ability (NOFA) for developing affordable housing for lower-income households.  Fresno County applied for HCD's Permanent Local Housing Allocation funds for a total award of \$1,600,000 for the first year, which will be used to build lower-income apartments. In July of 2020, the Department of Social Services applied to HCD for Homekey funds of \$13.5 million to provide homeless assistance. The Department of Behavioral Health partnered with the Fresno Housing Authority to apply to HCD for the "No Place like Home" grant to provide housing including housing for the homeless or individuals with mental health disabilities.</p>
<p><b>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</b></p>	<p>Continue to support and encourage other agencies and housing developers, such as the Fresno Housing Authority and Self-Help Enterprises, in the application of funds, including State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources that may become available.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>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. The County provided Willow Partners a letter of support for their Joe Serna Farmworker Grant application for a development in the City of Huron. The Department of Behavioral Health partnered with the Fresno Housing Authority in 2020 to apply for "No Place Like Home" funds.</p>
<p><b>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</b></p>	<p>Continue current efforts to streamline and improve efficiencies in planning and permit approval and building inspection service.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continues its efforts to streamline and improve efficiencies in processing permits and building inspections. Currently, certain permit requests as well as request for inspections can be submitted and processed online.</p>
<p><b>7. Affordable Housing Incentives</b></p>	<p>Establish to the extent feasible, a program that accommodates submittal and issuance of certain permits via the Internet by 2020.</p>	<p>2020</p>	<p>As noted above, the County processes some building permits, requests for inspections, and payment of processing fees online.</p>
<p>Relevant Policies: 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>



<p><b>8. Farmworker Housing</b></p>	<p>Continue to seek partnerships and regularly meet, at least annually, with other agencies (such as the Housing Authority), housing developers, community stakeholders, and agricultural employers/employees to discuss opportunities for farmworker housing. Contact agricultural stakeholders and the nonprofit developers annually to discuss viable options for locating suitable farmworker housing starting at the end of 2016.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The County continues to 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 2020, the County provided Willow Partners a letter of support for their Joe Serna Farmworker Grant application for a development in the City of Huron.</p> <p>In 2020, the County of Fresno hosted a community housing forum on November 18th. At this meeting, the County and community members discussed housing issues in the agricultural communities. Agricultural employers were invited to this forum, but no agricultural employer participated.</p> <p>In 2020, the County approved HOME funds to Self-Help Enterprises and Habitat for Humanity, Fresno for the acquisition, construction, and sale of two single-family developments.</p> <p>Country Meadows, developed by Habitat for Humanity, will build eight single-family residences for sale to eligible low-moderate income households in the community of Riverdale.</p> <p>Reedley Homeownership Project, developed by Self-Help Enterprises, will build ten single-family residences for sale to eligible low-moderate income households in the City of Reedley. Country Meadows and Reedley Homeownership projects will both leverage USDA Rural Development funds to provide primary mortgages to purchasing households. Additionally, the County may provide down payment assistance funds to qualifying homebuyers purchasing homes in Country Meadows and Reedley Homeownership developments.</p> <p>The population of the City of Reedley and the community of Riverdale, CA includes many residents who are in the Very Low and Low-Income categories, including farmworkers.</p>
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<p><b>8. Farmworker Housing</b></p>	<p>Continue to support and encourage other agencies and housing developers, such as the Fresno Housing Authority and Self-Help Enterprises, in the application of funds for farmworker housing, including State HCD and USDA Rural Development loans and grants and other funding sources that may become available.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>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, Willow Partners, 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 2020, the County provided Willow Partners a letter of support for their Joe Serna Farmworker Grant application for a development in the City of Huro</p> <p>In 2020, County staff met with housing developers to identify areas of possible development in the unincorporated communities of Fresno County. County Staff is working to facilitate a partnership between Self-Help Enterprises, Willow Partners, Habitat for Humanity Greater Fresno County, and Fresno Housing Authority to explore the possibility of building an affordable housing development in unincorporated communities such as Del Rey, Biola, and Riverdale, which include many residents who are in the Very Low and Low- Income categories, including farmworkers.</p> <p>In 2020, the County approved HOME funds to Self-Help Enterprises and Habitat for Humanity, Fresno for the acquisition, construction, and sale of two single-family developments. Country Meadows, developed by Habitat for Humanity, will build eight single-family residences for sale to eligible low-moderate income households in the community of Riverdale. Reedley Homeownership Project, developed by Self-Help Enterprises, will build ten single-family residences for sale to eligible low-moderate income households in the City of Reedley. Country Meadows and Reedley Homeownership projects will both leverage USDA Rural Development funds to provide primary mortgages to purchasing households. Additionally, the County may provide down payment assistance funds to qualifying homebuyers purchasing homes in Country Meadows and Reedley Homeownership developments. The County did not issue any permits for farmworker housing in 2020; however, the County monitors the status of farmworker housing as part of the APR.</p> <p>□</p>
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<b>8. Farmworker Housing</b>	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. The County continues to annually monitor the status of farmworker housing as part of the County's annual report to HCD.
Relevant Policies: 1.2, 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
<b>9. Preserving Assisted Housing</b>	Continue to monitor status of affordable housing projects. If projects become at risk of converting to market-rate housing: 1. Monitor the status of any Notice of Intent and Plan of Action filed by property owners to convert to market-rate units; 2. Identify nonprofit organizations as potential purchasers/managers of at-risk housing units; 3. Explore funding sources available to purchase affordability covenants on at-risk projects, transfer ownership of at-risk projects to public or nonprofit agencies, purchase existing buildings to replace at-risk units, or construct replacement units; 4. Ensure the tenants are properly noticed and informed of their rights and eligibility to obtain special Section 8 vouchers reserved for tenants of converted HUD properties.	Ongoing	The County monitors housing units that become at risk of being converted to market-rate housing and works with the non-profit organizations to explore funding sources to acquire such units to keep the units affordable for the low and very low-income population. The County provides notice and inform tenants of their rights and eligibility to obtain special Section 8 vouchers reserved for tenants of converted HUD properties. Housing Authority of Fresno County (HAFC) manages, monitors, improves and creates assisted housing in the unincorporated Fresno County area. If any residents call requesting rental assistance, HAFC staff explains the benefits of Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) and provides information on obtaining such a voucher through the Fresno Housing Authority. No affordable housing rental projects in the unincorporated area were considered at risk of converting to market-rate housing in 2020.
Relevant Policy: 3.6	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE

<b>10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments</b>	Complete comprehensive Zoning Ordinance update in 2017 to address the density bonus provisions, increase the allowable density at R2, R2-A, R3, R3-A, R4, C4 and RP to 20 units per acre.	This program has been implemented.	Amendments to Zoning Ordinance were approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 24, 2020 to include density bonus provisions and increase density in R-2, R2-A, R3, R3-A, R4, C4, and RP to 20 units per acre. The County did not receive any application involving the density bonus provisions in 2020.
<b>10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments</b>	Address the provision of Single-Room Occupancy (SRO) housing as part of the comprehensive Zoning Ordinance update in 2016.	This program has been implemented.	Amendments were approved to the Zoning Ordinance on November 24, 2020 that included the provisions of Single-Room Occupancy.
<b>10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments</b>	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.	This program has been implemented.	Amendments were approved to the Zoning Ordinance on November 24, 2020 that included development of multi-family housing development in the C-4 Zone District without a discretionary permit.
<b>10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments</b>	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	In residential zones where limited agricultural uses are allowed, employee housing including farmworker housing, is a permitted use as a single-family residence
<b>10. Zoning Ordinance Amendments</b>	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	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
<b>11. Monitoring of Planning and Development Fees</b>	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.

Relevant Policies: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
<b>12.Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program (HARP)</b>	Provide rehabilitation assistance to households in the unincorporated area as federal funding is available and applications are received.	Ongoing	Fresno County provided two HARP loans to qualified households in the unincorporated area during 2020 calendar year. 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	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
<b>13.Rental Rehabilitation Program (RRP)</b>	Provide assistance for the rehabilitation of four rental housing units during the planning period (provided that federal funding is available and applications are received).	Ongoing	Fresno County did not provide any Rental Rehabilitation Program loans for housing rehabilitation projects in the unincorporated area during 2020. The County continues to market the Rental Rehabilitation Program to eligible rental property owners.
Relevant Policies: 3.2, 4.1	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
<b>14.Code Enforcement</b>	Continue to enforce property maintenance standards and abate substandard structures through Code Enforcement and various 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. 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	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
<b>15. Homebuyer Assistance Program (HAP)</b>	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 2020. 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	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE

<b>16. First-Time Homebuyer Resources</b>	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.
<b>16. First-Time Homebuyer Resources</b>	Annually review funding resources available at the state and federal levels and pursue as appropriate to provide homebuyer assistance.	Ongoing	The County continues to review funding resources available from the State and Federal government to obtain funds to provide homebuyer assistance. The County continues to provide information on its Homebuyer Assistance Program to first-time homebuyers via flyers and its website, and through meetings with lenders, realtors, and community groups, to ensure the program is made available whenever possible to qualified applicants.
Relevant Policy: 2.8	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE
<b>17. Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance</b>	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.
<b>17. Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance</b>	Continue to refer interested households and homeowners to the Fresno Housing Authority and encourage landlords to register their properties with the Housing Authority for accepting HCVs.	Ongoing	The County continues to refer interested households and homeowners to the Fresno Housing Authority and encourages landowners to register their properties for accepting Housing Voucher Rental Assistance.
<b>17. Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance</b>	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	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE

<b>18. Energy Conservation</b>	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 encourage physical activities and improving air quality.
<b>18. Energy Conservation</b>	Continue to promote and support Pacific Gas and Electric Company programs that provide energy efficiency rebates for qualifying energy-efficient upgrades.	Ongoing	The County makes every effort to incorporate green building and energy-efficient components in housing units being rehabilitated when practical and acceptable to the client. The County's rehabilitation standards adhere to the HOME Program requirements to ensure the longevity of the 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 promoting physical activities and improving 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.
<b>18. Energy Conservation</b>	Continue to incorporate conservation measures in housing rehabilitation programs.	Ongoing	The County makes every effort to incorporate green building and energy-efficient components in housing units being rehabilitated when practical and acceptable to the client. The County's rehabilitation standards adhere to the HOME Program requirements to ensure the longevity of the 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 promoting physical activities and improving 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.
<b>18. Energy Conservation</b>	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	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE	SEE ABOVE

<p><b>19.Fair Housing</b></p>	<p>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).</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Information on fair housing rights and responsibilities is available at public counters and is provided during outreach efforts around the County. In 2020, because of the pandemic, County staff hosted two Zoom meetings attended by affordable housing developers and community stakeholders. Both meetings discussed fair housing rights, impediments to fair housing and served as a forum to discuss resolutions to the difficulty in affordable housing development.</p> <p>The county staff was a featured fair housing speaker on a regional radio program that included discussion of housing issues and answering questions from the community. No complaints were received by Fresno County regarding fair housing during 2020. 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 10,236 fliers in 2020 to various residents throughout the County and its partner cities.</p>
<p>Relevant Policies: 5.1, 5.2</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>	<p>SEE ABOVE</p>
<p><b>General Comments:</b></p>			
Empty space for general comments			





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(CCR Title 25 §6202)

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**Table F**

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

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

Activity Type	Units that Do Not Count Towards RHNA <sup>+</sup> Listed for Informational Purposes Only				Units that Count Towards RHNA <sup>+</sup> 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) of Government Code Section 65583.1 <sup>+</sup>
	Extremely Low-Income <sup>+</sup>	Very Low-Income <sup>+</sup>	Low-Income <sup>+</sup>	TOTAL UNITS <sup>+</sup>	Extremely Low-Income <sup>+</sup>	Very Low-Income <sup>+</sup>	Low-Income <sup>+</sup>	TOTAL UNITS <sup>+</sup>	
Rehabilitation Activity		1	1	2					
Preservation of Units At-Risk									
Acquisition of Residential Units									
Mobilehome Park Preservation									
Total Units by Income		1	1	2					





<b>Jurisdiction</b>	no County - Unincorporated	
<b>Reporting Year</b>	2020	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)

<b>Building Permits Issued by Affordability Summary</b>		
<b>Income Level</b>		<b>Current Year</b>
Very Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	20
Low	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	10
Moderate	Deed Restricted	0
	Non-Deed Restricted	45
Above Moderate		45
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>120</b>

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

<b>Housing Applications Summary</b>	
Total Housing Applications Submitted:	40
Number of Proposed Units in All Applications Received:	41
Total Housing Units Approved:	41
Total Housing Units Disapproved:	0

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

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

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