

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Status and Next Steps

August 16, 2018



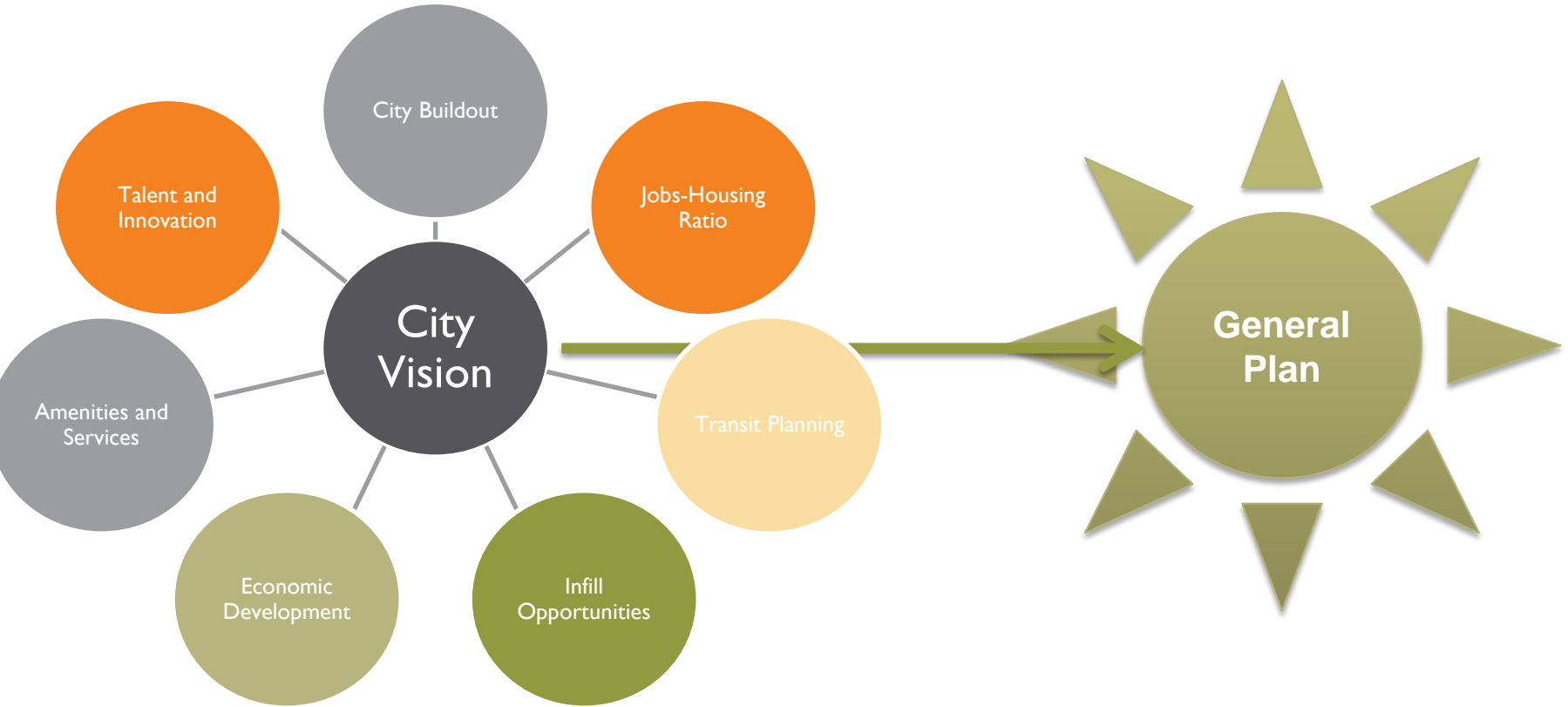
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AGENDA

- Project Status
- Overview of the Public Draft Documents
- Draft Review Schedule

Local Issues



What Is the General Plan?

- Overarching policy document
- Guides City actions
- Identifies expectations – the **Vision**
- Implemented through both private development and public projects
- Living document



City's General Plan History

- Adopted November 2003
- Numerous developer and City-initiated amendments
 - Laguna Ridge (2004)
 - Safety Element (2005)
 - Laguna West (2005)
 - Housing Element (2009, 2014)
 - Sustainability Element (2013)
 - SEPA (2014)

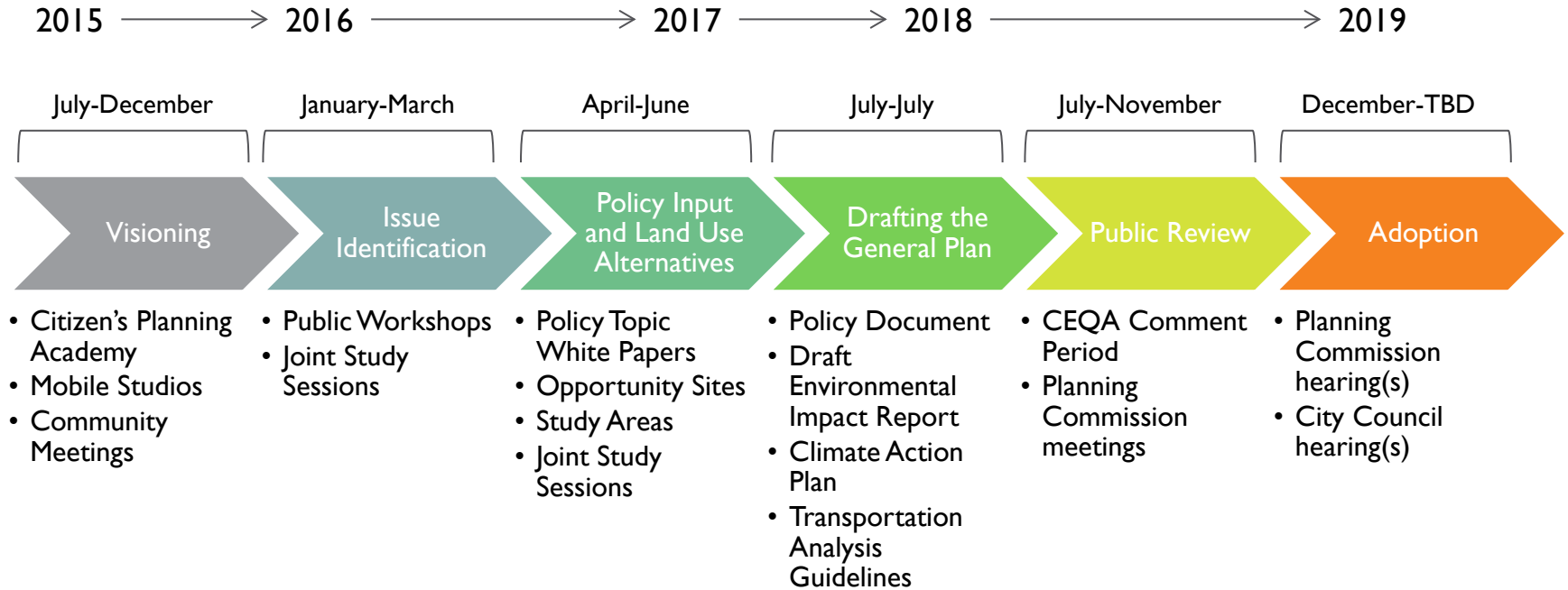


State Law Changes Since 2003

- Complete streets
- 200-year floodplain
- Climate change



Project Schedule: Status



Draft Materials

General Plan



GENERAL PLAN



Draft Environmental Impact Report

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DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
SCH No. 2017062006



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Climate Action Plan

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CLIMATE ACTION PLAN: 2018 UPDATE



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Transportation Analysis Guidelines

Transportation Analysis Guidelines



July 2018

http://www.elkgrovecity.org/city_hall/departments_divisions/planning/a_brighter_future/

General Plan Organization

- Organized into broad topic areas
- Table of Contents includes list of policies by chapter and alphabetically



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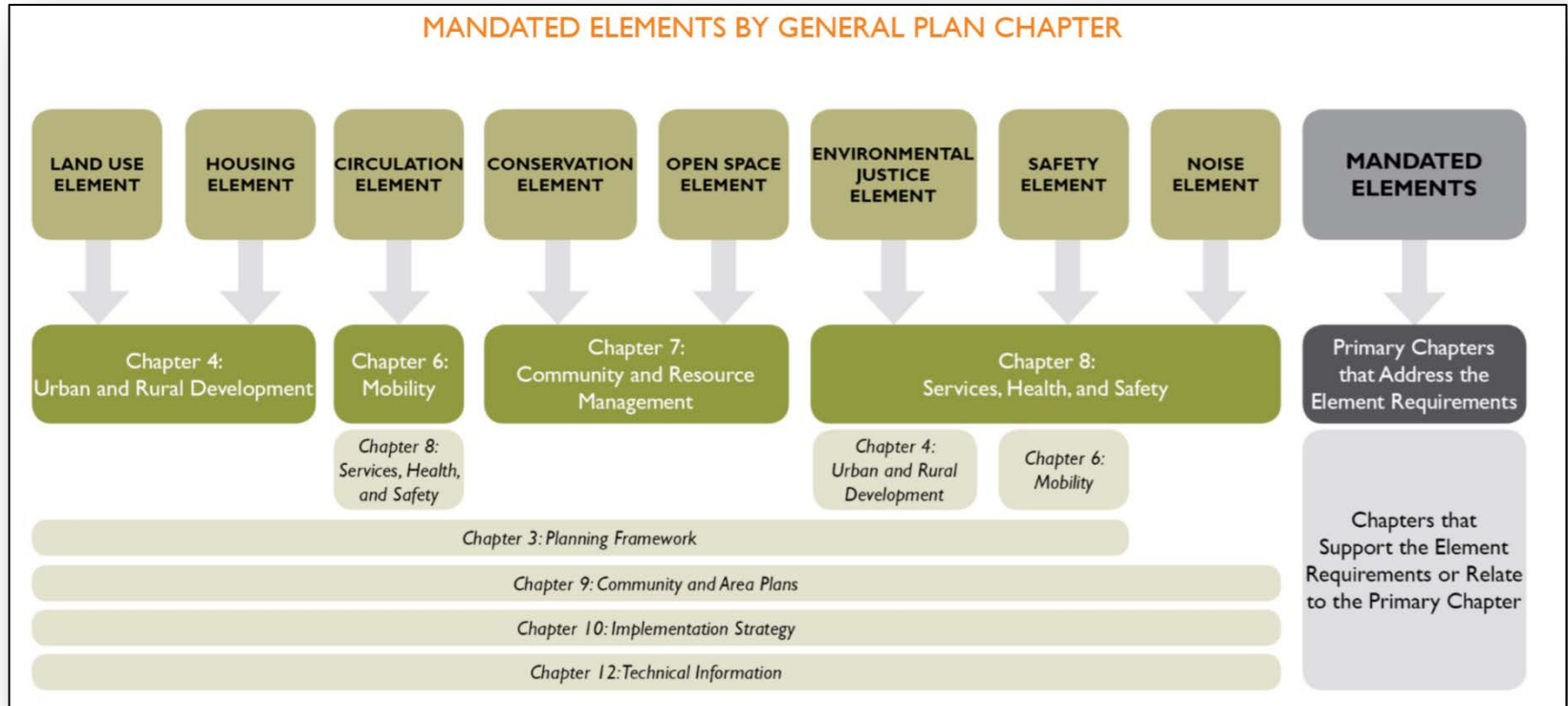
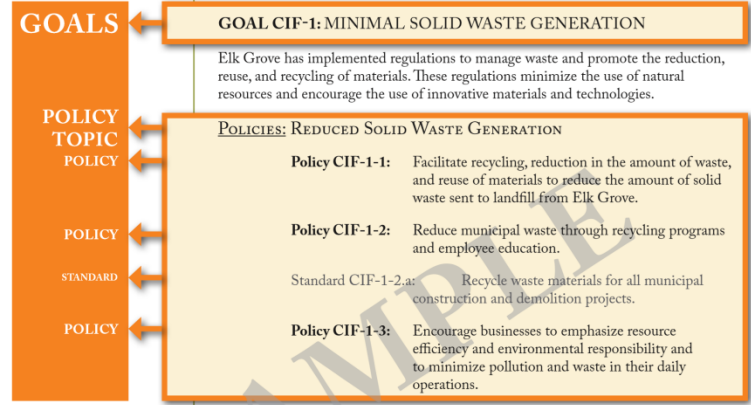




FIGURE I-4:
EXAMPLE OF POLICY CHAPTER ORGANIZATION

GOALS AND POLICIES: COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES (CIF)



GOAL CIF-1: MINIMAL SOLID WASTE GENERATION

Elk Grove has implemented regulations to manage waste and promote the reduction, reuse, and recycling of materials. These regulations minimize the use of natural resources and encourage the use of innovative materials and technologies.

POLICIES: REDUCED SOLID WASTE GENERATION

- Policy CIF-1-1:** Facilitate recycling, reduction in the amount of waste, and reuse of materials to reduce the amount of solid waste sent to landfill from Elk Grove.
- Policy CIF-1-2:** Reduce municipal waste through recycling programs and employee education.
- Standard CIF-1-2.a:** Recycle waste materials for all municipal construction and demolition projects.
- Policy CIF-1-3:** Encourage businesses to emphasize resource efficiency and environmental responsibility and to minimize pollution and waste in their daily operations.

GOAL CIF-2: COORDINATED UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND IMPROVEMENTS

To maximize the efficiency of utility infrastructure improvements, Elk Grove can coordinate improvement projects with utility providers. This would allow facilities to be upgraded or installed at the same time to minimize service disruptions and impacts to surrounding properties during construction. Combining utility projects could also result in financial savings.

POLICIES: UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING

- Policy CIF-2-1:** Where existing overhead utilities are undergrounded by the City or a utility at the direction of the City, no future overhead utilities shall be added at that location.

POLICIES: INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT COORDINATION

- Policy CIF-2-2:** Require that new utility infrastructure for electrical, telecommunication, natural gas and other services avoid sensitive resources, be located so as to not be

FIGURE I-4:
EXAMPLE OF POLICY CHAPTER ORGANIZATION

visually obtrusive, and, if possible, be located within roadway rights-of-way or existing utility easements.

- Policy CIF-2-3:** To minimize damage to roadways and reduce inconvenience to residents and businesses, the City shall seek to coordinate roadway utility efforts so that they are installed in a single operation whenever possible. Multiple installations, in which separate utilities are installed at different times and/or in different trenches, are specifically discouraged.
- Policy CIF-2-4:** Maintain, improve, and modernize existing facilities and services when necessary to meet the needs of Elk Grove residents and businesses.

GOAL CIF-3: ELK GROVE IS A LEADER IN INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE

To ensure Elk Grove's competitiveness for businesses and technologically focused residents, the City can partner with telecommunications providers to offer advanced technologies such as fiber optic internet and Citywide information services. Developing the infrastructure necessary for fiber optic internet can be hastened by requiring that fiber conduit be laid in new development areas. These technologies can be a significant incentive to companies and potential residents looking to relocate to Elk Grove.

POLICIES: TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE

- Policy CIF-3-1:** Be a regional leader in technology infrastructure.
- Policy CIF-3-2:** Encourage and coordinate with service providers to utilize advanced technologies such as fiber optic internet and Citywide information services.



Standard CIF-3-2.a: Conduit to support future technologies shall be laid in new development areas as a condition of project approval.

- Policy CIF-3-3:** Support technology that builds on the City's agricultural legacy.
- Policy CIF-3-4:** Acknowledge and adapt to innovations in technology to facilitate infrastructure investments as appropriate.

General Plan Resources

- Comparison matrices

Elk Grove General Plan Update – Policy Comparison Matrix				<i>Organized by Existing General Plan</i>	
Existing General Plan			Draft General Plan Update		
Number	Text		Number	Text	
<p><i>The following table compares the policies of the existing General Plan (left side) with the proposed policies of the Draft General Plan Update (right side).</i></p> <p><i>This version is organized based upon the <u>Existing General Plan</u> policies.</i></p>					
CAQ-01	Reduce the amount of water used by residential and non-residential uses by encouraging water conservation		ER-6-6	Work with the Sacramento County Water Agency, Elk Grove Water Agency, and other water utilities to support programs and conservation activities intended to help water customers voluntarily conserve approximately 10 percent over time	
CAQ-01	Reduce the amount of water used by residential and non-residential uses by encouraging water conservation		ER-6-7	Enforce the City's water-efficient landscape ordinance that is as strict as or stricter than the State Water Resources Control Board regulations affecting local water agencies, and ensure future state updates are incorporated in some form to the City's ordinance. Provide opportunity for and encourage public reporting of violations	
CAQ-02	The loss of agricultural productivity on lands designated for urban uses within the city limits as of January 2004 is accepted as a consequence of the development of Elk Grove. As discussed in the Land Use Element, the City's land use concept for the Planning Area outside the 2004 city limits anticipates the retention of significant areas of agricultural production outside the current city limits			<i>Policy removed. Rolled into AG-1-5</i>	
CAQ-03	The City of Elk Grove considers the only mitigation for the loss of agricultural land to consist of the creation of new agricultural land in the Sacramento region equal in area, productivity, and other characteristics to the area that would be lost due to development. The protection of existing agricultural land through the purchase of fee title or easements is not considered by the City to provide mitigation, since programs of this type result in a net loss of farmland.		AG-1-5	Protect agricultural lands from future risk of conversion by requiring mitigation of the loss of qualified agricultural lands at a 1:1 ratio.	

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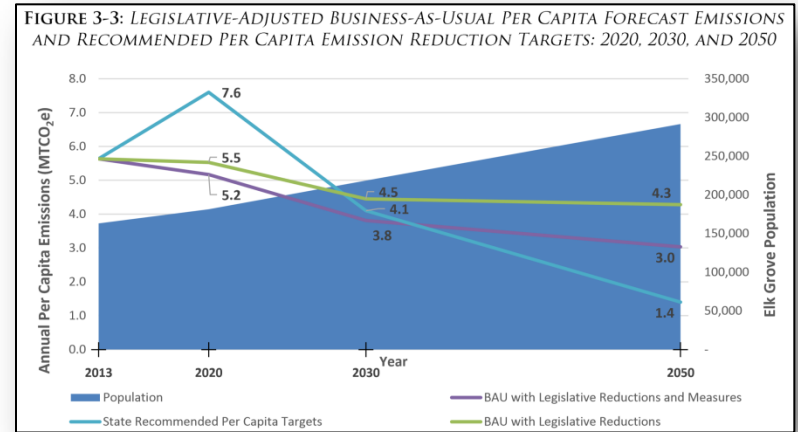
- Required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Objective and informational document that discloses potential environmental effects of the General Plan Update
- Identifies potentially significant direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts
- Identifies feasible measures to mitigate significant effects

**Comment period
open until September
26, 2018**

**Public meeting to
accept comments
September 13, 2018,
at 6:00 pm, in the
Council Chambers**

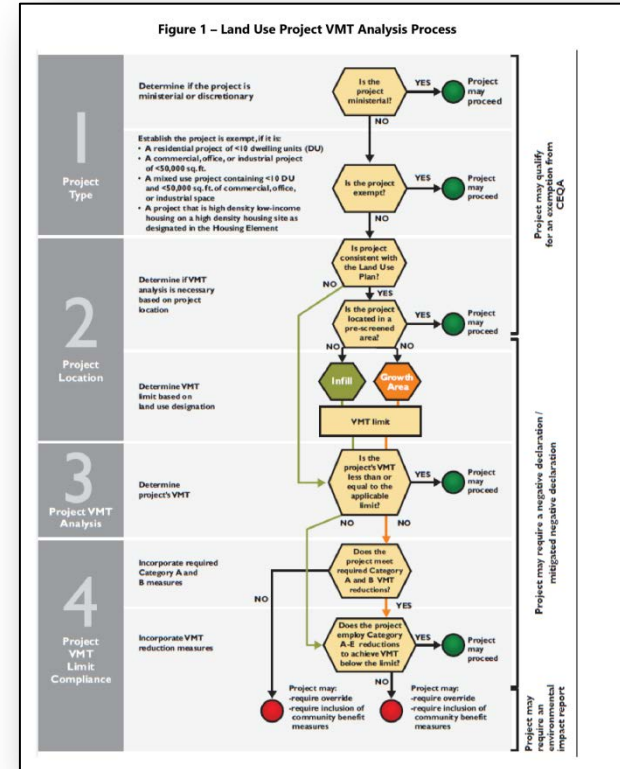
Climate Action Plan

- Update to the 2013 Climate Action Plan
- Identifies how the City will achieve State-recommended targets of reductions in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions
- Provides a process for subsequent qualifying development projects to tier from in their CEQA document to achieve GHG the reductions



Transportation Analysis Guidelines

- Implements General Plan policies relative to:
 - Evaluating the performance of the roadway system
 - Analyzing a project for potential impacts relative to Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
 - Considering operations of pedestrians and bicyclists



Proposed Review Schedule

Date	Activity
July 27, 2018	Release Public Draft Documents
August 16, 2018	Planning Commission overview presentation (no action to be taken)
August 22, 2018	City Council overview presentation (no action to be taken)
September 6, 2018	Planning Commission Workshop #1: Vision; Economy and the Region; Services, Health, and Safety
September 13, 2018	Public meeting to accept any public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (6:00 pm, City Council Chambers)
September 20, 2018	Planning Commission Workshop #2: Community and Resource Protection; Climate Action Plan
September 26, 2018	EIR 60-day review closes
October 4, 2018	Planning Commission Workshop #3: Urban and Rural Development; Community and Area Plans
October 18, 2018	Planning Commission Workshop #4: Mobility/Transportation Analysis Guidelines
TBD	Release Final EIR
TBD	Planning Commission Public Hearing and recommendation to City Council
TBD	City Council hearing

Note: All dates are subject to change.

Suggested Review Approach

1. Start with Chapters 1-3 of the General Plan
2. Review the Overviews of Chapters 4-9
3. Review the policies in the chapters, using the comparison matrices as a reference
4. Review the Climate Action Plan and Transportation Analysis Guidelines
5. Review the EIR; start with the Executive Summary

Tracking Changes

- Staff is developing an Errata/Revision document
- Similar process used for the 2006 Zoning Code Update

General Plan Update Errata/Revision Tracking Matrix Current as of: August 16, 2018		
Page	Revision	Notes
1-10	Update Figure 1-2 (General Plan Planning Area) to include the Bilby Ridge Sphere of Influence	This Sphere of Influence Amendment was approved by LAFCo on August 1, 2018
3-21/22	Update Figure 3-4 (Land Use Diagram) to include the Bilby Ridge Sphere of Influence	This Sphere of Influence Amendment was approved by LAFCo on August 1, 2018

Next Steps

- City Council presentation: August 22
- Planning Commission: September 6
 - Vision; Economy and the Region; Services, Health, and Safety
- Public Meeting on EIR: September 13
- In progress:
 - Municipal Code Revisions (Zoning, Noise)
 - Triangle Special Planning Area Update
 - Laguna Ridge Specific Plan

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