



The Community Center Guidelines (Appendix J) are designed to aid in the translation of this key planning concept into reality. The most important factor to keep in mind regarding these interpretive ideas is that they are guidelines, not regulations. In other words, their purpose is to aid in achieving vibrant community centers but not to mandate certain solutions. A key ingredient in the success of community centers is to open them up to maximum creativity in their mix of uses and physical design for accommodating those uses. Artificial constraint would therefore be counterproductive. These guidelines, then, are to be used as a source of positive ideas to achieve optimum results from development activity in these locales.

Application of reasonable judgement and balance in applying these guidelines cannot be reduced to a formula: their use is a matter of judgement and, as with all matters involving reasoning, many different interpretations are possible. However, they do provide a rich resource for use in planning for these areas, and judicious use of them will contribute toward their attraction for the kind of investment and living experience envisioned in the General Plan.

## Appendices

The Appendices to the General Plan are important tools in its administration. The following points illustrate how that is so.

### Appendix A Glossary of Terms/Acronyms

This is a comprehensive reference for General Plan terminology. Even though acronyms are fully defined within the text the first time a particular acronym is encountered, this is a simple, alphabetical source for such information.

### Appendix B General Planning Principles

These principles, as noted above, take the Vision a step further in providing guidance as to the General Plan's intent. These principles should be used in combination with the Vision to establish a comprehensive understanding of how policies should be interpreted.

### Appendix C Public Opinion Survey Report

During the early stages of the RCIP, a public opinion survey was conducted involving several hundred Riverside County residents. The purpose of this survey was to assess residents' attitudes concerning growth and related issues in the County. The results of this survey were compiled into a report, which helped serve as the basis for the subsequent preparation of the Riverside County Vision.

### Appendix D Summary of Community Workshops

The first series of community workshops was held in June/July of 1999 at selected locations throughout the County. The purpose of these workshops was to engage the public in dialog with the County about issues relating to the County's future and to introduce them to the RCIP planning process. Workshop discussion and comments were captured in a report, which also served to aid in the creation of the Vision and provide some focus to the policy direction contained in this General Plan.



## **Appendix E General Plan Socioeconomic Buildout Projections Assumptions & Methodology**

This section describes the assumptions and methods used to determine housing, population, and employment projections for the General Plan Land Use Plan.

## **Appendix F Riverside County Population and Employment Forecasts**

This report details the projected population and employment figures for the County of Riverside, including each of the 19 Area Plans and March ARB, to the year 2020. This report serves four purposes:

- To test alternative scenarios for the Riverside County update;
- To develop a consistent set of projections to achieve an integrated County General Plan;
- To develop a consistent set of projections for ancillary studies; and
- To develop a framework to test the implications of alternative policies.

## **Appendix G Fiscal Analysis**

This documentation presents the fiscal implications for the area plans. It should be referred to especially in the case of amendment proposals to assess whether the proposed change is positive, negative or neutral from a fiscal standpoint.

## **Appendix H Safety Element Technical Background Report**

This report is a comprehensive assessment of natural and man-made hazards in the County, including but not limited to: earthquakes, landslides, subsidence/settlement, floods, inundation, and wildland fire. The report served as the foundation for the Safety Element and had a significant impact on the pattern of land uses and policies for its implementation. This data should be the basis for more focused geotechnical analysis and clarity as projects are considered.

## **Appendix I Noise and Air Data**

Technical data that did not need to be incorporated into the Noise Element has been included here. Information regarding studies, data collection, statistical projections, or relevant research are included here.

## **Appendix J Community Center Guidelines**

As discussed more fully above, these guidelines should be the basic reference in devising quality development strategies for community center development.

## **Appendix K Implementation Program**

This appendix details the major implementation commitments associated with the General Plan. Since this program is intended to be updated annually, it will be necessary to make sure that any reference to it is the current version. Certain actions within the program may have an impact on project review, such as, for example, zone changes or zoning ordinance revisions that have recently occurred.

Two levels of implementation are expressed here, both of them in matrix format. The first is a summary of major implementation initiatives called Administration Activities/Programs that are central to achieving the potential represented by the



General Plan. The second is a more extensive list of actions organized by General Plan Element, derived from the policies in each element. Taken together, these commitments respond to the intent of the California Government Code that implementation is a logical and necessary obligation of public policy.

The structure of this appendix sets up a process to be expanded and maintained by the County. This process will require completion of the implementation matrices described above, dealing with target date(s) for completion, funding sources, designation of the entity with primary responsibility for carrying out the action, and identification of support responsibilities. The process also entails annually reviewing the Implementation Plan and updating it based on accomplishments achieved, work not yet completed, and new initiatives stimulated by changing conditions and circumstances.

The focus here is on initiatives to be taken by the County in creating, updating or facilitating tools needed to enable the County to achieve its Vision. This focus is predicated on the fact that most of the General Plan policies will be implemented on an incremental basis as part of the ongoing project review process for public and private development/preservation projects. In other words, these policies are designed to influence how development and preservation occur through the normal land use management procedures conducted by the County.

### **The Environmental Impact Report**

While this document is not an integral part of the policy document, it is a valuable and critical resource in administering the General Plan. It contains a wealth of information that will help anyone proposing or reviewing a project do a better job of analysis. Moreover, it specifies an extensive list of mitigation measures and monitoring requirements that may apply to a particular project.

## **INTERPRETING THE GENERAL PLAN'S INTENT (DETERMINING CONSISTENCY)**

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Because of the straightforward structure of the General Plan, the process of interpreting its intent is relative simple. As with any general plan that encompasses a huge territory characterized by a remarkable diversity of conditions and aspirations, this document contains a great deal of information and policy direction. Despite this, the following steps are aimed at defining a path that will lead to a clear understanding of the General Plan's intent.

Note that this discussion does not address zoning. The focus here is strictly on understanding the General Plan direction. Zoning designations and regulations are required by law to be consistent with the General Plan. Determining the zoning should be a first step to see what current regulations apply, but this should always be followed up by referring to the General Plan to confirm that the zoning is consistent. If the zoning is inconsistent with the General Plan, as required, then it needs to be changed or the General Plan needs to be amended (or sometimes both, depending on the situation and the uses being proposed).