



1. Read the Summary Vision for Riverside County to understand the essence of the General Plan's intent. Refer to the complete version at a later stage in the analysis as noted below.
2. Determine the Foundation Component in the General Plan Land Use Element and read its description to understand the basic direction for development.
3. Be familiar with the countywide policies that relate to that designation because they apply in all area plans.
4. Determine the land use designation(s) from the area plan (or Land Use Element if not in an area plan).
5. Read the description of the designation(s) in the Land Use Element. This establishes the basic guidance regarding the General Plan's intent.
6. Read the policies of the area plan to understand the applicable local guidance.
7. Determine if the property in question is covered by other policies than those applicable throughout the area plan. Some area plans have such policies and others do not.
8. If the Community Center Guidelines apply, read those and determine a strategy for responding to them as thoroughly as possible.
9. At this point sufficient knowledge of General Plan direction should be assembled to determine if further reference to the full Vision (Chapter 2) or the General Planning Principles (Appendix B) is required to add dimensions to guidance for the proposed project.
10. Determine if background in the Safety Element Technical Background Report (Appendix H), Traffic Report, or the Environmental Impact Report applies to the proposed project. Note: It may be possible to tier off of the General Plan EIR and reduce the scope of project-related environmental documentation.

MONITORING OF DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION

Proper administration of the General Plan requires a contemporary and consistently maintained monitoring system to provide an ongoing understanding of the progress being made in implementing the General Plan. Given the solid GIS-generated, property-based mapping system and documentation of the General Plan's land use designations, this should not be a technically challenging process. The purpose of this discussion is to provide general guidance for the monitoring system, not to design it in detail. Complete design, initiation and operation of the monitoring system is a critical task identified in the Implementation Program, Appendix K.

These numbers can and should be aggregated in any General Plan amendment package that encompasses several amendment proposals to facilitate an understanding of their cumulative effect. The County will need to prepare appropriate procedural materials to enable the proper information to be developed in conjunction with General Plan amendment applications.