



- h. A component change is necessary to facilitate implementation of open space or transportation corridor designations arising from the MSHCP and Community Environmental Transportation Acceptability Program (CETAP) programs that are contained in this General Plan, and that could not be accomplished by a lesser change in the General Plan.

Amendment Cycles

Three types of amendment cycles are provided, as discussed below. Table A-1, Amendment Matrix, summarizes the amendment categories and their timing frequency.

**Table A-1:
Amendment Matrix**

Type of Change	Amendment Category				Amendment Potential Frequency
	Technical	Entitlement/ Policy	Foundation		
			5-year Review	Extraordinary	
Correction/ Clarification	X ¹				Quarterly ²
Map Designation (Within Component)	X ³	X	X ⁵	X	Quarterly ² Every 5 years Random ⁴
Policy Change		X	X	X	Quarterly ² Every 5 years Random
Principle Change			X	X	Every 5 years Random
Component Boundary or Definition Change			X	X	Every 5 years Random
Vision Change			X		Every 5 years

Notes:

¹ may be clustered with any other amendment package.

² Has priority in each amendment package; thus, may occur as frequently as 4 times each year in compliance with the Government Code. Amendments are scheduled on an 18-month cycle.

³ May involve change in map designation only in the case of an error in the original General Plan determination.

⁴ Extraordinary amendments have no predetermined schedule.

⁵ Changes in the land use designation in areas not covered by an area plan shall be treated as a foundation amendment. This is the only situation in which designations within a component are considered the same as a foundation component.

1. General Plan Review Cycle. This cycle occurs every five years after adoption of this General Plan. It:
 - a. Is initiated by the County.
 - b. Is primarily intended to assess General Plan progress and issues related to its implementation.
 - c. Is the only time, other than a declared extraordinary amendment, that a Foundation Component of the General Plan may be considered for change.
 - d. May include policy, entitlement and technical amendment proposals determined to be an appropriate part of this cycle.
 - e. Extends planning projections another five years into the future, identifying required adjustments in the General Plan, if any, to accommodate anticipated needs.



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- f. Includes special considerations to reassess the Vision and Planning Principles and recommit to them. This five-year interval also permits a comprehensive evaluation of CETAP and MSHCP progress, with refinements as necessary to enable further implementation of these programs as they relate to the General Plan.
2. General Plan Amendment Cycle. This cycle occurs every January and extends for 18 months into the future to permit effective scheduling and clustering of amendment proposals and enable current staffing to plan for necessary workloads. Administrative decisions regarding the cycle involve only scheduling of amendment activity. Approval, conditional approval, or denial of an amendment request occurs only through the public hearing process. Scheduling the Cycle:
 - a. Involves policy amendment and changes in entitlement within Foundation Components, but not between them (except for some types of Rural Development).
 - b. Provides for amendment packages four times a year (in accordance with state law).
 - c. Is administered and approved by the Director of the Transportation and Land Management Agency.
 - d. May be appealed to the Planning Commission if any party is aggrieved by the determination of the Director.
 - e. May be appealed to the Board of Supervisors if any party is aggrieved by the determination of the Planning Commission.
 - f. Is accompanied by a pre-application conference that results in an assessment of the inconsistencies or the proposal with the General Plan, including the appropriate amendment category into which it fits and an indication of the degree of difficulty in achieving amendment approval.
 - g. Addresses all applicable General Plan Elements to the extent that they are involved.
 - h. Establishes application deadlines and hearing dates for each amendment package.
 - i. Clusters amendments by geographic area to the extent possible.
 - j. Includes Technical Amendments as appropriate.
 - k. Does not permit changes in the Riverside County Vision, Foundation Categories, or Principles.
3. Extraordinary Amendment Event. This type of amendment does not operate on a cycle. It may be initiated at any time, but must also have extraordinary justification. This type of event is properly considered an exception to normal General Plan considerations because of its serious cause and potentially serious impacts on the General Plan. It:
 - a. May be initiated by the Board of Supervisors or requested by others who believe such a consideration is needed. Upon such a request by others, the Board must make a determination that the degree of urgency justifies an amendment consideration and, upon such determination, set a date for its consideration.
 - b. May be included in the next scheduled amendment cycle, and has priority in that amendment package.
 - c. Must be accompanied by extraordinary findings as described in Section 3, above.