

Attachment B

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1.0 SUMMARY

This document constitutes the *2015-2016 Annual Work Program* (Work Program) for the Long Range Planning Division and provides a summary of the various land use planning projects and policy initiatives proposed for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2015-2016. The purpose of the Work Program is to provide the Montecito Planning Commission, County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors with an opportunity to receive public input, review current ongoing and new potential projects, and select those projects that warrant general fund allocation and staff resources in the upcoming fiscal year. The Work Program provides a framework for consideration and determination of top priority projects, from the many requests for projects that are intended to improve our communities and/or update our Comprehensive Plan. Finally, the Work Program is a public method to track projects which the planning commissions, Board of Supervisors, staff and members of the public have identified for consideration.

2.0 PROJECT INFORMATION

2.1 Comprehensive Plan

The County's Comprehensive Plan addresses land use issues that are of a county-wide concern. The existing structure of the County's Comprehensive Plan is based upon the requirements of State law and the direction of the Board of Supervisors over the last three decades. State law provides the basic framework for the seven mandated elements of the Comprehensive Plan and the Coastal Land Use Plan, the minimum required contents of these elements, and the implementing zoning ordinances.

The current Comprehensive Plan includes thirteen elements: seven mandated elements, the Coastal Land Use Plan, and five optional elements. In addition, there are fourteen major implementation plans to ensure that adopted goals, objectives and action plans are carried out (see Figure 1 and Figure 2). The County zoning ordinances include the County Land Use & Development Code (LUDC), the Montecito LUDC, and the Coastal Zoning Ordinance (Article II). The County also has several documents that provide guidance concerning transportation, housing, open space and design. These zoning and guidance documents play a key role by providing more detailed information that is used in further implementation of the Comprehensive Plan (see Figure 2).

2.2 Division Organization

The Long Range Planning Division is one of five divisions within P&D. The Division works with citizens, organizations, agencies, other departments, committees, the planning commissions and Board of Supervisors to address land use issues from a broad, programmatic perspective, as opposed to a specific development proposal basis.

The work of the Long Range Planning Division is generally organized according to the following subject areas: Required Services and Operations, Comprehensive Plan Amendments, Community Plan Amendments, and Special Projects.

2.2.1 Required Services and Operations

A portion of the Division's resources are allocated towards core services that involve staff technical assistance. The Division provides regional and inter-agency coordination related to planning matters; offers technical support to other divisions, departments, committees, commissions and the Board; serves as technical/advisory staff to the Board regarding the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG); performs analysis of legislation; coordinates county-wide responses to regional California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents; reviews projects for General Plan consistency; writes the Annual Report to State Office of Planning and Research (OPR); and reviews the Capital Improvement Program for General Plan conformity. Operations includes division administration, management review of projects, preparation of the Work Program, budget development, grant applications, staff meetings, training and evaluation of staff, recruitment of staff including interns, website updates and public outreach.

2.2.2 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

These amendments involve the update and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and Coastal Land Use Plan. One of the primary sources for updates to the Comprehensive Plan is State-mandated updates. The Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan has long been the sole element of the Comprehensive Plan that is subject to a State mandate that addresses the timing, process and substance of the update. Currently, the Housing Element must be updated every eight years. However, there is a recent trend in the State legislature to link new requirements for updates of other elements to the timing of the Housing Element update. Two recent examples of this are the Disadvantaged Communities – Land Use Element update; and the Fire Hazards – Seismic Safety Element update.

2.2.3 Community Plans

Community plans are considered a part of the Comprehensive Plan, although they focus on issues pertaining to a defined sub-area of the County. Community plans provide the opportunity to address differing values and planning concerns of neighborhoods and communities in the County. The Division staff interacts extensively with Board-appointed advisory committees through the adoption of various community plans; and also provides ongoing support for public and private development projects that implement the community plans through close cooperation with Development Review staff. Examples of current community plan projects include the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan, Gaviota Coast Plan, and Isla Vista Master Plan

2.2.4 Special Projects

Special projects involve specific issues such as the adoption of a new ordinance, addressing an issue of concern, producing conceptual construction and design plans, preparing community design guidelines, implementation of the Comprehensive Plan or implementation of a community plan. Examples of special project work include the Hollister Avenue Streetscape Plan, Santa Claus Lane Project, Montecito Design Guidelines, Ordinance 661 Consistency Rezone-Phase II and the Winery Ordinance Update.

Figure 1: Comprehensive Plan Components

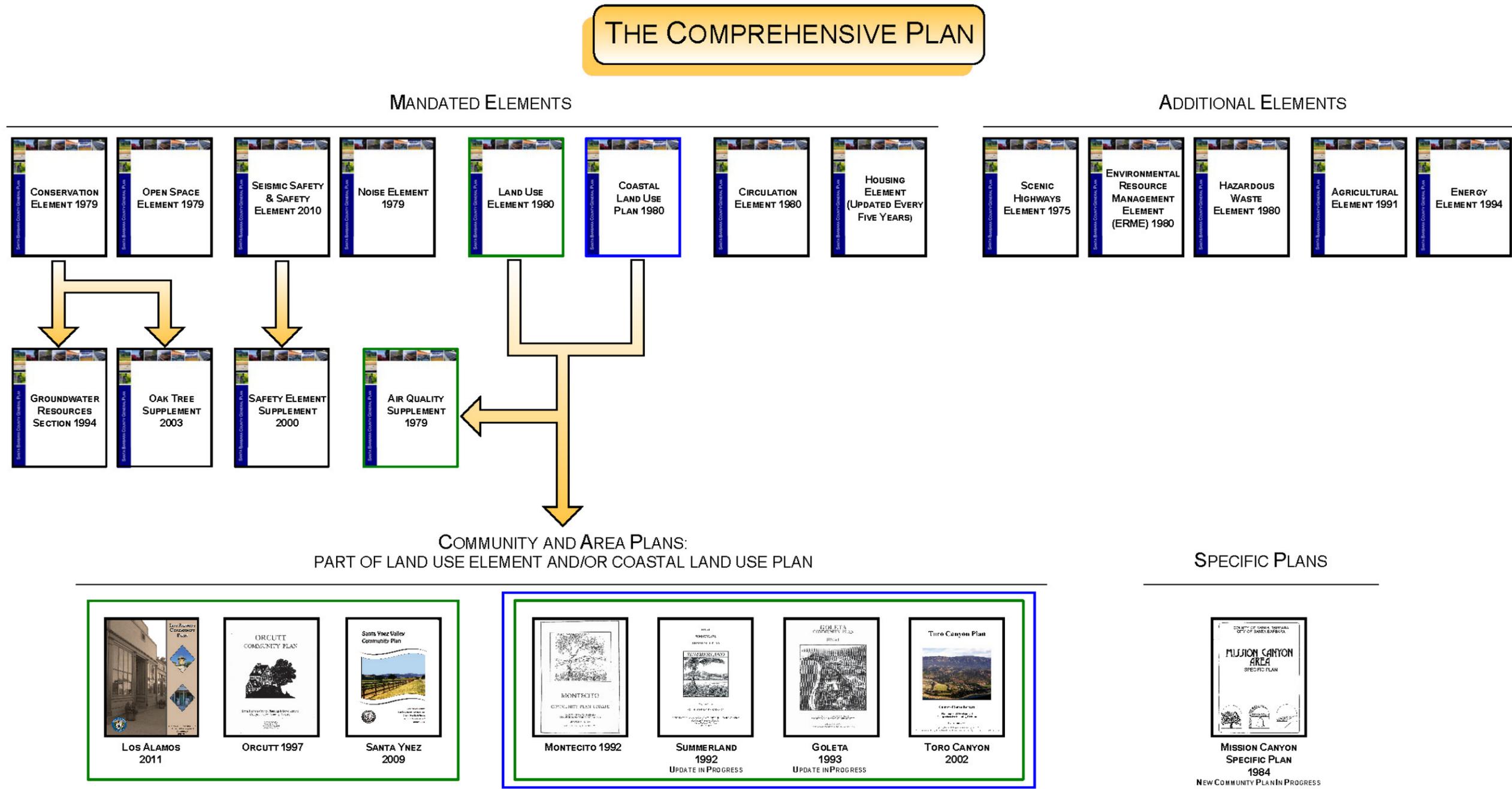
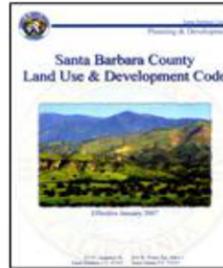
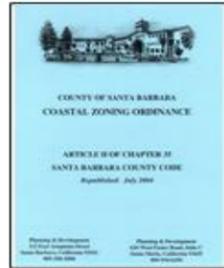


Figure 2: Implementing Documents

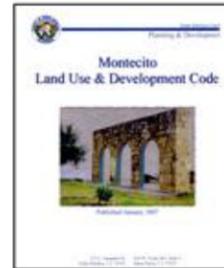
IMPLEMENTING ZONING ORDINANCE DOCUMENTS



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
 LUDC LAND USE
 DEVELOPMENT CODE
 (INLAND AREAS,
 EXCEPT MONTECITO)



ARTICLE II COASTAL



MONTECITO LUDC
 LAND USE
 DEVELOPMENT CODE

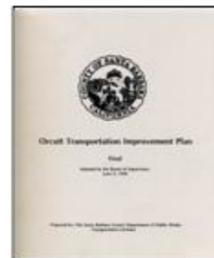


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ORDINANCE 661

IMPLEMENTING PLANS AND GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS



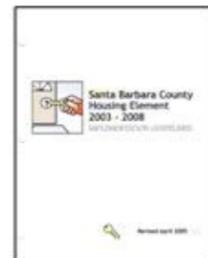
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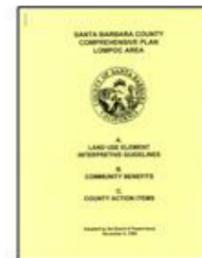
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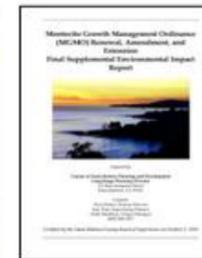
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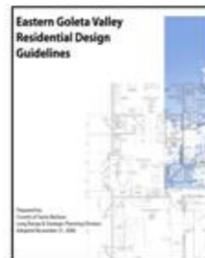
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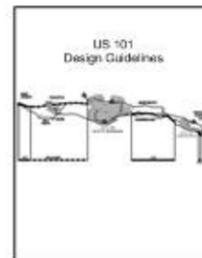
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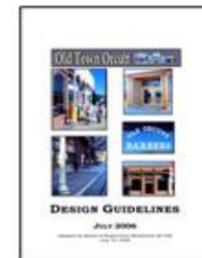
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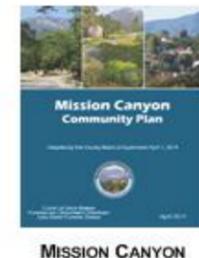
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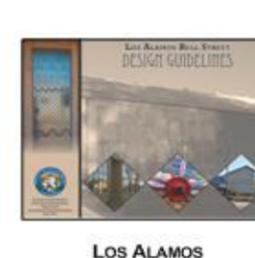
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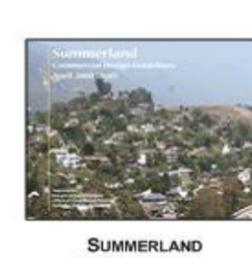
OLD TOWN ORCUTT
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 GUIDELINES
 2006



MISSION CANYON
 RESIDENTIAL DESIGN
 GUIDELINES
 2014



LOS ALAMOS
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 DESIGN GUIDELINES
 2011



SUMMERLAND
 RESIDENTIAL AND
 COMMERCIAL DESIGN
 GUIDELINES
 2014

2.3 FY 2014-2015 Completed Projects

The Board of Supervisors through their review of the FY 2014-2015 Work Program, prioritized projects for the Long Range Planning Division. Projects that have been completed during FY 2014-2015 are shown below in Table 1.

**TABLE 1
 COMPLETED PROJECTS
 WORK PROGRAM FY 2014-2015**

COMPLETED PROJECTS
Disadvantaged Communities
Energy & Climate Action Plan*
Fire Hazards – Safety Element
2015-2023 Housing Element Update
Los Alamos Pedestrian Circulation and Parking Plan
Mission Canyon Multimodal Improvements Plan
Summerland Community Plan (Local Adoption)

*Anticipated to be completed by June 30, 2015

2.4 FY 2015-2016 Proposed Required Services, Operations and Projects

Table 2, below, provides a summary of Long Range Planning’s on-going services, operations and projects for FY 2015-2016, including grant funded projects, State mandated projects funded by general fund contributions (GFC), and on-going projects funded by GFC. This table also provides the full- time equivalent (FTE) staffing levels that are a rough estimate for each project for FY 2015-2016 as well as FTE requirements for core required services and operations. This year’s Work Program numbers for FTE also include all administrative costs to better reflect the actual costs and overall division staffing needs. A brief description of each on-going project is provided in Appendix A, of this report.

**TABLE 2
 ON-GOING SERVICES, OPERATIONS AND PROJECTS
 FY 2015-2016**

ON-GOING PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS		FTE*
Required Services		
	Grant Research & Applications	
	Ag Preserve Processing & APAC Support	
	Regional & Inter-Agency Coordination	
	Technical Support to Other Depts	
	Legislative Review	
	General Plan Consistency Review	
	Responsible Agency Review	
	CIP Conformity Review	
	General Plan Annual Report	
	LAFCO/SBCAG Review	
Subtotal – Required Services		1.5
Operations		
	Budget Development and Implementation	
	Public Information, Referrals, Website and Outreach	
	Staff Meetings and Training	
	Evaluation and Performance Reviews	
	Division Administration	
Subtotal - Operations		2.5
Projects		
ON-GOING PROJECTS		
1	Alternative Fuels Readiness (grant)	0.1
2	Agricultural Permit Streamlining	0.4
3	Circulation Element Update	0.6
4	Coastal Resiliency Project Phase I (grant)	0.5
5	Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan	0.3
6	Gaviota Coast Plan	0.4
7	Hollister Avenue Streetscape Plan	0.2
8	Important Minerals	0.2
9	Isla Vista Master Plan(Coastal Comm. Certification)	0.1
10	Montecito Design Guidelines	0.2
11	Ordinance 661 Consistency Rezoning	0.2
12	Outdoor Lighting Ordinance	0.2
13	Santa Claus Lane Beach Access & Street Improvements (grant)	0.4
14	Summerland Community Plan	0.1
15	Winery Ordinance Update	0.4
Subtotal - Projects		4.1
TOTAL FTE		8.1

*FTE = Full Time Equivalent Staff (Numbers Rounded Up)

2.5 Recommended New Projects for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

In addition to the on-going projects for FY 2015-2016 that are listed above in Table 2, there are other potential projects that could be taken on by the Long Range Planning Division, depending on funding support. The projects have been suggested from a variety of sources and are recommended by staff for consideration as shown in Table 3, below, in descending order of priority. These projects are recommended for consideration of inclusion into the current Work Program. The final budget adopted by the Board of Supervisors for P&D will determine the level of policy development that will occur in FY '15-'16. As more funding is provided, more projects can be worked on.

**TABLE 3
 RECOMMENDED NEW PROJECTS
 SHORT-TERM (1 + YEARS)**

RECOMMENDED NEW PROJECTS		FTE*
Short-Term (1-2 Years)		
16	Airport Land Use Compatibility Amendments (mandate)	0.2
17	Housing Element Update Implementation	0.7
18	ECAP Implementation	0.8
19	Safety Element Update Phase II	0.5
20	Census Designation (Eastern Goleta Valley)	0.1
21	Scenic Highway Designation Hwy 101 (Gaviota)	0.1
22	Sign Ordinance Update	0.5

*Estimated for one fiscal year. Some projects may take more than one year to complete.

2.6 Potential Projects for Future Fiscal Years

Table 4 below lists potential new projects as mid-term projects (recommended for consideration in subsequent fiscal years). This table provides a longer term view of those projects that may be funded in future years. These projects are not recommended for inclusion into the 2015-2016 Work Program, but may be considered in the future for inclusion into a Work Program.

**TABLE 4
 POTENTIAL FUTURE PROJECTS
 MID-TERM (3+ YEARS)**

POTENTIAL FUTURE PROJECTS		FTE*
Mid-Term (3+ Years)		
23	Santa Ynez & Los Olivos Parking/Circulation Plan	0.4
24	Los Alamos In Lieu Parking Program	0.7
25	Mission Canyon Post-Disaster Recovery Plan	0.4
26	Santa Ynez & Los Olivos Design Guidelines	0.6
27	Mission Hills/Vandenberg Village Vision Plan	1.5
28	Economic Development Element	1.0
29	Small Scale Butchering Ordinance	0.5
30	Noise Element Update	1.3
31	Land Use Element Update	3.0
32	Open Space Element Update	2.7
33	Groundwater Policy Updates/ Consistency Amendments	1.0
34	Climate Adaption (Inland County)	1.0
35	Telecommunications Ordinance	0.8
36	Special Events Ordinance Update	1.5
37	Brushing Ordinance Update	1.0
38	Vacation Rental Ordinance	1.5

* FTE are rough estimates.

2.7 RECOMMENDATION AND CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors receive and file the FY 2015-2016 Work Program as depicted by Tables 1-4 and as described in section 2.0 of this staff report, along with any recommended revisions, as the prioritization of project work for the Long Range Planning Division in FY 2015-2016.

The Work Program was heard by the Montecito Planning Commission on March 18, 2015 and County Planning Commission on March 25. The Montecito Planning Commission's recommendations and the County Planning Commission's recommendations regarding project priorities for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration in their review and approval of the final 2015-2016 Work Program.

Attachments:

- A. Appendix A – Project Descriptions

Appendix A - Project Descriptions

Ongoing Projects for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

A brief description of each project listed in Table 2 of the staff report is provided as follows in alphabetical order of the project names. All dates noted assume full funding of the project during the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year, and during subsequent fiscal years for multi-year projects.

1. Agricultural Permit Streamlining

- Develop a revised zoning permit structure for agricultural uses that would allow increased flexibility in the type of permit and allow compatible new uses which support and encourage the continuation of local agricultural operations.
- The agricultural tiered permit structure will allow landowners to develop small-scale uses with an over-the counter or other staff issued permit. The scale of the permitted uses is intended to support and be compatible with existing agricultural activities.
- The project will evaluate agricultural tiered permit concepts developed as part of the draft Gaviota Coast Plan and consider their appropriateness countywide.
- The project will begin in Winter 2015/2016.

2. Alternative Fuels Readiness Grant

- The Alternative Fuels Readiness Grant Program is a partnership between the County of Santa Barbara, three Air Pollution Control Districts (Santa Barbara, Ventura, and San Luis Obispo counties), Clean Cities Coalition of the Central Coast, Community Environmental Council of Santa Barbara, EV Communities Alliance, and Plug-In Central Coast.
- A key activity for the program is to prepare a regional Alternative Fuels Readiness Plan addressing Alternative Fuel Infrastructure permitting, deployment, maintenance, and inspection, and promotion of Alternative Fuel Vehicle-friendly public policies and incentives.
- The grant will be complete in Spring 2016, at which time the County's consultant will develop the Alternative Fuels Readiness Plan. Staff will request the Board of Supervisors receive and file the final plan.

3. Circulation Element Update

- Update the Circulation Element (adopted 1980) of the County Comprehensive Plan.
- Conduct initial research in Spring 2015, such as reviewing state guidelines and requirements, identifying gaps in existing data, and identifying current circulation issues and opportunities.
- Conduct public outreach and coordinate with County Public Works, Caltrans, and the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments throughout the multi-year update process.
- Present preliminary recommendations to the Planning Commission and develop draft goals, policies, standards and prepare the draft circulation element update in FY 2015-2016.
- Conduct environmental review (CEQA) and present the final draft circulation element update to the Planning Commission and Board for adoption in FY 2016-2017.

4. Coastal Resiliency Project Phase I

- Collaboration with UCSB and the cities of Carpinteria, Santa Barbara, and Goleta to model sea level rise and potential associated hazards to coastal erosion and coastal flooding.
- Modeling results will be used to develop a Coastal Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and policies and programs that mitigate impacts from coastal hazards.
- The Coastal Hazard Modeling results and the Vulnerability Assessment results will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in Fall 2015 and Spring 2016, respectively.

5. Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan

- Update the goals, policies, and actions for the Eastern Goleta Valley portion of the Goleta Community Plan.
- Prepare a Mixed Use – Eastern Goleta Valley zone to encourage revitalization of the Hollister Avenue/ State Street Corridor.
- Study eight housing opportunity sites with the potential to provide a mix of affordable housing.
- Planning Commission hearings will occur in Spring and Summer 2015.
- Board of Supervisor adoption hearings are expected in late Summer 2015.

6. Gaviota Coast Plan

- Develop an area plan which will update land use policies for the Gaviota Coast that are reflective of community values, trends and conditions, and are intended to protect Gaviota's unique characteristics and rural integrity.
- The Plan will provide a pathway for the community to address topics such as agricultural stewardship and sustainability, biological resources, design standards, public access, and scenic resources.
- The draft EIR will be released for public review and comment in Spring 2015.
- Planning Commission hearings are scheduled for Fall 2015.
- Board adoption hearings are scheduled to begin Winter 2015/2016.

7. Hollister Avenue – State Street Streetscape Plan

- Develop a streetscape plan to enhance aesthetics and foster economic vitality along the Hollister Avenue – State Street commercial corridor and provide a gateway into Goleta Valley.
- Develop the plan in concert with the circulation improvement plan that County Public Works is currently preparing.
- Conduct round-table meetings and workshops to engage residents and business owners.
- Staff expects to present design concepts/standards to the Planning Commission in Spring 2015.
- Planning Commission and Board hearings for the streetscape plan are expected in Fall/Winter 2015.

8. Important Minerals - Conservation Element Update

- Mandated requirement for local agencies to map important mineral resources as defined by the state and to adopt General Plan policies for their protection to assure future accessibility for roads and other industrial needs.
- Staff will develop Conservation Element Policies and maps which meet state requirements.
- Board adoption of the Plan is currently scheduled for Fall 2015 in order to meet the State mandated timeline of one year from classification rule making which is anticipated in Spring 2015.

9. Isla Vista Master Plan Coastal Commission Certification

- In 2007, the Board of Supervisors approved the Isla Vista Master Plan and accompanying zoning ordinance amendments and submitted them to the Coastal Commission for certification, including rezoning for more density and enhancement of commercial development.
- The Coastal Commission has identified issues that the County needs to address before the submittal can be deemed complete. In addition, the dissolution of the RDA, analysis of green house gas impacts, in-lieu fee parking ordinance, and on-street parking capacity issues require further refinement.
- P&D staff will respond to the remaining issues and resubmit the master plan and zoning ordinance amendments to the Coastal Commission for certification.
- Planning Commission hearings are scheduled for Summer 2015
- Board adoption of the IVMP amendments and ordinances is currently scheduled for late Fall 2015, followed by submittal to Coastal Commission for certification.

10. Montecito Design Guidelines Limited Update

- Update and refine the following definitions and guidelines in the *Montecito Architectural Guidelines and Development Standards* (May 1995): (1) Height Definition, (2) Height Measurement Methodology, (3) Hillside Height Limits for Buildings and Retaining Walls, (4) Basement Definition, and (5) Floor Area Definition.
- Conduct public outreach and engage private community organizations and the Montecito Board of Architectural Review and Montecito Planning Commission throughout the multiple-year update process.
- Prepare preliminary and draft definitions, guidelines and, if necessary, ordinance amendments in Spring and early Summer 2015.
- Conduct environmental review (CEQA) in Summer 2015.
- Present the final draft updates to the Montecito Planning Commission in Winter 2015/16.
- Board of Supervisor adoption is anticipated Winter 2015/16

11. Ordinance 661 Consistency Rezone – Phase II

- Phase II will rezone remaining land still under Ordinance 661 primarily located in the Lompoc Valley, Cuyama Valley, Los Padres National Forest, and South Coast foothill areas.

- The project will eliminate the need for individual property owners to apply for consistency rezones to the current Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) when applying for discretionary permits.
- Planning Commission hearing scheduled for Winter 2015/2016
- Board of Supervisor adoption is anticipated in Spring 2016.

12. Outdoor Lighting Ordinance

- Develop a county-wide policy which seeks to standardize regulation of outdoor lighting, building upon outdoor lighting regulations that have been adopted for recent community plans.
- The project includes outreach to communities, design professionals, and county Board of Architectural Review committees to gather input for inclusion in the ordinance and guidelines.
- Planning Commission hearing scheduled for Fall 2015
- Board of Supervisor adoption hearings in Winter 2015/2016.

13. Santa Claus Lane Beach Access and Street Improvements

- Enhance recreation and business opportunities by preparing a master plan for streetscape improvements, safe beach access, and parking for an approximately one-half mile segment of frontage road and beach along Santa Claus Lane/Padaro Beach.
- Prepare construction plans for parking, landscaping, multimodal circulation, beach user amenities, and an at-grade pedestrian rail crossing for beach access; and streetscape improvements in the business district to enhance economic vitality.
- Complete Public Utilities Commission application for rail crossing in Spring 2015.
- Process Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for rail crossing and initiate species studies, environmental review, and CDP for streetscape improvements in Summer 2015.
- Prepare construction plans for streetscape improvements in Summer 2015 through 2016.

14. Summerland Community Plan

- Coastal Commission certification process Summer/Fall 2015.

15. Winery Ordinance Update

- The project focus is to improve permitting efficiency by clarifying ambiguities and inadequacies in the existing winery ordinance which will help to increase certainty in the winery permit process both for winery applicants and neighbors.
- The update may address tasting rooms, food service, special events, neighborhood compatibility, enforcement and monitoring, and ordinance definitions and development standards.
- The draft EIR will be released for public review and comment in Spring 2015.
- Board adoption is scheduled to begin in Fall 2015.

Recommended New Projects for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

A brief description of each project listed in Table 3 of the staff report is provided as follows. All dates noted assume full funding of the project during the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year, and during subsequent fiscal years for multi-year projects.

1. Airport Land Use Plan Consistency Amendments (State mandated)

- The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) is preparing comprehensive amendments to the Airport Land Use Plan (ALUP). SBCAG's update of the ALUP will include revised information for the six airports in Santa Barbara County, including Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Lompoc, Santa Ynez, and New Cuyama Airports, as well as Vandenberg Air Force Base. Updated information will reflect four major plan areas, including noise, safety, airspace protection, and overflight with specific land use compatibility criteria. SBCAG will serve as the lead agency for environmental review of the ALUP, which will be utilized by the County for CEQA compliance of the Land Use Element amendments.
- Government Code Section 65302.3 (a) and (b) requires consistency of the Comprehensive Plan with the ALUP within 180 days (6 months) of adoption by SBCAG.
- This project would amend the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use and Development Code to achieve consistency with the ALUP.

2. Housing Element Implementation

- Commence implementation of the 2015-2023 Housing Element Update consistent with the County's adopted Housing Element.
- Chapter 5 of the Housing Element Update contains various programs to encourage affordable and special needs housing. Each program has an implementation timeline. The County committed to implement Program 1.16 (Design Residential (DR) Zone Modifications) by early 2016.
- Program 1.16 directs the County to evaluate and adopt as appropriate zoning ordinance amendments that encourage affordable, special needs, and senior housing projects in the Design Residential (DR) zone. Possible zoning ordinance amendments include increasing the maximum site coverage (percent) for structures, reducing the minimum net site area (percent) reserved for common and/or public open space, and reducing parking standards
- Planning Commission hearings are scheduled for Fall 2015
- Board of Supervisor adoption for the zoning ordinance amendments are expected in Winter 2015/2016.

3. Energy and Climate Action Plan (ECAP) Implementation

- Implement high priority measures identified in the ECAP.
- Monitor effectiveness of adopted ECAP measures and track green house gas (GHG) emission reductions and progress toward achieving the County's GHG reduction target.
- Inter-departmental coordination.
- Implementation measures include:
 - Research grants/pursue funding opportunities/integrate implementation into work plans and budgets (FY 15/16 and beyond)
 - Develop/update website and outreach materials (FY 15/16 and beyond)

- Update Comprehensive Plan, Green Building Ordinance, and design guidelines for Community Plans (FY 15/16)
- Develop financial incentives for energy-efficient retrofits (FY 15/16)
- Complete Annual Monitoring and Reporting Tool (FY 15/16 and beyond)
- Update ECAP, GHG inventory/forecast (FY 16/17)

4. Safety Element – Fire Hazards Phase II

- Phase II of the Fire Hazards Safety Element update will address additional State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (BOF) recommendations raised during Phase I. This includes analyzing potential policies to reduce wildfire risk in high fire hazard areas.
- The project will include community outreach and stakeholder input, and coordination with County Fire Department, BOF, Montecito Fire District, Carpinteria/Summerland Fire District, USFS and local agencies.

5. Scenic Highway Designation – Highway 101 Gaviota Coast

- Pursue Scenic Highway Designation for Highway 101 through the Gaviota Coast Plan area.
- Document supporting studies and eligibility criteria, coordinate community input and Board of Supervisor recommendation hearings, and coordinate project submittal to Caltrans for review and approval.

6. Census Designated Place – Eastern Goleta Valley

- Pursue designation of the Eastern Goleta Valley as a Census Designated Place (CDP) prior to the next decennial census.
- CDP's are concentrations of population identified by the United States Census Bureau for statistical purposes. They are delineated for each decennial census as the statistical counterparts of incorporated places. Establishing and revising these boundaries can occur during each census cycle.
- A key benefit of CDP designation is the Census Bureau would collect survey data specific to the area including detailed population data, economic statistics of businesses, and population commuting data.

7. Sign Ordinance Update

- The last comprehensive update of the sign standards occurred in 1970 with the adoption of Article I of the Zoning Code.
- New technologies and methods of promoting economic activity indicate a need to update the 40 year old standards and ensure economic interests are balanced with the County's well established reputation of an attractive area to visit and live.
- The project would comprehensively update the standards to consider new sign materials and technologies, aesthetics, and clarify permit requirements.