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DISCUSSION: PROJECT NO. 2017003150 – GENERAL PLAN & HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS FOR CY 2016
RPC MEETING: MARCH 8, 2017—AGENDA ITEM

At your meeting on March 8, 2017, the General Plan Development and Housing Section staff will provide you with a presentation on the General Plan Annual Progress Report for CY 2016, and the Housing Element Annual Progress Report for CY 2016 (Attachment 1). This item does not require action.

The purpose of the General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Reports is to meet the requirements of Government Code Section 65400, which mandates local jurisdictions to provide the implementation status of the General Plan and the Housing Element by April 1 of each year. The reports must be considered at a public meeting before the Board of Supervisors, where members of the public can submit oral and/or written comments on the report.

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Attachment: General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Reports CY 2016

GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

CY 2016

The purpose of this report is to meet the requirements of Government Code Section 65400, which mandates local jurisdictions to submit an annual report on the implementation status of the General Plan. The report must be submitted to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Housing and Community Development (HCD) by April 1. The requirement to report on the County's progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs, and to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing, is addressed in a companion document, the Housing Element Annual Progress Report.

The following report provides the implementation status of the General Plan for the 2016 calendar year.

- **Part I: General Plan Amendments** lists adopted and pending amendments to the General Plan in 2016.
- **Part II: General Plan Implementation** describes the progress of General Plan implementation in four subsections:
    - General Plan Implementation Program;
    - Other Plans and Ordinances;
    - Bicycle Master Plan Implementation (a sub-element of the General Plan Mobility Element);
    - Community Climate Action Plan (a sub-element of the General Plan Air Quality Element); and,
- **Appendices**
    - Appendix A: Equity Tools Development Report Update

I. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS

The following project(s) or plan(s) was adopted in 2016 and amended the General Plan Elements and/or maps. Ongoing efforts are described in Part II of this report.

Project	Date	Amends
Sloan Canyon Highway Plan Amendment Plan Amendment No. 2014-00005 Project No. 2014-03232-(5) Environmental Assessment No. 2014-00264/RPPL2016-000776 The Project consists of an amendment to the County General Plan and Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan to amend the Master Plan of Highways, consisting of the reclassification of a 1.1-mile segment of Sloan Canyon Road between Quail Valley Road and Mandolin Canyon Road from a Limited Secondary Highway to a Local Collector Road in the unincorporated community of Castaic.	December 20, 2016	Mobility Element – Highway Plan

II. GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

1. GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS

The General Plan outlines programs, organized by General Plan element, that are designed to address the overall policy objectives identified in the General Plan. The following programs were initiated, pending, or implemented in 2016.

LAND USE ELEMENT	
LU-1: Planning Areas Framework Program	Not Started
LU-2: Transit Oriented District Program	
• **Willowbrook TOD Specific Plan** Proposed amendments to add the Willowbrook TOD Specific Plan. The TOD Specific Plan will contain zoning and land use policies, development standards, and design guidelines for the half-mile unincorporated radius around the Rosa Parks/Imperial Metro station. The effort also includes the preparation of an existing conditions study, parking study, mobility strategy, economic development strategy, capital improvement plan, and environmental review document. The TOD Specific Plan will implement the recommendations and vision of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Campus Master Plan and other planning efforts in Willowbrook.	Pending
• **West Carson TOD Specific Plan** Proposed amendments to add the West Carson TOD Specific Plan, which aims to achieve reduction of automobile usage, increase in infill and compact development, and infrastructure improvements. The TOD Specific Plan will contain zoning and land use policies, development standards, design guidelines, an existing conditions study, parking study, mobility strategy, and an environmental document for the half-mile radius around the Carson Metro Bus Station within the unincorporated area. The effort will engage other County agencies and also be done in conjunction with the proposed Harbor-UCLA Hospital Master Plan.	Pending
• **West Athens-Westmont TOD Specific Plan** Proposed amendments to add the West Athens-Westmont TOD Specific Plan. The TOD Specific Plan will contain zoning and land use policies, development standards, design guidelines for the half-mile unincorporated area radius around the Metro Green Line Vermont/Athens Station. The effort also includes the preparation of an existing conditions study, parking study, mobility strategy, economic development strategy, capital improvement program, and environmental review document. The TOD Specific Plan will coordinate with other planning efforts and initiatives planned for West Athens-Westmont.	Pending

LU-3: Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan • **Brackett Field Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan**	Adopted December 9, 2015
LU-4: Growth Management Program	Not Started
LU-5 : Civic Art Program • The Los Angeles County Arts Commission Civic Art Program works with emerging and leading civic artists, County departments, and communities to create artwork, exhibitions, temporary art and event-based programming for new and renovated facilities throughout Los Angeles County. The Civic Art Program allocates one percent of design and construction costs on new County capital projects to a Civic Art Special Fund. During Fiscal Year 2015-2016, 44 projects were actively managed, 12 of which were completed. The Civic Art Policy, which provides guidelines and procedure for this program, was revised in 2015 to include eligibility of County capital projects that are delivered by private developers. Through the Civic Art Policy, the Arts Commission is mandated to document, preserve and conserve County-owned artworks to sustain the region's cultural heritage for future generations. The program is currently undergoing the largest, most comprehensive inventory to establish a baseline of County-owned civic art assets. In addition, the Civic Art Program continues its interdepartmental and cross-sector participation within workgroups to leverage resources and to identify ways in which Los Angeles County's abundant creative sector can serve County objectives such as creative place-making, environmental stewardship, and community planning.	Ongoing
LU-6: Transfer of Development Rights	Not Started
LU-7: Adaptive Reuse Ordinance	Not Started
LU-8: Art and Cultural Resources Program	Not Started
LU-9 : Community Design Guidelines (Livable Community Design Guidelines) • As a part of Healthy Design Phase II, (a continuation of the County's efforts to build healthier neighborhoods), the Department of Regional Planning (DRP), in conjunction with the Healthy Design Working Group, is developing the Livable Communities Design Guidelines to be used by planners and developers to ensure that the design of discretionary land development projects located in unincorporated areas encourage pedestrian activity, bicycling, public transit use and outdoor physical activity; and provide access to healthy food. A draft of the Livable Communities Design Guidelines was completed in late 2016, with presentation to the Regional Planning Commission anticipated in early 2017.	Pending

LU 10: Early Care and Education Program	Not Started
LU 11: Military Influence Areas Overlay Ordinance	Not Started
MOBILITY ELEMENT	
M-1: Parking Ordinance	Not Started
M-2: Community Pedestrian Plans • The Department of Public Health has started the development of pedestrian plans for the unincorporated areas of Lake Los Angeles, Walnut Park, West Athens-Westmont, and West Whittier-Los Nietos with funding from the Caltrans Active Transportation Program. The plans will be completed in late 2018. • On October 4, 2016, the Board directed the Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the Healthy Design Workgroup and additional County departments, to analyze data related to traffic collisions for unincorporated areas and report back on potential strategies and actions to implement a Vision Zero initiative for the unincorporated areas. Vision Zero creates a new vision for prioritizing street safety, and would serve as a foundation for future pedestrian community improvement plans. • The Department of Public Works (DPW) is also working to enhance planning for transportation infrastructure by developing a systematic transportation planning approach for both community-based transportation planning and advanced transportation project planning for unincorporated County areas. This planning approach, which will be a multi-modal approach, will integrate planning for transit, bicycle, pedestrians, and vehicle modes.	Ongoing
M-3: Safe Routes To School Programs • Since 2004, the DPW has made Suggested Route to School maps for public elementary schools in the unincorporated areas available through the County's Suggested Pedestrian Route to School Web Site. In 2016, DPW prepared a Request for Proposal to obtain a contractor to provide the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Education and Encouragement Program to elementary school-aged children and 31 pre-selected schools in the unincorporated areas. DPW actively participates in the State- administered Active Transportation Program (ATP), which consolidated a number of Federal and State programs including the Safe Routes to Schools program. Among other things, ATP provides competitive grant funding for safety improvements, including sidewalk construction, upon routes designated as suggested routes to schools. DPW will incorporate planning and implementation of improvements to promote safe and viable pedestrian and active transportation access to schools into a balanced transportation funding plan.	Ongoing
M-4: Multimodal Transportation Planning Function • This planning function will integrate the recommendations from the County's	Ongoing

Highway Master Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, and future community pedestrian plans to develop transportation facilities in the unincorporated areas, which provide safe and efficient mobility for all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit vehicles, trucks, and motorists. In 2015, DPW initiated the development of GIS maps for the various unincorporated areas which depict the Plan recommendations and other planned improvements. DPW then began mapping pertinent destination points including schools, parks, libraries, and County facilities to identify the connectivity needs of all users and develop transportation facilities which support the County's active transportation goals.	
AIR QUALITY ELEMENT	
AQ-1: PACE Financing Program	
• **Residential PACE Financing Program** On August 12, 2014, the Board approved the inter-departmental development of a residential Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program (with ISD and the Treasurer & Tax Collector, along with coordination from the CEO and County Counsel). The LA County Residential PACE Program is a financing option sponsored by the County for homeowners who want to install energy efficiency, renewable energy, water-saving, and now seismic improvements to their properties. PACE financing enhances home values, lowers homeowners' energy/water bills, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and creates green jobs stimulating the economy. As of February 1, 2017, the Residential PACE has supported more than 28,000 home upgrades, valued at nearly $800 Million, and created or sustained 5,249 local jobs. The program has saved more than 2 billion kWh, and reduced associated carbon emissions by more than 900,000 tons. The Los Angeles Residential PACE Program is also recognized for its robust consumer protection and marketing protocols, as well as quality assurance/quality control mechanisms for participating contractors.	Ongoing
• **Commercial PACE Financing Program** The Los Angeles Commercial PACE Program assists commercial, industrial, and multifamily property owners to fund on-site energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water-saving improvements, optimizing building management and systems performance, reducing overhead, and tapping into tenant preference for green buildings. To date, the County has completed six large-scale Commercial PACE projects, totaling nearly $17 million, with an additional ten projects currently in the pipeline estimated at $21.5 million. On January 24, 2017, the Board approved additional eligible measures for seismic retrofits, EV infrastructure, and leasehold improvements, as well as the use of power purchase agreements (PPAs) as financing mechanisms. Some or all of these additional eligible measures, and the introduction of PPAs, will apply to Residential PACE as well.	Ongoing
AQ-2: Climate Change Adaptation Program See Part III, Section 4 of this report for implementation progress.	Adopted
CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT	

C/NR-1: SEA Preservation Program	Not Started
C/NR-2: SEA Ordinance • Amends Title 22 to create a standalone SEA Ordinance with an impacts-based permitting process when development takes place in SEAs. Revisions to the SEA map in the Antelope Valley were approved by the Board on November 12, 2014 and were adopted along with the Antelope Valley Area Plan in the summer of 2015. A new Coastal Resource Area map, revisions to other SEA maps and updated SEA descriptions were concurrent with the General Plan Update, and were adopted by the Board of Supervisors (Board) in the fall of 2015. Draft ordinance language currently pending.	Pending
C/NR-3: Mitigation Land Banking Program/Open Space Master Plan	Not Started
C/NR-4: Oak Woodlands Conservation Management Plan Implementation • Oak Woodlands Conservation Management Plan Guide was completed in 2014 to implement part of the Oak Woodlands Conservation Management Plan. The Guide assists County staff when processing development applications for discretionary projects that are not exempt from CEQA and that may impact oak woodlands. General Plan goals and policies include components of implementation. Revisions to Title 22 will also address implementation of other components.	Ongoing
C/NR-5: Native Woodlands Conservation Management Plan	Not Started
C/NR-6: Scenic Resources Ordinance	Not Started
C/NR-7: Agricultural Resource Areas Ordinance	Not Started
C/NR-8: Mineral Resource Areas Ordinance	Not Started
C/NR-9: Habitat Conservation Plan	Not Started
C/NR-10: Water Quality Initiatives • DPW is currently applying for various State grants to help fund multi- benefit projects. • **Coordinated Integrated Watershed Monitoring Plans** In 2015, DPW (on behalf of the unincorporated areas) partnered with numerous agencies to develop and begin implementing 12 Coordinated Integrated Watershed Monitoring Plans. Ten of the plans were approved by the Regional	Ongoing Ongoing

Water Quality Control Board in 2015, while the remaining two plans were approved in 2016.	
C/NR-11: Watershed and Rivers Master Plan • **Enhanced Watershed Management Program** Since the Regional Water Quality Control Board's (RWQCB) approval of the 2012 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit, DPW (on behalf of the unincorporated areas) has partnered with numerous agencies to develop 11 Enhanced Watershed Management Programs (EWMP) and one Watershed Management Program (WMP). The plan for the WMP was approved by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) in 2015. The plans for the EWMPs were approved by the RWQCB in 2016. The EWMPS identify multi-benefit projects to provide improved water quality, increase water supply, and maintain or improve current levels of habitat, recreation, and flood protection. In 2016, DPW continued to work with numerous agencies to implement the multi-use projects identified in the EWMPs.	Pending
C/NR-12: Urban Greening Program	Not Started
C/NR-13: Open Space Land Acquisition Strategy	Not Started
C/NR-14: Healthy and Sustainable Food Systems Ordinance	Not Started
C/NR-15: Solar Energy Orientation Study	Not Started
PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT	
P/R-1: County Parks and Recreation Master Plan • Phase I of the Master Plan for Sustainable Parks and Recreation was completed in February 2016. Phase I consists of Community Parks and Recreation Plans for the following six unincorporated communities: East Los Angeles, East Rancho Dominguez, Lennox, Walnut Park, West Athens-Westmont, and Willowbrook. This project was funded by a Sustainable Communities Planning grant from the Strategic Growth Council. The Plans are currently being implemented by the Department of Parks and Recreation in coordination with the Supervisorial Districts 1 and 2, and other County departments. Implementation efforts thus far have included: the acquisition of property for a new pocket park in West Athens-Westmont; new tree plantings in East Los Angeles, Walnut Park, and West Athens-Westmont; development of a new tot lot park in East Rancho Dominguez; and redevelopment of a regional park in Willowbrook. DPR is in the process of seeking grant funding to prepare a Community Parks and Recreation Plan for three additional unincorporated communities: Bassett, Valinda, and Avocado Heights. • In addition, a Countywide Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment was completed in May 2016 and adopted by the Board on July 5, 2016. The Parks	Ongoing Completed

Needs Assessment was a historic and significant undertaking to engage all communities within Los Angeles County in a collaborative process to gather data and input for future decision-making on parks and recreation. The Parks Needs Assessment quantified the magnitude of need for parks and recreational facilities, and determined the potential costs of meeting that need.	May 2016
P/R-2: Trails Program • The Castaic Area Multi-Use Trails Plan was approved by the Board on October 25, 2016. The Plan includes approximately 100 miles of proposed multi-use (hiking, mountain biking, equestrian) trails and trail-related or support facilities. The study area encompasses approximately 75 square miles in the Castaic area, and is bound by the Angeles National Forest to the north, the City of Santa Clarita to the southeast, Highway 126 to the south, and Ventura County to the west. • DPR has continued to maintain and update the County's Trail Website (https://trails.lacounty.gov/), which is an interactive and educational tool that offers access to valuable information on over 200 miles of County multi-use trails. The website's features include dynamic trail maps, downloadable and printable quick guides, trail safety and etiquette information, and user-contributed ratings and reviews.	Ongoing Ongoing
P/R-3: Parks Sustainability Program • The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has prepared a Park Design Guidelines and Standards document, which is regularly updated and shared with developers to ensure that public parks proposed as part of new residential subdivisions meet the needs of communities while minimizing impacts to the natural environment. • DPR has created an internal Water and Energy Conservation Task Force, which consists of staff from its Planning and Development division, and field agencies. The Task Force meets monthly to develop short-term and long-term departmental strategies for conserving water and energy. Accomplishments of the Task Force include the development of: a system to track water usage; water and energy usage profiles for 21 parks; and a list of infrastructure needs for each field agency.	Ongoing Ongoing
NOISE ELEMENT	
N-1: Countywide Noise Assessment Survey/County Noise Ordinance Update • In 2016, the Department of Public Health began working to investigate what will be required to update the County Noise Ordinance, which will include sections on land use, new public transportation projects, vibration, and environmental review.	Pending
N-2: Countywide Noise Mapping	Not Started

N-3: Noise Abatement Program	Not Started
SAFETY ELEMENT	
S-1: Debris Management Plan • DPW worked in conjunction with the CEO Office of Emergency Management, other agencies, and private industries to develop a Countywide Operational Area Mass Debris Management Plan. The Plan provides an overall framework for how mass debris will be managed in the Operational Area by assessing potential operational vulnerabilities in the County, determining needed resources to meet potential demand, and establishing a mechanism for the County and the 88 cities to coordinate debris management efforts following a major disaster event. Since it is a high level coordination plan, it will not be particular to any jurisdiction. The plan was adopted by the County's Emergency Response Council in September 2016. • DPW is currently developing an Unincorporated Area Mass Debris Management Plan tailored specifically to the unincorporated areas, which will establish procedures to prepare for and respond to a major disaster debris- generating event. This Plan will assist the County to mitigate any potential threat to the lives, health, safety, and welfare of impacted communities and expedite recovery efforts. The Plan will be developed with other County Departments and agencies to ensure it is reflective of their operational procedures and protocols. It will build on the framework established in the Countywide Operational Area Mass Debris Management Plan and will assist the County to manage disaster debris generated in its road and flood right of ways.	Adopted September 2016 Ongoing
S-2: At-Risk Properties Hazard Fund and Strategies • DPW identified repetitive loss properties (at-risk properties in hazard areas) for unincorporated areas in the County's Repetitive Loss Area Analysis (RLAA), which was approved by the Board on September 6, 2016. The RLAA also identified the specific flood hazards and mitigation measures aimed at reducing the flood hazards for at risk properties as well as appropriate flood hazard mitigation grant funding.	Approved September 6, 2016
S-3: Floodplain Management Plan Implementation and Update • The five year update of the County's Floodplain Management Plan was approved by the Board on September 6, 2016. The updated plan was distributed to properties in the flood hazard areas and properties that may be susceptible to the same hazards as those affecting the repetitive loss properties in October 2016. The updated Plan includes possible mitigation measures and identifies possible flood hazard mitigation grant funding.	Approved September 6, 2016
PUBLIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES ELEMENT	
PS/F-1: Planning Area Capital Improvement Plans	Not Started

PS/F-2: Water Conservation Ordinance • The Board and the Water Districts recognize the importance of continued water conservation and are committed to achieving the goal of a 20 percent water use reduction by 2020. DPW will continually review and update the County's water conservation ordinance with appropriate enforcement procedures, such as instituting a water conservation hotline and other measures. The Water Conservation Program is an ongoing program developed to reduce water by updating inefficient plumbing fixtures, enhancing cooling tower operations, and removing non-ornamental turf at various County facilities.	Ongoing
PS/F-3: Agricultural Water Conservation Program	Not Started
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT	
ED-1: Economic Development Incentives Program • **Los Angeles County 2015/2016 Business Incentives and Resources Guide** On June 30, 2015, the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) released an updated report on business incentives and financing opportunities for the 88 cities and the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. The report includes information about federal, state, and local programs that are available for both large and small businesses.	Ongoing
ED-2: Economic Development Outreach and Coordination Initiative • **LA County Strategic Plan for Economic Development** On October 20, 2015, the Board adopted the 2016-2020 Los Angeles County Strategic Plan for Economic Development, which is a collaborative effort to define priorities that will lead to the creation of well-paying jobs, and help navigate the challenging transition to an Information Age economy. The Strategic Plan identifies seven goals for economic development, including: (1) Invest in our people to provide greater opportunity; (2) Strengthen our leading export-oriented industry clusters; (3) Accelerate innovation and entrepreneurship; (4) Be more business-friendly; (5) Remove barriers to critical infrastructure development, financing, and deliver; (6) Increase global connectedness; and (7) Build more livable communities. On January 5, 2016, the Board adopted a motion instructing the CEO, along with numerous County departments, to begin the work of implementing the strategies.	Ongoing
ED-3: Economic Development Land Use Strategy • **LA County Strategic Plan for Economic Development** On October 20, 2015, the Board adopted the 2016-2020 Los Angeles County Strategic Plan for Economic Development, which established a Manufacturing Revolving Loan Fund specifically targeting manufacturers in unincorporated	Ongoing

industrial areas and employment protection districts. The plan is currently being implemented. • **Community Development Commission/Housing Authority Policy for Disposition of Real Property** On August 16, 2016 the Boards of the Commission and the Housing Authority adopted the Policy for Disposition of Real Property, which provides authority and flexibility for the disposition of real property for economic development and other purposes.	Ongoing

2. OTHER PLANS, ORDINANCES AND PROGRAMS

The following plans, ordinances, and programs support the aims and visions of the County's General Plan, but are not specifically identified as implementation programs in the General Plan.

PROGRAMS	STATUS
Altadena Community Standards District (CSD) Update This update amends the Altadena CSD's permitting and development standards for residential and commercial areas as well as updating retail districts and standards within Altadena. After holding two public hearings for community input, the Regional Planning Commission closed the public hearing on October 26, 2016 and recommended the Board to consider the project. The ordinance is expected to be presented to the Board in 2017.	Pending
Animal Facilities Ordinance The purpose of this Animal Facility Ordinance is to align the Los Angeles County Zoning Code, Title 22 (Planning and Zoning), with the Animal Care Code, Title 10 (Animals). The Animal Facility Ordinance will establish a new definition for "Animal Facility" in Title 22, which combines the existing dog kennel (boarding) and breeding land uses, and will be consistent with the definition in Title 10. This ordinance will also identify which zones the land use is allowed. The Regional Planning Commission closed the public hearing on September 30, 2015, and recommended the Board approve the ordinance. The ordinance is expected to be heard by the Board in 2017.	Pending
Comprehensive Ordinance Revisions (formerly Zoning Ordinance Update Program) Amends Title 22 with policy changes, such as deleting obsolete uses and adding emerging uses, changing permitting allowances on a number of uses, modifying or adding development standards, conferring new duties and procedures and modifying existing ones. This project will be implemented on a chapter by chapter basis, focusing on specific subject matter: recycling, parking, land use categories, etc.	Pending

Centennial Specific Plan The Centennial Specific Plan is a master-planned community to develop 19,333 residential units, approximately 7.36 million square feet of business park uses and 1.03 million square feet of commercial and retail uses and supporting infrastructure improvements on approximately 12,323 acres. The development will take approximately 20 years to fully build-out, with an estimated population of 57,000 residents and 20,000 permanent jobs created. A revised Notice of Preparation for the Draft Environmental Impact Report was released on October 1, 2015, and the administrative draft EIR is currently under County review.	Pending
East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan An area plan will be prepared or updated for each of the County's eleven Planning Areas and will provide opportunities to update local planning tools such as community plans, specific plans and community standards districts. The East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (Area Plan) will be the first area plan prepared under the Planning Areas Framework of the General Plan. The Area Plan will be a long term plan that establishes land development goals, policies and implementation programs specific to the unincorporated communities located in East San Gabriel Valley. DRP began the initial stages of developing the area plan in 2016.	Pending
Florence-Firestone Community Plan The Florence-Firestone Community plan is a proposed community plan for the unincorporated community of Florence-Firestone. The Community Plan is an outgrowth of a visioning process and refines the broad framework established in the vision plan through a series of community workshops and activities. The Community Plan and accompanying Community Standards District update are anticipated to be adopted in 2017.	Pending
General Plan Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) Matrix DRP created a MMRP matrix to track the implementation of the General Plan mitigation measures. The measures have been implemented through County policies, permit processing procedures, adopted CCAP, pending ordinances or plans, and through updating the department's internal environmental guiding documents.	Pending
Green Zones Program In 2016, the DRP collected various federal, state, and local data sources for the toxic hotspots map. Based on the input from stakeholder groups and state agency staff, DRP explored ways to further develop the map to help review and analyze the cumulative impacts of pollution on health and exposure risk. Community outreach has also been initiated for the Green Zones Program based on the map results as well as recommendations from stakeholder groups to develop land use policies, development standards, and procedural changes that will implement the County's equity and environmental justice goals. As part of the Green Zones Program, the Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance	Pending

amends Title 22 to include definitions, standards, and uses related to recycling and waste facilities. The ordinance will establish permitted uses within the zoning code and will serve as a permitting pathway in conjunction with DPW, Department of Public Health, and other agencies. The recycling ordinance encourages these facilities in a manner that protects the environment and surrounding land uses while promoting local management of solid waste.	
Hidden Terraces Specific Plan To establish a Specific Plan to develop a 263 unit age-restricted adult residential care facility consisting of independent living units, assisted living units, congregated care units and guest units along with auxiliary uses (e.g. dining hall, kitchen, recreation facility, parking and salon) on 26.5 acres in the Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan.	Pending
La Crescenta-Montrose Community Standards District (CSD) Update Amends the CSD to replace ambiguous language, while still maintaining reasonable regulations to foster quality development along the Foothill Boulevard corridor.	Pending
Recycling and Solid Waste Ordinance See Green Zones Program on Page 13.	Pending
Renewable Energy Ordinance See Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) Implementation: BE-3.	Adopted
Rowland Heights Community Standards District Amendment Amends Title 22 to prohibit living suites within the Rowland Heights Community Standards District (CSD). A living suite is a portion of a residence that includes a living room, a kitchen, a bathroom, and one or more bedrooms. A living suite includes an interior connection, typically a door, to the remainder of the residence and may also have a separate exterior entrance. Pursuant to the proposed ordinance, living suites would be prohibited in every zone in the CSD. In March 2016, the Regional Planning Commission heard the proposal and recommended that the Board approve the ordinance. In August 2016, the Board indicated their intent to adopt the Ordinance.	Pending
Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program Amendments This effort proposes map and text amendments to the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program: to re-designate the land use categories and zones for several parcels, to provide consistency with their intended or existing uses; to correct a minor mapping error related to one parcel within Pepperdine's Long Range Development Plan; and to make text changes and other minor editorial corrections to the Santa Monica Mountains Local Implementation Program, to clarify the intent of certain standards. The amendments were recommended for approval by the Regional	Pending

Planning Commission in 2016 and will be presented to the Board in 2017.	
Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan Update and Santa Monica Mountains North Area Community Standards District Update Proposed amendments to the Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan in conjunction with proposed amendments to the Santa Monica Mountains North Area Community Standards District, which the Board directed DRP to initiate in 2009 to fully implement the Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan.	Pending
Compact (Small) Lot Subdivision Ordinance Amends Titles 21 and 22 to allow compact lot subdivisions in certain zones. A compact lot subdivision is defined as a land division that creates fee simple, single-family residential lots with an area of less than 5,000 square feet. These compact lots are generally less than 50 feet wide, with modifications to other development standards, including but not limited to setback, street frontage, and access requirements. The Compact Lot Subdivision Ordinance is anticipated to be presented to the Regional Planning Commission in summer of 2017. See the 2016 Housing Element Progress Report for more information.	Pending
Technical Update to Title 22 Amends Title 22 to reorganize, clarify and simplify code language, consolidate identical or similar standards or procedures, delete obsolete or redundant code provisions, and streamline administrative and case processing procedures. No modifications will be made to land use regulations or development standards as part of this project. The draft ordinance was presented in a public hearing to the Board in October of 2015. An implementation program is being researched and developed, and will be presented to the Board in 2017.	Pending
Tree Planting Ordinance See Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) Implementation: LC-1	Adopted March 29, 2016

3. BICYCLE MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Background

A bicycle master plan is included as a sub-element of the Mobility Element of the General Plan. On March 13, 2012, the Board adopted the 2012 Bicycle Master Pl*an* (Plan), replacing the 1975 County Bikeway Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to: 1) guide the development of infrastructure, policies, and programs that improve the bicycling environment in the County; 2) depict the general location of planned bikeway routes throughout the County; and 3) provide for a system of bikeways that is consistent with the General Plan. The Plan proposes a vision for a diverse regional bicycle system of interconnected bicycle corridors and support facilities, policies, and programs to make bicycling more practical and desirable to a broader range of people in the County. The Plan will guide the development and maintenance of a comprehensive bicycle network and set of programs throughout the unincorporated County of Los Angeles for 20 years (2012 to 2032).

The Plan proposes over 800 miles of new bikeways. It additionally includes non-infrastructure programs that are important to developing a bicycle-friendly County. The Plan's success relies on the cooperative efforts of multiple County departments, the Board, the bicycling public, incorporated cities, and advocates who recognize the benefits of cycling in their community. An implementation progress report in the General Plan Annual Progress Report to the Board is required by the Bicycle Master Plan.

Bikeway Network Implementation

Implementation of the proposed bikeway network is the responsibility of the Department of Public Works (DPW), Programs Development Division, Transportation Program Development Section. This Section is responsible for planning and developing bikeway projects and overseeing the ongoing operations of the County bikeways. Approximately 104 miles of Class I bikeways (bike paths), along the beach and numerous rivers/flood control channels, such as the Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River are the maintenance responsibility of Public Works. There are approximately 70.6 miles of existing on-road Class II (bike lanes) and Class III (bike routes) bikeways throughout the unincorporated areas of the County, which are also the responsibility of DPW.

DPW is to consider implementation of proposed bikeways when reconstructing or widening existing streets or when completing road rehabilitation and preservation projects. The following bikeways on were implemented or began construction in 2016 (as part of Road Construction projects):

Umbrella Project Name/ Project ID	Class	Facility	Limits/Comments	Status	Miles
Firestone Bl-Central Av/ Graham Av, et al RDC0014915	II	Firestone Bl	Central Bl/Alameda	Construction	6.12
		Hooper St	Slauson Av/95th St		
		120th St	Western Av/ Vermont Av		
		120th ST	Aviation Bl/ Inglewood		
Susana Road, et al. RDC0015890	II	Susana Rd	E. Artesia Blvd/Del Amo Bl	Construction	1.97
Slauson Av Revitalization RDC0015764	III	Slauson Av	Farifax Av/La Brea Av	Construction	0.25
El Segundo Bl, et al. RDC0014453	II	El Segundo Bl	Avalon Bl/Central Av	Completed	1.51
		El Segundo Bl	Wilmington Av/Alameda St		
Emerald Necklace Bike Trail RDC0015298	I	Emerald Necklace Gateway	Santa Fe Dam spillway to Duarte Rd	Completed	1.09
108th St, et al. RDC0014552	II	Western Av	108th St /El Segundo Bl	Completed	1.5
Los Palacios Dr, et al. RDC0015249	III	Jellick/Los Padres Dr	Greenbay Dr/Aguiro St	Completed	1.5
Quartz Hill Elementary School Traffic Improvements RDC0015863	II	55th St West	Av L/ Av M-8	Construction	1.52
Willowbrook Area Access Improvements RDC0015556	II	120th St	Compton Av to Wilmington Av	Award	0.42

Since approval of the Plan, the County has applied for and received several competitive grants which provide funding for the implementation of the Plan's proposed bikeway network. In 2016, the County was awarded a total of $9.5 million of Active Transportation Program Cycle 3 and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) ExpressLanes Net Toll Revenue Reinvestment Program grant funding. These grant funded projects are:

- Los Nietos Community Safe Routes to School, Phase 2 - installation of sidewalk and intersection improvements in the Los Nietos-West Whittier Community.

- Slauson Blue Line Station Intersection Improvements - installation of sidewalk and intersection improvements in Florence-Firestone.

- Eaton Wash Bike Path – Phase 1– construction of a 2 mile long Class I bike path along Eaton Wash between Longden Avenue and Lower Azusa Ave with a grade separated crossing at Garibaldi Ave.

- Vermont Green Line Intersection Improvements– construction of sidewalk and intersection improvements in Westmont and West Athens.

- Firestone Blue Line Station Intersection and Bikeway Improvements - construction of sidewalk and intersection improvements and 0.5 miles of Class III bike route in Florence-Firestone.

Program Implementation

Implementation Actions/Policies	Comment
Policy 1.1: Construct the bikeways proposed in 2012 County of Los Angeles Bicycle Master Plan over the next 20 years. IA 1.1.1: Propose and prioritize bikeways that connect to transit stations, commercial centers, schools, libraries, cultural centers, parks and other important activity centers within each unincorporated area and promote bicycling to these destinations. IA 1.1.2: Coordinate with adjacent jurisdictions and LACMTA to implement bicycle facilities that promote connectivity. IA 1.1.3: Implement bikeways proposed in this Plan when reconstructing or widening existing streets. IA 1.1.4: Implement bikeways proposed in this Plan when completing road rehabilitation and preservation projects.	Ongoing. DPW is actively implementing.
Policy 1.4: Support the development of bicycle facilities that encourage new riders. IA 1.4.1: Support efforts to develop a Complete Streets policy that accounts for the needs for bicyclists, pedestrians, disable persons, and public transit users.	Regional Planning has created a Complete Streets policy as part of the Mobility Element and is actively implementing 1.4.1. DPW is actively implementing IA 1.4.2.

IA 1.4.2: Provide landscaping along bikeways where appropriate.	
Policy 1.6: Develop a bicycle parking policy. IA 1.6.2: Establish bicycle parking design standards and requirements for all bicycle Parking on County property and for private development.	Section 12.52.1225 for Bicycle Parking and Related Facilities was added to the County Code in 2012. The County enforces the bike parking requirements of Section 5.106.4 of the 2010 Green Building Code for new buildings. Bicycle parking policy guidelines have been developed which address bicycle parking on County roads and in County facilities. The policy is being implemented.
Policy 2.2 Encourage alternative street standards that improve safety such as lane reconfiguration and traffic calming. IA 2.2.1: Identify opportunities to remove travel lanes from roads where there is excess capacity in order to provide bicycle facilities.	Ongoing. DPW is actively implementing with every upcoming road construction project, where possible. DPW is implementing 1.97 miles of bike lanes on Susana Road including reconfiguration of travel lanes.
Policy 2.2: Encourage alternative street standards that improve safety such as lane reconfigurations and traffic calming. IA 2.2.2: Implement the bicycle boulevards proposed by this Plan.	Ongoing. DPW continues to secure grant funding to implement bicycle boulevards. Six bicycle boulevards are being designed in the unincorporated communities of East Los Angeles, West Athens-Westmont, and Florence/Firestone.
Policy 2.5: Improve and enhance the County's Suggested Routes to School program. IA 2.5.1: Implement improvements that encourage safe bicycle travel to and from school with the assistance of multiple awarded state and federal Safe Routes To School (SRTS/SR2S) grants. .	Ongoing. DPW is implementing.
Policy 2.7: Support the use of the Model Design Manual for Living Streets and Design as a reference for DPW.	Ongoing. This is being used as reference material in consultant design service requests and for County staff.

Policy 3.1: Provide bicycle education for all road users, children and adults.	Ongoing. The County's current bicycle education efforts are focused on implementing 3 Federal Safe Routes to School grants to provide bicycle and pedestrian safety education and encouragement training workshops to be conducted at numerous schools. The County Department of Human Resources conducted 8 on-bike, six-hour bicycle education classes that were available to the public and 48 one-hour "lunch and learn" bike safety and education courses for County employees. The programs reached 665 County employees and 55 members of the public.
Policy 4.1: Support organized rides or cycling events, including those that may include periodic street closures in the unincorporated areas.	Ongoing. DPW provides support or grants the ability for various organized rides (including annual events such as the Tour de Sewer and LA River Ride) and cycling events (triathlons) to occur on County bike facilities, including the various river bikeways and the Marvin Braude bike trail. During 2016, DPW staff participated in the Southeast Cities Open Streets event and the Golden Streets Open Streets event (from South Pasadena to Azusa). The Southeast Cities event occurred on May 15, 2016 and the Gold Streets event was postponed to March 5, 2017.
Policy 4.2: Encourage non-automobile commuting. IA 4.2.1: Promote Bike to Work Day/Bike to Work Month among County employees.	Ongoing. DPW organized a Bike to Work event at their headquarters and hosted a rest stop in a Metro-sponsored event.
Policy 5.2: Create an online presence to improve visibility of bicycling issues in unincorporated Los Angeles County. IA 5.2.1: Provide updates to the community about planned projects. IA 5.2.2: Provide updates to the community about County-maintained regional bikeways. IA 5.2.3: Provide information on bicycle	DPW established the Los Angeles County Bikeways web site (http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bike/). It provides information about planned projects, bikeway closure updates, information on bicycle safety, and an interactive bikeway map. DPW uses Twitter to disseminate information on bicycle events and bicycle facility operational information.

Policy 6.1: Identify and secure funding to implement this Bicycle Master Plan. IA 6.1.1 Support innovative funding mechanisms to implement this Bicycle Master Plan. IA 6.1.2: Support new funding opportunities for bicycle facilities that are proposed at the Federal, State, and Local level that impact the county. IA 6.1.3: Identify and apply for grant funding that support the development of bicycle facilities and Programs.	Ongoing. DPW will continue to leverage funding for bikeways and bicycle support facilities through its road construction and bikeway programs. The County is committed to a balanced approach in assigning available Road, Prop C Local Return, Measure R Local Return, and TDA Article 3 Bikeway funds to address the County's streets and roads, bikeways, and pedestrian improvement needs and maintenance priorities to commensurate with available funding. DPW will also consider other innovative funding mechanisms, such as public/private partnerships, to implement the Bicycle Master Plan. DPW will submit grant applications that provide funding for bikeway and pedestrian projects such as the State Active Transportation Program and Metro's Call For Projects.

4. COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CCAP) IMPLEMENTATION

Background

The Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) is a component of the Los Angeles County General Plan under the Air Quality Element. The County has set a target to reduce GHG emissions from community activities in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County by at least 11% below 2010 levels by 2020, which complies with and meets the State's AB 32 target of reducing emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. The CCAP describes the County's plan for achieving the community emissions reductions goal, including specific strategy areas for each of the major emissions sectors.

The CCAP includes 26 local actions that are grouped into five strategy areas: green building and energy; land use and transportation; water conservation and wastewater; waste reduction, reuse, and recycling; and land conservation and tree planting. Many of the CCAP measures coincide with General Plan policies and local programs that are already in effect.

Mismatched Reporting Timelines

CCAP emissions reductions are largely dependent on State programs and utility actions. Data for utility renewable portfolio standards (RPS) is not typically released until the Fall of the following year, meaning that there is a minimum 6-month mismatch in reporting deadlines between filing the General Plan Annual Progress Report and receiving information from the California Energy Commission and Southern California Edison. Therefore, the CCAP implementation and progress report will provide information for the calendar year prior to the General Plan implementation information provided in the report thus far. This means that 2015 CCAP information will be reported in the 2016 General Plan Annual Progress Report, and the pattern will continue in future General Plan Annual Progress Reports. The one-year lag in reporting between the CCAP and the General Plan Annual Progress Report does not pose any insurmountable challenge towards either plans' implementation.

2015 GHG Reduction and Implementation Progress

In 2015, Los Angeles County exceeded its reduction target goals and is 33% of the way towards meeting the overall 2020 CCAP emissions reduction goal. The County is ahead of schedule on 6 of 16 quantifiable CCAP actions, but will need to increase the rate of reductions for the remaining 10 actions in order to achieve the 2020 emission target.

CCAP Implementation Progress

Green Building and Energy	
BE-1: Green Building Development	
• **Cool Roofs Ordinance** Currently the Tier 1 Cool Roof requirements are only mandatory for new non-residential construction greater than 25k square feet in area. Title 31 (County of LA Green Building Standards Code) has not yet been amended to mandate Cool Roof requirements for all construction, at either the Tier 1 or Tier 2 level. DPW is currently working with other jurisdictions within Los Angeles County that have adopted more restrictive reach code requirements, as well as other members of the construction industry, to determine the appropriate course of action with regard to Cool Roof amendments. DRP was working on a draft of the ordinance in 2016, and plan to present the ordinance to the Regional Planning Commission in 2017.	Pending
• **Title 31 (LA County Green Building Code) Updates** On November 22, 2016, the Board formally adopted the 2017 County of Los Angeles Green Building Standards Code for the new code cycle, which began	Ongoing

on January 1, 2017. This incorporates the changes from the 2016 CALGreen Code, as well as local County amendments.	
BE-2: Energy Efficiency Programs • **Commercial PACE Financing Program** See General Plan Implementation, AQ-1 • **Residential PACE Financing Program** See General Plan Implementation, AQ-1	 Ongoing Ongoing
BE-3: Solar Installations • **Renewable Energy Ordinance** Amends Title 22 to provide definitions, permitting, and baseline development standards that support and facilitate the responsible development of small-scale systems and utility-scale facilities in a manner that helps California meet its goals for renewable energy generation and greenhouse gas reduction while minimizing environmental and community impacts. The Renewable Energy Ordinance was adopted by the Board on December 13, 2016 and goes into effect on January 12, 2017.	 Adopted December 13, 2016
BE-4: Alternative Renewable Energy Programs • **Community Choice Aggregation Program** On March 17, 2015, the Board approved a motion to study and assess the costs, benefits and risks of developing a Community Choice Aggregation program, which would allow local governments to purchase and sell electricity to customers in their jurisdictions as an alternative to traditional investor owned utility (IOU) power procurement. This allows multi-jurisdictional agencies the ability to offer customers options in the share of their power that comes from renewable, clean energy sources, invest net revenues in local energy programs and projects, and stimulate regional economies and job creation. Across the State, local governments have routinely identified Community Choice Aggregation as the primary measure in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, often accounting for about 27% of potential reductions on average when at 100% renewable. The Board approved a motion in September 2016 that directed the CEO to negotiate with cities to create a Joint Powers Authority and recommend funding, staffing, and an assessment regarding the launch of the program. Currently, the County is working with interested cities to negotiate a Joint Powers Agreement to govern Los Angeles Community Choice Energy (LACCE), and is scheduled to begin service in early 2018. LACCE is the interim name for a regional Community Choice Aggregation program in Los Angeles County. LACCE will have a big impact as the region addresses climate change and reduction in GHG emissions.	 Pending
BE-5: Wastewater Treatment Plant Biogas	Not Started

BE-6: Encourage Energy Efficiency Retrofits of Wastewater Equipment	Not Started
BE-7: Landfill Biogas • Landfills in the unincorporated areas reported a total installed (rated) capacity of 117.5 MW for 2015. These landfill gas-to-energy installations are Ameresco Chiquita Energy, Puente Hills Energy Recovery, Puente Hills Gas-to-Energy Facility Phase II, Spadra Landfill Gas-to-Energy, Calabasas Gas-to-Energy, and Sunshine Gas Producers Renewable Energy Project.	Ongoing
LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION	
LUT-1: Bicycle Program and Supporting Facilities • See Bicycle Master Plan Implementation (Part III, Section 3)	Ongoing
LUT-2: Pedestrian Network • In FY 2015, 53,000 linear feet of new and reconstructed sidewalks were completed as part of DPW's road construction program.	Ongoing
LUT-3: Transit Expansion • Through the CCAP, the County has committed to work with Metro on a transit program that prioritizes transit by creating bus priority lanes, improving transit facilities, improving transit-passenger time, and providing bicycle parking near transit stations. Future efforts will include exploring programs to offer discounted transit passes, constructing infrastructure to increase bicyclist and pedestrian access to transit stations, and implementing "first mile-last mile" strategies.	Ongoing
LUT-4: Travel Demand Management • The CEO is responsible for implementing and promoting the County's rideshare program. It maintains Average Vehicle Ridership (AVR) survey data and encourages ride-sharing programs.	Ongoing
LUT-5: Car-Sharing Program	Not Started
LUT-6: Land Use Design and Density • **Transit Oriented Districts** See General Plan Implementation, LU-2	Ongoing

• **SB 743 CEQA Streamlining** In accordance with SB 743, DPW is developing new performance metrics and methodologies for evaluating transportation impacts under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The metrics would serve as an alternative to Level of Service and must promote the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and the development of multimodal transportation networks. The new performance metrics would conform to the revised CEQA guidelines currently being drafted by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). DPW anticipates completing the development of the new performance metrics upon OPR's implementation of the revised CEQA guidelines. OPR is tentatively planning to finalize the revised CEQA guidelines for public review by Spring 2017.	Pending
LUT-7: Transportation Signal Synchronization Program • The Board instituted the Countywide Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (TSSP) in 1988. The typical TSSP project involves upgrading all the traffic signals along a route to keep the signals synchronized, placing vehicle detectors in the pavement to detect the presence of vehicles, coordinating the timing of the signals between successive intersections, and automatically adjusting the traffic signals to facilitate the movement of vehicles through the intersections. TSSP Projects completed between 2011 and 2014 are continuing to generate annual savings of approximately 5.5 million gallons of gasoline and 287 thousand gallons of diesel fuel. In addition, these projects are also preventing over 1.5 tons of pollutants from being released into the atmosphere due to reduced travel times and less stopping at red lights. With nine additional TSSP projects under construction or about to begin construction, the Program will save even more fuel and reduce pollution at higher rates within the next two years.	Ongoing
LUT-8: Electric Vehicle Infrastructure • **EV Infrastructure Ordinance** Amends Title 22 and Title 31 to provide an expedited and streamlined permitting process, as well as an application and procedural framework for EV charging stations. Ordinance(s) will implement AB 1236, which mandates implementation by September 2016. The Ordinance was adopted on September 6, 2016. DRP is currently also amending Title 22 to ensure Title 22 compatibility with EV infrastructure. A draft was in process in 2016, and will be presented to the Regional Planning Commission in 2017.	Adopted September 6, 2016. Ongoing
LUT-9: Idling Reduction Goal • **Idling Reduction Ordinance** Amends Title 22 to require the installation of a five minute idling limit sign in vehicle loading areas in new commercial and industrial developments. A public hearing for this ordinance is anticipated for April 2017.	Pending
LUT-10: Efficient Goods Movement	Not Started

LUT-11: Sustainable Pavements Program • **Sustainable Pavements Program** In 2008, the DPW began the implementation of a three-pronged sustainable pavement treatment approach to maintain roads by incorporating principles that (1) take care of roads that are in good condition, first; (2) use recycled materials in the treatment selections; and (3) reutilize the existing materials in-place to rehabilitate/reconstruct the road. This new approach has resulted in environmental and cost benefits. Comparing the environmental footprint of performing the road repairs using sustainable measures versus traditional hot mix approaches, DPW has collectively achieved an 81% reduction in energy usage (62 million kWh), an 85% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (18,000 metric tons), and diverted 261,000 CY of pavement from landfills leading to an 82% reduction in landfill deposition (275,000 CY). Since the program's inception, this sustainable approach has saved approximately $31 million. • **Cool Pavements Ordinance** Amends 22 and Title 31 to allow the use of "cool pavement" in places of standard pavement, subject to standards for durability and longevity. Preliminary research in currently in process and DRP plans to present the draft ordinance to the Regional Planning Commission in 2017.	Ongoing Pending
LUT-12: Electrify Construction and Landscaping Equipment	Not Started
Water Conservation and Wastewater	
WAW-1: Per Capita Water Use Reduction Goal • **Gardening Workshops** The County continues to hold free Smart Gardening Program public workshops on topics such as composting, water-wise gardening, and organic gardening. • **Waterworks Division Customer Rebate Program** At the November 10, 2015, Board meeting, the County of Los Angeles Board adopted a resolution to increase the Waterworks Districts' Water Conservation Rebate program in Fiscal Year 2015-16 ($1,400,000) due to the level of customer interest in the turf rebate programs and the water conservation requirements imposed on the Waterworks Districts and its customers. During Fiscal Year 2015-16, the District preapproved $1,200,000 for turf removal applications and awarded $800,000 in water conservation rebates.	Ongoing Ongoing
WAW-2: Recycled Water Use, Water Supply Improvement Programs, and Storm Water Runoff • **Stormwater and Runoff Pollution Control Program** In 2016, the Regional Water Quality Control Board approved 11 Enhanced Watershed Management Programs developed by DPW (on behalf of the unincorporated County areas) and partner agencies to address pollutants in urban runoff and storm water. Implementation began upon Regional Board	Ongoing

approval of the Programs.	
Waste Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling	
SW-1: Waste Diversion Goal	
• **Conversion Technology Program** The Conversion Technology (CT) Program established numerical milestones to measure progress in implementing the CT Program, starting with the current in-County CT capacity of 65 tons per day (tpd) and continuously increasing the capacity to reach 3,000 tpd of conversion capacity by 2035. Additionally, given multiple potential projects being developed, the County is on track to achieve the next milestone of 200 tpd in-County waste conversion capacity by 2020.	Pending
• **Solid Waste Siting Element Update** The Preliminary Draft Countywide Siting Element has been presented to the Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) and its Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee. The Task Force concurred with the latest document revisions on April 21, 2016. DPW is currently preparing the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Preliminary Draft Countywide Siting Element for public, agency, and stakeholders review, expected to occur in mid-2017.	Ongoing
• **Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling and Reuse Program** DPW prepared a draft Ordinance to increase the construction and demolition debris recycling requirement from 50 to 75 percent for projects in the unincorporated areas. The Ordinance is expected to be adopted by the Board in late 2017 or early 2018.	Pending
Land Conservation and Tree Planting	
LC-1: Develop Urban Forests	
• **Tree Planting Ordinance** Repeals the drought tolerant landscaping and green building requirements from Title 21 (Subdivisions) and Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) that are now found in Title 31 (Green Building Standards Code); and establishes tree planting requirements for new projects that provide environmental benefits.	Adopted April 28, 2016
LC-2: Create New Vegetated Open Space	
• **Implementation of Los Angeles County Healthy Design Ordinance** The Healthy Design Ordinance promotes health through changes in the built environment. It proposes changes to existing zoning and subdivision regulations that will increase levels of physical activity, assisting in reducing the County's rates of obesity. The ordinance also promotes countywide collaboration through the establishment of the Healthy Design Workgroup. Through this workgroup, there are ongoing interdepartmental collaborative efforts for preserving, mainlining, and expanding the County's urban forest in low income, tree-poor neighborhoods.	Ongoing Pending

• **County Parks and Recreation Master Plan** See General Plan Implementation P/R-1 • **Secondary Land Uses Under High-Voltage Power Lines** Amends Title 22 to allow selected accessory uses within utility right-of-ways, such as parks, open space, and limited agricultural uses, with development standards and streamlined review procedures by DRP staff. Furthermore, the goal and proposed amendment will support the Countywide Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment by removing barriers to accessory uses within utility right-of-ways, and streamlining implementation of Parks and Recreation's goals for identifying additional parkland opportunities. DRP drafted the amendments in 2016, and plans to present to the Regional Planning Commission in 2017.	Pending
LC-3: Promote the Sale of Locally Grown Foods and/or Products • **Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone Ordinance** Amends Title 22 to develop application and procedural actions for implementation of AB 551 – Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones. The ordinance will not amend any existing land use or zoning regulations within Title 22. The ordinance was adopted by the Board in April 2016.	Adopted April 2016
LC-4: Protect Conservation Areas • **SEA Preservation Program** See General Plan Implementation: C/NR-1 • **SEA Ordinance** See General Plan Implementation: C/NR-2 • **Implementation of Oak Tree Ordinance** The Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance has been established to recognize oak trees as significant historical, aesthetic, and ecological resources. The goal of the ordinance is to create favorable conditions for the preservation and propagation of this unique and threatened plant heritage. By making this part of the development process, healthy oak trees will be preserved and maintained.	Not Started Pending Ongoing

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Appendix A: Equity Tools Development Report Update

EQUITY TOOLS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Background

On March 24, 2015, the Board of Supervisors (Board) instructed the Director of Planning, in coordination with other County departments, to consult with experts, community groups and other stakeholders to evaluate equitable development tools and concepts, and to report back with recommendations. These recommendations should include, where necessary, amendments to the General Plan incorporating those that are advisable and with a strategy for implementing these tools and concepts via both future planning documents and projects undertaken individually or collaboratively with other departments. In addition, on December 8th, 2015, the Board instructed the initiation of an Equitable Development Work Program consisting of the following:

- An update to the Density Bonus Ordinance to further ease and incentivize the development of affordable housing.
- Initiate discussions with the City of Los Angeles on a nexus study for the creation of a linkage fee.
- Provide a menu of options for the implementation of an inclusionary housing program.
- Review the regulatory barriers to the establishment and expansion of community land trusts and other shared equity models, and potential incentives to provide their greater adoption.
- Propose additional strategies to preserve existing affordable housing and incentivize the protection of new affordable housing.
- Produce a map of contaminated sites and toxic “hotspots” in the unincorporated areas, and provide recommendations on targeted land use policies that can improve the health and quality of life for surrounding residents.
- Develop tools to evaluate, monitor, and advance equity objectives in the implementation of the General Plan.
- Instruct the Director of Planning to develop a framework for facilitating robust engagement with affordable housing, economic development, and environmental justice experts designed to provide technical assistance in carrying out this work.
- Develop the Equitable Work Program in conjunction with existing County efforts to ensure efficiencies and coordination, and report back to the Board with updates on the status of implementation and a timeline of ongoing initiatives.
- Chief Executive Officer to coordinate with the Director of Planning and other departments on outreach and community advisory committees for the Equitable Development Work Program.
- To include clarifications on specific stated policies and ongoing initiatives in the quarterly report back to the Board.

The Equitable Work Program, in conjunction with the interdepartmental workgroups, manages the initiatives directed by the Board and reports quarterly with updates on the progress of each document or project.

The following update on the Equity Development Tools provides current progress on the Board motion to look at how equity can be addressed in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County through the implementation of the General Plan. DRP will provide a draft equity indicators tool and recommendations to the Board in August 2017.

Equitable Development Tools Implementation Progress

AFFORDABLE HOUSING
Linkage Fee, Inclusionary Housing, and Community Land Trusts and Other Shared Equity Models In 2016, the DRP released a Request for Proposals for a consultant to prepare an Affordable Housing Action Plan that includes requisite studies to support the establishment of a linkage fee and inclusionary housing policy. The Action Plan will include specific policy recommendations and actions for the establishment of linkage fees, an inclusionary housing policy, community land trusts, affordable housing preservation, and any additional policies to encourage affordable housing in the unincorporated areas. The Department plans to begin work with the consultant in early 2017.
Accessory Dwelling (Second) Unit Ordinance Update and Pilot Program The Department plans to update and release the new Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance and Pilot Program in the summer of 2017. Please see the Housing Element Annual Progress Report CY2016 for more information.
Density Bonus Ordinance Update In 2016, the Department of Regional Planning issued an interim memo to implement AB 2222 to facilitate continued compliance with the State Density Bonus Law until the ordinance update is completed. Please see the Housing Element Annual Progress Report CY2016 for more information.
EQUITY INDICATORS TOOLKIT
Equity Indicators In 2016, the Equity Indicators Workgroup established three technical subcommittees: Policy Advisory; GIS/Data Management; and Outreach and Engagement. The Policy Advisory subcommittee convened twice to review the purpose of the tool and begin selection of potential equity indicators. The GIS/Data Management subcommittee met once to discuss available technologies for data reporting and visualization. The Department of Regional Planning will continue to lead and coordinate the activities of the Equity Indicators Workgroup and its three subcommittees. The plan is to develop a draft set of equity indicators and a mock-up GIS tool by the beginning of 2017.
Stakeholder Engagement Throughout the duration of the project, the Department of Regional Planning gathered a group of stakeholders, comprised of representatives from legal aid organizations, funders, community organizers, public health experts, affordable housing developers, and architects and representatives from the real estate and building industry. In addition, the Department continued to meet with stakeholders and staff from various departments and agencies to discuss environmental justice and the Los Angeles County Green Zones stakeholder meeting. Both stakeholders and inter-agency committee provided input on the projects in the Equitable Development Work Program.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
Toxic Hotspots Map/Green Zones Program and Recycling and Solid Waste Ordinance In 2016, the Department of Regional Planning collected various federal, state, and local data sources for the toxic hotspots map. Please see the Green Zones Program/Toxic Hotspots Map section on Page 13 of this report for more information.

HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

CY 2016

The purpose of this report is to demonstrate the County's compliance with the requirements of Government Code Section 65400(a)(2)(B), which mandates local jurisdictions to prepare an annual report on the implementation progress of the Housing Element of their General Plan. The report must provide information on the County's progress toward meeting its share of the regional housing need and local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the development of housing, as defined in Government Code Sections 65584 and 65583(c)(3). The information must be reported to the CA Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) using the guidelines set forth in the Housing Element Law and as provided by HCD. Prior to submission to the State, the report must be considered at a public meeting before the Board of Supervisors, where members of the public can submit oral and/or written comments on the report.

I. BACKGROUND

On February 4, 2014, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted the Fifth Revision to the Housing Element, which covers the period 2014–2021. On April 30, 2014, HCD certified the Housing Element.

II. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION (RHNA)

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is responsible for determining the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for each local jurisdiction within its six-county region.[1] For the Fifth Revision of the Housing Element, the County unincorporated areas have been allocated a RHNA of 30,145 units, which is broken down by income level as follows:

- Extremely Low/Very Low Income (up to 50 percent of AMI): 7,854 units (26.1 percent)[2]
- Lower Income (51 to 80 percent of AMI): 4,650 units (15.4 percent)
- Moderate Income (81 to 120 percent of AMI): 5,060 units (16.8 percent)
- Above Moderate Income (more than 120 percent of AMI): 12,581 units (41.7 percent)

The County is required through the Housing Element to ensure the availability of residential sites at adequate densities and appropriate development standards in the unincorporated areas to

[1] Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) covers a six-county region, including Los Angeles County, Orange County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County, Ventura County, and Imperial County.

[2] The County has a RHNA allocation of 7,854 Very Low income units. Pursuant to AB 2634, the County must project the housing needs of extremely low income households based on Census income distribution, or assume 50 percent of the very low income units as extremely low income units. In the absence of income data for the extremely low income households, 50 percent of the very low income units are assumed to be extremely low income. Therefore, the County's RHNA of 7,854 very low income units may be divided into 3,927 extremely low income units and 3,927 very low income units. However, for the purposes of identifying adequate sites for the RHNA, the State law does not mandate the separate accounting of units for extremely low income households.

accommodate the RHNA over the planning period. During the implementation period, the County is required to report on the progress toward reaching the RHNA goals, through residential building permit activities.

Residential Building Permit Activity in CY 2015

Table A1, is a summary of building permit activity and construction for affordable housing developments (subsidized and/or deed-restricted, or "market affordable"[3]) between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016. **Table A2** is a summary of building permit activity for above moderate income units issued by the County during the 2016 reporting period.

Table A1
Annual Building Activity Report
Very Low, Lower, and Moderate Income Units and Mixed Income Multifamily Projects 2016

APN	Unit Category	Tenure R=Renter O=Owner	Affordability by Household Incomes				Total Units per Project	Assistance Programs for Each Development	Deed Restricted Units	Housing without Financial Assistance or Deed Restrictions
			Very Low-Income	Lower Income	Moderate Income	Above Moderate Income				
602529035	5+	R	35	0	0	1	36	HSCF	35	1
Total of **Above Moderate** from Table A2 ► ► ►						619				
Total by income units Table A ► ► ► ► ►			35	0	0	620				

Source: County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Building and Safety Division, Unincorporated County Area, Residential Building Permit Data, January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016. Los Angeles County Community Development Commission affordable housing development completions, January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016.

Table A2
Annual Building Activity Report Summary for Above Moderate Income Units 2016

	Single Family Dwellings	**Two-Family Dwellings**	**Multi-Family Units**	**Second Units**	**Mobile Homes**	**Total**
No. of Units Permitted for Above Moderate	482	30	91	13	3	619

Source: County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Building and Safety Division, Unincorporated County Area, Residential Building Permit Data, January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016.

**The Department of Public Works, Building and Safety Division separately tracks building permits issued for second units by listing it in the permit description. In 2016, the Department of Regional Planning issued approvals for an additional 63 second units.*

[3] Non deed-restricted units, but meets the State's definition of affordable. The report must include analyses on rents and housing prices, and other information to demonstrate affordability and in order to credit these units as "affordable."

Regional Housing Needs Allocation Progress

Table B identifies the housing units, by income level, completed from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016. Also, the table shows the progress towards reaching the County's share of regional housing needs. As shown on the Table, the remaining number of additional dwelling units needed during the 2014-2021 planning period is 26,223, or roughly 89 percent of the RHNA.

In 2016, there were 727 RHNA units transferred to City of Santa Clarita due to an annexation (186 Very Low, 113 Lower, 122 Moderate, and 306 Above Moderate). In 2014, 40 units were transferred to the City of Glendora (10 Very Low, 6 Lower, 7 Moderate, and 17 Above Moderate); and six (6) units were transferred to the City of Palmdale (3 Very Low, 1 Moderate, and 2 Above Moderate). **Table B** reflects these adjustments.

Table B
Regional Housing Needs Allocation Progress

		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total Units to Date	Total Remaining RHNA by Income Level
Income Level	**RHNA Allocation by Income Level**	**Year 1**	**Year 2**	**Year 3**	**Year 4**	**Year 5**	**Year 6**	**Year 7**	**Year 8**		
Extremely Low/ Very Low	7,655*	159	32	35						226	7,429
Lower	4,531*	0	0	0						0	4,531
Moderate	4,930*	0	0	0						0	4,930
Above Moderate	12,256*	513**	1,790	620						2,923	9,333
Total RHNA	29,372*	672**	1,822	655						3,149	26,223
Total Units ► ► ►											

Sources: SCAG, Regional Housing Needs Assessment, 2012; Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Building & Safety Division for the number of dwelling units assumed to be constructed during the period January 1, 2014-December 31, 2016; Los Angeles County Community Development Commission affordable housing development completions, January 1, 2014-December 31, 2016. Income categories based on a household of four members and the area median income, which is annually revised according to the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development and HCD.

Note: Housing units that have been constructed, issued building permits, or approved since January 1, 2014 have been credited toward the RHNA for the 2014-2021 planning period.

**RHNA allocations reflect adjustments made per a RHNA transfer to the City of Glendora, effective November 19, 2013; to the City of Palmdale, effective June 24, 2014; and to the City of Santa Clarita, effective November 15, 2016.*

***2014 building permit data reduced from 1,306 Above Moderate units to 513 Above Moderate units due to an error that included residential building permits for all unincorporated and incorporated communities served by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Building and Safety Division. The 2014 data have been updated to reflect the unincorporated County communities only.*

III. HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

The Housing Element contains programs with specific time frames for implementation. **Appendix A: Table C1** shows the implementation progress of programs between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016.

Adequate Sites Inventory

The adequate sites inventory in the Housing Element identifies qualified sites that allow an array of housing types and densities, and in the case of mixed use areas, sites that permit other, non-residential uses. In order to maintain the adequate sites inventory to meet the County's RHNA over the planning period, as specified in Program 1: *Adequate Sites for Regional Housing Needs Allocation*, the Annual Housing Element Progress Report notes when a site does not meet or exceeds the projected potential. In addition, the Report identifies alternative sites—sites with approved projects, or zone changes and plan amendments, which were not identified in the Housing Element.

Tables C2 shows the status of the County's adequate sites inventory at the end of 2016.

Table C2
Status of Adequate Sites Inventory

KEY: Listed on Adequate Sites Inventory

APN	YEAR	Adequate Sites Inventory		Approved			Notes
		Very Low/ Low	Moderate	Very Low/ Low	Moderate	Market Rate	
4039017092	2014	0	32	0	0	25	RPP201301242 approved 3/20/2014 for the development of 25 detached condominium units.
5279014017	2014	0	5	0	0	0	RPP201400231 approved 9/4/2014 for the development of a 505 square foot take out restaurant.
5379032027	2014	0	5	0	0	0	RPP201301157 approved 4/3/2014 for a three story medical office building
5845016022	2014	0	0	2	0	12	RHSG201400001 approved 1/28/2014 for the development of a three story, residential mixed use building with 12 market rate units and 2 affordable units.
6025029034	2014	0	5	0	0	2	RPP201400629 approved 6/30/2014 for the development of a duplex.
6137029019	2014	0	5	0	0	0	RPP201300828 approved 5/28/2014 for the development of a 6,871 square foot retail building with 28 parking spaces.
6150006007	2014	6	0	0	0	2	RPP201401095 approved 11/18/2014 for the development of a duplex.
7344020023	2014	0	20	0	0	60	REA201400226 for TR065157 approved 7/31/2014 for the development of 60 detached condominiums.
7344020024			10				
7344021021			21				
7344021022			10				

APN	YEAR	Adequate Sites Inventory		Approved			Notes
		Very Low/ Low	Moderate	Very Low/ Low	Moderate	Market Rate	
8125017013	2014	15	0	0	0	0	RCUP200900087 approved 12/8/2014 authorized development program in accordance with a zone change to C-3-DP to operate an existing bookstore and flower shop.
8761012015	2014	0	4	0	0	0	RPP200600212 approved 12/8/2014 for the development of a new restaurant
5236021902	2015	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	RPP201500236 and RHSG 201500002 approved on 11/5/15 for development of an affordable lower-income single family residence on each lot.
5236021903				1			
5236021904				1			
5236021905				1			
5381030032	2015	N/A	N/A			3	RPP201500849 approved on 10/20/15 for development of three-unit market-rate condominium units.
5388032021	2015	N/A	N/A	3		47	REA201500017 and RHSG 201000002 approved on 3/26/15 for development of condominium with 3 affordable units and 47 market-rate units.
5408004001 5408004909 5408004910 5408004911 5408004912 5408004913 5408004914 5408005903 5408005904 5408005906 5408005907	2015	N/A	N/A	68	0	273	RPP201401004 approved on 2/3/15 for development of 273 market-rate units and 69 affordable units in mixed use development.
5845016013	2015	N/A	N/A	1	0	8	RPP201501305 approved on 5/28/15 for development of 8 market-rate units and 1 affordable unit in mixed use development.
6008033024	2015	N/A	N/A	0	0	3	RPP201400650 approved on 1/13/15 for conversion of an expanded single family residence into a three market-rate unit apartment.
6008040004 6008040005 6008040006	2015	N/A	N/A	3	0	26	RPP201400756 and RHSG201400005 approved on 7/16/15 for development of condominium containing 3 affordable and 26 market-rate units.
6056005900	2015	N/A	N/A	2	0	0	PM071916 and RHSG201300005 approved on 1/22/15 for creation of 2 affordable single family residences.
6056006901	2015	N/A	N/A	2	0	0	PM071915 and RHSG201300004 approved on 1/22/15 for creation of 2 affordable single family residences.
6056007900	2015	N/A	N/A	2	0	0	PM071914 and RHSG201300003 approved on 1/22/15 for creation of 2 affordable single family residences.
6060020025	2015	N/A	N/A	0	0	1	RPP201400907 approved on 8/19/15 for a mixed use development

							containing 1 market-rate unit.

APN	YEAR	Adequate Sites Inventory		Approved			Notes
		Very Low/ Low	Moderate	Very Low/ Low	Moderate	Market Rate	
6076001902	2015	N/A	N/A	4	0	0	PM071912 and RHSG201300006 approved on 1/22/15 for creation of 4 affordable single family residences.
6076020901	2015	N/A	N/A	2	0	0	PM071913 and RHSG201300007 approved on 1/22/15 for creation of 2 affordable single family residences.
6149016904 6149016906 6149016907 6149016909 6149016911	2015	N/A	N/A	105	0	0	RHSG201400003 and RCUP201400073 approved on 2/12/15 for development of 105 affordable senior units within a mixed use development.
6150001011	2015	8	0	0	0	7	RPP201400878 approved on 4/21/15 for three duplexes and one single family market rate units.
6150007902	2015	N/A	N/A	2	0	0	PM071909 and RHSG201300001 approved on 1/22/15 for creation of two affordable single family residences.
6150007902	2015	N/A	N/A	2	0	0	PM071909 and RHSG201300001 approved on 1/22/15 for creation of two affordable single family residences.
6150007905	2015	N/A	N/A	2	0	0	PM071910 and RHSG201300002 approved on 1/22/15 for creation of two affordable single family residences.
6152002020	2015	0	3	61	0	0	RHSG201400002 and RPP201400609 approved on 2/19/15 for the development of an affordable 61-unit apartment.
6152003008		N/A	N/A				
6152003906		12	0				
6152003908		7	0				
7344020023 7344020024 7344021021 7344021022	2015	N/A	N/A	0	0	60	REA201500113 approved on 6/17/15 for development of 60 market-rate unit condominium.
8031003034	2015	6	0	0	0	8	RPP201400901 approved on 8/25/15 for the development of an 8 unit apartment.
8472001013	2015	13	0	0	0	0	RPP201500365 approved on 9/21/15 for the development of a new gas station and a mini mart.
8629019029	2015	N/A	N/A	0	0	10	TR072444 approved on 4/14/15 for development of 10 market-rate unit condominium.
4140004005	2016	N/A	N/A	0	0	36	RPPL2016000709 approved on 7/21/16 for a 36 unit, market-rate 5-story apartment building located in the Mixed Use Development Zone.
5232015029	2016	N/A	N/A	59		2	RPPL2015000162 approved on 10/27/16 for a 61 unit mixed use affordable housing development.

5279022011	2016	N/A	N/A	0	0	20	RCUP201200081 approved on 8/23/16 for 20 market-rate townhouses (20 units total, 2 units per building).
5807016015	2016	13	0	0	0	16	RPP201501051 approved on 7/12/16 for 16 2-story market-rate apartment units.
6025029035	2016	N/A	N/A	0	0	13	REA-201500315 approved on 4/04/16 to convert existing motel into a 13-unit market-rate apartment building.
8218021904	2016	N/A	N/A	4	0	20	TR060358 approved on 8/31/16 for development of 24 single family lots, including a density bonus (33%) for 4 affordable housing units.
8465002005	2016	N/A	N/A	54	0	0	RPP 201500528 approved on 2/29/16 for development of a 3-story apartment building of 54 units that are 100% affordable and restricted for seniors.
8574012026	2016	N/A	N/A	0	0	6	RTMTR073191 approved on 3/02/16 for a 6 unit market-rate condominium building.
8574014032	2016	8	0	0	0	16	RPP201400584 approved on 8/30/16 for a 16 unit, market-rate 5-story mixed use apartment building.
TOTAL		**88**	**120**	**380**	**0**	**686**	

Source: County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning, Housing Approvals Report, January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2016.

VI. OTHER MAJOR HOUSING INITIATIVES

Density Bonus Units

On August 8, 2006, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted Ordinance 2006-0063, amending the Los Angeles County Zoning Code with eligibility, regulations and procedures for the granting of density bonuses and incentives for affordable and senior citizen housing—as required for consistency with Section 65915 of the California Government Code, the State Density Bonus Law. The County's density bonus provisions go beyond the State-mandated requirements by providing options for additional density bonuses and incentives for affordable housing and senior citizen housing (through a discretionary procedure). In addition, the Ordinance uses a menu of incentives to encourage projects that provide 100% affordable, are located near mass transit and/or provide infill development, while granting all incentives consistently with the State-mandated requirements. Efforts to update the ordinance began in 2016, along with the preparation of implementation memos for AB 2501 (Bloom), AB 2442 (Holden), AB 2556 (Nazarian), and AB 1934 (Santiago). The Department anticipates preparing the draft ordinance for public hearing before the Regional Planning Commission in the summer of 2017.

In 2016, the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) approved a total of 108 units from the density bonus program, including 88 affordable units. As of the end of 2016, DRP has approved a total of 1,855 units (including market-rate senior citizen units) from the density bonus program since SB 1818, including 1,222 affordable units, which made significant changes to the State Density Bonus Law, took effect on January 1, 2005.

Accessory Dwelling Units (Second Units)

On March 3, 2004, the Board adopted Ordinance 2004-0012, amending the County Zoning Code with regulations and procedures for the review of second residential units—as required for consistency with the State law. Additionally, DRP is in the process of updating the Accessory Dwelling Unit (Second Unit) Ordinance; please see Appendix A for more information on the ordinance. In 2016, DRP approved 63 second units and the Department of Public Works (DPW) issued permits for 13 second units, for a total of 663 second units since the Ordinance took effect in 2004.

Mixed Use Developments

On July 1, 2008, the Board adopted amendments to the County Zoning Code to modify certain commercial zones to allow vertical mixed use developments through an administrative procedure. In 2016, there were no units created under the ordinance.

Farm Worker Housing Units

On September 14, 2010, the Board adopted the Farmworker Housing Ordinance, which is a program that brings the County's provisions for farmworker housing into compliance with the Employee Housing Act. There was no activity in 2016.

Requests for Reasonable Accommodations

On November 29, 2011, the Board adopted the Reasonable Accommodations Ordinance, which establishes procedures for individuals with disabilities to request reasonable accommodations

(with respect to planning and land use regulations) in order to obtain equal opportunity to housing. There was one application granted for reasonable accommodations in 2016.

Affordable Housing Coordination Committee

On October 27, 2015, the Board issued a motion that initiates the creation of the Affordable Housing Coordinating Committee, as well as the allocation of funds for affordable housing programs to address the lack of affordable housing. In 2016, the County made available $20 million dollars for affordable housing. The County will increase the funding each year, and by 2020, will allocate $100 million annually. The Affordable Housing Coordinating Committee consists of various County departments and agencies to foster a comprehensive approach. The Committee is tasked with the following: to recommend models to address affordable housing needs of priority populations; to create an Annual Affordable Housing Outcomes Report (Outcomes Report); and to assess the feasibility of implementing local hire requirements and requirements for hiring from social enterprises in the construction, operation, and maintenance of affordable housing developments.

Homeless Initiative

On August 11, 2015, the Board instructed County departments to collaborate on the Homeless Initiative by developing strategies and recommendations to address the homelessness issue throughout the County, including incorporated cities. This effort resulted in 47 strategies focused on six key areas to combat homelessness: prevent homelessness, subsidize housing costs; increase income; provide case management and services, create a coordinated system, and increase affordable/homeless housing. As of the end of 2016, 14 strategies have been fully implemented, 8 have been partially implemented, and 24 are planned to be implemented by July 2017. In addition, the Board placed Measure H on the ballot for March 7th, 2017, to generate approximately $355 million annually for ten years through a ¼ cent County sales tax in order to accelerate proven efforts that reduce and prevent homelessness. If passed, Measure H will provide essential funding for the Homeless Initiative's strategies to combat homelessness. For further updates on the strategies, please visit: http://homeless.lacounty.gov

CEQA Streamlining Guidelines

In 2016, DRP revised and used the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Streamlining Guidelines to determine whether projects are eligible for CEQA exemptions or streamlining. The guidelines are accompanied by supporting tools, such as GIS data layers, to facilitate the initial review process. DRP also worked with the Board to take an administrative action as required by CEQA so that certain types of CEQA exemptions can be used for qualifying projects in the unincorporated areas. DRP is also currently exploring ways to further expand the potential availability of CEQA exemptions in more unincorporated communities, as the opportunities are limited in the unincorporated areas compared to the cities with comparable development patterns.

Appendices

Appendix A: Table C1 Implementation Progress of Housing Programs

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No.	Program Name	Responsible Agency	CY 2016 Status	Status
1	Adequate Sites for Regional Housing Needs	DRP	DRP continued to maintain the adequate sites inventory. See Tables C2 and C3 in the Housing Element Annual Progress Report for a comparison between the potential number of units estimated in the adequate sites inventory and the number of units approved during the reporting period. The DRP has been working with the County CEO to coordinate the transfer of RHNA in annexations and incorporations. During the reporting period, a total of 727 units have been transferred to the City of Santa Clarita. Correspondence supporting this transfer is included as Appendix A.	Ongoing
2	General Plan Update	DRP	The Board adopted the General Plan on October 6, 2015.	Completed 2015
3	Zoning Ordinance Update Program	DRP	The Zoning Ordinance Update Program is now managed in two projects: The Technical Update to Title 22, which is anticipated to be adopted in 2017, and subsequent Comprehensive Ordinance Revisions (COR). This project will be implemented on a chapter by chapter basis, focusing on specific subject matter.	Pending
4	Density Bonus Ordinance	DRP	The County's Density Bonus Ordinance, adopted in 2006, provides incentives for affordable housing and requires set-asides for very low, lower, or moderate income households and seniors. On September 27, 2014, Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill (AB) 2222, which amended sections of the State Density Bonus Law to prohibit an applicant from receiving a density bonus (and related incentives and waivers) unless the proposed development would, at a minimum, maintain the number and proportion of affordable housing units within the proposed development, including affordable dwelling units that have been vacated or demolished in the five-year period preceding the application. AB 2222 also increases the required affordability from 30 years or longer to 55 years or longer for all affordable rental units that qualified an applicant for a density bonus, and requires replacement rental units to be subject to a recorded affordability restriction for at least 55 years. It also requires affordable ownership units to be subject to an equity sharing model rather than a resale restriction. The Density Bonus Ordinance will be amended through the Technical Update of Title 22, which is scheduled to be adopted in 2017. The County maintains a web page and brochure to promote the Density Bonus, and continues to provide technical assistance to the public on application of the Density Bonus Ordinance.	Pending

5	Infill Sites Utilization Program	DRP/CDC	The Infill Sites Utilization Program was amended in early 2009 to incorporate the use of Federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Funds for the acquisition and rehabilitation of foreclosed one to four unit properties. In total, the program provided for the acquisition and rehabilitation of 19 homes reserved as affordable rentals for families earning less than 50% AMI. Projects of two to three units funded through the Infill Sites Utilization Program are eligible to receive a density bonus of one unit.	Completed 2014
6	TOD Program	DRP/CDC	Development of the Willowbrook TOD Specific Plan continues and is scheduled to be completed in 2017. In 2015, the DRP initiated development of two additional TOD Specific Plans: West Carson TOD is scheduled to be completed in 2017, and West Athens-Westmont in 2018. CDC continues to participate in meetings with DRP.	Pending
7	Accessory Dwelling Unit (Second Unit) Ordinance	DRP	In 2004, the Board adopted the Second Unit Ordinance, which allows second units in residential and agricultural zones. Second units provide an affordable rental option for the workforce within single-family neighborhoods. The new ordinance will be created in coordination with the Homeless Initiative to create more affordable housing units as a homeless prevention strategy. DRP plans to update and release the new Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance and Pilot Program in the summer of 2017.	Pending
8	Compact (Small) Lot Subdivision Ordinance	DRP	In adopting the previous (Fourth Revision) Housing Element in 2008, the Board instructed the DRP to initiate a feasibility study for establishing a program for small lot subdivisions and to report back in one year. In 2009, the DRP staff submitted a feasibility study to the Board. In December 2012, the Regional Planning Commission initiated the preparation of an Ordinance. Once public outreach is completed in early 2017, the Ordinance, listed as Program 8 in the Fifth Revision Housing Element, is anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2017.	Pending
9	Air Quality and Housing	DRP/CDC/DPH	The CDC's annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) does not allow residential uses, such as housing, play areas, community rooms, or community gardens to be within 500 feet of a freeway. If a portion of a project is within the 500-foot area, limited uses, such as parking lots, may be allowed with CDC approval. All projects funded through NOFA Round 21 met these requirements.	Ongoing
10	First 5 LA Supportive Housing for Homeless Families Fund	CDC	Mar Vista Union (7 units) has been completed. Beverly Terrace (14 units) was in construction and will be completed in 2017. Rental Assistance: There have been 2,319 children aged 0-5 years that have been served from March, 2013 through June, 2016. Also 1,670 families were assisted with rental subsidies from March 2013 through June 30, 2016. All rental assistance funds from the two First Five NOFA rounds have been expended. Service grants for 5 projects that received capital funds are still in progress.	Ongoing

11	Countywide Affordable Rental Housing Development	CDC	The CDC provided funding to a total of nine multifamily housing developments through NOFA 21, issued in 2015, totaling 563 affordable units. The CDC received a total of 17 applications for funding through NOFA 22, issued in 2016, for a total of 1,012 affordable units.	Ongoing
12	Priority of Water and Sewer for Affordable Housing	DRP/DPW/Sanitation Districts/water service providers	Shortly after State certification in April 2014, the Department of Regional Planning distributed copies of the Housing Element to all water and sewer districts that provide services to the unincorporated areas.	Completed
13	Homebuyer Assistance	CDC	First Home Program: 65 families assisted for $22,643,149 Home Ownership Program: 69 families assisted for $4,140,000 Mortgage Credit Certificate Program: 117 families assisted for $35,827,152	Ongoing
14	Section 8 Rental Assistance	CDC	HACoLA's Housing Choice Voucher Program monitors an allocation of over 23,000 Vouchers, including 653 Project based vouchers, and over 1,750 Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers. Additionally, 46 persons with HIV/AIDS were assisted through the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program and over 800 homeless families were assisted through the Section 8 voucher program.	Ongoing
15	Family Self-Sufficiency Program	HACOLA	The HACoLA's Family Self-Sufficiency Program continues to promote the development of local strategies to enable families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency. In this program, Section 8 participants and public housing residents are also offered supportive services and home ownership information. Through this program, the Housing Authority has also partnered and will continue to partner with local libraries to promote the importance of reading to young children to help them be more successful in school.	Ongoing
16	Housing Relocation for CalWORKs Participants Program	DPSS	Data on housing relocation assistance provided to CalWORKs participants was not available.	Pending
17	Shelter Plus Care - Supportive Housing Program	LAHSA, CDC, HACOLA	HACoLA's Continuum of Care program in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 received over $14,000 million dollars in renewal funding to support existing Continuum of Care projects and over $2.3 million dollars for new projects. HACoLA applied for $16.9 million in renewal funds in the FY 2016 to support this program.	Ongoing
18	Green Grant Program	CDC	Funding for this program has been discontinued.	Funding Discontinued

19	Winter Shelter Program for Homeless (WSP)	LAHSA	The County used ESG and General Funds to support the operation of 1,452 shelter beds through the Winter Shelter Program.	Ongoing
20	Ownership Housing Rehabilitation Assistance	CDC	The following number of loans/grants completed during the reporting period 2016: 2 Single-Family Rehab Loans (loan amounts over $30K), and 84 Single Family Home Improvement Loans ($15K - $25K). Total Loans Completed - 86. 2016 Residential Sound Insulation upgrades were completed on 509 households.	Ongoing
21	Public Housing Modernization Program	CDC	Modernization of existing public housing is an ongoing activity of the Housing Authority. During 2016, 1,589 units underwent modernization during this period.	Ongoing
22	Preservation of At-Risk Housing	CDC	The Board determined that, due to the current housing and homelessness crisis, it was in the best interest of the County for HACOLA to retain ownership of the south scattered site housing portfolio and pursue other financial resources to address the operating deficits. The Board further directed HACOLA to amend the Annual Plan to provide first preference to homeless families and victims of domestic violence for vacancies in the units. Effective July 1, 2016, for the family properties located specifically in the South Los Angeles County area, HACOLA now provides an expanded waiting list homeless preference by first offering any unit that becomes available to a homeless family. Additionally, the Board of Supervisors allocated $6 million in County General Funds for the rehabilitation of the south scattered site housing portfolio. There are no other at-risk units in HACOLA's portfolio. In response to the Board's Housing Motion of October 27, 2015, the CDC is assessing options for funding that can best stabilize or increase affordable housing opportunities, which would include retention of at-risk projects with expiring commitments.	Ongoing
23	Foreclosed Property Tracking System	DPW	In 2014, the DPW launched an intra-departmental program that maps the properties in the unincorporated areas that have a Notice of Default or Notice of Trustee Sale filed. The database is updated monthly and provides the parcel number, address, and date of Notice for each property. DPW intends to make this database accessible to other County agencies as resources become available as it could be useful in the future community-based planning efforts for example. Though primarily complaint-based, DPW has also been working to abate nuisance foreclosed properties through inter-departmental coordination between code enforcement and property rehabilitation teams.	Ongoing

24	Fair Housing Program	CDC (Housing Rights Center)/DRP	Fair housing and tenant services activities were ongoing during this period, with 816 clients directly assisted under the program. A total of 3,239 services were provided through 191,229 client contacts. The program distributed 19,472 pieces of education materials, conducted tester trainings, provided walk-in clinics, sponsored public service announcements, and hosted community event informational forums, summits, workshops and booths. Additionally, the CDC and HACOLA began work on a joint submission of the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This process, which includes public hearings and focus groups, will continue into 2017 with submission to HUD in October 2017.	Ongoing
25	Best Practices for Accessible Housing	CDC	CDC continued its practice of requiring that 10% mobility units and 4% sensory units meet current ADA standards for accessibility for projects that received funding under the annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process. Projects underwent design review for compliance with accessibility requirements, and all projects are required to obtain CASp certification of accessible units and project features. CDC staff hold preliminary pre-leasing meetings at the start of construction as well as pre-leasing meetings held 90 days prior to lease-up in order to review affirmative marketing, signage requirements, tenant selection and waiting list policies for the accessible units. Projects are required to register accessible units on the Los Angeles County Housing Resource Center (LAC-HRC) website in advance of the application process. In addition, the CDC continued to participate in a Cooperation Agreement with the City of Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA) to create a City of Los Angeles partner page that would also be used to register accessible units, which further expanded the inventory of accessible unit information available to the general public.	Ongoing
26	Homeowner Fraud Prevention	DCA	The Department of Consumer Affairs continues to provide ongoing fraud prevention counseling services to low and moderate income homeowners.	Ongoing
27	Reasonable Accommodations Ordinance	DRP	On November 29, 2011, the Board adopted the Reasonable Accommodations Ordinance, which establishes procedures for individuals with disabilities to request reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to housing. In 2012, DRP finalized application materials and review procedures. In 2014, DRP simplified the definition of "individual with a disability" through the Technical Update of Title 22, to be consistent with state and federal law. Additionally, staff created an informational brochure that will be displayed at DRP's public counter, field offices and public web site. The Technical Update of Title 22 is scheduled to be adopted in 2017.	Adopted

28	CEQA Streamlining Guidelines	DRP	In 2016, the DRP revised and used the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Streamlining Guidelines to determine whether projects are eligible for CEQA exemptions or streamlining. The guidelines are accompanied by supporting tools, such as GIS data layers, to facilitate the initial review process. DRP also worked with the Board to take an administrative action as required by CEQA so that certain types of CEQA exemptions can be used for qualifying projects in the unincorporated areas. DRP is also currently exploring ways to further expand the potential availability of CEQA exemptions in more unincorporated communities, as the opportunities are limited in the unincorporated areas compared to the cities with comparable development patterns. By recommending updates to the relevant definitions within CEQA, there will be fewer barriers to implementing affordable housing opportunities in unincorporated areas.	Pending
29	Coordination and Implementation	CEO, DRP, CDC, Fire, DPW, DPH	In 2016, CDC and DRP worked to update procedures for tracking and monitoring housing commitments for density bonus projects. CDC began attending one-stop meetings. CDC and DRP also coordinated plans to assess feasibility of having CDC utilize the EPIC-LA on-line Permit Tracking System utilized by DRP and DPW.	Ongoing
30	Housing Element Annual Progress Report	DRP, DPW, CDC	This report implements Program 30.	Ongoing
31	Monitoring of Housing Issues	DRP, CEO, CDC, DPW	Ongoing efforts during the planning period will include, but are not limited to: attending housing and legislative review conferences; attending training workshops; consulting with housing professionals through the Development Advisory Group, etc.; working with the State to enhance and refine state mandated housing policies, including but not limited to the Mello Act, Affordable Housing Cost and Income Limits, the Density Bonus Law, and the Housing Element Law; participating in regional planning efforts coordinated by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG); and interfacing with other County agencies and the public. During the reporting period, County staff also worked with the CEO to coordinate legislative responses, primarily related to CEQA infill exemptions and amendments to the Housing Element Law.	Ongoing