



General Plans

An Overview of State Mandates



GP Update Steering Committee

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General Plans

- ✓ General Plan Requirements provided in Government Code Section 65300-65303.4
- ✓ Comprehensive, integrated, internally consistent and compatible policies
- ✓ Development policies with a diagram
 - land use map(s)
- ✓ Extensive update to State preparation guidelines published in 2017



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Mandatory Elements:

- Land Use
- Circulation
- Housing (regular updates required)
- Conservation
- Open-space
- Noise
- Safety
- Environmental Justice



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Additional City Elements:

- Harbor and Bay
- Historical Resources
- Recreation
- Arts and Cultural

Internal consistency required

Mandated Elements



Land Use – general distribution of land uses, population density, building intensity, areas subject to flooding, timber production, and consider growth on military readiness. – **no mandate to update**

Circulation – general location and extent of major thoroughfares, transportation routes, terminals, military airports and ports, and local utilities – all correlated with the general plan. **No mandate to update**, but a substantive revision today **must** include a plan for balanced, multi-modal transportation network for all users of streets, roads, and highways for safe convenient travel – “complete streets”





Mandated Elements

Housing – assessment existing and future housing needs, analysis of population and employment trends, analysis of household characteristics, inventory of suitable and available housing sites, an analysis of constraints, special needs housing, etc.

Policies must accommodate City's share of regional housing needs for all income levels.

Update required by October 2021

Draft RHNA - Winter 2020

Final RHNA – October 2020





Mandated Elements

Conservation – conservation, development and utilization of natural resources that may cover: land reclamation, prevention and control of pollution and erosion, regulation of streams, protection of watersheds, and the location/quantity of rock, sand and gravel resources. **No mandate to update**, but next revision **must** identify rivers, streams, flood corridors, riparian habitats, and land to accommodate floodwater for groundwater recharge.

Open-space – land for preservation of natural resources, managed for production of resources (agriculture, timber, etc.), outdoor recreation, public health and safety, military installations. Plan must contain an action program. **No mandate to update.**



Mandated Elements

Noise – appraisal of current and future noise problems from:

Major local streets, arterials, highways and freeways, railroads, ground rapid transit, aviation, industrial plants, other stationary sources

Noise contours are required

Purpose is to guide land uses and develop possible solutions. **No mandate to update**





Mandated Elements

Safety – protection from unreasonable risks from earthquakes, landslides, tsunamis, flooding, fire and climate change. More recent areas for increased focus:

- ***Flooding*** (required with HE update after 2008)
- ***Wildland and urban fire*** (required with HE update after 2013)
- **Climate change adaptation** (required with LHMP update after 2016)

Includes a vulnerability assessment, adaptation and resilience goals, implementation measures, methods to avoid or minimize impacts to new uses and essential public facilities, identification of natural systems that may be used to increase resiliency.



Mandated Elements



Environmental Justice - Identify “disadvantaged communities” and ways to reduce compounded health risks to pollution exposure

Promotion of public facilities, food access, safe and sanitary homes, and physical activity.

It must promote civil engagement in the public decision-making process and prioritize improvements/programs that address the needs of disadvantaged communities.

No mandate to update, but required with the adoption or revision of two or more elements concurrently.

Coastal Act

