



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK SESSION SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 6, 2019

DRAFT 2040 GENERAL PLAN RECOMMENDED REVISIONS

Table incorporates Planning Commission revisions approved by the Board of Supervisors as red-lined track changes. Board of Supervisors changes are highlighted in yellow.

All or Multiple Elements				
Line #	Reference	Icon(s)	Proposed Revisions	Notes
1	All Elements		<i>Incorporate non-substantive edits to clarify and correct technical issues including grammar, spelling, and accuracy.</i>	
2	All Goals All Elements		<i>Change font and/or font style of Goals to make them easier to read, Planning Commission observed that "thin blue line" of font not adequately clear.</i>	
3	LU Element CTM Element Appendix A		<i>Review maps and improve legibility particularly those that are not clear in existing "small scale".</i>	
4	New Appendix		<i>Add Guidelines for Orderly Development as an Appendix to 2040 General Plan.</i>	

Introduction				
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5	Table 1-1		<i>Modify Table 1-1 to include reference to Appendix B – Climate Change. Revision will depict topics covered by section and will consider using an asterisk or other footnote to identify that reference is to an appendix rather than element.</i>	

Land Use and Community Character Element (LU)				
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6	Throughout Element		<i>Review maps and improve legibility particularly those that are not clear in existing "small scale".</i>	
7	Various Locations Element		<i>Delete use of Urban Reserve Overlay following research to verify that such deletions do not create unwanted changes with respect to other County documents such as SOAR and/or Guidelines for Orderly Development.</i>	Comment submitted by Bruce Smith and approved by BOS on 08/06/19.

County of Ventura, Board of Supervisors
Case No. PL17-0141

Exhibit 1 - Board of Supervisors Recommended
Revisions (08-06-2019) to Draft 2040 General Plan

Land Use and Community Character Element (LU)				
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8	Figure 2-3		<i>Verify that Areas of Interest (Figure 2-3) boundaries are accurate. Specifically, review and rectify Ojai Valley Area Plan map for Area of Interest and correct as needed.</i>	
9	Figure 2-3		<i>Remove Urban Reserve Overlay from map</i>	
10	Figure 2-4 Figure 2-5		<p><i>Study the Ahmanson Ranch area of the General Plan Land Use Diagram (Figure 2-4) and General Plan Land Use Diagram Southern Area (Figure 2-5) for consideration of General Plan Land Use Designation for consideration of either Open Space (OS) or State or Federal Facility (P) land use designation.</i></p> <p>Staff Resolution: Ahmanson Ranch will have an Open Space land use designation based on the terms of the Ahmanson Ranch Development Agreement.</p>	
11	Figure 2-4 Figure 2-5		<p><i>Verify that no conflicts exist and determine appropriate use of “Sphere of Influence” and “Urban Reserve Overlay” in Figures 2-4 and 2-5 as well as throughout 2040 General Plan.</i></p> <p>Staff Resolution: The Urban Reserve Overlay Zone will be removed from the General Plan, as it depicts those areas identified by LAFCo to be within a Sphere of Influence. (See additional notes in box to the left.)</p> <p>Removal of the Urban Reserve Overlay will require updates to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Figures 2-4 and 2-T - Table 2-2 - Introduction to Rural Land Use (ECU) discussion - Goal LU-10 - Urban Reserve Overlay Designation references - Goal LU-14 and accompanying policies LU-14.1 and LU-14.2 	
12	LU-1.4	HC	<p>Land Use Patterns</p> <p>The County shall ensure that new land use patterns emphasize efficient use of land and infrastructure, walkable neighborhoods, contemporary development practices, and sense of place <u>consistent with the Guidelines for Orderly Development</u>. (RDR) [Source: New Policy]</p>	

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13	LU-1.5		Infill Development The County shall encourage infill development within development in <u>or adjacent to existing development in</u> Existing Communities and <u>within or adjacent to existing development within</u> unincorporated urban centers to maximize the efficient use of land and existing infrastructure. (RDR) [Source: Existing GPP Policy 3.4.2.1 and Policy 4.1.2.2, modified]	Comment submitted by Bruce Smith and approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
14	LU-1.6		Accommodating Future Growth The County shall ensure that the General Plan designates adequate land for urban development to accommodate projected population and employment growth in the unincorporated areas <u>as determined by the Board of Supervisors</u> . (RDR) [Source: New Policy]	
15	LU-11.3	CAP	Design The County shall require new commercial and industrial developments to be designed to be generally compact, grouped and consolidated into functional units providing for sufficient off-street parking and loading facilities, maximize pedestrian and vehicle safety, reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT), <u>encourage electric vehicle charging</u> , and minimize the land use conflicts and traffic congestion. The County shall require that commercial and industrial discretionary development is designed to provide adequate buffering (e.g., walls, landscaping, setbacks) and operational conditions (e.g., hours of operation, and scheduling of deliveries) to minimize adverse impacts (e.g., noise, glare, and odors) on adjoining and adjacent residential areas. (RDR) [Source: Existing GPP Policies 3.4.2.3 and 3.4.2.4, modified]	
16	LU-11.46	CAP	Sustainable Technologies The County shall encourage discretionary development on commercial- and industrial-designated land to incorporate sustainable technologies, including energy- and water-efficient practices <u>and low- or zero-carbon practices</u> . (RDR) [Source: New Policy]	
17	LU-17.4		New Incompatible Land Uses The County shall prohibit the introduction of new incompatible land uses and environmental hazards that would have health implications into or abutting existing residential areas, in particular within designated disadvantaged communities. <u>The County shall prohibit the introduction of new incompatible land uses and environmental hazards into existing residential areas.</u> (RDR, MPSP, PSR) [Source: New Policy]	Comment submitted by Supervisor Bennett and approved by BOS on 08/06/19.

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18	LU-19.1		County and City Cooperation The County shall work cooperatively with all cities in the county to enhance consistency among planning processes and to ensure that each jurisdiction's general plan is compatible with the Ventura County General Plan, <u>and the Guidelines for Orderly Development and adopted greenbelt agreements.</u> (IGC, MPSP) [Source: New Policy]	Comment submitted by Bruce Smith and approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
19	LU-8.X New Policy		Farmworker Housing <u>The County shall support the development of safe and quality farmworker housing that facilitates a reliable labor force and promotes efficient agricultural operations. Housing units shall include a variety of housing types, including group quarters and larger dwelling units that can accommodate a family. (RDR) [Source: New Policy]</u>	
20	LU-11.X New Policy		Alternative Fuel Production <u>The County shall allow the production of alternative fuel on land within the Industrial designation to reduce the reliance on petroleum-based fuel and greenhouse gas emissions. (RDR) [Source: New Policy]</u>	
21	LU-Program X New Program		Update Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance for Alternative Fuel Productions <u>The County shall update the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance to allow for the production of alternative fuels in the industrial zone. [Source: New Program]</u>	
22	<u>LU-Program X New Program</u>	<u>HC</u>	Limit Alcohol and Tobacco Outlets <u>The County shall explore establishing zoning code limitations on the density of alcohol and tobacco outlets near sensitive receptors such as schools, childcare facilities, senior housing, parks, etc., that is consistent with state law. [Source: New Program]</u> <u>Implements Policies: LU-17.2, LU-17.4</u> <u>Timeframe: 2020-2025</u>	Submitted by Rigoberto Vargas, Director of VC Public Health; approved by the BOS on 08/06/19.
Circulation, Transportation, and Mobility Element (CTM)				
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23	Throughout Element		<i>Review maps and improve legibility particularly those that are not clear in existing "small scale".</i>	
24	CTM-	CAP	<i>Requested addition of a statement that the County intends to implement a Vehicle Miles</i>	

Circulation, Transportation, and Mobility Element (CTM)				
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	New Goal		<i>of Travel (VMT) Reduction Program to support for climate change related goals.</i>	
25	CTM-New Program	CAP	<i>Requested addition of a Vehicle Miles of Travel (VMT) Reduction Program to support for climate change related goals.</i>	
26	CTM-1.1		<p><i>Requested addition of threshold standards for Vehicle Miles of Travel (VMT).</i></p> <p>Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Standards and CEQA Evaluation County General Plan land use designation changes, zone changes, and discretionary development shall be evaluated for their individual (i.e., project-specific) and cumulative transportation impacts based on Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the methodology and thresholds of significance criteria set forth in the County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines. (RDR) [Source: Existing GPP Policy 4.2.2.4, modified]</p>	
27	CTM-1.5 (2)		<p>County General Plan land use designation changes, zone changes, and discretionary development that would cause any individual (i.e., project-specific) unacceptable LOS effect as determined pursuant to Policies CTM-1.3 and CMT-1.4 shall be prohibited unless the <u>improvements to the roadway and intersections are included in the Public Works Agency, Transportation Department Strategic Master Plan with a funding mechanism identified and the project is conditioned on the payment of a fee proportional to the project's fair share of unacceptable LOS effects. project is conditioned to include a completion schedule and full funding commitment for road improvements which ensure that all unacceptable LOS effects will be eliminated within five years of project approval</u></p>	<p>Comment submitted by Planning and Transportation Division staff and approved by BOS on 08/06/19.</p>

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28	CTM-1.5(3)(a)		<p><u>[Exempt from Unacceptable Levels of Service]</u></p> <p><u>Farmworker Housing Complexes affordable housing development per Article 16 of the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance, and other housing exclusively for lower-income households., where such developments are served by roads that are currently operating at LOS "E" or better. Affordable housing developments pursuant to Article 16 of the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance, where such developments are served by roads that are currently operating at LOS "E" or better.</u></p>	Comment submitted by Planning Division staff and approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
29	CTM-1.5(3)(x)		<p><u>[Exempt from Unacceptable Levels of Service]</u></p> <p><u>Allow LOS F for Wendy Drive and maintain as two-lane road.</u></p>	Submitted by Supervisor Parks; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
30	CTM -2.1 through CTM-3.8		<p><u>Requested addition of CAP icon for these policies.</u></p>	Submitted by Supervisor Bennett and Focus Group member Kate Faulkner; approved by the BOS on 08/06/19

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31	CTM-2.21	HC, CAP	Intercommunity and Countywide Public Transportation System The County shall continue to work with Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), <u>Naval Base Ventura County</u> , and local public transportation regional bus service providers to promote the expansion of a safe, efficient, convenient, integrated, and cost-effective intercommunity and countywide public transportation and bus service that provides county residents with access to employment, commercial services, health and medical facilities, social service, <u>educational facilities and institutions</u> , and personal business destinations. (IGC) [Source: Existing GPP Goal 4.2.1.7, modified]	Submitted by Supervisor Long; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
32	<u>CTM-3.X</u> <u>New Policy</u>	<u>CAP</u>	<u>Coordination with Bicycle Wayfinding Plan</u> <u>The County shall support the Complete Streets effort by, when feasible, constructing bicycle lanes on County maintained roads listed in the Ventura County Transportation Commission Bicycle Wayfinding Plan. [Source: New Policy]</u>	Submitted by Supervisor Bennett; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
33	<u>CTM-3.X</u> <u>New Policy</u>	<u>CAP</u>	<u>Bicycle Trail along Santa Paula Branch Line</u> <u>The County shall encourage the construction of a bicycle trail along the Santa Paula Branch Line Railroad in the unincorporated area between the cities of Ventura and Santa Paula. [Source: New Policy]</u>	Submitted by Supervisor Bennett; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
34	CTM-6.5	CAP	Electric Vehicle Charging Stations The County shall support the installation of electric vehicle charging stations, <u>where feasible</u> at County facilities, parking lots, park-and-ride lots, and truck stops, <u>and new development</u> . (RDR, SO) [Source: New Policy]	
35	CTM-6.6	CAP	Neighborhood Electric Vehicles The County shall encourage developments and street systems that support the use of <u>properly licensed</u> Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV) where appropriate. (MPSP) [Source: New Policy]	
36	<u>CTM-2.X</u> <u>New Policy</u>		<u>Funding and Maintenance for Sidewalks</u> <u>The County shall seek funding sources first for construction of new sidewalks in low income areas and then for sidewalk maintenance. [Source: New Policy]</u>	Submitted by Supervisors Bennett and

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				Parks; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
37	CTM-Program X		<u>The County shall update the Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee Ordinance to include a fair share contribution funding mechanism for proposed improvements that allows applicants to pay a fee proportional to a project's fair share of unacceptable LOS effects, together with future projects contributing to LOS effects. Improvement costs may be determined based upon the estimated trips generated by the project or some other method such as detailed engineering study to evaluate the projects LOS effects on the road improvements needed.</u>	Deletion approved by BOS on 08/06/19

Public Facilities, Services, and Infrastructure Element (PFS)				
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38	PFS-4.X New Policy		<u>Onsite Water Reuse</u> <u>The County shall encourage on-site water reuse for landscape irrigation and groundwater recharge consistent with health standards, to reduce demand for potable water, and increase drought and disaster resiliency. (SO) [New Policy]</u>	
39	PFS-6.X New Policy		<u>Flood Control and Beach Sand Nourishment</u> <u>The County shall include beach sand nourishment as an important factor in the design and maintenance of flood control facilities. [New Policy]</u>	
40	PFS-7		To promote the efficient distribution of public utility facilities and transmission lines to ensure that public utilities are adequate to service existing and projected land uses and are sited <u>and constructed</u> to avoid hazards and land use incompatibility. [Source: Existing GPP Goal 4.5.1, Modified]	

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41	PFS-10.5		Parkland Dedication Requirement The County shall require discretionary development to provide new trails and/or parkland dedication, or equivalent in-lieu fees, based on a standard of five acres of local parkland per thousand population in accordance with the Quimby Act (Gov. Code, § 66477) and County Quimby Ordinance (contained in Ventura County Subdivision Ordinance). Any lands dedicated to meeting this requirement shall be accessible to the general public. (SO, RDR) [Source: Existing GPP Policy 4.10.2.1, modified]	Submitted by Supervisor Parks; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
42	PFS-10.10		Secured Revenue for New Parks and Recreation Facilities The County shall require that any new parks and recreation facilities added to the County General Service Agency inventory of properties shall have dedicated revenue to support operations and maintenance in perpetuity. [Source: New Policy]	Submitted by Supervisor Parks; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
43	PFS-7.X New Policy		Community Microgrids The County shall collaborate with renewable energy developers, Clean Power Alliance, and local serving entities to develop solar generation plus energy storage at critical facilities and community microgrids for resilience during power outages with a priority in designated disadvantaged communities [Source: New Policy]	Submitted by 350 VC Climate Hub; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.

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44	COS-1.6		Discretionary Development on Hillsides and Slopes The County shall require discretionary development on hillsides and slopes, which have an average natural slope of 20 percent or greater in the area where the proposed development would occur , to be sited and designed in a manner that will minimize grading, alteration of natural land forms, and vegetation removal to avoid significant impacts to sensitive biological resources to the extent feasible. (RDR, MPSP) [Source: New Policy]	
45	COS-1.10		Evaluation of Potential Impacts of Discretionary Development Proposed Near on Wetlands The County shall require discretionary development that is proposed to be located	

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			within 300 feet of a wetland to be evaluated by a County-approved biologist for potential impacts on the wetland and its associated habitats <u>pursuant to the applicable provisions of the County's Initial Study Assessment Guidelines.</u> Discretionary development that would have a significant impact on the wetland habitat shall be prohibited unless mitigation measures are adopted that would reduce the impact to a less than significant level; or for lands designated "Urban" or "Existing Community", a statement of overriding considerations is adopted by the decision-making body. (RDR) [Source: Existing GPP Policy 1.5.2.3 modified]	
46	COS-1.11		Discretionary Development Sites Near Wetlands The County shall require discretionary development to be sited a minimum of 100 feet from wetland habitats, <u>except as provided below.</u> Setbacks <u>The 100-foot setback</u> may be increased or decreased based upon an evaluation and recommendation by a qualified biologist and approval by the decision-making body <u>based on</u> . F factors to be used in determining adjustment of the 100-foot setback that include, but may not be limited to soil type, slope stability, drainage patterns, the potential for discharges that may impair water quality, presence or absence of endangered, threatened or rare plants or animals, direct and indirect effects to wildlife movement, and compatibility of the proposed development with use of the wetland habitat area by wildlife. <u>Discretionary development that would have a significant impact on a wetland habitat shall be prohibited unless mitigation measures are approved that would reduce the impact to a less than significant level. Notwithstanding the foregoing, discretionary development that would have a significant impact on a wetland habitat on land within a designated Existing community may be approved in conjunction with the adoption of a statement of overriding considerations by the decision-making body.</u> (RDR) [Source: Existing GPP Policy 1.5.2.3 and 1.5.2.4, modified]	
47	<u>COS-1.X</u> <u>New Policy</u>	<u>CAP</u>	Countywide Tree Planting <u>The County shall establish and support a countywide target for the County, cities in Ventura County, agencies, organizations and citizens to plant two million trees throughout the county by 2040. (SO, JP, IGC) [Source: New Policy]</u>	Submitted by Supervisors Parks and Bennett; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
48	COS-3.2	CAP	Tree Canopy <u>The County shall encourage the planting of trees and the protection of existing protect urban forests and native woodlands, savannahs, and tree canopy throughout the</u>	Submitted by Rigoberto Vargas and approved by

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			<u>county, including along State or County designated scenic roadways and in residential and commercial zones throughout the county, especially those located within designated disadvantaged communities.</u> (MPSP, RDR) [Source: New Policy]	the Board on 08/06/19.
49	COS-3.3	CAP	Utility Undergrounding Priority The County shall give overhead utility undergrounding within Scenic Resource Areas and designated high fire hazard areas <u>and Scenic Resource Areas</u> first priority when allocating County Utility Undergrounding Funds. (MPSP, FB) [Source: Existing GPP Policy 1.7.2.3, modified]	
50	COS-7		<i>Planning Commission agreed that the Goal statement needed to be revised to better match the policies within the accompanying section but did not offer suggested text. Planning Division staff will need to develop a revised Goal COS-7.</i> <u>To effectively and safely manage the exploration, production, and drilling of oil and gas resources in Ventura County.</u>	
51	COS-7.3	CAP	Electrically-Powered Equipment for Oil and Gas Exploration and Production The County shall require discretionary development for oil and gas exploration and production <u>to</u> use electrically-powered equipment <u>from 100 percent renewable sources</u> and cogeneration, where practical <u>feasible</u> , to alleviate-reduce air pollution <u>and greenhouse gas emissions</u> from internal combustion engines <u>and equipment</u> . (RDR) [Source: Existing Ojai Valley Area Plan Policy 1.3.2.3 and Piru Area Plan Policy 1.2.2.3, modified]	
52	COS-7.X New Policy	CAP	<u>Gas Collection, Use, and Disposal</u> The County shall require <u>that</u> gases emitted from all <u>new discretionary</u> oil and gas wells <u>shall</u> be collected and used or removed for sale or proper disposal, if feasible . Flaring or venting shall <u>should</u> only be allowed in cases of emergency or for testing purposes. [Source: Existing Ojai Valley Policy 1.3.2.2]	Submitted by Supervisor Bennett; approved by BOS on 08/06/19. Includes incorporation of revisions approved by the BOS on 8/6/19 from Exhibit 10, Planning Division

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				Revision Memo adding the first "shall" (red) in line two.
53	COS-7X New Policy	CAP	Conveyance for Oil and Produced Water New discretionary oil wells shall use pipelines to convey oil and produced water; oil and produced water shall not be trucked.	Submitted by Supervisor Bennett; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
54	COS-7X New Policy	CAP	Oil Well Distance Criteria New discretionary oil wells shall be located a minimum of 1,500 feet from residential dwellings and 2,500 from any school.	Submitted by Supervisor Bennett; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
55	COS-7.X New Program Policy		Oil and Gas Well Stimulation Treatment The County shall require discretionaryproposed projects that include fracking, well stimulation treatment, cyclic steaming, and steam flooding be evaluated for potential effects on ground water contamination, exacerbation of seismic activity, water use, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and other impacts.	Correction to reflect Planning Commission unofficial minutes from the 6/13/19 work session (Exhibit 9 from BOS 8/6/19 work session) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed "Policy" to "Program" • Replaced "proposed" with "discretionary"
56	COS-8.5	CAP	Zero Net Energy and Zero Net Carbon Buildings	Submitted by

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Line #	Reference	Icon(s)	Proposed Revisions	Notes
			<p>The County shall support State <u>implement policy goals for transitioning to zero net energy and zero net carbon buildings, including updating the Building Code to include electrification of new buildings.</u> (RDR) [Source: New Policy]</p> <p><u>The County shall support the transition to zero net energy and zero net carbon buildings, including electrification of new buildings.</u> (RDR) [Source: New Policy]</p>	Supervisor Bennett; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
57	COS-8.10 <u>New Program</u>	EJ, CAP	<p>Improve Energy Conservation Awareness The County shall encourage community members to conserve energy <u>and reduce greenhouse gas emissions</u> and increase awareness about energy efficiency and conservation and climate change, to conduct targeted outreach to homeowners and contractors to encourage installation of electric appliances upon routine replacement of natural gas appliances and heaters and provide information regarding financial incentives. (SO, PI) [Source: New Policy]</p>	<p>Correction to reflect Planning Commission unofficial minutes from the 6/13/19 work session (Exhibit 9 from BOS 8/6/19 work session)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changed "Policy" to "Program"
58	COS-8.X New Policy <i>Note: Listed as "8.11" in motion from PC Work Session</i>	<u>CAP</u>	<p><u>Coordinate Climate Action Plan with Cities and Organizations</u> <u>The County shall facilitate the coordination of its Climate Action Plan implementation and maintenance with the cities in the county, the Air Pollution Control District, and other organizations to promote county-wide collaboration on addressing climate change.</u> [Source: New Policy]</p>	
59	COS-Program M	EJ, CAP, HG	<p>Local Building Standards for Energy Efficiency The County shall establish local building standards that require development to exceed the minimum statewide standards for energy efficiency. This will include the evaluation of a range of prescriptive or performance-based energy efficiency options that will result in the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions compared to the 2040 General Plan GHG baseline. [Source: New Program]</p>	

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			Implements: COS-8.1, -8.5, -8.6, -8.7, -8.9; Timeframe: 2020-2025 Responsible Agency: RMA Supporting Agency(ies): CEO, PWA	
60	COS-Program Q	<u>CAP</u>	<p>Energy Consumption Performance</p> <p>The County shall continue to review its energy consumption performance and implement programs designed to increase energy efficiency in County buildings, including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduced operating hours for heating, ventilating and lighting systems, • installation of weather stripping on all openable doors and windows, • development of energy audit and energy management programs, • implementation of operation and maintenance programs which contribute to energy conservation, • develop energy audits and energy management programs for all County facilities, • develop a plan to re-invest utility company rebates and utility savings into a long-range funding program for on-going conservation projects, • implement operational and maintenance programs which contribute to energy conservation, • investigate and implement new energy technologies such as solar and fuel cells, • install energy management systems in all County facilities to control air conditioning and lighting systems where beneficial, install ceiling, wall, and roof insulation whenever feasible, • install plumbing flow restrictors in toilets, lavatories and showers, and • provide energy conservation training and literature to all County agencies. <p>[Source: Existing GPP Program 1.9.3.1, modified]</p>	<p>Correction to reflect Planning Commission unofficial minutes from the 6/13/19 work session (Exhibit 9 from BOS 8/6/19 work session)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised to add language to Appendix B.
61	COS-	CAP	Public Reporting on GHG Strategy Progress	Submitted by

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	Program V		The County shall prepare public reports on the results of GHG Strategy implementation and monitoring and present these reports to the Board of Supervisors <u>at least annually. The first report shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors two years after the approval of the General Plan, after which the Board of Supervisors will determine the appropriate future reporting interval.</u> The County shall also present a more detailed progress report to the Board of Supervisors, including results of the latest GHG inventory update, at least every five years. <i>[Source: New Program]</i>	Supervisor Bennett; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
62	<u>COS-Program X</u>		<u>Performance-Based Building Code for Green Building</u> The County shall update the Building Code to establish performance-based standards that incentivize green building techniques. <i>[Source: New Program]</i> <u>Implements policy COS-8.6</u>	Originally proposed by PC as EV program; moved to COS to supplement similar programs.
63	<u>COS-Program X</u>	<u>CAP</u>	<u>County Tree Planting Program</u> The County shall plant at least one thousand trees annually on County property. <i>[Source: New Program]</i> <u>Implements Countywide Tree Planting policy (line 47).</u> <u>Responsible Agency: RMA; Supporting: All County agencies; Timeframe: Ongoing</u>	Submitted by Supervisors Parks and Bennett; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.

Hazards and Safety Element (HAZ)				
Line #	Reference	Icon(s)	Proposed Revisions	Notes
64	HAZ-1.6		<u>Post-Fire Community and Natural Resource Recovery</u> The County shall assemble an interagency team as needed to maintain response plans and coordinate the management of resources following wildfire events. <u>This policy shall include promotion of the construction of homes that exceed the minimum required fire resistance, minimize climate change impacts, can be rapidly permitted, and would be much less likely to burn in a fire event.</u> (PSR, IGC) <i>[Source: New Policy]</i>	Submitted by Planning Division staff; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
65	<u>HAZ-1.X</u> <u>New Policy</u>		<u>Discourage Home-Building in Very High Fire Severity Zones</u> The County should discourage the building of homes in Very High Fire Severity Zones. <i>(RDR) [Source: New Policy]</i>	Submitted by Supervisor Parks;

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66	HAZ-4.2		Linear Project Intersection with Active Faults The County shall require that linear projects, including roads, streets, highways, utility conduits, <u>water</u> , and oil and gas pipelines, avoid intersecting active faults to the extent possible. When such locations are unavoidable, the project design shall include measures to minimize the effects of any fault movement. (RDR) [Source: Existing GPP Policy 2.2.2.5, modified]	
67	HAZ-10.11		Air Quality Assessment Guidelines <u>In evaluating air quality impacts, the County shall consider total emissions from both stationary and mobile sources, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act.</u> The County shall evaluate discretionary development for air quality impacts using the Air Quality Assessment Guidelines as adopted by the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, <u>except that emissions from APCD-permitted sources shall also be included in the analysis. The County shall revise the Initial Study Assessment Guides to implement this policy.</u> (RDR) [Source Existing GPP Policy 1.2.2.2, modified]	
68	HAZ-12.X New Policy		<u>Emergency Water and Sanitation Education</u> <u>The County shall determine best practices for water and sanitation and other measures for coping with emergencies of multiple days' duration and shall provide guidance to the public based on the findings. [Source: New Policy]</u>	

Agriculture Element (AG)				
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69	AG-1.6		Support Economic Viability of Agriculture The County shall work to improve the economic viability of agriculture through policies that support agriculture as an integral business to the County. [Source: Existing GPP Goal 1.6.1.3, modified; SOAR]	
70	AG-2.4		Hillside Erosion Control Ordinance The County shall regulate hillside agricultural grading through the Hillside Erosion Control Ordinance <u>and its oversight by the Public Works Agency.</u> (RDR) [Source:	

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			Existing GPP Policy 1.6.2.2, modified, SOAR]	
71	Section 8.3		<p>8.3 Niche and Innovative Specialty Agriculture</p> <p>Ventura County's agricultural sector is a leading economic driver. The County has an opportunity to continue to support innovation and vitality in this sector through increased production of niche and specialty agriculture, and utilization of Integrated Pest Management Strategies.</p> <p>Organic farming is a specialty agricultural sector regulated by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) <u>and the Agricultural Commissioner</u>. According to the USDA, organic operations must demonstrate that they are protecting natural resources, conserving biodiversity, and using only approved substances. In addition to increasing economic competitiveness, organic farming practices can result in fewer environmental impacts and help to maintain soil health. Organic farming emphasizes sustainable practices, including mixed-cropping patterns and crop rotation, which reduces water usage and maintains the soil structure.</p>	
72	AG-3		To promote the expansion of agricultural activities to include new niche and <u>innovative</u> specialty agricultural practices and products. [Source: New Goal]	
73	AG-3.1		<p><u>Regional Small Farms and Locally Owned Farms and Specialty Products</u></p> <p>The County <u>shall support regional small (grown in Ventura County and neighboring counties of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and Kern) and locally owned should encourage locally owned (Ventura County) farms and ranches, the growing of specialty products and innovative and high-value crops, and specialized animal facilities and rearing methods. (RDR, JP) [Source: New Policy]</u></p>	Submitted by Supervisor Bennett; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
74	AG-4.2		<p>Growing Food on Public Land</p> <p>The County shall work with other agencies and institutions to encourage the use of available public land <u>to allow for non-commercial growing of produce community gardens</u>, including on college campuses, schools, parks, and public easements, subject to applicable regulations intended to <u>control and manage for prevent</u> unintended pest and disease impacts to commercial agriculture and suitable plans for ongoing operations and maintenance. (IGC) [Source: New Policy]</p>	
75	AG-4.4	CAP	<p>Pest Management</p> <p>The County shall continue to monitor leading research findings on methods and technologies for reducing harm to the agricultural sector from invasive plants, pests,</p>	

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			and diseases and modify <u>and expand</u> agricultural practices when appropriate and feasible. (SO) [Source: New Policy]	
76	AG-5		To encourage sustainable <u>and regenerative</u> farming and ranching practices that promote resource conservation and reduce greenhouse gases. [Source: New Goal]	
77	AG-5.2	CAP	Electric- or Renewable-Powered Agricultural Equipment The County shall encourage and support the transition to electric- or renewable-powered or lower emission agricultural equipment in place of fossil fuel-powered equipment <u>when feasible</u> . (PI, JP) [Source: New Policy]	
78	AG-5.3	CAP	Electric- or Renewable- Powered Irrigation Pumps The County shall encourage farmers to convert fossil fuel-powered irrigation pumps to systems powered by electric or renewable energy sources, such as solar-power, <u>and encourage electric utilities to eliminate or reduce stand-by charges</u> . (SO) [Source: New Policy]	
79	AG-5.4	CAP	Alternative Irrigation Techniques The County shall encourage farmers to <u>use-continue and enhance</u> the water-saving irrigation techniques designed to reduce water consumption. (RDR, JP) [Source: New Policy]	
80	AG-5.5	CAP	Carbon Farming Practices The County shall encourage and support the efforts of resource conservation districts, farmers, and other stakeholders to expand carbon farming practices, such as reduced tilling, cover-cropping, composting, biochar, and other activities that both reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and increase carbon sequestration and storage <u>when feasible</u> . (JP) [Source: New Policy]	
81	AG-6.2	CAP	<u>Drought-Tolerant Crops Resiliency</u> The County shall engage the agricultural sector to understand the tolerance of current crop mixes to withstand <u>the impacts of climate change, including</u> increased temperatures, disease, and pests, and explore options to diversify <u>and shift to drought-tolerant crops, to deal with increasing temperatures that could be cultivated in a warmer environment</u> . (JP) [Source: New Policy]	Submitted by Supervisor Bennett; approved by BOS on 08/06/19
82	AG-Program A	CAP	<u>Public Outreach on Land Conservation</u> <u>The County shall develop and implement a public outreach program to inform farmers, ranchers, and the public about and to encourage participation in Land Conservation Act (Williamson Act) or privately funded conservation easements, particularly on</u>	Submitted by Supervisor Bennett; deletion

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			irrigated farmlands and Open Space lands. [Source: New Program]	approved by BOS on 08/06/19
83	AG-Program C	EJ, HC, CAP	RegionallyLocally-Grown Products Sales Incentives The County shall develop a program that encourages sales and distribution of locally <u>regionally-grown (in Ventura County or neighboring counties of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, or Kern)</u> produce to local retailers, restaurants, and markets, <u>and encourage chain stores to develop local distribution centers.</u> The program will encourage residents to select locally grown food products for freshness, local economic development benefits, and reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. [Source: New Program]	
84	AG-Program D	EJ, HC, CAP	County Procurement The County shall develop a program to identify opportunities to <u>continue to</u> provide organic and locally grown foods into cafeteria services, the jail, <u>Ventura County Medical Center,</u> and other County-sponsored services and events that provide food service, to the extent feasible. [Source: New Program]	
85	AG-Program E		Agricultural Tourism Development Standards The County shall revise the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance to include regulations and development standards for agricultural tourism <u>while protecting both the grower and the public.</u> Ordinance revisions may also include additional development standards for agricultural promotional uses, if necessary. [Source: New Program]	
86	AG-Program H	CAP	Fossil Fuel-Powered Equipment Replacement The County shall coordinate with the Air Pollution Control District <u>and electric utilities</u> to develop a program to establish a countywide fossil fuel-powered equipment conversion target, track progress on conversions to renewable energy sourced electric powered systems and provide technical assistance to users considering replacement of pumps. [Source: New Program]	
87	AG-Program I	CAP	Alternative Fuel Funding for Agricultural Operations The County shall coordinate with the Air Pollution Control District to develop a program to identify funding sources or develop financial or regulatory incentives to encourage the switch to electric or alternatively fueled agricultural equipment <u>when feasible.</u> [Source: New Program]	
88	AG-Program J	CAP	Water-Saving Irrigation Techniques Program	

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			The County shall continue to collaborate with and support the UC Cooperative Extension Office on educational programs on irrigation techniques to maximize water use efficiency-conservation <u>when feasible</u> . [Source: New Program]	
89	AG-Program K	CAP	Encourage and Facilitate Carbon Farming The County shall develop a program to encourage and facilitate carbon farming projects, including development of demonstration projects and site-specific carbon farm plans, to guide implementation of carbon farming practices throughout the county <u>when feasible</u> . [Source: New Program] Implements Policies <u>AG-5.1, AG-5.5, AG-6.2</u>	
90	AG-Program L	CAP	Biogas Control Systems The County shall <u>review and update regulations to allow the development of appropriate biogas facilities near the source of organic waste materials and</u> develop a program to coordinate public-private local investment in biogas control systems <u>to encourage their development</u> . [Source: New Program]	
91	AG-Program M	CAP	Research on Effects of Climate Change The County shall research the potential effects of climate change on the county's existing agricultural industry as well as the resulting challenges and opportunities associated with these changes. Research partners may include the California Climate and Agriculture Network (CalCAN), University of California Cooperative Extension, and <u>Ventura County Farm Bureau, and the Agricultural Commissioner's Office</u> . The research shall address, but may not be limited to, loss of chill hours, increased populations of or new species of pests, higher rates of evapotranspiration, and opportunities created by warmer climate to grow crops that were previously unsuitable based on historic climate conditions. [Source: New Program]	
92	AG-Program N	CAP	Subsidies for Resilient Crop Production The County shall develop-should encourage programs and obtain grants to a program <u>and</u> seek funding to subsidize efforts to breed crops that are resilient to high heat, shade crops and installation of light reflectors, and reduce rates of tilling to promote soil health and combat increased temperatures as recommended by the Climate Change Consortium and CalCAN <u>federal, state, and local agencies</u> . [Source: New Program]	Submitted by Supervisor Bennett; approved by BOS on 08/06/19
93	AG-Program <u>X</u>		<u>Enhanced Access to Locally Grown Products</u>	

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	New Program		<u>The County shall conduct a study to identify barriers to local farm stands and take action to remove these barriers as part of the next update to the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance. [Source: New Program]</u>	
94	AG-Program X New Program		<u>Facilities and Programs to Support Local Agriculture</u> <u>The County shall encourage the continuation and development of facilities and programs that support agricultural production and enhance the marketing of county grown agricultural products. [Source: New Program]</u>	Staff recommends deletion of this program, as it's already a policy (AG-1.5)
95	AG-Program X New Program		<u>Farm-to-Front Door</u> <u>The County shall study the feasibility of encouraging "Farm-to-Front Door" business model and its potential benefits to businesses and residents in Ventura County. [Source: New Program]</u>	

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96	Element Introduction		<i>Proposed for addition as paragraph 5, page 9-1.</i> <u>Climate change adds complexity to water resources planning by affecting water supplies and water demands. Climate change increases the frequency and intensity of precipitation and is associated with extreme weather including devastating wildfires and extended severe drought. As reported by the California Environmental Protection Agency in Indicators of Climate Change in California (EPA, 2018), "From record temperatures to proliferating wildfires and rising seas, climate change poses an immediate and escalating threat to California's environment, public health, and economic vitality."</u>	
97	WR-1.1	EJ, HC	<u>Sustainable Water Supply</u> The County shall work with should encourage water suppliers, groundwater management agencies, and groundwater sustainability agencies to inventory and monitor the quantity and quality of the county's water resources, and to identify and implement measures to ensure a sustainable water supply to serve all existing and future residents. <u>businesses, agriculture, government, and the environment.</u> (IGC, SO)	Submitted by Supervisor Bennett and Planning Division; approved by

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			[Source: Existing GPP Goal 1.3.1.1 and Lake Sherwood/Hidden Valley Area Plan Goal 4.2.1.1, modified]	BOS on 08/06/19
98	WR-1.7	EJ	Water Supplier Consolidation The County shall encourage the consolidation of water suppliers where necessary to ensure all residents are receiving water of adequate quality and quantity. to promote management efficiencies , and to encourage sharing of local resources and enhancement of managerial and technical expertise and capacity. (IGC) [Source: New Policy]	Submitted by Planning Division and Supervisor Bennett; approved by BOS on 08/06/19
99	WR- 1.11 3.9		Discretionary Development and Conditions of Approval – Golf Course Irrigation The County shall require that discretionary development for new golf courses shall be subject to conditions of approval that prohibit landscape irrigation with water from groundwater basins or inland surface waters identified as Municipal and Domestic Supply or Agricultural Supply in the California Regional Water Quality Control Board's Water Quality Control Plan unless: 1. The existing and planned water supplies for a Hydrologic Area, including interrelated Hydrologic Areas and Subareas, are shown to be adequate to meet the projected demands for existing uses as well as reasonably foreseeable probable future uses within the area; and or 2. It is demonstrated that the total groundwater extraction/recharge for the golf course will be equal to or less than the historic groundwater extraction/recharge for the site as defined in the County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines. 3. Further, When where feasible, reclaimed water shall be utilized for new golf courses. (RDR) [Source: Existing GPP Policy 1.3.2.10, modified]	
100	WR- 1.X New Policy Proposed for		Portfolio of Water Sources The County shall support the use of, conveyance of, and seek to secure water from varied sources that contribute to a diverse water supply portfolio. The water supply portfolio may include, but is not limited to, imported water, surface water, groundwater,	

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	addition as WR-1.4		<u>treated brackish groundwater, desalinated seawater, recycled water, and stormwater where economically feasible and protective of the environmental and public health.</u> [Source: New Policy]	
101	WR-1.X New Policy Proposed for addition as WR-1.12	CAP	<u>Water Pumping to Reduce Climate Change Impacts</u> The County shall require that all County-owned water pumps utilize 100% renewable-sourced electricity for water pumping <u>to reduce climate change impacts, where feasible,</u> and shall encourage <u>and facilitate the conversion of water pumps in other jurisdictions</u> and private entities to use 100% renewable-sourced electricity when feasible. [Source: New Policy]	Submitted by Supervisor Bennett; approved by BOS on 08/06/19
102	WR-2.1	CAP	Non-Potable Water Use The County shall encourage the use of non-potable water, such as tertiary treated wastewater and household graywater, for industrial, agricultural, <u>environmental</u> , and landscaping needs <u>consistent with appropriate regulations</u> . (RDR) [Source: Existing GPP Goal 1.3.1.6, modified]	
103	Section 9.3		<i>Paragraph 1:</i> Groundwater is estimated to provide 67 percent of the local water supply. Sustaining this water source is both a local and statewide priority. In 2014, the state enacted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) to provide a framework for sustainable management of groundwater supplies <u>at the local level by local agencies-by local authorities</u> , with the potential for state intervention if necessary. The aim of the legislation is to <u>ensure the management of</u> have groundwater basins managed within their sustainable yield. <u>SGMA empowers local agencies to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) to manage basins sustainably and requires those GSAs to adopt Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) for crucial groundwater basins.</u> As defined by SGMA, several groundwater basins in the county are in critical overdraft condition (and some are experiencing seawater intrusion), which occurs when the “continuation of present water management practices would probably result in significant adverse overdraft-related environmental, social, or economic impacts.”	
104	WR-3.1	EJ, HC, CAP	Groundwater Management The County shall work with water suppliers, water users, groundwater management agencies, and groundwater sustainability agencies to <u>implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and</u> manage groundwater resources within the	Submitted by Planning Division; approved by

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			sustainable yield of each basin to ensure that county residents, and businesses, <u>agriculture, government, and the environment</u> have reliable, high-quality groundwater to serve existing and planned land uses during prolonged drought years. (IGC, RDR, SO) [Source: New Policy]	BOS on 08/06/19
105	WR-3.3	CAP	Groundwater Recharge Projects The County shall support groundwater recharge <u>and multi-benefit</u> projects consistent with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan to ensure the long-term sustainability of groundwater. (IGC, RDR, SO) [Source: New Policy]	
106	WR-3.4	CAP	In-Stream and Recycled Water Use for Groundwater Recharge The County shall encourage the use of in-stream water flow and recycled water for groundwater recharge while balancing the needs of urban and agricultural uses, and healthy ecosystems, <u>including in-stream waterflows needed for endangered species protection.</u> (RDR) [Source: New Policy]	
107	WR-3.6		Out-of-River Mining and Groundwater The County shall require discretionary development for out-of-river mining below the historic or predicted high groundwater level in the Del Norte/El Rio (Oxnard Forebay Basin) to demonstrate that <u>extr</u> action activities will not interfere with or affect groundwater quality and quantity pursuant to the County's Initial Study Assessment Guidelines. (RDR) [Source: Existing GPP Policy 1.3.2.7, modified]	
108	WR-3.X New Policy		<u>New Water Wells</u> <u>The County shall require all new water wells located within Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) boundaries to be compliant consistent with Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and adopted Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs).</u> (RDR) [Source: New Policy]	Submitted by Supervisor Bennett; discussed by BOS and approved on 08/06/19
109	Section 9.4		<i>Paragraph 1:</i> In the past, different elements of water system were managed separately from other elements. For example, groundwater was managed as a separate resource from stormwater and recycled water. <u>The County continues to move toward managing and regulating</u> There has been a shift in water resources management and regulation toward	

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			<u>through a</u> watershed-based approaches. This approach integrates many facets of water resources management on a regional level, including water supply, water quality, flood management, sediment management, ecosystem health, and recreation through enhanced collaboration across geographic and political boundaries and diverse stakeholder groups.	
110	WR-4.1		Integrated Watershed Management The County shall work with water suppliers, <u>Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)</u> , wastewater utilities, and stormwater management entities to <u>manage and enhance the</u> shift toward the integrated management of surface and groundwater, stormwater treatment and use, recycled water and conservation, and desalination. (IGC, SO) [Source: New Policy]	
111	WR-4.2		Watershed Management Funding The County shall continue to seek funding and support coordination of watershed planning and watershed-level project implementation to protect <u>and enhance</u> local watersheds. (FB) [Source: New Policy]	
112	Section 9.5		<i>Paragraph 2:</i> In addition to the need for a sustainable water supply for agricultural uses, the County must also ensure that agriculture does not negatively impact water quality. Tillage and irrigation <u>are likely to</u> alter the runoff and infiltration characteristics of the land, affecting groundwater recharge, <u>and</u> increasing erosion that can result in sediment deposit into surface-water bodies, and altering evapotranspiration . This in turn <u>could</u> affects the interaction of groundwater and surface water. The policies in this section address the County's role in <u>balancing assuring</u> adequate water <u>quality and a sufficient</u> supply for agricultural uses in the county.	
113	WR-5.1	CAP	Water for Agricultural Uses The County <u>should support shall work with</u> the appropriate agencies <u>in their efforts</u> to effectively manage <u>and enhance</u> water quantity and quality to ensure long-term, adequate availability of <u>high quality and economically viable</u> water for agricultural uses, <u>consistent with water use efficiency programs</u> . (IGC) [Source: New Policy]	General Board discussion; approved by BOS on 08/06/19
114	WR-5.2	CAP	Agricultural Water Efficiency The County shall should support programs designed to <u>increase agricultural water use efficiency and secure long-term water supplies for agriculture</u> , reduce agricultural water	Submitted by Planning Division;

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			consumption. (PI) [Source: New Policy]	approved by BOS on 08/06/19
115	WR-5.3	CAP	Reclaimed Water Use The County should encourage, shall promote and facilitate the use of reclaimed irrigation water and treated urban wastewater for agricultural irrigation in accordance with federal and state requirements; in order to conserve untreated groundwater or and potable water supplies. (IGC, RDR, SO) [Source: New Policy]	Submitted by Planning Division; approved by BOS on 08/06/19
116	Section 9.X New Section, Goal, and Policies New Goal New Policy New Policy		<u>Section 9.X Water Quality</u> <u>Water quality is affected by geology, climate, and human-caused factors, such as wastewater effluent, runoff from roads and urbanized areas, agricultural practices, and atmospheric contaminants. Poor water quality limits the beneficial use of a water source for drinking water supply, irrigation, industrial water supply, recreation, and support of habitat and the natural environment.</u> <u>WR-X To implement practices and designs that improve and protect water resources. [Source: New Goal]</u> <u>WR-X.1 Identify and Eliminate Sources of Water Pollution</u> <u>The County shall cooperate with federal, state and local agencies in identifying and eliminating or minimizing all sources of existing and potential point and non-point sources of pollution to ground and surface waters, including leaking fuel tanks, discharges from storm drains, dump sites, sanitary waste systems, parking lots, roadways, and mining operations. (IGC) [Source: New Policy]</u> <u>WR-X.2 Water Quality Protection for Discretionary Development</u> <u>The County shall evaluate the potential for discretionary development to cause deposition and discharge of sediment, debris, waste, and other contaminants into surface runoff, drainage systems, surface water bodies, and groundwater. In addition, the County shall evaluate the potential for discretionary development to limit or otherwise impair later reuse or reclamation of wastewater or stormwater. The County shall require</u>	

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	New Policy		<u>discretionary development to minimize potential deposition and discharge through point source controls, storm water treatment, runoff reduction measures, best management practices, and low impact development. (RDR) [Source: New Policy]</u>	
	New Policy		<u>WR-X.3 Discretionary Development Subject to CEQA Statement of Overriding Considerations – Water Quality and Quantity</u> <u>The County shall require that discretionary development not significantly impact the quality or quantity of water resources within watersheds, groundwater recharge areas or groundwater basins. (RDR) [Source: Existing GPP Policy 1.3.2.4, modified]</u>	
			<u>WR-X.4 Out-of-River Mining</u> <u>The County shall require discretionary development for out-of-river mining below the historic or predicted high groundwater level in the Del Norte/El Rio (Oxnard Forebay Basin) to demonstrate that exaction activities will not interfere with or affect water quality and quantity pursuant to the County's Initial Study Assessment Guidelines. (RDR)</u> <u>[Source: Existing GPP Policy 1.3.2.7, modified]</u>	
117	<u>Section 9.X</u> New Section, Goal, and Policies		<u>Water for the Environment</u> <u>Environmental quality and natural resource conservation are inextricably linked with the quality of life in Ventura County. A variety of upland, riparian, wetland, and coastal vegetation types exist in the county that are home to both common and sensitive species. To preserve, maintain, and improve the environment, water must be allocated and managed with the intent to improve the health of forests, upland areas, rivers, wetlands, and floodplains. The policies in this section address the County's role in assuring adequate water supply for the environment.</u>	
	New Goal		<u>WR-X</u> <u>To consider the water needs of the natural environment with other water uses in the county. [New Goal]</u>	
	New Policy		<u>WR-X.1 Water for the Environment</u> <u>The County shall encourage work with the appropriate agencies to effectively manage water quantity and quality to address long-term adequate availability of water for</u>	Submitted by Supervisor Bennett;

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			<u>environmental purposes, including maintenance of existing groundwater-dependent habitats and in-stream flows needed for riparian habitats and species protection. [New Policy]</u>	discussed by BOS and approved on 08/06/19
118	WR-Program A	EJ, HC	Monitor Water Supply and Water Demand The County shall prepare Annual Reports on the Water Supply and Demand outlook for the unincorporated portions of the county <u>every five years</u> . [Source: New Program] Timeframe: <u>Ongoing Annual</u> Responsible: <u>RMA WPD</u>	
119	WR-Program F	EJ, HC, CAP	Discretionary Development Review for Adequate Water and Wastewater The County shall verify that all discretionary development proposals demonstrate <u>an adequate long-term -supply of water</u> , adequate methods for sewage disposal, provide adequate drainage to avoid flooding, prevent erosion, and prevent contamination of local water. [Source: New Program]	
120	WR-Program G	EJ, HC, CAP	Water Conservation The County shall work with the state and local water suppliers to educate County residents and offer incentives for water conservation features, including drought-tolerant landscaping, <u>removal of turf</u> , graywater, and water-saving plumbing technologies. [Source: Existing GPP Policy 1.3.2.5 and Goal 4.3.1.2, modified]	Submitted by Supervisor Parks; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
121	WR-Program H	CAP	County Water Efficiency The County shall review water usage at County-owned facilities and from County operations and develop recommendations for water saving practices and facility improvements, <u>including turf removal to conserve water</u> . [Source: New Program]	Submitted by Supervisor Parks; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.

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122	Element Introduction		<u>Replace data in second paragraph of element introduction (page 10-1) with newer data on homeownership, median household income, mean travel time to work,</u>	Submitted by Supervisor

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			unemployment rate, and new housing starts.	Parks; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
123	Element Introduction		<p><u>Add to Introduction on pg. 10-2 as paragraph 3:</u></p> <p><u>This Element includes references to the Economic Vitality Strategic Plan, which the County adopted in 2017. The Economic Vitality Strategic Plan provides a strategic framework for the County to achieve its long-term economic vitality goals. While the Economic Vitality Strategic Plan is likely to evolve during the lifetime of this General Plan, it is nonetheless the County's primary implementation tool for this Element and for the County's economic initiatives overall.</u></p>	
124	EV-1.4		<p>Regulatory Environment The County shall promote a business responsive friendliness in the <u>friendliness in the</u> regulatory and permitting environment throughout Ventura County through collaboration, exchange of ideas and best practices, <u>improvement in clarity and efficiency in the permitting process, taking advantage of opportunities for streamlining in the development process</u>, and promoting consistency in policy and practice among cities and the County. (RDR, IGC) [Source: VCEVSP Policy F.3, modified]</p>	General Board discussion; approved by BOS on 08/06/19
125	EV-1.5		<p>EV-1.5 Supporting Tourism The County shall encourage the development of sustainable and innovative visitor-serving attractions that expand on the tourism market in Ventura County and add to the quality of life for residents. This would include identifying viable locations for new or expanded accommodations in the unincorporated areas of Ventura County <u>and support for ecotourism associated with the Santa Monica Mountains, Los Padres Forest, the Channel Islands, and other natural areas.</u> (MPSP, JP) [Source: New Policy]</p>	Submitted by Supervisor Parks; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
126	EV-1.6		<p>EV-1.6 Economic Expansion The County shall work with local chambers of commerce, countywide economic development organizations, and businesses to support the appropriate expansion of the local economy and job creation, particularly in Existing Communities and unincorporated Urban Areas <u>where zoning allows.</u> (MPSP, JP) [Source: New Policy]</p>	Submitted by Supervisor Parks; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.

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127	EV-1.9		EV-1.9 Range of Commercial Services The County shall encourage the development of a range of commercial uses in urban areas and Existing Communities, <u>where zoning allows,</u> that fulfill the daily needs of residents and visitors. (MPSP, JP) [Source: Existing GPP Goal 3.4.1.1, modified]	Submitted by Supervisor Parks; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
128	<u>EV-1X</u>	<u>CAP</u>	<u>Support Regional Bicycle Infrastructure</u> <u>The County shall support regional bicycle efforts to improve infrastructure that will make biking more attractive to residents and tourists. (IGC, SO, JP) [Source: New Policy]</u>	Submitted by Supervisor Bennett; approved by BOS on 08/06/19
129	EV-2.1		Agricultural Diversification The <u>County shall continue to support should encourage</u> the growth and expansion of new, innovative agricultural-related business opportunities, including <u>technological advancesment to in irrigation, crop production, and pest control,; new crop types and of</u> agritourism, <u>new irrigation and cultivation technologies,</u> and “farm-to-table” programs and events. (RDR, PI) [Source: VCEVSP Policy A.4, modified]	Submitted by Planning Division; additional changes proposed by BOS; approved by BOS on 08/06/19
130	EV-2.2		EV-2.2 Value-Added Agriculture The County shall encourage the expansion of value-added agricultural products (e.g., processing, packaging, product development) within Existing Communities <u>where zoning allows</u> and on agricultural land consistent with SOAR policies. (RDR, MPSP, JP) [Source: New Policy]	Submitted by Supervisor Parks; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
131	Section 10.2		<i>Paragraph 2:</i> The market outlook for different industries <u>with the potential that may wish</u> to grow and thrive in Ventura County depends on <u>both</u> -local, <u>as well as</u> -national, and global factors. Projected long-term growth in sectors such as professional services, health care, arts, entertainment, and education will help to further diversify Ventura County’s economy.	

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			An important asset for the county is its education cluster, including multiple higher education institutions of higher learning that encompass both two-year colleges and four-year universities . There are two universities in the county's unincorporated areas, including California State University, Channel Islands (CSUCI) and Thomas Aquinas College. CSUCI expects to expand its 2016 enrollment level by over 70 percent by 2025, which will generate growth in faculty and staff as well as supportive goods and services in the local economy. University-driven innovation can also be an important source of business diversification. <u>In addition to education institutions, another unique asset to the county are Federally- and State-managed areas which are available for public use. The county is home to large portions of the Los Padres National Forest and the Channel Islands National Park, which bring parkland management, research, and tourism to the county.</u>	
132	EV-3.2		EV-3.2 Small Business Promotion The County should <u>shall</u> promote and expand existing small business development programs by identifying partnerships between industry and educational organizations, and identifying potential mentoring, job training, networking, and professional development opportunities between these organizations and supporting and promoting efforts of the Small Business Administration to provide technical assistance to small business owners and employees through classes and assistance in the areas of business management, marketing, and legal assistance. The County should <u>shall</u> consider allocating space in newly developed government buildings consider allowing entrepreneurs to use government property or facilities to test new products and services that are beneficial to the public good to for micro enterprises of five employees or fewer to encourage economic opportunities in low-income areas. (IGC, JP) [Source: New Policy]	Submitted by Supervisor Parks; approved by BOS on 08/06/19.
133	EV-3.5		Entrepreneurial Development and Key Industry Attraction The County shall support local efforts to attract firms in key industries from outside the county or support the entrepreneurial development of new firms within the county, <u>as well as training to develop entrepreneurship and innovation in the local workforce</u> . (IGC, JP) [Source: VCEVSP Strategy C, modified]	
134	EV-4		To diversify the economic base of Ventura County through the development and expansion of environmental and , creative, <u>and technology</u> industries, including the non-profit sector. [Source: New Goal]	

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135	EV-4.1		Creative Economy The County shall encourage the expansion of the local creative economy, including arts businesses, <u>creative and performing arts</u> , and non-profit organizations, as well as professional service sectors built around the creative arts. (MPSP, JP) [Source: New Policy and EVSP Policy A.6]	
136	EV-4.2	HC	Green Economy The County shall support the development of industries <u>and businesses</u> that promote and enhance environmental sustainability, greenhouse gas reductions, <u>decarbonization</u> , climate <u>change</u> adaptation, resiliency, and renewable energy generation, storage, and transmission, including solar power, wind power, wave energy and other appropriate renewable sources. The County shall promote the efforts of existing businesses that meet green business criteria: <u>job training in green building techniques and regenerative farming</u> ; and strive to build green technologies into <u>and decarbonize existing</u> government buildings and facilities. (MPSP, JP) [Source: New Policy]	
137	EV-4.4	HC, CAP	Renewable Energy Facilities The County shall identify appropriate locations to allow for development of renewable energy generation and storage facilities and encourage the development of innovative approaches to renewable energy deployment, including solar power, wind power, wave energy, <u>distributed power systems and micro-grids</u> , and other appropriate renewable sources <u>and storage and distribution systems</u> . (MPSP, JP) [Source: New Policy]	
138	EV-5		To promote a strong local economy by improving critical infrastructure, including water, transportation, broadband, and <u>renewable</u> energy. [Source: EVSP Strategy Group E]	Submitted by Planning Division; approved by BOS on 08/06/19
139	EV-5.2	EJ	Energy Infrastructure The County shall <u>work to improve-invest in</u> energy infrastructure to increase availability, reliability, sustainability, and use of renewable energy sources, with a focus on Existing Communities and equity in service to disadvantaged communities. (IGC, SO) [Source: EVSP Policy E.4]	
140	EV-5.3	EJ	EV-5.3 Broadband	Submitted by

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			The County shall support should encourage efforts to equitably extend broadband capacity throughout the county, including to designated disadvantaged communities, and to encourage private sector investments in state-of-the-art high speed fiberoptic infrastructure for both commercial and residential use. <u>The County should use its franchise agreement powers, among others, whenever possible to secure improved services.</u> (IGC, SO, JP) [Source: New Policy]	Planning Division; additional changes proposed by BOS; approved by BOS on 08/06/19
141	EV-5.4		Port of Hueneme The County shall support the creation and enhancement of shipping, warehousing facilities at the Port of Hueneme as well as improvements to surface transportation connections to the <u>supportive industries and businesses that are located outside of the Port.</u> (IGC, SO) [Source: New Policy]	
142	EV-6.X New Policy		<u>Job Training in Green Construction</u> <u>The County shall work with public, private, and non-profit entities to prepare workers for jobs in green construction, including solar panel installation, decarbonizing buildings and infrastructure, and green building retrofits.</u> (MPSP, FB, JP) [Source: New Policy]	
143	EV-Program C		Business Retention and Expansion The County shall coordinate with the Economic Development Collaborative - Ventura County to focus on retention and expansion of existing businesses in key industry clusters, including Naval Base Ventura County and Port of Hueneme support businesses. [Source: New Program] Implements Policyies: EV-3.1, <u>EV-3.2</u> , EV-3.3, EV-3.4	
144	EV-Program X New Program		<u>Ventura County Office of Economic Development</u> <u>The County shall consider the development of an Office of Economic Development to promote Ventura County as budgets allow.</u> [Source: New Program]	
145	EV-Program X New Program	<u>EJ</u>	<u>Investment in Opportunity Zones</u> <u>The County shall work with the Economic Vitality Strategic Plan Steering Committee to explore designated Opportunity Zones identified pursuant to the Federal Tax Cuts and Job Act (December 22, 2017) to ensure that investment in these areas benefits the residents living within them and minimizes potential displacement.</u>	Submitted by Rigoberto Vargas; approved by the BOS on 08/06/19.

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			<u>Implements Policy EV-1.2</u> <u>Timeframe: 2020-2025</u>	

Glossary				
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146	New Addition		<i>Add acronyms section to Glossary.</i>	
147			<i>Reduce jargon, "perspectival intent" used as example for removal.</i>	
148			<i>Use California state code definitions for streets, highways and other terms referring to roads. "Expressway" used as an example.</i>	
149			<i>Review and revise as needed "Global Warming Values" definition to clarify.</i>	
150			<i>Incorporate non-substantive edits to clarify and correct technical issues.</i>	

Appendix A. Area Plan and Community Land Use Maps				
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151	Throughout Appendix		<i>Review maps and improve legibility particularly those that are not clear in existing "small scale".</i>	
152	Throughout reformatted Area Plans		<u>Revise labels of Area Plan maps to identify year created.</u>	General Board discussion; approved by BOS on 08/06/19

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153	COS-Program T	CAP	Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Strategy Monitoring The County shall implement, <u>under the overall direction of the CEO and with support of RMA, PWA, GSA, AGC, FD, and other departments as appropriate,</u> the General Plan GHG Strategy through specific policies, programs, and implementing actions integrated throughout the General Plan and summarized in Appendix B, <u>Climate Action Plan, as</u>	

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			<u>well as other appropriate actions adopted from time to time. The greenhouse gas reduction strategy shall consist of a comprehensive program to systematically reduce greenhouse gas emissions to meet adopted emission reduction targets and deadlines from all sectors – transportation, buildings, solid waste, stationary sources, agriculture, water and wastewater, and off-road equipment. [Source: New Program]</u>	
154	COS-Program V	CAP	Public Reporting on Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Strategy Progress <u>See line 60 for revised text.</u>	General Board discussion; approved by BOS on 08/06/19
155	COS-Program X New Program	<u>CAP</u>	<u>Budget and Staffing Plan for CAP Implementation</u> <u>The CEO shall, within six months from the adoption of the General Plan Update and Climate Action Plan, present to the Board of Supervisors a proposed budget and staffing plan (including qualified technical consultants) to implement the Climate Action Plan, and shall update the budget and staffing plan each year. [Source: New Program]</u>	
156	COS-Program X New Program	<u>CAP</u>	Planning Commission agreed to add a program to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a new tax on <u>new</u> oil and gas development but did not recommend exact wording. Planning Division Recommended Revision <u>The County shall evaluate the feasibility of establishing a local tax on new oil and gas operations located in the unincorporated County. [Source: New Program]</u> <u>Implements Policy: COS-8.1 Reduce Reliance on Fossil Fuels</u> The County shall promote the development and use of renewable energy resources (e.g., solar, thermal, wind, tidal, bioenergy) to reduce dependency on petroleum-based energy sources. (IGC, RDR) [Source: New Policy] <u>Responsible Department: County Executive Office</u> <u>Timeframe: 2020-2025</u>	Includes incorporation of revisions approved by the BOS on 8/6/19 from Exhibit 10, Planning Division Revision Memo by adding the word “new” to the recommended program
157	COS-Program X New Program	<u>CAP</u>	Planning Commission agreed to add a program to establish a Climate Emergency Council to advise the Board of Supervisors on climate action planning but did not vote on exact wording.	

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			<p>Planning Division Recommended Revision <u>The County shall establish a Climate Emergency Council to advise the Board of Supervisors on climate action planning and implementation of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) goals, policies, and program. [Source: New Program]</u></p> <p><u>Implements Policies: See all policies and programs tagged with a CAP symbol in General Plan.</u></p> <p><u>Responsible Department: County Executive Office</u></p> <p><u>Timeframe: 2020-2025</u></p>	