

**Supervisor Linda Parks  
Suggested Changes, General Plan Update  
August 6, 2019**

#### **Hazards –**

1. Add policy to **avoid building in Very High Fire Severity Zones**
2. Add policy to **avoid adding homes along freeways with high diesel particulates**
3. Add policy to **prevent waste from contaminated sites from extending off-site**
4. Add policy to **underground power poles where feasible in areas prone to wildfire**

#### **Public Facilities, Services, and Infrastructure Element-**

1. **Reject policy PFS-10.10 that would prohibit adding new parks into the County inventory unless there is funding in perpetuity to support operations and maintenance. This would be an impediment for future parks, particularly in park poor areas and doesn't allow for phased park development**
2. Add policy to **include new trails and parks** where feasible, in new developments and other areas

#### **Conservation –**

1. Add goal and associated policies (see August 6, 2019 Board Letter recommendation) to **plant up to 2 million trees, with County responsible for planting 1,000 annually**

#### **Water –**

1. Add policy to **encourage rainwater capture** for farmland and other projects
2. Add that groundwater and surface water is **a resource for the environment as well as people**
3. 9-10, G Water Conservation and H County Water Efficiency, **mention lawns directly, as it is one of the easiest ways to conserve water**

#### **Transportation—**

1. Add policy to **seek funding sources for maintenance of sidewalks**, particularly in low income areas, instead of burdening residents with the cost
2. Add policy to **add an exemption in LOS and make Wendy Drive a two-lane road** (instead of a four-lane road) in the General Plan. Wendy Drive has been two lanes for decades and the Board has expressed support for amending the General Plan to keep it two lanes.
3. Add policy to **encourage active transportation** including more safe routes for bicyclists
4. Add policy to **encourage Electric Vehicle infrastructure**, including on County property and curb side at light poles, etc.

#### **Economic Vitality-**

1. Replace old data in 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph on **Page 1** with newer data on homeownership, median household income, mean travel time to work, unemployment rate, and new housing starts

2. In section **EV 1.5** Supporting Tourism, **express support for ecotourism** associated with Santa Monica Mountains, Los Padres Forest, Channel Islands, and other natural areas
3. In sections **EV 1.6** Economic Expansion and **EV 1.9** Range of Commercial Service, **EV 2.2** Value – Agriculture, specify for Existing Communities “**where zoning allows.**” This revision was suggested by RMA Director for clarity.
4. Change **EV 3-2**, instead of the County giving space to small companies in “newly developed government buildings,” **consider allowing entrepreneurs to use government facilities to test new products and services that are beneficial to the public good.**
5. Add policy to **support job training programs for disadvantaged populations**