



## BACKGROUND

As written in the State of California Office of Planning and Research Guidelines “A good plan goes to waste if it is not implemented”.

The County of San Diego has prepared an implementation plan, in conjunction with the draft General Plan Update, which lists the programs, ordinances, regulation procedures and other measures that need to be developed or revised to ensure implementation of the General Plan Update. This implementation program will be adopted by the Board of Supervisors outside of the General Plan, so that it retains the flexibility to be reviewed on an annual basis, in conjunction with the Annual Report, required by State Law.

## IMPLEMENTATION

The Framework for the Implementation Plan is established in [Chapter 9](#) of the Draft General Plan. Each implementation measure is listed by category, such as if it is related to the Built or Natural Environments, Long Range Planning, Housing or Mobility. Each program is described, related to policies it implements in the Draft General Plan and it is explained whether the measure is an existing program, requires amendments to an existing program or establishes a new program as well as whether or not it would require additional funding to implement.

## ANNUAL REPORTING & TRACKING

A requirement for a General Plan is the annual reporting of its implementation progress to the Board of Supervisors, the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research and the California Department of Housing and Community Development. The County of San Diego will use this Annual Report as a time to evaluate effectiveness of the General Plan and its implementation measures, investigate annual “Clean Up” changes that need to be made to the General Plan, and identify annual funding requirements. The annual reporting on the General Plan will include the following:

*Implementation Programs* – Implementation measures will be tracked and reported back to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. As needed measures can be removed, if completed or deemed unnecessary, or revised to incorporate additional information. This tracking can also assist the Department of Planning and Land Use

(DPLU), and other departments, in updating priorities and staffing needs.

*Housing Programs* – One part of the Implementation Program that is regulated by California law is the Housing Element, which is part of the General Plan. These programs are implemented and monitored by DPLU and the County of San Diego Department of Housing and Community Development. These programs also include the quantified objectives related to meeting the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), which is tracked and reported on an annual basis.

*Land Use and Housing* – Progress in achievement of the Land Use Map will also be tracked through analysis of building applications and permits and provisions to track sites included in the inventory for meeting the RHNA. This will be reported on an annual basis using the Geographic Information Systems and Permit Database, and would allow the Department to periodically estimate process towards build out of the General Plan.

*Department Budgeting* – The Implementation Plan and the General Plan Annual Report are instrumental tools necessary to prepare future-year annual budgets for staffing and resources to operate DPLU. Information gained from the Annual Report will assist the Department in determining where their resources should be focused and determine priorities for developing the measures identified in the Implementation Plan.

## UPDATED ZONING CODES

A key component for implementing a General Plan is application of the Zoning Ordinance. DPLU has begun initial coordination with Community Planning and Sponsor Groups to update the Use Regulations and Minimum Lot Sizes. These and additional components will also be discussed with community and property owners, and are expected to be ready to go to the Board of Supervisors in conjunction with the General Plan Update in the Fall of 2010.

Additional updates to the Zoning Ordinance will follow; much like the annual Zoning Ordinance changes that are currently being processed by DPLU staff. Eventually, additional components can be incorporated into the Zoning Ordinance, such as Form Based Codes or Community Specific Zoning.

# FACT SHEET

## IMPLEMENTING THE GENERAL PLAN

### GENERAL PLAN UPDATE INFORMATION

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