

Cotati General Plan Update

MEMORANDUM

September 17, 2012

TO: Planning Commissioners

FROM: Vicki Parker, Community Development Director
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SUBJECT: Review of Goal and Policy Sets – 2nd review meeting

DATE: September 17, 2012

INTRODUCTION

This Planning Commission meeting will focus on reviewing the Circulation, Economic Vitality, and Community Health and Wellness Goals, Objectives, Policies, and Actions (Goal and Policy sets). Please note that the reading materials (Goal and Policy sets and summary of Visioning and Planning Commission input) for this meeting were included in the August 6, 2012 packet.

GOAL AND POLICY SETS

Attachment A of the August 6, 2012 staff report includes the draft Goal and Policy sets for each element of the General Plan: Circulation, Community Health and Wellness, Community Services and Facilities, Conservation, Economic Vitality, Land Use, Noise, Open Space, and Safety, except Housing which was reviewed separately. As described in the August 6, 2012 staff report, each Goal and Policy set provides a framework of goals, objectives, policies, and actions that will serve as the backbone of the General Plan Update.

At the August 6, 2012 meeting, the Planning Commission provided comments on the Conservation and Noise Goal and Policy sets. At the September 4, 2012 meeting, the Planning Commission provided comments on the Open Space, Safety, and Community Services and Facilities Goal and Policy sets. The Planning Commission will continue their review, providing input on the Circulation, Community Health and Wellness, Economic Vitality, and Land Use Goal and Policy sets. After the Planning Commission has reviewed and commented on these documents, the goals, objectives, and policies will be incorporated into the elements of the General Plan Update.

PRIORITIES AND ISSUES

As part of the General Plan Update process, four Visioning workshops were held between March and May 2011 to receive public and stakeholder input on the General Plan Update. The Planning Commission then held a series of meetings from July 2011 through February 2012 to identify priorities and issues for the General Plan Update to address. At each Planning Commission meeting held between July 2011 and February 2012, the Planning Commission was presented with a summary of the public input received on each General Plan topic during the Visioning Workshops. The Planning Commission considered this public input, and provided additional input and guidance regarding each General Plan topic. A summary of the priorities and issues identified through the Visioning process and Planning Commission meetings is provided as Attachment B of the August 6, 2012 staff report.

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REQUIRED READING

Prior to the meeting on September 17th, please review the following materials from the August 6, 2012 packet:

1. Circulation Goals, Objectives, Policies, and Actions (Attachment A)
2. Economic Vitality Goals, Objectives, Policies, and Actions (Attachment A)
3. Community Health and Wellness Goals, Objectives, Policies, and Actions (Attachment A)
4. Cotati General Plan Update: Priorities and Issues (Attachment B)

WORK EXERCISE

After reading the materials identified above, please consider and be prepared to discuss the following questions for the Circulation, Economic Vitality, and Community Health and Wellness Goal and Policy sets. *(Note: The Land Use Goal and Policy set and the General Plan Land Use Map will be discussed at a subsequent meeting.)*

As you are reading through the identified Goal and Policy sets, please consider and come prepared to discuss the following:

- a.) Were there issues or concerns raised during the previous Planning Commission meetings regarding the General Plan Update that are not addressed or not adequately addressed in the draft policy documents? If so, please identify the specific issues or concerns.
- b.) Are there specific additions or corrections that you would suggest?