

14. PUBLIC FACILITIES

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INTRODUCTION

Public facilities create healthy communities by providing such essential services as the supply of clean water, the distribution of energy and power, waste management, and emergency assistance. Additional public services enhance the quality of community life, such as education, health, and recreational facilities. The Public Facilities Element is not required for a General Plan in the State of California; however, the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) suggests that such an element be implemented in a city’s General Plan to provide the policy basis for short-term documents, such as the city’s capital improvements program and the annual capital budget as well as provide long-term guidance (2003).

OPR recommends that a public facilities element include an evaluation of current and future capacities of a wide variety of public infrastructure and support programs crucial to the City’s overall function and healthy growth. The analysis of capacities is consistent with elements that discuss projected changes in population, land use, and development intensity, such as land use, circulation, and housing. Community Design, Conservation, Open Space, and Safety are elements that overlap with public facility programs as well. Further analysis on public facility programs should include consultation with service providers, analysis of equitable distribution of facilities, the costs of infrastructure changes, and identification of potential funding sources.

The goals, objectives, policies, and programs outlined in the Public Facilities Element are in accordance with federal, state, and local standards and reflect the community input gathered from multiple public meetings. The following goals, objectives, policies, and programs are developed to address the need to provide adequate community services and utilities, accommodate population growth, and ensure high quality of life for current and future Clearlake residents.

GOALS, OBJECTIVES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS

GOAL PF 1

Educational opportunities for all community members.

Objective PF 1.1

Improved student performance and high school graduation rates throughout the Konocti Unified School District

Policy PF 1.1.1

Encourage students to enter after-school tutoring and learning programs.

Program PF 1.1.1.1

Find existing organization or create an after-school tutoring program to meet the statewide school standards encourage the long-term development of education excellence.

Program PF 1.1.1.2

Seek funding to establish an after-school tutoring program.

Policy PF 1.1.2

Support Konocti Unified School District’s efforts to provide school sites and facilities that meet the educational needs of the community.

Program PF 1.1.2.1

The City shall identify appropriate sites for elementary and high school expansion.

Objective PF 1.2

Expanded higher education services and facilities

Policy PF 1.2.1

Support Yuba Community College in educational and facility needs

Program PF 1.2.1.1

The City shall identify appropriate sites for community college expansion commensurate with workforce development goals.

Program PF 1.2.1.2

The City shall meet with College administrators and staff once annually to evaluate facility needs

Program PF 1.2.1.3

The City shall coordinate with campus administration a method or program for receiving community input on Yuba College curriculum and facility needs. Programs may include quarterly public meetings or an on-line web portal and community feedback section.

GOAL PF 2

A thriving civic center as a public resource center of the community.

Objective PF 2.1

A well trained and locally available the labor force that supports the economic and development goals of the City.

Policy PF 2.1.1

The City shall support workforce development efforts through participation in strategic planning efforts.

Program PF 2.1.1.1

The City shall organize and convene a stakeholder round table discussion with City Chamber of Commerce and local business owners 4 times per year to identify local labor needs, including emerging economic markets and opportunities for collaborative investment

Policy PF 2.1.2

The City shall support the development of a vocational training center.

Program PF 2.1.2.1

Reduce development and impact fees for the construction and operation of a vocational training center for projects meeting minimum development standards and conditions of approval

Program PF 2.1.2.2

Amend the City Zoning Ordinance to identify conditions of approval for reduced impact fees for vocational and/or work-force training centers. Conditions should include standards for size, operational hours, and a parking and circulation plan.

Objective PF 2.2

A downtown activity center for young adults that provides a space to foster friendship, activity, fun, and learning

Policy PF 2.2.1

The City shall support the development of a recreational/educational “teen activity center”.

Program PF 2.2.1.1

City shall coordinate with non-profit organizations, local leaders, and property owners to identify opportunity sites for community activity center or facility, such as a YMCA or Boys and Girls Club.

Program PF 2.2.1.2

Amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow for teen and young adult recreational and educational facilities as a conditional use for school sites

Program PF 2.2.1.3

Amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow for reduced and/or shared parking when the recreational/educational facility is built on a site with parking spaces meeting the minimum parking standards for such a use, when the peak operational hours of the alternate site do not overlap with the educational/recreational facility.

GOAL PF 3

City streets, residential properties, and public areas are clean and free of trash, reflective of civic pride in the community.

Objective PF 3.1

Residents educated about the health, safety, and aesthetic benefits of a trash-free city.

Policy PF 3.1.1

The City shall educate and encourage the proper disposal of trash on private property, in addition to the disposal of trash in public places.

Program PF 3.1.1.1

Establish and sponsor a volunteer pick-up program to reduce illegal trash disposal in inappropriate places, including vacant residential lots

Program PF 3.1.1.2

Promote volunteerism for anti-litter and anti-dumping campaigns, including programs to teach children the importance of cleaning up trash.

Program PF 3.1.1.3

City shall organize and raise money to host an annual city-wide trash clean up day which will provide free dumpsters for litter and waste removal. Dumpsters will be

provided in neighborhoods and areas identified by community members in most need of assistance and with the largest amount of trash.

Objective PF 3.2

Citywide codes and ordinances properly enforced, with special attention regarding private property maintenance, abandoned vehicles, rubbish/weeds, and public nuisances.

Policy PF 3.2.1

The City shall provide adequate staffing to support code enforcement efforts.

Program PF 3.2.1.1

Identify funding sources, seek donations, and consider other unconventional funding sources to support the development and maintenance of the position of a City Code Enforcement Officer.

Policy PF 3.2.2

Encourage citizen participation in code enforcement

Program PF 3.2.2.1

Produce and disseminate information to the public on their rights and responsibilities to follow Citywide Code of Regulations. Information shall be available on the City's website, at the public counter at City Hall and the Police Station, as well as distributed as a mailer to residents once a year. Contents of the brochure shall also publicize the rights of citizens to report code violations to the City for review and potential penalties.

Program PF 3.2.2.2

Establish procedure for code violation review and punishment. Penalties for code violation shall be proportionate to the frequency of code violation as well as the severity of the violation.

GOAL PF 4

Properly allocated public service facilities, commensurate with fire and police personnel needs.

Objective PF 4.1

Adequate public service staffing and facilities in order to respond to emergency and fire situations

Policy PF 4.1.1

Add fire, police, and emergency response facilities as needed to address population growth and distribution patterns

Program PF 4.1.1.1

Annually monitor population distribution patterns and determine potential facility locations based on flood, fire, and seismic hazards

Program PF 4.1.1.2

Collaborate with regional and statewide agencies to obtain support to address community safety.

Policy PF 4.1.2

Maintain minimum personnel to population ratios for police and fire services

Program PF 4.1.2.1

Evaluate emergency response times to fire, safety, and medical emergencies and increase supply of safety personnel as needed to reduce response time

GOAL PF 5

A comprehensive and sanitary sewer system that meets City needs and protects natural resources.

Objective PF 5.1

Work with sewer district to provide for adequate wastewater facilities and infrastructure to meet service demand, especially within residential neighborhoods.

Policy PF 5.1.1

Work with the sewer district to monitor wastewater demand and capacity

Program PF 5.1.1.1

Support the sewer district in assessing and revising estimates of present and future wastewater demand on an annual basis.

Program PF 5.1.1.2

Support the sewer district in update the City wastewater master plan every ten years.

Policy PF 5.1.2

Approval of new development shall be contingent upon availability of wastewater facilities to manage and treat anticipated demand.

Program PF 5.1.2.1

Support the sewer district to maintain up to date database on existing wastewater facilities and infrastructure

Program PF 5.1.2.2

Support the sewer district to establish requirements for new development projects on the availability of adequate wastewater collection and treatment capacity to serve the new development.

Program PF 5.1.2.3

All new development shall establish that downstream wastewater infrastructure capacity is sufficient to accommodate new demand, and where sufficient capacity does not exist, provide additional facilities to accept additional wastewater demand.

Policy PF 5.1.3

Work with the sewer district to prioritize infrastructure improvements and sewer system maintenance.

Program PF 5.1.3.1

In collaboration with the sewer district update the development fee schedule to reflect assessment of real-costs of wastewater treatment facility expansion and sewer system connection

Policy PF 5.1.4

Impact fees for wastewater treatment capacity improvements or sewer connections would not be waived except for projects which meet minimum standards of eligibility for incentives that are consistent with guidelines of the sewer district and the City Municipal Code

Program PF 5.1.4.1

Update sewer district guidelines and City Municipal Code to allow for reduced sewer connection fees or wastewater treatment facility impact fees only for residential development projects which provide a minimum percent of all units to extremely low, very-low, or low income households

Program PF 5.1.4.2

Update sewer district guidelines and City Municipal Code to prohibit reduction of impact fees for commercial development projects proposed for locations not connected to existing sewer system

GOAL PF 6

A sustainable supply of high quality water, delivered through an efficient and safe system to support the City's existing and future population.

Objective PF 6.1

Work with water providers for adequate water facilities and infrastructure to meet demand

Policy PF 6.1.1

The City would condition approval of new development projects on the availability of adequate supply of water to serve the new development.

Program PF 6.1.1.1

Work with water providers to expand water treatment and conveyance infrastructure to meet City needs and population growth.

Program PF 6.1.1.2

Work with water providers to institute annual infrastructure reviews and updates as they relate to regional county water regulation and needs.

Policy PF 6.1.2

The City would follow a strategy to prioritize water infrastructure expansion and maintenance in collaboration with water providers.

Program PF 6.1.2.1

Work with water providers to develop a Capital Improvement Plan to identify capital improvement needs and identify funding sources.

Program PF 6.1.2.2

Work with water providers to determine priority areas for infrastructure provision and determine financial feasibility. Incorporate these findings into the Capital Improvement Plan.

GOAL PF 7

A comprehensive and functioning storm water management system that protects people, property, water quality and natural aquifers

Objective PF 7.1

Storm water management and infrastructure to adequately meet community and environmental needs

Policy PF 7.1.1

Follow the Lake County Clean Water Program and the Westside Sacramento Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

Program PF 7.1.1.1

City staff shall coordinate with regional governments to maintain an updated Lake County Clean Water Program.

Policy PF 7.1.2

The City shall ensure maintenance of the quality of environmental resources.

Program PF 7.1.2.1

Create a development fee program to insure that storm water drainage fees are equitable and adequate to pay for needed infrastructure.

Policy PF 7.1.3

New development proposals shall be reviewed based on impact to storm water infrastructure capacity and impact on environmental quality

Program PF 7.1.3.1

Develop a Low Impact Development (LID) program which outlines approved on-site storm water runoff mitigation measures

Program PF 7.1.3.2

Programs that include Low Impact Development (L.I.D.) and other storm water management programs geared toward protecting environmental quality shall be considered for streamlined approval.

Objective PF 7.2

Properties located in the flood zone are protected

Policy PF 7.2.1

City shall comply with state and federal laws regarding development in the 100-year flood zone

Program PF 7.2.1.1

Work with local and state agencies in order to determine infrastructure needs to prevent floodwaters from entering the City.

Program PF 7.2.1.2

Maintain the infrastructure necessary to protect properties located in the flood zone.

Policy PF 7.2.2

New development shall not increase flood impacts on adjacent properties in either the upstream or the downstream direction.

Program PF 7.2.2.1

Encourage use of LID mitigation measures for new development

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