



Planning Commission

Staff Report

March 10, 2021

2020 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

The County adopted its current General Plan in December of 2013 after extensive preparation, workshops, stakeholder interviews, and focus group meetings. The resulting Plan consists of 11 elements, and meets the criteria set forth by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

The County is required to prepare an annual report on the progress of implementing the County's General Plan, as well as progress meeting regional housing needs. The report is required by Government Code 65400(B), and serves to update the Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and the State Department of Housing and Community Development. This report must be reviewed and accepted by the legislative body of the County, that being the Board of Supervisors, and sent on to the aforementioned departments at the State.

The report generally describes significant planning activity with respect to the County's General Plan and its implementation measures. Most notably, the report provides an update regarding housing production in the County during the reporting year to maintain compliance with the General Plan Housing Element. The housing element was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on July 12, 2016, and the County is currently in compliance with State housing requirements. Details of the various housing-related implementation programs are provided in the tables attached to the annual report. As a result of limited development demand in unincorporated Merced County, limited development of housing occurred in this reporting year. Please note, however, that County staff are currently working with developers on private projects that are anticipated to support Housing Element goals in the coming years. County Staff from the office of the CEO, Public Health, and Community and Economic Development are also working with local cities, developers, and property owners to target available grant funding opportunities available through several State programs.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: ALL

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- 1) Recommend the Board of Supervisors accept the General Plan Annual Progress Report and direct staff to forward a copy of the report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

EXHIBITS:

- A. General Plan Annual Progress Report - 2020