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Summary of Council Motions on Natural Environment and Safety Elements

Motion 1

1. Adopt the existing Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement for the Natural Environment Element
2. Remove the last sentence of the Vision Statement, "the City will be well prepared for natural disasters and will grow and change in a way that minimizes public exposure to hazards like fire, flood and earthquake."
3. With Staff to add language to the Vision Statement based upon Council Member comments on April 27, 2015, add bullet point 4, 'add language to maintain sustainable water supply for the future.'
4. And bullet point 5, 'add language on climate change adaption and implementation.'

Motion 2

1. Adopt the existing Goals and organization in the Natural Environment Element with the addition of a Goal of Climate Change and Climate Adaption, moving Goals on Natural Hazards (Goal N-2) and Hazardous Waste (Goal N-6) and Solid Waste (Goal N-7) to the Safety Element. Council will send to the Comprehensive Plan Update Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) either a Policy or Program following the approval of the 2016 Urban Water Management Plan on Goal N-4 (Water Resources).
2. And add language to Goal N-1 (Open Space) that includes Protects and Conserves Palo Alto Open Space, Natural and Urban Habits and protects our Ecosystems and Natural Resources.
3. Add reclaimed and recycled water to Goal N-4 (Water Resources).
4. And Direct the CAC to explore Policies and Programs relating to airplane noise, reclaimed and recycled water, and salvage.
5. Add to Goal N-10 (Natural Hazards), a Policy N-52A, Support Regional Efforts on Improving Bay Levees. In the safety Element to include references to other Elements as appropriate.
6. Add "the Safety Element should reflect protection and respect for civil rights, civil liberties, and privacy." Add "emphasize a safe and secure water supply."
7. Add "safety from dangerous climate impacts, such as, but not limited to sea level rise and fire risk."
8. Add "the Safety Element will include emergency preparation and coordination with citizens."
9. Add "protection from outside threat or terrorism"
10. Replace sentence 3 of the Vision Statement with "the competing needs of residents and businesses will be prioritized so that neighborhoods are protected from traffic impacts, parking intrusion, noise, and pollution, while business districts are competitive and attractive.