

Comments on safety element september 27, 2016

General Comments

1. Not cohesive
2. some of policies don't fit - policy #2 on solid waste
3. omissions

A vision was included in packet. The one from the CAC meeting in the previous packet, was about the Natural ENvironment, The comments Nathan Rainey made on vision are good. What other text will be added as intro to the element?

Re-order element: Community Safety and Emergency Mgmt should be first

some potential additions

- 1) develop/implement a public safety 24/7 wifi network
- 2) develop a secondary power supply - an alternative electrical power source
- 3) expand use of solar with battery backup starting with essential facilities
- 4) incentivize residents to install solar with battery backup
- 5) develop some programs on workplace violence/hostage
- 6) develop a policy on cyber security
- 7) program to encourage residents to store water for 72 hours

other notes on modifying wording

- 1) public safety building: build public safety building w/o cost over runs
- 2) program s3.3.1 change continue to "participate"
- 3) s3.3.2 change continue to "collaborate/strengthen"
- 4) public awareness and safety s4.4.1 change initiate to "expand"
- 5) s4.3.2 change continue to "work with PAUSD...."
- 6) s4.8.5 out of place and 2 different ideas

NATURAL

Earthquake Earthquakes can cause injuries and death from falling debris, broken glass. They can trigger landslides, spark fires, and release toxic chemicals.

To mitigate potential damages from a major event, the City strictly enforces building codes and provides incentives for seismic retrofits. Palo Alto has also completed seismic improvements to facilities and critical infrastructure.

- What you can do:
- Build a kit and make a plan to prepare for an earthquake.
- In the event of an earthquake, put your plan into action and stay informed.
- Earthquake Utilities Insert
- USGS Earthquake Outlook for the SF Bay Area Region 2014-2043
- Earthquake Home Hazard Hunt
- Putting Down Roots in Earthquake Country
- Promises of Preparedness Followed Devastating Earthquakes. And Yet. NY TIMES
- Repair of Earthquake-Damaged Masonry Fireplace Chimneys
- Earthquake Strengthening of Cripple Walls in Wood-Frame Dwellings

Flood / Severe Winter Storm Severe winter storms can cause flooding. Flooding can contaminate potable water, wastewater and irrigation systems, negatively affect quality of the water supply and result in water and food borne diseases.

Palo Alto works with the Santa Clara Valley Water District and other entities to improve and maintain storm drain systems to improve runoff capacity, and to plan for future flooding threats from rising sea levels, severe storms, etc.

What you can do:

- When storms are in the forecast, keep gutters and storm drains clear of debris, check supplies and stay informed.
- The City of Palo Alto offers Winter Storm Preparedness Tips on our website.
- Winter Storm Preparedness Flyer

TECHNOLOGICAL

Airplane Accident The Palo Alto Airport and the City lies in the flight path of two international airports: San Jose and San Francisco. Aviation accidents can originate from mechanical difficulties, pilot error or acts of terrorism, and can occur mid-air, on land or over water. The City's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) outlines a response plan to airplane incidents.

What you can do:

- In case of an accident, stay informed and follow instructions.

Hazardous Waste / Materials Spill Hazards can occur during production, storage, transportation, use or disposal of hazardous materials. Hazardous materials can cause death, serious injury, long-lasting health effects, and damage to the environment, homes and other property. Hazardous materials include explosives, gases, flammable liquids, poisons, and radioactive and corrosive materials.

Facilities that store hazardous materials are reported to local and federal governments. Security measures at these facilities can be heightened. Many of these facilities have their own emergency response plans. The City's EOP indicates actions to respond to an incident, and the Fire Department administers the County's hazardous materials emergency planning program. The City inspects and issues annual permits to businesses that necessitate monitoring and inspection.

What you can do:

- Use the City's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Station to safely dispose of HHW.
- Reduce the use of toxic products in your home and yard, and always follow instructions for their use carefully.
- Report hazardous conditions to the Palo Alto Communications non-emergency line 650-329-2413.
- In the event of a major incident in the City, stay informed and follow instructions.

Urban Fire

Wildland within City limits as well as densely populated homes and business areas are at risk in the event of an uncontrolled major event.

In the event of a major urban fire, auto-aid and mutual-aid agreements with Cal Fire will be utilized. The City strives to reduce risk through rapid response, fire code enforcement, public education, and preparation.

What you can do:

- Maintain defensible space around your home and business.
- Report hazardous and high-risk conditions to the Palo Alto Communications non-emergency line 650-329-2413.
- Prepare a plan and an evacuation kit. Stay informed.
- Foothills Fire Management Plan
- Fire Department Safety Tips

HUMAN-CAUSED

Major Crime A major crime is described a major criminal incident (shooting, homicide, kidnapping) including multiple suspects or multiple victims with an ongoing threat to the community.

The Palo Alto Police Department added personnel in 2013, likely to have deterrent effects. The City participates in mutual aid and regional organizations to share information, capabilities and resources to prevent major crimes.

What you can do:

- Minor crimes such as petty theft or burglary gone wrong can escalate quickly into a major crime.
- Reduce temptation for theft or burglary by putting valuables out of sight and keeping doors and windows locked.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Report suspicious activity.
- PAPD Personal Safety Brochure

Cyber Attack Cyber terrorists can infiltrate institutions such as banking, medical, educational, governmental, military, and communication and infrastructure systems. Trends in malicious cyber activity have been focused stealing personal information.

Palo Alto has antivirus protection for all desktop and laptop computers, malware protection systems for web and email systems, and a firewall for the IT network. Access to the City's IT network is limited and controlled to prevent unauthorized access. An Energy Assurance Plan has been develop to minimize energy interruptions during emergencies.

What you can do:

- Utilize firewalls, antivirus and malware protection.
- Secure your systems with password protection and use challenging passwords.
- Be aware. Review account statements for unauthorized activity. Do not click on links and files in emails unless you are sure they are safe from someone you trust.
- Though it may be embarrassing, report problems immediately.
- Report suspicious activity in your workplace, and threats from disgruntled coworkers.

Hostage / Assassin A hostage situation includes a person or group of people seized or held as security for the fulfillment of a condition. An assassin is a person who murders an important person for political or religious reasons. Targets are usually high-profile figures and dignitaries, but wealthy Silicon Valley executives could be potential targets.

The City's SWAT Team and Crisis Negotiation Team are trained to contain these situations. Multijurisdictional intelligence sharing and enhanced coordination between jurisdictions occur during high-profile dignitary visits to the area, and monthly intelligence sharing meetings are hosted by OES to reinforce this on a regular basis.

What you can do:

- Be aware during visits from high-profile dignitaries and public figures.
- In case of an incident, stay out of the area, stay informed and follow instructions.

Sabotage / Theft Sabotage is a deliberate action aimed at weakening another entity through destruction or obstruction. The result of sabotage could be the destruction or damage of a vital facility.

The type of incident will dictate the City's response to the act of sabotage. Anticipating the various types of sabotage, responses are addressed in City's Terrorism Response Plan, the EOP, and various other coordinated efforts.

What you can do:

- Be aware. Report suspicious activity or threatening comments, including those you encounter in social media.
- In case of an emergency, stay informed and follow instructions.
- Crime Prevention Basics Brochure

Workplace Violence Violence or the threat of violence in a workplace situation could include physical violence, harassment, intimidation or other threatening behavior. It can occur at or outside the workplace, including locations such as churches, malls, office buildings, etc. and may be one person acting alone.

Many companies have established workplace violence prevention programs and trainings to help identify and mitigate it. Security, lighting, alarms and surveillance measures may help minimize access from outsiders.

What you can do:

- Be aware. Report suspicious activity or threatening comments, including those you encounter in social media.
- Park in well-lit areas and do not expose cash or other valuables.
- In case of an emergency, stay informed and follow instructions.
- Run Hide Fight Active Shooter Video

Safety and Sustainability Considerations for Basement Construction

Basements can have many impacts, both during and after construction. Here, I will try to summarize some of the safety and some sustainability issues of basements that you might have heard of before.

The two main issues with safety as regards to basements are personal and community safety. It is only very recently that it has been recognized that groundwater levels will rise in proportion to sea level rise. To adapt to this consequence of climate change, the USGS recommends avoiding building underground where the current groundwater level is less than 4m (13 feet) as with groundwater level rise these underground structures are expected to flood.

Underground construction diminishes the amount of soil available to retain storm water and changes the paths of below ground water flows. This increases the chance of street flooding. The larger the basements and the greater the number of basements, the greater this effect. When we think of underground development, we should consider both, **single site and cumulative impacts**.

There are other safety issues to consider: concurrent dewatering on properties within 500 Ft. of each other is likely to have a greater effect (cracks on slabs and foundations, cracked windows, dying trees, etc.) on neighboring properties than a single site dewatering and should not be allowed.

Another resident has made the point that in a power outage, toilet (and sump) up flow pumps will not work, potentially leading to "raw sewage in flood water".

With regard to sustainability, dewatering, which is the practice of pumping out groundwater for construction in areas with a high water table is not sustainable. So far this year Palo Alto has managed to use less than 2% of the water that is pumped during dewatering. The rest of this water flows via the storm drain system to the Bay where it contributes to sea level rise.

Additionally, underground construction contributes more than above ground construction to greenhouse gases and thus to climate change because of its energy intensive demands and all the concrete and steel involved in making sure that the structure is safe. Post-construction, basements that are more than 1 story deep rely on mechanical ventilation, artificial lighting and, likely, pumping of groundwater and/or sewer water thus significantly increasing the energy demands of the

building. For sustainable design and minimizing operational energy use, basements should be limited to 1 story.

I have no first-hand experience of the building industry. These are some best practices other cities are following or considering.

Thank you for your attention,

Esther Nigenda

9/27/2016

From: [Lee, Elena](#)
To: [Gitelman, Hillary](#); [Costello, Elaine](#); [Joanna Jansen](#); [Moitra, Chitra](#)
Subject: FW: CAC comments and Staff's report sent to the City Council
Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 10:49:48 AM

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Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 9:10 AM
To: Lee, Elena
Cc: Council, City
Subject: CAC comments and Staff's report sent to the City Council

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Please reflect these statements in your report to the City Council. Please call or email me if you have any questions regarding my comments.

Thank you.

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CAC Safety Element Subcommittee Meeting 1 Comments

Hamilton Hitchings, Sept 27, 2016

Vision

- How we create a **resilient** city

Organization

- Move Goal S-2 Solid Waste to the natural environment element.
- Possible move water quality to natural environment element?
- Re-order goals so Community Safety and Emergency Management comes first, followed by fire, then earthquake and flood then water safety and hazardous materials last

Sustainability and Public Safety

Houses with solar and a backup battery can operate when the electric grid is down, which makes our city more resilient in addition to reducing GHG. Add a program to offer rebates for the backup battery and associated costs so houses can run “off-grid” when power is down.

Earthquake

Programs under Policy S3.5 need to be revised based on the findings of earthquake committee’s current work in progress. Rather than prescriptive incentives and building code changes we should put a program into use their findings to create zoning.

Program to create Silicon Valley Network - a public safety wifi network available to city employees and Emergency Services Volunteers to report incidents that can operate after a major earthquake, loss of electrical grid and telecommunications network. Described here: <http://www.jointventure.org/news-and-media/news-releases/59-joint-venture-silicon-valley-network-announces-test-cities-for-wireless-silicon-valley-initiative>

Program S3.7 Investigate a plan to ensure a significant portion of fire, police and medical first responders shifts will be fully staffed for 72 hours following a major earthquake.

Flood

S3.8.4 ... (add) including replacing the Newel Street Bridge and supporting the JPA’s replacement of the Chaucer Street Bridge.

Fire

Program S3.16 Upgrade fire stations so they will function properly after a major earthquake as per the Infrastructure Blue Ribbon Committee recommendations

Community Safety

Program S4.4.2 ~~Plan~~ **Complete** a new public safety facilities **on schedule and budget** to adequately meet the Police Department’s requirement to maintain operations securely even during a natural disaster.

Program S4.7: Require all on-duty city police to wear working body cameras and have their recordings preserved and available to both the prosecution and defense for court cases.

Program: Enhance police training for growing law enforcement challenges including small and large scale human threats. Also, provide police training in non-lethal response to dangerous suspects resisting arrest.

Cyber Security

Add a policy and program on ensure a high-level of city computer systems security including city utilities and records.

CalTrain Safety

Need a program and policy to reduce loss of life both accidental and from suicide

Safety Element

Community Safety and Emergency Management

- General Safety Measures
- Emergency Management
- Man-made Threats (including civil rights and privacy, terrorism, safe water supply, crime)
- Critical Facilities (including Public Safety Building)

Natural Hazards (or Threats)

- Ground shaking
- Flood
- Fire
- Drought

Hazardous Materials

- Including household hazardous materials

Infrastructure

- Water Supply and Conservation (including graywater)
- Wastewater Treatment and Recycled Water
- Storm Water Management
- Solid Waste and Recycling (including electronics recycling)
- Telecommunications (including digital/ Connected City)

Energy (Electric & Gas)

Cyber Security

Climate Change and Climate Adaptation – Part of this element or not? Comment in the Land Use Draft says, *Ensure that future development addresses potential risks from climate change and sea level rise. [Note that the revised Safety Element will include a much more extensive discussion of this issue along with policies and programs to respond.] [NEW POLICY]*

Comment [RN1]: I would rearrange the goals so you don't lead with Haz Mat. There should be a more logical arrangement of the Sections starting broadly and migrating to more narrow sections.

I also hope there will be an expanded introduction section that could summarize hazards and the public safety organization of the City;

Comment [RN2]: If it were me, I would place all hazards together in a section "Threats and Hazards": this provides for Natural, Technological, and Intentional Hazards.

Comment [RN3]: This should be added to Infrastructure Section.

Comment [RN4]: No drought Goals, Policies, Programs listed specifically now; but agree that it is a hazard & possibly tied to Climate Change.

Comment [RN5]: I would only include bio/toxic hazmat; not solid waste – move solid waste to Natural Environment or move it to the Solid waste and recycling goal below. But I see that Council voted to move solid waste to Safety Element

Comment [RN6]: I would add Energy covering Gas and Electric here

Comment [RN7]: Add cyber as a goal, but again, I would put all hazards together in the context of THIRA. www.cityofpaloalto.org/thira

Comment [RN8]: Incorporated here or in Sustainability? Check Policy L 1.5

Counterbalance this page with two other documents. Which is correct? It seems the Att J is most correct.

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Attachment J to the Staff Report

CURRENT	PTC	COUNCIL	SUBCOMMITTEE A	SUBCOMMITTEE B	RECOMMENDATION
Natural Environment	Natural Environment	Natural Environment	Natural Environment		Natural Environment
Open Space	Open Space	Open Space	Open Space	Land:	Land:
Creeks and Riparian Areas	Creeks and Riparian Areas	Creeks and Riparian Areas	Creeks and Riparian Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foothills • Riparian • Bay • Urban/Forest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foothills Open Space • Bay Open Space • Creeks and Riparian Areas • Urban Forest
Urban Forest	Urban Forest	Urban Forest	Urban Forest and Understorey		
Water Resources (does not use subheadings but addresses these topics): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groundwater • Stormwater • Water supply 	Water Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add wastewater 	Water Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add Reclaimed and recycled water 	Water Resources	Water: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply • Wastewater • Groundwater (including contamination) • Surface water (flooding) • Sea level rise 	Water Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groundwater Quality • Surface Water Quality
Air Quality	Air Quality	Air Quality	Air Quality	Air <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other pollutants • GHGs 	Air Quality
Hazardous Waste					
Solid Waste			Solid Waste	Solids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal • Hazardous • Wastewater 	
Noise	Noise	Noise	Noise	Noise	Noise
Energy	Energy	Energy	Energy		
			Light Pollution		Light Pollution
Natural Hazards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Safety Measures • Seismic • Flood • Fire • Emergency Management 					
	Safety Element	Safety Element	Safety Element		Safety Element
	Hazardous Waste	Hazardous Waste	Hazardous Materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add household hazardous materials 		Hazardous Materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add household hazardous materials
	Solid Waste	Solid Waste			Solid Waste
	Natural Hazards	Natural Hazards	Natural Hazards		Natural Hazards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seismic • Flood • Fire
	Community Safety and Emergency Management	Community Safety and Emergency Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add Civil rights and civil liberties • Add safe water supply • Add emergency preparation • Add terrorism 	Community Safety and Emergency Management		Community Safety and Emergency Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Safety Measures • Emergency Management • Civil rights • Terrorism
	Climate Change and Climate Adaptation	Climate Change and Climate Adaptation	Climate Change and Climate Adaptation		Climate Change and Climate Adaptation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GHGs • Sea level rise • Ecological resilience
					Energy
					Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Supply and Conservation (including water supply safety) • Wastewater Treatment Recycled Water • Storm Water • Solid Waste

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Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 4:29 PM
To: Moitra, Chitra; Lee, Elena
Cc: Dueker, Kenneth; Glanckopf, Annette; Rainey, Nathaniel
Subject: Re: Comp Plan Update Natural Resources Element feedback needed

Elena and Chitra,

Attached our my comments for in-place handouts for the first subcommittee meeting of the Safety Element.

The community and Depart of Emergency Services have a history of working closely together and as a city we're very fortunate to have dedicated expert staff working to make our city more resilient. Please make sure Nathan gets the same packets going to the sub-committee members. Ideally Nathan Rainey should be invited to the subcommittee meetings just in case he thinks it would be beneficial to attend.

Hamilton

On Monday, September 26, 2016 3:39 PM, "Rainey, Nathaniel" <Nathaniel.Rainey@CityofPaloAlto.org> wrote:

Chitra, Elena, I've included my comments based on your request. I think it's really important to understand and to have the appropriate staff members included in full on the Safety element developments (I believe below you incorrectly referred to it as "fire section").

I was provided some of the draft documentation by CAC members, without which, I would have been spinning my wheels looking at the older draft documents in the links below versus the staff package the CAC will be reviewing tomorrow.

In general, it is apparent that information has been pieced and parceled together from different planning sessions – spending some time to get the Sections and Goals properly placed is important. And then once that is done, reviewing each Policy and Program to ensure it is aligned in the appropriate Goal. Currently, this isn't the case. In reviewing the CAC documents I found three different documents that outlined the contents of the Safety Element – all three were different.

Draft Safety Element – PTC Document

I have a number of comments about the current draft document concerning the Policies and Programs there, but it may be too early to provide these, based on the changes that are likely to occur once the organization is firmly established. I would like to sit down with you to work through these when the time is right.

I also see that there isn't a Vision statement drafted for the safety element, nor any introduction similar to other elements. I suppose the vision can always be done once

the element is closer to being finalized, but I believe that starting with the end in mind will greatly aid what is covered in the Safety element and the policies and programs included.

I am also sharing this information with Ms. Annette Glanckopf and Mr. Hamilton Hitchings for their consideration.

Vision Statement – Could go something like this, but I encourage heavy edits.

We seek for Palo Alto to be the safest city across America in which to live and work. We also believe Palo Alto should be a highly resilient community – able to bounce back quickly when emergencies and disasters occur. The Safety Element provides the policy framework to support the City’s mitigation, emergency preparedness, response, and recovery efforts for the exposure to our community threats and hazards. We will also balance the safety of our community with the protection and respect for civil rights, civil liberties, and privacy.

Safety Element will complement and support the other Comprehensive Plan elements; integrating safety considerations into the policy framework will ensure a safer, more sustainable, and resilient community (Housing, Land Use and Design, Natural Environment, Sustainability, Transportation)

This safety element considers risks, hazards, and threats broadly, from dangerous climate impacts, such as but not limited to, sea level rise and fire risk, to maintaining a safe and secure water supply, and the protection from outside threats and small and large scale human threats.

Resiliency can only be achieved through a partnership with the whole community that begins with the emergency preparation and coordination with our citizens, but must also extend throughout our public and private partnerships to make resiliency pervasive in our planning.

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Cc: Lee, Elena; Costello, Elaine

Subject: FW: Comp Plan Update Natural Resources Element feedback needed

Hi James and Nathan

I am following up with Elena's request on your feedback on the Natural Environment Element on the whole with special emphasis on the fire section. We have started working on this element with our CAC subcommittee now and your feedback would be very timely.

Please take a look at the documents (links provided below) and let us know if you see issues with the existing policies and programs and/or if there is any updated information or new information that you think should be added.

Please contact me if you have any questions and again thank you for your time.

Chitra

From: Lee, Elena

Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2016 1:13 PM

To: Swaminathan, Shiva; Dailey, Karla; O'Kane, Kristen; Anderson, Daren; North, Karin; Krupp, Matthew; Struve, Kirsten; Arp, Ron; Rainey, Nathaniel; Henrikson, James; Wadleigh, James; Swanson, Andrew; Friend, Gil; Passmore, Walter; Jeremias, Michel

Cc: Costello, Elaine

Subject: Comp Plan Update Natural Resources Element feedback needed

Dear all,

As you know Planning has been working on updating the Comp Plan. Many of you participated with the PTC's work on the Comp Plan Update and on the Existing Conditions Report. You have been identified as (or you requested to be) the department representative to coordinate with Planning staff on the revision of this specific element as it has implications for all of your departments.

We would like to get your input on policy and programs as we prepare to start the revision process with the Citizen Advisory Committee in September. Please review the existing element and the PTC version of the element. The links are provided below. The biggest change for this element for this update cycle is that Safety is being removed from this element and placed into its own separate element. The Natural Resources Element covers open space, creeks, the urban forest, water, hazardous materials, air quality solid waste, noise, energy and natural hazards. Per the Council motion, natural hazards, hazardous waste, and solid waste will be moved to the new Safety Element. There are cross connections between the two elements and some topics may be discussed in both of these elements.

Current Adopted Natural Resources Element 1998-

2010: http://docs.paloaltocompplan.org/files/file/Documents/5_NaturalEnvironment.pdf

PTC Recommended Vision Statement, Goals, Policies & Programs (April 2014) (pg 131): http://docs.paloaltocompplan.org/files/file/Documents/PTC%20Recommended%20Revisions%20to%20the%20Comp%20Plan%202014_sm.pdf

For more background information, you can also refer to the Comp Plan Update EIR, which is accessible on the project website www.paloaltocompplan.org/eir/ .

The City Council approved the following changes to the goals for this element. The original goals can be reviewed in the document that can be accessed via the first link above:

Dec 14, 2015

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.

Please take a look at these documents and let us know if you see issues with the policies and programs and/or if there is any updated information or new information that you think should be added. We hope to provide this info to the CAC at the end of August. Please provide your feedback by **Monday, August 22 end of day**. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

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