



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY ELEMENTS

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DATE: Tuesday, November 15, 2016
TO: Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)
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TITLE: CAC –Natural Environment Element and Safety Element Discussion

What to Expect at the Meeting

This meeting will be the third CAC discussion of the Draft Natural Environment Element, focusing on the first four goals of that element (N-1: Open Space, N-2: Creeks and Riparian Areas, N-3: Urban Forest and Understory, and N-4: Water Resources), and the second CAC discussion of the full Safety Element. We will have approximately 1.25 hours for the Natural Environment Element discussion and 1.25 hours for the Safety Element. The background and outstanding issues for each Element are described separately, below.

The meeting will begin with a public comment period, followed by CAC discussion of the above four goals of the Natural Environment Element, in order to review changes to date and discuss issues highlighted at the November 1st Natural Environment subcommittee meeting. The CAC will then discuss the content and key issues of the Safety Element, based on input from the November 3rd Safety subcommittee meeting.

City staff from a range of departments have been asked to review both the Natural Environment and the Safety Elements, and staff experts attended subcommittee meetings to offer input. Staff experts will continue to be involved in the review of and revisions to the policies and programs in both Elements throughout CAC and City Council review.

Natural Environment Element

To date, the CAC has had two meetings to discuss the Natural Environment Element, and the Natural Environment subcommittee has met three times.

The Natural Environment subcommittee met first on August 30th to discuss the overall organization of the element. A draft element reflecting this input was then presented to the CAC at the September 20th meeting, at which the CAC reviewed and discussed its overall organization and some goals. On October 5th, the subcommittee met again to discuss Goals N-5 through N-8 (Air Quality, Noise, Energy, and Climate Change & Adaptation) in detail. The CAC then discussed those goals on October 18th. On November 1st, the subcommittee reconvened to discuss Goals N-1 through N-4, which have been revised accordingly and will be presented to the CAC on November 15th.

This staff report and the attached policy framework covers those Goals N-1 through N-4 only.

Update from the Natural Environment Subcommittee

As noted, the Natural Environment subcommittee met for the third time on November 1st to allow for a more in-depth discussion of:

- Goal N-1: Open Space
- Goal N-2: Creeks and Riparian Areas
- Goal N-3: Urban Forest and Understory
- Goal N-4: Water Resources

This meeting was attended by the following guest experts, who provided background information and policy input to the subcommittee:

- Walter Passmore, Urban Forester, City of Palo Alto
- Gil Friend, Chief Sustainability Officer, City of Palo Alto
- Daren Anderson, Division Manager, City of Palo Alto Open Space, Parks & Golf

Outcomes of these discussions are summarized below. The attached four goals of the Draft Natural Environment Element have been revised to reflect the input received at the November 1st subcommittee meeting, as described below.

Natural Environment Element Policy Framework Changes

Since the CAC's initial review on September 20, the policies in the attached framework have been re-organized based on subcommittee and CAC input and the policies and programs have been renumbered to match the updated Comp Plan format of other Elements.

Tracked changes in the attached policy framework illustrate insertions and deletions from the existing Natural Environment Element based on PTC revisions, City staff input, EIR mitigation measures, S/CAP strategies, and subcommittee input. When individual policies and programs have been moved to other Elements, those are shown as deletions and noted in comment bubbles. (Those entire goals that have been moved to the Safety Element are not shown in strikethrough.)

Vision and Introduction

The concepts of connectivity and public health have been strengthened in these paragraphs.

Goal N-1: Open Space

The following changes to this Goal reflect the largely consensual recommendation by the subcommittee to develop policies and programs that approach the City's open spaces as elements of an interconnected natural corridor; a system of resources.

Many of the changes below reinforce this approach.

- The wording of Goal N-1 was edited to reinforce that the City's open spaces comprise a connected system to be preserved and protected, in response to the desire for increased emphasis on connectivity.
- Similarly, a clause was inserted into Policy N1.1 to stress that preserving open space requires "respecting the role that natural and landscaped areas within the urbanized part of the City play in a resilient, *interconnected* ecological continuum."
- In Program N1.1.2, domestic, as well as wild, animals are now prohibited from feeding in open space areas.
- Program N1.1.3 was strengthened by stressing "...*natural* ecosystem protection..." and "...*environmental* education programs...."
- New Policy N1.2 calls for maintaining a network of parks of urban forests that benefits residents of all areas of the City.
- In Policy N1.5, management of open spaces was better defined as that which enhances habitat and reinforces natural corridors.
- In Policy N1.6, what constitutes "special-status species" was better defined as those listed by State and federal agencies and recognized organizations. Two new programs were added to strengthen the City's approach to special status species protection:
 - Program N1.6.1 calls for regularly updating the list of special status species in Palo Alto in accordance with the California Natural Diversity Database.
 - Program N1.6.2 calls for explore the feasibility of expanding the use of the Site and Design (D) Review Combining District or similar development review and restriction tools to protect species and habitats from development.
- Policy N1.8 was also updated to stress the value of approaching individual opens spaces as part of "a larger, interconnected wildlife corridor."
- New Policy N1.9 was added, to ensure that, like the Baylands, foothill areas are also preserved as "interconnected wildlife corridors."
- New Program N1.10.2 was added to improve the City's ability to expand its open spaces. It calls for exploring the creation of a "mechanism to monitor, assess and respond quickly to land acquisition opportunities," that would be devoted to potential new parks and open space.

- In Policy N1.13, from which specific foothills development criteria was removed due its location in the zoning ordinance, a clause calling for all development to “visually blend in with its surroundings and minimize impacts to the natural environment” was inserted.

Goal 6: Creeks and Riparian Corridors

The subcommittee contributed valuable input regarding the overall organization of policies in this Goal. In response, considerable changes to the Goal have been made. Most notably, policies have been restructured and amended so that natural streams and urban/channelized creeks are approached differently, recognizing the different potential for restoration, habitat, recreation, and connectivity that is unique to each. This reflected in the following changes:

- New Policy N2.1 has been added to the top of the Goal. It calls for recognizing “that both the natural streams segments and channelized urban creeks segments of Palo Alto’s riparian corridors are valuable resources that demand different conservation and enhancement strategies.”

Following Policy N2.1, each of the policies & programs related to the City’s natural riparian corridors are grouped together, followed by each of those related to channelized/urban creeks and streams.

Beginning with natural riparian corridors:

- New Policy N2.2 was added to highlight the value of protecting natural riparian corridors from all types of built development and to preserve their value as connective corridors.
- Program N2.2.1 calls for regular updates to the Stream Corridor Protection Ordinance. These objectives reflect subcommittee recommendations, and include, but are not limited to:
 - Establishing appropriate riparian corridor setbacks.
 - Limiting recreational trails to one side of natural creeks.
 - Limiting the use of lighting.
 - Limiting the use of mulch to minimize impacts to ground nesting species.
- Previous Policy N-12 was revised into Policy N2.3, in order to target natural streams and highlight their unique role as connected habitats.
- Program N2.3.1 was added to further support natural streams with the development of a community creek stewardship program.
- Previous Policy N-12, now Policy N2.4; and previous Policy N-13, now Policy N2.5, were also revised to target natural creek corridors with healthy vegetation, grading and drainage planning.
- Similarly, the word “natural” was inserted into previous Policy N-9, so that New Policy N2.6 now specifically protects natural creeks from unnecessary fencing, piping and channelization.
- Policy N2.7, previous Policy N-7, was enhanced so that setback requirements around natural creeks are consistent with the regularly amended Stream Corridor Protection Ordinance (as called for in Program N2.2.1).

- Policy N2.8, previous Policy N-10, was also revised to target natural creeks with compatible, low impact recreation and flood control. The list of inter-agency cooperation was also expanded beyond the Santa Clara Valley Water District.
- Previous Program N-9, now Program N2.8.1, was updated to better establish the goals of cooperating with San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority.

Following Program N2.8.1, policies and programs of Goal 6 shift to those developed in response to the unique characteristics of urban and/or channelized creeks and streams. Again, this reflects the subcommittee’s recommendation to establish different approaches to these equally valuable, but different, resources.

- New Policy 2.9 calls for working with relevant government and non-governmental agencies to “prevent further urbanization, restore the natural conditions of urban riparian corridors where possible, and allow public access to increase connectivity, recognizing that channelized creeks may serve multiple functions as storm drain and flood control facilities, potential habitat areas, and elements of community design.”
- Policy 2.9 is accompanied by three programs, two of which are adaptations of existing programs, and one new program. Program N2.9.1 is a revision of Previous program N-11; it now calls for the development of a restoration and enhancement improvement program targeting “urban and channelized creeks” specifically. Similarly, Previous Program N-10, now Program N2.9.2, has been revised to target “the maintenance of urban creek channels,” and now acknowledges that full riparian habitat surrounding such channels cannot be assumed.
- New Program N2.9.3, which encourages the restoration of privately-owned creek banks, has been moved here.

Goal N-7: Urban Forest and Understory

Many of the changes to Goal N-7 listed below represent a desire, expressed by both subcommittee members and City staff experts to approach the urban forest as integrated system with far-reaching benefits, including public health and climate change-related. Other changes seek to ensure that the City’s Urban Forest Master Plan becomes the policy reference for decisions regarding the City’s trees. Finally, some policies, although unchanged, have been reordered for better internal flow.

- In Goal N-3, quotation marks were removed from the phrase Urban Forest, and *Public Health* was added to the list of benefits provided.
- Policy N3.2 was reworded to identify why the urban forest is vital to a larger green infrastructure, as it contributes “public health, resiliency, habitat values, and an attractive visual character.”
- In Program N3.2.1 buildings were added to the list of infrastructural elements that can pose risks to trees and tree roots. This is in response to a specific subcommittee concern that basements that extend under sidewalks downtown should be ameliorated over time to provide more space for street trees to grow.

- Policy N3.3 was substantially reworked to enhance the ecological value and resilience of the urban forest by “increasing and diversifying native species in the public right-of-way, protecting the health of soils and understory vegetation, encouraging property owners to do the same, and discouraging the planting of invasive species.”
- Program N3.4.1, Previous Program N-19, has been updated so that preservation of the City’s canopy better reflects both the goals of the UFMP (canopy cover equity across the City) and the desire of the subcommittee (no net loss of canopy at the neighborhood level, with a focus on locally native, resilient species).
- In Program N3.4.3, “homeowners” has been changed to “property owners.”
- Previous Program N-17, calling for the maintenance and irrigation of trees in all public places, is now Program N3.5.1.
- New Program N3.5.5, calling for development of “a transparent and publicly accessible street tree removal and replacement schedule” was added.
- New Program N3.7.1, to increase “awareness, severity and enforcement of penalties for tree damage” was added.
- New Program N3.8.1 calls for updating the Tree and Landscape Technical Manual to provide specific criteria for determining what trees demand special protection.
- Previous Program N-20 was transformed to Policy N3.9, to “Coordinate City review, particularly by the Planning, Utilities, and Public Works Departments, of projects that might impact the urban forest.”
- Policy N3.10 was updated to acknowledge that existing maintenance agreements with other agencies influence the treatment of urban forests along some of the City’s main thoroughfares.
- Policy N3.11 is a new policy adapted from Previous Program N-16. It calls for the continued requirement to replace trees, including street trees lost to new development, recognizing the particular value of mature trees.
- Policy N3.12 was added to the goal. It highlights the unique value and numerous contributions of soil within urban and natural areas.

Goal 8: Water Resources

- “Prudently” was removed from the wording of Goal N-4
- In Program N4.1.1, work with regulatory agencies was expanded to implement, not only monitor, evolving opportunities for reducing water pollution.
- Program N4.1.4 was strengthened such that members of the design industry are not only educated on practices known to impact water quality, but monitoring and enforcement of such prohibited practices are increased.
- New Program N4.1.5 was added, calling for revisions to the City’s Tree and Landscape Technical Manual to include stronger requirements for least-toxic practices into the permitting process.
- New Program N4.1.6 was also added, to promote the value of toxin-free home and landscape management.

- Policy N4.5 was added to this goal. It calls to reduce the discharge of basement dewatering and other excavations into the Bay.
- Program N4.5.1 was paired with and adapted to Policy N4.5; it calls for exploring ways to monitor dewatering and charging a fee based on the total amount of water not recharged.
- Policy N4.6, calling for the utilization of rainwater on site the extent possible, has been moved to the final position in Goal 8.

Outstanding Natural Environment Issues to Address

The Natural Environment subcommittees discussed the key issues described below on November 1st; these issues may merit further discussion by the full CAC.

Goal N-1: Open Space

- **Natural Systems Map and Connectivity.** Subcommittee members suggested that an emphasis on connectivity needs to be added to the policies and programs under the Open Space goal. In addition, subcommittee members pointed out the Natural Systems map developed as part of the pending Parks, Trails, Natural Open Space and Recreation Master Plan, should be integrated into the Natural Environment Element. That map is included as Attachment C of this packet.
- **Additional Habitat Protection.** Subcommittee members recommended a program to implement an overlay zone or other tool to limit the impacts of new development on sensitive habitats. Rather than creating an entirely new tool, the Open Space Goal now includes a program to explore expanding the use of the City’s Site and Design Review Combining District (D) to serve this purpose. The D combining district is intended to *“assure that development will be harmonious with other uses in the general vicinity, compatible with environmental and ecological objectives, and consistent with the Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan or similar development review and restriction tools.”*

Goal N-2: Creeks and Riparian Corridors

- **Creek Setbacks.** Previous Program N-7 of the Comprehensive Plan recommended the adoption of a 100-foot setback from the top of creek banks that would prohibit buildings, structures, impervious surfaces, outdoor activity areas, or ornamental landscaping. This existing policy exempts single family property east of Highway 280 and existing development. Since the time of the last Comp Plan Update, the City’s Stream Protection Ordinance ([Link](#)) has been created and adopted to “preserve riparian resources, protect improvements from damage caused by potential stream flooding and bank erosion, and minimize storm water pollution.” The current ordinance is based on stakeholder input and applies to areas within 50 feet of the top of a stream bank and establishes requirements for construction, planting, lighting, and irrigation within the stream corridor. Specific setback requirements have been removed from Comp Plan policy in order to acknowledge that conditions along Palo Alto’s creeks vary dramatically between relatively natural upland reaches and completely channelized lower reaches where

existing development is immediately adjacent. However, some members of subcommittee believe that the 100-foot setback should be reinstated into the Comp Plan. In order to preserve some flexibility, this Goal currently includes a Program to amend the Stream Protection Ordinance regularly, via a stakeholder process, to ensure that a specific set of objectives, including adequate setback requirements that reflect the varying urban and natural creek conditions, are being met. This program includes specific requirements for limiting trails and lighting near natural creeks.

Goal N-3: Urban Forest and Understory

- **Canopy Protection.** Members of both the subcommittee and public organizations have expressed concern that previous objectives for tree canopy cover—established at a 50 percent increase in Previous Program N-19—were changed to achieving “tree canopy cover equity.” This change is based on research of the Urban Forest Master Plan, which found that canopy cover differs greatly between neighborhoods. The policy has also been revised to achieve “no net loss of canopy at the neighborhood level,” and highlight the vitality of “locally native, resilient species.”

Goal N-4: Water Resources

- **Architectural Copper.** Subcommittee members expressed the desire to retain prohibitions on architectural copper established in Comprehensive Plan policy. City staff verified that architectural copper has not been permitted since 2003. Per Municipal Code Section 16.09.160(b) 2 (b), “copper metal roofing, copper granule containing asphalt shingles and copper gutters shall not be permitted for use on any residential, commercial or industrial building for which a building permit is required.” Therefore, while no program specifically prohibits copper use, it is used as an example of prohibited design practices that demand increased enforcement in new Program N4.14.
- **Household poisons.** A discussion of specific household toxins led to a brainstorming session of strategies for reducing the impacts of many common toxins on Palo Alto’s water quality. Program N4.1.6, noted above, would promote the value of toxin-free home and landscape management, and educate residents about the impacts of toxins on water quality.

Safety Element

The CAC discussed the initial draft of the Safety Element policy framework at the October 18th meeting. At that meeting, the CAC expressed support for and agreement with the joint work of the Safety and Sustainability subcommittees and offered some suggestions for refinement. These suggestions were then presented to the Safety subcommittee on November 3rd. The revised draft policy framework attached to this document reflects changes made to the Safety Element policy framework at the

November 3rd Safety subcommittee meeting, as well as additional input from City staff experts received since October 18th.

Relevant City Plans, Studies, and Policy Documents

The policy direction and findings of a number of plans and studies, either adopted or underway, must be considered in developing a coordinated, effective Safety Element. Relevant documents include the City's ongoing Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, Emergency Operations Plan, Urban Water Management Plan, various infrastructure Master Plans, and the findings of the Infrastructure Blue Ribbon Commission. A list of these documents, with hyperlinks, is provided as Attachment I, below.

Update from the Safety and Sustainability Subcommittees

The Safety Subcommittee met on November 3rd (staff report http://www.paloaltocompplan.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Staff-Report_20160927.pdf) for their second review of the new Safety Element policy framework, reviewing changes that had been incorporated based on CAC input. Safety subcommittee members were joined by:

- Emergency Services Coordinator Nathan Rainey of the Office of Emergency Services (OES)
- IT Manager Darren Numoto of the Information Technology (IT) Department
- Lt. April Wagner, Personnel & Training Division Manager, Palo Alto Police Department (PAPD)
- Phil Bobel, Assistant Director of Public Works Department

All offered information on existing City efforts and regulations and collaborated on revisions to wording of specific policies and programs. Based on these discussions, subcommittee members recommended the policy and program additions reflected in the attached policy framework. These additions are presented goal-by-goal below.

Goal S-1: Community Safety

- Added a mention of disaster recovery to Policy S-1.1 and a new program on business continuity and disaster recovery (Program S1.1.5).
- Added food to Program S1.1.1 encouraging residents to store enough water for one week.
- Separated the program to implement and find the Emergency Services Volunteer program (S1.1.2) from a program to encourage residents and employees to participate in emergency drills and other activities (S1.1.3).
- Changed Program S1.4.1 from “develop” real-time crime mapping to “make data available” given that [CrimeReports.com \[link\]](#) currently provides crime mapping for Palo Alto based on Crime and Incident Report data from PAPD. (For more information, see [PAPD's webpage about CrimeReports.com. \[link\]](#)) In addition, PAPD provides regularly-updated information on their own website and Facebook page regarding local crimes.
- Removed the Palo Alto Library from Program S1.5.2 since this program focuses on collaborating with strategic partners outside of the City organization.

- Reworded Program S1.3 regarding collaboration with PAUSD on disaster preparedness.
- Developed a new policy on PAPD technologies for data gathering and recording. This policy has been expanded to cover other possible technologies beyond body-worn cameras, and addresses privacy, civil liberties, and transparency. It also reflects the fact that this is a rapidly-evolving area of case law and legislation. As noted in the October 18th CAC staff report, PAPD is currently in the process of formulating a policy on body-worn cameras and implementing body-worn cameras for patrol staff.
- A CAC member suggested adding a policy to address bullying; this topic is addressed in the Community Services Element. Program C1.18.2 is to “Develop programs and activities for teens that strengthen leadership skills, encourage a culture of community service, inclusiveness, tolerance and acceptance of others.”
- Policy S1.8 and Program S1.8.1 regarding preparation for and response to terrorist attacks was moved to Goal S-1, Community Safety, based on feedback from OES staff.

Goal S-2: Natural Hazards

- Under the Earthquakes and Geologic Hazards section, a CAC member proposed a new program to inform residents and business owners of the potential benefits of traditional land-line telephones for communications redundancy in the event of an earthquake. However, subcommittee members recommended that this program not be included as too detailed, and City staff from OES and the IT Department indicated that even land lines are networked into digital systems by the service provider, and so landlines may not actually provide an additional level of redundancy. Therefore, this program is proposed for deletion.
- The PTC suggested deleting Previous Program N-70 to allow transfer of development rights in support of seismic upgrading. This program is replaced with new Program S2.5.2 to study the possibility of a sunset date for the seismic TDR program. The subcommittee discussed potential revisions to this program but ultimately left the wording as is since the TDR program is being reconsidered through other City efforts, including the work of the Seismic Risk Management Advisory Group.
- A new policy and program regarding residential basements and flood risk were added.
 - Policy S2.8 to prevent new habitable residential basements in single-family neighborhoods the flood hazard zone, and
 - Program S2.8.1 to update these basement restrictions as flood zones change over time.
- In addition, Program S2.8.2 is to *“Study appropriate restrictions on underground construction in areas in which the current groundwater level is 14 feet or less to accommodate expected higher groundwater levels due to sea level rise and minimize consequent flooding of underground construction.”*
- A CAC member suggested adding requirements about ingress and egress of basements in floods or other emergencies; adequate emergency access is already required by City regulations and the State building code, so this policy was not added.
- A CAC member proposed a new program: *“To minimize floods in areas with high groundwater levels, avoid removal of water retaining soils due to underground construction.”* However, this

program was not added as it could be interpreted as prohibiting any type of excavation, including for underground parking, affordable/senior housing, or other desired types of development. In addition, a CAC member proposed a new policy to prohibit basements of over one story in the R-1 zone. The draft Land Use Element includes a program to study the impacts of basements and consider additional regulations.

- The proposed policy prohibiting basements over one story in R-1 was not added, as the City's Public Works Department is currently in the process of reviewing procedures for basement construction and other excavations and is preparing a report to take to Council, tentatively before the end of 2016, to seek Council direction. Because this effort is already underway, the policy frameworks for both Natural Environment and Safety include programs to continue to study this important issue and formulate specific policies and regulations, rather than establishing policies and regulations now in advance of the conclusion of the Public Works study and Council deliberations.
- The section on Drought was moved from Goal N-2, Natural Hazards, to Goal N-4, Infrastructure, at the suggestion of Public Works staff, because the policies and programs focus on maintaining a safe and diversified water supply.
- Program S2.13.3 calling for review of the Stanford Fire Services Contract has been generalized and expanded. It now calls for the development of a long term PAFD funding plan based on reviews of all existing contracts and costs.
- References to the Office of Emergency Services (OES) were added to relevant policies and programs in this section, in addition to references to the Palo Alto Police Department.

Goal S-3: Human-Caused Threats

- CAC members suggested adding a reference to the CPI (Communication & Power Industries) site and the City's adopted amortization ordinance applying to that site. Given the detailed regulation of the site in the ordinance, and the fact that the Comp Plan is generally intended to have broad applicability rather than site-specific policies and programs, a specific reference to CPI by name has not been added. However, Program S3.1.1 (previous Program N-47) has been revised to add that that the City will "... regulate the commercial use of hazardous materials that may present a risk of offsite health or safety effects." This language is taken directly from the City Council resolution adopting the CPI amortization ordinance. See [[link](#)]
- Program S3.1.2, calling for protocols to reduce truck related spills on local roadways, was added.
- Policy S3.6, which recognizes smoking as a human-caused threat, and highlights the City's support of smoking bans, was added. Based on a subcommittee member suggestion, new Policy S3.7 was added that the City will monitor research and studies on electromagnetic fields (EMF) and share information with the Palo Alto community.

Goal S-4: Infrastructure

- Program S4.3.2 was added to develop a plan to address the potential impacts of sea level rise on the City's wastewater treatment plant, known as the Regional Water Quality Control Plant.

- As noted above, the section on Drought was moved from Goal N-2, Natural Hazards, to Goal N-4, Infrastructure, at the suggestion of Public Works staff, because the policies and programs focus on maintaining a safe and diversified water supply.
- A new policy regarding rainwater catchment and natural drainage systems was moved from the Stormwater section of this Goal to the Natural Environment Element at the recommendation of the Natural Environment subcommittee. It is now Policy N-4.6 under Goal N-4, Water Resources, in the Natural Environment Element.
- The subcommittee observed that the Solid Waste section seems to not fit quite as well in this section as other types of infrastructure and services covered; however, the group also conceded that there may not be a better location in the Natural Environment Element.
- Policy S4.13, Previous Policy N-36, has been revised to include Styrofoam (expanded polystyrene) and acknowledge the City's 2016 expansion of its Plastic Foam Ordinance.

Goal S-5: Emergency Management

- Replaced a program to “implement the guidelines in the Utilities Emergency Response Plan” to become Policy S5.2. This plan already exists, and all departments must have one, not only Utilities. Therefore the policy is more broadly worded and is aimed at ensuring the continuity of critical City operations.

CAC Schedule

As discussed at the last CAC meeting, the current CAC schedule is intended to ensure that current CAC members have the chance to review as many elements as possible before the end of 2016. The current schedule is attached. Note that:

- This schedule shows the CAC recommending the Natural Environment Element and the Safety Element to Council at the December 13, 2016 meeting.
- The Business and Economics subcommittee will start their review of the Business and Economics Element in early 2017, and the full CAC will consider the Business and Economics Element at the January 17, 2017 meeting.

Next Steps

The policy framework of the Natural Environment Element and Safety Element will be further revised based on the CAC's recommendations. The Natural Environment subcommittee will then convene for its fourth and final review of the Natural Environment Element in late November.

The Safety subcommittee does not currently have any further outstanding issues to address and does not have another meeting scheduled, pending CAC feedback on November 15th.

The CAC will then meet to meet to consider a recommendation on the Draft Natural Environment Element and Safety Elements on December 13th.

Attachments

- A. November 15 Draft Natural Environment Policy Framework -Clean
- B. November 15 Draft Natural Environment Policy Framework –Tracked
- C. Natural Systems Map
- D. November 15 Draft Safety Element Policy Framework -Clean
- E. November 15 Draft Safety Element Policy Framework – Tracked
- F. Comp Plan Monthly Schedule
- G. Written Communications from CAC members- provided as link only:
http://www.paloaltocompplan.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Att_G_Written-Communications-from-CAC.pdf
- H. Digital Commenter Feedback – provided as link only: http://www.paloaltocompplan.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Att_H_DigitalCommenter_NEE_20161109.pdf
- I. Safety Element Relevant Documents – provided as link only:
http://www.paloaltocompplan.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Staff-Report_20160927.pdf