

Welcome!

Thank you for taking the time to complete the 2016 Annual Planning Survey.

The Annual Planning Survey only works because of you, and it has been working very well for many years. We hope, once again to get a 90% plus response on the Survey, which makes it a unique tool for understanding planning in California.

In addition, collecting information on the status of General Plans, we are also interested in learning about ongoing and planned policies and programs.

We have worked to align the survey with specific policy topics and priorities. The responses to this year's survey will help to inform efforts to support infill development, renewable energy development, community resilience, healthy communities and the development of metrics and indicators to track progress toward policy goals.

The deadline for completing this year's survey is June 13, 2016. Results from this year's survey will be available toward the end of 2016. We look forward to receiving your responses to this year's survey and welcome any questions or feedback that you have on the Annual Planning Survey. If you have any questions, please email opr.aps@opr.ca.gov.

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete the survey. We very much appreciate your responses.

Ken Alex
Director, Governor's Office of Planning and Research

Jurisdiction Contact Information

1. Please provide the following information about your agency:

Agency Name:

Agency Website:

Phone:

Fax:

Director's Name:

Director's Title:

Director's Email:

2. Agency Street Address

Street

City

State

Zip Code

3. Agency Mailing Address

Street Address or PO Box:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

About Your Jurisdiction

4. Please provide the following information about your jurisdiction:

County (for cities):

County Seat:

Square miles:

Number of planners:

5. Is your jurisdiction a charter city?

Yes

No

6. Please select the MPO for your jurisdiction:

7. Please select the COG for your jurisdiction:

8. Other Regional Organization:

General Plan Mandatory Elements

9. Please list the year that your jurisdiction adopted a comprehensive update of each General Plan element:

Land Use

Circulation

Conservation

Housing

Noise

Open Space

Safety

Air Quality (San Joaquin Valley only, otherwise enter N/A)

10. If your jurisdiction is currently updating its General Plan, which of its elements are you updating? (Check all that apply)

- Land Use
- Circulation
- Conservation
- Housing
- Noise
- Open Space
- Safety
- Air Quality (San Joaquin Valley only)
- None at this time

Other (please specify)

11. When do you expect to complete the update of your General Plan?

Not Applicable

Expected completion date:

12. When do you expect to complete the update of your Housing Element?

Not Applicable

Expected completion date:

General Plan Optional Elements

13. Please indicate which of the following optional elements are included in your General Plan by indicating the year of that element's most recent update.

No optional elements are included (mark N/A)

Administration

Aesthetics

Agriculture

Airport

Archaeological

Bicycle

Biological

Child Care

Climate Change/Global Warming

Coastal

Commerce

Communications

Community

Cultural

Design

Economic

Education

Emergency

Energy

Environment

Fire

Fiscal

Flood Control	
Forestry	
Geothermal	
Governance	
Growth Management	
Hazardous Waste	
Health	
Historic Preservation	
Implementation	
Military Facilities	
Mineral Resources	
Parking	
Parks & Recreation	
Public Facilities	
Public Services	
Redevelopment	
Regionalism	
Resource Conservation	
Scenic Highways	
Seismic	
Social Services	
Sustainability	
Trailways	
Transportation	
Urban Boundaries	
Waste	
Water	

Other (please specify year
and topic):

Land Use Planning

Now, the survey will move into questions on specific policies and initiatives. We will work through a series of questions in the following topic areas: land use planning, open space and resource conservation, climate change, transportation, joint planning efforts, and CEQA and permit streamlining.

14. Does your General Plan address the following issues? (Check all that apply)

	Yes, addressed in required element(s)	Yes, addressed in a special element	Not addressed in General Plan	Don't know
Greenhouse gas emission reduction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Climate adaptation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Infill development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renewable energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Air quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Military land use compatibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equity (e.g., access to transit, parks, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Land Use Planning (continued)

15. Does your General Plan include any of the following health-related policies?

	In General Plan	Not in General Plan, but contained elsewhere	No such policies are in place
Policies that explicitly promote health equity (e.g., policies that ensure all groups have access to grocery stores, park space, etc)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Policies to support lifecycle housing or aging-in-place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Policies that help to mitigate the urban heat island	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Zoning that ensures grocery stores and/or fruit and vegetable vendors are accessible across your jurisdiction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Zoning that facilitates opportunities for local food production including urban or front/backyard farming and community gardens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Policies to promote active living (e.g., planning to integrate physical activity into daily routines)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Land Use Planning (continued)

16. Does your jurisdiction use metrics or indicators to track progress toward your General Plan's goals?

Yes

No

Don't know

17. If yes, what topics do you track? (check all that apply)

Transportation (e.g., vehicle miles traveled)

Health outcomes (e.g., asthma rates)

Climate change adaptation

Air quality (e.g., air quality exceedances)

Economic outcomes (e.g., employment)

Housing (e.g., density or affordability)

Greenhouse gas emissions

Other (please specify)

Land Use Planning (continued)

18. Does your jurisdiction have any of the following policies related to school siting and development?

	Yes, contained in General Plan	Yes, contained in a separate policy	No	Don't know
Policies that encourage neighborhood schools (i.e., schools where the majority of students live in the immediate geographic area of the school)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policies that support schools in areas with safe pedestrian or bicycle access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policies that support schools in infill or priority development areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policies that support rehabilitation of existing school facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policies that support the joint use of school facilities (e.g., keeping playgrounds open for community use)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policies that align with goals for complete streets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

Land Use Planning (continued)

19. Has your agency employed any of the following tools to promote infill development?

	Yes, implemented	Yes, under consideration	No	Don't know
Implementation of Form-Based Zoning Codes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Density bonuses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduced parking requirements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expedited permit processing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improvements of infrastructure and/or utilities in infill areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial incentives for development costs, particularly for infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial incentives for pre-development costs (fee reductions, waivers, deferrals)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Coordination of CEQA analysis and review (tiering, etc)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Development of partnerships with school districts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

Open Space and Resource Conservation

20. Has your jurisdiction used open space to achieve any of the following goals?

	Yes, implemented	Yes, under consideration	No	Don't know
Protection from sea level rise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Urban heat island mitigation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Groundwater recharge	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Flood protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Storm water collection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

Open Space and Resource Conservation (continued)

21. Has your jurisdiction adopted programs and/or policies to improve water use efficiency?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

22. If yes, what form have these programs and policies taken? (Check all that apply)

- Retrofit requirements for **commercial** buildings at re-sale
- Retrofit requirements for **residential** buildings at re-sale
- Regulations that prohibit development projects that would result in a net increase in water use
- Ordinances for recycled water
- Ordinances or landscaping standards
- Development standards that require or promote low-impact development (LID)
- Residential water use restrictions (e.g., limited landscape watering times)
- Commercial water use restrictions (e.g., limited landscape watering times)
- Requirements for water metering at residential developments

Other (please specify)

Climate Change - Reducing Emissions, Analyzing Risk and Building Resilience

For Questions 23 and 24 please refer to the following definitions:

Adaptation or Resilience Plan: A plan focused on addressing the city's, region's or community's vulnerability to climate change impacts. This document may also include discussions on vulnerability.

Vulnerability Assessment: A document that analyzes how a community, city, or region may be impacted by climate change.

Climate Action Plan: A plan that combines discussions focused around climate change that include, but are not limited to, vulnerability, emissions, adaptation and mitigation. Climate Action Plans also outline policies and measures that a local jurisdiction will enact to address climate change overall.

Codes/Ordinances: These documents serve as implementation tools for the above documents. They create the connection between policy and implementation and work to specify how climate change policies will work on the ground.

Energy Action Plan: A plan focused on creating renewable energy and improving energy efficiency.

General Plan Implementation Measures: Typically these measures are an implementation of a Climate Action Plan or General Plan that creates policies and programs to address climate change.

General Plan Policies: When climate change considerations are incorporated into a jurisdiction's General Plan - can refer to both greenhouse gas emissions and climate change impacts and adaptation.

GHG Reduction Plan: This plan is focused on greenhouse gas emissions and outlines consistency with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.

GHG Emissions Inventory: An overview of greenhouse gases and courses of emissions. These studies are often completed as a part of General Plan, Climate Action Plan and GHG emissions reduction plan but may be completed separately.

Local Coastal Programs: Planning tools used by local governments to guide development in the coastal zone consistent with the Coastal Act.

Sustainability Plan: This type of plan is typically focused on a more holistic vision of a community that includes considerations of climate change as one component. These plans are often seen as "visioning" documents.

* 23. Does your jurisdiction have plans, policies and/or programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions? If yes, in what document are these policies located? Please indicate the status for only documents that include greenhouse gas emissions. (Check all that apply)

	Adopted	Completed	In Progress	Planned	N/A
Vulnerability Assessment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
GHG Emissions Inventory	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Energy Action Plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adaptation for Resilience Plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainability Plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
General Plan Policy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
General Plan Implementation Measures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Codes or Ordinances	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local Coastal Program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

24. Does your jurisdiction have plans, policies and/or programs to **adapt to the impacts of climate change**? If yes, in what document are these policies located? Please indicate the status for only documents that include **climate change adaptation**. (Check all that apply)

	Adopted	Completed	In Progress	Planned	N/A
Vulnerability Assessment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
GHG Emissions Inventory	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
GHG Reduction Plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Climate Action Plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Energy Action Plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adaptation or Resilience Plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainability Plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
General Plan Policy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
General Plan Implementation Measures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Codes or Ordinances	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local Coastal Program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

25. Please provide the web address for sustainability and climate change related information at the jurisdiction, or the most appropriate website to which OPR can refer.

Climate Change (continued)

26. If language related to climate change and GHG emissions is included in your General Plan, please identify which elements discuss these issues and what topic(s) the language addresses. (Check all that apply)

	Contains language on reducing GHG emissions	Contains language on preparing for impacts of climate change
Land Use Element	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing Element	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Circulation Element	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noise Element	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open Space Element	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety Element	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conservation Element	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Air Quality Element (where applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Separate Climate Action Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not Addressed in our General Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other optional element (please specify and explain what is addressed)

Transportation

27. Has your jurisdiction “modified the circulation element to plan for a balanced, multimodal transportation network that meets the needs of all users of streets, roads, and highways...?” (Government Code 65303(b)(2)(A)?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

28. Has your jurisdiction adopted any of the following?

	Completed	In Progress	Planned	Not planned at this time	Don't know
Bicycle Master Plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pedestrian Master Plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Combined Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Complete Streets Plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

None of the above

Transportation (continued)

29. Does your jurisdiction have Level of Service (LOS) or Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) standards/metrics in your General Plan (Check all that apply)

- Level of Service (LOS)
- Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- Neither

30. If neither apply, does your jurisdiction have an alternative methodology to measure traffic impacts?

Joint Planning Efforts

31. Have you worked with your regional transportation planning agency in the development of a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for your region?

- Yes
- No, we have not participated in the preparation of an SCS for our region
- No, our region does not have an SCS
- Don't know

32. Have you updated or are you planning to update your General Plan to be consistent with a regional SCS, Blueprint Plan, or other regional strategy?

	Update Completed	Update in Progress	Update Planned	Don't know
Sustainable Communities Strategy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Regional Blueprint Plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other regional strategy (please specify)

33. If your plan to address climate change is not your General Plan, is the plan updated to be consistent with a regional SCS, Blueprint Plan or other regional strategy?

	Update Completed	Update in Progress	Update Planned	Don't Know
Sustainable Communities Strategy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Regional Blueprint Plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other regional strategy (please specify)

CEQA and Permit Streamlining

34. Has your city/county relied on any of the following CEQA streamlining provisions or exemptions for infill projects?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Transit Priority Project Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21155.1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainable Communities Environmental Assessment (Pub. Resources Code § 21155.2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Infill Streamlining (CEQA Guidelines § 15183.3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transit Oriented Development Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21155.4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

35. If not, why not?

Thank you!

Thank you! We appreciate your time and effort in completing the 2016 OPR Annual Planning Survey. If you have any additional comments or questions, please contact opr.aps@opr.ca.gov.

The results for this survey will be released toward the end of 2016. To be notified when the results are available, please sign up for the OPR e-list at http://opr.ca.gov/s_e-lists.php or check the OPR homepage for announcements (<http://www.opr.ca.gov>).