

Welcome!

Thank you for taking the time to complete the 2013 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.

You will notice that the format of this year's survey is a bit different from years past. We have worked to align the survey with specific policy topics and priorities. We hope that this format make it easier for you to respond. The responses to this year's survey will help to inform the development of updated General Plan Guidelines; efforts to support infill development, renewable energy development, and electric vehicle deployment; and the development of metrics and indicators to track progress toward policy goals.

The deadline for completing this year's survey is November 30, 2013. Results from this year's survey will be available in early 2014. 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:

Agency Name:	<input type="text"/>
Your Name:	<input type="text"/>
Title:	<input type="text"/>
Agency Website:	<input type="text"/>
Agency Director:	<input type="text"/>
Director's Title:	<input type="text"/>

* 2. Agency Street Address

Street	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>
State	<input type="text"/>
Zip Code	<input type="text"/>

* 3. Agency Mailing Address

Street Address or PO Box:	<input type="text"/>
City:	<input type="text"/>
State:	<input type="text"/>
Zip Code:	<input type="text"/>

About Your Jurisdiction

***4. Please provide the following information about your jurisdiction:**

County:

County Seat:

Square miles:

Number of planners:

General Plan Mandatory Elements

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

Land Use	<input type="text"/>
Circulation	<input type="text"/>
Conservation	<input type="text"/>
Housing	<input type="text"/>
Noise	<input type="text"/>
Open Space	<input type="text"/>
Safety	<input type="text"/>
Air Quality (San Joaquin Valley only, otherwise enter n/a)	<input type="text"/>

***6. 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

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

- not applicable

Expected completion date:

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

- Not applicable

Expected completion date:

General Plan Optional Elements

***9. 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.**

N/A (mark if you have no optional elements)

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 (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, renewable energy and energy efficiency, transportation, and joint planning efforts.

10. 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"/>
Adaptation to climate change	<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)

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

	In General Plan	Not in General Plan, but contained elsewhere	In General Plan and other planning and policy documents	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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Policies to support lifecycle housing or aging-in-place	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<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"/>	<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"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Land Use Planning (continued)

12. Does your jurisdiction address public safety in any of the following ways?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Consider crime prevention strategies in the planning and development process (e.g., natural surveillance, natural access control, territoriality, and maintenance)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage developers to incorporate crime prevention into project design	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Work with law enforcement to review development proposals for design strategies that can help prevent crime through increased surveillance and access control	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13. Does your jurisdiction have any Specific Plans that are located within a half mile of an existing or planned major transit stop?

A major transit stop is a rail transit station, a ferry terminal served by either a bus or rail transit service, or the intersection of two or more major bus routes with a frequency of service interval of 15 minutes or less during the morning and afternoon peak commute hours.

- Yes, within a half mile of an existing major transit stop
- Yes, within a half mile of a planned major transit stop
- No
- Don't know

Land Use Planning (continued)

14. Please identify those Specific Plans and the year that they were adopted or last updated.

Land Use Planning (continued)

15. Does your jurisdiction use metrics or indicators (e.g., vehicle miles traveled or housing density) to track progress toward your general plan's goals?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

16. What topics do you track? (Check all that apply)

- Transportation (e.g., vehicle miles traveled)
- Health outcomes (e.g., asthma rates)
- Climate change (e.g., GHG emissions)
- Air quality (e.g., air quality exceedances)
- Economic outcomes (e.g., employment)
- Housing (e.g., affordability or density)

Other (please specify)

Land Use Planning (continued)

17. 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)

18. Has your agency employed any of the following tools to promote infill development? (Check all that apply)

	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)

19. Has your jurisdiction relied on the new streamlining procedures in Section 15183.3 of the CEQA Guidelines (effective February 2013) to approve any infill projects?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

20. Why not?

Land Use Planning - Military

**21. Are any portions of your jurisdiction within 1,000 feet of a military installation, within special use airspace, or beneath a low-level flight path, as described in Gov. Code 65944?
(Check all that apply)**

- Yes, within 1,000 feet of a military installation
- Yes, within special use airspace
- Yes, beneath a low-level flight path
- No
- Don't know

Land Use Planning - Military

22. Do you use the California Military Land Use Compatibility Analyst (CMLUCA)?

- Yes
- Not familiar with CMLUCA
- No

23. Do you require that development applications identify if a proposed project is within 1000 feet of a military installation (as described in Gov't Code 65940), within special use airspace, or beneath a low-level flight path?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Land Use Planning - Military

24. Has your Department ever sent an SB 1462 letter to the Military Point of Contacts list maintained by OPR?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Why or why not?

25. Does your jurisdiction consider the impact of new growth and development on military readiness activities and operations when preparing or updating its General Plan (as described in Gov't Code 65302)?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Land Use Planning - Military

26. Will your jurisdiction consider the impact of new growth and development on military readiness activities and operations in your next General Plan update?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

27. When will your next substantial General Plan update take place?

Open Space and Resource Conservation

28. Has your jurisdiction adopted park and open space standards that include any of the following?

	Yes, in certain areas	Yes, across the jurisdiction	No	Don't know
Acreage standards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Proximity to residential areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Standards for new development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Goal for park or open space area per resident	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tree canopy or tree planting standards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Guidelines for development of pocket parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Guidelines for development of community gardens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

29. 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)

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

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Open Space and Resource Conservation (continued)

31. What form do these programs and policies take? (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 and Building Resilience

32. If language related to climate change and GHG emissions had been 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	Does not contain language related to climate change
Land Use Element	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing Element	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Circulation Element	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open Space Element	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety Element	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conservation Element	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Climate Change (continued)

33. Has your jurisdiction adopted, or is it in the process of adopting policies and/or programs to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions?

- Yes, adopted
- Yes, in progress
- Under consideration
- Not at this time

Climate Change (continued)

34. What form do these policies take? (Check all that apply)

- Climate Action Plan
- Sustainability Plan
- General Plan policies
- General Plan implementation measures
- GHG Emission Reduction Plan
- Ordinances

Other (please specify)

35. Do these policies address:

	Yes	No
Community emissions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Municipal emissions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Climate Change (continued)

36. Is your jurisdiction taking steps to prepare for the impacts of climate change (i.e., adaptation)?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Climate Change (continued)

37. What form do these policies take? (Check all that apply)

- Climate Action Plan
- General Plan Policies
- Stand-alone adaptation plan
- Local coastal plan
- Local hazard mitigation plan
- Part of regular planning efforts

Other (please specify)

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

38. Has your jurisdiction adopted policies or programs to reduce energy use in existing buildings?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Municipal buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Residential buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Commercial and industrial buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If yes, please explain what these policies and/or programs are, and the status of program implementation

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (continued)

39. Has your jurisdiction adopted programs, policies, or ordinances to facilitate the development of small-scale renewable energy systems or distributed energy systems?

	Adopted	In development	Under consideration	No
General plan policies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wind permitting ordinance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Solar permitting ordinance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

40. Has your jurisdiction adopted programs, policies or ordinances that govern development of commercial renewable energy systems on land zoned for agriculture; land designated as prime, important or unique farmland; or land under Williamson Act contract?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Land zoned for agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land designated prime, important or unique farmland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land under Williamson Act contract	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please describe these policies or programs

Transportation

41. Has your jurisdiction taken any of the following steps to become plug-in electric vehicle (PEV) ready?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Adopted programs to policies to encourage PEV use in the municipal fleet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Updated zoning and parking policies to accommodate PEV charging infrastructure in public facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Streamlined permitting and inspection processes for charging infrastructure installations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participated in, or conducted, training and education programs for local officials (e.g., building inspectors, first responders, etc)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conducted outreach to local residents and businesses on your PEV-related activities and policies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please explain)

Transportation (continued)

42. 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

43. Has your jurisdiction adopted any of the following?

	Yes, adopted	Yes, under development	Under consideration	Not 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"/>

Transportation (continued)

44. Does your jurisdiction use Level of Service (LOS) standards in CEQA analysis or in your General Plan? (Check all that apply)

	Yes, use LOS standards	No, do not use LOS standards
In General Plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In CEQA analysis	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

45. Do you have an alternative methodology to measure traffic impacts?

In General Plan	<input type="text"/>
In CEQA analysis	<input type="text"/>

Joint Planning Efforts

46. Does your jurisdiction undertake joint planning efforts in any of the following contexts?

	Yes, with tribal governments	Yes, with regional planning agencies	Yes, with Department of Public Health	Yes, with state or federal agencies	Yes, with other cities and/or counties	No joint planning efforts are undertaken in this area
Infrastructure planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Watershed planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Habitat restoration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land use planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greenhouse gas emission reduction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Climate adaptation planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

Joint Planning Efforts (continued)

47. Have you worked with your regional transportation planning agency in the development of a sustainable community strategy 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

48. 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?

	General Plan update completed	General Plan update in progress	General Plan update planned	No update planned at this time	Don't know
SCS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Regional Blueprint Strategy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other regional strategy (please specify)	<input type="text"/>				

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