Agenda Item B.2
PUBLIC HEARING
Meeting Date: June 9, 2025

TO: Planning Commission Chair and Members

SUBMITTED BY: Peter T. Imhof, Planning and Environmental Review Director

PREPARED BY: Anne Wells, Advance Planning Manager
Andy Newkirk, Supervising Planner
Cam Audras, Assistant Planner

SUBJECT: Consideration of General Plan and Title 17 (Zoning) Amendments to Implement State Law Requirements and Determination that the Amendments are Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 25-__, entitled "A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Goleta, California, Recommending that the City Council Adopt Amendments to the General Plan / Coastal Land Use Plan and Title 17 of the Goleta Municipal Code to Implement State Law Requirements and Determine the Amendments to be Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (Case Nos. 24-0003-GPA and 25-0001-ORD)."

BACKGROUND:

The General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan (General Plan) is the City's official policy document that guides decisions affecting future physical development and change within the City. The General Plan contains the seven State-required Elements and two additional Elements as follows: Land Use Element, Open Space Element, Conservation Element, Safety Element, Visual and Historic Resources Element, Transportation Element, Public Facilities Element, Noise Element, and Housing Element.

General Plan Update Requirements

The City is required to prepare amendments to the General Plan pursuant to Government Code Sections 65302(g)(2)–(5), 65302(h), 65302.15, and 65565.5. These requirements focus on the Safety Element, Open Space Element, and environmental justice (EJ). New Safety Element requirements include consideration of new information and policies related to (1) flood, (2) fire, (3) climate change hazards, and (4) emergency preparedness, including evacuation routes. New Open Space Element requirements include policies that

address (1) access to open space for all residents in a manner that considers social, economic, and racial equity, (2) climate resilience and other co-benefits of open space, and (3) rewilding opportunities.

The City must also adopt EJ goals, policies, and objectives. The policies, integrated in other Elements, must (1) reduce the unique or compounded health risks in disadvantaged communities by means that include, but are not limited to, the reduction of pollution exposure, including the improvement of air quality, and the promotion of public facilities, food access, safe and sanitary homes, and physical activity; (2) promote civic engagement in the public decision-making process; and (3) prioritize improvements and programs that address the needs of disadvantaged communities.

Existing General Plan content meets some of the requirements outlined above while, in other instances, amendments are needed. These amendments include refinements to existing General Plan content as well as new text and figures.

Public Review Period and Initial Planning Commission Feedback

To satisfy the State law requirements, Public Review Draft General Plan Amendments (Public Review Draft) were prepared and released for public review from April 3–24, 2025. The City received four public comments during the public review period. None of these comments prompted additional revisions to the Public Review Draft.

Planning Commission Review of the Public Review Draft

Staff presented the Public Review Draft to the Planning Commission on April 14, 2025. At that meeting, staff received input from the Planning Commission. Revisions based on that feedback are highlighted in the Discussion, as is other information on topics raised by Planning Commission that did not lead to revisions to the Public Review Draft.

Tribal and Agency Notification and Consultation

Consistent with California Government Code Section 65302(g)(8), the City sought consultation with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the California Geological Survey, on September 30, 2022, for the purpose of including information known to those agencies to satisfy the requirements of California Government Code Section 65302(g) within the City's Safety Element. On October 4, 2022, the City received a response from Cal OES that the City's "Safety Element is well written and coincides with the hazards identified in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and that steps have been taken to help mitigate potential public safety." The City did not receive a response from the California Geological Survey.

Consistent with California Government Code Section 65352.3, the City provided an opportunity for tribes with traditional lands or cultural places located within Santa Barbara County, as identified by the Native American Heritage Commission, to consult with the City regarding the General Plan Amendments project. Letters were sent to these tribes on July 30, 2024. The City received one request for consultation, from the Santa Ynez

Band of Chumash Indians, on July 31, 2024. City staff met with representatives of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians on October 31, 2024. No further discussions occurred.

Consistent with Government Code Section 65302.5, the City submitted the draft Safety Element, Transportation Element, and Public Facilities Elements to the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection on May 16, 2025, and draft Safety Element to the California Geological Survey on May 28, 2025, for review. As part of the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection review, staff conducted an informal review with California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) staff prior to formal submittal. Through this process, additional amendments to the Public Review Draft to address fire hazards were prepared and are included in the amendment package before Planning Commission. These additional revisions are described in the Discussion below.

On April 28, 2025, City staff confirmed with Santa Barbara County Association of Governments staff that no review by the Santa Barbara Airport Land Use Commission was required.

Hearing Draft Preparation

Based on feedback from the Planning Commission, public, City staff, and responsible agencies, City staff prepared Hearing Draft General Plan Amendments (Hearing Draft). Amendments to the text of the General Plan are included as Exhibit A to the draft Planning Commission Resolution (Attachment 1). New and amended General Plan figures are included as Exhibit B to the draft Resolution. In addition to the proposed General Plan amendments, minor changes are also proposed for Title 17 (Zoning) of the Goleta Municipal Code (GMC) to align with the proposed Geneal Plan amendments. A draft Ordinance with the changes to Title 17 is included as Exhibit C to the draft Resolution.

All relevant existing text and all proposed text revisions to satisfy State law requirements, including revised and new policies, are also provided in a table as Attachment 2. Hearing Draft General Plan amendments are shown in underline and strike-through. If no underline or strike-through is shown in a row, that means no change is proposed for that text of the General Plan. This table is similar to a table provided at the April 14 Planning Commission meeting. Where changes were made between the Public Review Draft and the Hearing Draft, those revisions are highlighted in yellow. A concise summary of the Hearing Draft is included in the Discussion below, with specific mention of where changes were made to the Public Review Draft.

DISCUSSION:

The following section briefly discusses the Hearing Draft by topic area.

Safety Element Update-Driven Amendments

Existing and proposed General Plan text related to Safety Element State law requirements can be found on pages 1-11 of Attachment 2. A general summary of amendments proposed by topic is provided below.

Flood Hazards

The Hearing Draft includes an updated Figure 5-2 with minor changes to floodplain and tsunami areas within the City. New introductory text about dam inundation from three local dams is also included. Two new subpolicies are proposed for maintaining Emergency Action Plans for these dams and coordinating with flood management agencies.

Since the Public Review Draft, Figure 5-2 has been revised further to include potential evacuation routes.

Fire Hazards

Based on consultation with CalFire, the amendments proposed to address fire hazards have been significantly revised since the Public Review Draft. Updates include new information added to the Safety Element introduction related to local wildfire history, land uses within areas designated as very high fire hazard severity zones (VHFHSZs), efforts to reduce fire hazards on Ellwood Mesa, and agencies involved in fire protection services. Policy SE 7 (Urban and Wildland Fire Hazards), which was already proposed for revision in the Public Review Draft, has been revised further.

Subpolicy SE 7.1 (Fire Prevention and Response Measures for New Development) has been rewritten to more simply state how the City defers to State and County fire protection building standards. Additional requirements for development in VHFHSZs has also been added to subpolicy SE 7.1. Subpolicy 7.5, regarding requirements for sprinkler systems, is proposed for removal as these triggers are in the fire protection standards in the building code and should not be stated in the City's policy document.

Two new subpolicies, SE 7.6 (Implementation of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan) and SE 7.7 (Non-Conforming Development) are proposed to further support reduction in fire hazards within the City.

The newly proposed Figure 5-4, which shows residential areas with a single egress point, has been updated to also show VHFHSZs.

In the Public Facilities Element, additional introductory text has also been added to note that response times in western Goleta do not meet the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 5-minute response standard.

The proposed Ordinance included as Exhibit C to Attachment 1 includes amendments to Section 17.32.060 (Fire Safety) of the GMC to remove standards and requirements that are not appropriate for zoning regulations and are covered by State and County fire

protection building standards. These amendments align with the revised subpolicy SE 7.1 noted above.

Climate Change Hazards

The Hearing Draft includes updates to the Safety Element describing wildfire, drought, extreme heat, flooding, and sea level rise hazards in the introductory language. A new Policy SE 12 focuses on preparing for climate impacts, protecting vulnerable populations, and using natural infrastructure, where feasible. Two implementation actions support this: creating a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (SE-IA-6) and drafting zoning regulations for site-specific climate hazard assessments (SE-IA-7). Related updates appear in the Transportation and Public Facilities Elements.

Since the Public Review Draft, SE 12.3 (Site-Specific Climate Hazards) was amended to make clear that climate hazards would be addressed in the site-specific hazard report where feasible. Additionally, subpolicy PF 8.3(e) (Design of Public Facilities) was further revised based on a question from the Planning Commission to add additional language elaborating on what “economic, social, and racial equity” means when describing how public facilities should be designed.

Emergency Preparedness

The Hearing Draft includes references to two current hazard plans: the Emergency Operations Plan and the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). New subpolicies are proposed to promote updating these plans, coordinate with the County of Santa Barbara, and ensure critical facilities remain functional. A new Figure 5-4 (see above), new Safety Element introductory language, and new policies are proposed to support improved evacuation safety, particularly in areas lacking two egress routes.

Since the Public Review Draft, subpolicy SE 11.7 (Residential Development with Limited Evacuation Route Access) was further revised to add text that the City shall provide information to impacted residents in areas with less than two egress routes. This addition was based on Planning Commission feedback.

Subpolicy SE 11.9 (Local Hazard Mitigation Plan) has also been revised. This subpolicy incorporates by reference the LHMP into the General Plan. Based on consultation with CalFire and guidance from the California Office of Emergency Services, the subpolicy was updated to provide additional context for the LHMP and to include a direct link to the LHMP.

Additionally, information was added to the Safety Element related to the City’s coordination with Santa Barbara County to improve evacuation planning and communication to the public. References to Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services were also updated to accurately reference the Santa Barbara Office of Emergency Management.

Open Space Element Updates

Existing and proposed General Plan text related to Open Space Element State law requirements can be found on pages 12-14 of Attachment 2.

The General Plan already meets State requirements for open space, supported by the City's 2020 Parks, Facilities & Playgrounds Master Plan. As a result, only minor updates are proposed to the Open Space Element in the Hearing Draft. Factual updates were made throughout the Open Space Element to reflect current park conditions and Master Plan implementation. These changes do not alter policy intent. Revisions to subpolicy OS 6.2, Goal #1, and a new Goal #10 to reinforce the City's commitment to equitable, inclusive, and affordable park access for all ages, abilities, and income levels are proposed. Subpolicy OS 7.3 is proposed to be updated to support expanding and integrating open space for natural resource preservation, where feasible. New introductory language highlights the role of open space in supporting climate resilience and aligns with Safety Element goals on climate change.

No Open Space Element-driven changes are proposed beyond those included in the Public Review Draft.

Environmental Justice Policy-Driven Updates

Existing and proposed General Plan text related to EJ requirements can be found on pages 15-29 of Attachment 2. The Hearing Draft integrates EJ policies throughout the General Plan by amending existing policies and introducing new ones. Changes are detailed by EJ topic area below.

<u>Pollution Exposure and Air Quality</u>

The Hearing Draft includes updates to the Conservation Element highlighting existing plans (e.g., Creek and Watershed Master Plan, Strategic Energy Plan, Climate Action Plan) and new subpolicies to support regional air quality efforts and energy justice. Specific attention in the Hearing Draft is given to Old Town for pesticide and pollution exposure. New policies also promote recycled water use and support the continuation of responsible waste disposal.

Since the Public Review Draft, subpolicy CE 10.10 (Creek and Watershed Management Plan) was revised to remove reference to flood control function as the City does not manage flood control activities directly.

<u>Access to Public Facilities and Services</u>

The Hearing Draft includes minor revisions across multiple elements to emphasize equitable access to public facilities and services. Two new Public Facilities Element subpolicies are proposed to support coordination with utility providers to ensure equitable levels of services, including services that may be needed as a result of climate change impacts, and equitable provision amenities like sidewalks and bike lanes.

Since the Public Review Draft, subpolicy SE 11.1 (Education and Awareness Programs) related to emergency preparedness was revised to remove the sentence stating that targeted outreach would be given to climate vulnerable populations. This proposed deletion was done to avoid a conflict in purpose in subpolicy SE 11.1, as this subpolicy is already proposed to consider preparedness programs "in a manner that considers the needs of all members of the community."

Healthy Food Access

The Hearing Draft includes a new Land Use Element Policy (LU 14: Healthy and Sustainable Food Systems and Uses) that promotes equitable access to healthy food and sustainable food systems. Subpolicies support grocery stores, farmers' markets, community gardens, and organic waste diversion.

No changes regarding healthy food access are proposed for the General Plan beyond those included in the Public Review Draft. However, the proposed Ordinance included as Exhibit C to Attachment 1 includes three proposed revisions to Title 17 of the GMC to implement the proposed Policy LU 14. The first is to allow "General Market" and "Specialty Food Sales and Facilities" uses in the Business Park (BP) and Office and Institutional (OI) zone districts, with a limit to the portion of total floor area on a lot that can be dedicated to these uses. The intent of this change is to provide more opportunities throughout the City to access food. The other two amendments are intended to specifically support Community Gardens. The first waives any requirement for parking spaces associated with a Community Garden and the second is to make explicit that a community garden can serve as required Common Open Space for a residential development.

Safe and Sanitary Homes

The Hearing Draft includes a new subpolicy to commit the City to raise awareness about lead-based paint risks. A new subpolicy is also proposed in the Conservation Element for the City to encourage efforts to reduce indoor air quality impacts in new development. Proposed subpolicy PF 6.5 (Coordination with Providers) also serves to support safe and sanitary homes.

No changes related to safe and sanitary homes are proposed beyond those included in the Public Review Draft.

Opportunities for Physical Activity

The Hearing Draft includes amendments in the Open Space and Transportation Elements to reinforce support for walking, biking, and active recreation, with updated references to City planning documents, and a new subpolicy promoting community engagement on safety. One minor change since Public Review Draft based on Planning Commission feedback is proposed for subpolicy TE 10.5(f) to highlight the need to address illegally dumped materials obstructing pedestrian circulation.

Civic Engagement

The Hearing Draft includes a new Land Use Element Policy LU 13 that commits the City to inclusive public participation, with seven subpolicies supporting multilingual access, community partnerships, and representation. Additional amendments are proposed to reinforce engagement in Old Town and for transportation and public facilities planning.

No changes regarding civic engagement are proposed beyond those included in the Public Review Draft.

Improvements and Programs That Address the Needs of Old Town

The Hearing Draft includes a new subpolicy PF 10.11 (Support Improvements in Old Town) to support enhancements to public facilities located within or directly impacting Old Town. Subpolicy TE 1.7 (Prioritizing Improvements in Old Town Goleta) is proposed to focus on transportation upgrades, including sidewalk, roadway, and transit improvements in Old Town.

No changes specific to Old Town are proposed beyond those included in the Public Review Draft.

Tracking Progress

The Hearing Draft also includes a new implementation action in the Land Use Element, LU-IA-7 (Environmental Justice Implementation Tracking). Proposed LU-IA-7 requires the City to report on policies addressing EJ issues annually in the General Plan Annual Progress Report. This effort would increase awareness and accountability regarding the City's EJ efforts as detailed in the General Plan.

Planning Commission Feedback

As noted above, several amendments are proposed in response to Planning Commission feedback from the April 14, 2025, meeting. Below are brief responses to comments provided by the Planning Commission to which staff have not proposed additional revisions to the General Plan.

Uses Near Hazards Sites: No changes are proposed regarding information about hazards sites when considering uses such as housing and childcare. Since the April 14, 2025, meeting, City staff reached out to staff at California Department of Social Services to better understand how this issue is considered in licensing of childcare and other types of sensitive receptor uses. However, at this time, staff is not prepared to propose any changes to City procedures related to this issue.

Indoor Air Quality: Indoor air quality is regulated through requirements for ventilation in the State building code. Additionally, proposed subpolicy CE 12.5 (Regional Collaboration) provides broad scope for the City to support improvements to indoor air quality without providing an overly specific requirement in the General Plan.

Quantifiable Air Quality Standards: Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District (APCD) regulates stationary sources of air pollution and includes many quantifiable standards. APCD's role is enshrined in section 17.39.040(B) of the GMC. Additionally, the City requires specific analysis of mobile source emission air quality impacts for any development that includes a sensitive receptor proposed within 500 feet of U.S. Highway 101 (see subsection 17.39.040(C)).

Warming Centers: A policy of warming centers is not proposed as extreme cold is not an identified climate change hazard (whereas extreme heat is). However, the City is committed to addressing the need for warming centers. The City's Homelessness Strategic Plan includes an objective to establish a warming center in, or near, Goleta and the Housing Element includes a commitment to implement the Homelessness Strategic Plan.

Gentrification: The City has regulations to protect existing housing and tenants. These include Chapter 17.45 (Replacement of Lost Dwelling Units) and Chapter 8.19 (Tenant Protections). The City has also focused specifically on supporting businesses in Old Town. On May 6, 2025, City Council authorized $120,000 in Old Town Pride of Place Grants to Old Town businesses. Additionally, the City waives permit fees for signs in Old Town.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The amendments to the General Plan and Title 17 are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378(a) but it is an organizational or administrative activity by government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5). The amendments are also exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because the activity is covered by the general rule which exempts activities that can be seen with certainty to have no possibility for causing a significant effect on the environment**.**

NEXT STEPS:

After review of the proposed General Plan Amendments, the Planning Commission is asked to adopt Resolution No. 25-__, provided as Attachment 1, recommending approval of proposed amendments to the General Plan and Title 17 by the City Council.

LEGAL REVIEW BY: Winnie Cai, Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED BY: Peter Imhof, Planning and Environmental Review Director

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Planning Commission Resolution No. 25-__, entitled "A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Goleta, California, Recommending that the City Council Adopt Amendments to the General Plan / Coastal Land Use Plan and Title 17 of the Goleta Municipal Code to Implement State Law Requirements and Determine the Amendments to be Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (Case Nos. 24-0003-GPA and 25-0001-ORD)"

   Exhibit A: General Plan Text Amendments

   Exhibit B: General Plan New and Amended Figures

   Exhibit C: Ordinance No. 25-__, entitled "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Amending Title 17 (Zoning) of the Goleta Municipal Code to Implement General Plan Amendments to Ensure Consistency with State Planning Law and Determine the Amendments to be Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (Case No. 25-0001-ORD)"

2. Proposed General Plan Amendments and Relevant Existing General Plan Policies to Satisfy State Law Requirements

3. Notice of Exemption

4. Staff Presentation

Attachment 1

Planning Commission Resolution No. 25-__, entitled "A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Goleta, California, Recommending that the City Council Adopt Amendments to the General Plan / Coastal Land Use Plan and Title 17 of the Goleta Municipal Code to Implement State Law Requirements and Determine the Amendments to be Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (Case Nos. 24-0003-GPA and 25-0001-ORD)"

RESOLUTION NO. 25-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL PLAN / COASTAL LAND USE PLAN AND TITLE 17 OF THE GOLETA MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS AND DETERMINE THE AMENDMENTS TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CASE NOS. 24-0003-GPA AND 25-0001-ORD)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Sections 65302(g)(2)–(5), 65302(h), 65302.15, and 65565.5, the City of Goleta's General Plan / Coastal Land Use Plan (General Plan) Plan Introduction and Overview Chapter and Land Use, Open Space, Conservation, Safety, Visual and Historical Resources, Transportation, and Public Facilities Elements must now be amended to ensure consistency with State planning law; and

WHEREAS, the City's zoning regulations are contained in Title 17 of the Goleta Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, Title 17 must also be amended to align with the required amendments to the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing on June 9, 2025, at which all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered the entire administrative record, including the staff report (and all attachments thereto), the General Plan, the staff presentation, and oral and written testimony from interested persons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals

The Planning Commission hereby finds and determines that the foregoing recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference, are true and correct.

<u>SECTION 2</u>. Required Findings for General Plan Amendments Recommendation

The exhibits hereto include proposed amendments to the City's General Plan. Pursuant to Goleta Municipal Code subsection 17.67.040(C), the Planning Commission hereby finds as follows:

(a) The amendment is consistent with the guiding principles and goals of the General Plan.

The proposed General Plan amendments are consistent with the existing guiding principles and goals of the General Plan. In fact, the amendments serve to update and expand on these goals by explicitly integrating environmental justice, climate resilience, and updating flood, fire, and emergency response planning into the City's General Plan.

In the "Introduction and Overview" chapter, a distinguishing quality of Goleta is added, stating that the City "supports fair treatment and meaningful involvement of people of all races, cultures, incomes, and national origins." In addition, text is added to explain that the General Plan "also considers issues of environmental justice through the document." These equity-centered guiding principles form the basis upon which the environmental justice policies are acting to implement equitable solutions for the Goleta community.

The Land Use Element contains specific goals expanding on the Introduction and Overview's guiding principals related to environmental justice, including LU Goal 11, Goal 13, and Goal 14. These goals include language prioritizing traditionally underserved communities in the decision-making process, prioritizing improvements and programs addressing the needs of Old Town, and protecting public health by minimizing pollution exposure.

New Policy LU 13 (Civic Engagement) and LU 14 (Healthy and Sustainable Food Systems and Uses) act on Goals 11, 13, and 14 with policy language outlining public outreach and accessibility, as well as local, healthy, sustainable food access and education. Additionally, new subpolicies in the Safety Element promote safe and sanitary housing.

The Open Space Element contains Goals 1, 3, and 5 – 8, and a new Goal 10 which encourage park and open space accessibility and equity, integrating park and open space lands, and providing opportunities for physical activity. The amendments include language to expand access to accessible and affordable recreation activities at park and recreation facilities, expanding and integrating open space lands, and references to updated planning documents, all of which are consistent with the element's goals.

The Safety Element contains a new Goal 10, which includes new language that the City should "prepare for climate change impacts associated with increases in temperatures, more severe storms, increases in extreme heat events, changes in precipitation patterns, extended drought conditions, and increasing wildfire risk by measures and practices that increase the resilience of the Goleta community and infrastructure systems." New Policy SE 12 is consistent with this goal, which includes subpolicies supporting climate adaptation efforts. New Implementation Actions SE-IA-6 and SE-IA-7 serve to implement climate adaptation strategies via and Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and a Climate Hazards Assessment Ordinance. SE Goal 9 includes language to work with responsible agencies to provide effective and efficient emergency response and prevention measures. New subpolicies and Figure 5-4 include information and language related to updated emergency evacuation routes and planning, which are consistent with Goal 9. Additionally, SE Goal 4 includes language on "increasing awareness of residents and workers of coastal, geological, industrial, and other hazards, as well as appropriate hazard avoidance measures and emergency preparedness." Incorporating the most up to date fire, flood, and tsunami hazard data into Figures 5-2 and 5-3 serve to implement Goal 4, as well as new subpolicies on dam failure inundation preparation, coordination with agencies responsible for flood and fire protection/response.

For these reasons, these General Plan amendments are consistent with the guiding principles and goals of the General Plan.

(b) The amendment is deemed to be in the public interest.

The proposed General Plan amendments are in the public interest because they strengthen the City's commitment to protecting the health, safety, and well-being of all community members—particularly those who have historically experienced disproportionate environmental burdens. By updating the Safety and Open Space Elements and creating new environmental justice policies, the amendments promote a more equitable and climate-resilient future for the City.

The Safety Element-driven amendments expand on climate change adaptation efforts, emergency preparedness and response, and update key information and subpolicies related to fire and flood hazards. These amendments aim to increase public safety in the face of fire, flood, and climate change-induced hazards.

The Open Space-driven amendments include updated subpolicies with language on equitable access to parks and open space in the City. Other amendments include promoting efforts to preserve and further integrate open space lands in the City, which provide climate resilience co-benefits, enhancing public safety.

The environmental justice amendments help ensure that all residents have access to decision-making processes, healthy local food options, safe housing, and public facilities, regardless of income or race. The inclusion of environmental justice priorities across elements supports public wellbeing in a way that prioritizes vulnerable populations.

For these reasons, the General Plan amendments are in the public interest.

SECTION 3. **Required Findings for Zoning Ordinance Amendments**

The attachments hereto include various proposed amendments to Title 17 of the Goleta Municipal Code. Accordingly, pursuant to Goleta Municipal Code subsection 17.66.040(B), the Planning Commission hereby finds as findings:

(a) The amendment is consistent with the General Plan, the requirements of State planning and zoning laws, and Title 17 of the Goleta Municipal Code.

The Ordinance, which amends the Goleta Municipal Code Title 17, is consistent with all applicable provisions of the City's General Plan that relate to development on real property throughout the City.

The Ordinance serves as implementation of various General Plan amendments to support healthy local food access via the encouragement of community gardens and food and beverage sale uses, and to remove certain language regarding fire protection measures for new structures and rebuilding in high fire hazard areas. The General Plan policies implemented by the Ordinance include Policy LU 14 (Healthy and Sustainable Food Systems and Uses) and Policy SE 7 (Urban and Wildland Fire Hazards). Implementation of these subprograms also serve to align the City's zoning regulations with California Government Code Sections 65302(g)(2)–(5), 65302(h), 65302.15, and 65565.5.

Therefore, the amendments are consistent with the General Plan, the requirements of State planning and zoning laws, and Title 17 of the Goleta Municipal Code.

(b) The amendment is in the interests of the general community welfare.

The Ordinance, which amends Goleta Municipal Code Title 17, will update the City's zoning regulations to remove certain fire protection standards that are not suited for Title 17 and are addressed in other parts of the Goleta Municipal Code. This correction ensures clearer and consistent application of fire protection building standards. Additionally, the Ordinance will allow the City to promote the development of community garden facilities and food and beverage sale uses, thereby supporting access to local healthy food sources. This will ensure the City's ability to implement the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan, which protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the community.

Therefore, the amendments are in the interest of the general community welfare.

(c) The amendment is consistent with good zoning and planning practices.

The Ordinance, which amends Goleta Municipal Code Title 17, will help the City continue to implement the community goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan. By updating Title 17 to implement the General Plan and align with State planning law and better reflect distinctions between Title 17 and Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) of the GMC, the Ordinance is consistent with good zoning and planning practices. Additionally, providing clarity to Title 17 based on issues identified since the adoption of Title 17 demonstrates good zoning regulations maintenance.

Therefore, the amendments are consistent with good zoning and planning practices.

SECTION 4. Environmental Review

The amendments to the General Plan and Title 17 are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations) because the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378(a) but it is an organizational or administrative activity by government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5).

The amendments are also exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because the activity is covered by the general rule which exempts activities that can be seen with certainty to have no possibility for causing a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 5. Planning Commission Recommendation

The Planning Commission hereby recommends that the City Council:

(a) Amend the text of the Introduction and Overview, Land Use, Open Space, Conservation, Safety, Visual and Historical Resources, Transportation, and Public Facilities Elements chapters of the General Plan as shown in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Amend General Plan Figures 3-2 (Park and Recreation Plan Map), 3-5 (Open Space Plan Map), and 5-2 (Fire, Flood, and Tsunami Hazards Map and add new General Plan Figure 5-4 (Residential Areas with One Egress and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone) as shown in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Adopt Ordinance No. 25-__, entitled, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Amending Title 17 (Zoning) of the Goleta

Municipal Code to Implement General Plan Amendments to Ensure Consistency with State Planning Law and Determine the Amendments to be Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (Case No. 25-0001-ORD)" attached hereto as Exhibit C, and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 6. Documents

The documents and other materials, which constitute the record of proceedings upon which this decision is based, are in the custody of the City Clerk, City of Goleta, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, California 93117.

SECTION 7. Certification of City Clerk

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of June 2025.

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JENNIFER FULLERTON
CHAIR

ATTEST:

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DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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WINNIE CAI
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
CITY OF GOLETA)

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 25-__ was duly adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the 9th day of June, 2025 by the following roll call vote of the Planning Commission:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

(SEAL)

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DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT A

General Plan Text Amendments

Chapter 1.0: Introduction and Overview

Goleta's Vision: The Good Land, additional bullet (placed 7th in the list):

- That supports fair treatment and meaningful involvement of people of all races, cultures, incomes, and national origins.

Section 1.3, Purpose and Organization of the Plan, revised and added text to the "Organization of the Plan" paragraph to conclude with:

- **Chapter 10.0, "Housing Element."** The Housing Element addresses Goleta's housing needs for a planning period extending to February 15, 2031 and beyond. It contains policies and programs to help meet the existing and projected housing needs of all economic segments of the community, with a focus on housing affordable to low- and moderate-income households. The element includes a detailed appendix that provides background information to support the policies and programs.

The General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan also considers issues of environmental justice through the document. "Environmental justice" is defined in California law as the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies (California Government Code § 65040.12(e)). Policies to address environmental justice are included throughout the document. The purpose of these policies is to promote environmental justice citywide with a focus on reducing impacts on Goleta's most vulnerable populations such as low-income residents and communities of color. These populations often bear a disproportionate burden of pollution and associated health risks.

This document is supplemented by background reports, identified in the list of references, and by the environmental impact report prepared for the Goleta General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan. However, these documents are not part of the plan.

Section 1.4, Overview of the Plan (GP), additional bullet (at the end of existing bullets) in the "Major Themes" paragraph:

- **Promoting Environmental Justice.** The plan supports the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

Section 1.4, Overview of the Plan (GP), additional text in the "Community Areas, Old Town" paragraph:

In October 2021, the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, on behalf of the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), released Version 4.0 of the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool (CalEnviroScreen 4.0). CalEnviroScreen 4.0 identifies communities that are disproportionately affected by environmental hazards. Old Town falls the top 25 percent of all census tracts statewide related to experiencing disproportionate amounts of pollution, environmental degradation, and socioeconomic and public health conditions according to the CalEnviroScreen 4.0 tool.

Section 1.6, Environmental Justice (GP) (added, "Public Participation in Creating the Plan (GP/CP)" renumbered as Section 1.7, "Implementing the Plan (GP/CP)" renumbered as Section 1.8) and "reviewing and Amending the Goleta General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan in the Future" renumbered as Section 1.9):

1.6 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (GP)

"Environmental justice" is defined in California law as the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. (California Government Code, § 65040.12(e)).

In 2024-2025, the City reviewed and revised the General Plan / Coastal Land Use Plan to embed concepts of environmental justice throughout the Plan, consistent with Senate Bill 1000 (2016), the Planning for Healthy Communities Act. In most cases, the environmental justice policies apply Citywide. In some instances, policies include a specific focus on Old Town, based on Old Town's disproportionate amounts of pollution, environmental degradation, and socioeconomic and public health conditions when compared to the rest of the City.

Section 1.7, Public Participation in Creating the Plan (GP/CP) new paragraph at the end of the section:

Environmental Justice Community Outreach

As part of preparing the environmental justice policies in late 2024, the City of Goleta conducted a multifaceted bilingual public engagement program to collect local data and knowledge regarding environmental justice issues. The City engaged with residents through an online survey, open house, and outreach meetings with four key stakeholder groups. This input helped shape environmental justice goals, policies and actions, reflecting the issues that participants identified as most important.

<u>Chapter 2.0: Land Use Element</u>

Table of Contents (amended):

Land Use Element Policies
LU 1: Land Use Plan Map and General Policies
LU 2: Residential Land Uses
LU 3: Commercial Land Uses
LU 4: Office and Industrial Uses
LU 5: Public and Quasi-Public Land Uses
LU 6: Park and Open Space Uses
LU 7: Agriculture
LU 8: Central Hollister Residential Development Area
LU 9: Coastal-Dependent and -Related Uses (Key Pacific Shoreline Sites)
LU 10: Energy-Related On- and Off-Shore Uses
LU 11: Nonresidential Growth Management
LU 12: Land Use In Goleta's Environs
LU 13: Civic Engagement
LU 14: Healthy and Sustainable Food Systems and Uses

Section 2.2: Guiding Principles and Goals [GP/CP] amended after Principle and Goal 10:

11. Ensure that all members of the community have access to information regarding development within the City and are able to engage in key land use decision-making processes.
12. Influence future land use changes in nearby areas outside Goleta to avoid, lessen, and/or mitigate impacts within the city.
13. Prioritize improvements and programs that address the needs of the Old Town community.
14. Protect public health by minimizing pollution exposure.

Subpolicy LU 1.3: Goleta Old Town (amended)

LU 1.3 Goleta Old Town. [GP] The City shall continue to develop and implement programs to revitalize the Old Town area. When considering development or programs in Old Town, the City should ensure members of the Old Town community have opportunities to provide input and engage in the process. When considering development proposals, lots designated for commercial or multifamily residential use that are less than 6,000 square feet shall be encouraged to be combined with any adjacent small lots to provide adequate parking and circulation, minimize driveway cuts on Hollister Avenue and other busy streets, and maximize design potential.

Table 2-3: Allowable Use and Standards for Office and Industrial Use Categories amended to add new row after "Eating and Drinking Establishments" and before "Other Retail Trade Establishments":

Food and Drug Stores	X	X	–	–

Policy LU 13: Civic Engagement [GP] (new):

Policy LU 13: Civic Engagement [GP]

Objective: *To foster inclusive decision-making and integrate input from diverse voices in the planning and development process.*

LU 13.1 **Community-Driven Decision-Making. [GP]** The City shall proactively seek and consider community input on City plans and programs, encouraging all voices to be heard and valued, with particular emphasis on engaging and empowering community members in Old Town.

LU 13.2 **Information Accessibility. [GP]** The City shall provide accessible, organized, and prompt information related to key projects, City meetings, plans, and programs.

LU 13.3 **Multilingual Information. [GP]** The City shall provide translation and interpretation services for key projects and public meetings affecting populations whose primary language is not English.

LU 13.4 **Targeted Outreach. [GP]** The City shall perform targeted outreach to historically excluded communities, youth, seniors, multicultural communities, and people living

within Old Town to ensure that City policies and decision-making reflect the needs of people living within those communities.

LU 13.5 **Partnerships. [GP]** The City should partner with and support the efforts of community-based organizations and/or non-profits that focus on programs and activities related to civic engagement and topics of environmental justice.

LU 13.6 **Representation. [GP]** The City shall encourage residents from traditionally underrepresented demographic groups to apply for City board, commission, and committee members as openings occur.

LU 13.7 **Community Events. [GP]** The City shall promote, sponsor, and support a variety of community events to strengthen social engagement and enhance the overall community identity of Goleta.

Policy LU 14: Healthy and Sustainable Food Systems and Uses [GP] (added):

Policy LU 14: Healthy and Sustainable Food Systems and Uses [GP]

Objective: *To support equitable access to healthy, locally sourced food and foster sustainable food practices through land use planning and community engagement.*

LU 14.1 **Local Food Access. [GP]** The City shall encourage the establishment of grocery stores, food cooperatives, and farmers' markets to enhance equitable access to fresh, nutritious, and affordable food for all residents.

LU 14.2 **Community Gardens. [GP]** The City shall support the development of community gardens through permissive zoning regulations for such uses.

LU 14.3 **Sustainable Food Practices. [GP]** The City shall promote sustainable food systems by supporting practices that reduce food waste, minimize impacts on the natural environment, and prioritize the use of local and sustainable agricultural products.

LU 14.4 **Education and Outreach. [GP]** The City should collaborate with community organizations to provide education and outreach programs on the benefits of local food systems, sustainable agriculture, and healthy eating habits.

Implementation Action LU-IA-7: Environmental Justice Implementation Tracking (added):

LU-IA-7 **Environmental Justice Implementation Tracking.** The City shall report on the City's actions to address issues of environmental justice as part of the City's General Plan / Coastal Land Use Plan Annual Report. This reporting shall consider actions to implement the policies and subpolicies listed in the table below.

Policy/Subpolicy
LU 1.3 Goleta Old Town
LU 1.5 Compatibility of Existing and New Industrial Areas with Adjacent Residential Development
LU 2.2 Residential Use Densities

LU 4.6 South Kellogg Industrial Area
LU 10 Energy-Related On- and Off-Shore Uses
LU 13 Civic Engagement
LU 14 Healthy and Sustainable Food Systems and Uses
LU-IA-6 South Kellogg Industrial Area Compliance Program
OS 6.2 Equitable Distribution of Park Facilities
OS 6.9 Park Master Plan
OS 6.12 Public Use of Private Facilities
OS-IA-4 Implementation of the Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan
OS-IA-5 Preparation of Individual Park Development and/or Management Plans
CE 10.10 Creek and Watershed Management Plan
CE 11.6 Community Supported Agriculture
CE 11.7 Agricultural Practices
CE 12.1 Land Use Compatibility
CE 12.2 Control of Air Emissions from New Development
CE 12.5 Regional Collaboration
CE 13.3 Use of Renewable Energy Sources
CE 13.6 Energy Justice
CE 13.7 Implementation of Existing Plans
CE 15.1 Water Conservation
CE 15.4 Waste Reduction and Recycling
SE 10.8 Solid and Hazardous Waste Disposal
SE 10.9 Lead-Based Paint
SE 11.1 Education and Awareness Programs
SE 11.2 Improved Information Transfer during Emergencies
SE-IA-2 San Jose Creek Flood Control Project
SE-IA-3 Annual Safety Audits of Oil and Gas Facilities
VH 4.2 Old Town
VH 4.10 Streetscape and Frontage Design
VH-IA-3 Preparation and Adoption of Story Pole/Visual Simulation Procedures
TE 1.7 Prioritizing Improvements in Old Town
TE 1.8 Community Engagement
TE 5.3 Ekwill-Fowler-South Kellogg Improvements
TE 5.4 Hollister Avenue (Old Town) Redesign Improvements
TE 7.1 Transit Network
TE 7.2 Linkage between Transit Services and Land Use
TE 10.2 Master Plan for Pedestrian Facilities

TE 10.5 Pedestrian Safety
TE 11.2 Bicycle Transportation Plan
TE 11.5 Bicyclist Safety
TE 12.4 Street Maintenance and Pavement Management Program
TE 15 Regional Transportation
TE-IA-1 Traffic Impact Fee Program
TE-IA-2 Capital Improvements Program and Budget
TE-IA-3 Street Design Standards
TE-IA-4 Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
TE-IA-5 Parking In-Lieu Fee Program for Old Town
TE-IA-6 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
PF 1.1 Planning Process
PF 1.7 Potential Co-Location with Facilities of Other Public Entities
PF 2.2 Goleta Valley Community Center
PF 6.5 Coordination with Providers
PF 8.2 Siting of Public Facilities
PF 8.3 Design of Public Facilities
PF 8.6 Community Planning and Consideration of Future Public Facilities
PF 9.8 Equitable Public Investments
PF 10.11 Support Improvements in Old Town
HE 1.2 Housing Rehabilitation
HE 4.4 Transit-Oriented Development
HE 5.2 Community and Regional Collaboration

Time period: Annually

Responsible party: Planning and Environmental Review Department

Chapter 3.0: Open Space Element

Section 3.1, Introduction, revised and added text to the "Goleta's Open Space, Recreation, and Coastal Access Resources [GP/CP]" paragraph to conclude with:

Open Spaces can help communities adapt to the impacts of climate change, such as sea level rise, droughts, and heatwaves, by providing natural infrastructure and buffers. Preservation of open space enhances climate resilience through carbon sequestration, improves air and water quality, helps manage stormwater runoff and reduces the risk of flooding, and reduces urban heat island effects, among other co-benefits.

Section 3.1, Introduction, revised and added text to the "Existing Parks and Open Space" subsection:

As of 2020, Goleta has approximately 550 acres of parkland which equates to approximately 16.82 acres per 1,000 residents. This includes 97 acres of developed parks of various sizes, 444 acres of neighborhood or regional open space, and a large community center that is nearly 10 acres in size. The three larger City-owned regional open space preserves—the Sperling Preserve, Santa Barbara Shores Park, and Lake Los Carneros Natural and Historical Preserve—collectively accounted for 363 acres of that total. More than half of the city's neighborhood or regional open space (248 acres) is along the coastline, including 20 acres of usable beaches, connected with five miles of coastal trails. Approximately 40 percent of Goleta's two miles of Pacific shoreline is now in City ownership. Together with the neighborhood open space areas, these preserves provide many opportunities for passive recreation activities and enjoyment of natural areas.

Areas specifically developed for active recreational uses were less abundant in 2020, with approximately 0.86 acres of land per 1,000 residents of Mini and Neighborhood Parks and 2 acres of land per 1,000 residents of Community Parks and Center.

Overall, the City of Goleta exceeds its goals for population-based parks (10 acres per 1,000 residents). However, this is overstated due to the large amount of open space that exceeds the population-based standard for open space.

The city's single recreation center, the Goleta Community Center, is insufficient to fulfill all needs by community groups and residents. In addition, although the privately owned and managed Girsh Park provided much-needed facilities for active recreation, there was a shortage of public facilities for active recreation, such as sports fields and tennis courts, and a shortage of dedicated trails.

A detailed analysis of existing City parklands and deficiencies can be found in the Goleta Parks, Facilities & Playgrounds Master Plan (2020).

Section 3.2: Guiding Principles and Goals [GP/CP] amended Principles and Goals:

1. Provide and maintain, in coordination with other agencies, a system of parks, open spaces, and recreation facilities that are accessible to and will meet the needs of present and future users of all age groups in a manner that considers social, economic, and racial equity.

3. Increase the amount of active parks, emphasizing those areas of the community that are relatively underserved and areas designated for future new residential development.

10. Promote equitable access to public facilities, especially those that provide opportunities for physical activity.

Subpolicy OS 6.2: Equitable Distribution of Park Facilities (amended):

OS 6.2 Equitable Distribution of Park Facilities. [GP] To the extent feasible, park and recreation facilities shall be equitably distributed throughout the city to serve the various neighborhoods and all socioeconomic segments of the city's population. Particular emphasis shall be placed on provision of new park and recreation facilities in areas that are underserved

and in areas of the city that are designated for new residential use and development in the future. The distribution of existing and planned future public park and recreation facilities and public open space areas is shown on Figure 3-2, and information about each site is summarized in Table 3-1. The City will seek to expand access to safe, accessible, and affordable recreational activities at park and recreation facilities and provide a range of inclusive activities for all age groups, abilities, and income levels.

Table 3-1: "Existing and Planned Parks and Open Space Areas" selected rows amended:

071-090-084	22	Armitos Park	Neighborhood Park	1.48	Parallels San Jose Creek; community garden
071-090-036	37	Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood Park	3.98	…
073-330-041	38	Village at Los Carneros Park (private)	Neighborhood Park	5.53	1.75 acres of active recreational area surrounded by upland and riparian buffer associated with the Tecolotito Creek streamside protection area
073-610-020 073-610-021	39	Cabrillo Business Park Open Space (private)	Neighborhood Open Space	18.76	Passive and active recreation; basketball courts and picnic tables
Planned New Parks and Open Spaces					
073-060-031 to 073-060-043	A	Heritage Ridge…	Neighborhood Park	2.00	South of US-101, east of Los Carneros Road, and north of Camino Vista Road (entitled)

Subpolicy OS 6.9: Park Master Plan (amended):

OS 6.9 Park Master Plan. [GP] The City will continue to implement the City's Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan, as may be amended or replaced with a new master plan document. To match resource needs to individual park sites, the City may prepare a development and/or management plan for individual parks, particularly for the largest park sites.

Subpolicy OS 6.11: Planned New Parks and Open Space (amended):

OS 6.11 Planned New Parks and Open Space. [GP] The locations of planned new public parks and open space are shown on Figure 3-2 and described in Table 3-1. Specific improvements will be implemented as conditions require and when funding is available. These planned new public parks and open space include:

a. A park in the southern portion of Old Town. A 4- to 5-acre active recreation community park, potentially including sports fields, located on or in the vicinity of the former drive-in theater in Old Town between the Santa Barbara Airport and SR-217.

b. Willow Springs Park. A 2-acre neighborhood park in the proposed Willow Springs North (Heritage Ridge) project located south of US-101, east of Los Carneros Road, and north of Camino Vista Road, on property totaling approximately 16.19 gross acres.

Parks and open space in new developments shall be open to the general public and not limited to residents of individual development projects.

Subpolicy OS 7.3 (c): Open Space for Preservation of Natural Resources (amended):

c. The City will explore, where feasible, opportunities to expand and further integrate open space lands within the City for preservation of natural resources. The City encourages the donation of easements or fee-simple interests in open space lands to the City or other appropriate nonprofit entity, such as a land trust.

Implementation Action OS-IA-4: Environmental Justice Implementation Tracking (amended):

OS-IA-4 **Implementation of the Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan.** The City will continue implementing the City's Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan developed for the system of municipal park facilities to provide a framework to meet existing and future park and recreation service needs. This Plan will be used to determine resource development, expansion, maintenance, operation, or capital improvements appropriate for these city facilities and as a basis for pursuing funding opportunities.

Time period: Ongoing

Responsible parties: Neighborhood Services Department

Chapter 4.0: Conservation Element

Table of Contents (amended):

Conservation Element Policies

CE 1: ESHA Designations and Policy
CE 2: Protection of Creeks and Riparian Areas
CE 3: Protection of Wetlands
CE 4: Protection of Monarch Butterfly Habitat Areas
CE 5: Protection Of Other Terrestrial Habitat Areas
CE 6: Protection of Marine Habitat Areas
CE 7: Protection of Beach and Shoreline Habitats
CE 8: Protection of Special-Status Species
CE 9: Protection of Native Woodlands
CE 10: Watershed Management and Water Quality
CE 11: Preservation of Agricultural Lands
CE 12: Protection of Air Quality
CE 13: Energy Conservation
CE 14: Preservation and Enhancement of Urban Forest
CE 15: Water Conservation, Waste Reduction, and Materials Recycling

Subpolicy CE 10.10: Creek and Watershed Management Plan (added):

CE 10.10 Creek and Watershed Management Plan. [GP/CP] The City will continue to implement the City's Creek and Watershed Management Plan, as may be amended or replaced. The Creek and Watershed Management Plan was designed to address impaired water bodies and represent best practices to protect local fish and wildlife. The plan provides detailed standards of acceptable practices for protecting the ecological function, water quality, and drainage function of Goleta's creeks and watersheds.

Subpolicy CE 11.6: Community Supported Agriculture (amended):

CE 11.6 Community Supported Agriculture. [GP/CP] The City encourages local food production through the Community Supported Agriculture approach. Fairview Gardens, the primary example of this type of agriculture, shall be preserved and protected as a model for future uses. The City shall continue to maintain community garden facilities for Goleta residents to grow their own plots of food.

Subpolicy CE 11.7: Agricultural Practices (amended):

CE 11.7 Agricultural Practices. [GP/CP] The City shall develop and implement appropriate plans, programs, and policies that are intended to promote sustainable agriculture practices. Agricultural uses shall conform to the rules and regulations of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District. The City shall seek to address pesticide exposure from agricultural practices, with specific attention given to pesticide exposure in Old Town.

Subpolicy CE 11.9: Direct Marketing of Local Agricultural Products (amended):

CE 11.9 Direct Marketing of Local Agricultural Products. [GP/CP] The City shall promote and support the direct marketing of local agricultural products to the community by farmers. Marketing methods or activities include certified farmers' markets, community supported agriculture, seasonal produce stands, and year-round markets. Such uses should be allowed subject to appropriate controls to manage traffic and potential use conflicts in any commercial or industrial land use designation. Seasonal sales of agricultural products may be allowed on agricultural lands, provided that the emphasis is on marketing of commodities produced on the site and at farms in the nearby south coast area.

Subpolicy CE 12.2(f): Control of Air Emissions from New Development (added):

f. The City shall continue to encourage additional measures in new development to reduce indoor air quality impacts (e.g., air filtration systems, kitchen range hood exhaust fans, low-volatile organic compound paint and carpets) as well as reduce the burning of fossil fuels in new construction. New construction should be built "electric-ready" to facilitate the transition to more energy efficient, clean, fossil-free appliances such as heat pump water heaters and heat pump air conditioning and heating systems, which have the added benefit of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Subpolicy CE 12.5: Regional Collaboration (added):

CE 12.5 Regional Collaboration. [GP/CP] The City shall coordinate with regional agencies such as the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, Santa Barbara Airport, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, and Central Coast Community Energy to reduce local air pollution sources and address air pollution exposure. Specific attention should be given to address air pollution exposure in Old Town.

Subpolicies CE 13.6 and 13.7: Energy Justice; Implementation of Existing Plans (added):

CE 13.6 Energy Justice. [GP] The City shall support the principle that all people should have access to safe, affordable, and reliable sources of energy. Energy justice is also based on the concept that no one group of people should have a disproportionate share of costs, negative

impacts, or externalities associated with building, operating, and maintaining electric power generation, transmission, and distribution systems.

CE 13.7 Implementation of Existing Plans. [GP] The City will continue to implement the most current version of the City's Climate Action Plan and Strategic Energy Plan, or the equivalent version should the name of the plans change.

Policy CE 15 is renamed as "Water Conservation, Waste Reduction, and Materials Recycling."

Subpolicy CE 15.1(g): Water Conservation (added):

g. Encourage expansion of recycled water resources.

Subpolicy CE 15.4: Waste Reduction and Recycling (amended):

CE 15.4 Waste Reduction and Recycling. [GP] The City shall promote waste reduction and recycling programs for residences and businesses, encourage commercial composting and education programs, recycle public green waste materials for mulch and compost, reuse removed trees for lumber when possible, and implement waste and recycling standards for all new developments and remodels. The City shall also support policies and programs to divert organic waste from landfills into recycling activities and food recovery organizations.

Implementation Action CE-IA-3: Implementation of the Creek and Watershed Management Plan (amended):

CE-IA-3 **Implementation of the Creek and Watershed Management Plan.** The City will continue to implement the City's Creek and Watershed Management Plan. The Plan was prepared to provide detailed standards of acceptable practices for protecting the ecological function, water quality, and drainage and flood control function of Goleta's creeks and watersheds. The City will also participate in multijurisdictional watershed management plans, where appropriate.

Time period: Ongoing

Responsible party: Planning and Environmental Services Department; Public Works Department

Chapter 5.0: Safety Element

Section 5.1, Introduction, revised and added text to the "Coastal, Geological, and Other Hazards: 2005" subsection, end of the "Flood Hazards" paragraph:

In addition to the 100-year floodplain, the City also faces potential flood risks from dam failures. Three dams include inundation hazards within the City: Glen Annie Dam, Lake Los Carneros Dam, and Rancho del Ciervo Dam.

Section 5.1, Introduction, amended and added text to the "Urban and Wildland Fire Hazards" subsection:

Over the past 560 years, large wildfires have occurred in the Goleta area roughly every 20 to 30 years, but the frequency has increased significantly in recent decades, with four major fires in the past seven years alone. Historic fires like the 1990 Painted Cave Fire and 1977 Sycamore

Canyon Fire caused significant home losses (Goleta Community Wildfire Protection Plan, 2012). The 2017 Thomas Fire, one of California's largest, led to damage and mudslides. Current fire history data is available on the Santa Barbara County Fire Department website. The City contains areas designated as very high fire hazard severity zones (VHFHSZs), particularly along the foothills and open space areas surrounding and north of Cathedral Oaks Road. Development in these areas includes residential development such as Winchester Canyon in western Goleta, Ritz-Carlton Bacara Resort and Spa, portions of Sandpiper Golf Course, and two agricultural parcels. Portions of Highway 101 are located in the VHFHSZ. Future Fire Station 10 is partially in the VHFHSZ. Areas susceptible to high-fire hazards generally include lands with steep slopes and ample vegetation, or fuel load.

In Goleta, the administering agencies are the Santa Barbara County Fire Prevention Division and the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management. These agencies may rely on the Santa Barbara Operational Area Mutual Aid Plan for coordinating additional aid from the United States Forest Service and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to pool resources during large-scale wildfires. The Santa Barbara County Fire Department provides Goleta with fire suppression and fire prevention services and has established standards for building and development review to minimize fire hazards and provide for adequate fire suppression. Standards for peak-load water supply require that adequate water flow be available for effective fire suppression. The minimum required firewater flow depends on the type of building construction, the proximity of adjacent structures, and presence or absence of fire walls and other fire protection devices. The Santa Barbara County Fire Department reviews development to ensure compliance with minimum required firewater flow standards.

The City's 2012 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) serves as a foundational resource for the City's approach to wildfire safety and resilience. The CWPP's primary purpose is to enhance community wildfire protection by identifying fire hazard reduction strategies that are ecologically sustainable and fiscally responsible. Developed through a collaborative public process, the CWPP reflects the values and concerns of local stakeholders, including residents, community groups, and City staff. Public workshops played a key role in shaping the plan's goals and objectives, which guide ongoing efforts to reduce wildfire risk while supporting ecological balance. The CWPP informs the Safety Element's policies related to wildfire preparedness, hazard mitigation, and community resilience.

On March 19, 2019, the City adopted the Final Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve Open Space Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan. Included in this Plan is Program 4: Community Wildfire Protection Program, with a goal to provide management practices within the eucalyptus groves and windrows on Ellwood Mesa that support healthy monarch butterfly habitat and are compatible with the City's Community Wildfire Protection Plan. In 2023, the City began Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan Implementation Plan Phase 1. Phase 1 includes removing dead trees and fire-prone vegetation to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, planting of trees and native plants, and the installation of an irrigation system to support long term viability of plantings.

Section 5.1, Introduction, revised and added text to the "Coastal, Geological, and Other Hazards: 2005" subsection, end of the "Emergency Preparedness" paragraph:

Residential areas with 30 or more units that have fewer than two egress routes have been identified and mapped in Figure 5-4. These areas may face increased risks during emergencies due to limited evacuation options.

Beginning in 2023, the City coordinated with the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management on a map-based evacuation support software intended to support rapid cross-agency emergency coordination, decision-making, and maps for the public. This effort centralizes data and pre-identifies emergency zones for the City.

The City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), an annex to the Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, is regularly updated to guide local efforts in reducing risks and enhancing resilience to hazards.

Section 5.1, Introduction, added text to the "Coastal, Geological, and Other Hazards: 2005" subsection, a new "Climate Hazards" section:

Climate Hazards

As climate change accelerates, the City is increasingly vulnerable to a range of climate-induced hazards that pose significant threats to public safety, infrastructure, and natural resources. These hazards, which include wildfires, drought, extreme heat, flooding, and sea level rise, are anticipated to increase in both frequency and intensity over the coming decades.

Wildfire: The foothills surrounding Goleta, coupled with increasingly dry conditions associated with climate change, create heightened wildfire hazard conditions. The City's proximity to neighboring fire hazard areas in unincorporated Santa Barbara County makes wildfire mitigation and emergency preparedness essential components of the Safety Element.

Drought: Drought conditions are expected to become more frequent, prolonged, and severe in Goleta as a result of shifting precipitation patterns. Water scarcity impacts not only the availability of potable water but also the agricultural sector and natural ecosystems.

Extreme Heat: The number of extreme heat days is projected to rise, increasing health risks for vulnerable populations, such as the elderly, children, and individuals with preexisting health conditions.

Flooding and Coastal Storms: Flood risk in Goleta arises from both inland stormwater and coastal influences. Intense storms can overwhelm drainage systems, leading to flash flooding, while coastal flooding and erosion threaten infrastructure and public access along Goleta's coastline.

Sea Level Rise: Sea level rise poses long-term threats to Goleta's coastal areas, potentially causing erosion, flooding, and habitat loss. As part of its climate hazard planning, Goleta will assess vulnerable areas, promote adaptive land use policies, and implement shoreline protection measures to manage the impacts of rising sea levels.

Climate Hazard Preparedness and Response: The City of Goleta's commitment to climate hazard preparedness is rooted in an emphasis on proactive planning, community education, and resilient infrastructure.

The City's efforts to address climate hazards include preparation of the Coastal Hazards Vulnerability Assessment and Fiscal Impact Report and adoption of a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan: An Annex to the Santa Barbara Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Section 5.2: Guiding Principles and Goals [GP/CP] added Principle and Goal 10:

10. Prepare for climate change impacts associated with increases in temperatures, more severe storms, increases in extreme heat events, changes in precipitation patterns, extended drought conditions, and increasing wildfire risk by measures and practices that increase the resilience of the Goleta community and infrastructure systems.

Subpolicy SE 1.2(b): Guidelines for Siting Highly Sensitive Uses and Critical Facilities (amended):

b. Land uses that serve critical "lifeline" functions such as water supplies, wastewater, energy infrastructure, fire response, and police response if exposed to a significant risk that will curtail their lifeline functions for a critical period of time.

Subpolicy SE 6.3: Floodplain Management Ordinance (amended):

SE 6.3 Floodplain Management Ordinance. [GP] The City shall maintain and strictly enforce the policies, regulations, and standards within a Floodplain Management Ordinance, Chapter 15.10 of the Goleta Municipal Code.

Subpolicy SE 6.4: Avoidance of Flood Hazard Areas (amended):

SE 6.4 Avoidance of Flood Hazard Areas. [GP/CP] The City shall discourage any new intensive development in any flood hazard area, including potential flood inundation areas due to sea level rise. Similarly, the City shall require appropriate flood mitigation for intensification of existing development in any flood-prone area. The City shall not approve development within areas designated as the 100-year floodplain that would obstruct flood flow (such as construction in the designated floodway), displace floodwaters onto other property, or be subject to flood damage. The City shall not allow development that will create or worsen drainage problems.

Subpolicies SE 6.10 and 6.11: Dam Failure Inundation Preparation; Coordinate with Public Agencies Responsible for Flood Protection (added):

SE 6.10 Dam Failure Inundation Preparation. [GP] The City shall prepare and maintain an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for dam failure at the Lake Los Carneros Dam. The City shall also seek access to and maintain the EAPs for the two other dams located outside of City boundaries with dam failure inundation potential within the City: Glen Annie and Rancho del Ciervo dams. Updates on dam inundation hazards shall be reflected in local and regional emergency response documents.

SE 6.11 Coordinate with Public Agencies Responsible for Flood Protection. [GP] The City shall coordinate with public agencies responsible for flood protection and dam failure to ensure effective management of flood risks and alignment of local planning efforts with regional strategies. This coordination shall include sharing data, supporting flood control infrastructure projects, and integrating updated hazard information into land use and emergency response planning.

Subpolicy SE 7.1: Fire Prevention and Response Measures for Development (amended):

SE 7.1 Fire Prevention and Response Measures for Development. [GP/CP] New development and redevelopment shall be designed and constructed in accordance with more

current State and Santa Barbara County fire protection building standards. The City shall require new subdivisions in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone to have: 1) Secondary access available, or mitigations and/or management plans are required that offset the known risks; 2) A Wildfire Protection Plan prepared and approved by the County of Santa Barbara Fire Department; and 3) An appropriate setback from wildland vegetation, as determined by the County of Santa Barbara Fire Department.

Subpolicy SE 7.5: Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems is removed in its entirety and Subpolicy SE 7.6: Standards for Rebuilding in High Fire Hazard Areas is renumbered and amended:

SE 7.5 Standards for Rebuilding in High Fire Hazard Areas. [GP] Any rebuilding in high and very high fire hazard areas shall incorporate development standards and precautions that reduce the chance of structure losses from fire.

Subpolicies SE 7.6 and 7.7: Implementation of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan and Non-Conforming Development (added):

SE 7.6 Implementation of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. [GP/CP] The City shall implement the Goleta Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), as may be amended, to enhance community wildfire protection.

SE 7.7 Non-Conforming Development. [GP/CP] The City shall use public funding such as state and federal grants, where available and practical, to assist private landowners in implementing defensible space and low-cost building retrofits to increase resiliency of existing developments, including in High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, that were built prior to modern fire safety codes or wildfire mitigation guidance.

Subpolicies SE 10.8 and 10.9: Solid and Hazardous Waste Disposal; Lead-Based Paint (added):

SE 10.8 Solid and Hazardous Waste Disposal. [GP/CP] The City shall continue to provide solid and hazardous waste disposal services and educate the public about how to minimize, recycle, and dispose of solid and hazardous waste in an efficient and environmentally sound manner.

SE 10.9 Lead-Based Paint. [GP/CP] The City shall raise awareness about the risks associated with lead-based paint and other housing hazards, including by distributing information provided by the California Department of Public Health and the United States Environmental Protection Agency about remediation of lead and best practices to reduce and eliminate other housing hazards.

Subpolicies SE 11.1, 11.2, and 11.3: Education and Awareness Programs; Improved Information Transfer during Emergencies; Period Updates to City Hazard Mitigation and Emergency Operations Plans (amended):

SE 11.1 Education and Awareness Programs. [GP] The City shall work to improve preparedness programs that educate and organize people to respond appropriately to disasters. Such programs include education and awareness programs for individuals, families, institutions, businesses, government agencies, and other organizations in a manner that considers the needs of all members of the community.

SE 11.2 Improved Information Transfer during Emergencies. [GP] The City shall continue to improve information transfer to the media during emergencies. Official emergency response liaisons should meet with media representatives on a regular basis to improve coordination. The City and/or its designee shall provide all emergency notifications in a timely, accessible format.

SE 11.3 Periodic Updates to City Hazard Mitigation and Emergency Operations Plans. [GP] The City shall maintain and update an Emergency Operations Plan and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. These plans shall be coordinated as appropriate with the County of Santa Barbara planning efforts.

Subpolicies SE 11.6, 11.7, 11.8, 11.9, and 11.10 (added):

SE 11.6 Maintaining Essential Public Facilities Operation during Emergencies. [GP] The City aims to maintain functionality of critical public facilities during flood, fire, and other disaster events by implementing measures to enhance infrastructure resilience and emergency preparedness, especially in hazard areas. This includes upgrading facilities to withstand flooding, providing backup systems for essential operations, and maintaining effective emergency response plans. The City shall also coordinate with regional agencies and the community to minimize service disruptions and ensure timely recovery efforts.

SE 11.7 Residential Development with Limited Evacuation Route Access. [GP] For residential areas with 30 or more units in a hazard area and lacking two egress routes, as shown in Figure 5-4, the City shall work with emergency responders to ensure familiarity with these areas, to improve evacuation safety to reduce risks to residents, and to provide information to impacted residents.

SE 11.8 County Coordination Before and During Emergencies [GP] The City shall collaborate with Santa Barbara County to enhance emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts. This includes joint planning, training, and communication, as well as resource sharing during emergencies. The City and County will coordinate on public education, equitable outreach, and post-incident evaluations to continuously improve safety measures and community resilience.

SE 11.9 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan [GP] The City hereby incorporates by reference into the Safety Element the City of Goleta Local Hazard Mitigation Plan: An Annex to the Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) (accessible here). The LHMP was prepared as an annex to the County of Santa Barbara's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and applicable Federal Emergency Management Agency guidance. The LHMP incorporates a process where hazards are identified and profiled, the people and facilities at risk are analyzed, and mitigation actions are developed to reduce or eliminate hazard risk. The implementation of these mitigation actions, which include both short and long-term strategies, involve planning, policy changes, programs, projects, and other activities.

SE 11.10 Evacuation Routes and Planning [GP] The City shall continue to assess the effectiveness of emergency evacuation routes in the City, as identified in Transportation Element Subpolicy TE 15.3, and coordinate with relevant agencies including the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and the Santa Barbara County Fire Department to prepare for emergency evacuations.

Policy SE 12: Climate Change Hazards and Adaptation [GP] (added):

Policy SE 12: Climate Change Hazards and Adaptation [GP]

Objective: *To prepare for and reduce vulnerability to the risks posed by climate change.*

SE 12.1 **Identification and Mapping of Cooling Centers. [GP]** The City should coordinate with the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management to identify and map cooling centers in locations accessible to vulnerable populations and establish standardized temperature triggers for when they will be opened.

SE 12.2 **Support Climate-Vulnerable Populations. [GP]** The City shall ensure that climate impacts and climate adaptation measures aimed at reducing climate risks do not lead to disproportionally adverse effects on vulnerable populations via the implementation of SE-IA-6, requiring a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

SE 12.3 **Site-Specific Climate Hazards. [GP/CP]** The City shall require climate hazard screening and a report, where applicable, for new development in areas with known or predicted potential climate hazards that analyzes and addresses the climate hazards where feasible. Climate hazards include but are not limited to wildfires, drought, extreme heat, flooding and coastal storms, and sea level rise. Siting and design of new development shall address identified climate hazards.

SE 12.4 **Participation in Interagency and Regional Climate Planning. [GP]** The City should participate in regional climate adaptation planning efforts, and collaborate with responsible agencies, such as but not limited to, the Goleta Water District, Santa Barbara Airport, Santa Barbara County Flood Control, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, Santa Barbara County Sustainability and Planning & Development staff, Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collective, Central Coast Community Energy, Tri-County Regional Energy Network, California State Lands Commission, and the California Coastal Commission.

SE 12.5 **Natural Infrastructure to Support Climate Adaptation. [GP]** The City shall support forms of natural infrastructure or nature-based solutions, where feasible, to support climate adaptation and resiliency measures. Such support includes implementation of open space and natural resource management plans and implementation of Conservation Element policies.

Implementation Action SE-IA-4: Emergency Operations and Hazard Mitigation Plans. (amended):

SE-IA-4 **Emergency Operations and Hazard Mitigation Plans.** The City shall maintain and update an Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). These plans shall be coordinated as appropriate with the County of Santa Barbara planning efforts.

Time Period: EOP Updates Every Five Years and as necessary, LHMP Updates Every Five Years

Responsible party: City Manager, Neighborhood Services Department, City of Goleta Police Department and Santa Barbara County Fire

Department, County of Santa Barbara Office of Emergency Management

Implementation Actions SE-IA-6 and SE-IA-7: Emergency Operations and Hazard Mitigation Plans. (added):

SE-IA-6 **Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.** The City shall prepare and update, as needed, a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. The Plan shall be prepared to, among other things, update and consolidate the City's Climate Action Plan (July 2014, implementing CE-IA-5), Coastal Hazards Vulnerability Assessment and Fiscal Impact Report (2015), Strategic Energy Plan (2019), and satisfy the requirements of Public Resources Code Section 30985 (SB 272) regarding sea level rise planning and adaptation.

Time Period: 2025 to 2028

Responsible Party: Planning and Environmental Review Department, Neighborhood Services Department, Public Works Department, General Services Department

SE-IA-7 **Climate Hazards Assessment Ordinance.** The City shall prepare an ordinance to amend Title 17 (Zoning) of the Goleta Municipal Code to specify the screening and reporting requirements needed to implement Subpolicy SE 12.3 (Site-Specific Climate Hazards). The ordinance shall identify the climate hazards to be analyzed for new development, when a full climate hazards report is required, the contents required for a climate hazard report, and detail under what circumstances siting and design changes are warranted to address the climate hazards identified in the report.

Time Period: 2025 to 2028

Responsible Party: Planning and Environmental Review Department

Chapter 6.0: Visual and Historic Resources Element

Subpolicy VH 4.2: Old Town (amended):

VH 4.2 Old Town. [GP] Old Town is a unique asset and the historic center of Goleta. Accordingly, all design shall maintain and enhance the historic character and be consistent with the Goleta Heritage District Architecture and Design Guidelines, where applicable. Superior materials and architectural detailing shall be used. Development shall continue to reflect Goleta's small-scale character, promote individual identity, reflect input and expectations from community members living and working in Old Town, and avoid uniformity or a false historic look. The Design Review Board shall evaluate applicable proposals for new development within the Heritage District to achieve variation in heights of structures along the Hollister corridor to avoid a "canyonization" effect. The pedestrian experience shall be supported and enhanced by provision of street trees; landscaped passageways; human-scale entries; and amenities such as benches, bicycle racks, trash containers, and public art. Transitional areas between residential neighborhoods and adjacent commercial and industrial areas shall be established and maintained by use of increased setbacks and heavy landscaping. (See also LU 1.3.)

Chapter 7.0: Transportation Element

Subpolicies TE 1.7 and 1.8: Prioritizing Improvements in Old Town Goleta; Community Engagement (added):

TE 1.7 Prioritizing Improvements in Old Town Goleta. [GP] When considering transportation improvements such as sidewalk, roadway, and transit improvements, the City should prioritize improvements within or directly impacting residents and businesses in Old Town Goleta.

TE 1.8 Community Engagement. [GP] The City will seek community input on proposed transportation system improvements from impacted residents, community organizations, and local businesses to understand what transportation improvements would best support current and future needs of the community.

Subpolicy TE 6.4: Streetscape Amenities (amended):

TE 6.4 Streetscape Amenities. [GP] Street design standards should incorporate appropriate pedestrian and neighborhood-enhancing elements in roadway design based on the density of development and the type of roadway. These elements may include wider sidewalks, separated sidewalks, planting strips, landscaped medians, benches, street trees and other shading structures, and pedestrian-oriented streetlights.

Subpolicy TE 7.1: Transit Network (amended):

TE 7.1 Transit Network. [GP/CP] The existing (2005) bus route network is shown in Figure 7-4, along with certain proposed future facility improvements. The City supports efforts by MTD and other transit providers to develop and maintain equitable, convenient, efficient, and reliable bus transit services in the city and in the Goleta Valley area.

Subpolicy TE 7.2: Linkage between Transit Services and Land Use (amended):

TE 7.2 Linkage between Transit Services and Land Use. [GP/CP] The City shall work with MTD and other transit providers to ensure that local transit routes within the city offer equitable, convenient, reliable, and efficient service to meet the needs of the following uses:

a. Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital and other medical facilities.
b. Schools, (especially high schools and middle schools), but also including day care and after-school programs.
c. UCSB.
d. Local public services, including City Hall, Goleta Community Center, and the Goleta Public Library.
e. Retail commercial centers, especially ones with grocery stores, including the Hollister Corridor and the Calle Real commercial areas.
f. Employment centers along the central Hollister Corridor area.
g. Existing and planned higher density residential areas near the Hollister Corridor.
h. Community, recreation, and cultural centers.

i. Larger community parks, particularly those with sports fields, and open space areas.

j. Residential uses in Old Town.

Subpolicy TE 9.6(a): Old Town Parking (amended):

a. As part of the Old Town Redevelopment program, the City shall develop a parking plan that supports the goals of the *Goleta Old Town Revitalization Plan*.

Subpolicy TE 10.2: Master Plan for Pedestrian Facilities (amended):

TE 10.2 Master Plan for Pedestrian Facilities. [GP] The City will continue to implement the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, as may be amended or replaced over time. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan includes goals, policies, and actions to support pedestrian circulation within the City.

Subpolicy TE 10.5: Pedestrian Safety (amended):

TE 10.5 Pedestrian Safety. [GP] The City should work with community groups and residents to address pedestrian safety concerns, especially in Old Town. The City shall consider measures to improve pedestrian safety, including but not limited to the following:

a. Heightened visibility for crosswalks.

b. Traffic controls.

c. Expanded enforcement of pedestrian right-of-way laws.

d. Adjustments to signal timing.

e. Appropriate signage for pedestrians and motorists.

f. Prevention of obstruction of pedestrian circulation by temporary advertising signs, merchandise displays, tree roots, illegally dumped materials, and other types of obstacles.

g. Improved lighting at intersections and at other locations along the pedestrian circulation network.

h. Incorporation of appropriate pedestrian safety measures, such as islands, in intersection designs.

i. Cooperation with school districts to create safe routes to schools through provision of crossing guards, sidewalks, curb extensions to reduce crossing length, high-visibility crosswalk markings, signage, trails, separated pathways, or other appropriate means.

Subpolicy TE 11.2: Bicycle Transportation Plan (amended):

TE 11.2 Bicycle Transportation Plan. [GP] The City will continue to implement the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, as may be amended or replaced over time. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan includes goals, policies, and actions to support bicycle circulation within the City.

The Plan shall be regularly reviewed and updated to respond to changing conditions and needs. Any future changes shall be incorporated into the map in Figure 7-6 during periodic updates or amendments to the General Plan.

Subpolicy TE 11.5: Bicyclist Safety (amended):

TE 11.5 Bicyclist Safety. [GP] The City supports programs to increase public awareness of bicycle safety. The City should work with SBCAG Traffic Solutions and other appropriate regional entities and community groups and residents to provide information to motorists and bicyclists regarding maps of bike path locations, safe routes, and increased signage to alert others of the presence of bicycles. Amenities along bikeways such as directional signage, water fountains, bike parking, and lighting should be appropriately placed to allow adequate passage. The City should work with Caltrans to reduce barriers to US-101 crossings. In addition, the City encourages bicyclists to take responsibility for their own safety by such measures as bicycle lights and wearing light and/or reflective clothing.

Subpolicy TE 15.3: Critical Transportation Facilities (amended):

TE 15.3 Critical Transportation Facilities. [GP] Critical transportation facilities for emergency vehicle access and emergency evacuation shall continue to be assessed for their capacity, safety, and viability, under a range of emergency scenarios, and maintained and improved as a priority need, correlated with the Safety Element. Critical transportation facilities include US-101 and SR-217, major east-west arterials including Cathedral Oaks Road and Hollister Avenue, and major north-south arterials that connect portions of the city on either side of US-101. Due to the potential for structural failure of some facilities in a seismic emergency, alternative routes and procedures for their use during emergency events shall be identified.

Implementation Action TE-IA-6: Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (amended):

TE-IA-6 **Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.** The City shall implement and periodically update the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan that addresses the required elements set forth in Section 891.2 of the California Streets and Highways Code; such a plan is required for submittal of grant funding applications.

Time period: Ongoing

Responsible parties: Public Works Department

Chapter 8.0: Public Facilities Element

Section 8.1, Introduction, revised and added text to the "Fire Protection Services" first paragraph:

Goleta receives fire protection and related services from the Santa Barbara County Fire Department, a regional agency providing service to 1,441 square miles of unincorporated and incorporated territory and an estimated population of 165,000 people. Services are provided through six fire stations in the Goleta Valley area, including three stations located within city boundaries. The stations within the city are described in Table 8-1. Most of Goleta falls within a 5-minute response time from existing fire stations. Currently, fire service in western Goleta is provided by County Fire Station 11, located on Storke Road. The best practices standard of response time for fire service is commonly considered to be five minutes per the National Fire

Protection Association (NFPA) standards. Fire Station 11 does not currently meet the 5-minute response standard to areas of western Goleta. This western Goleta area includes a number of housing units, a large resort hotel, and an oil and gas processing facility within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.

Section 8.2: Guiding Principles and Goals [GP/CP] amended Principle and Goal 3:

3. Ensure that Goleta's public facilities are accessible to all segments of the community in a manner that considers economic, social, and racial equity.

Subpolicy PF 1.1: Planning Process (amended):

Community Planning Process. [GP] The City shall establish a community planning process, involving all segments of the community, to identify appropriate sites for and to plan the development of a full-service city hall or civic center to meet the city's long term needs. A future city hall may be located within, and is consistent with, any land-use category specified in the Land Use Element.

Subpolicy PF 2.2: Goleta Valley Community Center (amended):

PF 2.2 Goleta Community Center. [GP] The City should continue to maintain the current community center, and associated buildings, as a focal point for community activities and functions, including senior services, youth services, and various related classes and cultural and recreational activities. The City should continue to implement the Strategic Plan for the Goleta Community Center to ensure programming and services are accessible and equitable for all members of the community.

Subpolicy PF 3.1(b): Fire Protection Standards (amended):

b. A ratio of one engine company per 16,000 population, assuming four firefighters per station, represents the maximum population that the Santa Barbara County Fire Department has determined can be adequately served by a four-person crew. Fire stations 11 and 12 (see Table 8-1) did not satisfy this standard as of 2005. Currently, all three fire engines that serve Goleta are staffed with only three-person crews. The NFPA guidelines state that engine companies shall be staffed with a minimum of four on-duty personnel.

Subpolicy PF 3.5: Periodic Evaluation of Adequacy of Fire Facilities (amended):

PF 3.5 Periodic Evaluation of Adequacy of Fire Facilities. [GP] The City and the Santa Barbara County Fire Department should periodically evaluate the distribution of fire facilities in order to ensure that fire protection needs are adequately addressed within available fiscal capacity. Additionally, the City shall consider climate change and resulting increased fire hazard in these evaluations.

Subpolicy PF 5.3: Design of School Facilities (amended):

PF 5.3 Design of School Facilities. [GP] New or remodeled school facilities should be designed to be compatible with the neighborhood and adjacent land uses, and to consider projected increases in extreme heat risk induced by climate change. Facilities should be sited and designed to avoid or minimize noise, light and glare, traffic, and other potential adverse

impacts on adjacent residential areas. Adequate onsite parking should be provided to prevent impacts to onstreet parking in the neighborhood.

Subpolicy PF 6.2: Undergrounding of Overhead Utilities (amended first paragraph text):

PF 6.2 Undergrounding of Overhead Utilities. [GP] The City shall encourage the undergrounding of electrical power lines and other overhead utilities to the greatest extent practical to enhance grid reliability and to withstand climate change-induced extreme weather events, as follows:

Subpolicy PF 6.5: Coordination with Providers (added):

PF 6.5 Coordination with Providers. [GP] The City shall collaborate with utility providers to provide equitable, adequate, and appropriate levels of service and promote the maintenance of utilities serving the City, with a specific emphasis on Old Town. Through this coordination, the City shall ensure that infrastructure planning accounts for anticipated climate change impacts and anticipated future demands on the grid due to those impacts.

Subpolicy PF 8.2: Siting of Public Facilities (amended):

PF 8.2 Siting of Public Facilities. [GP] All new public facilities, including utilities, utility buildings, signage, and other development components, shall be designed in a manner that makes them aesthetically compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and development. Additionally, new public facilities should be strategically sited to mitigate risks from climate change impacts, protect public safety, and promote long-term resilience. The following shall apply:

a. Siting and design, landscape buffers, architectural elements, and other appropriate design solutions shall be required, as appropriate.
b. Critical structures and facilities (including hospitals, fire stations, police stations, water reservoirs, and communications facilities) shall be restricted from geologic, and hydrologic, and high and very high fire hazard areas, as shown in Figure 5-2, to the greatest extent practical, and shall be considerate of climate change impacts.
c. To the extent practical, the City shall identify and shall make every effort to assure the long-term availability of appropriate sites for the development and expansion of City buildings, utility infrastructure, and other public facilities.
d. Public agency buildings shall be conveniently located and accessible to residents and all segments of the community.

Subpolicy PF 8.3: Design of Public Facilities (amended):

PF 8.3 Design of Public Facilities. [GP] The following criteria shall apply:

a. To the extent appropriate and practical, all utility facilities (with the possible exception of substations, pumping stations, and outdoor storage areas) shall be fully enclosed in buildings that are aesthetically compatible with the areas in which they are located.
b. Public buildings and facilities that house City government activities shall be constructed in a functional and aesthetically pleasing manner.

c. Wherever possible, the City should incorporate energy-saving measures, renewable energy and storage to increase resiliency, and other “green building” concepts in the design of City facilities. Natural buffers around facilities should be considered, where appropriate, to enhance protection and resilience from climate change hazards.

d. New community facilities should be designed and constructed to incorporate flexibility and adaptability to the changing needs of the community.

e. Facilities shall be designed to be accessible to all segments of the community in a manner that considers economic, social, and racial equity, to ensure that everyone has fair access to City resources and opportunities.

Subpolicy PF 8.6: Community Planning and Consideration of Future Public Facilities (added):

PF 8.6 Community Planning and Consideration of Future Public Facilities. [GP] When considering the addition of new public facilities or major improvements for existing facilities, the City should proactively inform community members regarding opportunities to learn about and engage with public facilities planning.

Subpolicy PF 9.8: Equitable Public Investments (added):

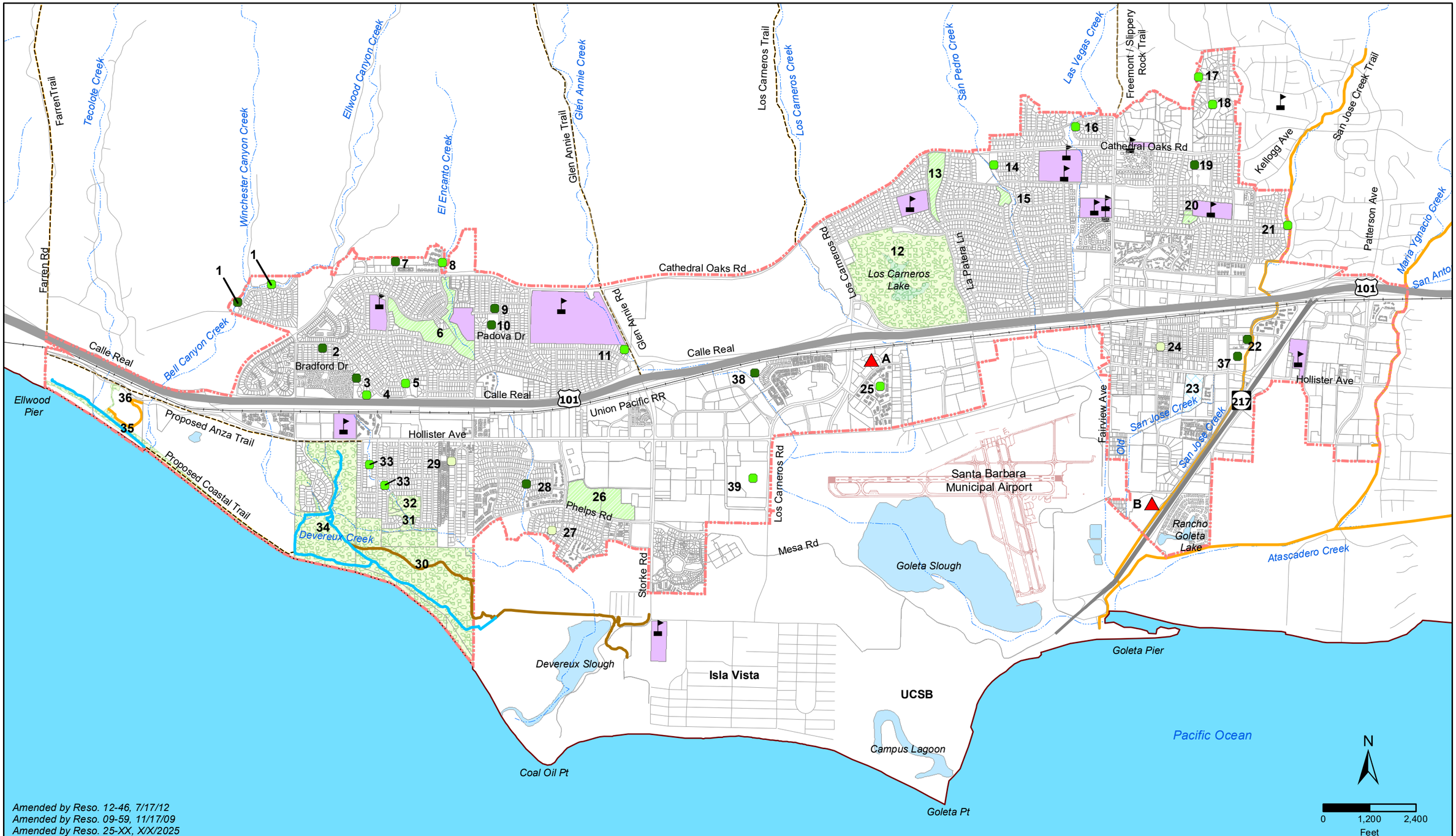
PF 9.8 Equitable Public Investments. [GP/CP] The City shall promote the equitable provision of public amenities such as sidewalks, street trees, crosswalks, paving, streetlights, bike lanes, and other amenities throughout the City.

Subpolicy PF 10.11: Support Improvements in Old Town (added):

PF 10.11 Support Improvements in Old Town. [GP] The City shall support improvements for public facilities located within or directly impacting Old Town to improve access and ensure adequate facilities are available to benefit local residents and businesses. The City shall explore and pursue grants and external funding opportunities to support projects and programs addressing key issues in Old Town.

EXHIBIT B

General Plan New and Amended Figures



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Legend

Existing and Planned Parks
- Goleta Valley Community Center
- 1 Mini Park
- 1 Neighborhood Open Space
- 1 Neighborhood Park
- Community Park
- Regional Open Space
- Planned Future Park Site

Existing and Proposed Trails
- Existing Trail
- Proposed Trail
- Juan Baustista de Anza Trail
- Coastal Trail

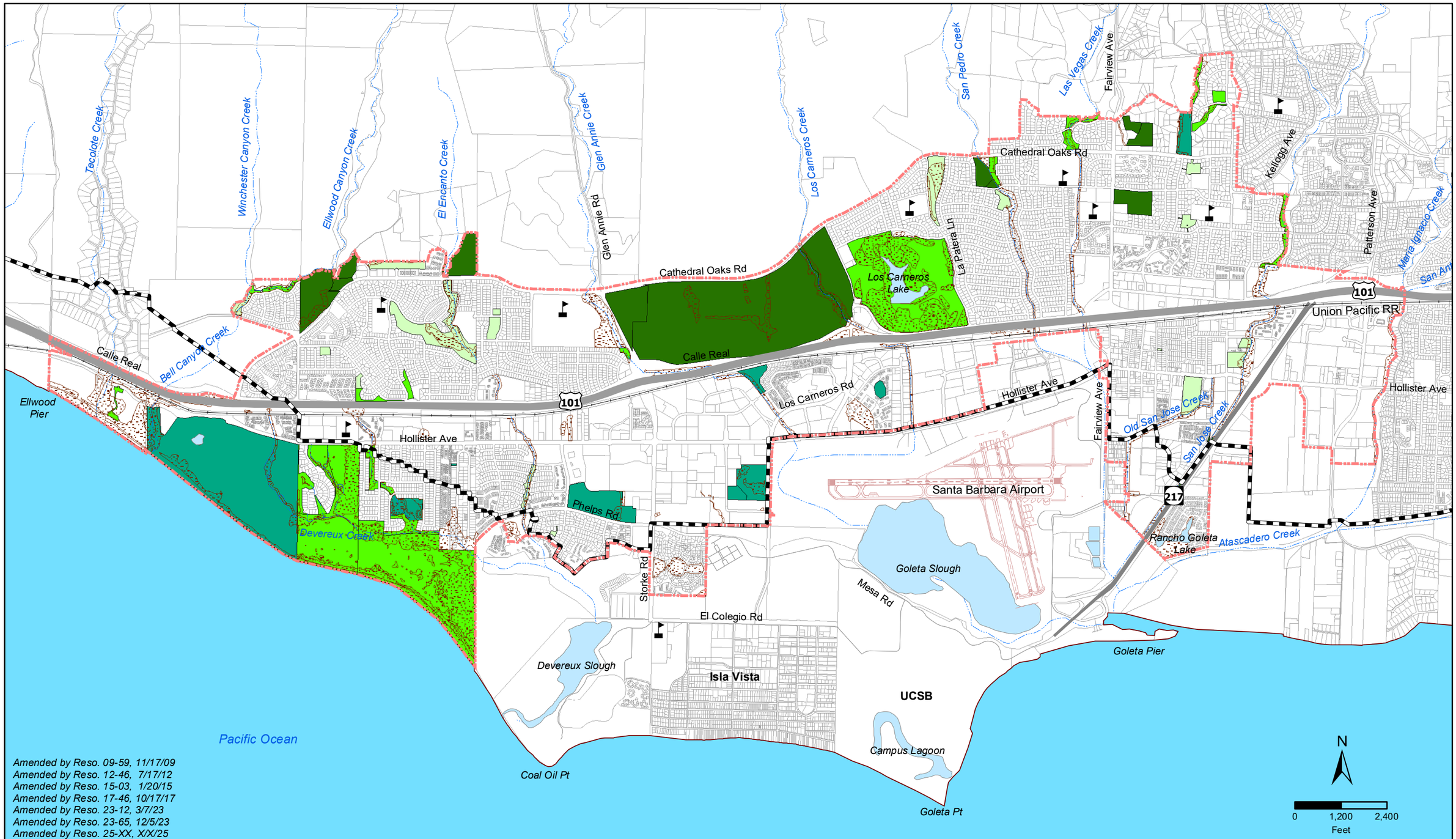
Other Features
- Goleta City Boundary
- Coastal Zone
- Creeks
- Schools in Goleta

Note: Site numbers correspond to Table 3-1, which provides data for each site.

Source: The Juan Bautista de Anza Trail and Coastal Trail locations are based on the locations presented in the Draft Ellwood-Devereux Coastal Open Space Habitat Management Plan (URS, 2004).

Figure 3-2
PARK AND RECREATION PLAN MAP

GENERAL PLAN/COASTAL LAND USE PLAN
TBD 2025



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Legend

Open Space for Outdoor Recreation
- Active Park Sites
- Passive Parks /Open Space Areas
- Private Recreational Areas

Open Space for Preservation of Natural Resources
- Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas

Open Space for Managed Production of Resources
- Agriculture

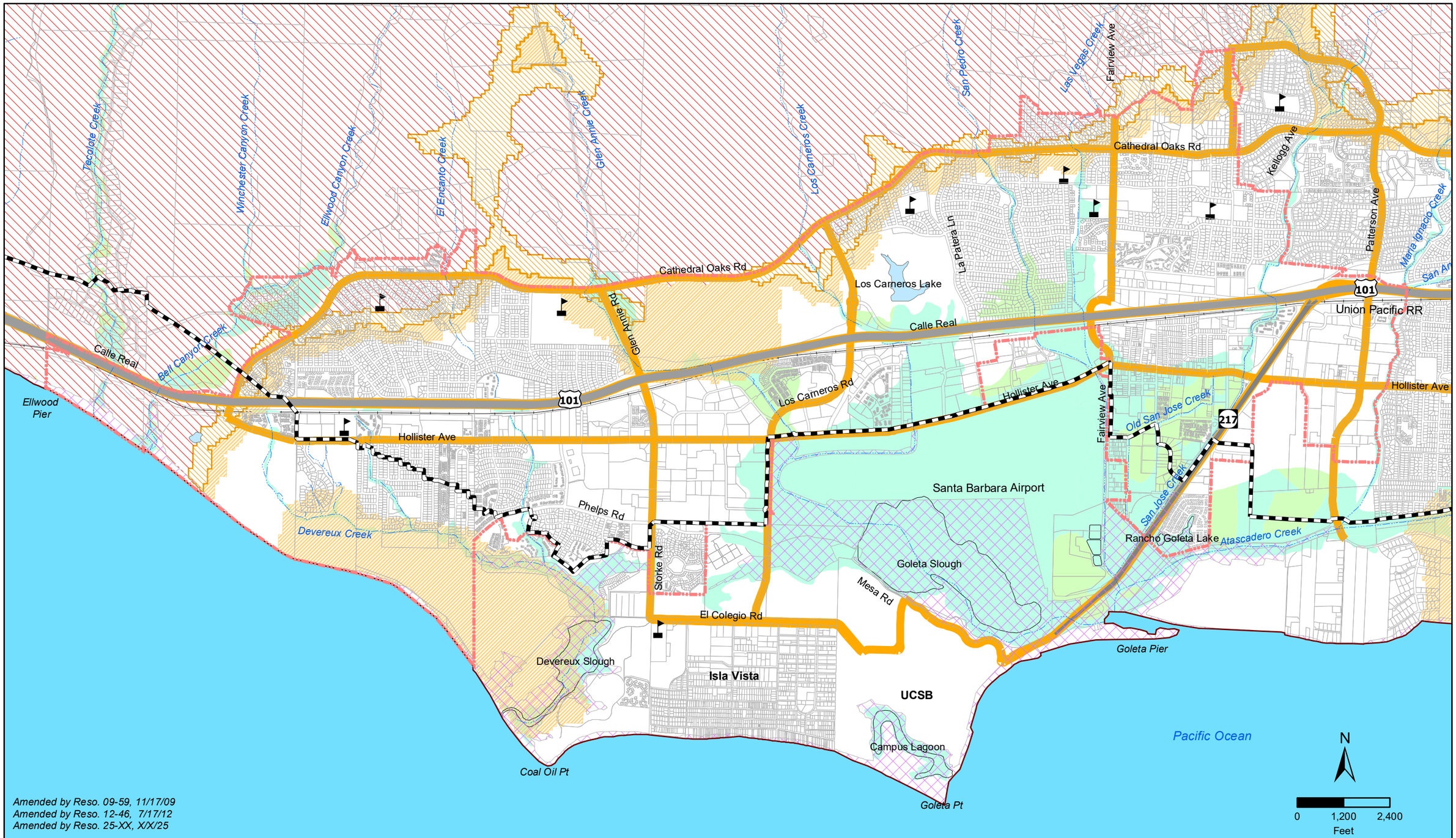
Open Space for Public Health and Safety
- Flood Plain(See Note)
- Tsunami Run-up Areas(See Note)

Other Features
- Goleta City Boundary
- Coastal Zone
- Creeks
- Schools

Note: Tsunami run-up areas and flood plain information are shown in Safety Element Figure 5-2.

Figure 3-5
OPEN SPACE PLAN MAP

GENERAL PLAN/COASTAL LAND USE PLAN
TBD 2025



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Legend

Flood Hazard
- 100 Year Flood Zone
- 500 Year Flood Zone

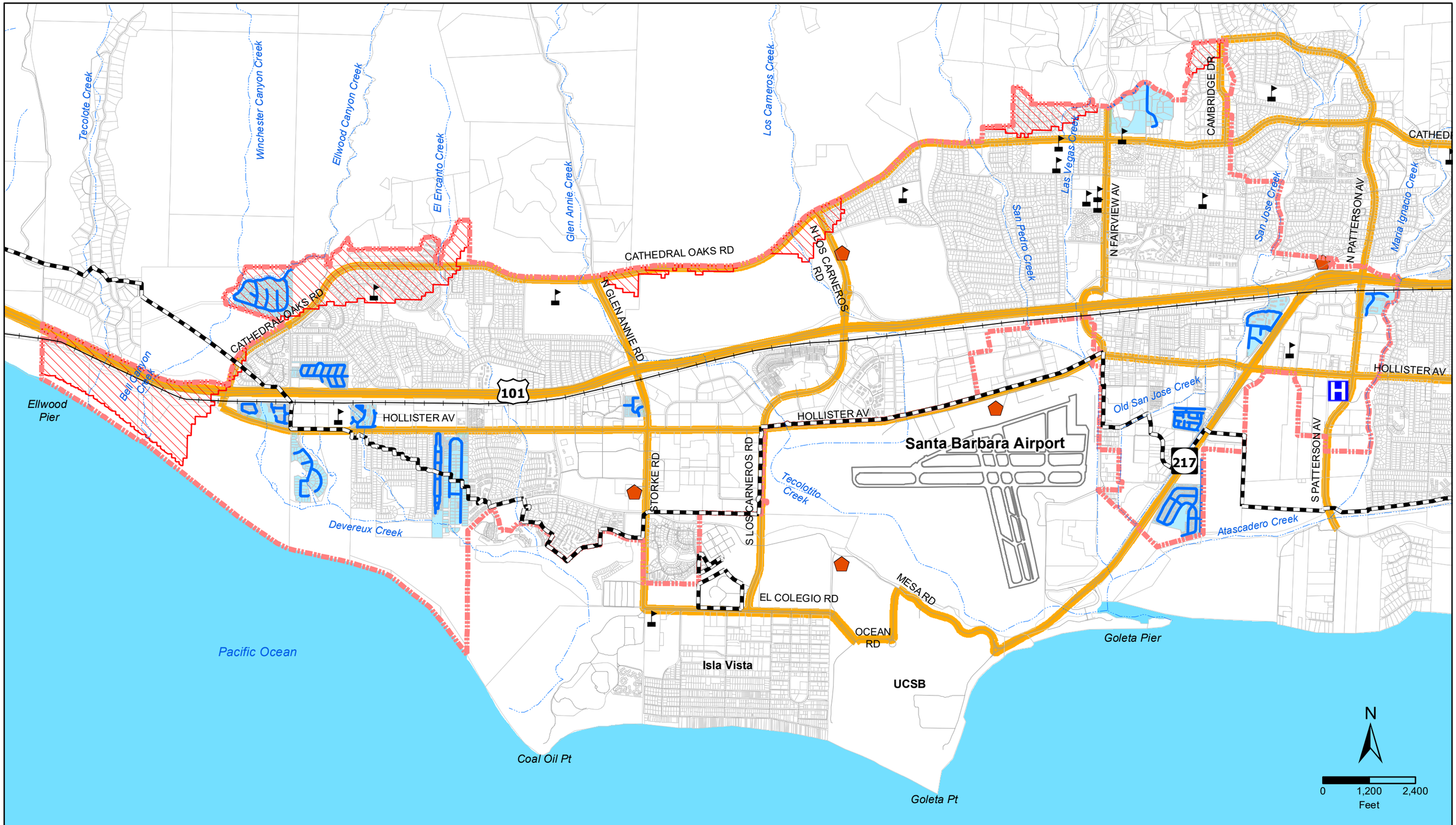
Fire Hazard Severity Zones
- Moderate
- High
- Very High

Tsunami Hazard
- Tsunami Inundation Area

Other Features
- Potential Evacuation Routes
- Goleta City Boundary
- Coastal Zone
- Creeks
- Schools

Source:
The 100- and 500-year flood zones were mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, per the Flood Risk Database (accessed 3/26/2025). The tsunami inundation area was produced by the California Geological Survey and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (dated 2022). The fire hazard severity zones were obtained from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (dated 3/12/2025 for State Responsibility Areas and 3/10/2025 for Local Responsibility Areas).

Figure 5-2
FIRE, FLOOD, AND TSUNAMI HAZARDS MAP



Legend

- Roads in Residential Areas with One Egress
- Potential Evacuation Routes
- Residential Parcels with One Egress

Fire Hazard Severity Zones

- Very High

- Hospital
- Fire Stations
- City of Goleta
- Coastal Zone
- Creeks
- Schools

Source:
The very high fire hazard severity zones were obtained from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (dated 3/10/2025).

Figure 5-4
RESIDENTIAL AREAS WITH ONE EGRESS AND VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE

EXHIBIT C

Ordinance No. 25-__, entitled "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Amending Title 17 (Zoning) of the Goleta Municipal Code to Implement General Plan Amendments to Ensure Consistency with State Planning Law and Determine the Amendments to be Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (Case No. 25-0001-ORD)"

ORDINANCE NO. 25-__

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE GOLETA MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY WITH STATE PLANNING LAW AND DETERMINE THE AMENDMENTS TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CASE NO. 25-0001-ORD)

WHEREAS, the City of Goleta (City) adopted Title 17 (Zoning) of the Goleta Municipal Code (GMC) on March 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on _____ __, 2025, the City adopted amendments to the General Plan / Coastal Land Use Plan (General Plan) Introduction and Overview and Land Use, Open Space, Conservation, Safety, Visual and Historical Resources, Transportation, and Public Facilities Elements; and

WHEREAS, the amended General Plan includes several policies that require and support Title 17 amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing on _____ __, 2025, at which time all interested parties were given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended to City Council adoption of the Ordinance on _____ __, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a duly noticed public hearing on _____ __, 2025 at which time all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 25-__, which amends Title 17 of the GMC, by a majority vote on _____ __, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

<u>SECTION 1.</u> **Recitals**

The City Council hereby finds and determines that the foregoing recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference, are true and correct.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> **Required Findings for Ordinance Amendments**

Pursuant to subsection 17.66.050(B) of the Goleta Municipal Code, the City Council makes the following findings:

(a) The amendment is consistent with the General Plan, the requirements of State planning and zoning laws, and this Title.

The Ordinance, which amends the Goleta Municipal Code Title 17, is consistent with all applicable provisions of the City's General Plan that relate to development on real property throughout the City.

The Ordinance serves as implementation of various General Plan amendments to support healthy local food access via the encouragement of community gardens and food and beverage sale uses, and to remove certain language regarding fire protection measures for new structures and rebuilding in high fire hazard areas. The General Plan policies implemented by the Ordinance include Policy LU 14 (Healthy and Sustainable Food Systems and Uses) and Policy SE 7 (Urban and Wildland Fire Hazards). Implementation of these subprograms also serve to align the City's zoning regulations with California Government Code Sections 65302(g)(2)–(5), 65302(h), 65302.15, and 65565.5.

Therefore, the amendments are consistent with the General Plan, the requirements of State planning and zoning laws, and Title 17 of the Goleta Municipal Code.

(b) The amendment is in the interests of the general community welfare.

The Ordinance, which amends Goleta Municipal Code Title 17, will update the City's zoning regulations to remove certain fire protection standards that are not suited for Title 17 and are addressed in other parts of the Goleta Municipal Code. This correction ensures clearer and consistent application of fire protection building standards. Additionally, the Ordinance will allow the City to promote the development of community garden facilities and food and beverage sale uses, thereby supporting access to local healthy food sources. This will ensure the City's ability to implement the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan, which protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the community.

Therefore, the amendments are in the interest of the general community welfare.

(c) The amendment is consistent with good zoning and planning practices.

The Ordinance, which amends Goleta Municipal Code Title 17, will help the City continue to implement the community goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan. By updating Title 17 to implement the General Plan and align with State planning law and better reflect distinctions between Title 17 and Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) of the GMC, the Ordinance is consistent with good zoning and planning practices. Additionally, providing clarity to Title 17 based on issues identified since the adoption of Title 17 demonstrates good zoning regulations maintenance.

Therefore, the amendments are consistent with good zoning and planning practices.

SECTION 3. Environmental Review

The amendments to Title 17 are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations) because the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378(a) but it is an organizational or administrative activity by government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5).

The amendments are also exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because the activity is covered by the general rule which exempts activities that can be seen with certainty to have no possibility for causing a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 4. Title 17 of the Goleta Municipal Code Amendments

Title 17 of the Goleta Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

A. ***Table 17.09.020 is amended as follows:*** Add three new rows below "Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate Services" for a new use classification: "Food and Beverage Sales," including two specific use rows below "Food and Beverage Sales": "*General Market*" and "*Specialty Food Sales and Facilities."* Add "P^2" in the BP and OI columns of these two new rows, and no text in the "Additional Regulations" column of these new rows.

B. Subsection 17.32.060(A) – "Fire Protection Measures for New Structures" is removed in its entirety and subsection 17.32.060(B) is renumbered as 17.32.060(A)).

C. ***Subsection 17.32.060(C) – "Rebuilding in High Fire Hazard Areas" is removed in its entirety.***

D. ***Subsection 17.32.060(D) – "Automatic Fire Sprinklers" is removed in its entirety.***

E. ***Table 17.38.040(A) – "Required On-Site Parking Spaces" is amended as follows:*** In the "Community Gardens" row, change the value in the "Required Parking Spaces and Additional Regulations" column to "None."

F. ***Subsection 17.73.010 (Private) Common Open Space is amended to read as follows:***

Areas for outdoor living and recreation that are intended for the use of residents and guests of more than one dwelling unit. Common areas typically consist of patios, swimming pools, playgrounds, turf, community gardens, or other such improvements as are appropriate to enhance the outdoor environment of the development and offering amenities for different age groups, including ADA accessibility, but does not include unusable landscaped areas or any roof-top area.

SECTION 6. Certification of City Clerk.

The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and, within 15 days after its adoption, shall cause it to be published in accord with California Law.

SECTION 7. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect on the 31st day following adoption by the City Council.

INTRODUCED ON the ___ day of _____, 2025.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this _____day of _____ 2025.

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PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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ISSAC ROSEN
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
CITY OF GOLETA)

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 25-__ was introduced on _____, and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, held on the _____, by the following roll-call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

(SEAL)

_____
DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

Attachment 2

Proposed General Plan Amendments and Relevant Existing General Plan Policies to Satisfy State Law Requirements

Safety Element Driven General Plan / Coastal Land Use Plan Updates

Establish a set of comprehensive goals, policies, and objectives for the protection of the community from the unreasonable risks of flooding, including, but not limited to the following: *See requirements in gold below* (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(2)(B))

Safety Element Section 5.1 (Introduction) amended to add reference to dam failure in the "Flood Hazards" paragraph.

This area is notable in that it includes two of the city's three major commercial areas: the Calle Real Center and the Goleta Old Town area. In addition to the 100-year floodplain, the City also faces potential flood risks from dam failures. Three dams include inundation hazards within the City: Glen Annie Dam, Lake Los Carneros Dam, and Rancho del Ciervo Dam.

SE 6.10 Dam Failure Inundation Preparation. [GP] The City shall prepare and maintain an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for dam failure at the Lake Los Carneros Dam. The City shall also seek access to and maintain the EAPs for the two other dams located outside of City boundaries with dam failure inundation potential within the City: Glen Annie and Rancho del Ciervo dams. Updates on dam inundation hazards shall be reflected in local and regional emergency response documents.

Avoiding or minimizing the risks of flooding to new development. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(2)(B)(i))

SE 4.12 Safety Measures for Tsunami Hazard Areas. [GP/CP] The following shall apply in tsunami hazard areas:

a. New developments shall include design features or other measures that provide for safe harbor on site.

b. Existing critical facilities within the tsunami hazard area should be reviewed by the City Building Official, or designee, in conjunction with the appropriate state agency, to ensure that adequate areas for safe harbor are available on site and/or that other measures or features exist to minimize risk of injuries and deaths in the event of a tsunami.

c. The City, in cooperation with the County and/or State Offices of Emergency Services, encourages development of an emergency notification and evacuation plan in response to a tsunami warning. The City shall cooperate with these agencies to develop educational materials informing people of the causes of tsunamis, tsunami characteristics and warning signs (such as a locally felt earthquake or unusually recession of near-shore waters), and appropriate tsunami-response measures. These educational materials shall be made available to residents of and visitors to Goleta.

SE 6.1 Map of Flood Hazard Areas. [GP/CP] The City shall use the most recent edition of the federal Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM maps) in evaluating applications for new or expanded development on properties subject to flood hazards. All applications for new or expanded development shall be required to show, where applicable, the floodway, 100-year floodplain, and the 500-year floodplain on the site plan showing the proposed development. The map in Figure 5-2 is a facsimile rather than the official flood hazard map and is intended only to be illustrative of possible flood hazard areas.

SE 6.2 Areas Subject to Local Urban Flooding. [GP] In addition to flood hazard areas shown on the FIRM maps, the City may require applications for new or expanded development in areas with known persistent local urban flooding to include measures that lessen the urban flooding hazard and/or that mitigate its effects on the proposed development. This requirement shall apply to flooding on any street or roadway that provides access to the proposed development.

SE 6.3 Floodplain Management Ordinance. [GP] The City shall maintain and strictly enforce the policies, regulations, and standards within a Floodplain Management Ordinance, Chapter 15.10 of the Goleta Municipal Code.

SE 6.4 Avoidance of Flood Hazard Areas. [GP/CP] The City shall discourage any new intensive development in any flood hazard area, including potential flood inundation areas due to sea level rise. Similarly, the City shall require appropriate flood mitigation for intensification of existing development in any flood-prone area. The City shall not approve development within areas designated as the 100-year floodplain that would obstruct flood flow (such as construction in the designated floodway), displace floodwaters onto other property, or be subject to flood damage. The City shall not allow development that will create or worsen drainage problems.

SE 6.5 Siting of Critical Facilities. [GP] The City shall discourage the construction of critical facilities within the 100-year floodplain. In cases where construction of such facilities cannot avoid flood hazard areas, the City shall require implementation of appropriate mitigation as recommended in site-specific hydrology/hydraulic and/or engineering studies.

SE 6.6 Enforcement of Watercourse Setback Ordinance. [GP/CP] A minimum 50-foot setback shall be required from streambanks and flood control channels for all new development (see related CE 2.2). For projects that would be rendered infeasible by the application of such minimum setbacks, the project applicant shall provide a site-specific engineering study with recommended mitigation measures to allow for a reduced setback that would not expose development to unacceptable risk. Furthermore, in these cases, the City shall consult with the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District to determine whether the proposed lesser setback would be appropriate, in that it would allow access for flood control maintenance and enable proper operation of the channels. The City shall maintain and enforce the policies and standards within a Water Course Setback Ordinance.

Evaluating whether new development should be located in flood hazard zones, and identifying construction methods or other methods to minimize damage if new development is located in flood hazard zones. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(2)(B)(ii))
See above for relevant subpolicies in Policy SE 6.
Maintaining the structural and operational integrity of essential public facilities during flooding. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(2)(B)(iii))
SE 6.5 **Siting of Critical Facilities. [GP]** The City shall discourage the construction of critical facilities within the 100-year floodplain. In cases where construction of such facilities cannot avoid flood hazard areas, the City shall require implementation of appropriate mitigation as recommended in site-specific hydrology/hydraulic and/or engineering studies.
SE 11.6 **Maintaining Essential Public Facilities Operation During Emergencies. [GP]** The City aims to maintain functionality of critical public facilities during flood, fire, and other disaster events by implementing measures to enhance infrastructure resilience and emergency preparedness, especially in hazard areas. This includes upgrading facilities to withstand flooding, providing backup systems for essential operations, and maintaining effective emergency response plans. The City shall also coordinate with regional agencies and the community to minimize service disruptions and ensure timely recovery efforts.
Locating, when feasible, new essential public facilities outside of flood hazard zones, including hospitals and health care facilities, emergency shelters, fire stations, emergency command centers, and emergency communications facilities or identifying construction methods or other methods to minimize damage if these facilities are located in flood hazard zones. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(2)(B)(iv))
SE 1.2 **Guidelines for Siting Highly Sensitive Uses and Critical Facilities. [GP/CP]** In accord with the Land Use Element, the City shall discourage essential services buildings and other highly sensitive uses in areas subject to safety hazards. Highly sensitive uses are defined as those that meet one more of the following criteria: a. Land uses whose onsite population cannot be readily evacuated or otherwise adequately protected from serious harm through methods such as sheltering in-place. This includes, but is not limited to, schools, hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, multiple-family housing exclusively for the elderly or disabled, high-density residential, stadiums, arenas, and other uses with large public-assembly facilities. b. Land uses that serve critical "lifeline" functions such as water supplies, wastewater, energy infrastructure, fire response, and police response if exposed to a significant risk that will curtail their lifeline functions for a critical period of time. **Note:** Also see other subpolicies within SE 6 above.
SE 6.5 **Siting of Critical Facilities. [GP]** The City shall discourage the construction of critical facilities within the 100-year floodplain. In cases where construction of such facilities cannot avoid flood hazard areas, the City shall require implementation of appropriate mitigation as recommended in site-specific hydrology/hydraulic and/or engineering studies.
PF 8.2 **Siting of Public Facilities. [GP]** All new public facilities, including utilities, utility buildings, signage, and other development components, shall be designed in a manner that makes them aesthetically compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and development. Additionally, new public facilities should be strategically sited to mitigate risks from climate change impacts, protect public safety, and promote long-term resilience. The following shall apply: a. Siting and design, landscape buffers, architectural elements, and other appropriate design solutions shall be required, as appropriate. b. Critical structures and facilities (including hospitals, fire stations, police stations, water reservoirs, and communications facilities) shall be restricted from geologic,~~ally and~~ hydrologic,~~al~~ and high and very high fire hazard~~ous~~ areas, as shown in Figure 5-2, to the greatest extent practical, and shall be considerate of climate change impacts. c. To the extent practical, the City shall identify and shall make every effort to assure the long-term availability of appropriate sites for the development and expansion of City buildings, utility infrastructure, and other public facilities. d. Public agency buildings shall be conveniently located and accessible to residents and all segments of the community.
Establishing cooperative working relationships among public agencies with responsibility for flood protection. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(2)(B)(v))
SE 6.11 **Coordinate with Public Agencies Responsible for Flood Protection. [GP]** The City shall coordinate with public agencies responsible for flood protection and dam failure to ensure effective management of flood risks and alignment of local planning efforts with regional strategies. This coordination shall include sharing data, supporting flood control infrastructure projects, and integrating updated hazard information into land use and emergency response planning.
Establish a set of feasible implementation measures designed to carry out the goals, policies, and objectives established pursuant to subparagraph (B). (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(2)(C))
See revisions above as General Plan / Coastal Land Use Plan subpolicies include directive implementation measures.

SE-IA-2	**San Jose Creek Flood Control Project.** The City shall implement the San Jose Creek Flood Control Project, including construction of appropriate flood control facilities, to reduce the extent and frequency of flooding in the Old Town area. Time period: Undetermined; may be implemented in phases Responsible party: Community Services Department, Redevelopment Agency, County of Santa Barbara Flood Control District
SE-IA-4	**~~Multihazard~~ Emergency Operations ~~Response Plan~~ and Hazard Mitigation Plans**. The City shall ~~prepare and~~ maintain ~~a~~and update an ~~multihazard emergency response plan. The plan~~Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). These plans shall be coordinated as appropriate with the County of Santa ~~Barbara's~~Barbara ~~Emergency Response Plan~~ planning efforts. Time Period: EOP Updates Every Five Years and as necessary; LHMP Updates Every Five Years~~2007 to 2008~~ Responsible party: City Manager, Neighborhood Services Department~~Redevelopment and Neighborhood Services Department~~, City of Goleta Police Department and Santa Barbara County Fire Department, County of Santa Barbara Office of Emergency Management~~Services~~
The safety element shall be reviewed and updated as necessary to address the risk of fire for land classified as state responsibility areas and land classified as very high fire hazard severity zones. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(3)(A))	
Safety Element Section 5.1 (Introduction) amended to add reference to Wildfire new "Climate Hazards" paragraph. ***Wildfire:*** The foothills surrounding Goleta, coupled with increasingly dry conditions associated with climate change, create heightened wildfire hazard conditions. The City's proximity to neighboring fire hazard areas in unincorporated Santa Barbara County makes wildfire mitigation and emergency preparedness essential components of the Safety Element.	
Safety Element Figure 5-2 updated to incorporate the new Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones released by the State Fire Marshal on 3/10/2025 (see separate file).	
Any historical data on wildfires available from local agencies or a reference to where the data can be found. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(3)(A)(ii))	
Safety Element Section 5.1 (Introduction) amended to add a new paragraph detailing historical fire information. Over the past 560 years, large wildfires have occurred in the Goleta area roughly every 20 to 30 years, but the frequency has increased significantly in recent decades, with four major fires in the past seven years alone. Historic fires like the 1990 Painted Cave Fire and 1977 Sycamore Canyon Fire caused significant home losses (Goleta Community Wildfire Protection Plan, 2012). The 2017 Thomas Fire, one of California's largest, led to damage and mudslides. Current fire history data is available on the Santa Barbara County Fire Department website.	
General location and distribution of existing and planned uses of land in very high fire hazard severity zones and in state responsibility areas, including structures, roads, utilities, and essential public facilities. The location and distribution of planned uses of land shall not require defensible space compliance measures required by state law or local ordinance to occur on publicly owned lands or open-space designations of homeowner associations. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(3)(A)(iv))	
Safety Element Section 5.1 (Introduction) amended to add a new paragraph discussing very high fire hazard severity zones in the City. The City contains areas designated as very high fire hazard severity zones (VHFHSZs), particularly along the foothills and open space areas surrounding and north of Cathedral Oaks Road. Development in these areas includes residential development such as Winchester Canyon in western Goleta, Ritz-Carlton Bacara Resort and Spa, portions of Sandpiper Golf Course, and two agricultural parcels. Portions of Highway 101 are located in the VHFHSZ. Future Fire Station 10 is partially in the VHFHSZ. ~~Urban fires pose a potential risk to structures in any city. In addition, certain areas within Goleta have been designated as high wildland fire hazard areas, including areas north of Cathedral Oaks Road, portions of the Winchester Commons subdivision, and the Bacara Resort property.~~	
Local, state, and federal agencies with responsibility for fire protection, including special districts and local offices of emergency services. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(3)(A)(v))	
Safety Element Section 5.1 (Introduction) amended to add new information discussing agencies responsible for fire protection. In Goleta, the administering agencies are the Santa Barbara County Fire Prevention Division and the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management. These agencies may rely on the Santa Barbara Operational Area Mutual Aid Plan for coordinating additional aid from the United States Forest Service and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to pool resources during large-scale wildfires. The Santa Barbara County Fire Department provides Goleta with fire suppression and fire prevention services and has established standards for building and development review to minimize fire hazards and provide for adequate fire suppression. Standards for peak-load water supply require that adequate water flow be available for effective fire suppression. The minimum required firewater flow depends on the type of building construction, the proximity of adjacent structures, and presence or absence of fire walls and other fire protection devices. ~~Minimum required firewater flow standards are specified in the Uniform Fire Code, and t~~The Santa Barbara County Fire Department reviews development to ensure compliance with minimum required firewater flow standards.	

A set of goals, policies, and objectives for the protection of the community from the unreasonable risk of wildfire. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(3)(B))

Policy SE 7: Urban and Wildland Fire Hazards [GP/CP]

Objective: *To reduce the threat to life, structures, and the environment caused by urban and wildland fires.*

SE 7.1 **Fire Prevention and Response Measures for ~~New~~ Development. [GP/CP]** ~~New development and redevelopment projects shall be designed and constructed in accordance with National Fire Protection Association standards to minimize fire hazards, with special attention given to fuel management and improved access in areas with higher fire risk, with access or water supply deficiencies, or beyond a 5-minute response time.~~ New development and redevelopment shall be designed and constructed in accordance with more current State and Santa Barbara County fire protection building standards. The City shall require new subdivisions in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone to have: 1) Secondary access available, or mitigations and/or management plans are required that offset the known risks; 2) A Wildfire Protection Plan prepared and approved by the County of Santa Barbara Fire Department; and 3) An appropriate setback from wildland vegetation, as determined by the County of Santa Barbara Fire Department.

SE 7.2 **Review of New Development. [GP/CP]** Applications for new or expanded development shall be reviewed by appropriate Santa Barbara County Fire Department personnel to ensure they are designed in a manner that reduces the risk of loss due to fire. Such review shall include consideration of the adequacy of "defensible space" around structures at risk; access for fire suppression equipment, water supplies, construction standards; and vegetation clearance. Secondary access may be required and shall be considered on a case-by-case basis. The City shall encourage built-in fire suppression systems such as sprinklers, particularly in high-risk or high-value areas.

SE 7.3 **Identification of Fire Hazard Areas. [GP/CP]** The Santa Barbara County Fire Department should identify high-value and high-risk areas, including urban/wildlife interface areas, and develop mitigation efforts to reduce the threat of fire.

SE 7.4 **Fuel Modification Plans. [GP/CP]** Applications for new development that require fuel modification shall include a Fuel Modification Plan for the project. This plan shall be prepared by a landscape architect or resource specialist and shall include measures to minimize removal of native vegetation, minimize disturbance to environmentally sensitive habitat areas (ESHAs), and incorporate fire-retardant vegetation in new plantings. Such plans shall be reviewed and approved by the Santa Barbara County Fire Department.

~~**SE 7.5** **Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems. [GP]** The City shall require the installation of automatic fire sprinklers for: a) all new buildings that have a total floor area of 5,000 square feet or more and b) any existing building proposed for remodeling or an addition, which, upon completion of the remodel or addition, will have a total floor area of 5,000 square feet or more. The 5,000-square-foot threshold cited in criteria a) and b), above, shall be reduced to 1,000 square feet for any building zoned or used for commercial or industrial purposes if such building is within 100 feet of any residentially zoned parcel.~~

SE 7.5~~6~~ **Standards for Rebuilding in High Fire Hazard Areas. [GP]** Any rebuilding in high and very high fire hazard areas shall incorporate development standards and precautions that reduce the chance of structure losses from fire.

SE 7.6 **Implementation of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. [GP/CP]** The City shall implement the Goleta Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), as may be amended, to enhance community wildfire protection.

SE 7.7 **Non-Conforming Development [GP/CP].** The City shall use public funding such as state and federal grants, where available and practical, to assist private landowners in implementing defensible space and low-cost building retrofits to increase resiliency of existing developments, including in High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, that were built prior to modern fire safety codes or wildfire mitigation guidance.

PF Goal 9 Ensure that new development and growth does not exceed the service capacities of the City and other public and private entities, including: city administrative facilities; water supply and distribution systems; sewage collection, treatment, and disposal systems; fire protection services and facilities; police protection services and facilities; schools; library services and facilities; and utilities.

Section 8.1, Introduction, "Fire Protection Services" first paragraph:

Goleta receives fire protection and related services from the Santa Barbara County Fire Department, a regional agency providing service to 1,441 square miles of unincorporated and incorporated territory and an estimated population of 165,000 people. Services are provided through six fire stations in the Goleta Valley area, including three stations located within city boundaries. The stations within the city are described in Table 8-1. Most of Goleta falls within a 5-minute response time from existing fire stations~~, although the western edge of the city and some northern neighborhoods may experience a longer response time, although the western edge of the city and some northern neighborhoods may experience a longer response time. This western area includes a number of dense housing developments, a large resort hotel, and an oil and gas processing facility.~~ Currently, fire service in western Goleta is provided by County Fire Station 11, located on Storke Road. The best practices standard of response time for fire service is commonly considered to be five minutes per the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. Fire Station 11 does not currently meet the 5-minute response standard to areas of western Goleta. This western Goleta area includes a number of housing units, a large resort hotel, and an oil and gas processing facility within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.

PF 3.1 **Fire Protection Standards. [GP]** The Santa Barbara County Fire Department employs the following three standards with respect to provision of fire protection services:

a. A firefighter-to-population ratio of one firefighter on duty 24 hours a day for every 2,000 in population is considered "ideal," although a countywide ratio (including rural areas) of one firefighter per 4,000 population is the absolute minimum standard. Considering the daytime population in Goleta due to employees and customers, all fire stations within Goleta fell short of this service standard as of 2005.

b. A ratio of one engine company per 16,000 population, assuming four firefighters per station, represents the maximum population that the Santa Barbara County Fire Department has determined can be adequately served by a four-person crew. Fire stations 11 and 12 (see Table 8-1) did not satisfy this standard as of 2005. Currently, all three fire engines that serve Goleta are staffed with only three-person crews. The ~~National Fire Protection Association (~~NFPA~~)~~ guidelines state that engine companies shall be staffed with a minimum of four on-duty personnel.

c. The third fire protection standard is a 5-minute response time in urban areas. This incorporates the following NFPA response-time objectives:

1) One minute (60 seconds) for turnout time.

2) Four minutes (240 seconds) or less for the arrival of the first-arriving engine company at a fire suppression incident and/or 8 minutes (480 seconds) or less for the deployment of a full first-alarm assignment at a fire suppression incident.

3) Four minutes (240 seconds) or less for the arrival of a unit with first-responder or higher level capability at an emergency medical incident.

4) Eight minutes (480 seconds) or less for the arrival of an advanced life support unit at an emergency medical incident, where this service is provided by the fire department.

A set of feasible implementation measures designed to carry out the goals, policies, and objectives based on the information identified pursuant to subparagraph (B), including, but not limited to, all of the following:

Avoiding or minimizing the wildfire hazards associated with new uses of land. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(3)(C)(i))

PF 3.4 **Fire Safety in New Development. [GP/CP]** The following fire safety standards shall be met, where applicable, in new development within the city:

a. Two routes of ingress and egress shall be required for any new development or subdivision of land requiring approval of a discretionary action. This requirement may be waived by the City when secondary access cannot be provided and maintenance of fire safety standards are ensured by other means.

b. All private roads that provide access to structures served by the Santa Barbara County Fire Department shall be constructed at a minimum to the department's standards.

c. All nonagricultural development in the foothills area shall include provisions for connection to the GWD or another public water purveyor.

d. Emergency access shall be a consideration in the siting and design of all new development within the city.

SE 12.3 **Site-Specific Climate Hazards. [GP/CP]** The City shall require climate hazard screening and a report, where applicable, for new development in areas with known or predicted potential climate hazards that analyzes and addresses the climate hazards where feasible. Climate hazards include but are not limited to wildfires, drought, extreme heat, flooding and coastal storms, and sea level rise. Siting and design of new development shall address identified climate hazards.

Locating, when feasible, new essential public facilities outside of high fire risk areas, including, but not limited to, hospitals and health care facilities, emergency shelters, emergency command centers, and emergency communications facilities, or identifying construction methods or other methods to minimize damage if these facilities are located in a state responsibility area or very high fire hazard severity zone. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(3)(C)(ii))

PF 8.2 **Siting of Public Facilities. [GP]** All new public facilities, including utilities, utility buildings, signage, and other development components, shall be designed in a manner that makes them aesthetically compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and development. Additionally, new public facilities should be strategically sited to mitigate risks from climate change impacts, protect public safety, and promote long-term resilience. The following shall apply:

a. Siting and design, landscape buffers, architectural elements, and other appropriate design solutions shall be required, as appropriate.

b. Critical structures and facilities (including hospitals, fire stations, police stations, water reservoirs, and communications facilities) shall be restricted from geologic, ~~ally and~~ hydrologic, ~~al~~ and high and very high fire hazard~~ous~~ areas, as shown in Figure 5-2, to the greatest extent practical, and shall be considerate of climate change impacts.

c. To the extent practical, the City shall identify and shall make every effort to assure the long-term availability of appropriate sites for the development and expansion of City buildings, utility infrastructure, and other public facilities.

d. Public agency buildings shall be conveniently located and accessible to residents and all segments of the community.

Designing adequate infrastructure if a new development is located in a state responsibility area or in a very high fire hazard severity zone, including safe access for emergency response vehicles, visible street signs, and water supplies for structural fire suppression. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(3)(C)(iii))
SE 11.10 Evacuation Routes and Planning. [GP] The City shall continue to assess the effectiveness of emergency evacuation routes in the City, as identified in Transportation Element Subpolicy TE 15.3, and coordinate with relevant agencies including the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and the Santa Barbara County Fire Department to prepare for emergency evacuations.
TE 6.2 Component Features Included in Street Standards. [GP] The City Engineer will develop specific geometric and other design standards for street infrastructure that will safely accommodate facilities and services that include but are not limited to those listed below: b. **Accommodation of emergency and service vehicles,** including garbage collection and recycling services. (emphasis added)
TE 6.7 Widths of Paved Surfaces. [GP] New rights of way and access easements should be paved to the smallest dimension necessary to accommodate their designed function (including emergency access) and to maintain the character of the neighborhood.
Working cooperatively with public agencies with responsibility for fire protection. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(3)(C)(iv))
SE 11.8 County Coordination Before and During Emergencies. [GP] The City shall collaborate with Santa Barbara County to enhance emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts. This includes joint planning, training, and communication, as well as resource sharing during emergencies. The City and County will coordinate on public education, equitable outreach, and post-incident evaluations to continuously improve safety measures and community resilience.
SE 11.10 Evacuation Routes and Planning. [GP] The City shall continue to assess the effectiveness of emergency evacuation routes in the City, as identified in Transportation Element Subpolicy TE 15.3, and coordinate with relevant agencies including the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and the Santa Barbara County Fire Department to prepare for emergency evacuations.
SE 12.4 Participation in Interagency and Regional Climate Planning. [GP] The City should participate in regional climate adaptation planning efforts, and collaborate with responsible agencies, such as but not limited to, the Goleta Water District, Santa Barbara Airport, Santa Barbara County Flood Control, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, Santa Barbara County Sustainability and Planning & Development staff, Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative, Central Coast Community Energy, Tri-County Regional Energy Network, California State Lands Commission, and the California Coastal Commission.
If a city or county has adopted a fire safety plan or document separate from the general plan, an attachment of, or reference to, a city or county's adopted fire safety plan or document that fulfills commensurate goals and objectives and contains information required pursuant to this paragraph. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(3)(D))
Safety Element Section 5.1 (Introduction) amended to add new paragraphs referencing the Community Wildfire Protection Plan and fire risk mitigation efforts on Ellwood Mesa. The City's 2012 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) serves as a foundational resource for the City's approach to wildfire safety and resilience. The CWPP's primary purpose is to enhance community wildfire protection by identifying fire hazard reduction strategies that are ecologically sustainable and fiscally responsible. Developed through a collaborative public process, the CWPP reflects the values and concerns of local stakeholders, including residents, community groups, and City staff. Public workshops played a key role in shaping the plan's goals and objectives, which guide ongoing efforts to reduce wildfire risk while supporting ecological balance. The CWPP informs the Safety Element's policies related to wildfire preparedness, hazard mitigation, and community resilience. On March 19, 2019, the City adopted the Final Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve Open Space Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan. Included in this Plan is Program 4: Community Wildfire Protection Program, with a goal to provide management practices within the eucalyptus groves and windrows on Ellwood Mesa that support healthy monarch butterfly habitat and are compatible with the City's Community Wildfire Protection Plan. In 2023, the City began Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan Implementation Plan Phase 1. Phase 1 includes removing dead trees and fire-prone vegetation to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, planting of trees and native plants, and the installation of an irrigation system to support long term viability of plantings.
SE 7.6 Implementation of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. [GP] The City shall implement the Goleta Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), as may be amended, to enhance community wildfire protection.
SE 11.9 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. [GP] The City hereby incorporates by reference into the Safety Element the City of Goleta Local Hazard Mitigation Plan: An Annex to the Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) (accessible here). The LHMP was prepared as an annex to the County of Santa Barbara's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and applicable Federal Emergency Management Agency guidance. The LHMP incorporates a process where hazards are identified and profiled, the people and facilities at risk are analyzed, and mitigation actions are developed to reduce or eliminate hazard risk. The implementation of these mitigation actions, which include both short and long-term strategies, involve planning, policy changes, programs, projects, and other activities.

A vulnerability assessment that identifies the risks that climate change poses to the local jurisdiction and the geographic areas at risk from climate change impacts, including, but not limited to, an assessment of how climate change may affect the risks addressed pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (3). (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(4)(A)(i))

Safety Element Section 5.1 (Introduction) amended to add new "Climate Hazards" paragraph.

Climate Hazards

As climate change accelerates, the City is increasingly vulnerable to a range of climate-induced hazards that pose significant threats to public safety, infrastructure, and natural resources. These hazards, which include wildfires, drought, extreme heat, flooding, and sea level rise, are anticipated to increase in both frequency and intensity over the coming decades.

Wildfire: The foothills surrounding Goleta, coupled with increasingly dry conditions associated with climate change, create heightened wildfire hazard conditions. The City's proximity to neighboring fire hazard areas in unincorporated Santa Barbara County makes wildfire mitigation and emergency preparedness essential components of the Safety Element.

Drought: Drought conditions are expected to become more frequent, prolonged, and severe in Goleta as a result of shifting precipitation patterns. Water scarcity impacts not only the availability of potable water but also the agricultural sector and natural ecosystems.

Extreme Heat: The number of extreme heat days is projected to rise, increasing health risks for vulnerable populations, such as the elderly, children, and individuals with preexisting health conditions.

Flooding and Coastal Storms: Flood risk in Goleta arises from both inland stormwater and coastal influences. Intense storms can overwhelm drainage systems, leading to flash flooding, while coastal flooding and erosion threaten infrastructure and public access along Goleta's coastline.

Sea Level Rise: Sea level rise poses long-term threats to Goleta's coastal areas, potentially causing erosion, flooding, and habitat loss. As part of its climate hazard planning, Goleta will assess vulnerable areas, promote adaptive land use policies, and implement shoreline protection measures to manage the impacts of rising sea levels.

Climate Hazard Preparedness and Response: The City of Goleta's commitment to climate hazard preparedness is rooted in an emphasis on proactive planning, community education, and resilient infrastructure.

A set of adaptation and resilience goals, policies, and objectives based on the information specified in subparagraph (A) for the protection of the community. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(4)(B))

Safety Element Section 5.1 (Introduction) amended to reference City planning efforts in new "Climate Hazards" paragraph.

The City's efforts to address climate hazards include preparation of the Coastal Hazards Vulnerability Assessment and Fiscal Impact Report and adoption of a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan: An Annex to the Santa Barbara Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

SE Goal 10. Prepare for climate change impacts associated with increases in temperatures, more severe storms, increases in extreme heat events, changes in precipitation patterns, extended drought conditions, and increasing wildfire risk by measures and practices that increase the resilience of the Goleta community and infrastructure systems.

Policy SE 12: Climate Change Hazards and Adaptation [GP]

Objective: *To prepare for and reduce vulnerability to the risks posed by climate change.*

SE 12.1 Identification and Mapping of Cooling Centers. [GP] The City should coordinate with the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management to identify and map cooling centers in locations accessible to vulnerable populations and establish standardized temperature triggers for when they will be opened.

SE 12.2 Support Climate-Vulnerable Populations. [GP] The City shall ensure that climate impacts and climate adaptation measures aimed at reducing climate risks do not lead to disproportionally adverse effects on vulnerable populations via the implementation of SE-IA-6, requiring a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

SE 12.3 Site-Specific Climate Hazards. [GP/CP] The City shall require climate hazard screening and a report, where applicable, for new development in areas with known or predicted potential climate hazards that analyzes and addresses the climate hazards where feasible. Climate hazards include but are not limited to wildfires, drought, extreme heat, flooding and coastal storms, and sea level rise. Siting and design of new development shall address identified climate hazards.

SE 12.4 Participation in Interagency and Regional Climate Planning. [GP] The City should participate in regional climate adaptation planning efforts, and collaborate with responsible agencies, such as but not limited to, the Goleta Water District, Santa Barbara Airport, Santa Barbara County Flood Control, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, Santa Barbara County Sustainability and Planning & Development staff, Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative, Central Coast Community Energy, Tri-County Regional Energy Network, California State Lands Commission, and the California Coastal Commission.

SE 12.5 Natural Infrastructure to Support Climate Adaptation. [GP] The City shall support forms of natural infrastructure or nature-based solutions, where feasible, to support climate adaptation and resiliency measures. Such support includes implementation of open space and natural resource management plans and implementation of Conservation Element policies.

SE 11.3	**Periodic Updates~~Update~~ to City ~~of Multi-~~Hazard ~~Emergency Response Plan.~~Mitigation and Emergency Operations Plans. [GP]** The City shall ~~prepare and~~ maintain and update ~~a Multi Hazard Emergency~~an Emergency Operations ~~Response~~ Plan and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. These plans shall be coordinated as appropriate with the County of Santa Barbara planning efforts. ~~It should periodically review studies assessing the impacts of earthquakes, floods, and other emergencies and revise emergency response measures and procedures as appropriate.~~
TE 6.4	**Streetscape Amenities. [GP]** Street design standards should incorporate appropriate pedestrian and neighborhood-enhancing elements in roadway design based on the density of development and the type of roadway. These elements may include wider sidewalks, separated sidewalks, planting strips, landscaped medians, benches, street trees and other shading structures, and pedestrian-oriented streetlights.
PF 3.5	**Periodic Evaluation of Adequacy of Fire Facilities. [GP]** The City and the Santa Barbara County Fire Department should periodically evaluate the distribution of fire facilities in order to ensure that fire protection needs are adequately addressed within available fiscal capacity. Additionally, the City shall consider climate change and resulting increased fire hazards in these evaluations.
PF 5.3	**Design of School Facilities. [GP]** New or remodeled school facilities should be designed to be compatible with the neighborhood and adjacent land uses, and to consider projected increases in extreme heat risk induced by climate change. Facilities should be sited and designed to avoid or minimize noise, light and glare, traffic, and other potential adverse impacts on adjacent residential areas. Adequate onsite parking should be provided to prevent impacts to onstreet parking in the neighborhood.
PF 6.2	**Undergrounding of Overhead Utilities. [GP]** The City shall encourage the undergrounding of electrical power lines and other overhead utilities to the greatest extent practical to enhance grid reliability and to withstand climate change-induced extreme weather events, as follows: a. The City shall pursue funding opportunities to underground existing overhead utilities, including SCE's dedicated underground funding ("Rule 20A/20B"), private funding, and assessment districts. The City shall establish priorities for locations for potential undergrounding projects. b. To the extent practicable, all utilities shall be required to be placed underground in new development (see related VH 4.14).
PF 6.5	**Coordination with Providers. [GP]** The City shall collaborate with utility providers to provide equitable, adequate, and appropriate levels of service and promote the maintenance of utilities serving the City, with a specific emphasis on Old Town. Through this coordination, the City shall ensure that infrastructure planning accounts for anticipated climate change impacts and anticipated future demands on the grid due to those impacts.
A set of feasible implementation measures designed to carry out the goals, policies, and objectives identified pursuant to subparagraph (B), including, but not limited to, all of the following: (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(4)(C))	
(note: See also the policy revisions above which include, in some instances, action items for the City).	
SE-IA-6	**Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.** The City shall prepare and update, as needed, a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. The Plan shall be prepared to, among other things, update and consolidate the City's Climate Action Plan (July 2014, implementing CE-IA-5), Coastal Hazards Vulnerability Assessment and Fiscal Impact Report (2015), Strategic Energy Plan (2019), and satisfy the requirements of Public Resources Code Section 30985 (SB 272) regarding sea level rise planning and adaptation. Time Period: 2025 to 2028 Responsible Party: Planning and Environmental Review Department, Neighborhood Services Department, Public Works Department, General Services Department
SE-IA-7	**Climate Hazards Assessment Ordinance.** The City shall prepare an ordinance to amend Title 17 (Zoning) of the Goleta Municipal Code to specify the screening and reporting requirements needed to implement Subpolicy SE 12.3 (Site-Specific Climate Hazards). The ordinance shall identify the climate hazards to be analyzed for new development, when a full climate hazards report is required, the contents required for a climate hazard report, and detail under what circumstances siting and design changes are warranted to address the climate hazards identified in the report. Time Period: 2025 to 2028 Responsible Party: Planning and Environmental Review Department
Feasible methods to avoid or minimize climate change impacts associated with new uses of land. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(4)(C)(i))	
SE 12.3	**Site-Specific Climate Hazards. [GP/CP]** The City shall require climate hazard screening and a report, where applicable, for new development in areas with known or predicted potential climate hazards that analyzes and addresses the climate hazards where feasible. Climate hazards include but are not limited to wildfires, drought, extreme heat, flooding and coastal storms, and sea level rise. Siting and design of new development shall address identified climate hazards.

The location, when feasible, of new essential public facilities outside of at-risk areas, including, but not limited to, hospitals and health care facilities, emergency shelters, emergency command centers, and emergency communications facilities, or identifying construction methods or other methods to minimize damage if these facilities are located in at-risk areas. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(4)(C)(ii))

SE 1.2 **Guidelines for Siting Highly Sensitive Uses and Critical Facilities. [GP/CP]** In accord with the Land Use Element, the City shall discourage essential services buildings and other highly sensitive uses in areas subject to safety hazards. Highly sensitive uses are defined as those that meet one more of the following criteria:

a. Land uses whose onsite population cannot be readily evacuated or otherwise adequately protected from serious harm through methods such as sheltering in-place. This includes, but is not limited to, schools, hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, multiple-family housing exclusively for the elderly or disabled, high-density residential, stadiums, arenas, and other uses with large public-assembly facilities.

b. Land uses that serve critical "lifeline" functions such as water supplies, wastewater, energy infrastructure, fire response, and police response if exposed to a significant risk that will curtail their lifeline functions for a critical period of time.

PF 8.2 **Siting of Public Facilities. [GP]** All new public facilities, including utilities, utility buildings, signage, and other development components, shall be designed in a manner that makes them aesthetically compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and development. Additionally, new public facilities should be strategically sited to mitigate risks from climate change impacts, protect public safety, and promote long-term resilience. The following shall apply:

a. Siting and design, landscape buffers, architectural elements, and other appropriate design solutions shall be required, as appropriate.

b. Critical structures and facilities (including hospitals, fire stations, police stations, water reservoirs, and communications facilities) shall be restricted from geologic,~~ally and~~ hydrologic,~~al~~ and high and very high fire hazard~~ous~~ areas, as shown in Figure 5-2, to the greatest extent practical, and shall be considerate of climate change impacts.

The designation of adequate and feasible infrastructure located in an at-risk area. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(4)(C)(iii))

Note that additional public facilities policies in the Public Facilities Element address issues like fire protection standards (see subpolicy PF 3.1) and police service standards (see subpolicy PF 3.6).

SE 11.6 **Maintaining Essential Public Facilities Operation during Emergencies. [GP]** The City aims to maintain functionality of critical public facilities during flood, fire, and other disaster events by implementing measures to enhance infrastructure resilience and emergency preparedness, especially in hazard areas. This includes upgrading facilities to withstand flooding, providing backup systems for essential operations, and maintaining effective emergency response plans. The City shall also coordinate with regional agencies and the community to minimize service disruptions and ensure timely recovery efforts.

PF 6.5 **Coordination with Providers. [GP]** The City shall collaborate with utility providers to provide equitable, adequate, and appropriate levels of service and promote the maintenance of utilities serving the City, with a specific emphasis on Old Town. Through this coordination, the City shall ensure that infrastructure planning accounts for anticipated climate change impacts and anticipated future demands on the grid due to those impacts.

PF 8.3 **Design of Public Facilities. [GP]** The following criteria shall apply:

a. To the extent appropriate and practical, all utility facilities (with the possible exception of substations, pumping stations, and outdoor storage areas) shall be fully enclosed in buildings that are aesthetically compatible with the areas in which they are located.

b. Public buildings and facilities that house City government activities shall be constructed in a functional and aesthetically pleasing manner.

c. Wherever possible, the City should incorporate energy-saving measures, renewable energy and storage to increase resiliency, and other "green building" concepts in the design of City facilities. Natural buffers around facilities should be considered, where appropriate, to enhance protection and resilience from climate change hazards.

d. New community facilities should be designed and constructed to incorporate flexibility and adaptability to the changing needs of the community.

e. Facilities shall be designed to be accessible to all segments of the community in a manner that considers economic, social, and racial equity, to ensure that everyone has fair access to City resources and opportunities.

Guidelines for working cooperatively with relevant local, regional, state, and federal agencies. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(4)(C)(iv))

SE 12.4 **Participation in Interagency and Regional Climate Planning. [GP]** The City should participate in regional climate adaptation planning efforts, and collaborate with responsible agencies, such as but not limited to, the Goleta Water District, Santa Barbara Airport, Santa Barbara County Flood Control, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, Santa Barbara County Sustainability and Planning & Development staff, Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative, Central Coast Community Energy, Tri-County Regional Energy Network, California State Lands Commission, and the California Coastal Commission.

SE 11.8 County Coordination Before and During Emergencies. [GP] The City shall collaborate with Santa Barbara County to enhance emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts. This includes joint planning, training, and communication, as well as resource sharing during emergencies. The City and County will coordinate on public education, equitable outreach, and post-incident evaluations to continuously improve safety measures and community resilience.
The identification of natural infrastructure that may be used in adaptation projects, where feasible. Where feasible, the plan shall use existing natural features and ecosystem processes, or the restoration of natural features and ecosystem processes, when developing alternatives for consideration. For purposes of this clause, "natural infrastructure" means using natural ecological systems or processes to reduce vulnerability to climate change related hazards, or other related climate change effects, while increasing the long-term adaptive capacity of coastal and inland areas by perpetuating or restoring ecosystem services. This includes, but is not limited to, the conservation, preservation, or sustainable management of any form of aquatic or terrestrial vegetated open space, such as beaches, dunes, tidal marshes, reefs, seagrass, parks, rain gardens, and urban tree canopies. It also includes systems and practices that use or mimic natural processes, such as permeable pavements, bioswales, and other engineered systems, such as levees that are combined with restored natural systems, to provide clean water, conserve ecosystem values and functions, and provide a wide array of benefits to people and wildlife. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(4)(C)(v))
SE 12.5 Natural Infrastructure to Support Climate Adaptation. [GP] The City shall support forms of natural infrastructure or nature-based solutions, where feasible, to support climate adaptation and resiliency measures. Such support includes implementation of open space and natural resource management plans and implementation of Conservation Element policies.
If a city or county has adopted the local hazard mitigation plan, or other climate adaptation plan or document that fulfills commensurate goals and objectives and contains the information required pursuant to this paragraph, separate from the general plan, an attachment of, or reference to, the local hazard mitigation plan or other climate adaptation plan or document. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(4)(D)(i))
SE 11.9 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. [GP] The City hereby incorporates by reference into the Safety Element the City of Goleta Local Hazard Mitigation Plan: An Annex to the Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) (accessible here). The LHMP was prepared as an annex to the County of Santa Barbara's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and applicable Federal Emergency Management Agency guidance. The LHMP incorporates a process where hazards are identified and profiled, the people and facilities at risk are analyzed, and mitigation actions are developed to reduce or eliminate hazard risk. The implementation of these mitigation actions, which include both short and long-term strategies, involve planning, policy changes, programs, projects, and other activities.
Cities or counties that have an adopted hazard mitigation plan, or other climate adaptation plan or document that substantially complies with this section, or have substantially equivalent provisions to this subdivision in their general plans, may use that information in the safety element to comply with this subdivision, and shall summarize and incorporate by reference into the safety element the other general plan provisions, climate adaptation plan or document, specifically showing how each requirement of this subdivision has been met. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(4)(D)(ii))
SE 11.9 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. [GP] The City hereby incorporates by reference into the Safety Element the City of Goleta Local Hazard Mitigation Plan: An Annex to the Santa Barbara County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan) (LHMP) (accessible here). The LHMP was prepared as an annex to the County of Santa Barbara's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and applicable Federal Emergency Management Agency guidance. The LHMP incorporates a process where hazards are identified and profiled, the people and facilities at risk are analyzed, and mitigation actions are developed to reduce or eliminate hazard risk. The implementation of these mitigation actions, which include both short and long-term strategies, involve planning, policy changes, programs, projects, and other activities.
Upon the next revision of the housing element on or after January 1, 2020, the safety element shall be reviewed and updated as necessary to identify residential developments in any hazard area identified in the safety element that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes. (Govt Code Section 65302(g)(5))
Safety Element Section 5.1 (Introduction) amended to add text on residential areas with one egress route and collaborative evacuation planning in the "Emergency Preparedness" paragraph. Residential areas with 30 or more units that have fewer than two egress routes have been identified and mapped in Figure 5-4. These areas may face increased risks during emergencies due to limited evacuation options. Beginning in 2023, the City coordinated with the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management on a map-based evacuation support software intended to support rapid cross-agency emergency coordination, decision-making, and maps for the public. This effort centralizes data and pre-identifies emergency zones for the City.
New proposed Figure 5-4: Residential Areas with One Egress (see separate file).
SE 11.7 Residential Development with Limited Evacuation Route Access. [GP] For residential areas with 30 or more units in a hazard area and lacking two egress routes, as shown in Figure 5-4, the City shall work with emergency responders to ensure familiarity with these areas, to improve evacuation safety to reduce risks to residents, and to provide information to impacted residents.

Upon the next revision of a local hazard mitigation plan, adopted in accordance with the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390), on or after January 1, 2022, or, if a local jurisdiction has not adopted a local hazard mitigation plan, beginning on or before January 1, 2022, the safety element adopted pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 65302 shall be reviewed and updated as necessary to identify evacuation routes and their capacity, safety, and viability and evacuation locations under a range of emergency scenarios. A county or city that has adopted a local hazard mitigation plan, emergency operations plan, or other document that fulfills commensurate goals and objectives may use that information in the safety element to comply with this section and, in that event, shall summarize and incorporate into the safety element that other plan or document. (Govt Code Section 65302.15(a))
SE 11.10 Evacuation Routes and Planning. [GP] The City shall continue to assess the effectiveness of emergency evacuation routes in the City, as identified in Transportation Element Subpolicy TE 15.3, and coordinate with relevant agencies including the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and the Santa Barbara County Fire Department to prepare for emergency evacuations.
TE 15.3 Critical Transportation Facilities. [GP] Critical transportation facilities for emergency vehicle access and emergency evacuation shall continue to be assessed for their capacity, safety, and viability, under a range of emergency scenarios, and maintained and improved as a priority need, correlated with the Safety Element. Critical transportation facilities include US-101 and SR-217, major east-west arterials including Cathedral Oaks Road and Hollister Avenue, and major north-south arterials that connect portions of the city on either side of US-101. Due to the potential for structural failure of some facilities in a seismic emergency, alternative routes and procedures for their use during emergency events shall be identified.

Open Space Element Driven General Plan / Coastal Land Use Plan Updates

Access to open space for all residents in a manner that considers social, economic, and racial equity, correlated with the environmental justice element or environmental justice policies in the general plan, as applicable. (Govt Code Section 65565.5(a)(1))

Open Space Element Section 3.1 (Introduction) amended to update parks and open space information in the "Existing Parks and Open Space" paragraph.

As of 2020, Goleta has approximately 550 acres of parkland which equates to approximately 16.82 acres per 1,000 residents. This includes 97 acres of developed parks of various sizes, 444 acres of neighborhood or regional open space, and a large community center that is nearly 10 acres in size. The three larger City-owned regional open space preserves—the Sperling Preserve, Santa Barbara Shores Park, and Lake Los Carneros Natural and Historical Preserve—collectively accounted for 363 acres of that total. More than half of the city's neighborhood or regional open space (248 acres) is along the coastline, including 20 acres of usable beaches, connected with five miles of coastal trails. Approximately 40 percent of Goleta's two miles of Pacific shoreline is now in City ownership. Together with the neighborhood open space areas, these preserves provide many opportunities for passive recreation activities and enjoyment of natural areas.

Areas specifically developed for active recreational uses were less abundant in 2020, with approximately 0.86 acres of land per 1,000 residents of Mini and Neighborhood Parks and 2 acres of land per 1,000 residents of Community Parks and Center.

Overall, the City of Goleta exceeds its goals for population-based parks (10 acres per 1,000 residents). However, this is overstated due to the large amount of open space that exceeds the population-based standard for open space.

~~As of 2005, Goleta's 16 public parks, four private parks and open space areas, and 18 public open space areas comprise a total of 526 acres, which equates to about 17 acres per 1,000 residents. The three larger City-owned regional open space preserves—the Sperling Preserve, Santa Barbara Shores Park, and Lake Los Carneros Natural and Historical Preserve—collectively accounted for 363 acres of that total. Approximately 40 percent of Goleta's two miles of Pacific shoreline is now in City ownership. Together with the neighborhood open space areas, these preserves provide many opportunities for passive recreation activities and enjoyment of natural areas. Areas specifically developed for active recreational uses were less abundant in 2005, with about 3 acres of land per 1,000 residents, and additional active parks were an important need identified in the public workshop process that led to creation of this plan.~~

The city's single recreation center, the Goleta ~~Valley~~ Community Center, is insufficient to fulfill all needs by community groups and residents. In addition, although the privately owned and managed Girsh Park provided much-needed facilities for active recreation, there was a shortage of public facilities for active recreation, such as sports fields and tennis courts, and a shortage of dedicated trails.

A detailed analysis of existing City parklands and deficiencies can be found in the Goleta Parks, Facilities & Playgrounds Master Plan (2020).

See below for updated policies. In addition, Open Spece Element Table 3-1 and Figures 3-2 and 3-5 are proposed for update to reflect current status of parks. The revisions include changes to "Planned New Parks and Open Spaces" that now function as "Existing Parks and Open Space Areas." (see separate files)

OS Goal 1. Provide and maintain, in coordination with other agencies, a system of parks, open spaces, and recreation facilities that are accessible to and will meet the needs of present and future users of all age groups in a manner that considers social, economic, and racial equity.

OS Goal 3. Increase the amount of active parks, emphasizing those areas of the community that ~~were~~ are relatively underserved ~~as of 2005~~ and areas designated for future new residential development.

OS Goal 10. Promote equitable access to public facilities, especially those that provide opportunities for physical activity.

OS 6.2 **Equitable Distribution of Park Facilities. [GP]** To the extent feasible, park and recreation facilities shall be equitably distributed throughout the city to serve the various neighborhoods and all socioeconomic segments of the city's population. Particular emphasis shall be placed on provision of new park and recreation facilities in areas that ~~were~~are underserved ~~as of 2005~~ and in areas of the city that are designated for new residential use and development in the future. ~~These areas include, but are not limited to, the Goleta Old Town (Old Town) and the Mid-Hollister areas.~~ The distribution of existing and planned future public park and recreation facilities and public open space areas is shown on Figure 3-2, and information about each site is summarized in Table 3-1. The City will seek to expand access to safe, accessible, and affordable recreational activities at park and recreation facilities to provide a range of inclusive activities for all age groups, abilities, and income levels.

OS 6.9 **Park Master Plan. [GP]** The City will ~~prepare a Park Master Plan for the system of municipal park facilities. This master plan may be used to determine resource development, expansion, maintenance, operation, or capital improvements appropriate for these city facilities and as a basis for pursuing funding opportunities~~ continue to implement the City's Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan, as may be amended or replaced with a new master plan document. To match resource needs to individual park sites, the City may prepare a development and/or management plan for individual parks, particularly for the largest park sites.

OS 6.11 **Planned New Parks and Open Space. [GP]** The locations of planned new public parks and open space are shown on Figure 3-2 and described in Table 3-1. Specific improvements will be implemented as conditions require and when funding is available. These planned new public parks and open space include:

~~a. Expansion of the Armitos Park. An approximately 4-acre neighborhood park located in the vicinity of Old San Jose Creek between Hollister Avenue and Armitos Avenue adjacent to the Armitos Park in Old Town.~~

a~~b~~. A park in the southern portion of Old Town. A 4- to 5-acre active recreation community park, potentially including sports fields, located on or in the vicinity of the former drive-in theater in Old Town between the Santa Barbara Airport and SR-217.

~~c~~b. Willow Springs Park. A 2~~- to 3-~~acre neighborhood park in the proposed Willow Springs North (Heritage Ridge) project located south of US-101, east of Los Carneros Road, and north of Camino Vista Road, on property totaling approximately 16.19 gross acres.

~~d. Village at Los Carneros Park. A 3- to 5-acre neighborhood park in the proposed Village at Los Carneros project located south of US-101 and west of Los Carneros Road, on property totaling approximately 18 acres. The park should include active recreation facilities, such as fields suitable for organized sports.~~

~~e. Cabrillo Business Park Open Space. An approximately 15-acre neighborhood open space located west of Santa Barbara Airport on an approximately 92-acre property bound by Hollister Avenue and Los Carneros Road.~~

Parks and open space in new developments shall be open to the general public and not limited to residents of individual development projects.

Climate resilience and other cobenefits of open space, correlated with the safety element. (Govt Code Section 65565.5(a)(2))

Open Space Element Section 3.1 (Introduction) amended to update parks and open space information in the "Goleta's Open Space, Recreation, and Coastal Access Resources" paragraph.

Goleta's Open Space, Recreation, and Coastal Access Resources ~~– 2005~~ [GP/CP]

An essential aspect of Goleta's character and livability is derived from the diverse open space and resource lands within and surrounding the community. These assets include: approximately two miles of Pacific shoreline, beaches, and coastal bluffs; open coastal mesas; Goleta and Devereux Sloughs; agricultural lands, including citrus groves and vegetable crops as well as fallow lands; creeks, riparian areas, ponds, wetlands, and woodlands; diverse wildlife habitats, including eucalyptus groves comprising the largest complex of monarch aggregation sites in southern California; numerous public and private parks and open space areas, many of which include especially valued resource lands; lands with historic structures and landscapes; Lake Los Carneros and its surrounding open lands; and the scenic backdrops provided by the Santa Ynez Mountains, Pacific Ocean, and Channel Islands. Parks and open space not only serve to protect environmental resources, but they also provide accessible recreational venues for residents, including families, elderly persons, and disabled and low-income residents. Preservation of these resources is integral to maintaining the natural and historical qualities of the area for the benefit of present and future generations. Open spaces can help communities adapt to the impacts of climate change, such as sea level rise, droughts, and heatwaves, by providing natural infrastructure and buffers. Preservation of open space enhances climate resilience through carbon sequestration, improves air and water quality, helps manage stormwater runoff and reduces the risk of flooding, and reduces urban heat island effects, among other co-benefits.

Rewilding opportunities, correlated with the land use element. "Rewilding opportunities" may include, but are not limited to, the following: Opportunities to preserve, enhance, and expand an integrated network of open space to support beneficial uses, such as habitat, recreation, natural resources, historic and tribal resources, water management, and aesthetics and establishing a natural communities conservation plan to provide for coordinated mitigation of the impacts of new development. (Govt Code Section 65565.5(a)-(b))

Policy OS 5: Ellwood-Devereux Open Space Area [GP/CP]

OS 6.7 **Regional Open Space. [GP]** Regional open space areas are contiguous to or encompass significant natural resources and may include areas of historical, environmental, or ecological value. These areas may contain special amenities or features that attract people from throughout the city and the surrounding region. The following standards apply to regional open space areas:

a. The typical service area shall be within a 0.5- to 1.0-hour drive.

b. The typical size shall be appropriate for the protection of the associated natural or open space values.

c. Regional open spaces should be easily accessible from the surrounding neighborhoods and easily accessible by automobile for visitors from more distant locations. Since these areas may attract people from distant locations, they may provide on-site parking and restroom facilities. Such services should be located on the periphery of the open space area and designed in a way to minimize any adverse impact on natural and visual resources. The capacity of such parking and restroom facilities shall be consistent with the character and carrying capacity of the open space area.

d. Typical facilities provided in regional open space areas are designed to be primarily passive in character, although historical and special purpose attractions may be included. The primary purpose of these areas is to protect their open space and natural values and passive recreation shall be managed in a way that does not conflict with these values, while still providing appropriate public access.

OS 6.10 **Design and Management of Public Parks and Open Space. [GP]** The City should ensure that park, recreation, and open space facilities are designed and managed in a manner that is consistent with protection of the ecology of the natural systems at each park site and that will serve the needs of the intended user groups. The following criteria shall apply to the design and management of public parks and open space areas:

a. Wherever feasible and appropriate, landscaping should emphasize native and drought-tolerant, noninvasive species that will reduce maintenance costs and water use and be supportive of wildlife habitats.

b. To the extent feasible, the City shall maintain parks and open space areas without the use of herbicides, pesticides, chemical fertilizers, and other toxic substances. Herbicide use is restricted within 100 feet of the top-of-bank of any watercourse in parks and open space to those herbicides approved by the U.S. EPA for use in aquatic environments.

c. The types of improvements and facilities at each site should be based on the recreation and leisure needs of the targeted user groups and the physical opportunities and constraints of the site.

d. Improvements should provide for convenient access by pedestrians from the adjacent neighborhood areas.

e. The design of improvements shall provide for maximum visibility of the park from public streets and incorporate measures to assure adequate security and safety for users.

f. Provision of lighting shall be limited to the minimum needed for the types of uses planned in order to reduce light pollution and glare. Lights shall not be directed upward or into adjacent habitat.

g. Adequate off-street parking to serve the intended uses shall be provided in order to minimize the burden placed on onstreet parking in the neighborhood.

OS 7.3 **Open Space for Preservation of Natural Resources. [GP]** Goleta's natural resource lands include sandy beaches and dunes; rocky intertidal areas; coastal lagoons; coastal bluffs; eucalyptus groves and monarch butterfly aggregation sites; native grasslands; streams and associated riparian areas; wetlands, lakes, and ponds; and habitats for various protected plant and animal species. Figure 3-5 designates all ESHAs as protected open space. The following standards shall apply to these areas:

a. The designated natural resource areas shall be managed by the City in accord with the policies described in the Conservation Element.

b. The City may require dedication of open space easements as a condition of approval of development on sites that have open space resources as shown in Figure 3-5.

c. The City will explore, where feasible, opportunities to expand and further integrate open space lands within the City for preservation of natural resources. The City encourages the donation of easements or fee-simple interests in open space lands to the City or other appropriate nonprofit entity, such as a land trust.

Policy OS 8: Protection of Native American and Paleontological Resources [GP/CP]

OS 9.2 **Mitigation of Impacts of New Development on Parks and Recreation Facilities. [GP]** The following shall apply to approvals of new development projects:

a. To ensure new development pays a proportionate share of the cost of acquisition and improvement of parks, recreation facilities, and open space, the City shall require a one-time impact fee to offset costs necessary to accommodate the development. These fees shall be used for acquiring and/or developing new or improving/rehabilitating existing park, recreation, or open space facilities.

b. At its discretion, the City may allow any appropriate park and recreational facilities provided within a development to meet all or part of the mitigation requirement in lieu of payment of a portion of the impact fee only if they are open and accessible to the public.

c. Within new subdivisions, where the City may allow dedications of land in lieu of payment of fees pursuant to California Government Code Section 66477 (Quimby Act), the land area to be dedicated shall be usable space for active recreation purposes.

OS-IA-4 **~~Preparation of~~Implementation of the Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan~~Park System Master Plan~~.** The City will continue implementing the ~~A~~City's Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan ~~Park Master Plan~~ developed for the system of municipal park facilities would to ~~provide~~ a framework to meet existing and future park and recreation service needs. ~~Such a plan~~This Plan ~~may be~~will be used to determine resource development, expansion, maintenance, operation, or capital improvements appropriate for these city facilities and as a basis for pursuing funding opportunities.

Time period: ~~2008 to 2009~~Ongoing

Responsible parties: ~~Community~~Neighborhood Services Department~~, Planning and Environmental Services Department, Planning Agency, and City Council~~

OS-IA-5 **Preparation of Individual Park Development and/or Management Plans.** A development and/or management plan for individual parks, particularly the largest park sites, may be prepared to match resource needs to individual park sites. Similar to the park master plan, these plans are intended to be used to determine resource development, expansion, maintenance, operation, or capital improvements as appropriate and as a basis for pursuing funding opportunities for individual parks.

Time period: Ongoing

Responsible parties: Community Services Department, Planning and Environmental Services Department, Planning Agency, and City Council

Policy CE 14: Preservation and Enhancement of Urban Forest [GP]

Environmental Justice Driven General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan Updates

Chapter 1.0: Introduction and Overview, added bullet to the Goleta's Vision box.

- That supports fair treatment and meaningful involvement of people of all races, cultures, incomes, and national origins.

Chapter 1.0: Introduction and Overview, revised and added text to the "Organization of the Plan" paragraph.

- Chapter 10.0, "Housing Element." The Housing Element addresses Goleta's housing needs for a planning period extending to ~~June 30~~February 15, ~~2009~~ 2031 and beyond. It contains policies and programs to help meet the existing and projected housing needs of all economic segments of the community, with a focus on housing affordable to low- and moderate-income households. The element includes a detailed appendix that provides background information to support the policies and programs.

The General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan also considers issues of environmental justice through the document. "Environmental justice" is defined in California law as the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies (California Government Code § 65040.12(e)). Policies to address environmental justice are included throughout the document. The purpose of these policies is to promote environmental justice citywide with a focus on reducing impacts on Goleta's most vulnerable populations such as low-income residents and communities of color. These populations often bear a disproportionate burden of pollution and associated health risks.

Chapter 1.0: Introduction and Overview, added bullet in the "Major Themes" paragraph.

- **Promoting Environmental Justice.** The plan supports the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

Chapter 1.0: Introduction and Overview, added text in the "Community Areas, Old Town" paragraph.

In October 2021, the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, on behalf of the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), released Version 4.0 of the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool (CalEnviroScreen 4.0). CalEnviroScreen 4.0 identifies communities that are disproportionately affected by environmental hazards. Old Town falls the top 25 percent of all census tracts statewide related to experiencing disproportionate amounts of pollution, environmental degradation, and socioeconomic and public health conditions according to the CalEnviroScreen 4.0 tool.

Chapter 1.0: Introduction and Overview, new section added.

1.6 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (GP)

"Environmental justice" is defined in California law as the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. (California Government Code, § 65040.12(e)).

In 2024-2025, the City reviewed and revised the General Plan / Coastal Land Use Plan to embed concepts of environmental justice throughout the Plan, consistent with Senate Bill 1000 (2016), the Planning for Healthy Communities Act. In most cases, the environmental justice policies apply Citywide. In some instances, policies include a specific focus on Old Town, based on Old Town's disproportionate amounts of pollution, environmental degradation, and socioeconomic and public health conditions when compared to the rest of the City.

Chapter 1.0: Introduction and Overview, added text in the "Public Participation in Creating the Plan" section.

Environmental Justice Community Outreach

As part of preparing the environmental justice policies in late 2024, the City of Goleta conducted a multifaceted bilingual public engagement program to collect local data and knowledge regarding environmental justice issues. The City engaged with residents through an online survey, open house, and outreach meetings with four key stakeholder groups. This input helped shape environmental justice goals, policies and actions, reflecting the issues that participants identified as most important.

Pollution Exposure and Air Quality (Govt Code Section 65302(h)(1)(A))

LU Goal 14. Protect public health by minimizing pollution exposure.

LU 1.5	**Compatibility of Existing and New Industrial Areas with Adjacent Residential Development. [GP/CP]** The Zoning Code shall include performance standards that will mitigate the effects of industrial uses and development on nearby residential areas. These standards shall include, but are not limited to, the following subjects: a. Air pollution, both direct and indirect; b. Dust; c. Noise; d. Drainage and stormwater runoff; e. Water pollution; f. Light pollution; g. Visual impacts; and h. Truck traffic. Standards may include requirements for industrial uses and development to provide an adequate physical buffer or separation as well as fencing and screening to help lessen the effects on adjacent residential development. Performance standards shall be applicable to discretionary approvals pertaining to alteration or expansion of existing industrial uses and development as well as to new industrial uses and development.
Policy LU 10: Energy-Related On- and Off-Shore Uses [GP/CP]	
LU-IA-6	**South Kellogg Industrial Area Compliance Program.** The City shall establish a systematic program to achieve land use compatibility between the South Kellogg Industrial Area and the adjacent residential area.
CE 2.6	**Restoration of Degraded Creeks. [GP/CP]** Segments of several creeks in Goleta have been covered or channelized by concrete culverts, causing degradation of the creek ecosystem. Restoration activities for improving degraded creek resources shall include the following: e. Creek rehabilitation projects shall be designed to maintain or improve flow capacity, trap sediments and other pollutants that decrease water quality, minimize channel erosion, ***prevent new sources of pollutants from entering the creek***, and enhance in-creek and riparian habitat. (emphasis added)
Policy CE 10: Watershed Management and Water Quality [GP/CP]	
CE 10.10	**Creek and Watershed Management Plan. [GP/CP]** The City will continue to implement the City's Creek and Watershed Management Plan, as may be amended or replaced. The Creek and Watershed Management Plan was designed to address impaired water bodies and represent best practices to protect local fish and wildlife. The plan provides detailed standards of acceptable practices for protecting the ecological function, water quality, and drainage function of Goleta's creeks and watersheds.
CE 11.7	**Agricultural Practices. [GP/CP]** The City shall develop and implement appropriate plans, programs, and policies that are intended to promote sustainable agriculture practices. Agricultural uses shall conform to the rules and regulations of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District. The City shall seek to address pesticide exposure from agricultural practices, with specific attention given to pesticide exposure in Old Town.
Policy CE 12: Protection of Air Quality [GP]	
CE 12.1	**Land Use Compatibility. [GP]** The designation of land uses on the Land Use Plan Map and the review of new development shall ensure that siting of any new sensitive receptors provides for adequate buffers from existing sources of emissions of air pollutants or odors. Sensitive receptors are a facility or land use that includes members of the population sensitive to the effects of air pollutants. Sensitive receptors may include children, the elderly, and people with illnesses. If a development that is a sensitive receptor is proposed within 500 feet of U.S. Highway 101 (US-101), an analysis of mobile source emissions and associated health risks shall be required. Such developments shall be required to provide an adequate setback from the highway and, if necessary, identify design mitigation measures to reduce health risks to acceptable levels.
CE 12.5	**Regional Collaboration. [GP/CP]** The City shall coordinate with regional agencies such as the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, Santa Barbara Airport, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, and Central Coast Community Energy to reduce local air pollution sources and address air pollution exposure. Specific attention should be given to address air pollution exposure in Old Town.
Policy CE 13: Energy Conservation [GP]	

CE 13.3	**Use of Renewable Energy Sources. [GP]** For new projects, the City encourages the incorporation of renewable energy sources. Consideration shall be given to incorporation of renewable energy sources that do not have adverse effects on the environment or on any adjacent residential uses. The following considerations shall apply: a. Solar access shall be protected in accordance with the state Solar Rights Act (AB 2473). South wall and rooftop access should be achievable in low-density residential areas, while rooftop access should be possible in other areas. b. New development shall not impair the performance of existing solar energy systems. Compensatory or mitigation measures may be considered in instances where there is no reasonable alternative. c. Alternative energy sources are encouraged, provided that the technology does not contribute to noise, visual, air quality, or other potential impacts on nearby uses and neighborhoods.
CE 13.6	**Energy Justice. [GP]** The City shall support the principle that all people should have access to safe, affordable, and reliable sources of energy. Energy justice is also based on the concept that no one group of people should have a disproportionate share of costs, negative impacts, or externalities associated with building, operating, and maintaining electric power generation, transmission, and distribution systems.
CE 13.7	**Implementation of Existing Plans. [GP]** The City will continue to implement the most current version of the City's Climate Action Plan and Strategic Energy Plan, or the equivalent version should the name of the plans change.
CE 15.1	**Water Conservation. [GP]** The City shall promote water conservation and will work cooperatively with the Goleta Water District to: a. Establish goals for reducing water use in the City. b. Monitor and document water use. c. Promote water conservation through a public information program. d. Provide guidelines for the use of water. e. Provide emergency guidelines for water use in times of drought. f. Seek available grants to initiate or sustain conservation efforts. g. Encourage expansion of recycled water resources.
CE-IA-3	**Implementation ~~Preparation~~ of the~~a~~ Creek and Watershed Management Plan.** ~~A citywide Creek and Watershed Management Plan~~ The City will continue to implement the City's Creek and Watershed Management Plan. The Plan was ~~will be~~prepared to provide detailed standards of acceptable practices for protecting the ecological function, water quality, and drainage and flood control function of Goleta's creeks and watersheds. The City will also p~~P~~articipate in multijurisdictional watershed management plans, where appropriate. Time period: ~~2008~~Ongoing Responsible party: Planning and Environmental Services Department; ~~Community Services~~Public Works Department
Policy SE 6: Flood Hazards [GP/CP].	
SE 10.8	**Solid and Hazardous Waste Disposal. [GP/CP]** The City shall continue to provide solid and hazardous waste disposal services and educate the public about how to minimize, recycle, and dispose of solid and hazardous waste in an efficient and environmentally sound manner.
SE-IA-3	**Annual Safety Audits of Oil and Gas Facilities.** Annual safety audits shall be prepared for all oil and gas production, processing, and storage facilities. Time period: Annually Responsible party: Oil and gas operators, City contractors, Planning and Environmental Services Department
VH 4.2	**Old Town. [GP]** …The pedestrian experience shall be supported and enhanced by provision of street trees; landscaped passageways; human-scale entries; and amenities such as benches, bicycle racks, ***trash containers,*** and public art… (emphasis added)
VH 4.10	**Streetscape and Frontage Design. [GP]** A unified streetscape shall be created to improve the interface between pedestrians and vehicles. The following design elements shall be incorporated where feasible: d. Provision of street furniture including benches, planter seating, ***trash containers***, and pedestrian scale light fixtures…(emphasis added)

Policy TE 1: Integrated Multi-Modal Transportation System [GP/CP]	
Policy TE 2: Transportation Demand Management [GP]	
Policy PF 4: Water and Sewer Facilities [GP/CP]	
Policy SE 3: Airport Noise	
Access to Public Facilities and Services (Govt Code Section 65302(h)(1)(A))	
PF Goal 3. Ensure that Goleta's public facilities are accessible to all segments of the community in a manner that considers economic, social, and racial equity.	
LU 1.13	**Adequate Infrastructure and Services. [GP/CP]** For health, safety, and general welfare reasons, approvals of new development shall be subject to a finding that adequate infrastructure and services will be available to serve the proposed development in accordance with the Public Facilities and Transportation Elements.
LU 2.2	**Residential Use Densities. [GP/CP]** All proposed residential projects shall be consistent with the recommended standards for density and building intensity set forth in this plan. Density of development allowed on any site shall reflect site constraints, including: h. Deficiencies in the type or level of services necessary for urban development, such as transportation facilities (roadway and pedestrian), sewer and water service, and emergency service response time.
OS 6.2	**Equitable Distribution of Park Facilities. [GP]** To the extent feasible, park and recreation facilities shall be equitably distributed throughout the city to serve the various neighborhoods and all socioeconomic segments of the city's population. Particular emphasis shall be placed on the provision of new park and recreation facilities in areas that are~~were~~ underserved ~~as of 2005~~ and in areas of the city that are designated for new residential use and development in the future. ~~These areas include, but are not limited to, the Goleta Old Town (Old Town) and the Mid-Hollister areas.~~ The distribution of existing and planned future public park and recreation facilities and public open space areas is shown on Figure 3-2, and information about each site is summarized in Table 3-1. The City will seek to expand access to safe, accessible, and affordable recreational activities at park and recreation facilities to provide a range of inclusive activities for all age groups, abilities, and income levels.
OS 6.12	**Public Use of Private Facilities. [GP]** Private open space and recreational facilities shall be made accessible to the public whenever the associated development is granted concessions related to park impact fee reductions, open space dedication, or other similar benefits.
SE 11.1	**Education and Awareness Programs. [GP]** The City shall work to improve preparedness programs that educate and organize people to respond appropriately to disasters. Such programs include education and awareness programs for individuals, families, institutions, businesses, government agencies, and other organizations in a manner that considers the needs of all members of the community.
SE 11.2	**Improved Information Transfer during Emergencies. [GP]** The City shall continue to improve information transfer to the media during emergencies. Official emergency response liaisons should meet with media representatives on a regular basis to improve coordination. The City and/or its designee shall provide all emergency notifications in a timely, accessible format.
TE 7.1	**Transit Network. [GP/CP]** The existing (2005) bus route network is shown in Figure 7-4, along with certain proposed future facility improvements. The City supports efforts by MTD and other transit providers to develop and maintain equitable, convenient, efficient, and reliable bus transit services in the city and in the Goleta Valley area

TE 7.2	**Linkage between Transit Services and Land Use. [GP/CP]** The City shall work with MTD and other transit providers to ensure that local transit routes within the city offer equitable, convenient, reliable, and efficient service to meet the needs of the following uses: a. Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital and ~~nearby~~other medical facilities. b. Schools, (especially high schools and middle schools), but also including day care and after-school programs. c. UCSB. d. Local public services, including City Hall, Goleta Community Center, and the Goleta Public Library. e. Retail commercial centers, especially ones with grocery stores, including the Hollister Corridor and the Calle Real commercial areas. f. Employment centers along the central Hollister Corridor area. g. Existing and planned higher density residential areas near the Hollister Corridor. h. Community, recreation, and cultural centers. i. Larger community parks, particularly those with sports fields, and open space areas. j. Residential uses in Old Town.
TE 12.4	**Street Maintenance and Pavement Management Program. [GP]** Street maintenance and safety improvements on Goleta's existing roadways shall be a priority. The City's Pavement Management System, which models future changes in the condition of paved street surfaces, shall be used to identify and prioritize street maintenance, rehabilitation, and repair projects for inclusion in the City's capital improvements program.
Policy TE 15: Regional Transportation [GP]	
TE-IA-1	**Traffic Impact Fee Program.** The City will prepare a citywide traffic impact fee study and adopt a traffic impact fee ordinance in accordance with the requirements of Assembly Bill 1600. The fees shall be used to fund transportation improvements that mitigate the traffic impacts of new development allowed by this plan. The impact fee study shall identify and be based on the estimated costs of construction of all transportation system improvements needed to ensure adequate levels of service system wide. Each new development project shall be charged a fee that represents its proportionate share of potential need for and impacts on the facilities included in the fee system.
TE-IA-2	**Capital Improvements Program and Budget.** The City shall prepare and maintain a CIP that includes a list of all capital projects needed to implement the General Plan during the planning period and the anticipated costs and funding sources and for each project. The annual budget should include the appropriations for those projects authorized to be initiated in the next fiscal year. The CIP should be updated annually along with anticipated funding capacities as part of the annual budget process.
TE-IA-3	**Street Design Standards.** The City will prepare a street design manual that sets forth standards for design of street facilities, including travel lanes, on-street parking, center medians, landscape strips, sidewalks, bikeways, bus turnouts, bus shelters, street trees, and other facilities located within street rights-of-way. The standards shall include dimensional requirements for the various facilities.
PF-IA-1	**Preparation of AB 1600 Study and Impact Fee Program.** Government Code Section 66000 allows local jurisdictions to establish development impact fees to fund the construction of public infrastructure necessary to serve new development. The adopted AB 1600 Fee Ordinances and Resolutions allow the City to impose developer impact fees on all new development within Goleta. Development Impact Mitigation Fees (DIMFs) are assessed on development projects that cause an increased impact on public services in order to mitigate the cost of providing these services to new development. DIMFs related to transportation, fire protection, parks and recreation, library, public administration, and police are charged to development occurring throughout the city. Following adoption of this plan, a new nexus study for impact fees shall be prepared and the existing fees revised as appropriate.
PF 1.7	**Potential Co-Location with Facilities of Other Public Entities. [GP]** If an appropriate opportunity arises, in order to maximize joint-use economies, the City may consider co-locating its administrative facilities with those of other public agencies serving Goleta and/or the Goleta Valley area, including school districts, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department, or other special districts.
PF 2.1	**Goleta Public Library. [GP]** The City should evaluate the present and future need for library services and prepare a long-term library development plan to address those needs in accord with the City's fiscal capacity. In making this evaluation, the City should evaluate the adequacy and location of the current site and facility and determine the appropriateness of expansion of the present facility or development of a satellite facility.
PF 2.2	**Goleta ~~Valley~~ Community Center. [GP]** The City should continue to maintain the current community center, and associated buildings, as a focal point for community activities and functions, including senior services, youth services, and various related classes and cultural and recreational activities. The City should continue to implement the Strategic Plan for the Goleta Community Center to ensure programming and services are accessible and equitable for all members of the community.~~The City should evaluate whether the available facilities on that campus are adequate for community needs and create a planning process to develop any additional facilities as may be needed.~~

Policy PF 3: Public Safety Services and Facilities [GP]	
PF 5.1	**Collaboration with School Districts. [GP]** In recognition of the importance of quality schools to the desirability and vitality of the city's neighborhoods as places to live, Goleta shall strive to maintain a close collaborative relationship with the GUSD and SBHSD. The City shall provide information regarding pending and approved residential development in the city to assist with enrollment projections by the districts.
PF 5.5	**Joint Use of School Facilities. [GP]** The City supports joint use of facilities for various activities and programs such as recreational programs, cultural programs, City administrative activities, facility and vehicle maintenance, and other joint uses as appropriate.
PF 6.5	**Coordination with Providers. [GP]** The City shall collaborate with utility providers to provide equitable, adequate, and appropriate levels of service and promote the maintenance of utilities serving the City, with a specific emphasis on Old Town. Through this coordination, the City shall ensure that infrastructure planning accounts for anticipated climate change impacts and anticipated future demands on the grid due to those impacts.
PF 7.1	**Coordination of Facility Planning. [GP]** The City shall coordinate the planning and construction of public and quasi-public buildings and facilities with all agencies, districts, and other providers to preclude duplication and ensure the timely availability of these facilities to meet the needs of future growth and development.
PF 7.2	**Consultation with Other Service Providers. [GP]** In order to coordinate the short- and long-term provision of public facilities to meet existing and future community needs, the City shall regularly meet and consult with other public and quasi-public service providers and share information on pending development applications, growth rates, and development patterns. The City shall discuss and exchange population forecasts, development plans, and technical data with the service providers to facilitate the coordination of natural gas, electrical power, sanitary sewer, solid waste collection, domestic water, school, and communication services.
PF 8.3	**Design of Public Facilities. [GP]** The following criteria shall apply: a. To the extent appropriate and practical, all utility facilities (with the possible exception of substations, pumping stations, and outdoor storage areas) shall be fully enclosed in buildings that are aesthetically compatible with the areas in which they are located. b. Public buildings and facilities that house City government activities shall be constructed in a functional and aesthetically pleasing manner. c. Wherever possible, the City should incorporate energy-saving measures, renewable energy and storage to increase resiliency, and other "green building" concepts in the design of City facilities. Natural buffers around facilities should be considered, where appropriate, to enhance protection and resilience from climate change hazards. d. New community facilities should be designed and constructed to incorporate flexibility and adaptability to the changing needs of the community. e. Facilities shall be designed to be accessible to all segments of the community in a manner that considers economic, social, and racial equity, to ensure that everyone has fair access to City resources and opportunities.
PF 9.8	**Equitable Public Investments. [GP/CP]** The City shall promote the equitable provision of public amenities such as sidewalks, street trees, crosswalks, paving, streetlights, bike lanes, and other amenities throughout the City.
Healthy Food Access (Govt Code Section 65302(h)(1)(A))	

LAND USE ELEMENT TABLE 2-3: ALLOWABLE USES AND STANDARDS FOR OFFICE AND INDUSTRIAL USE CATEGORIES (EXCERPT)

Allowed Uses and Standards	Office and Industrial Use Categories			
	I-BP	I-OI	I-S	I-G
Retail Trade				
Building/Landscape Materials and Equipment	–	X	–	X
Eating and Drinking Establishments	X	X	–	–
Food and Drug Stores	X	X	–	–
Other Retail Trade Establishments	X	X	–	–

LU 7.4 **Permitted Uses. [GP]** The Agriculture designation allows for a wide range of agricultural uses, including, but not limited to, grazing, raising of livestock and poultry, orchards, vineyards, growing of food and fiber crops, nurseries, and other forms of horticulture. Structures customary and incidental to agricultural activities are permitted, including one primary dwelling unit; farmworker housing, limited to workers employed on-site; barns; storage sheds; fences; and similar improvements. Except for these structures and appropriate utility and access improvements, activities or structures that impair the productivity of soils shall not be allowed. Retail sale of produce and products produced on the site, products produced by wineries and other small-scale processing facilities, and agricultural products grown off-site are allowed subject to approval of a conditional use permit.

Policy LU 14: Healthy and Sustainable Food Systems and Uses [GP]

Objective: *To support equitable access to healthy, locally sourced food and foster sustainable food practices through land use planning and community engagement.*

LU 14.1 **Local Food Access. [GP]** The City shall encourage the establishment of grocery stores, food cooperatives, and farmers' markets to enhance equitable access to fresh, nutritious, and affordable food for all residents.

LU 14.2 **Community Gardens. [GP]** The City shall support the development of community gardens through permissive zoning regulations for such uses.

LU 14.3 **Sustainable Food Practices. [GP]** The City shall promote sustainable food systems by supporting practices that reduce food waste, minimize impacts on the natural environment, and prioritize the use of local and sustainable agricultural products.

LU 14.4 **Education and Outreach. [GP]** The City should collaborate with community organizations to provide education and outreach programs on the benefits of local food systems, sustainable agriculture, and healthy eating habits.

CE 11.6 **Community Supported Agriculture. [GP/CP]** The City encourages local food production through the Community Supported Agriculture approach. Fairview Gardens, the primary example of this type of agriculture, shall be preserved and protected as a model for future uses. The City shall continue to maintain community garden facilities for Goleta residents to grow their own plots of food.

CE 11.7 **Agricultural Practices. [GP/CP]** The City shall develop and implement appropriate plans, programs, and policies that are intended to promote sustainable agriculture practices. Agricultural uses shall conform to the rules and regulations of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District. The City shall seek to address pesticide exposure from agricultural practices, with specific attention given to pesticide exposure in Old Town.

CE 11.8 **Mitigation of Impacts of New Development on Agriculture. [GP/CP]** The review of discretionary land use development proposals near the designated agricultural lands shall include an analysis of the direct and indirect effects of the proposal on conducting agricultural practices. The City shall apply appropriate conditions on the proposal to mitigate any potential impacts. If such impacts cannot be mitigated, the proposal may be denied.

CE 11.9 **Direct Marketing of Local Agricultural Products. [GP/CP]** The City shall promote and support the direct marketing of local agricultural products to the community by farmers. Marketing methods or activities include certified farmers' markets, community supported agriculture, seasonal produce stands, and year-round markets. Such uses should be allowed subject to appropriate controls to manage traffic and potential use conflicts in any commercial or industrial land use designation. Seasonal sales of agricultural products may be allowed on agricultural lands, provided that the emphasis is on marketing of commodities produced on the site and at farms in the nearby south coast area.

CE 11.10 **Permanent Protection of Agricultural Lands. [GP/CP]** The City shall encourage the protection of agricultural lands in perpetuity through the acquisition of conservation easements or development rights by an appropriate entity such as a nonprofit land trust.

Policy CE 15: Water Conservation, Waste Reduction, and Materials Recycling [GP]

CE 15.4	**Waste Reduction and Recycling. [GP]** The City shall promote waste reduction and recycling programs for residences and businesses, encourage commercial composting and education programs, recycle public green waste materials for mulch and compost, reuse removed trees for lumber when possible, and implement waste and recycling standards for all new developments and remodels. The City shall also support policies and programs to divert organic waste from landfills into recycling activities and food recovery organizations.
Safe and Sanitary Homes (Govt Code Section 65302(h)(1)(A))	
LU 1.13	**Adequate Infrastructure and Services. [GP/CP]** For health, safety, and general welfare reasons, approvals of new development shall be subject to a finding that adequate infrastructure and services will be available to serve the proposed development in accordance with the Public Facilities and Transportation Elements.
LU 2.2	**Residential Use Densities. [GP/CP]** All proposed residential projects shall be consistent with the recommended standards for density and building intensity set forth in this plan. The recommended densities described in the policies for the residential use categories and in Table 2-1 are maximum permitted densities but are not guaranteed. Density of development allowed on any site shall reflect site constraints, including: a. Environmentally sensitive habitat areas (ESHA). b. Areas prone to flooding and geologic, slope instability, or other natural hazards. c. Areas with stormwater drainage problems. d. Presence of other significant hazards or hazardous materials. f. Exposure to exterior noise levels that exceed a Community Noise Exposure Level (CNEL) of 60 dBA (see related NE 1.2). h. Deficiencies in the type or level of services necessary for urban development, such as transportation facilities (roadway and pedestrian), sewer and water service, and emergency service response time. i. Prevailing densities of adjacent developed residential areas.
CE 12.2	**Control of Air Emissions from New Development. [GP]** The following shall apply to reduction of air emissions from new development: a. Any development proposal that has the potential to increase emissions of air pollutants shall be referred to the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District for comments and recommended conditions prior to final action by the City. b. All new commercial and industrial sources shall be required to use the best-available air pollution control technology. Emissions control equipment shall be properly maintained to ensure efficient and effective operation. c. Wood-burning fireplace installations in new residential development shall be limited to low-emitting state- and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-certified fireplace inserts and woodstoves, pellet stoves, or natural gas fireplaces. In locations near monarch butterfly ESHAs, fireplaces shall be limited to natural gas. d. Adequate buffers between new sources and sensitive receptors shall be required. e. Any permit required by the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District shall be obtained prior to issuance of final development clearance by the City. f. The City shall continue to encourage additional measures in new development to reduce indoor air quality impacts (e.g., air filtration systems, kitchen range hood exhaust fans, low- volatile organic compound paint and carpets) as well as reduce the burning of fossil fuels in new construction. New construction should be built "electric-ready" to facilitate the transition to more energy efficient, clean, fossil-free appliances such as heat pump water heaters and heat pump air conditioning and heating systems, which have the added benefit of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
CE 13.1	**Energy Efficiency in Existing and New Residential Development. [GP]** The City shall promote the following practices in existing and new residential construction: a. Retrofitting of existing residential structures to reduce energy consumption and costs to owners and tenants is encouraged. These retrofits may include: increased insulation, weather stripping, caulking of windows and doors, low-flow showerheads, and other similar improvements. Master metering is discouraged, and conversions to individual metering where practicable is preferred. b. The City shall enforce the state's residential energy conservation building standards set forth in Title 24 through its plan check and building permit issuance processes. c. New residential development and additions to existing homes shall be designed to provide a maximum solar orientation when appropriate, and shall not adversely affect the solar access of adjacent residential structures. Use of solar water heating systems, operational skylights, passive solar heating, and waste heat recovery systems is encouraged.
SE 10.9	**Lead-Based Paint. [GP/CP]** The City shall raise awareness about the risks associated with lead-based paint and other housing hazards, including by distributing information provided by the California Department of Public Health and the United States Environmental Protection Agency about remediation of lead and best practices to reduce and eliminate other housing hazards.

PF 6.5	**Coordination with Providers. [GP]** The City shall collaborate with utility providers to provide equitable, adequate, and appropriate levels of service and promote the maintenance of utilities serving the City, with a specific emphasis on Old Town. Through this coordination, the City shall ensure that infrastructure planning accounts for anticipated climate change impacts and anticipated future demands on the grid due to those impacts.
HE 1: Maintain and Improve Existing Housing and Neighborhoods	
HE 1.1	**Code Compliance.** The City will continue its proactive and reactive efforts to preserve residential neighborhoods, encourage good property management practices, and minimize physical deterioration of existing housing units through compliance with zoning, building, and maintenance standards. When violations of these standards are confirmed to exist, property owners and tenants will be notified and encouraged to address them and bring the property into compliance. In addition, the City will conduct surveys twice a year for property maintenance, targeted in areas with higher concentrations of lower-income households.
HE 1.2	**Housing Rehabilitation.** The City will help to publicize community service organizations that provide volunteer housing repair and improvement assistance for homeowners who are physically or financially unable to maintain or repair their properties. Flyers will be posted on the City website, at City Hall, and at other locations throughout the community, with specific attention given to locations within Census Tract 003001 (Old Town) where larger concentrations of lower-income households reside. In addition, on an annual basis the City will actively seek additional funding sources and identify potential partnerships with local and regional organizations to expand financial resources to support community rehabilitation and reduce risk of displacement.
HE 2: Facilitate New Housing Development to Meet Growth Needs for Persons of All Income Levels [GP]	
HE 2.4 Facilitate Affordable Housing Development. The City will use its regulatory, financial, and administrative resources to assist in developing affordable and special needs housing units...	
HE 3: Fair Housing and Special Needs [GP]	
HE 3.1 Affirmatively Further Fair Housing Opportunities. c. Fair Housing Education and Training. 1. Coordinate with other fair housing organizations to make training opportunities available for rental residents to clearly inform this population of their rights and responsibilities, particularly in the area of disabilities. Ensure these trainings are offered in English and Spanish.	
HE 4: Energy Conservation and Sustainable Development [GP]	
HE 5: Community Partnerships in Support of Local and Regional Housing Policies [GP]	
Opportunities for Physical Activity (Govt Code Section 65302(h)(1)(A))	
Policy LU 6: Park and Open Space Uses [GP/CP]	
Policy OS 4: Trails and Bikeways [GP/CP]	
Policy OS 5: Ellwood-Devereux Open Space Area [GP/CP]	
Policy OS 6: Public Park System Plan [GP]	
OS 6.2	**Equitable Distribution of Park Facilities. [GP]** To the extent feasible, park and recreation facilities shall be equitably distributed throughout the city to serve the various neighborhoods and all socioeconomic segments of the city's population. Particular emphasis shall be placed on provision of new park and recreation facilities in areas that are~~were~~ underserved ~~as of 2005~~ and in areas of the city that are designated for new residential use and development in the future. These areas include, but are not limited to, the Goleta Old Town (Old Town) and the Mid-Hollister areas. The distribution of existing and planned future public park and recreation facilities and public open space areas is shown on Figure 3-2, and information about each site is summarized in Table 3-1. The City will seek to expand access to safe, accessible, and affordable recreational activities at park and recreation facilities and provide a range of inclusive activities for all age groups, abilities, and income levels.
OS 6.9	**Park Master Plan. [GP]** The City will ~~prepare a Park Master Plan for the system of municipal park facilities. This master plan may be used to determine resource development, expansion, maintenance, operation, or capital improvements appropriate for these city facilities and as a basis for pursuing funding opportunities.~~ continue to implement the City's Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan, as may be amended or replaced with a new master plan document. To match resource needs to individual park sites, the City may prepare a development and/or management plan for individual parks, particularly for the largest park sites.

OS 7.5	**Open Space for Outdoor Recreation. [GP]** Lands designated in Figure 3-5 for outdoor recreation include Goleta's diverse City-owned parks and open space areas, as well as private lands that are devoted to active recreation. Private lands, such as Girsh Park and the Sandpiper Golf Course, may be available to the general public or may be for the exclusive use and enjoyment of residents or customers of particular development projects. The following shall apply to lands designated for outdoor recreation: a. City-owned parks and recreation areas shall be managed in accord with the provisions of Policy OS 7. b. Lake Los Carneros Natural and Historic Preserve shall be managed primarily as a passive preserve, with low-intensity activities allowed near the Stow House, the historic farm buildings, and the historic Goleta Train Depot and South Coast Railroad Museum. c. Private lands for outdoor recreation, including but not limited to Girsh Park and Sandpiper Golf Course, shall be protected and preserved for the valuable contribution that they make to the supply of recreation services available to residents of Goleta and adjacent areas. d. The City should maximize the use of the existing park, recreation, and open space resources within the City by connecting them with an integrated system of trails and sidewalks. e. General locations for proposed or planned future park sites are shown in Figure 3-2.
OS 9.1	**Park and Open Space Standards and Fee Study. [GP]** As of 2005, the City owned a total of 491 acres of park and open space lands, or 16 acres per 1,000 people. If private park facilities, such as Girsh Park, are included, the total acreage was 526 acres, or 17 acres per 1,000 people. The City shall undertake a study pursuant to AB 1600 (Chapter 927, stats. 1987, California Government Code Section 66000 et seq.) to: (1) establish specific service standards for parks, recreation, and open space facilities; (2) describe and quantify the costs of acquiring land for proposed new facilities and constructing proposed improvements to existing and new park, recreation, and open space facilities; (3) apportion the costs between those needed to address existing deficiencies and those needed to serve new development; and (4) establish an equitable method for determining each individual new development's proportionate share of the total costs attributable to new development. Separate requirements may be established for parks, recreation facilities, and open space.
OS 9.5	**Park and Recreation Facilities of Other Public and Private Entities. [GP]** To maximize the provision of park and recreation services with limited land and facilities, the City may consider joint use agreements with the Goleta Union School District and/or the Santa Barbara High School District to make existing or planned facilities available for use by the public during certain times when they are not needed for school activities. The City may also support joint use of existing and/or planned recreation facilities with the City of Santa Barbara and the County.
OS-IA-4	**~~Preparation of~~Implementation of the Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan~~Park System Master Plan~~.** The City will continue implementing the ~~A~~City's Parks, Facilities and Playgrounds Master Plan ~~Park Master Plan~~ developed for the system of municipal park facilities would provide a framework to meet existing and future park and recreation service needs. ~~Such a plan~~This Plan ~~may be~~will be used to determine resource development, expansion, maintenance, operation, or capital improvements appropriate for these city facilities and as a basis for pursuing funding opportunities. Time period: ~~2008 to 2009~~Ongoing Responsible parties: ~~Community~~Neighborhood Services Department~~, Planning and Environmental Services Department, Planning Agency, and City Council~~
OS-IA-5	**Preparation of Individual Park Development and/or Management Plans.** A development and/or management plan for individual parks, particularly the largest park sites, may be prepared to match resource needs to individual park sites. Similar to the park master plan, these plans are intended to be used to determine resource development, expansion, maintenance, operation, or capital improvements as appropriate and as a basis for pursuing funding opportunities for individual parks.
CE 12.4	**Minimizing Air Pollution from Transportation Sources. [GP]** The following measures are designed to reduce air pollution from transportation sources: b. Other Land Use Policies: The following land use policies are designed to reduce demand for auto travel and promote less polluting modes such as bus transit, walking, and bicycling: 1) Clustering of moderate density housing and incorporation of residential apartments on upper floors of buildings, particularly in Goleta Old Town. 2) Integration of new housing into existing neighborhood commercial centers. 3) Emphasis on moderate density residential development rather than low-density sprawl. 4) Integrating pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities into new development. 5) Establishment of a fixed urban boundary to reduce sprawl outward from the existing urbanized area.
VH 3.5	**Pedestrian-Oriented Design. [GP]** The city's visual character shall be enhanced through provision of aesthetically pleasing pedestrian connections within and between neighborhoods, recreational facilities, shopping, workplaces, and other modes of transportation, including bicycles and transit.

TE 1.3	**Improved Connectivity in Street, Pedestrian, and Bikeway Systems. [GP/CP]** In developing the future transportation system, the City will place priority on creating one or more additional non-interchange crossings of US-101 to connect the community from north to south. The intent shall be to facilitate cross-town traffic, improve bicycle and pedestrian flow and safety, and to relieve traffic congestion on cross-routes with freeway interchanges.
TE 2.3	**Diversion of Automobile Trips to Alternative Modes. [GP]** The City encourages investment in alternative modes of travel that will make those modes more competitive with auto travel in terms of convenience, accessibility, costs, and safety. These may include, but are not limited to, improvements in the bus transit system, the bikeway system, pedestrian circulation system, and potentially commuter rail services, if the region should determine to pursue this option.
TE 2.6	**Reduction of School-Related Automobile Traffic. [GP]** The City encourages public and private schools to adopt TDM Plans and to implement trip reduction programs to reduce congestion on streets near schools caused by commuting students and staff. Potential measures include funding for safe routes to schools, encouraging MTD and other transit providers to offer free or reduced-cost bus passes for students and employees, increased funding of school buses, and others as appropriate.
Policy TE 7: Public Transit (Bus Transportation) [GP/CP]	
TE 10.1	**Pedestrian System Map. [GP]** Figure 7-5 depicts the various locations that are planned to serve as pedestrian pathways, including sidewalks within public street rights-of-way, trails, parks, open spaces, and beaches. The map identifies locations of proposed improvements to the pedestrian circulation system, particularly where there are missing links in the existing system as of 2005.
TE 10.2	**Master Plan for Pedestrian Facilities. [GP]** The City ~~shall~~will continue to implement the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, as may be amended or replaced over time. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan includes goals, policies, and actions to support pedestrian circulation within the City. ~~The City shall develop a Master Plan for Pedestrian Circulation to provide an integrated network of sidewalks and trails to link residential neighborhoods, commercial areas, community facilities, and other forms of transportation. This plan should outline priorities to provide and maintain a continuous improved surface of sidewalks for pedestrians that meets ADA requirements for accessibility and includes construction of new sidewalks and repair of deteriorated sidewalks, and minimizes conflicts with utilities and other transportation modes. Where feasible, sidewalks should be constructed on both sides of the street. The plan shall emphasize achieving the maximum separation of pedestrian facilities from traffic.~~
TE 10.4	**Pedestrian Facilities in New Development. [GP]** Proposals for new development or substantial alterations of existing development shall be required to include pedestrian linkages and standard frontage improvements. These improvements may include construction of sidewalks and other pedestrian paths, provision of benches, public art, informational signage, appropriate landscaping, and lighting. In planning new subdivisions or large-scale development, pedestrian connections should be provided through subdivisions and cul-de-sacs to interconnect with adjacent areas. Dedications of public access easements shall be required where appropriate.
TE 10.5	**Pedestrian Safety. [GP]** The City should work with community groups and residents to address pedestrian safety concerns, especially in Old Town. The City shall consider measures to improve pedestrian safety, including but not limited to the following: a. Heightened visibility for crosswalks. b. Traffic controls. c. Expanded enforcement of pedestrian right-of-way laws. d. Adjustments to signal timing. e. Appropriate signage for pedestrians and motorists. f. Prevention of obstruction of pedestrian circulation by temporary advertising signs, merchandise displays, tree roots, illegally dumped materials, and other types of obstacles. g. Improved lighting at intersections and at other locations along the pedestrian circulation network. h. Incorporation of appropriate pedestrian safety measures, such as islands, in intersection designs. i. Cooperation with school districts to create safe routes to ~~school~~schools through provision of crossing guards, sidewalks, curb extensions to reduce crossing length, high-visibility crosswalk markings, signage, trails, separated pathways, or other appropriate means.
TE 11.1	**Bikeways Plan Map. [GP]** Figure 7-6 identifies the locations of planned Class I, II, and III dedicated bike paths and local streets that are intended to serve as bike routes. The bikeways plan is intended to establish a safe, interconnected system of bikeways that is linked to walkways and trails to meet existing and anticipated mobility needs of residents for nonmotorized transportation. The plan includes links with existing and proposed bicycle routes in adjacent jurisdictions to interconnect with the regional system of facilities.

TE 11.2	**Bicycle Transportation Plan. [GP]** The City will continue to implement the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, as may be amended or replaced over time. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan includes goals, policies, and actions to support bicycle circulation within the City. ~~The City shall periodically prepare and adopt a Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP) that addresses the required elements set forth in Section 891.2 of the California Streets and Highways Code. This plan is required for submittal of grant funding applications. Among the subjects to be included in the BTP are the following:~~ ~~a. Estimates of the number of existing and future bicycle commuters in the area.~~ ~~b. A map and description of existing and proposed bikeways, including Class I, II, and III bikeways.~~ ~~c. A map showing the existing and proposed land use pattern and its correlation with the bikeways.~~ ~~d. A map and description of existing and proposed end-of-trip bicycle parking facilities, such as parking at schools, shopping centers, public buildings, and major employment centers.~~ ~~e. A map and description of existing and proposed bicycle transport and parking facilities for connections with and use of other transportation modes, such as but not limited to bicycle parking at transit stops, rail and transit terminals, park-and-ride lots, and trailheads at open space preserves.~~ ~~f. A description of how the BTP has been coordinated and is consistent with other regional transportation plans, including the bicycle transportation plans of other jurisdictions and UCSB.~~ ~~g. A description of the projects proposed in the plan and listing of their priorities for implementation.~~ ~~h. Identification of estimated costs and financial needs for all projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters.~~ The ~~BTP p~~Plan shall be regularly reviewed and updated to respond to changing conditions and needs. Any future changes shall be incorporated into the map in Figure 7-6 during periodic updates or amendments to the General Plan.
TE 11.5	**Bicyclist Safety. [GP]** The City supports programs to increase public awareness of bicycle safety. The City should work with SBCAG Traffic Solutions and other appropriate regional entities and community groups and residents to provide information to motorists and bicyclists regarding maps of bike path locations, safe routes, and increased signage to alert others of the presence of bicycles. Amenities along bikeways such as directional signage, water fountains, bike parking, and lighting should be appropriately placed to allow adequate passage. The City should work with Caltrans to reduce barriers to US-101 crossings. In addition, the City encourages bicyclists to take responsibility for their own safety by such measures as bicycle lights and wearing light and/or reflective clothing.
TE-IA-4	**Neighborhood Traffic Management Program.** Neighborhood Traffic Management Programs (NTMPs) may be developed to reduce vehicle speeds where appropriate and to control traffic volumes on local streets. Each NTMP should be a two-phase program, with the first phase involving education and neighborhood participation to determine whether there is support for potential measures to manage neighborhood traffic. The second phase may involve, where appropriate and cost effective, installation of restrictive physical devices to manage traffic and improve safety. Generally passive traffic management measures should be evaluated for effectiveness prior to considering installation of restrictive measures.
TE-IA-6	**Bicycle and Pedestrian Master ~~Transportation~~ Plan.** The City shall ~~periodically prepare and adopt~~implement and periodically update the City's ~~a BTP~~ Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan that addresses the required elements set forth in Section 891.2 of the California Streets and Highways Code; such a plan is required for submittal of grant funding applications. Time period: Ongoing Responsible parties: ~~Community Services Department~~Public Works Department~~, City Council~~
PF 8.2	**Siting of Public Facilities. [GP]** All new public facilities, including utilities, utility buildings, signage, and other development components, shall be designed in a manner that makes them aesthetically compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and development. Additionally, new public facilities should be strategically sited to mitigate risks from climate change impacts, protect public safety, and promote long-term resilience. The following shall apply: d. Public agency buildings shall be conveniently located and accessible to residents and all segments of the community.
HE 4.4	**Transit-Oriented Development.** The City will encourage transit-oriented housing development to enable efficient public transit systems and alternatives to driving (walking and bicycling). In coordination with regional transportation planning activities, the City will work with developers to incorporate transit improvements, such as bus shelters and turnouts or other transit improvements, as appropriate and feasible for a project. Residential development plans will incorporate pedestrian and bicycle facilities, including, but not limited to, sidewalks, benches, bicycle racks, and bicycle storage areas, to the extent feasible. The City will consider requests to reduce required parking for transit-oriented housing developments where alternative-transportation improvements are incorporated on or adjacent to the project site through the approval of a Development Plan, Modification, or Conditional Use Permit.
Civic Engagement (Govt Code Section 65302(h)(1)(B))	
LU Goal 11. Ensure that all members of the community have access to information regarding development within the City and are able to engage in key land use decision-making processes.	

LU 1.3	**Goleta Old Town. [GP]** The City ~~and the City of Goleta Redevelopment Agency~~ shall continue to develop and implement programs to revitalize the Old Town area. When considering development or programs in Old Town, the City should ensure members of the Old Town community have opportunities to provide input and engage in the process. When considering development proposals, lots designated for commercial or multifamily residential use that are less than 6,000 square feet shall be encouraged to be combined with any adjacent small lots to provide adequate parking and circulation, minimize driveway cuts on Hollister Avenue and other busy streets, and maximize design potential.
Policy LU 13: Civic Engagement [GP] ***Objective:*** *To foster inclusive decision-making and integrate input from diverse voices in the planning and development process.*	
LU 13.1	**Community-Driven Decision-Making. [GP]** The City shall actively seek and consider community input on City plans and programs, encouraging all voices to be heard and valued, with particular emphasis on engaging and empowering community members in Old Town.
LU 13.2	**Information Accessibility. [GP]** The City shall provide accessible, organized, and prompt information related to key projects, City meetings, plans, and programs.
LU 13.3	**Multilingual Information. [GP]** The City shall provide translation and interpretation services for key projects and public meetings affecting populations whose primary language is not English.
LU 13.4	**Targeted Outreach. [GP]** The City shall perform targeted outreach to historically excluded communities, youth, seniors, multicultural communities, and people living within Old Town to ensure that City policies and decision-making reflect the needs of people living within those communities.
LU 13.5	**Partnerships. [GP]** The City should partner with and support the efforts of community-based organizations and/or non-profits that focus on programs and activities related to civic engagement and topics of environmental justice.
LU 13.6	**Representation. [GP]** The City shall encourage residents from traditionally underrepresented demographic groups to apply for City board, commission, and committee members as openings occur.
LU 13.7	**Community Events. [GP]** The City shall promote, sponsor, and support a variety of community events to strengthen social engagement and enhance the overall community identity of Goleta.
VH-IA-3	**Preparation and Adoption of Story Pole/Visual Simulation Procedures.** The City shall establish story pole/visual simulation procedures to provide a means to help understand a proposed project's size, bulk, and scale in relation to the neighborhood and/or evaluate its effects on scenic resources. Visual aids may include, but not be limited to, story poles, physical or software-based models, photo-realistic visual simulations, perspectives, and photographs. Time Period: 2006 to 2007 Responsible parties: Planning and Environmental Services Department, Planning Agency, and City Council
TE 1.8	**Community Engagement. [GP]** The City will seek community input on proposed transportation system improvements from impacted residents, community organizations, and local businesses to understand what transportation improvements would best support current and future needs of the community.
PF 1.1	**Community Planning Process. [GP]** The City shall establish a community planning process, involving all segments of the community, to identify appropriate sites for and to plan the development of a full-service city hall or civic center to meet the city's long term needs. A future city hall may be located within, and is consistent with, any land-use category specified in the Land Use Element.
PF 8.6	**Community Planning and Consideration of Future Public Facilities. [GP]** When considering the addition of new public facilities or major improvements for existing facilities, the City should proactively inform community members regarding opportunities to learn about and engage with public facilities planning.
HE 5.2	**Community and Regional Collaboration. [GP]** The City will continue to take an active role in working with community groups, other jurisdictions, and other agencies to implement Housing Element programs in a timely manner.
Improvements and Programs That Address Needs of Old Town (Govt Code Section 65302(h)(1)(C))	
LU Goal 13. Prioritize improvements and programs that address the needs of the Old Town community.	

LU 1.3	**Goleta Old Town. [GP]** The City ~~and the City of Goleta Redevelopment Agency~~ shall continue to develop and implement programs to revitalize the Old Town area. When considering development or programs in Old Town, the City should ensure members of the Old Town community have opportunities to provide input and engage in the process. When considering development proposals, lots designated for commercial or multifamily residential use that are less than 6,000 square feet shall be encouraged to be combined with any adjacent small lots to provide adequate parking and circulation, minimize driveway cuts on Hollister Avenue and other busy streets, and maximize design potential.
LU 4.6	**South Kellogg Industrial Area. [GP]** The following requirement shall apply to the South Kellogg Industrial Area, which consists of about 14 parcels generally located between Highway 101 and Armitos Avenue (including APNs 071-041-029; 071-041- 030; 071-041-031; 071-041-032; 071-041-033; 071-041-038; 071-041-039; 071-041- 040; 071-041-041; 071-043-002; 071-090-074; 071-090-082; 071-090-083; and 071- 090-047): a. Inventory of Existing Businesses. The number of businesses and types of uses existing as of 2006 in the subject area is uncertain, as is whether all uses and development have been properly authorized by permits. In association with the owners of these parcels, the City shall require a precise inventory that includes the following information for each separate business activity: (1) the name of the business and its owner; (2) its location on the site; (3) a description of the type of use; and (4) existing site improvements. b. Determination of Permit Status. The City shall review permit records and make a determination as to uses and/or development that have been duly authorized by the appropriate type of permits. c. Cessation of Unpermitted Uses. Uses determined to not have proper permit authorization and which are not allowed by the zoning code shall be terminated. d. Permit Applications. Existing uses and development determined to not have proper permit authorization but which are allowed by the zoning code shall be required to submit the appropriate applications to the City. e. Mitigation of Adverse Impacts on the Adjacent Residential Area. Approvals of any permits shall include conditions that require mitigation of adverse effects on the adjacent residential area. f. Time Frame. The City shall review the status of compliance after 3 years. If substantial progress has not been demonstrated, the City may initiate more intense code enforcement efforts and/or a General Plan amendment process to consider redesignation of the subject area to "Planned Residential – 8 units/acre" or other appropriate land use category.
LU-IA-6	**South Kellogg Industrial Area Compliance Program.** The City shall establish a systematic program to achieve land use compatibility between the South Kellogg Industrial Area and the adjacent residential area. The program shall include the components set forth in LU 4.6 and others as appropriate.
LU-IA-7	**Environmental Justice Implementation Tracking.** The City shall report on the City's actions to address issues of environmental justice as part of the City's General Plan / Coastal Land Use Plan Annual Report. This reporting shall consider actions to implement the policies and subpolicies listed in the table below. [Table omitted] Time period: Annually Responsible party: Planning and Environmental Review Department
SE-IA-2	**San Jose Creek Flood Control Project.** The City shall implement the San Jose Creek Flood Control Project, including construction of appropriate flood control facilities, to reduce the extent and frequency of flooding in the Old Town area. Time period: Undetermined; may be implemented in phases Responsible party: Community Services Department, Redevelopment Agency, County of Santa Barbara Flood Control District
VH 4.2	**Old Town. [GP]** Old Town is a unique asset and the historic center of Goleta. Accordingly, all design shall maintain and enhance the historic character and be consistent with the Goleta Heritage District Architecture and Design Guidelines, where applicable. Superior materials and architectural detailing shall be used. Development shall continue to reflect Goleta's small-scale character, promote individual identity, reflect input and expectations from community members living and working in Old Town, and avoid uniformity or a false historic look. The Design Review Board shall evaluate applicable proposals for new development within the Heritage District to achieve variation in heights of structures along the Hollister corridor to avoid a "canyonization" effect. The pedestrian experience shall be supported and enhanced by provision of street trees; landscaped passageways; human-scale entries; and amenities such as benches, bicycle racks, trash containers, and public art. Transitional areas between residential neighborhoods and adjacent commercial and industrial areas shall be established and maintained by use of increased setbacks and heavy landscaping. (See also LU 1.3.)
TE 1.7	**Prioritizing Improvements in Old Town Goleta. [GP]** When considering transportation improvements such as sidewalk, roadway, and transit improvements, the City should prioritize improvements within or directly impacting residents and businesses in Old Town Goleta.
TE 5.3	**Ekwill–Fowler–South Kellogg Improvements. [GP/CP]** This planned major project includes construction of new segments of Ekwill Street and Fowler Street to connect these streets in a direct alignment with Fairview Avenue and with a southern extension of South Kellogg Avenue, which extends north to Hollister Avenue at its interchange with SR-217. The intent of this project is to more efficiently collect existing and future traffic from the southern portion of the Old Town area and from the Santa Barbara Airport, and to divert a portion of trips having origins or destinations in this area away from a congested segment of Hollister Avenue in Old Town between Fairview Avenue and SR-217. Related purposes of this project are to improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians along Hollister Avenue in Old Town and to help facilitate revitalization efforts in the Goleta Old Town Redevelopment Project Area.

TE 5.4	**Hollister Avenue (Old Town) Redesign Improvements. [GP]** This major project is intended to provide substantial operational improvements along Hollister Avenue in the central Old Town area between Fairview Avenue and the SR 217 interchange. The purposes include improvement of traffic flow, improved facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians, and improved safety at intersections. A related intent is to help facilitate revitalization efforts in the Goleta Old town Redevelopment Project Area.
TE 9.6	**Old Town Parking. [GP]** The following criteria and standards shall apply to parking in the Goleta Old Town area: a. As part of the Old Town Redevelopment program, the City ~~and RDA~~ shall develop a parking plan that supports the goals of the *Goleta Old Town Revitalization Plan*. b. Where practical and feasible, on-street parking shall be used to create a buffer between pedestrians and vehicle traffic, reduce the speed of traffic, and provide for needed short-term parking. c. The City may consider establishing a program whereby new development could be allowed to pay a fee in lieu of providing all or a portion of the required onsite parking. Such fee receipts, supplemented if appropriate with RDA funding, shall be used exclusively to acquire land and/or construct or improve one or more off-street parking facilities. d. Any proposed parking structures shall be compatible with the surrounding area in terms of size, bulk, scale, and design. Commercial space shall be incorporated in the structure along the street and sidewalk frontage.
TE-IA-5	**Parking In-Lieu Fee Program for Old Town.** The City will consider establishing regulations in the new zoning code that allow all or a portion of the onsite parking requirement for development within the Old Town area to be satisfied by the payment of an in-lieu fee. Fee receipts, supplemented if appropriate with RDA funding, shall be used exclusively to acquire land and/or construct or improve one or more off-street parking facilities. Time period: 2006 to 2007 (adopt new zoning code) Responsible parties: Planning and Environmental Services (zoning code), Redevelopment and Neighborhood Services Department (implementation of parking project)
PF 10.11	**Support Improvements in Old Town. [GP]** The City shall support improvements for public facilities located within or directly impacting Old Town to improve access and ensure adequate facilities are available to benefit local residents and businesses. The City shall explore and pursue grants and external funding opportunities to support projects and programs addressing key issues in Old Town.
HE 1.2	**Housing Rehabilitation.** The City will help to publicize community service organizations that provide volunteer housing repair and improvement assistance for homeowners who are physically or financially unable to maintain or repair their properties. Flyers will be posted on the City website, at City Hall, and at other locations throughout the community, with specific attention given to locations within Census Tract 003001 (Old Town) where larger concentrations of lower-income households reside. In addition, on an annual basis the City will actively seek additional funding sources and identify potential partnerships with local and regional organizations to expand financial resources to support community rehabilitation and reduce risk of displacement.

Attachment 3

Notice of Exemption

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (NOE)

To: ☒ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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From: City of Goleta
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Exemption

Project Title: General Plan and Zoning Amendments to Satisfy State Law Requirements (Case Nos. 24-0003-GPA and 25-0001-ORD).

Project Applicant: City of Goleta

Project Location (Address and APN): Citywide

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Amendments to the General Plan / Coastal Land Use Plan (General Plan) are proposed pursuant to requirements of Government Code Sections 65302(g)(2)–(5), 65302(h), 65302.15, and 65565.5. These requirements focus on the Safety Element, Open Space Element, and environmental justice (EJ). New Safety Element requirements include consideration of new information and policies related to (1) flood, (2) fire, (3) climate change hazards, and (4) emergency preparedness including evacuation routes. New Open Space Element requirements include policies that address (1) access to open space for all residents in a manner that considers social, economic, and racial equity, (2) climate resilience and other co-benefits of open space, and (3) rewilding opportunities.

EJ goals, policies, and objectives are also proposed, integrated throughout the General Plan to (1) reduce the unique or compounded health risks in disadvantaged communities by means that include, but are not limited to, the reduction of pollution exposure, including the improvement of air quality, and the promotion of public facilities, food access, safe and sanitary homes, and physical activity; (2) promote civic engagement in the public decision-making process; and (3) prioritize improvements and programs that address the needs of disadvantaged communities.

Complimentary amendments are also proposed to Title 17 (Zoning) of the Goleta Municipal Code to implement proposed General Plan amendments.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project: City of Goleta

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: City of Goleta

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- ☐ Ministerial (§15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§15269 (a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§15269 (b) (c))
- ☐ Categorical Exemption: (Insert Type(s) and Section Number(s))
- ☐ Statutory Exemption: Public Resources Code
- ■ Other: CEQA Guidelines,) §15060(c)(3); §15378(b)(5); §15061(b)(3)

Reason(s) why the project is exempt:

The amendments to the General Plan and Title 17 are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations) because the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378(a) but it is an organizational or administrative activity by government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5).

The amendments are also exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because the activity is covered by the general rule which exempts activities that can be seen with certainty to have no possibility for causing a significant effect on the environment.

City of Goleta Contact Person:

Peter Imhof	Director, Planning & Environmental Review	Date

Attachment 4

Staff Presentation

General Plan Amendments for State Law Requirements

June 9, 2025

Presentation by:
Anne Wells, Advance Planning Manager
Andy Newkirk, Supervising Planner
Cam Audras, Assistant Planner
Perry Banner, Principal Planner, De Novo Planning Group

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State Law Requirements

- Safety Element:
  - Flood, fire, and climate change hazards
  - Emergency preparedness and evacuation routes
- Open Space Element:
  - Equitable access to open space
  - Climate resilience and co-benefits
  - Rewilding opportunities
- Environmental Justice (EJ):
  - Reduce health risks and pollution in disadvantaged communities
  - Promote access to facilities, food, housing, and physical activity
  - Encourage civic engagement and prioritize community needs

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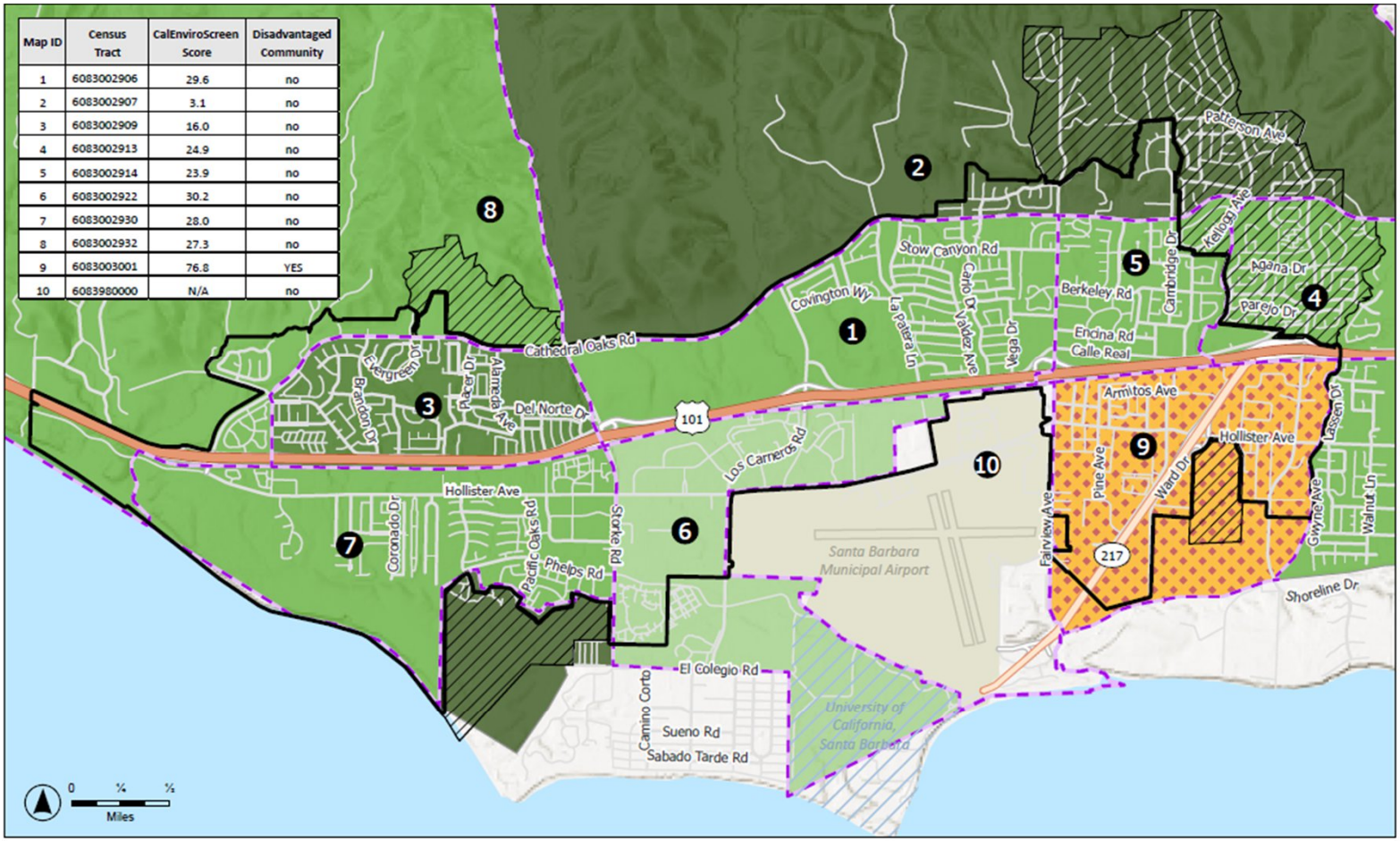
Environmental Justice Background

Map ID	Census Tract	CalEnviroScreen Score	Disadvantaged Community
1	6083002906	29.6	no
2	6083002907	3.1	no
3	6083002909	16.0	no
4	6083002913	24.9	no
5	6083002914	23.9	no
6	6083002922	30.2	no
7	6083002930	28.0	no
8	6083002932	27.3	no
9	6083003001	76.8	YES
10	6083980000	N/A	no



Legend

- Goleta City Boundary
- Goleta Future Service Areas
- Santa Barbara Municipal Airport
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- Census Tracts within Goleta Planning Area
- Disadvantaged Community

CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Score

- >90 - 100
- >80 - 90
- >70 - 80
- >60 - 70
- >50 - 60
- >40 - 50
- >30 - 40
- >20 - 30
- >10 - 20
- >0 - 10

Sources: City of Goleta; CalEnviroScreen 4.0; California Climate Investments Priority Populations 2023. Map Date: October 22, 2024.

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Figure 1. Disadvantaged Communities

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Table 3.1: Pollution Burden Indicator Scores

Source: CalEnviroScreen 4.0
Note: DAC census tract is outlined in bold.

Color Key

High Burden: 75 - 100 | Medium Burden: 25 - 74 | Low Burden: 0 - 24

Map Reference (Figure 1)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CalEnviroScreen Census Tract Number	6083002906	6083002907	6083002909	6083002913	6083002914	6083002922	6083002930	6083002932	6083003001
Indicator									
Ozone	22	27	22	22	22	18	21	18	21
PM2.5	14	10	12	13	16	13	11	6	15
Diesel PM	64	4	53	51	52	65	55	5	58
Drinking Water	31	56	31	31	31	31	36	51	31
Lead from Housing	39	27	31	13	23	16	23	32	60
Pesticides	28	60	51	54	35	12	0	50	83
Toxic Releases	25	16	17	33	38	23	17	10	31
Traffic	46	6	18	65	46	49	30	60	64
Cleanup Sites	62	38	10	34	17	88	38	85	64
Groundwater Threats	97	22	28	77	89	96	90	91	96
Hazardous Waste	86	3	48	4	50	93	89	89	88
Impaired Waters	59	67	51	51	51	72	51	44	87
Solid Waste	3	0	0	23	10	12	0	87	59
Total Pollution Burden Score	**51**	**10**	**15**	**32**	**33**	**51**	**26**	**58**	**85**
Composite Score	***30***	***3***	***16***	***25***	***24***	***30***	***28***	***27***	***77***

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Table 3.2: Population Characteristics Indicator Scores

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Color Key

High Burden: 75 – 100 | Medium Burden: 25 – 74 | Low Burden: 0 – 24

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CalEnviroScreen Census Tract Number	6083002906	6083002907	6083002909	6083002913	6083002914	6083002922	6083002930	6083002932	6083003001
Indicators									
Asthma	26	22	26	41	20	2	26	25	27
Low Birth Weight	18	1	27	69	91	2	31	4	87
Cardiovascular Disease	41	13	41	26	18	28	41	39	35
Education	40	7	44	15	19	8	42	55	61
Linguistic Isolation	42	38	21	7	N/A	67	43	53	64
Poverty	14	5	37	34	10	35	46	36	67
Unemployment	58	13	44	N/A	34	99	25	6	83
Housing Burden	12	34	5	20	13	46	53	12	51
Total Burden Score	**21**	**4**	**21**	**23**	**21**	**22**	**31**	**16**	**62**
Composite Score	***30***	***3***	***16***	***25***	***24***	***30***	***28***	***27***	***77***

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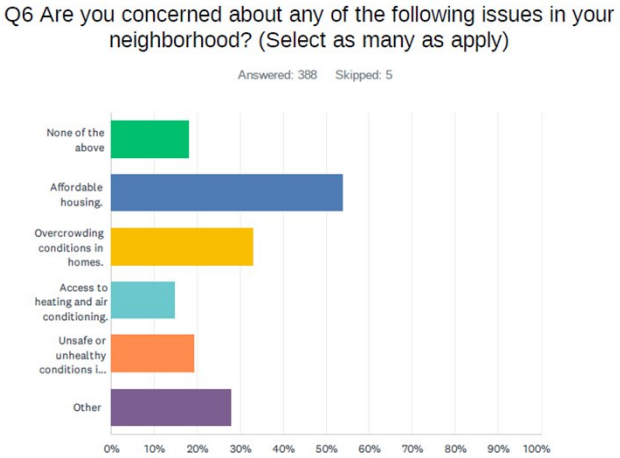
Public Outreach

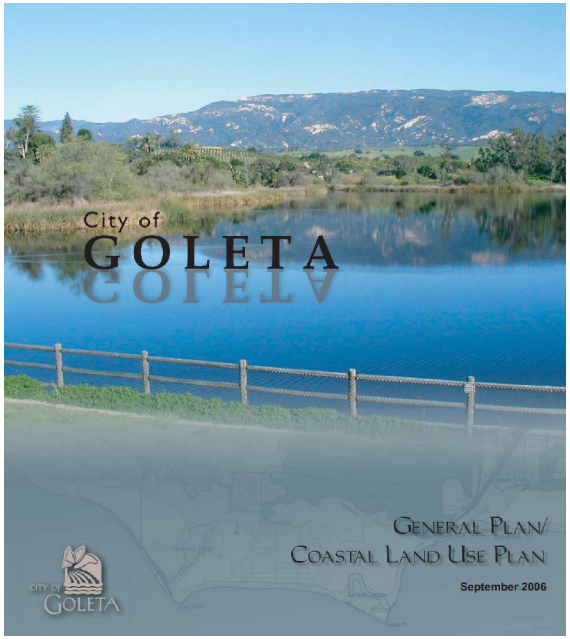
- Bilingual project webpage and survey
- Open house
- EJ stakeholder meetings
- EJ Outreach Summary
- Public Draft review period: April 3-24
- April 14 Planning Commission Meeting



Hearing Draft Amendments

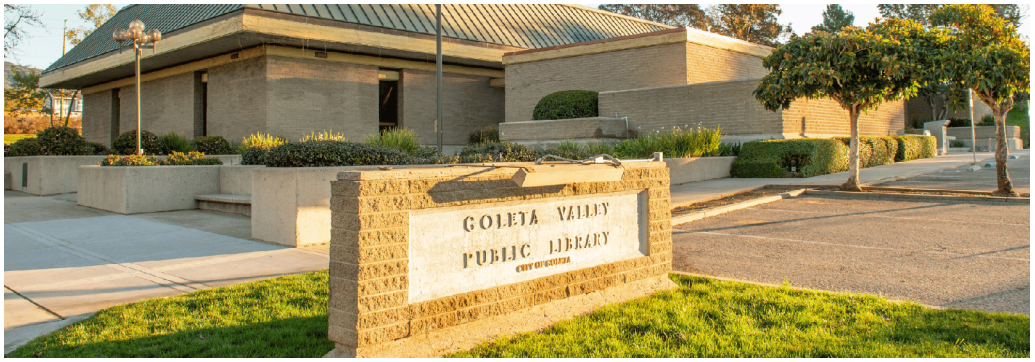
Proposed Amendments

- Many existing General Plan policies fulfill State law requirements
- Amendments proposed to various elements to address remaining requirements



Environmental Justice Updates

- Pollution exposure and air quality
  - Implementation of Creek & Watershed Management Plan, Climate Action Plan, and Strategic Energy Plan*
- Access to public facilities and services
  - Minor revisions emphasize equitable, accessible facilities and services*



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EJ Updates (Continued)

- Healthy food access
  - New LU 14: equitable access to healthy, local food, and sustainable food systems
  - 3 proposed revisions to Title 17 of City Municipal Code to implement proposed Policy LU 14 (Healthy and Sustainable Food Systems and Uses)
- Safe and sanitary homes
  - Raise awareness of lead-based paint risks
  - Encourage indoor air quality protections in new developments

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EJ Updates (Continued)

- Opportunities for physical activity
  - Bike & Pedestrian Master Plan implementation
  - Community engagement on walking and biking safety*
- Civic engagement
  - New LU 13: equitable, multilingual, community-driven engagement, emphasis on Old Town
- Improvements and programs that address needs of Old Town
  - Upgrades to public facilities and transportation in Old Town

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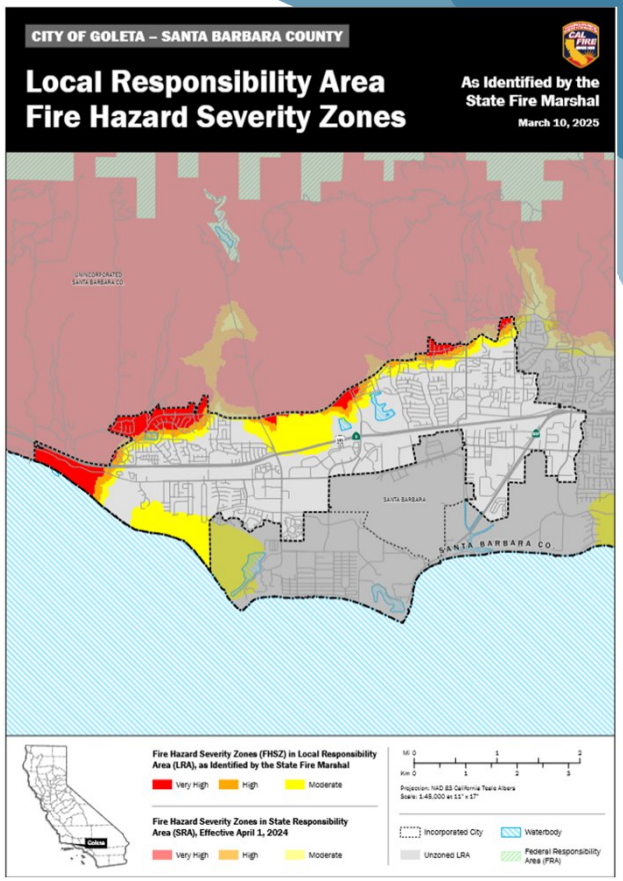
Flood Hazards Updates

- Updated 100- and 500-year floodplains (FEMA) and tsunami inundation areas (Cal OES) in Figure 5-2
- Dam failure inundation emergency action planning
- Coordination with public agencies responsible for flood protection

Fire Hazards Updates

- Added introductory language to Safety and Public Facilities Elements*
- Proposed revisions to Policy 7: Urban and Wildland Fire Hazards*
- Detail on City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan*
- Updated Fire Hazard Severity Zones (in figures)*
- Restrict critical public facilities in high/very high fire hazard severity zones*



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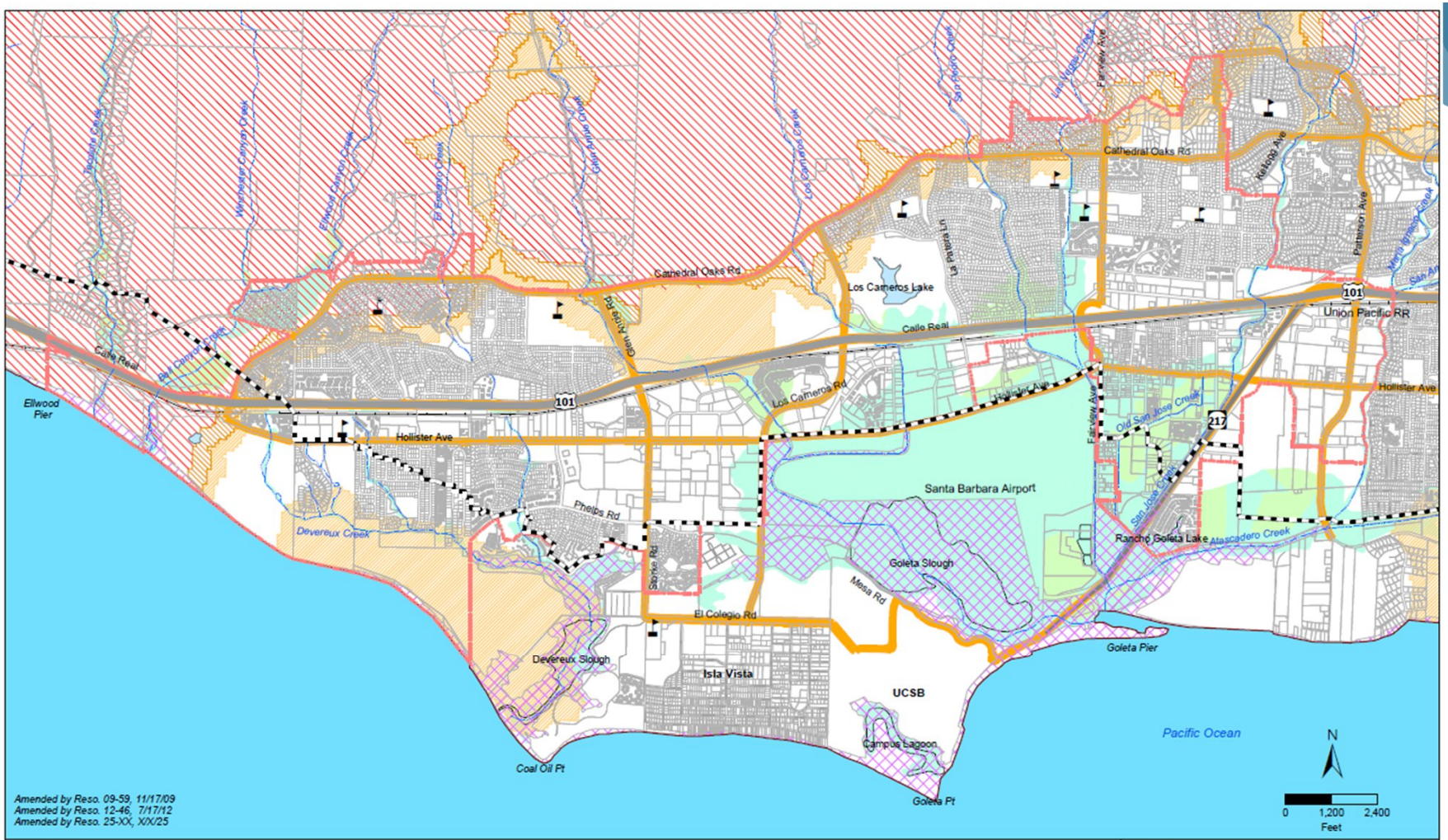

Legend

Flood Hazard
- 100 Year Flood Zone
- 500 Year Flood Zone

Fire Hazard Severity Zones
- Moderate
- High
- Very High

Tsunami Hazard
- Tsunami Inundation Area

Other Features
- Potential Evacuation Routes
- Goleta City Boundary
- Coastal Zone
- Creeks
- Schools

Source:
The 100- and 500-year flood zones were mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, per the Flood Risk Database (accessed 3/26/2025). The tsunami inundation area was produced by the California Geological Survey and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (dated 2022). The fire hazard severity zones were obtained from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (dated 3/12/2025 for State Responsibility Areas and 3/10/2025 for Local Responsibility Areas).

Figure 5-2
FIRE, FLOOD, AND TSUNAMI HAZARDS MAP

GENERAL PLAN/COASTAL LAND USE PLAN
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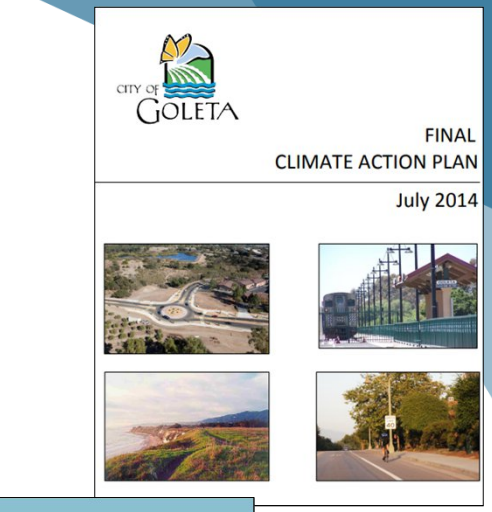
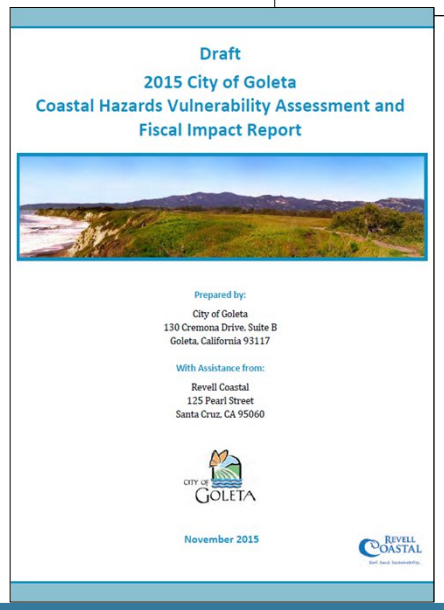
Climate Change Hazards Updates

- New Policy SE 12: Climate Hazards and Adaptation
  - Natural infrastructure and cooling centers
  - Support for climate-vulnerable populations
  - Climate hazards considered in development review*
  - Regional collaboration in adaptation planning
- New Implementation actions
  - Climate Action & Adaptation Plan
  - Climate Hazards Assessment Ordinance
- Public Facilities Element
  - Integrate climate change impacts in siting of public facilities*





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Emergency Preparedness

- Existing Plans
  - Reflect current Emergency Operations Plan
  - Integrate Local Hazard Mitigation Plan*
- Evacuation routes
  - New Figure 5-4: single-egress residential areas*
  - New and amended introductory language and subpolicies on improving evacuation route safety and effectiveness*

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Legend

- Roads in Residential Areas with One Egress
- Potential Evacuation Routes
- Residential Parcels with One Egress
- Fire Hazard Severity Zones: Very High
- Hospital
- Fire Stations
- City of Goleta
- Coastal Zone
- Creeks
- Schools

Source:
The very high fire hazard severity zones were obtained from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (dated 3/10/2025).

Figure 5-4
RESIDENTIAL AREAS WITH ONE EGRESS AND VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE

GENERAL PLAN/COASTAL LAND USE PLAN
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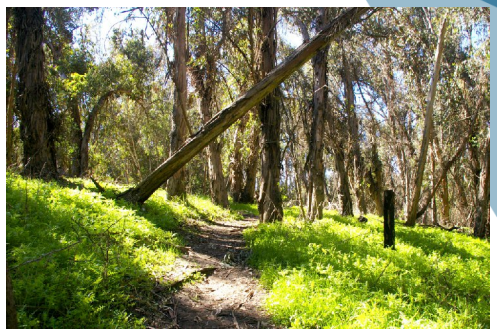
Open Space Element Updates

- Status of parks and open spaces and planning documents
- Revisions emphasize:
  - Park and open space equity
  - Opportunities to expand/integrate open space lands
  - Open space benefits for climate resilience



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Next Steps

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Staff Recommendation

Adopt Resolution No. 25-___, entitled "A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Goleta, California, Recommending that the City Council Adopt Amendments to the General Plan / Coastal Land Use Plan and Title 17 of the Goleta Municipal Code to Implement State Law Requirements and Determine the Amendments to be Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (Case Nos. 24-0003-GPA; 25-0001-ORD)."

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