# Annual Planning Survey 2019

Letter from the Director:   
  
Thank you for taking the time to complete the 2019 Annual Planning Survey.

OPR conducts the Annual Planning Survey each year to gain perspective on policies and planning at the local level and to evaluate trends over time. The survey highlights areas of progress as well as implementation challenges for specific policies. Responses to the survey allows OPR, our partners, and the public at large to identify areas of local leadership and develop tools and guidance for jurisdictions.  
  
Since ­­­1986, planners from across California have responded to this survey. We know many demands are made on your time, but we value and encourage your continued participation. In an effort to reduce the burden on your time, we have auto-populated responses from last year. The historically high rate of response makes the Annual Planning Survey a unique tool for understanding planning in California.  
  
The deadline for completing this year's survey is August 16th, 2019. Results from this year's survey will be available in the fall of 2019.   
  
Thank you very much for taking the time to complete the survey. We very much appreciate your responses.  
  
Kate Gordon  
Director, Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
  
Instructions  
You may save answers at any time, and continue working on the survey in multiple settings. If you would like to share the survey with colleagues in your jurisdiction, you must share the original link from the e-mail received by your jurisdiction, **not** the URL to this specific page.  
  
Questions and feedback may be directed to [opr.aps@opr.ca.gov](mailto:opr.aps@opr.ca.gov).

**1.** Agency Information

Please provide the following information about your agency.

Agency Name



Agency Website



Phone



Fax



Director's Name



Director's Title



Director's Email



Number of planners



*1.1 Agency Street Address*

Street



City



State



Zip Code

  
  
*1.2 Agency Mailing Address*

Same as Above



Street Address or PO Box



City



State



Zip Code



**2.** Jurisdiction Information

Please provide the following information about your jurisdiction.

County (for cities)



County Seat



Square miles



Is your jurisdiction a charter city?



Please select the MPO for your jurisdiction



Please select the COG for your jurisdiction



Other Regional Organization

 

**3.** General Plan Updates

What year do you anticipate your jurisdiction undergoing a comprehensive General Plan update process?



***3.1 Required Elements***

When did your jurisdiction last update the following required elements?

Land Use



Circulation



Conservation



Housing



Noise



Open Space



Safety



Air Quality (San Joaquin Valley only)



Air Quality Discussion (pursuant to Environmental Justice requirements/SB1000)



Environmental Justice Element or Integration consistent with SB1000



When does your jurisdiction plan to update the following required elements?

Land Use



Circulation



Conservation



Housing



Noise



Open Space



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Air Quality (San Joaquin Valley only)



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Environmental Justice Element or Integration consistent with SB1000



*3.2 Optional Elements*

Please indicate which of the following optional elements are included in your General Plan by indicating the year of that element's most recent update. If no optional elements are included mark N/A.

Administration



Aesthetics



Agriculture



Airport



Archeological



Bicycle



Biological



Child Care



Climate Change



Climate Change Adaptation



Coastal



Commerce



Communications



Community



Cultural



Design



Economic



Education



Emergency



Energy



Environment



Fire



Fiscal



Flood Control



Forestry



Geothermal



Governance



Greenhouse Gas Emissions



Growth Management



Hazardous Waste



Health



Historic Preservation



Implementation



Military Facilities



Mineral Resources



Parking



Parks and Recreation



Public Facilities



Public Services



Redevelopment



Regionalism



Resource Conservation



Scenic Highways



Seismic



Social Services



Sustainability



Trailways



Transportation



Urban Boundaries



Waste



Water



Other (please specify year and enter topic details below)



Details: 

***3.3 Funding for General Plan Updates***

1. What is the approximate anticipated cost of your next General Plan update?



1. How does your jurisdiction plan to fund your next General Plan update?

General Funds

Permit or Developer Fees

Grant Funds (please specify)

Other (please specify)



### 4. General Plan Content

1. Have you updated your General Plan to be consistent with a regional sustainable communities strategy, alternative planning strategy, or other regional strategy?

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### Does your General Plan address the following issues? (Select all that apply)

Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction



Renewable Energy



Infill Development



Climate Adaptation



Managed Retreat



Military Land Use Compatibility



Health



Air Quality



Environmental Justice



Racial Equity



Fair Housing



Residential Anti-Displacement



Business Anti-Displacement



Economic Development



Goods Movement/ Freight



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### ***4.1 Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Mitigation)***

Which General Plan elements include policies, goals, or implementation measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions?

General Plan Land Use Element



General Plan Housing Element



General Plan Circulation Element



General Plan Noise Element



General Plan Open Space Element



General Plan Safety Element



General Plan Conservation Element



General Plan Air Quality Element (where applicable)



General Plan Environmental Justice Element (where applicable)



Optional Element(s) (please specify)



### ***4.2 Impacts of Climate Change (Adaptation)***

Which General Plan elements include policies, goals, or implementation measures to adapt to the impacts of climate change?

General Plan Land Use Element



General Plan Housing Element



General Plan Circulation Element



General Plan Noise Element



General Plan Open Space Element



General Plan Safety Element



General Plan Conservation Element



General Plan Air Quality Element (where applicable)



General Plan Environmental Justice Element (where applicable)



Optional Element(s) (please specify)

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### ***4.3 Health***

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

Policies that explicitly promote health equity (e.g., policies that ensure all groups have access to grocery stores, park space, etc)



Policies to support lifecycle housing or aging-in-place



Policies that help to mitigate the urban heat island



Zoning that promotes grocery stores and/or fruit and vegetable vendors are accessible across your jurisdiction



Zoning that facilitates opportunities for local food production including urban or front/backyard farming and community gardens



Policies to promote active living (e.g., planning to integrate physical activity into daily routines)



*4.4 Transportation*

Does your General Plan include any of the following policies related to goods movement and freight?

Policies that designate and/or preserve industrial zones

Policies that designate truck routes and/or freight facilities

Policies that support urban freight access (e.g., curb access, parking, off hours delivery)

Policies that address environmental impacts of goods movement

Policies that support multi-modal freight facilities (e.g., rail, truck, water transport)

Policies that include freight movement as a consideration in street design

Policies that support the adoption of zero-emission freight vehicles

### 5. Housing and Development

1. Have you developed a non-discretionary design review procedure for residential development and, if so, for which type?

Single Family Housing

 Multifamily Housing (2 or more units)

Second Units

Other

None

1. Does your jurisdiction allow the following types of housing by right?

Single Family Housing

Multifamily Housing (2 or more units)

Second Units

Other

None

1. Do most major residential development applications require an exception (e.g., conditional use permit, variance) or other legislative action (e.g., rezone, general plan amendment, planned development, specific plan) to be consistent with zoning and the general plan?

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1. In the past year, has your jurisdiction taken any actions to increase housing production near transit (e.g., upzoning, infrastructure investments, reduced parking requirements, reduced impact fees)?

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1. In the past year, has your jurisdiction taken any actions to increase housing production near job centers (e.g., upzoning, infrastructure investments, reduced parking requirements, reduced impact fees)?



*5.1 Infill Development*

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

Implementation of Form-Based Zoning Codes



Density bonus ordinance that expands on State requirements



Reduced parking requirements



Expedited permit processing



Improvements of infrastructure and/or utilities in infill areas



Financial incentives for development costs, particularly for infrastructure



Financial incentives for pre-development costs (fee reductions, waivers, deferrals)



Utilized CEQA streamlining tools such as tiering or use of exemptions



Development of partnerships with school districts



Land Conservation Strategies



Growth Boundaries



Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance



Transfer of Development Rights



Other (please specify)



*5.2 Anti-Displacement and Affordable Housing*

Does your jurisdiction currently have any of the following policies or measures in place? (Choose all that apply)

1. *Tenant Protection:*

Policies that give return rights/preference in new housing for displaced residents

Rent review board and/or mediation

Just-cause eviction or tenant anti-harassment policies

Multi-lingual/culturally-appropriate tenant legal counseling or tenant rights education

Condominium conversion restrictions

Restrictions on short-term rentals

Rent control

1. *Development of New Affordable Housing:*

Inclusionary zoning ordinance for sale

Inclusionary zoning ordinance for rental

Affordable housing linkage fee

Community benefit zoning and/or other land value capture strategy

Utilizing California Tax Code “Chapter 8” provisions for tax-delinquent properties

1. *Preservation of Affordable Housing:*

No-net-loss requirements for affordable housing

Policies to preserve Single Room Occupancy (SRO) housing

Policies to preserve mobile home parks

Jurisdictional incentives or support for land banks or land trusts

1. *Fair Housing:*

Source of income non-discrimination policies

Affirmative housing marketing targeting low-income and/or vulnerable populations

Information posted regarding fair housing rights and procedures for filing complaints

A completed assessment of fair housing

1. *Small Business:*

Overlay zone to protect small businesses

Small business advocate or liaison employed by the local jurisdiction

1. *Other (please specify)*



### 6. **Renewable Energy**

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

Solar Energy Systems

  
Small Wind Energy Systems



Energy Storage Systems



Electric Vehicle Charging Stations



Hydrogen Fueling Stations



Other



### 7. Ground**water Management**

Does your jurisdiction participate in any of the following groundwater related activities? (Check all that apply)

Participates as a member of a groundwater sustainability agency

Participates in one or more Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) processes

Participates in an integrated regional water management process

Participates in other groundwater-related activities (please specify below)



For the next 2 Questions, please refer to the following definitions  
   
*Climate Action Plan: A plan that combines discussions focused around climate change that include, but are not limited to, vulnerability, emissions, adaptation and mitigation. Climate Action Plans also outline policies and measures that a local jurisdiction will enact to address climate change overall.*

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

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

*Local Hazard Mitigation Plan: A plan focused on identifying and mitigating hazards within a jurisdiction by taking into account local vulnerabilities and capacity.*

*Sustainability Plan: A plan that is typically focused on a more holistic vision of a community that includes considerations of climate change as one component. These plans are often seen as `visioning` documents.*   
  
*GHG Emissions Inventory: An overview of greenhouse gases and courses of emissions. These studies are often completed as a part of General Plan, Climate Action Plan and GHG emissions reduction plan but may be completed separately.*   
  
*Local Coastal Programs: Planning tools used by local governments to guide development in the coastal zone consistent with the Coastal Act.*

*Codes/Ordinances: These documents serve as implementation tools for the above documents. They create the connection between policy and implementation and work to specify how climate change policies will work on the ground. Energy Action Plan: A plan focused on creating renewable energy and improving energy efficiency.*

*Vulnerability Assessment: A document that analyzes how a community, city, or region may be impacted by climate change.*   
  
  
  
8. Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Mitigation)

What documents include plans or strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions?

Climate Action Plan



Adaptation or Resilience Plan



Energy Action Plan



Local Hazard Mitigation Plan



Sustainability Plan



GHG Emissions Inventory



Local Coastal Program



Codes or Ordinances



Vulnerability Assessment



Other (please specify)



### 9**. Impacts of Climate Change (Adaptation)**

What documents include plans or strategies to adapt to the impacts of climate change?

Climate Action Plan



Adaptation or Resilience Plan



Energy Action Plan



Local Hazard Mitigation Plan



Sustainability Plan



GHG Emissions Inventory



Local Coastal Program



Codes or Ordinances



Vulnerability Assessment



Other (please specify)



10. Tribal Consultation

How has your jurisdiction engaged with Tribal Governments? (Check all that apply)

 Entered into Consultations with Tribal Governments Regarding a General Plan and/or Specific Plan Amendment or Adoption  
Developed Protocols for Consulting with the Tribal Governments in their Area  
Designated Specific Responsible Persons or Representatives to Conduct Consultations with Tribal Governments  
Incorporated Text in their General Plan Dealing with the Protection of Native American Cultural Resources  
Utilized Conservation Easements to help Protect Native American Cultural Resources  
Meet Regularly with Tribal Governments, Outside of the Specific Requirements for Notice and Consultation, when Adopting or Amending a General Plan or Specific Plan

Other



11. Community Engagement

1. Do you have a community planning advisory board?



1. Does your jurisdiction actively participate or have meaningful dialogue with any of the following venues as a way to inform the public about upcoming planning issues?

Neighborhood or homeowners’ associations

Churches or faith-based organizations

Business organizations

Advocacy groups

Community centers

Other



1. Does your jurisdiction use any of the following community engagement strategies when updating or evaluating components of the General Plan or other community plans?
   1. *Outreach:*

Use data to identify underrepresented populations and develop targeted outreach strategies to increase their participation

Employ project liaisons from identified underrepresented groups

Door-to-door outreach in underrepresented neighborhoods

 “Pop-up” booths or tables in community locations (e.g. grocery stores, schools, transit hubs, parks, etc.)

Outreach events for the project that are hosted by a community-based organization (e.g. small business, local nonprofit, house of worship, etc.)

* 1. *Engagement:*

Provide advocacy training or “Citizen’s Academy” to help community members understand government functions and processes and how to engage

Participatory budgeting: Community members have direct decision-making power over allocation of a portion of public funds

* 1. *Access:*

Provide food and/or childcare at community meetings

Provide language translation for outreach meetings and materials

Provide free or subsidized transit passes for community meetings

Provide multiple community meeting opportunities at alternate times of day (e.g. morning, afternoon, evening)

* 1. *Other*



12. Planning Capacity

Please indicate your agency’s level of capacity to address the following issues:

1. Climate Change and/or Adaptation

Staffing



Technical capacity



Support from elected officials or department leaders



Community engagement



Funding



1. Housing Production and Affordability

Staffing



Technical capacity



Support from elected officials or department leaders



Community engagement



Funding



1. Social and Racial Equity and Environmental Justice

Staffing



Technical capacity



Support from elected officials or department leaders



Community engagement



Funding



*12.1 Planning Resources*

Does your jurisdiction have the ability to do GIS analysis on parcel level data?

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Please specify any resources that were particularly valuable for local planning initiatives and general plan efforts



Please indicate whether your jurisdiction has a particular tool or technical assistance need that could be provided by the State that is not currently being provided or addressed.



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