



CITY OF MORENO VALLEY
Community Development Department
Planning Division

GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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DISTRICT
CITYWIDE MAYOR
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TERM EXPIRES

November 2020
November 2020
November 2022
November 2020
November 2022

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TERM EXPIRES

March 31, 2023
March 31, 2021
March 31, 2021
March 31, 2023
March 31, 2023
March 31, 2021
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ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

On December 3, 1984, the City of Moreno Valley was incorporated as a general law city led by a City Council-Manager form of government. Prior to incorporation, the City of Moreno Valley consisted of 42 square miles and a population of 49,702 people. As of December 2019, the City includes 51.56 square miles with a population of 210,639 people.

The City adopted its first General Plan in 1988. The General Plan was comprehensively amended and updated on July 11, 2006. The current General Plan recognizes the community's diverse population, distinct residential neighborhoods, neighborhood and regional commercial activities, industrial potential and recreational amenities.

This document constitutes an annual report to the Planning Commission and City Council as required by state law on the updates of programs and policies in the General Plan. The document includes major projects, General Plan amendments, a status report of goal objectives, policies and programs of the current General Plan, and a Housing Program Status Report. This Annual Report includes projects and information from January 1, 2019 through and up to December 31, 2019.

The following is a summary of the current adoption status of the different required elements of the General Plan:

- Circulation Element (2006)
- Community Development Element (2006)
- Conservation Element (2006)
- Housing Element (2014)
- Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element (2006)
- Safety and Noise Element (2006)

ANALYSIS

Government Code Section 65400

California Governments Code Section 65400 requires that prior to submittal to the Office of Planning & Research and Department of Housing and Community Development, the annual report be made to the legislative body of the submitting jurisdiction on the status of the General Plan and progress towards its implementation, including activity towards its share of regional housing needs. State law requires the following:

- A) A General Plan Annual Report shall be provided by April of each year to the City Council, the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD); and

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- B) A status of the General Plan and progress in its implementation shall be provided in the General Plan Annual Report; and
 - C) Progress in meeting its share of the regional housing needs pursuant to Section 65584 of the Government Code shall be provided in the General Plan Annual Report.

Annual Review and Housing Program Summary Report

Pursuant to State Law, the Annual Report and Review of the City of Moreno Valley General Plan reports the progress in implementing the General Plan to the City Council. The City of Moreno Valley's Annual Report includes the following items:

1. A list of Major Accomplishments from January 2019 through December 2019
2. A list of General Plan Amendments from January 2019 through December 2019
3. Appendix A - Housing Element Implementation Progress Report includes the City's progress made in meeting its share of regional housing needs pursuant to State Government Code Section 65584.
4. Appendix B – Moreno Valley General Plan Complete List of Goals and Policies, which provides a status report of the 2006 General Plan goals, policies, objectives and programs towards implementing the City's blueprint for land use development.

Moreno Valley General Plan – Goals, Objectives, Policies and Programs

Appendix B evaluates the 2006 General Plan goals and policies in a comprehensive document providing the goal/policy number, a description of each goal and policy, a discussion on implementation status and the party responsible for carrying out each item.

- A goal is defined as a broad vision of what the community wants to achieve or provide to residents, landowners and business owners. It is a statement of a desired condition based on community values. Goals are general in nature and usually timeless.
- A policy is a specific statement that guides decision-making. It indicates a commitment of the City to a particular course of action. A policy is based on and assists to implement the goal.

The General Plan Annual Report also includes objectives leading up to the goal/policy as well as an update on existing programs.

General Plan Update

The State Office of Planning and Research (OPR) recommends that cities update their General Plan every ten (10) years. The City of Moreno Valley last completed an update to its General Plan on July 11, 2006, and has begun work on a comprehensive General Plan

update (MoVal 2040), scheduled to be completed by May 2021. The General Plan update is an extensive process that includes various public meetings involving City staff, commissions, and the update will involve extensive community outreach throughout the process, and several public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council.

Momentum MoVal, the City of Moreno Valley's Strategic Plan, represents the results of active engagement by Moreno Valley residents and the City Council in charting the community's course into the future. Adopted on August 16, 2016, the document provides a course of action for the City's next comprehensive General Plan update. This includes Objective 1.9 to "Ensure the City's General Plan articulates the vision of how Moreno Valley wants to evolve over time, and provides an orderly and predictable process through which this vision is developed and implemented, including new attention to economic development, sustainability, public health, and innovation."

Four (4) initiatives have been adopted with this effort to assist in preparing for and completing the comprehensive General Plan Update. This includes two (2) initiatives related to the completion of the General Plan Annual Report. Initiative 1.9.1 required the preparation of a General Plan Annual Report to the City Council before April 1, 2017 that explains how current land use decisions relate to adopted goals, policies and other implementation measures, and as appropriate, identifies necessary course adjustments consistent with the Strategic Plan. This effort was completed in March of 2017 and serves as the continued course of action to ensure that City actions are consistent with Government Code 65400. Initiative 1.9.2 called for the formation of a working group of key City staff to research and evaluate the General Plan adopted in 2006 as a prerequisite to initiating a comprehensive update of the General Plan. The working group held periodically meetings as warranted between October 2016 and December 2017. While the group did not meet during 2018 and 2019, meetings will reconvene in 2020 as part of the comprehensive General Plan update process.

Additional initiatives included in the City's Strategic Plan articulate a plan of action for completion of the comprehensive General Plan update. These include Initiative 1.9.3, which "includes consideration of incremental set aside of funding in the annual budget development in anticipation of future General Plan update and Initiative 1.9.4, which calls for "conducting the comprehensive update of the City's General Plan and supporting environmental document, including all mandatory elements (including the Housing Element (Cycle 6), which is due to the State on October 15, 2021). The comprehensive General Plan update (MoVal 2040) would also include an Economic Development Element, and other desired optional Elements as authorized by the City Council." This initiative has been implemented with funding set aside for the update, and a qualified consultant firm was selected to prepare the General Plan update as part of a competitive RFP process. The work on the update began in November 2019.

As of January 1, 2018, California's cities, counties, and charter cities are required to either adopt an Environmental Justice Element in their General Plan or integrate Environmental Justice policies and goals into the elements of their General Plan "upon the adoption or next revision of two or more elements concurrently." Gov. Code Sec. 65302(h)(2). Moreno Valley

is moving ahead with preparation of an Environmental Justice Element as part of the comprehensive General plan update.

CONCLUSION

The City of Moreno Valley General Plan continues to serve as an effective guide for orderly growth and development, preservation and conservation of open space and natural resources. The document also provides for the efficient expenditure of public funds.

As illustrated in the attachments provided with this document, completed public projects are in conformance with the City's General Plan goals, objectives, policies and programs for each representative element. The City of Moreno Valley's legislative bodies have used the 2006 General Plan as a primary source of long-range planning and policy direction. Future work activity that is consistent with these efforts will continue to guide future growth and preserve the quality of life within the community.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The City of Moreno Valley is committed to implementing the adopted General Plan, Development Code and Design Guidelines. The Development Code and Design Guidelines, combined with the adopted Landscape Guidelines, are major tools to implement the General Plan.

The purpose of this Annual Report is to highlight significant accomplishments and summarize ongoing General Plan projects that the City of Moreno Valley has been working on since January of 2019. Major accomplishments include key projects that demonstrate how the City of Moreno Valley is carrying out the policy and vision of the General Plan. This report is prepared in accordance with Section 65040.5 of the California Government Code.

Major Accomplishments in 2019

Major development projects reviewed and approved in January 2019 through December 2019 are as follows:

- PEN18-0082 (Conditional Use Permit): Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for an 88 room (116 beds) skilled nursing facility located on the north side of Alessandro Boulevard, east of Kitching Street.
- PEN16-0066 (Plot Plan): Twenty (20) unit senior apartment complex located on the north side of Webster Avenue between Heacock Street and Indian Street.
- PEN18-0205 (Plot Plan): Approval of a 78 unit transitional residential care housing facility (Horizons at Moreno Valley), located on the south side of Box Springs Road, west of Day Street.
- PEN19-0047 (Plot Plan): Plot Plan for a new auto dealership in the Moreno Valley Auto Mall located at northeast corner of Moreno Beach Drive and Auto Mall Drive.
- PEN18-0080 (Tentative Tract Map 37462): Eight (8) single-family residential lots located along the north side of Bradshaw Circle, approximately 425 feet from the northeast corner of Moreno Beach Drive and Cactus Avenue.
- PEN18-0066 (Change of Zone), PEN18-0067 (Expanded Environmental Review), and PEN18-0065 (Tentative Parcel Map 37643): A Change of Zone from Residential Agriculture 2 (RA2) to Residential 5 (R5) and Tentative Parcel Map 37643 for 31 single-family residential lots. The project is located on the south side of Cottonwood Avenue at Lakeport Drive.

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- PEN18-0064 (Plot Plan): Eighteen (18) unit multi-family residential development located on the west side of Edgemont Street between Eucalyptus Avenue and Dracaea Avenue.
 - PEN18-0086 (Planned Unit Development): Twenty (20) unit multi-family complex located on the south side of Fir Avenue between Indian Street and Perris Boulevard.

GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The General Plan and Development Code provide the City of Moreno Valley the tools necessary to guide the development of the City into the next century. Implementation of the General Plan includes key projects that demonstrate how the City of Moreno Valley is carrying out the policy and vision of the Plan.

General Plan Implementation in 2019

The following General Plan related projects reviewed and approved in January 2019 through December 2019 are as follows:

- PEN18-0119 (General Plan Amendment), PEN18-0120 (Specific Plan Amendment), PEN18-0121 (Change of Zone), PEN18-0090 (Tentative Parcel Map 37514), and PEN18-0107 (Plot Plan):

The project included five applications. The General Plan Amendment changed the land use designations for a portion of the site from Residential 20 (R20) to Commercial (C). The Specific Plan Amendment and Change of Zone changed the zoning from High Density Residential (SP 193 H) to Medium High Density Residential (SP 193 MHR) and Commercial (SP 193 C). Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 37514 will subdivide the approximately 19 acre site into three parcels. The related Plot Plan will develop a 112 unit multiple family apartment project on approximately 8.8 acres (Parcel #3). The project is located at the northeast corner of Lasselle Street and Krameria Avenue, within the Moreno Valley Ranch Specific Plan.

- PEN18-0191 (General Plan Amendment), PEN18-0192 (Change of Zone), PEN18-0193 (Expanded Environmental Review), and PEN18-0254 (Plot Plan): A General Plan Amendment was approved from Commercial (C) to Business Park (BP), Change of Zone from Community Commercial (CC) to Light Industrial (LI), and related Plot Plan for a 767,886 square foot industrial logistics building on 35.5 acres. The project is located at the northeast corner of Redlands Boulevard and Eucalyptus Avenue.

- PEN19-0108 (General Plan Amendment), PEN19-0109 (Change of Zone), PEN19-0097 (Expanded Environmental Review), and PEN19-0110 (Plot Plan): A General Plan Amendment was approved from Residential 5 to Residential 10 and Public (P), Change of Zone from Residential 5 to Residential 10 and Public (P), and Plot Plan for an 80 unit affordable multiple family residential development on approximately 6.78 acres and a 1.59-acre site (Parcel 2) designated for public facilities, to be retained by the City. Twenty (20) of the units will be reserved for senior citizen households. The project is located at the northeast corner of Cottonwood Avenue and Indian Street.